



EXECUTIVE AIR SERVICE RECORDS BUSIEST WINTER Businesses Value Flexible Transportation Options

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Winnipeg, Manitoba, January 21, 2001 — Fast Air Executive Aviation Services has recently recorded its 6 millionth mile of safe flying. This coupled with record levels of flying for this period indicates a growing need for the unique advantages of business aircraft. Typically the months of December, January and February have been slower months, but recent volumes have been high.

Fast Air president Dylan Fast speculates that “the reason for our growth is probably from a number of factors; our services have expanded to include executive jet service, companies want the convenience of direct flights that save valuable time, decreasing options on the airlines for business travelers, and a strong export economy.

Reasons:

- Fewer business travel options
- Convenience
- Productivity
- Addition of jet service

Manitoba businesses and organizations now have even more transportation options with the launch this week of a new charter jet service at Manitoba’s leading business aviation company, Fast Air Executive Aviation Services.

Company president Dylan Fast said Fast Air has just brought a Westwind Executive Jet on-line. Operating out of Fast Air’s Business Terminal on Hanger Line Road at Winnipeg International Airport, the Westwind offers comfortable seating for eight, cruising speed of over 500 miles per hour and long range. The Westwind allows Fast Air customers to reach any destination in North America from Winnipeg non-stop.

“The acquisition of this aircraft takes our company to a new level, but is part of our continuing evolution,” said Fast. “Earlier this year we opened our new terminal to better accommodate the business traveller. This aircraft allows us to offer additional, but still affordable, options for our clients’ transportation needs.”

The aircraft marks new growth for the company. The addition of the jet to the Fast Air fleet will require the hiring of two more pilots. The company also becomes more attractive to pilots who might otherwise leave Manitoba to gain jet experience.

Fast said the Westwind provides comfort normally associated with a medium-sized executive jet, but has an operating cost of a light jet, meaning it’s an economical option for the business or even leisure traveller.

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“We believe having this affordable transportation option will allow more Manitoba businesses to be competitive in the global environment,” Fast said. “This sort of high-speed, long-range travel is not only for the large corporations. Smaller businesses can utilize it to maximize their time and resources without having to rely on the time-consuming schedules and connections of airlines.”

However, Fast said some companies may not need the range or speed of the Westwind. He points out many firms are finding Fast Air’s other aircraft, both piston and turbo-prop, suit their executive and family transportation needs.

In the past 12 months Fast Air has broadened its array of business aviation services to include executive charters, aircraft management, corporate aircraft maintenance programs and aviation consulting. In addition, Fast Air recently completed a new business terminal designed to support the needs of its clients.

Fast Air currently operates eight aircraft for charter throughout North America. The company also services and manages aircraft for corporate clients. Fast Air has approximately 25 full-time employees and has logged millions safe flying miles.

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Editors: Photo opportunity available Friday, October 13. Please contact Fast Air to make arrangements.

Background

FastAir Executive Aviation Services

Location: Winnipeg International Airport
80 Hanger Line Road
Winnipeg MB

Aircraft Operated: Westwind 1

- Jet
- Pressurized
- Non-stop range 2200 miles
- 500 mph

Beechcraft King Air 200

- Turbo-prop
- Pressurized
- Non-stop range 1500 miles

Cessna Conquest 441

- Turbo-prop
- Pressurized
- Non-stop range 2000 miles

Piper Cheyenne II

- Turbo-prop
- Pressurized
- Non-stop range 1200 miles

(4) Piper Navajo/Chieftain

- Executive Club seating
- Non-stop range 800 miles

Number of Employees: 25

Business Opened: 1994

New Terminal: Opened March, 2000
18,000 square feet
Designed for business traveller
Full function maintenance facility