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## **OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**

### **AFGO WINE AND CHEESE EVENT IS COMING**

Mark your calendar! AFGO traditional Wine and Cheese event will be held in the evening of Saturday, November 18.

There will be a contest between 4 French wines and a contest between 4 European cheeses.

You will also enjoy the musical (accordion) entertainment as well as the raffle.

Further details will be provided by the end of October.

### **AIRBUS MANUFACTURING PLANT IN MOBILE, ALABAMA**

French aircraft manufacturer Airbus has announced new investments and hired new employees this year in their Mobile, Alabama facility as production began in May of the first A320 aircraft. Mobile is the fourth manufacturing facility, after its headquarters in Toulouse, France, and international facilities in Hamburg (Germany) and Tianjin (China).

The Mobile facility was selected after several years of negotiations because it provides Airbus a foothold in the American market where the company seeks to continue to grow as a supplier for US-based airlines, including Delta Airlines, American Airlines, JetBlue, Frontier Airlines and Spirit Airlines.

The plant has already produced a number of A321 aircraft and its goal is to deliver four completed planes per month by the end of this year.

Mobile residents and authorities believe that this facility has several benefits for the local economy, providing thousands of direct and indirect jobs.

Airbus has also partnered with the state of Alabama to construct the Alabama Aviation Education Center, with a \$ 6.5 million budget.

This factory will be one of the premier aircraft production facilities in the United States.

### **OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sunday, October 8: Picnic(potluck)/pétanque, starting at 12:30 pm, at Mead Botanical Garden (Winter Park).
- Saturday, October 21: Movie night, starting at 6:00 pm, in the AFGO office, with a potluck dinner followed by the projection of a French movie subtitled in English.

