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Weekly Update



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

Friday, March 9, 2007

ExpressJet Airlines announced Tuesday that it is tentatively scheduled to operate 4 Embraer 145LRs for JetBlue Airways out of JFK and BOS starting March 8th, 2007. The temporary service to BUF, CMH, IAD and RIC is scheduled to continue for a period of 45 days.

Additionally, ExpressJet announced last Friday, 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.

Battle for Employee Free Choice Act Moves to Senate – The U.S. House of Representatives enacted the most sweeping labor law reform in 70 years after passing the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) by a vote of 241-185 last week, putting workers' freedom to form unions without unjust management interference a step closer to reality. Thirteen Republicans joined 228 Democrats in voting for the bill. Two Democrats and 183 Republicans voted against it. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) said the EFCA was "the most important labor law reform legislation of this generation."

She added that the EFCA is "more than labor law; it is about basic labor rights, about the rule of the majority free from intimidation and about protecting jobs." The bill is headed for a tough fight in the Senate. Republicans are already vowing to filibuster any bill which would force supporters to rally at least 60 senators to vote to end the filibuster and pass the bill. The White House has also said that Bush will veto the legislation if it reaches his desk. The battle would then be to garner enough support to override a veto. A two-thirds vote or greater is needed in both the House and the Senate to override a presidential veto. Tell the Senate to follow the House's lead. Contact your Senators and tell them that a vote for the Employee Free Choice Act is a vote to sustain middle-class America, and we middle-class Americans expect their support. Click [here](#) for a quick link to contact your Senators.

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!

IAM District Lodge 142 Announces Scholarship Competition – The 2007 District Lodge 142 Scholarship Program will be an essay competition open to all members in good standing, as well as their legal children who are 2007 graduating high school seniors. The winners of the competition will receive scholarship tuition of \$1,000.00, to be paid directly to the college or accredited institution of higher learning. To apply for the competition, a fully completed application form together with an essay must be sent by U.S. Mail to the District Office and postmarked no later than midnight, April 30th, 2007. Winners will be announced on June 30th, 2007. Application forms and specific rules and regulations are available through your Local Lodge. Additionally, the General Chairperson assigned to your base can provide answers to any other inquiries concerning the entire program. Good Luck to all entrants!

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**

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, March 13th, 3:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Airport Hotel.

Cleveland: Thursday, April 12th, 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.