



ORANJESTAD - Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) proudly hosted the 1st ever Official Spotter's Day in the Caribbean on Saturday, August 11th, 2018.

Plane spotting is a great way to learn about and enjoy the aviation industry and the aircraft and airlines that encompass it. For anyone who enjoys airplanes, plane spotting makes a great hobby. Some aircraft spotters photograph as many aircraft as they can, paying attention to the different types and liveries, and sharing their photos in online communities, others record the registration number of every airplane they've ever spotted in an attempt to log as many as possible or to remember which aircraft they've spotted, and you also have others that simply like to watch airplanes fly overhead without regard to the operator or type of aircraft.

Aruba Airport acknowledges that there is a strong interest in plane spotting on the island. "We've noticed that more and more, spotters were tagging Aruba Airport in their photographs, and decided to create a special event just for them", said AAA's CEO Mr. James Fazio. Aruba Airport launched the "Calling All Spotters" campaign back in April 2018 and received a well-rounded group of applicants. After the campaign, a screening process was conducted in order to select a group of 10 spotters who qualified to participate in the first ever Official Spotter's Day event. Furthermore, the selected group was invited to attend a required Safety Training at Aruba Airport before the main

event takes place to ensure that all participants are aware of the safety procedures of the airport while being on the airside to take their photographs.

As part of the Official Spotter's Day, the spotters will have the opportunity to submit their top 3 photographs to the airport team. These photographs will be posted on Aruba Airport's social media channels for a voting competition amongst the airport's followers. The winner will be granted an EXPO inside Aruba Airport's terminal for a year with his or her top 10 photographs.

As one of the leading airports in the Caribbean, we continuously strive to create new and exciting opportunities to strengthen our airport's position in the industry and maintain a competitive edge. Although many airports in the Caribbean are known for their spotting locations, Aruba Airport is the first airport to ever host an Official Spotter's Day. We are keen to welcoming all plane spotters who will be participating in the first Spotter's Day which will allow them to take amazing pictures. We appreciate the spotters' efforts and look forward to seeing their excellent work", said AAA's CEO Mr. James Fazio.