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INTRODUCTION



Airliners International 2026 Denver, Colorado

Welcome to Denver!

We would like to share a warm welcome to the Mile High City! This is the 3rd time the "World's Biggest Annual Airline History Conference and Airline Collectibles Show" has made an appearance in Denver, and we are happy to be back! Hosted just across the street from the United Airlines Training Center and only a few blocks from the old Denver Stapleton Airport, there is plenty of aviation history embedded in this area!

With over 15,000 square feet of ballroom space and over 200 tables, we guarantee there's something here for all of our attendees. In addition, we have a highly detailed diorama of the Denver Airport in the Crystal Ballroom that is sure to bring excitement!

The tours this year are big highlights and we are extremely excited to share them all with you! The United Airlines Training Center, the United Airlines Ramp Tower & SOC, Denver ARTCC and Southwest Tech Ops are great opportunities to get to see aviation work behind the scenes! In addition, the Wings over the Rockies Air & Space Museum and the National Museum of WWII Aviation both provide excellent insight into the history of aviation and are great places to visit!

A Message from WAHS President, Phil Brooks

Welcome to Airliners International 2026, our 50th anniversary!

First time host Nick Anderson and his committee have been working hard to bring you a fantastic event!

This year, as Airliners International returns to Denver for the first time since 2017, we hope you take advantage of the natural wonders of the West and do some sightseeing; maybe take a flight to one of the region's spectacular airports, before or after the event.

The World Airline Historical Society originates and supports these annual conventions. If you're not a member, please join us at WAHSONline.com. It's also renewal time for current members! The Board of Directors of the WAHS look forward to seeing you, and welcome your suggestions on how to improve the Society.

We hope you enjoy the show, as well as the hospitality and beauty of the Centennial State!

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SHOW SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration Packet Pick-up
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Vendor Box Drop-off. No set-up.
Tours per Schedule.

Thursday, June 25, 2026

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration Packet Pick-up
8:00 am - 12:00 pm Vendor Set-up
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Show Floor Open, Registrants Only
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Show Floor Open, All Guests
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Welcome Party at FlyteCo Tower
Tower Tours available & food is included!
Shuttles 6:45 pm - 10:30 pm.

Tours & Seminars per schedule. Contests running all day.

Friday, June 26, 2026

8:00 am - 9:00 am Vendor Set-up
9:00 am - 6:00 pm Show Floor Open, All Guests
8:30 pm - 10:30 pm Annual Slide Fest Show
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Tours & Seminars per schedule. Contests running all day.

Saturday, June 27, 2026

8:00 am - 9:00 am Vendor Set-up
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Show Floor Open, All Guests
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Saturday Night Banquet
Feat. Jeff Potter as Keynote Speaker
Tickets required.

Seminars per schedule. Contests close at X:00 pm.

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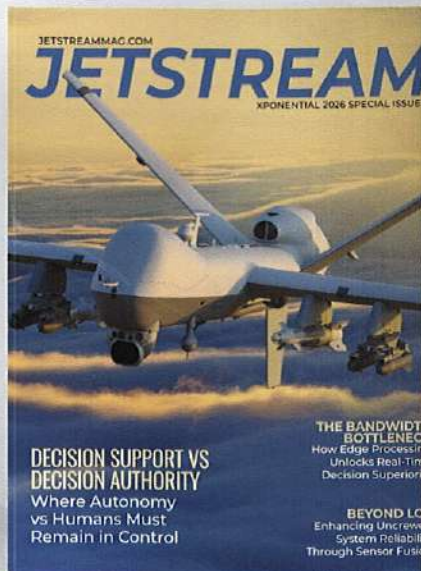
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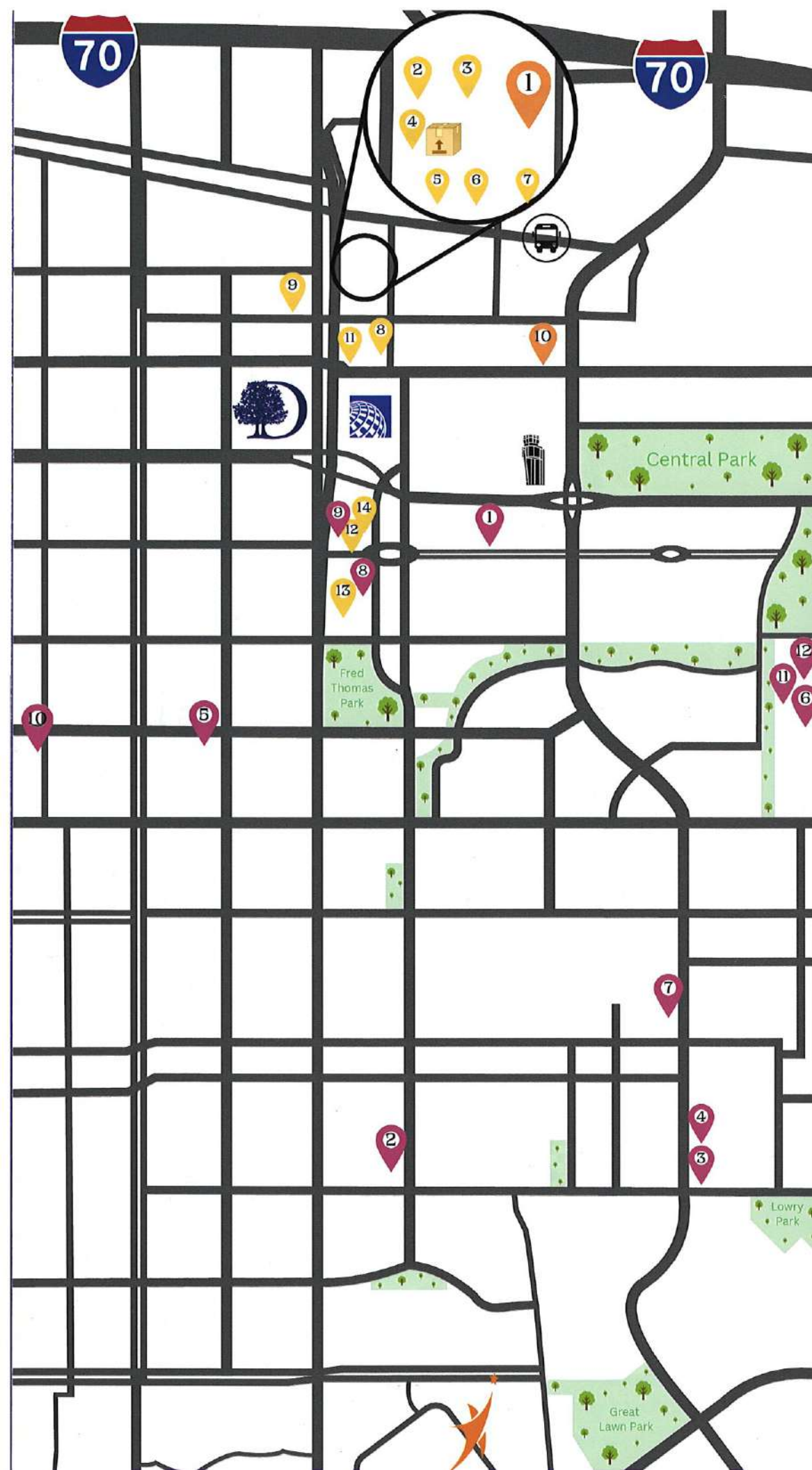


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Wings over the Rockies
7711 E Academy Blvd, Denver, CO



The UPS Store
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United Airlines Training Center
7500 E 35th Ave, Denver, CO



FlyteCo Tower
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Company |

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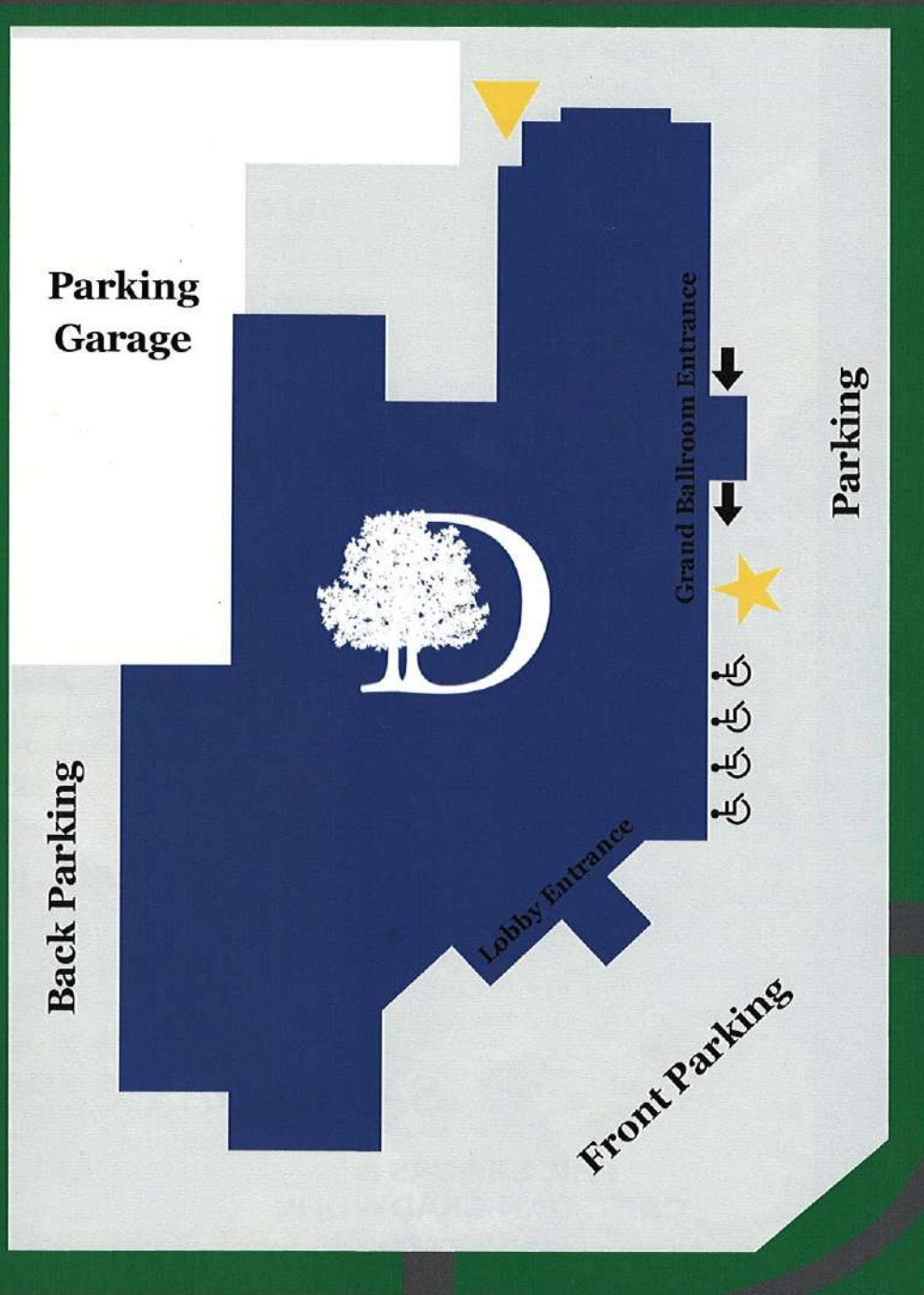
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THURSDAY 6/25

RUSSELL GOUTIEREZ

Newbie to Novel: The Journey Behind
Unexpected Ruff Air

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

CAPT. PAUL WICKSTROM

Boomerang to Zoo:
FL to F9

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

STEVE KELLY

A Gamble that paid - The development of
Stapleton International Airport

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM

TODD MICHAELS

The Process of Making Models
& The History of GeminiJets

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

GREGG DUBIN

Introduction to Flight Dispatch

4:45 PM - 5:30 PM

FRIDAY 6/26

JUDY SCHWEPPE

A Story About the History
of Continental Airlines

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

BARRY ROSEMAN

Airline Identity in America (1950-2000) &
Innovation through Modern Design

11:00 PM - 12:00 PM

LARRY LIEBRECHT

Exploring Aviation Archaeology
in the Rockies

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

ANDY ROESKE

From Hobby to Hangar: Building the World's
Most Detailed 3D-Printed Airport Models

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

JASON SEIPLE

A Day in the Life of an
Airline Station Manager

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM

CAPT. JOE CRAWFORD

Pursuing the Dream Job
as a Professional Pilot

4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

SATURDAY 6/27

PHIL BROOKS & CAPT. DAN GRADWOHL

Northwest Hijacking- DB Cooper Story

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

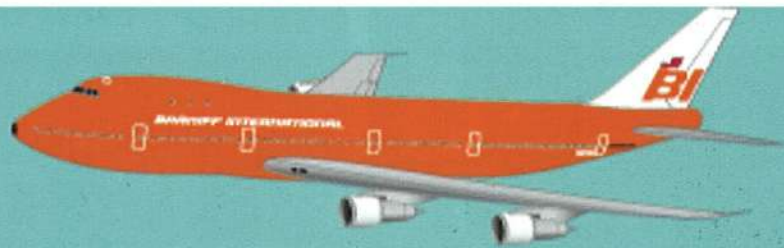
CAPT. TOM LIVESEY

A Journey Through the History
of the Boeing 747

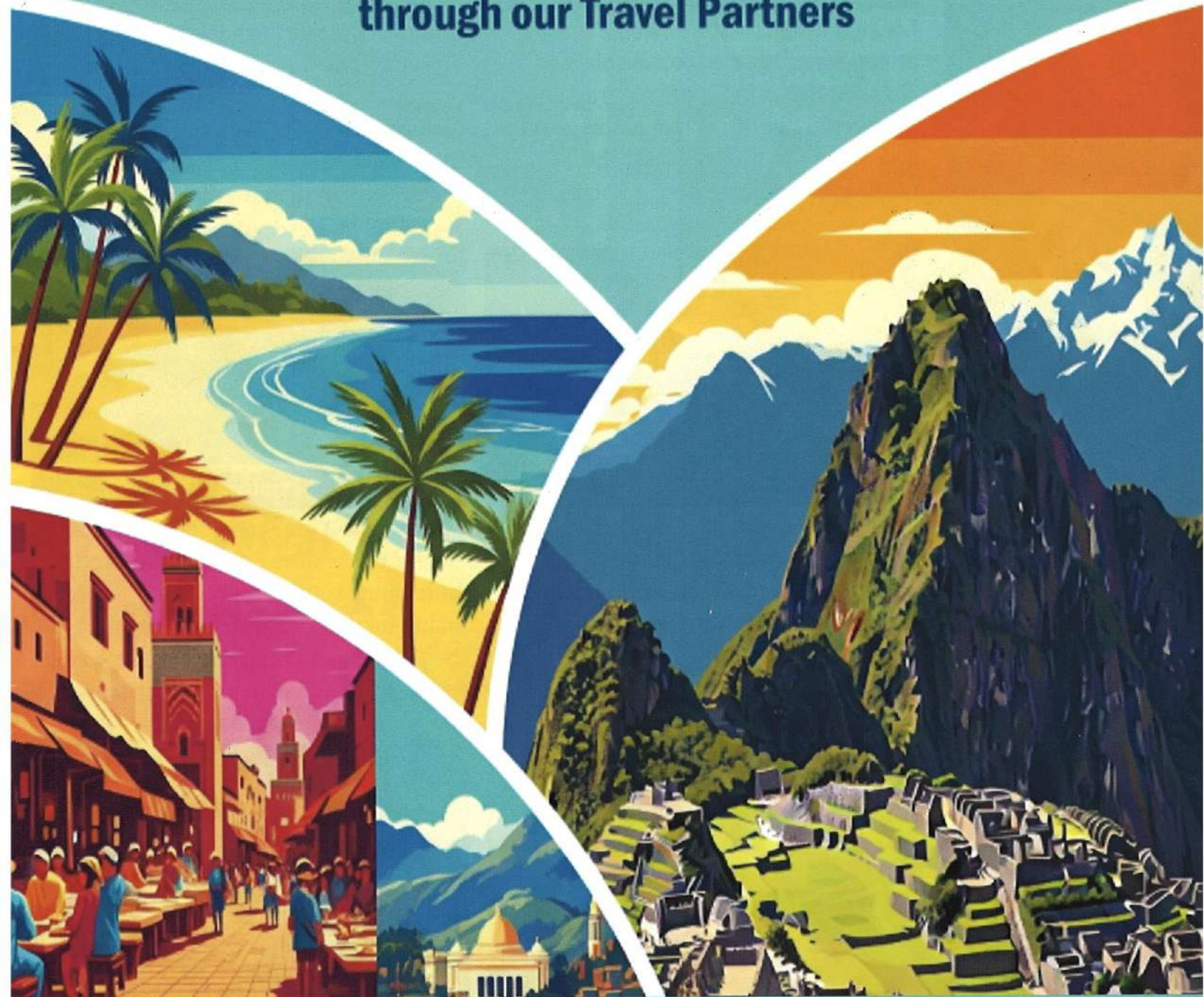
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

A huge thank you to all of our seminar speakers for volunteering their time to speak to our show attendees. With their help, we continue to educate people about the vast history of aviation and the impact it has had on all of our lives.

We are always looking for more seminar speakers and if you have a story to tell or a topic to share, we would love to see you on our list next year in Houston! Feel free to reach out to us via email at registration@airlinersinternational.org if you're interested!



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Wings Over The Rockies

Just a short drive away from the hotel, the Wings Museum is host to numerous static aircraft displays including an F-14A, a B1-A Lancer, and a Star Wars X-Wing to name a few. They even have a flight simulator with full motion that you can fly!



United Airlines Ramp Tower & SOC

Located at the airport, the United Ramp Tower and SOC provides a great opportunity to learn about the behind-the-scenes work of thousands of people to get each flight out of the ramp on time. From views in the tower to getting to be at ground level, we know you'll have fun!



Southwest Airlines Tech. Ops.

Opened just 4 years ago, the Tech Ops hangar will feature Southwest aircraft undergoing routine nighttime maintenance. This is a different facility than the one in Dallas we toured a couple years ago, so it will be sure to bring new views and provide some great photos!



National Museum of WWII Aviation

This museum will teach you about aviation history over 80 years ago! Explore old WWII-era aircraft, vehicles, a flight simulator, and more! Plus, West Pac restorations is just across the street, and after your visit, you'll be eating at The Airplane Restaurant!



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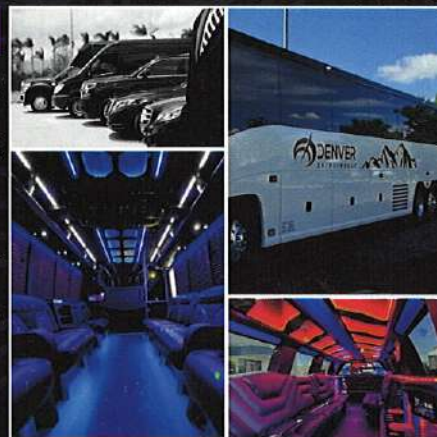
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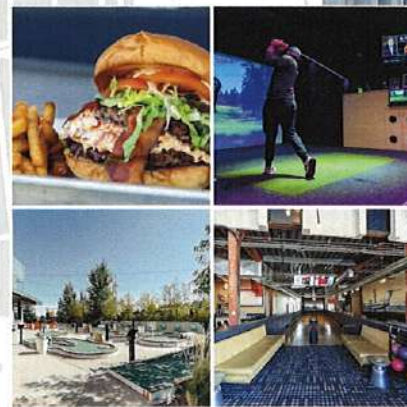
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Your attendance at this event helps make it the absolute best annual event for sharing airline memorabilia, history, skills, wisdom, stories, and all around spirit of camaraderie with friends.

Give back to the fascinating hobby that has provided so much joy and join the World Airline Historical Society (WAHS) today! Membership is just \$10 USD per year. The WAHS membership term runs from July 1, 2026 until June 30, 2027. All communication from WAHS will be via email. We will send you a reminder to renew your membership on July 1, 2027. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the airline industry and supports our mission. You can sign up here today or any time on our website!

If membership is not for you, why not consider making a tax-deductible donation? Your membership and donations help support our efforts to make the hobby accessible to all.

The World Airline Historical Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote an awareness of the rich and colorful history of the airline industry to the general public. WAHS sponsors volunteer-led regional shows and conventions in the United States and Europe, maintains an informative website and online members publication: Captain's Log.

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