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**Flight Options Flies Our 15,000th Flight**

After achieving our 14,000th flight this past December, we reached a new milestone—the 15,000th flight—only six months later, the shortest interval ever between milestones. On July 26th, Corporate Angel Network and Flight Options, LLC, helped an eight-year-old brain cancer patient get to treatment at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Flight Options, a leading provider of fractional shares in jet aircraft, flew Christopher Becker and his father, Patrick Becker, from Tampa, FL to White Plains, NY. When the Flight Options Hawker 800 taxied up to the Avitat-Westchester hangar at 12:30 p.m., Christopher and his Dad were greeted by an enthusiastic crowd that included Corporate Angel Network co-founder and former Chairman of the Board Leonard Greene; Dave Hurley, President of PrivatAir, and also a member of the Network's Board of Directors; and

members of the press. Somewhat bewildered by all the attention, but smiling and very friendly, Chris was showered with gifts and interviewed by newspaper and television reporters. He and his father then headed off by limo to Ronald McDonald House in Manhattan, where they stayed while Chris underwent treatment at Memorial Sloan-Kettering.

Flight Options was the first fractional jet ownership provider to join Corporate Angel Network. As Ken Ricci, Chairman and CEO, said, "Flight Options is delighted to donate time to such a worthy cause." More fractional owners are now starting to

realize the great service they can offer cancer patients by providing an empty seat or donating flight hours. Our thanks to Flight Options for leading the way.



*Christopher Becker arrives at Westchester County Airport.*



*Christopher Becker with his father, Patrick Becker, aboard the Flight Options Hawker 800 that brought them to New York. Note Corporate Angel Network bear!*



*Leonard Greene (r), who personally flew the first Corporate Angel Network flight as well as its 1,000th, 5,000th and 10,000th, with Flight Options pilot Ron Sallman, who flew the 15,000th.*

## From the Executive Director

On June 1st, Thomas J. Robertazzi retired as Executive Director of Corporate Angel Network. I was delighted to step into the role, although as a long-time volunteer, I am perhaps all too well aware of how much work it takes to keep Corporate Angel Network running smoothly! We will miss Tom as he turns now to being a full-time husband and father while continuing to serve on our Board of Directors.

My goals are to increase the number of patients we serve; attract new corporations, especially in geographical areas like the Southwest that are currently underserved; strengthen our Board of Advisors with representatives from major cancer treatment centers; broaden our funding base; keep our volunteers and staff happy and productive; and get to know all of you better. Corporate Angel Network is very close to my heart, and I am excited about the opportunity to help Corporate Angel Network grow.

*Bonnie LeVar*  
Executive Director

## Flight Lines

Published quarterly by Corporate Angel Network, the national public charity that partners with corporations and fractional owners to use the empty seats aboard their aircraft to transport cancer patients to recognized treatment centers. Financial need is not a factor in eligibility.

Based in White Plains, NY, Corporate Angel Network operates out of offices donated by Westchester County Airport. With the assistance of referring physicians, corporations, flight departments, and leading treatment facilities, a team of 60 part-time volunteers and six full-time staff arranges over 1,500 flights a year.

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## FLYING's Jaguar Raffle Raises More Than \$50,000 for Corporate Angel Network

For the seventh time, **FLYING** Magazine's Jaguar Raffle, always a major attraction at the NBAA Meeting and Convention, benefited Corporate Angel Network. In cooperation with Jaguar Cars of North America, **FLYING** raffled off a one-year lease on a brand



*Renowned aerobatic aviator, Patty Wagstaff, draws the winning raffle ticket.*

new Jaguar. There were three models to choose from: an S-Type R sedan, an XJR sedan, and an XKR convertible. All were displayed in classic black at the front of **FLYING**'s booth, and they were a tremendous draw. Ticket sales raised more than \$50,000 for Corporate Angel Network.

This represents a significant portion of our annual budget, and as Bonnie LeVar, our Executive Director remarked, "The contribution that **FLYING** Magazine makes by organizing and managing this raffle for our benefit cannot be overestimated. We are extremely grateful to both **FLYING** Magazine and Jaguar Cars of North America for their support."

This year's lucky winner was Steve Taylor, Vice President, Marketing and Sales at Pentastar Aviation, a Fixed Base Operator at Pontiac Airport near Detroit, and as it happens, a Corporate Angel Network participating corporation. Steve chose the XKR convertible as the Jaguar he would like to drive for a year. Congratulations, Steve!

**FLYING** Magazine, which celebrated its 75th anniversary at the NBAA show, has been a partner and loyal supporter of Corporate Angel Network since the early '90s.

## GWAO Executives Visit Corporate Angel Network

During his recent visit to our offices, we were delighted to present Paul Bollinger, Executive Director and Founder of the Greater Washington

Aviation Open (GWAO), with a plaque honoring him for his longterm support of Corporate Angel Network.

Paul founded and runs GWAO, a golf and tennis tournament for 250 aviation industry professionals, the sole purpose of which is to raise funds from the aviation community to benefit Corporate Angel Network.

Paul and his Directors have devoted countless hours to organizing the prestigious annual event, which has been chaired by Congressmen and Senators for the past 14 years. The

proceeds, always donated to Corporate Angel Network, amounted this year to a recordbreaking \$101,000!

Jeff Lehman, who is a Director of



*Bonnie LeVar presents Corporate Angel Network Award to Paul Bollinger.*

GWAO, another longtime friend of Corporate Angel Network, and a valued member of our Board of Advisors, also spent the morning with us. He and Paul met our staff and volunteers and were shown the intricate process of matching patient requests with corporate business flights. They were suitably impressed by the hard work of our dedicated volunteers.

We welcome visits from patients, contributors, flight department friends, and all who are interested!

## A Tale of Two Flights: Intel Air Shuttle Flies Corporate Angel Network Patients to Treatment in West and Southwest

Intel Corporation has been a Corporate Angel Network participant since 1992. Its fleet, which includes the Intel Air Shuttle, serves many Intel sites on the West Coast. On August 12th, Corporate Angel Network patient Brad Coleman, who has a brain tumor, his wife, Tamara, and his son, Kory, were transported by the Intel Air Shuttle between Hillsboro, OR and Chandler, AZ en route to Houston, TX for treatment at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Corporate Angel Network usually requires that patients notify us a week before their appointment if they wish us to try to get them a flight, as the process of matching patient requests to available flights is complicated and time-consuming. “The Colemans’ trip was put together in three days—from the time we received the initial request to when Intel’s Air Shuttle flew them to Chandler,” said Bonnie LeVar, Corporate Angel Network’s Executive Director. “Without Intel’s help, this would not have been possible.”



*Brad, Kory, and Tammy Coleman at Williams Gateway Airport in Chandler, AZ en route to Houston via Intel's shuttle.*

After the Colemans’ flight, Intel shuttle personnel presented Kory, 12, with an Intel Play™ QX3 Plus Computer Microscope to commemorate the trip.

Another Corporate Angel Network patient, eleven-year-old Cristopher Smith, also had a trip to remember on the Air Shuttle when he and his mother, Tracy Jewett, traveled from Phoenix, AZ, where he underwent chemo at Valley Children’s Hospital, to Santa Clara, CA on August 6th. Before departure, crew members gave Cristopher a tour of the cockpit, and he also received a QX3 Plus Computer Microscope, just in time for his 12th birthday on September 16th.

“It was a fantastic trip, and so exciting for my son,” said Tracy Jewett. “It was his first flight, and he’s still talking about what a wonderful experience it was for him. Everyone involved was terrific.”

“It’s wonderful being able to accommodate these requests,” said Marilyn Merydith of Intel Aviation. “It’s a perfect way to blend our corporate activities with achieving our goal for social responsibility within the local communities.”



*The Colemans disembark, accompanied by Intel employees and shuttle personnel.*

## International Paper Receives Westacott Painting Award

In what has become a tradition, the NBAA once again during this year’s Convention in Orlando, FL, honored a member company for using its business aircraft to help Corporate Angel Network transport cancer patients. This year’s awardee, the International Paper Company, has participated in the Network since 1983 and has flown more than 200



*(l to r) Wayne Dodds, Director of Aviation and Chief Pilot, International Paper, and Gregg Gammack, Regional Marketing Manager, Flight Safety International.*

patients. John T. Dillon, International Paper’s Chairman and CEO, has helped us a great deal by endorsing our program and appearing in our promotional video.

To commemorate International Paper’s outstanding contribution, John Zimmerman, Founder and CEO of AVDATAINC in Wichita, KS, commissioned the noted English painter Peter R. Westacott to create an original painting of an International Paper processing plant with three of the company’s fleet of Falcon Jets flying overhead.

Jack Olcott, NBAA President, presented the painting to Wayne Dodds, Director of Aviation and Chief Pilot for International Paper, at the President’s Luncheon. Peter Westacott unveiled the painting himself as part of the ceremony.

The painting was then prominently displayed at the Corporate Angel Network booth, where it was admired by many, and several people even attempted to buy it!

This article was excerpted, with permission, from *Circuit News*, Intel Corporation’s global news intranet site.

## New Corporate Angels

Since our last issue, the following corporations and individuals have become part of the Network. Welcome!

Alance Enterprises, LLC  
Alpha Flying, Inc.  
Air Frantz  
Battelle Memorial Institute  
Big Dog Aviation  
Cendant Corporation  
Delphi Corporation  
Devon Energy  
Don Imus  
Don Listwin  
Doral Industries  
eBay Inc.  
ExecuFlight

Executive Flightline  
Frontier Oil Corporation  
GC Services  
NACCO Materials Handling Group, Inc.  
Northern Lights Aviation, LLC  
Patterson-Erie Corporation  
Regal Aviation LLC  
Sansone Group  
Sky River Management  
The Wolff Company  
UNICCO Service Company  
Visteon Corporation  
West Texas PCS

## Our Wednesday Volunteers



In this issue, we feature our Wednesday volunteers. Taking a rare break from their duties are (l to r): Carol Willner, Janet Demuth, Arthur Wiener, Wally Hirschberg, Susan Joseph, and in front, Ralph Schwarz. Not present were Sheila Schlesinger and Grace Wiggs.

## Lots of Action at Our NBAA Booth

Liz Lockwood, Maggi Porterfield, and Helen Gibbs were kept busy every minute during the NBAA Show. Our booth, courtesy of NBAA, was in a perfect



*Volunteer Maggi Porterfield uses the laptop to show an interested attendee how we coordinate schedules to put together a flight.*

location, right across the aisle from **FLYING** Magazine, which ensured that we got lots of traffic. People were fascinated by how we put together our flights, and we made many new contacts, some of whom have already signed up as participants.



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