



AIRPORT/COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

San Francisco International Airport and
Local Governments in San Mateo County

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TO: Roundtable Representatives, Alternates, and Interested Persons

FROM: David F. Carbone, Roundtable Coordinator

SUBJECT: The Jon C. Long Fly Quiet Program Awards for 2007/2008

BACKGROUND

The Jon C. Long Fly Quiet Program is an Airport/Community Roundtable initiative implemented by the Aircraft Noise Abatement Office. The program promotes a participatory approach in complying with noise abatement procedures and objectives by grading an airline's performance and making the scores available to the public via newsletters, publications, and public meetings. The Fly Quiet Program offers a dynamic venue for implementing new noise abatement initiatives by praising and publicizing active participation rather than using a system that admonishes violations from essentially voluntary procedures.

The overall goal of the Fly Quiet Program is to encourage airlines to operate as quietly as possible in the San Francisco Bay Area. A successful Fly Quiet Program can be expected to reduce both single event and total noise levels in neighborhoods and communities near the Airport.

The drive and intellect behind the program was Jon C. Long, SFO's Noise Abatement Officer, from 2000 to 2003. Following his untimely death, in June of 2003, the annual awards were named the Jon C. Long Fly Quiet Program Awards.

DISCUSSION

Jon C. Long Fly Quiet Program Awards

The Jon C. Long Fly Quiet Program Awards are based on an annual review of the overall scores for each airline operating at San Francisco International Airport (SFO) in the following categories: (1) Fleet Noise Quality Rating, (2) Noise Exceedance Quality Rating, (3) Night time Preferential Runway Use Rating, (4) Shoreline Departure Quality Rating, (5) Gap Departure Quality Rating, and (6) Foster City

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Arrival Quality Rating. The Awards consist of three awards: (1) Most Improved Airline Award, (2) Quietest Overall Airline, and (3) the Chairperson's Award.

The Most Improved Airline Award is presented to an airline that has shown the most improvement in its scores in each of the six rating categories. The Quietest Overall Airline Award is presented to an airline that holds the quietest rating in each of the rating categories. The Chairperson's Award is presented to an airline to recognize its exceptional commitment to all aspects of the Fly Quiet Program highlight, its noise mitigation efforts that go above and beyond mere participation in the program, and its demonstration of significant efforts in working toward reducing aircraft noise impacts in the environs of San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

Jon C. Long Fly Quiet Program Award Winners for 2007/2008

Most Improved Airline – Sun County Airlines

Sun County Airlines made a 1.5 point overall improvement in the rating period starting in the third quarter of 2007 through the second quarter of 2008. This was due in large part to improvements in its GAP Departure and Shoreline Departure scores.

Best Overall Airline “Quietest Flyer” – Horizon Airlines

Horizon Airlines had an overall score of 8.97 for the rating period. This was primarily due to Horizon scoring a 10 on the overall score in the first quarter of 2008. During that quarter the airline scored a 10 in Fleet Noise Quality, Noise Exceedance and Shoreline Departures.

Chairperson's Award – Southwest Airlines

Southwest Airlines began its stay at San Francisco International Airport by being proactive with the Airport Noise Abatement Office. That effort included a large tour of the Noise Abatement Office for Southwest employees. The airline has quickly become one of SFO's busiest carriers. With an overall score of 8.19, the airline has managed to be near the top of the list in overall scores.

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