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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, May 2, 2008



The IAM and District Lodge 142 is pleased to announce the graduation of Continental Airlines Flight Attendant class, "08-04" and to welcome our newest members to our IAM family, **Congratulations!**

Machinists to Testify Against Airline Mergers The U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Aviation have announced a hearing on airline industry consolidation and the proposed Northwest-Delta Air Lines merger. Subcommittee Chairman Jerry Costello has invited IAM General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. to testify. All IAM Transportation members who live in the Washington, D.C. area or can easily travel to D.C. are invited to attend and show support for the Machinists position against senseless airline mergers. **Flight Attendant members, please wear your uniform to the meeting.**



WHAT: House Committee on Transportation And Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Aviation hearing on the "Impact of Consolidation on the Aviation Industry, with a Focus on the Proposed Merger between Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines."

WHEN: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 2:00 PM - **Get there early to ensure a seat**

WHERE: Rayburn House Office Building Room 2167

MORE INFORMATION: <http://transportation.house.gov/>

At ExpressJet, the Union and the company arbitrated the Main Cabin Door grievance in Houston, TX on April 30, 2008 before arbitrator Josh Javits. The Union and company have 30 days to submit written briefs to the arbitrator after which a decision will be rendered. The Union will keep you informed as to the outcome once a decision has been rendered.

Continental Airlines Says No to Merger with United Airlines and is looking at an alliance with both American Airlines and British Airways. American, the world's largest airline, and British Airways already are members of the Oneworld alliance. The IAM and our Coalition partners are by no means relaxing because of this announcement by Continental. The IAM will continue to watch this volatile industry and are prepared to protect our members' interests by actively monitoring developments and by working with our Coalition partners, labor friendly politicians and again extending our offer to work with airline management to ensure our members jobs and rights are secured.

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. Voting will take place at their local Mayor's office. You do not have to be registered to vote; you can simply sign up to be a member of the Democratic Party on May 3, 2008, before you vote. Delegates and voting places will be announced in the local newspaper **Pacific Daily News**. A vote for Sister Rector is a vote for Hillary!

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, May 5, 13, 19, 28 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.