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Here we are in the middle of another academic year. Some of you are experiencing cold and snowy weather around this time of the year. I wish you all well and to help forget about the conditions outdoors I have a forum piece for you that will allow you to think of the wonderful weather in the Sunshine State.

If you are a history buff and are curious about the impact the military had on the state of Florida, I am sure you will enjoy "The Daytona Beach International Airport in Uniform" submitted by Dr. Tim Brady.

This forum submission tells the story of the aviation evolution in the Daytona Beach area. From the earliest aviation pioneers and their flimsy biplanes that used the long wide flat sandy beach as an airstrip, through the influx of dollars to help rebuild the economy and build the real airport during the depression, to the major impact of the military in the dangerous days of World War II, I am confident you will find this a fascinating story of aviation history.

We also have three excellent submissions of refereed manuscripts in this winter edition. The first is a comparison of the economic and operational characteristics of point-to-point and hub-and-spoke route systems, submitted by Gerald Cook and Jeremy Goodwin. This paper addresses the changes that have occurred between low-cost and network carriers as the competition have driven both to adjust their strategies.

Wendy S. Beckman submits a paper discussing pre-testing as an effective method of communicating course expectations to students. The results of her study may surprise some and the results may support the use of pre and post testing as an effective assessment method for learning achievement.

Our third manuscript, submitted by J.M. Thom and T.L. Gerbracht, examines the content of a typical senior engineering design course, the required content for a technology based logistics support analysis course, and analyzes the overlaps. Over the course of the study the methods and limitations of engineering design were observed by the technology researchers and were used to formulate the content of an aviation logistics course.

I think you will find our winter edition of the JAAER very informative. I hope you will use this information to enhance your knowledge and apply this into your efforts to make aviation a better and safer industry for us all.

Fly Safe.

William Kohlruss
Editor

