



Weekly Update



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The Update Message from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

Friday, March 16, 2007

IAM To Sponsor Second Flight Attendant Conference – After the positive response to last year's first-ever Flight Attendant Conference, the IAM has announced that it will sponsor a second conference April 10th through April 13th, 2007, at the IAM William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center in Hollywood, MD. Participants will include your Local Lodge Officers and Grievance Committee Members as well as any flight attendant members who want to attend on a voluntary basis. Transportation to and from the conference will be provided along with meals and lodging. Topics at the conference will include contract familiarization, the Family Medical Leave Act and the history of the Union movement in America. If you would like to attend please contact your Local Lodge President as soon as possible so we can plan for the number of interested participants. We look forward to seeing you!

ExpressJet has announced that it will open two new crew domiciles in Los Angeles, California (LAX) and San Antonio, Texas (SAT). The LAX base will open in June with approximately 50 vacancies and the SAT base will open in May with approximately 80 vacancies. The deadline for submitting a transfer request for the SAT base is Monday, April 2nd, at 10:00 am local time. The deadline for submitting a transfer request for the LAX base is Tuesday, May 1st, at 10:00 am local time. Additional information regarding transfers to these new domiciles can be found in CIL # 07-14.

Local Lodge 2339G has requested and been granted permission to change their normal meeting date for March due to a scheduling conflict involving their meeting room at the Guam International Airport. The meeting date for March will be Wednesday, March 28th, at 4:00 pm in the Airport Conference Room. LL2339G represents the Flight Attendants at Continental Micronesia.

Continental Airlines' female Flight Attendants can now order a new, optional skirt as a replacement uniform piece. Under Uniforms, Section 15-F, of your collective bargaining agreement, "When new optional items are introduced they shall be offered at a discount of no less than twenty-five (25%) for the first ninety (90) days that they are available to be ordered." You can purchase the new skirt by paying cash or by using uniform points. The 25% discount selling price is \$28.11 with an 8-point value. The regular price, after the first 90 days, will be \$37.50 with an 11-point value. The 25% discount ends May 22nd, 2007. Further information can be found in CAL In-flight Bulletin # 07-12.

Local Lodge 2339N has been granted permission to change their April business meeting date to April 3rd, from April 10th, due to a scheduling conflict with the Flight Attendant Conference being held April 10th through 13th, 2007. The business meeting information has been up-dated at the end of this message to reflect the change.

Local Lodge 2339C has been granted permission to change their April business meeting date to April 19th, from April 12th, due to a scheduling conflict with the Flight Attendant Conference being held April 10th through 13th, 2007. The business meeting information has been up-dated at the end of this message to reflect the change.

Get Ready for the Day of Action – The IAM Transportation Department is preparing for a major March and Rally on May 17, 2007, in Washington, DC. Thousands of working men and women from every state of the Union will join us on that day to say “**ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!**” For more information, visit 17may07.org

Airlines May Still Merge, United CEO Says – Despite the recent failed bid of US Airways Group to acquire Delta Air Lines, consolidation among domestic air carriers remains possible, United Airlines CEO Glenn Tilton said Thursday. "Nothing has changed, as far as I am concerned, in the context of the case for consolidation," Tilton said. He also noted that domestic network airlines have stabilized, but are not healthy enough to make the same level of investment in their businesses as international competitors.

Open Skies Wins Airline's Support – Continental Airlines on Thursday said it supported the open skies agreement reached by the U.S. and EU. The airline said the agreement "establishes a fair opportunity for it to compete in all the important markets in the EU." Separately, United Airlines' CEO said in a speech that the big carrier welcomed the deal. Delta Air Lines also said it favored what it called a landmark deal.

We would like to encourage all members to attend your Local Lodge business meeting. Each base must have a quorum to conduct business. The following is a schedule for upcoming meetings:

Newark: Tuesday, April 3rd, 3:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Airport Hotel.

Cleveland: Thursday, April 19th, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive.

Houston: Tuesday, March 20th, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd.

Guam: Wednesday, March 28th, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.