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Wi-Fi In The Friendly Skies

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Travelers on the go may fire up their laptops and surf the Web or keep in touch with work with free wireless Internet at MBS International Airport.

Airport Manager Jeffrey Nagel said the service, provided by Pilgrim Technology of Midland, is up and running well.

Jim Pilgrim, Pilgrim's technology officer, said the entire airport is a "hot spot" for wireless Internet.

For employees of The Dow Chemical Co., many of whom use Boingo's service, they may use their Boingo accounts at MBS. People who don't have Boingo accounts may register online when they arrive at MBS and boot up their computers.

People who already use Pilgrim's network may use their Pilgrim IDs at the airport.

Nagel said he likes Pilgrim's service because the company monitors the system 24 hours a day off site and can take care of any problems that arise. That means MBS officials won't have to rely on an airport customer having to report that the Internet is down.

In other news, Northwest Airlines affiliate Compass Airlines will take over some of Northwest's flights beginning in January. Compass will be in addition to Mesaba and Pinnacle airlines, which already fly to and from MBS for Northwest.

Rich Bostwick, customer service manager for Northwest at MBS, said Compass will use Embraer 175 airplanes, which have 76 seats including a first-class section with 12 seats. That means fewer seats than current DC9s, which have 100.

But Bostwick said DC9s are in the process of being replaced, and the new Embraers are spacious and have leather seats. He downplayed the smaller number of seats, saying passenger numbers typically fall after the holidays.

"I think it speaks well for the Saginaw market," he said, referring to the use of the new planes. MBS is the only Michigan airport, besides Detroit Metropolitan, to have Embraers flying for Northwest.

About Pilgrim Technology LLC

Pilgrim Technology LLC is a company that is dedicated to technology innovation and customer satisfaction. Formed in 2002, Pilgrim Technology is a woman-owned small business and is a private company. First opened in Midland, Michigan as a wireless technology solutions company, Pilgrim Technology LLC has expanded to offer additional solutions to commercial entities and government agencies. Pilgrim Technology LLC offers complete solutions in Rapid-Prototyping, Sensor and Optics Development, Rugged Mobile Devices, and Advanced Network Designs. Pilgrim Technology develops technology in the fields of automotive sensors, automotive diagnostics, engine diagnostics, wireless condition based maintenance, wireless and secure wireless diagnostics, RFID and high-gain antenna products. Pilgrim Technology LLC has significantly expanded commercial services offerings to include Cisco Systems, Linksys, Fortress Technologies Inc., IBM (Lenovo), and Hewlett-Packard, including contracted and on call IT services. For more information contact Julie White, President, Pilgrim Technology LLC or visit the company web site: <http://www.pilgrimtechnology.com>

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