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▶ Conscientious Checks – New EU Air Safety Rules

The EU's new air safety regulations regarding liquids in hand luggage have been in force now for six months. Since the new rules prohibiting passengers from taking items containing more than 100 milliliters of liquid on board were introduced in November 2006, checks have resulted in about a ton of fluids being confiscated at Leipzig/Halle Airport along with a somewhat smaller amount at Dresden.

The European Commission restricted the amount of liquids passengers are allowed to take on board in response to the foiled terrorist attacks in London. Apart from restricting the volume of liquid that hand luggage items are allowed to contain, the rules stipulate that such items must be packed in a transparent, resealable plastic bag which can accommodate no more than 1 liter. Posters put up at German commercial airports keep passengers informed of the situation.

"The European Commission should examine and best cancel the existing regulations. Also, the European Union Commission should critically question the planned safety measures like the restrictions on the maximum size of hand baggage", says Ralph Beisel, Managing Director of the German Airport Association ADV (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutscher Verkehrsflughäfen). The ADV, whose members include the airports in Saxony, estimates the goods confiscated every week to have a total value of about € 2 million. The main items which have to be thrown away unused are expensive perfumes and spirits.



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► **Faster, Smoother Flights from Saxony to Düsseldorf**

Passengers flying from Dresden and Leipzig/Halle with Deutsche Lufthansa can now reach Düsseldorf faster than ever before.



This May Lufthansa replaced the ATR 72 turboprops it used previously by modern CRJ 700 jets – making for smoother flights and slashing journey time by 20 minutes.

The up to four connections daily between Leipzig/Halle and Düsseldorf are served by the Canadair Regional Jet CRJ 700, which seats 65 passengers and is about the same size as the ATR 72.

Another airline, TUIfly, has already been using a Boeing 737 jet to fly from Leipzig/Halle to Düsseldorf for some time now.

Turboprops make way for jets: flying between central Germany and Düsseldorf is now smoother and quicker

There are also up to four flights daily linking Dresden to Düsseldorf – and passengers enjoy the comforts of a four-engine BAE jet aircraft with 92 seats. Carsten Bömelburg, Lufthansa's head of sales for central Germany comments the need to increase capacity: "We're responding to the higher demand among business travelers for flights between Saxony and the state of North Rhine-Westphalia."

www.lufthansa.com



Leipzig/Halle Airport

► All Systems Go for Southern Runway

It won't be long now until the new southern runway at Leipzig/Halle Airport is officially opened.



Amazingly, the ceremony marking the start of work was only held on August 31, 2005 – meaning the new runway will go into operation after a construction period of less than two years.

About €290 million has been spent on the new runway, including the taxiways and the 53-hectare apron. Measuring 3,600 meters long, it runs parallel to the northern runway. The airport shareholders and the Central German Airports Group have also spent another €60 million on noise prevention measures and the necessary acquisition of additional land.

In future, two aircraft will be able to take off and land simultaneously at Leipzig/Halle Airport

With the two runways separated by a distance of more than 2,000 meters, two aircraft will be able

to take off or land on the two runways at the same time without any load restrictions. Planned and built within the space of just four years, the new runway assures the airport a lasting future as an attractive, competitive European aviation hub.

Leipzig/Halle Airport

► Open Days to Mark 80th Anniversary

1927 - 2007



Happy birthday to Leipzig/Halle Airport! The airport has just turned 80, making it one of the oldest commercial airports anywhere in Germany.

And it will be celebrating its anniversary with open days on the weekend of July 7 and 8. Visitors will be able to take part in guided tours and sightseeing flights and also view the large equipment exhibition. A number of commercial companies will be joining in the celebrations with their own activities.

Leipzig/Halle Airport looks back on a history lasting 80 years

Regular air traffic began at what was then known as Halle/Leipzig Airport on April 27, 1927 when a Lufthansa aircraft from Erfurt landed after a 35-minute flight. There were another 13 takeoffs and landings that day, including flights to Amsterdam and Prague. Nowadays, the 29 airlines operating from Leipzig/Halle Airport serve 341 flights every week to 76 destinations.



▶ The airport's history in figures

- ▶ Between 1927 and the end of 2006, the number of passengers to pass through Leipzig/Halle Airport totaled 35.252 million
- ▶ In the same period, there were 889,050 takeoffs and landings
- ▶ The total volume of cargo to pass through the airport between 1927 and 2006 was 133,838 tons

Milestones:

- ▶ August 24, 1928 saw the first night-time takeoffs and landings
- ▶ In 1930–31, a Bauhaus-style restaurant was built at the airport
- ▶ The topping-out ceremony for the new terminal and administration building (previously MAB Schkeuditz) was held on July 24, 1937
- ▶ Starting in March 1962, Schkeuditz Airport was used twice a year in connection with the Leipzig Fair
- ▶ In 1963 the first jet aircraft landed at Leipzig – a Tupolev TU 104
- ▶ In 1968 a single-storey terminal was opened but only used twice a year for air traffic to and from the Leipzig Fair; it spent the rest of the year as a motorway service area
- ▶ On May 9, 1972, Leipzig-Schkeuditz was turned into a permanent commercial airport
- ▶ On March 18, 1986, the Concorde supersonic passenger aircraft landed at the airport for the first time
- ▶ The number of passengers per year first passed the one million mark on December 3, 1992
- ▶ The figure of two million passengers annually was first reached on December 20, 1995
- ▶ The new 3,600-meter northern runway was opened on March 23, 2000
- ▶ The central terminal with an integrated railway station, multi-storey car park, check-in area and mall was opened in March 2003

www.leipzig-halle-airport.de



Dresden Airport

► New Runway Enters Crucial Phase – Concrete Surfacing Begins

The renewal and extension of the runway at Dresden Airport is about to enter the crucial phase.

Refurbishing the runway while keeping the airport up and running is a unique project



Following months of painstaking preparations and preliminary work, surfacing the runway with concrete will finally begin in early June. The airport will be forced to shut down for a short period with no incoming or outgoing flights between 3pm on Friday June 8 and 7am on Monday June 11. The airport will also close down at the same times on the following three weekends, although the shops, 27 travel agencies, cafés and bars will all remain open.

From June 8–11, concrete surfacing will begin. The paved surface will be 40 centimeters thick while the runway will have a total thickness of 1 meter. All in all, 90,000 cubic meters of concrete will have to be poured over the four weekends.

Dresden Airport is one of the first European airports to refurbish and extend its runway without having to cease operations completely. Construction work for this €52 million project began on July 28, 2006.

The runway will be stretched by 350 meters to a length of 2,850 meters, while its width will be reduced by 20 to 60 meters. It will go into service on September 6, after which the old runway will be removed and be replaced by grass.



Dresden Airport

► 250 Airlines Coordinate Takeoff and Landing Slots in Dresden

In early June the international aviation community will be looking to Dresden – where from June 2–5 the International Air Transport Association will be holding its 120th schedules conference.

About 900 coordinators representing 250 airlines from 136 countries will be hammering out the basis for all the world's flight schedules for the coming winter season 2007/08.

The IATA is based in the Canadian city of Montréal. And twice a year, it hosts a schedules conference attended by airline representatives. Dresden joins a roll of host cities which includes Vancouver in Canada and Dallas in the USA – the two cities where flight schedule coordinators met up in 2006. In November this year they will be returning to North America when the schedules conference is held in Toronto.

The main aim of these conferences is to allocate the time slots during which an airline is permitted to land at and take off from a certain airport. Just how many slots are available depends on the number of runways an airport has (including their configuration), the type and duration of passenger check-in, the combination of aircraft types, the high-speed exit taxiways present, and typical weather conditions.

Dresden Airport

► Inviting the Neighbors – Airport Offers a Glimpse behind the Scenes

Dresden Airport will be hosting an open day on June 10 when residents and anybody else interested in aviation is welcome to visit and look behind the scenes.



Entitled Good Neighbors Day, the events will include guided tours of the runway building site, equipment shows and stage shows. Presentations will be hosted by the likes of aircraft plant EADS Elbe Flugzeugwerke, materials research company IMA Materialforschung und Anwendungstechnik GmbH, the German Meteorological Service, and organizations based in the vicinity of the airport. Meanwhile airlines Lufthansa, British Airways and Condor will each be hosting an information stand while Air Berlin will be represented by a promotional team.

Good Neighbors Day is enjoyed by visitors of all ages



The big outdoor attraction will be the equipment demonstration. The airport's snow clearance team and fire brigade as well as the local and national police services will be showing off their vehicles. Moreover, helicopters will be displayed by the air rescue service and the Saxon police helicopter squadron. And in the terminal's western side aisle, the fuselage of a local legendary aircraft, the Dresden 152, can be viewed.

www.dresden-airport.de

► Business News from Central Germany

► Elbe Flugzeugwerke Delivers 2 Airbus to Air India

Air India has taken delivery of two A310-300 cargo planes from EADS Elbe Flugzeugwerke GmbH following refitting.

Previously, the two planes had served the airline as passenger aircraft before arriving in Dresden in January to be converted into freighters. Other aircraft belonging to Air India are also scheduled to be converted. Air India has been around for 75 years, flies to 58 destinations worldwide, and is currently planning to expand both its fleet and its network.

So far, EADS has converted 144 Airbus into cargo planes for more than 20 clients worldwide. Elbe Flugzeugwerke is the center of excellence for the conversion of Airbus passenger aircraft into freight carriers and employs more than 1,200 people in Dresden.

► Successful IPO for Halloren Chocolate Factory

Chocolate factory Halloren Schokoladenfabrik AG based in the city of Halle was recently floated on the stock exchange.

The company has been producing chocolate for more than 200 years, making it the oldest chocolate factory in Germany. It intends to use the cash generated by flotation to finance further growth – particularly in western Germany. In addition, this long-standing chocolate manufacturer also plans to buy up suitable brands and companies. This follows on from Halloren's purchase of confectionery maker Dreher back in the year 2000, followed by the integration of chocolate and confectionery producer Weibler into the Halloren Group three years later.

At the dawn of the 20th century, Halloren enjoyed an outstanding reputation as a manufacturer of high-quality chocolates far and wide. The name Halloren is especially well known in eastern Germany. The company currently has around 330 members of staff in its three divisions Halloren Brand, Chocolate Production and Confectionery. Its assortment includes more than a hundred different chocolate products.

www.halloren.de



▶ Production Plant for Solar Grade Silicon to Open in Bitterfeld

Saxony-Anhalt's importance as a center of the solar cell industry is growing.

By late 2008, a new production plant for solar grade silicon will be ready to open. Silicon research and production company PV Silicon AG from Erfurt will be investing some €80 million in the new factory. It will also be creating a hundred new jobs in the Bitterfeld area, which for decades has been dominated by the chemical industry and mining.

The commercial production of 'ingots' and 'wafers' will start in 2009. Annual output will be up to at least 1,800 tons. Remarkably, the production volume in Bitterfeld can actually be tripled if need be.

PV Silicon AG produces silicon wafers for the photovoltaic industry and is a wholly owned subsidiary of PV Crystalox Solar – a group which has branches near Oxford and in Erfurt.

www.pvcystalox.com

▶ Leuna Welcomes Irish Quinn Group

The Quinn Group Ltd from the Republic of Ireland has announced that it is to spend €260 million on building a methymethacrylate monomer production plant at the chemical site of Leuna.

The factory will create 110 new jobs, including ten traineeships. Following completion, the plant will turn out about 120,000 tons of MMA annually. MMA is a basic material used in the production of many plastics including acrylic glass used in a whole range of items from household goods to winter gardens.

www.quinn.com



▶ Smaller than a Fingernail – Tiny LED Displays from Dresden

The Dresden-based company MicroEmissive Displays has just opened its new plant for the manufacture of full-color OLED micro displays.

The production line has been housed in a clean room measuring 396 square meters. The production and technology teams comprise a total of 16 members of staff.

The plant can provide clients with a large number of high-quality eye screen displays. Suitable applications include video spectacles for television transmitted to mobile phones, head-up displays for use in sport, industry and leisure, and electronic viewfinders for digital cameras, camcorders and night vision aids.

The full-color eye screen combines moving, flicker-free video images in television quality while keeping power consumption extremely low.

www.microemissive.com

▶ Miscellaneous

▶ Universities in Central Germany Expand Cooperation

Three major universities in Saxony-Anhalt – Halle-Wittenberg, Jena and Leipzig – have signed a new cooperation agreement.

The partners intend to set up research alliances, jointly train young scholars, and possibly also introduce integrated degree programs. This upgrades the cooperation between the three universities originally launched in 1994 since the first agreement primarily covered teaching. The accord will run for an initial term of five years.

The universities also announced that they would be working more closely together in academic further training, including by developing joint projects. In addition, they plan to set up an inter-university program for quality assurance in teaching and research. As well as considering the possibility of joint degree courses, the agreement also extends to keeping each other abreast of developments in areas such as the main emphases of the three universities, their related appointment strategies, and the range of teaching available.

**► Nebra Sky Disk – Visitor Center and Observation Tower Mark Discovery Site**

On June 21, a visitor center will be opened on Mittelberg – the hill near Wangen in Saxony Anhalt where the world-famous Nebra sky disk was found in 1999.

The building is shaped like a floating golden solar barge, reflecting part of the design of the sky disk. Made 3,600 years ago and measuring 32 cm (12.6“) across, the Nebra sky disk is the oldest concrete astronomical chart in the world and was found by two illegal treasure-hunters. However, the original sky disk will only be on display in the Regional Museum for Prehistory in Halle as of spring 2008.

In addition to an elaborate presentation on this enormously significant scientific find, the visitor center also includes a planetarium. An observation tower 30 meters (100 feet) tall stands at the place where the sky disk was found. Those ascending the tower will be able to perceive the lines of sight which existed on Mittelberg in the Bronze Age – and which partly account for the depiction on the Nebra sky disk.

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