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Dear Customers, Meridian Family, and Friends,

As you will see in this issue of *The Extra Mile*, Meridian has much to celebrate. We are thankful for our outstanding employees, valued customers and new opportunities we have had. From our newcomers to our thirty-year employees, we are blessed with wonderful, enthusiastic, professional employees who love aviation. We are committed to refining and growing our four major areas of expertise: FBO, Charter, Aircraft Management, and Aircraft Maintenance. Our valued customers constantly remind us that our extra efforts are appreciated and noticed. Lastly, our new opportunities in California have materialized as Meridian Hayward is now fully operational. Meridian Hayward, strategically located on the San Francisco Bay, is the cornerstone of our West Coast strategy to bring the highest level of business aviation expertise and customer service to California. Carlos Rodriguez has moved from Teterboro with his wonderful family



to run the FBO at Hayward. He brings 14 years of experience and boundless energy. Our California employees all trained here at Teterboro and returned with the Meridian service culture firmly imbedded. You can now expect the same level of excellence at Meridian Hayward that you enjoy here at Meridian Teterboro.

I hope that you enjoy this issue of our newsletter and thank you for your friendship and support.

Ken Forester

Meridian Hayward Opens for Business

Our world-class FBO facility at Hayward Executive Airport (HWD) officially opened in mid-October. The facility features the services and amenities that discerning passengers and flight crews expect to find when traveling through a Meridian FBO. Our professionally-trained customer service and line service teams are second to none, and eager to serve you. The FBO features an elegant main lobby, business center, conference room, pilot briefing area, pilot lounge, coffee bar, kitchen/catering area, sleep room, shower and locker room, rental cars and crew cars.

We were pleased to host a grand opening reception on December 15th. More than 150 guests, including the Hayward mayor and city council, airport executives, industry colleagues and of course many of our Meridian family, enjoyed a holiday celebration in our new facility. The company was proud to support the *Toys for Tots* gift drive, and sincerely thank all those who attended the reception. We also would like to extend a special 'thank you' to our nine sponsors for their support which helped us make this event a success.

The Hayward facility features a newly constructed 6,300 sq. ft. terminal with support offices, a 30,000 sq. ft. hangar and 3.5 acres of ramp area. The hangar can accommodate any continued on page 2

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corporate aircraft up to and including a Global Express and Gulfstream G650. Subsequent phases will add another 12,000 sq. ft. of terminal space, provide an additional 80,000 sq. ft. of hangar space and increase the ramp size by an additional seven acres. The facility will serve as a West Coast base for Meridian Air Charter and Meridian Aircraft Management. Aircraft maintenance support is also available.

EPIC Fuels, a leading fuel supplier in the general and commercial aviation industries, is the branded fuel supplier for Meridian Hayward. The company offers the highest quality jet fuel and avgas, and the EPIC card is proudly accepted at this location. A great location for business and charter aircraft, Meridian Hayward is located at an airport with no curfew and, like Teterboro, is a General Aviation-specific airport, with no commercial airline traffic. Meridian signed a long-term lease with Hayward Executive Airport with plans to build a full-service facility and adjoining hangar at the airport in 2015, and broke ground for the buildings that July. "It is very exciting that Meridian Hayward is now open for business. With many clients and aircraft operators already located in the San Francisco Bay area, it made sense to establish a presence on the West Coast," said Ken Forester, Meridian's CEO. "Our presence has continued to grow and we are actively working on adding additional managed aircraft to our charter fleet."

Meridian began its westward expansion in September 2012, with the opening of a charter sales office at the San Jose International Airport (SJC) in San Jose, CA. In November of that year, a second sales office, located at the Sonoma County Airport (STS) in Santa Rosa, CA, was opened. In early 2013, Meridian based its first West Coast aircraft available for charter at HWD. In January 2016, Meridian opened a sales office at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) in Van Nuys, CA. In March 2016, two Falcon 2000 aircraft, both based in San Jose, were added to the fleet.



A. Meridian proudly displays one of its many charter aircraft, a Cessna Citation XLS (N43HF), in its state-of-the-art 30,000 sq. ft. hangar.

B. The Mayor, City Council, and the Hayward Chamber of Commerce welcome Meridian Hayward to the community!

C. Meridian Customer Service Representatives, Jenny Deitschman (left) and Marcia Maki (right), admire a vintage P-51 Mustang on display before the Grand Opening.

D. Ken Forester, CEO, cuts the ceremonial ribbon to mark the official opening of Meridian Hayward, the company's new FBO located in the San Francisco Bay area.

E. EPIC Fuels, our branded fuel supplier for Meridian Hayward, is well-represented at the event.

F. The dessert table was a popular location during the Grand Opening celebration.

G. The Meridian family poses for a team photo.

H. Ornaments with company logos were created to thank our generous sponsors, whose support helped make our Grand Opening a huge success.

I. A 14' high Christmas tree was the centerpiece of the event. Generous donations by our guests for the *Toys for Tots* program are shown underneath the tree.



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Poised for Growth



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Teterboro Update

We continue to move forward with the Meridian North project. The new hangar will replace the existing Hangar 12, which was demolished this past summer as part of Meridian's expansion and modernization plans at Teterboro.

Construction of the new hangar is well underway, with the foundation completed and work on the underground electric and plumbing in progress. The concrete slab for the office and support area was poured in late December.

"The project has been moving along smoothly," said Steve Chandoha, President of Meridian Teterboro. "By the time this newsletter is printed, we will have received the steel beams and started the structural construction phase of the project." The new state-of-the-art 40,000 sq. ft. hangar will have a two-story support building and will effectively double the size of the existing facility. Meridian expects the project to be complete by the end of 2017.



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Managed Fleet Expands

Meridian's managed aircraft fleet continues to grow. Five more aircraft have been recently added to the company's roster, including a Gulfstream G550, three Gulfstream G450s, and a Lear 75. Meridian now has 10 Gulfstream aircraft in its managed fleet. The G550 is based in the Midwest, and the other aircraft are based in the Northeast.

"Our fleet of managed aircraft continues to grow as owners turn to Meridian to help them enjoy the benefits of aircraft ownership without dealing with all of the operational and regulatory details," said Mike Moore, Vice President of Aviation Sales. "We are also pleased that many of these aircraft are also available for charter, which allows us to offer charter customers a variety of well-appointed aircraft to meet their individual travel needs."

There are currently 28 aircraft in Meridian's managed fleet, ranging from large cabin Gulfstreams, Falcons, Global and Challenger aircraft to a variety of midsize and super midsize models.

A. An aerial view of Meridian's North Hangar (a.k.a. Hangar 12) shortly before its demolition.

B. A ramp view of Hangar 12.

C. A beautiful Gulfstream G450 (N597DC) sits on the ramp with blue skies above. This aircraft is one of the recent additions to Meridian Air Charter's expanding charter fleet.



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PLANE FOLK

Lydia Glaser

Manager of Safety

Lydia Glaser is the Manager of Safety for Meridian Air Charter. She joined the company in March 2013 in an administrative position, which also included responsibilities related to safety. In October of that year, she assumed the full-time role of Safety Manager.

Lydia's responsibilities include making sure all managed and charter flight operations comply with FAA and other industry safety regulations, and are executed safely and efficiently. She and her team are also responsible for hazard and incident investigation, emergency response planning and other programs that promote a "safety first" culture. Lydia's team members include a Flight Operations Safety Representative and a Maintenance Operations Safety Representative.

"I really enjoy my job. It is very challenging and there is always something new to learn," says Lydia. "Safety is all about continuous improvement, so the job is very dynamic and ever-changing."

In addition to her role in the charter group, Lydia also conducts facility emergency training and basic safety training for all new employees.

Lydia knew she wanted to work in aviation and pursued her college education in the field. She graduated from Westfield State University in Westfield, MA, with a Bachelor of Business Management with a concentration in Aviation Management. During college, she worked at a local FBO, which also had a flight school. She was able to take her flight training there, and now holds a commercial pilot license.

When asked what she liked about working at Meridian, Lydia said she really appreciated the warm atmosphere. "Meridian is a great company. It really is a family here and everyone is very dedicated to the work they do.

"I am also very appreciative of how supportive the company is," continues Lydia. "We are able to look at new initiatives to make sure we are doing the best possible job. And when it comes to safety, being the best is the end goal."



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D. The walls and hangar doors are being carefully removed.

E. The old structure is razed and the crews are ready to begin removal of debris.

F. The steel beams are up on the new 40,000 sq. ft. state-of-the art hangar.

Meridian Celebrates

Promotions/Awards/Achievements

People in the News

Nora Jacob

Meridian congratulates Nora Jacob on her promotion to Customer Service Supervisor. Her primary responsibilities include overseeing the customer service team, working with management to assure that the customer experience continues to meet or exceed expectations and to assist our customers with their service requests in a professional and friendly manner, consistent with Meridian values.

Nora joined Meridian five years ago as a Customer Service Representative (CSR), working at the front desk in the FBO lobby. In 2015, she expressed interest in a cross-functional assignment to expand her horizons, and transferred to Meridian Air Charter in the newly created position of Customer Assurance. After several months in her new role, she realized that her true calling was Customer Service, where she could interface more personally with our customers. She returned to the FBO front desk and also accepted more responsibility, including serving as an assistant to the FBO President and Vice-President.

"Nora was instrumental in creating a Customer Service training program that we use with our new hires," said Betsy Wines, Vice President of Customer Service and Human Resources. "She is respected by her co-workers and they often turn to her for advice and mentoring. This promotion was a natural step for Nora in her role at the front desk and we are very pleased to have her lead our customer service team."

Ryan Carlyle

We are also pleased to congratulate one of Meridian's own for their participation in the 2016 Olympic Summer Games in Rio. Ryan Carlyle traveled to Rio to compete as a member of the Women's U.S. Rugby Team. Ryan is the daughter of Meridian Air Charter pilot Keith Carlyle and the sister of Taylor, who worked as an assistant in Human Resources. Both Keith and Taylor traveled to Rio for the Games and to cheer on Ryan and the U.S. team.

This was the first time that rugby has been played in the Olympics since 1924, and it was the first time ever for women's rugby. Both the men's and women's tournaments were comprised of 12 teams each. The seven-a-side version of the sport, which was played at the Games, is very fast-paced and athletes combine speed and strength.

Twelve athletes and eight staff members represented Team USA in Rio in the inaugural



Ryan Carlyle, Olympic athlete and daughter of Meridian Air Charter pilot, Keith Carlyle

Olympic Women's Rugby Sevens tournament, and the U.S. made quite an impression. They defeated France 19-5 to finish fifth in the Olympic standings. This was especially exciting as France went into halftime leading 5-0, but the U.S. had all of the momentum after returning to the pitch. What an exciting time for Ryan and her teammates!

Ryan has been an Olympian-in-training since she was an athlete in high school. Her early sports career included softball, indoor track, basketball and soccer. She was recognized as All-County and All-Region in all four years of high school. She was also recognized as an All-American softball shortstop, and went on to play softball at the University of South Carolina. While in college, she played competitive club soccer and also began competing as a body builder and figure competitor in 2007. In 2008, she received her amateur card through the National Physique Committee, and then qualified for a national pro competition in 2010 after placing second in the Regionals.

Ryan began playing club rugby in Columbia, SC, where she was recognized as an All-American and was invited to her first national elite trials camp in January 2010. In 2011, she was invited on tour to the Hong Kong Sevens and has been to every camp since. She took a semester off from law school in 2011 to play with the San Diego Surfers in the Women's Premier League (WPL) and train with the USA Eagles part-time. The Surfers won the Sevens National Championship and placed fifth in the WPL. Ryan began training with the Eagles full-time in late 2012, and became a resident player in 2013. She won bronze at the 2013 Rugby World Cup Sevens and proudly played with Team USA at the 2016 Olympic Summer Games.

Congratulations Ryan! We know that we will be seeing you in future Championships!

Giving Back

Meridian is proud to give back to the community by supporting local humanitarian organizations and charitable giving to worthy causes. Here's a look at our most recent activities.

Teterboro Airport Community Benefit Fund Golf Classic

Meridian proudly supported the 32nd Annual Teterboro Airport Scholarship Golf Classic, which was held on Monday, October 24, 2016 at Basking Ridge Country Club in Basking Ridge, NJ. The golf tournament raises funds for the Teterboro Airport Community Benefit Fund, which creates scholarships totaling about

\$12,000 for local high schools.

Due to the overwhelming success and generosity of businesses both on and off the airport, the Teterboro Airport Scholarship Golf Classic has allowed the Teterboro Airport Community to award 200 scholarships to local high school graduates aspiring to pursue higher education in aviation or related fields of study.

Meridian was represented by the team of Dennis O'Connell, Mike Moore and Kirk Stephen, and also sponsored a hole at the event.

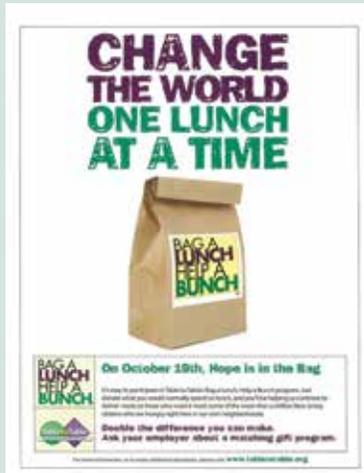


Left to Right: Kirk Stephen, Mike Moore, and Dennis O'Connell

While the final team score was not worthy of any awards, they still enjoyed a fun round of golf and were pleased to participate in an event dedicated to a great cause.

Annual “Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch” Campaign

October is the time of year for the annual “Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch” campaign, sponsored by Table to Table. Meridian is a proud supporter of Table to Table, a community-based food rescue program that collects prepared and perishable food that would otherwise be wasted and delivers it to organizations serving the hungry in Northern New Jersey. During the Bag-



A-Lunch campaign, we ask Meridian employees to voluntarily donate the amount they would normally spend on lunch for a day; the actual amount was of each individual's choosing.

At the end of the program, the donations are tallied and the company made a matching gift at 100%, effectively doubling the contribution.

This year's program, which ended on Wednesday, October 19, surpassed last year's contribution level. Meridian employees contributed \$810, and with the company matching that amount, total donations from Meridian came to \$1,620. Kelly Manzo, HR Assistant, was the Meridian Team Captain and was responsible for promoting the program at the company and coordinating with her counterparts at Table to Table. “The Bag-A-Lunch program is a great way for employees to help others in our local communities who are less fortunate,”



said Kelly. “By donating what we would normally spend on lunch, each person's individual contribution gets doubled by the matching gift program, and ultimately

has a much greater impact on those who are most in need.”

Donation bags were placed in several locations throughout the FBO, including the Break Room, Line Service, Jet Center, and Charter areas to help raise awareness of the campaign.

Every day Table to Table picks up fresh, wholesome food from a range of food establishments that otherwise would have been discarded, and delivers it safely to non-profit organizations such

as soup kitchens, homeless shelters and centers, programs for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, and programs that assist the working poor that serve meals to the hungry in Bergen, Passaic, Hudson and Essex counties. This food is delivered on the day it is donated, avoiding the need for warehouse facilities and keeping Table To Table's costs limited to the operation of their vehicles. For more information or to make a donation, please visit: www.tabletotable.org.

Eva's Village

In November, Meridian again sponsored a Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit Eva's Village, an organization dedicated to helping feed the hungry and poor.



Employees were asked to donate canned or non-perishable food items from their pantries at home. The program was a great success with enough food items donated to fill three large boxes that we were able to give to the organization.

Eva's Village was founded in 1982 and is located in Paterson, NJ. They provide hot meals for up to 400 homeless and working poor per day, 365 days a year. In addition to these lunches, they serve breakfast, lunch and dinner to those staying

in their outpatient recovery and sheltering programs. The total output of their kitchen is 1,200 hot meals per day with more than 438,000 hot meals served annually.

Holiday Toy Drive

Meridian employees participated in the annual Teterboro Airport Holiday Toy Drive in December which benefits the Center for Hope and Safety. The organization, which was founded in 1976, works to better the lives of women and children in Bergen County, NJ, who are victims of domestic violence. This was the 23rd year that Teterboro Airport Operations has sponsored the drive, and it is always well-supported by Meridian and other companies located at TEB.

Our employees showed their holiday spirit and generosity by donating toys, games, books and clothing items to help make the holiday season a little merrier for area women and children.

Meridian employees continue to be very generous with both their time and money, and we are proud of the support we are able to give to those in need.



Photo credit: Fritz Rethage/Gazette Newspaper



Meridian was well-represented at the 2016 Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (NBAA-BACE) in Orlando, FL. This year the focus was the opening of Meridian Hayward, the company's new FBO on the West Coast.

Meridian Exhibits

Meridian participated in three major aviation events in the second half of 2016. In June, we sent a team of seven to the second NBAA Regional Forum of the year held in Van Nuys, CA. In addition to being a great event to network with customers and industry colleagues, it was an excellent opportunity for Meridian to promote its new facility in Hayward, CA, located just 350 miles up the road. With the opening of the Hayward facility, Meridian now has FBOs on both coasts. The timing of the Van Nuys event, held four months before the opening of our facility, was a great occasion to share more information with the show's attendees.

The Forum, held on Thursday, June 9, set a new record for number of attendees and indoor exhibitors for the venue. Over 2,000 people attended and had the chance to hear from industry officials about the latest business aviation news, as well as meet with the 145 exhibitors. In addition to the sold-out exhibit floor, there were also 21 aircraft on static display. Historic Van Nuys Airport (VNY) contributes about \$1.3 billion to the local economy, according to Jeffery Daar, a commissioner for Los Angeles World Airports, which oversees VNY.

In September, the Meridian team proudly represented the company at the final NBAA Regional Forum of the year, held at the Westchester County Airport (HPN) in White Plains, NY. The event took place on Thursday, September 15, and set a new attendance record for the venue. It was also NBAA's second-highest attended regional forum in the event's history, with more than 2,800 attendees.

This event was unique in that it was held in a 52,000 sq. ft. pavilion constructed on the grounds of HPN as opposed to a hangar and FBO facility. The Forum featured 184 indoor exhibitors and 52 aircraft and other vehicles on static display.

The Meridian booth was extremely busy with a lot of customers, aviation colleagues and other attendees, all interested in learning what's new at Meridian. Visitors had the opportunity to enter a drawing by participating in a "quiz" about our new Hayward facility. The prize drawing drew a very large crowd and was not only great fun, but gave Meridian an opportunity to promote its West Coast facility.

During the Forum, Meridian was formally presented with the 2016 Pilots' Choice Award given by FltPlan.com. The results of the 2016 Pilots' Choice Awards were released in May 2016, but the awards were not presented to the winners until September.

Meridian received the #1 Teterboro FBO ranking, as well as the #1 FBO in the Northeast ranking. FltPlan.com's survey, known as the Pilots' Choice Awards, also ranked the top 50 Best FBOs in the U.S. and Meridian Teterboro is proud to have been voted #3.

According to FltPlan.com, a record number of votes were cast this year by registered users. FltPlan.com also announced Star Award winners, which are determined by the number of votes received, the amount of competition on the field and airport arrival data. Meridian was ranked #10. This survey is well-respected and we are honored to be so highly recognized by our customers. The award was presented to Meridian's Andrea Politis, the FBO representative in attendance at the Forum, by Sarah Wilson of FltPlan.com.

NBAA has announced the three locations for the 2017 Regional Forums, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Meridian's final event of the year was the 2016 Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (NBAA-BACE) in Orlando, FL. Meridian was well-represented by a team of 13 associates from all business units of the company. This year's Convention was held November 1-3, and Meridian had a 20' x 20' island exhibit highlighting the company's services.

This year's Convention was particularly important for Meridian as it had recently opened its new FBO facility and hangar on the West Coast.



Left: Team Meridian makes a strong presence at the NBAA Regional Forum in White Plains, NY.

Below: Meridian's 400 sq. ft. exhibit is ready to receive visitors at NBAA 2016.

Bottom: Meridian spreads the word about Hayward at the Van Nuys Regional Forum in Van Nuys, CA.

The company took the opportunity of being in front of industry colleagues, customers and friends to announce that Meridian Hayward is now open for business at Hayward Executive Airport (HWD) in Hayward, CA. In addition to the good press coverage and print advertisements in major industry publications, Meridian held an exciting and well-attended raffle at our booth to help generate more excitement around Hayward. The Grand Prize was a \$500 Amazon Gift Card and it was won by Ron Muller of KeyAir. 2nd and 3rd place winners were Jamie Santiago of Business Jet Center and Debi Carpenter of SoCal Jets respectively. We of course wanted everyone to walk away a winner, so we also gave out Meridian Hayward t-shirts to 150 lucky show attendees.

While at NBAA, Ken Forester, Meridian CEO, commented, "We are extremely pleased to be able to announce the opening of our new FBO, Meridian Hayward, at this year's NBAA Convention. We are now pumping fuel and ready to serve our customers at Hayward Executive Airport. Our team is excited to share this news with our aviation partners and friends in the industry, and we hope they will help us spread the word that we have a new location in the San Francisco Bay area."

The 2016 NBAA Convention was a great success and we look forward to next year's Convention, which will be October 10-12, 2017, in Las Vegas, NV. NBAA's Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition is the country's sixth-largest trade show, and the largest in the world focused on business aviation.



Meridian Milestones

In every issue of *The Extra Mile*, we celebrate the anniversary milestones of our employees. We are proud of the fact that many of our employees have been here for many years, including some that have spent the majority of their career at Meridian. 2016 marked the 30th anniversary of Dennis O'Connell, who is President of Meridian Air Charter.

Dennis joined Meridian in 1986, when the company was still known as General Aviation Company. He had spent the two previous summers working for the company and, after graduating from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, he returned as a full-time employee. Dennis joined the company as things were beginning to really grow. In 1983, a new charter company had been formed and then in 1984, a new hangar and terminal were built. The following year, the company began selling jet fuel, and in 1986, became part of the Million Air FBO franchise network. Dennis assumed the role of Manager of the FBO.

Dennis has been involved in almost every facet of what is today Meridian. He worked with the flight school when it was active. He also flew some of the charter trips, and is type-rated in the Gulfstream II/III/IV and Cessna Citation. In 1990, he became Director of Maintenance for the charter company and in 2001, moved fulltime to the charter side of the company and served as Vice President, then President of Meridian Air Charter.

When asked about some of the significant changes during his tenure, Dennis commented that what really struck him was how much the company had grown, both in terms of its size, the number



Dennis O'Connell (right), President of Meridian Air Charter, celebrates 30 years at Meridian. He joins the prestigious Meridian "30 Club" along with Ken Forester (left), Aida Libiran (2nd from left), and Betsy Wines.

of employees and the overall business areas of the company. "I always knew that we would grow," he said, "but if you asked me to look ahead 30 years, I wouldn't have believed that we would have grown this much."

Dennis is excited about the future. Meridian's expansion to the West Coast is the latest example of the company's growth strategy. The new facility at Hayward, which opened in October, serves as the West Coast base for Meridian Air Charter and Meridian Aircraft Management.

Of his 30 years at Meridian, he says, "I really enjoy the work and have been fortunate to have experienced many different facets here – flying, maintenance and management, to name just a few activities. It's been fun. No two days are the same."

Congratulations Dennis on your 30 year milestone with Meridian!

Meridian Milestones

30 Years

Dennis O'Connell

20 Years

Arie Ramm

Hernan Sanchez

15 Years

Carlos Rodriguez

10 Years

Ronald Roldan

Cristian Valencia

John Baldino

Saqiba Parveen

Amber Salvatore

Chris Cerrone

5 Years

Kelly Manzo

Edward Schmidt

Selwin Melo

Newcomers

Timothy Cochran

Scott Shenk

David Horstmyer

Gina Escobar

Marcos Pena

Julian Fierro

Stephanie Bohning

Victor Ortiz

Malik Morris

John Duernberger

Mauricio Fernandez

Jason Krug

Christian Chevalier

Christian Fernandez

Geovanni Ruiz

Rashaan Washington

Daran Peter

Russell Rubinacci

Lauren Campbell

Mark Gardner

Robin Kernagis

Hayward

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Meridian Air Charter



Meridian Air Charter has been named the top subcontract provider for NetJets in the Northeast region for the third quarter of 2016 (Q3'16). This is the fifth quarter in a row that Meridian has earned this prestigious award.

Meridian Air Charter Earns NetJets Award for 5th Quarter in a Row

Meridian Air Charter is very pleased to have been named the top subcontract provider for NetJets in the Northeast region for the third quarter of 2016 (Q3'16). This is the fifth quarter in a row that Meridian has earned this prestigious award. Meridian was also recognized for the same honor in the third and fourth quarters of 2015 and the first and second quarters of 2016.

NetJets is a private aviation company that specializes in fractional ownership of business jets. While the company operates its own fleet of aircraft, sometimes it may require additional lift from third party operators. NetJets, like Meridian, will only select available aircraft from a trusted network of business jet operators with a proven safety record. Meridian Air Charter has worked diligently to meet the rigorous requirements of the industry's highest standards, including ARG/US Platinum, Wyvern Wingman, and IS-BAO Stage 2.

Chris Battaglia, Director of Charter Sales for Meridian Air Charter, says, "I am very proud of our team for this milestone achievement. There are challenges inherent in our everyday business activity because things can change in a moment's notice. We understand the need to be proactive to avoid various disruptions in planning and operations. The key has been in our consistent practices and values which creates a culture for ongoing success. We are honored by NetJets for this award."

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by renowned Australian winemaker, Bob Oatley, in 2003, and has since become one of the world's leading vacation destinations. Every year, the Oatley family invests millions of dollars in improving the accommodations, infrastructure and services available on Hamilton Island.

Hamilton Island is a place to experience an idyllic getaway. While there is an abundance of restaurants, bars and resorts, only a third of the island is developed, leaving the rest in its pristine, natural state. There are more than a dozen walking trails through which guests can explore the island. You can also snorkel, scuba dive or swim off the reef and witness one of the world's most spectacular natural wonders and its abundant array of ocean life. Whether you're looking for an active vacation or a peaceful stay in paradise, Hamilton Island is perfect for both.





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MILE MARKERS: Hamilton Island, Australia

Hamilton Island is the largest inhabited island of the Whitsunday Islands. Situated in the heart of the Whitsundays, it is one of 74 tropical islands that lies between the Queensland Coast and the Great Barrier Reef. Meridian Air Charter recently flew a trip to this picturesque destination – one of the many advantages of private aviation.

Hamilton Island is used almost exclusively for tourism, though in recent years, the island has seen a growing number of residents, including employees of the various businesses on the island and people choosing to retire there. The island is popular year-round and offers an experience like no other: glorious weather, azure waters, pristine beaches, awe-inspiring coral reefs, fascinating flora and fauna, fine food and wines and a wide variety of activities. It is the only island in the Great Barrier Reef with its own commercial airport (YBHM).

In addition to the airport, Hamilton Island is also served by several passenger ferries. Motor vehicles from the mainland are prohibited, with the exception of those for tradespeople and public transport. Private transport needs are mostly served by a fleet of golf carts. A public shuttle bus operates on the island serving major points of interests and accommodation sites.



Hamilton Island, Australia

From its original settlement by the Ngaro Aboriginal tribe, to its visit by Captain Cook in 1770, and evolution as a tourist destination in the 1970s and 1980s, Hamilton Island has had a long and interesting history. The island was purchased

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Meridian Teterboro

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