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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, April 11, 2008



The Annual District Lodge 142 Flight Attendant Conference took place this week at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center, in Hollywood, MD. Flight Attendant participation at this years' conference approached record numbers. The first two days were packed with information regarding current industry developments; [Merger Watch](#) information; a Flight Attendant Coalition meeting report; FMLA review and discussion; as well as four unique and distinct workshops. On the final day of the conference the participants toured the IAM's Grand Lodge headquarters

and were addressed by International President Tom Buffenbarger and General Vice President of Transportation Robert Roach, Jr. We want to thank the participants for attending this years' conference on their own time and applaud their enthusiastic participation, making this event a huge success.



IAM representatives from District 142 and Local Lodge 2339H met with **Continental Micronesia Flight Attendants** that have selected an option to transition to Continental Airlines in response to a reduction in flying in the Guam base. The group is attending a "Transition Training" course in Houston which started April 7, 2008, and they will report for duty at Continental Airlines effective May 2, 2008.

Welcome and Congratulations!

IAM Airline Districts Unveil Merger Survey – Although the IAM strongly opposes mergers among major airlines, some airline executives remain fixated on merging one or more U.S. carriers. IAM Airline Districts have prepared a brief survey to give airline employees an opportunity to weigh in on potential mergers. You can access the merger survey through the District 142 website, www.go142.org.

Lawmakers Petitioned to Block Airline Mergers – Continuing the IAM Transportation Merger Team’s efforts to use political pressure to block potential mergers of the nation’s major airlines, International President R. Thomas Buffenbarger has contacted the governors of all fifty states and every Congressional Representative and Senator to express the Machinists Union’s concerns. “The Machinists Union, through its merger team of professional economists, lawyers, and consumer advocates, has evaluated every possible merger scenario involving United Airlines, Delta Airlines, Northwest Airlines and/or Continental Airlines,” said IP Buffenbarger. “Our research reveals that any combination of these carriers will result in tremendous job loss, a reduction of airline hubs, elimination of service to small communities, increased fares and fewer choices for passengers.” All IAM members are asked to contact their elected representatives and urge their opposition for airline mergers that will only benefit airline executives and bankers. Click on the following link to send pre-written emails or to compose your own personal message to send to your elected leaders. <http://capwiz.com/iamaw/issues/alert/?alertid=11231996>

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).
Date changed from April 8th due to conflict with Flight Attendant Conference.

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.
Date changed from April 10th due to conflict with Flight Attendant Conference.