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THE MOST IMPORTANT AVIATION NEWS FROM LAST WEEK.

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Key Points:

The past week's biggest news showcased notable growth in the aviation industry, indicating a positive future for professionals and students.

- Additional investments and partnership in eVTOL projects across companies and nations
- Major nations discuss a levy on premium air travel to offset climate issues
- Hiring opportunities are highlighted with Jet Rescue Air Ambulance seeking pilots
- New Executive MBA in Aviation under Colorado University Denver

Eight Nations Propose Levy on Premium Air Travel

A coalition of eight countries is advocating for taxes on luxury air travel, specifically targeting business and first-class tickets as well as private jet use. The aim is to generate revenue for climate action and sustainable development, particularly to assist vulnerable nations in adapting to the impacts of climate change. The coalition includes France, Kenya, Barbados, Spain, Somalia, Benin, Sierra Leone, and Antigua and Barbuda, and is supported by the European Commission and the Global Solidarity Levies Task Force (GSLTF). [Read More >>](#)



Archer Aviation Secures \$250 Million Investment for eVTOL Development

Archer Aviation received a \$250 million investment from Stellantis to scale production of its Midnight eVTOL aircraft. The funding will support manufacturing and commercial operations, with flight trials already underway in Abu Dhabi. This investment underscores the growing interest in electric vertical takeoff and landing vehicles for urban air mobility.

This story highlights the expanding eVTOL sector, offering students a glimpse into future aviation career paths in urban air mobility.

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EHang and Tsinghua University Launch Joint Institute for Low-Altitude Aviation

EHang Holdings partnered with Tsinghua University to establish the Joint Institute for Low-Altitude Aviation Technology (JILAAT). The institute will focus on advancing urban air mobility technologies, integrating research from multiple engineering disciplines to address challenges in low-altitude aviation.

This collaboration signals the global push for advanced air mobility, encouraging students to explore innovative aviation technologies.

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The aviation job market in 2025 shows sustained growth, particularly for pilots, technicians, and tech-focused roles.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 7% employment growth for air transportation workers from 2023 to 2033, with increased compensation offerings to attract talent.

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Pilot demand

- **Pilot shortage:** The industry is facing a significant pilot shortage, projected to reach 34,000 pilots by the end of 2025 according to the Boeing Pilot & Technician Outlook.
- **Driving factors:** This shortage is fueled by a confluence of factors, including a post-pandemic travel surge, a wave of retirements, fleet expansion by major airlines, and pilots leaving the industry during the pandemic not returning.
- **Opportunities:** Aspiring pilots have strong career prospects, especially at regional airlines, which serve as a stepping stone to major carriers. Many airlines offer incentives like signing bonuses, improved schedules, and retirement benefits to attract new talent.

Jet Rescue Air Ambulance Hiring Pilots for Expanding Operations

Jet Rescue Air Ambulance announced openings for experienced pilots to support its growing fleet and medical evacuation services across North America. The company is seeking candidates with strong multi-engine and instrument ratings, offering competitive salaries and benefits. [Read More >>](#)



Major Congressional Funding for ATC Overhaul in Big Beautiful Bill

New Aircraft Booking Tech Aims to Revitalize Regional Air Services

Companies like Aura Aero, Vaeridion, and Electra Aero are developing electric and hybrid-electric aircraft, paired with innovative booking platforms, to enhance regional air connectivity. These technologies promise cost-effective and sustainable travel solutions. [Read More >>](#)

Bryan Bedford Confirmed as New FAA Administrator

The U.S. Senate confirmed Bryan Bedford as the FAA's new permanent administrator. Bedford's leadership is expected to drive air traffic control modernization and address staffing and infrastructure needs following recent aviation incidents. [Read More >>](#)

Cu-Denver Launches First-of-its-Kind Executive MBA in Aviation.

The University of Colorado Denver is set to launch a unique Executive MBA program specifically tailored for the aviation industry. This new program aims to address the growing need for skilled leaders in the sector, indicating an emphasis on higher education for aviation professionals. [Read More >>](#)

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