

FedEx Tour: March 26, 2013

Fedex Tour Recap by James McCarthy, CYP President, nora Systems

“John Bergeron and Marianne McIntyre at FedEx Express were very knowledgeable and supported us fully throughout the process and tour. We saw much of the facility including the “tower” where the planners coordinate the weights and balance of the planes according to the weights of the containers, the sorting conveyer belts, a plane being unloaded with the containers and loading them onto trucks. We saw the heavy-weight receiving dock/warehouse and the “shuttles” (regular FedEx trucks) coming in to the facility and being unloaded directly onto the conveyor belts. It wasn’t extremely busy but definitely enough to give us an idea of what goes on there. And, as Marianne mentioned during the tour, it would be prohibitively loud and chaotic to do any kind of meaningful tour of the facility when it was in full gear anyway.”

“They also showed a great simulation of all of the FedEx planes in motion throughout the night. Basically it was a map of the US with little outlines of planes. It was cool to see all of them landing at Memphis, almost simultaneously, and then there was a brief moment where there were hardly any planes in the air and then BOOM loads of them take off from Memphis and Indianapolis and return to their respective cities.”

“Afterwards six of us went for an adult beverage at the Hyatt and had a good time.”