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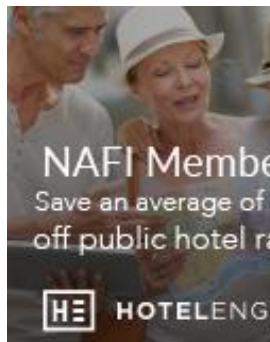


### NAFI-King Schools Scholarship Deadline Is Tomorrow



The deadline for the third annual King Schools-NAFI

Scholarship is tomorrow, **January 3rd, 2019**. This scholarship awards the recipient \$5,000 toward an initial or add-on flight instructor rating, plus access to the entire King Schools library and FIRCS for life, for a total scholarship value of more than \$18,000. Click [here](#) to learn more or click [here](#) for a scholarship application.



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## Federal Shutdown News

**General Aviation and the Federal Government Shutdown**  
Numerous Federal Aviation Administration functions will not be available during the federal government shutdown, including the issuance of airmen certificates, aviation rulemaking, drone

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operations exemptions and the development, testing and evaluation of NextGen technologies. Customs and Border Protection and the Transportation Security Administration will continue to work normal business hours. Read more [here](#).



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**Safety News**

**2018 Airliner Accident Statistics Released**

The Aviation Safety Network released the 2018 airliner accident statistics showing a total of 15 fatal airliner accidents, resulting in 556 fatalities. Despite several high-profile accidents, the year 2018 was one of the safest years ever for commercial aviation, Aviation Safety Network data show. Yet, last year was worse than the five-year average.

Over the year 2018, the Aviation Safety Network recorded a total of 15 fatal airliner accidents, resulting in 556 fatalities. This makes 2018 the third safest year ever by the number of fatal accidents and the ninth safest in terms of fatalities. The safest year in aviation history was 2017 with 10 accidents and 44 lives lost.

Given the estimated worldwide air traffic of about 37,800,000 flights, the accident rate is one fatal accident per 2,520,000 flights.

More information is available here:

- [Aviation Safety Network website](#)
- [Data tables with 2018 accident list and statistics](#)
- [Overview of all fatal airliner accidents in 2018](#)

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**UAS News**

**Australia's Civil Aviation Authority Confirms Roll Out of Drone Countermeasures**

After the chaos at London's Gatwick airport earlier this month, Australia's Civil Aviation Authority (CASA) confirmed that new surveillance technology will be deployed at sensitive locations in 2019 as part of a "crackdown" on drones.

These measures will include what CASA communications manager Peter Gibson describes as "monitoring equipment" at major airports. This equipment, Gibson says, will give officials the ability to identify a drone, its serial number and the location of its pilot while in flight.

"We can identify therefore who is flying it," he said, adding that combined with incoming registration requirements the tech will "dramatically" change the way rules relating to drones are enforced. "2019 will be a drone safety crackdown," he said. Read more [here](#).

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## Airline News

### **Delta Flight Arrives After 12-Hour Unscheduled Stop on Remote Alaskan Island**

A Delta Airlines flight from Beijing to Seattle was forced to land on a remote Alaskan island Monday after pilots were alerted to a "potential engine issue," leaving almost 200 on board stranded for more than 12 hours.

The carrier sent another aircraft to pick up the 194 passengers, Delta said. That flight landed at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport at about 10 p.m. Monday.

The diverted plane, Delta Flight 128, was a Boeing 767-300ER. The flight was diverted to Shemya Island, which is part of the Aleutian chain off the coast of Alaska. Eareckson Air Station there serves as an Air Force refueling hub and an emergency-landing site for civilian aircraft. Shemya Island is 1,450 miles from Anchorage.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman couldn't be reached to comment because of the partial federal government shutdown. Read more [here](#).



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### ATC News

#### Tucson Air Traffic Controller Honored for Helping Prevent Runway Crash

An air-traffic controller whose quick thinking helped prevent a crash and possibly saved lives at Tucson International Airport has been recognized for his effort. Scott Allen recently received the Archie League Medal of Safety Award, the highest honor from the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, for his work during the incident last year.

On Nov. 9, 2017, Allen was working at TIA trying to maintain mixed-aircraft traffic using a shortened runway and a runway crossing during a period of construction that created uncommon, and sometimes confusing, situations. In the incident, a private plane crossed the path of one of four F-16s cleared to land on a shortened runway.

Allen anticipated that the private aircraft was not going to stop in time and warned the pilot of the second F-16 just in time to enable him to pull up and avoid a crash. Read more [here](#).

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## Writing Prize for Pilots

### Writing Prize For Young Pilots

A new writing prize, sponsored by Sporty's and the Richard Collins family, offers \$2,500 to a pilot, including a student pilot, who is 24 years old or less. "The article must be original, not previously published, and no longer than 1,500 words," Sporty's said in its press release. "The topic may reflect any aspect of general aviation flying." The winning article will be published in Air Facts, Sporty's online magazine. The prize will be awarded during the 2019 Sun 'n Fun Fly-In in April, in Lakeland, Florida. Articles may be submitted through March 1. Entrants are required to submit a 100-word biography that will accompany their articles in publication. To enter, send a Word document to [editor@airfactsjournal.com](mailto:editor@airfactsjournal.com).

An advertisement for the NAFI Special Airplane FIRC course. The top part features a red diagonal banner with the word 'ONLINE' in white. Below this, the text 'NAFI SPECIAL AIRPLANE FIRC' is written in large, bold, white letters, followed by a large yellow '\$9' symbol. The background of the ad shows a man and a woman in a cockpit, with the man pointing at the instruments. Below the cockpit image, there is a testimonial in blue text: '★★★★★ Tremendous training! I have renewed my CFI through this course twice now, and it keeps getting better. The training is not only thorough and practical, but I have also learned a lot, and believe it or not, I am taking the course again in two years. CHARLES. 2/26/2018'. At the bottom left, there is a logo for 'KING SCHOOLS' in yellow and blue. At the bottom right, there is a yellow banner with the text 'Call (800) 854-1001 to place your order. Have your NAFI ID# ready.' in black.

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