

Air Canada reports record May traffic

Mainline passenger load factor of 83.8% - highest ever for May

MONTREAL, June 6 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada reported a record load factor for the mainline of 83.8 per cent in May 2007, the highest ever for the month.

The mainline carrier flew 0.2 per cent fewer revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in May 2007 than in May 2006, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity decreased by 1.0 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 83.8 per cent, compared to 83.2 per cent in May 2006; an increase of 0.6 percentage point.

Jazz, from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity, flew 19.8 per cent more RPMs in May 2007 than in May 2006, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity increased by 16.9 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 74.6 per cent, compared to 72.8 per cent in May 2006; an increase of 1.8 percentage points.

Year over year, system traffic on a consolidated basis for Air Canada and Jazz, rose 1.3 per cent on a capacity increase of 0.6 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 82.8 per cent; an increase of 0.5 percentage points.

"Air Canada achieved a record load factor of 83.8 per cent for the month of May. Traffic has remained strong, particularly in the domestic market where traffic was up five per cent and our load factor up nearly two per cent on a combined basis with Jazz. Our record load factor is also a testament to our disciplined approach to capacity growth in a buoyant travel market," said Montie Brewer, President and Chief Executive Officer. "The ongoing deliveries of new and refurbished aircraft are enabling us to offer the latest amenities to our customers, who clearly like the new Air Canada. As well, our new revenue model, with à la carte pricing and multi-trip subscription flight pass products, makes it easy and affordable to fly with Air Canada. Finally, I would like to thank our employees who continue to earn our customers' loyalty with the quality of our service, demonstrated by the fact we exceeded on-time performance and customer satisfaction objectives for May."

NOTE: Beginning in May 2007, Air Canada has adjusted the way it reports its monthly traffic results. Tier 3 flying is now included in mainline results along with Jetz. Charter flying is apportioned among the respective market segments. The May 2006 and year-to-date traffic numbers have been adjusted to reflect these changes for year-over-year comparisons.

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AIR CANADA MAINLINE (Includes Jetz)						
	MAY			Year-To-Date		
	2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change
Traffic						
(RPMs millions)	3,751	3,761	-0.2%	18,200	17,664	+3.0%
Capacity						
(ASMs millions)	4,479	4,523	-1.0%	22,229	21,887	+1.6%
Load Factor	83.8%	83.2%	+0.6 pts	81.9%	80.7%	+1.2 pts
RPMs						
	1,114	1,098	+1.4%	4,934	4,720	+4.5%
Canada ASMs						
	1,362	1,375	-0.9%	5,972	5,975	0.0%
Load Factor						
	81.8%	79.9%	+1.9 pts	82.6%	79.0%	+3.6 pts
RPMs						
	567	561	+1.1%	3,360	3,278	+2.5%
U.S. Trans-border ASMs						
	698	709	-1.5%	4,270	4,108	+3.9%
Load Factor						
	81.2%	79.1%	+2.1 pts	78.7%	79.8%	-1.1 pts

	RPMs	1,086	1,111	-2.2%	4,460	4,342	+2.7%
Atlantic	ASMs	1,237	1,266	-2.2%	5,292	5,200	+1.8%
	Load Factor	87.8%	87.8%	0.0 pts	84.3%	83.5%	+0.8 pts

	RPMs	701	714	-1.8%	3,294	3,222	+2.2%
Pacific	ASMs	811	825	-1.6%	3,929	3,902	+0.7%
	Load Factor	86.4%	86.6%	-0.2 pts	83.8%	82.6%	+1.2 pts

	RPMs	283	276	+2.5%	2,152	2,102	+2.4%
Latin America & Other	ASMs	370	348	+6.1%	2,767	2,702	+2.4%
	Load Factor	76.6%	79.3%	-2.7pts	77.8%	77.8%	0.0 pts

AIR CANADA'S REGIONAL CAPACITY PROVIDER (JAZZ)							
MAY				Year-To-Date			
	2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change	
Traffic (RPMs millions)	369	308	+19.8%	1,697	1,417	+19.8%	
Capacity (ASMs millions)	495	424	+16.9%	2,296	1,992	+15.3%	
Load Factor	74.6%	72.8%	+1.8 pts	73.9%	71.1%	+2.8 pts	

	RPMs	280	226	+24.2%	1,262	1,058	+19.3%
Canada	ASMs	364	304	+19.5%	1,650	1,454	+13.5%
	Load Factor	77.1%	74.2%	+2.9 pts	76.5%	72.7%	+3.8 pts

	RPMs	89	83	+7.8%	435	360	+21.0%
U.S. Trans-border	ASMs	132	119	+10.3%	646	538	+20.1%
	Load Factor	67.7%	69.2%	-1.5 pts	67.3%	66.8%	+0.5 pts

COMBINED (AIR CANADA MAINLINE AND JAZZ)							
MAY				Year-To-Date			
	2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change	
Traffic (RPMs millions)	4,121	4,069	+1.3%	19,897	19,081	+4.3%	
Capacity (ASMs millions)	4,974	4,946	+0.6%	24,525	23,879	+2.7%	
Load Factor	82.8%	82.3%	+0.5 pts	81.1%	79.9%	+1.2 pts	

	RPMs	1,394	1,324	+5.3%	6,196	5,777	+7.2%
Canada	ASMs	1,726	1,679	+2.8%	7,622	7,429	+2.6%
	Load Factor	80.8%	78.9%	+1.9 pts	81.3%	77.8 %	+3.5 pts

	RPMs	656	643	+2.0%	3,795	3,638	+4.3%
U.S. Trans-border	ASMs	830	829	+0.2%	4,916	4,646	+5.8%
	Load Factor	79.0%	77.6%	+1.4 pts	77.2%	78.3%	-1.1 pts

	RPMs	2,071	2,102	-1.5%	9,906	9,666	+2.5%
Internal	ASMs	2,418	2,439	-0.8%	11,987	11,804	+1.6%
Load							
Factor		85.6%	86.2%	-0.6 pts	82.6%	81.9%	+0.7 pts
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