

Beechcraft

News highlights from the past year

November 2012

- The company participates in the China International Aviation & Aerospace Exhibition (Airshow China), November 13-18 in Zhuhai, exhibiting on static display a Beechcraft King Air 350i and a King Air C90GTx.
- Hawker Beechcraft appoints Horizontal de Aviación at Aeropuerto Internacional el Dorado in Bogota as a newly authorized service center in Colombia, supporting the entire line of Beechcraft King Air products.

December 2012

- At the Middle East Business Aviation (MEBA) expo, Hawker Beechcraft announces it continues to see an increase in interest in that region for special-mission aircraft, in particular for surveillance, oil-spill searches, potential acts of piracy and fisheries protection.



King Air 350ER

March 2013

- Beechcraft announces a formal protest to the U.S. Government Accountability Office for the U.S. Air Force award of the light air support (LAS) contract to the partnership of Embraer and Sierra Nevada Corp.
- The company delivers the 800th T-6 single-engine military trainer. The milestone aircraft was one of two Beechcraft T-6Bs delivered to the U.S. Navy Training Air Wing 4 at Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- Beechcraft, displaying a King Air 350i at the Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition, notes that Australia represents one of the largest business turboprop markets outside North America.
- The company reports a strong first quarter with a total of 59 deliveries, along with delivery of Beechcraft's final six Hawker 400s. By comparison, the company delivered 37 airplanes during the first quarter of 2012.

May 2013

- Beechcraft Defense Co. signs a contract with the U.S. Air Force for production of 35 T-6 training aircraft, with an option for two more.
- Flight tests begin for the winglet component of the Hawker 400XP upgrade program. Beechcraft no longer produces the 400XP but continues to offer the aircraft's upgrade program, as well as service and support.
- The company arrives at EBACE with its full lineup of turboprop and piston airplanes, with Beechcraft noting that last year, 94 percent of the global multi-engine turboprop deliveries were King Airs.



King Air C90GTx

July 2013

- Second quarter 2013 deliveries see a 75-percent increase compared with second quarter 2012-56 versus 32. For the first half of 2013, the company records 115 deliveries, compared with 69 in the first half of 2012.

September 2013

- Beechcraft continues expanding its global footprint with the appointment of Air Service Basel in Switzerland as an authorized service center, and Arrow Aircraft of New Delhi as an authorized sales distributor for India.
- The AT-6 becomes the first fixed-wing aircraft to successfully use the single-channel ground and airborne radio system situational awareness waveform capability, according to Beechcraft.
- Beechcraft's European MRO business is acquired by Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group. Formerly known as Hawker Beechcraft Ltd., the company is now rebranded as Marshall Aviation.

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October 2012

- At the NBAA convention, the company announces its [Hawker 400XP upgrade](#) as a highlight of the static display, part of a lineup of Hawker Beechcraft's entire product line.
- The month begins with the announcement that the company, then Hawker Beechcraft, intends to emerge from [Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection](#) as a stand-alone company and will be rebranded as Beechcraft Corp. with a focus on its turboprop, piston, special-mission and trainer/attack aircraft, and global support.
- The Wichita-based OEM delivers its 7,000th Beechcraft King Air since the legendary line of twin-turboprops began production in 1964.



Hawker 400XP

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January 2013

- The company reveals it will display the King Air 350i, the flagship of the twin turboprop line, at the Aero India biennial aerospace event, February 6-10 at Yelakanka Air Force Base in Bengaluru, India. More than 20 King Airs are currently registered to state or federal organizations in India.
- The company announces that the disclosure statement filed in connection with its Joint Plan of Reorganization has been approved by U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.
- On February 19, Beechcraft announces that it has formally [exited Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection](#) under the new Beechcraft brand, controlled by four major shareholders, a new board of directors and a balance sheet that has shed \$2.5 billion in debt. Production of the Premier and Hawker jet lines has ceased.



King Air 350i

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April 2013

- The company announces its worldwide fleet of King Air turboprops has topped 60 million flight hours. The King Air line represents 53 percent of the worldwide business turboprop market, said Shawn Vick, executive v-p of sales and marketing.
- Beechcraft receives an order for a King Air 90GTx from Qingdao Jiutian International Flight Academy, one of two Civil Aviation Administration of China-certified domestic flight schools.

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June 2013

- Beechcraft holds a special ceremony in Wichita to deliver the 4,000th Beechcraft Bonanza G36. Of all three Bonanza models—the 33, 35 and 36—a total of more than 18,000 airplanes have been delivered.
- At the Paris Air Show, Beechcraft announces John Gibson has been appointed to lead the company's growing Global Mission Support (GMS) division. Global Mission Support was launched two years ago.
- Beechcraft Defense Co. says it expects growth in international defense budgets to lead to demand for its T-6 trainer and AT-6 light attack aircraft.
- At the Paris Air Show, the company announces a 28-month contract extension for contractor logistics support for the Iraq Air Force King Air fleet. The deal includes fixed and portable ground stations, training and logistics support.
- A Baron G58 with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities is unveiled at the Paris Air Show. The first delivery with an ISR package goes to Fuerzas Unidas de Rápida Acción, an Puerto Rico Police Department agency.



Beechcraft Bonanza G36

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August 2013

- Beechcraft announces an order for as many as 105 King Air 350i turboprops with a value of \$778 million from membership-based charter program [Wheels Up](#).
- At a new chalet at the LABACE show in São Paulo, Brazil, Beechcraft regional distributor Líder Aviação features King Air models 350i, 250 and a C90GTx, a Bonanza G36 single and a King Air 350ER special-mission variant.
- The inaugural flight of the first production Beechcraft AT-6 light attack aircraft is recorded. Beechcraft has a total of more than 1,600 hours on the test aircraft and is offering the AT-6 to U.S. partner nations.

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