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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 18, 2008

Machinists President to Testify at Airline Antitrust Hearing – House Judiciary Committee



Rayburn House Office Building — Washington, D. C.

Chairman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) announced that the Committee's Taskforce on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws will hold a hearing titled, "**Competition in the Airline Industry**" on Thursday, April 24, at 10 a.m. in room 2141 of the Rayburn House Office Building. Among the issues to be addressed will be the recently announced Delta Airlines merger with Northwest Airlines. Machinists Union International President R. Thomas Buffenbarger will testify on the merger's impact on employees. The CEOs of both companies – Richard H. Anderson (Delta) and Douglas M. Steenland (Northwest) - will

also testify. **All IAM transportation members** who live in the D.C. area or can easily travel to Washington, D.C. are invited to attend and show support for the Machinists' position against senseless airline mergers. This hearing and future hearings will have an affect on **Flight Attendant jobs**. Please make an effort to attend this hearing and please wear your uniform. More information is available at: <http://judiciary.house.gov/schedule.aspx>

Just Say No! To Airline Mergers – The Machinists Union strongly opposes mergers among the major airlines for the following reasons: airline hubs will be eliminated; service frequency will be reduced; competition will be diminished; jobs will be lost; customer service will deteriorate; and pension obligations will be jeopardized; and fuel prices will remain unaffected by a merger. The IAM is part of a coalition of consumer advocates, political leaders and passenger rights groups who oppose the mega-mergers, but we need your help. 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.

Link to contact representatives: <http://capwiz.com/iamaw/issues/alert/?alertid=11231996>

District Lodge 142 is pleased to announce that Local Lodge 2339G President Morna Rector is seeking election to become a delegate to the Democratic National Convention representing Guam. We urge all **Continental Micronesia Flight Attendants** to vote in Guam's May 3, 2008 Democratic Primary and support Sister Rector's bid to become a delegate.

At ExpressJet, the Union and the company have agreed on a date for the Main Cabin Door Arbitration. The parties will meet on April 30, 2008, in Houston, Texas with arbitrator Josh Javits presiding over the arbitration. We will keep you advised of any future developments regarding this arbitration.

IAM / Gulfstream Airlines Negotiations Update – Negotiations resumed this week with meetings on April 15th, 16th and 17th 2008. The parties reviewed information that had been exchanged after the last meetings. Numerous proposals were exchanged on several sections of the contract. Time was spent discussing the details of the purpose and intent of the proposed contract language. A very candid discussion about the airline industry took place. Both the company and the union expressed their concerns for what has happened in the industry recently and the challenges that remain. It comes as no surprise to anyone that significant hurdles lay ahead. Your committee reaffirmed its commitment to negotiating a fair and equitable contract that will provide for economic and work rule improvements as we address quality of life issues. Your committee would like to remind you to stay informed about the issues and developments that affect you and your industry. You can get all the facts at your District web site. That address is www.go142.org. From there you can update your personal email for up to the minute industry news and developments or contact a representative. We urge you to focus on the industry, not just Gulfstream news, as industry developments affect us all. An educated member is a strong member. You will be advised as future developments occur. Fraternaly yours, Brian Wozniak General Chairperson

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, 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:

Cleveland: Thursday, May 8, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive.

Newark: Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel (formerly Doubletree).

Houston: Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd.

Guam: Wednesday, May 21, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.