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Weekly Update



The Update Message from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers representing Flight Attendants in the 2339 Local Lodges

Friday, May 11, 2007

EEMK Grievance Settlement Reached – Recently, the Union was successful in negotiating a settlement regarding the EEMK General Grievance at Step II. It provides that the discipline issued as a result of the EEMK incident be removed from your record. Your discipline has been removed or in some cases reduced as a result of the settlement. Please contact your local grievance representative if you have any questions regarding this settlement. We would like to thank you for your continued support that allowed us to be successful in our efforts on your behalf.

Continental Pension Provision Added To War Spending Bill – A provision that could allow Continental Airlines to reduce its pension payments has been inserted into the wartime spending bill. The provision is a technical correction to previous legislation, airline experts say. However, a Republican aide calls the provision too broad to be a technicality and says it could save the carrier \$70 million in pension contributions in 2008.

ExpressJet Corporate Charter Negotiations Update – Over the past weeks several informal discussions have occurred with the Company regarding the entire Corporate Charter operation. Based on these discussions it has been agreed to meet, discuss and review the entire matter with full committees. Meetings will resume June 5, 2007. Hopefully, these meetings will result in a successful resolution of the open issues. Your patience and support is greatly appreciated. Sincerely and fraternally, Tom Higginbotham District 142 President-Directing General Chairperson

Day Of Action Countdown! – There is just a week to go before the Machinists Union leads thousands of workers from more than a dozen unions on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. declaring “**Enough is Enough**” and demanding a president who isn’t deaf to the needs of America’s workers. IAM members will be traveling from as far as Guam to attend the event, and international union representatives from the United Kingdom, Spain, France and Germany will hear presidential candidates Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY), Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE) and Representative Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) address the thousands of union members. Presidential candidates Governor Bill Richardson and John Edwards will appear via video. Check the Day of Action website, www.17may07.org, for updated site maps and the latest information about the event.

Day Of Action - Call For Support – General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr., has requested all locations be notified on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 1215 EDT, which is the time International President Tom Buffenbarger will be addressing the gathering, all locations should display support for the “**Day of Action**”. Members can show their support by turning on the headlights of vehicles, standing up in reservation centers while taking a call, etc. Day of Action lanyards have been made available at many of our locations and we ask that they be worn that day.

Carry-On Restrictions Will Remain In Place, DHS Says – DHS officials say restrictions on carry-on luggage will remain in place for the foreseeable future. The restrictions cover gels, liquids and aerosols. Kathy Kraninger, director of the DHS Office of Screening Coordination, says DHS has not found technology that could identify liquid explosives.

American Plans To Recall Up To 200 Furloughed Attendants – American Airlines on Monday said it will recall up to 200 furloughed flight attendants. The attendants are scheduled to begin training in June, and then will receive assignments on the East Coast. The airline has conducted a series of recalls since 2001, the most recent of which occurred in 2004. Of the new group, 97 were original American Airlines flight attendants hired April 7, 2001. The remaining 103 were TWA flight attendants added to the bottom of American's seniority list by their independent union, APFA, effective April 9, 2001, the day American acquired TWA.

Delta Plans Expansion; Will Offer Inflight Services – Delta Air Lines will turn Los Angeles International Airport into a hub for service to Asia and Latin America. The airline on Thursday said it would add 21 daily departures, giving it up to 100 flights to 48 cities. Delta has also indicated it will expand at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. The airline announced two new inflight services for passengers: seat-back movies and special cocktails mixed by flight attendants.

Increase In Commercial Flying Worries Green Groups – Green campaigners say the growth in global aviation will counteract any improvements made in fuel efficiency or traffic management, and they note that aviation is the fastest-growing source of carbon dioxide. Airlines will operate 2.51 million scheduled flights in May, a new record.

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, June 12th, 3:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Airport Hotel.

Cleveland: Thursday, June 14th, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive.

Houston: Tuesday, May 15th, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd.

Guam: Wednesday, May 23rd, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.