



District 142

Weekly Update



Continental + ExpressJet + Micronesia + Gulfstream

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

Friday, March 21, 2008



The IAM and District Lodge 142 is pleased to announce the graduation of Continental Airlines Flight Attendant class, "08-01" and to welcome our newest members to our IAM family, **Congratulations!**

Passenger Rights Group Asks for IAM Member Action –



The Coalition for an Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights (CAPBOR) was formed by passengers who were stranded on several American Airlines planes for up to 9 hours at Austin International Airport on December 29, 2006. When airlines push aircraft from the gate and park them for hours without sufficient food, water, functioning restrooms or timely information, front-line employees have to deal with the fallout of poor management decisions. The IAM and the CAPBOR are both alarmed about how potential airline mergers will affect airline employees and passengers, the two groups essential to an airline's success. "We believe the IAM is an outstanding organization that fights for

workers rights and cares about the well-being of passengers," said CAPBOR President Kate Hanni. "We ask IAM members to join us in our fight to ensure airline executives treat passengers with dignity and respect at all times. Visit our website, www.flyersrights.org, and sign the petition on our Get into Action page to support a Bill of Rights for airline passengers."

Congress Expresses Merger Concerns – After intense lobbying efforts by the Machinists Union, 47 Members of Congress wrote to the U.S. Attorney General and Secretary of Transportation questioning if airline consolidation is good for America. Illinois Congressman Daniel Lipinski (D) and Ohio Congressman Steven LaTourette (R) led the campaign within Congress to gain co-signers for the letter. The complete list of signers is available at www.goiam.org transportation. “Airline executives who are seeking mergers threaten more than just their own employees,” said General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. A merger between two major airlines will have a ripple effect prompting other mergers. Smaller carriers like Air Tran, JetBlue and Southwest are rumored to be willing to jump into the merger pool. Additionally, thousands of workers at vendors who support the airlines can also lose jobs when hubs close and capacity is reduced.

ExpressJet Flight Attendants Deadhead Agreement – The Union has received reports that Flight Attendants at ExpressJet are being asked to either ride the jumpseat or are being denied boarding when riding on a scheduled deadhead flight. As a reminder Section 3P of the ExpressJet collective bargaining agreement states that when deadheading by air, a Flight Attendant will be provided positive space on-line and off-line travel. The section also provides that a Flight Attendant will not be required to deadhead by occupying the jumpseat. If you are denied boarding or asked to ride jumpseat while on a company scheduled deadhead segment, please document all pertinent information and inform your Union representative immediately.

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! We are pleased to advise you that the TSA has reported a marked increase in participation in the self defense training classes and therefore they have added additional training dates for May and June in the Houston area. Spread the word with your co-workers and challenge them in joining you to attend this training course. In the Newark area - Essex County College Police Academy 250 Grove Avenue Cedar Grove, NJ 07009, April 21, 23 Contact: Rocco L. Miscia (973) 877-4352 Email: miscia@essex.edu or Mary Beam (973) 877-4350 Email: beam@essex.edu and in the Houston area – Lone Star College - North Harris 10041 Regal Row, Suite 170 Houston, TX 77040, April 15, 17 ♦ May 8, 9 ♦ June 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:

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

Newark: Tuesday, April 15th, 3:00 p.m. at the Newark Airport Hotel (formerly Doubletree).

Guam: Wednesday, April 16th, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.

Cleveland: Thursday, April 17th, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive.