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Weekly Update



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

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The 2339 Local Lodges and District 142 would like to welcome our newest members as they join our Flight Attendant ranks at Continental Airlines and ExpressJet Airlines. The recent graduates at ExpressJet were all sent to the new domicile in Ontario, California (ONT). The Continental class was the eighth class to come on-line this year and the Company expects to hire a total of 700 new Flight Attendants in 2007. They are also currently looking for Greek-speaking Flight Attendants to help the airline launch new service to Athens, Greece, in June.

Local Lodge 2339C has been granted permission to change their April business meeting date from April 12th, to April 19th, 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**

ATA Airlines Changes Name, Will Buy World Air Holdings - ATA Airlines on Thursday changed its name to Global Aero Logistics and announced that it will purchase World Air Holdings, the parent of World Airways and North American Airlines, for \$315 million in cash. The company said its plan is to operate three separate airlines. The deal is expected to be completed in the third quarter.

Airlines Shares Rise On Continental’s Strong March Traffic - Airlines stocks rose on Tuesday after Continental Airlines reported a strong increase in revenue per available seat miles in March. The Air Transport Association expects the industry to earn \$4 billion this year and called the outlook "the most promising in several years." Declining oil prices also helped send shares higher.

Outdated ATC System To Blame For Increases In Delays, Carriers Say - Airline experts and industry officials say inefficiencies in the air traffic control system will continue to cause delays. DOT statistics for February showed that delays rose to the second-highest rate ever. "The vast majority of customer service issues arise from weather and congestion flight delays that lead to misconnected flights, lost luggage and related complaints," Air Transport Association President and CEO James May said. "These delays are inextricably linked with the government's outdated and inefficient air traffic control system," he added.

Northwest Attendants May Not Strike, Court Rules - A federal appeals court ruled last week that flight attendants at Northwest Airlines may not strike. The workers threatened to strike after the airline voided their contract last year. The appeals court agreed with a lower court that workers do not have the right to take job actions against a bankrupt employer.

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, May 8th, 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, April 17th, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd.

Guam: Wednesday, April 18th, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.