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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, July 13, 2007

Boeing 787 Makes Bittersweet Debut



More than 15,000 invited guests witnessed the traditional rollout of the non-traditional Boeing 787 at the company's Everett, WA, facility. Photo courtesy Boeing Media

In an outdoor ceremony that combined hype, heat and no small amount of heartache, the Boeing Company unveiled the 787 Dreamliner, the company's first new jetliner since 1994 and the first Boeing aircraft to be manufactured largely by overseas vendors. Unlike past Boeing aircraft that were manufactured in the U.S., the 787 is a composite of composite parts, including wings from Japan, fuselage sections from Italy, doors from France, landing gear and engines from England and a tail cone from South Korea. Final assembly of the aircraft takes three days and is completed by IAM members of [District 751](#) at the company's Everett, WA

facility. "It is our members who stepped up to ensure the success of this plane, as well as every model before it," said District 751 President Tom Wroblewski, who reminded Boeing that it was IAM members who ensured a successful debut when vendors fell behind schedule. "It is my greatest hope that the Boeing Company could recognize the full value of this highly-skilled Machinists union workforce and bring more work back into the company."

Attention: All Continental Airlines International Flight Attendants — The FAA is establishing new rules for duty and rest provisions for ultra long range flying; that is non-stop flights that are over 16 hours and flights that are scheduled for less than 16 hours non-stop but exceed 16 hours a percentage of time over a defined rolling timeframe. They are in the process of issuing a new operational specification to Continental and American, that mandates greater rest than currently provided in the FAR'S and our contract. Delta recently started operating under this new operations spec, however their operational parameters are different than Continental's due to the fact they have no east coast pilot/flight attendant base at the point of origination for the long range flight(s). Since Continental has a Newark crew base, the rules are being reviewed with an objective to retain current flexibility in the scheduling and trading of trips with these long range flights that you currently have. The final decision rests with the FAA. The union is in the process of contacting our legislative department and the AFL-CIO Transportation Trades Department for more information on the applicability of these provisions. We will keep you advised as we receive information.

As a reminder, Flight Attendants may apply for a new passport within 6 months of their current passport expiration date. In cities such as Houston and New York you may telephone in for an appointment to obtain your new passport in 1 day, provided you have a letter from the company and that you also pay an expediting fee. Per your contract, passport renewal reimbursement will be provided to active flight attendants. Check with your base administration to verify the deadline at your carrier for filing expense reports for reimbursement.

ExpressJet Reserve Flight Attendants — If you are having difficulty contacting scheduling to block in after an assignment, please call an inflight supervisor or the duty desk rather than waiting on hold for an extended period of time for a scheduler.

State Department Official Apologizes For Passport Delays — Maura Harty, the assistant secretary of state for consular affairs, told a House panel that the State Department had grossly underestimated the demand for passports this year. Harty's comments failed to satisfy some lawmakers, who compared the fiasco to the lack of preparation for Hurricane Katrina.

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, August 14th, 3:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Airport Hotel.

Cleveland: Thursday, August 9th, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive.

Houston: Tuesday, July 17th, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd.

Guam: Thursday, July 19th, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.
The GUAM business meeting date has been changed to July 19, 2007.
The airport conference room was not available Wednesday.



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ExpressJet Flight Attendant Class 07-16

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