



District 142

Weekly Update



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

Saturday, March 1, 2008

Transportation Officers Weigh Merger Scenarios – More than 120 Air Transport and Railroad



Local Lodge officers convened last week at the Transportation Department's annual Principal Officers' Conference. Held at the IAM's William W. Winpisinger Education & Technology Center, the conference took on added significance with the threat of looming airline industry consolidation. "Airlines will attempt to use mergers to end union representation rights for tens of thousands of workers," warned Transportation GVP Roach. "We have developed a strategic plan to defend our members and their contracts." "We opened a dialogue with our local officers and will establish local committees to give members and

Sen. Hillary Clinton addressed local officers via live satellite at the principal officers' conference at the IAM's William W. Winpisinger Education & Technology Center.

officers the opportunity to discuss the union's future and to make recommendations," said Roach. Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) addressed the local officers live via satellite and thanked IAM members for their support. Clinton

repeated her support for airline workers in any consolidation scenario. "It is important that we preserve choice and competitive pricing in the airline industry," said Clinton. "It is also vitally important that any proposed merger preserve the jobs and worker protections on which thousands of families rely."

Stay Informed with the FACTS Regarding Airline Mergers that Could Affect your Job! – Please



visit the District Lodge 142 website www.go142.org to read the latest information on airline mergers. While visiting the website click on the "Merger Watch" graphic to read the very latest news on possible airline mergers and what the Machinists Union is doing to protect its members. Having this factual information and by not relying on rumors will play a vital part in protecting the jobs, wages, pensions, work rules and health care benefits of IAM members and future IAM members. Stay Informed — Inform Others!

IAM / CommutAir Flight Attendant Update – An introductory meeting between IAM representatives and CommutAir management has been scheduled for March 11, 2008. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the commencement of negotiations for your first Collective Bargaining Agreement. We will advise you of our discussions after this meeting. There is still time to submit contract proposals as the deadline is March 15, 2008. You can obtain proposal forms from the District 142 website which is www.go142.org. Fraternaly yours, Tom Higginbotham - President-Directing General Chairperson

IAM / Gulfstream Airlines Negotiations Update – Negotiations continued last week with meetings on February 20 through February 22, 2008. Mediator Denise Hodges was present for all meetings. After some housekeeping and a review of items that were exchanged via email since our last meeting, we discussed numerous quality of life issues. The issues discussed included: Definitions, Passes, Passports, and Leaves of Absence, Personal Files and Seniority. Significant progress was achieved. Our next meetings are scheduled for the week of March 11 through 13, 2008. In the interim we will be attempting to contact you to advise you of the important role you have in securing a fair and equitable first contract. Should you have any questions please feel free to reach us through the website at www.go142.org (contact a representative) or by phone at 832-541-6599. We look forward to your involvement in securing your first contract. Fraternaly yours, Brian Wozniak - General Chairperson

Got a Health Care Story to Tell? – More than 23,000 men and women have already shared their personal experiences about the state of health care in America by taking part in the AFL-CIO's 2008 Health Care for America Survey. The compiled survey results will be given to the presidential candidates, every U.S. senator and representative, every candidate for Congress and state and local officials in every state in the U.S. The new goal is to record 25,000 health care stories by the end of the week and make sure candidates and lawmakers at every level understand what working families are experiencing. Click [here](#) to take the 2008 Health Care for America Survey or type the following website address into your browser to view the survey: www.unionvoice.org/ct/PpaazPF1YP9i/

Third Annual Flight Attendant Conference Coming in April 2008 – The IAM has announced that it will sponsor its' third Flight Attendant Conference April 7th through April 10th, 2008, 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 for this year's conference are still being finalized, however the intent and purpose of the conference is to provide our members with information about their union and to learn what the IAM stands for and promotes on their behalf. 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!

Crewmember Self-Defense Training – Following meetings between the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Machinists Union, The TSA and the Federal Air Marshal Service are now offering Crew Member Self-Defense Training (CMSDT) in the Houston, TX and Newark, NJ areas. The techniques presented in this course are easy to perform and effective when applied correctly – something that is critically important when you must respond quickly. **Regardless of your physical size or fitness level, anyone can learn and execute these defense techniques quickly, efficiently, and effectively.** Participation is voluntary, but your Union representatives encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity! In the Newark area - Essex County College Police Academy 250 Grove Avenue Cedar Grove, NJ 07009, March 10, 13 ♦ April 21, 23 Contact: Rocco L. Miscia (973) 877-4352 Email: miscia@essex.edu and in the Houston area – Lone Star College - North Harris 10041 Regal Row, Suite 170 Houston, TX 77040, March 19, 20 Contact: Deb Pruitt (281)260-3598 Email: Debra.L.Pruitt@nhmccd.edu.

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 11th, 3:00 p.m. at the Newark Airport Hotel (formerly Doubletree).

Cleveland: Thursday, March 13th, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive.

Houston: Tuesday, March 18th, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd.

Guam: Wednesday, March 19th, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.