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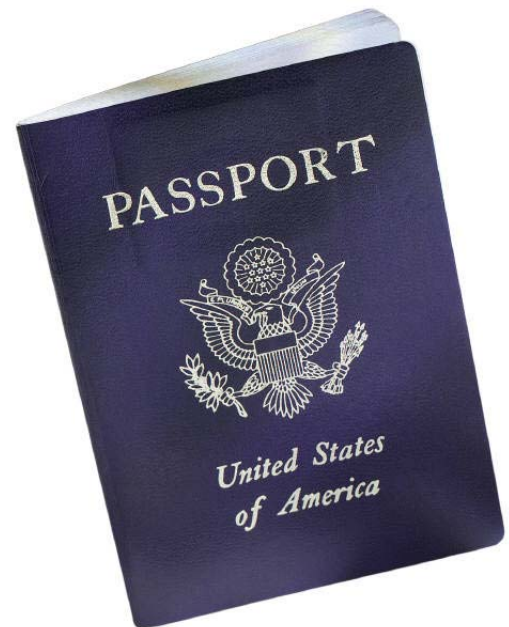
The Update Message from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers representing Flight Attendants in the 2339 Local Lodges

Friday, July 11, 2008

Continental Airlines Furlough Notice to Flight Attendants – In accordance with Section 13.C of your Collective Bargaining Agreement the Company has sent a potential furlough notice to the 800 most junior flight attendants possibly affected. The notice is a contract provision and does not take into account the number of flight attendants that will take Company Offered Leaves of Absence that the contract requires to be offered or the Early Out Programs. The Union anticipates that few if any flight attendants will actually be furloughed due to the taking of leaves of absence and retirements by flight attendants. Regardless, the provisions of the contract will be exercised to insure a fair and equitable furlough should the need arise. Please refer to Section 13 of your contract for more detailed provisions of furlough protections. Any question may be directed to your local base representatives.

Passport and your APIS Data — Don't Get Fined!

Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) was established for commercial airline and vessel operators; APIS enhances border security by providing officers with pre-arrival and departure manifest data on all passengers and crew members. The U.S. Customs Border Patrol and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) want to **stress the importance** that flight attendants update their passport APIS data. Whenever you obtain a new passport it is vital that you update the APIS information using the company's CCS computer system. Failure to comply subjects the company and quite possibly flight attendants to fines from \$3,000 per flight attendant, per flight, levied by the CBSA and \$5,000 per flight attendant, per flight, levied by the U.S. Customs Border Patrol. Please be sure to update your APIS data immediately if you have received a new passport or resident card. Login to CCS, choose the "Other" tab, and then choose the "APIS" selection to enter your updated information.



ExpressJet Airlines – Most of the financial and operational information requested from the carrier has been received and is currently being reviewed. Meetings will soon be scheduled with the carrier to discuss the future business plan, as well as the carrier's expressed desire to achieve cost savings.

CommutAir Flight Attendant Negotiations Meeting Date Set – As a follow up to the July 1, 2008 bulletin new negotiating meeting dates have now been established. Negotiations will resume September 17, 2008. We are working to establish additional meeting dates and will provide that information once arranged. Please continue to encourage your fellow flight attendants to provide the Union their contact information. As future developments occur you will be advised.

Local Lodge 2339N Placed in Trusteeship – General Vice President (GVP) Robert Roach advised members in January 2008, that issues affecting the membership in Newark required that Local Lodge 2339N be placed under supervision. Since then conditions have not improved, in fact, they have deteriorated. Therefore, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the membership of Local Lodge 2339N to place the Lodge under trusteeship effective July 1, 2008. In accordance with the provisions of the IAM Constitution, Grand Lodge Representative Carla Winkler was named as Temporary Trustee or Deputy to direct the affairs of the Lodge during this trusteeship. Grievances will continue to be handled in the normal, contractual manner. You may be assured that we will take whatever actions are necessary to protect the interests and welfare of our members. In this regard, you will be receiving additional information concerning what actions are intended to take place regarding proper care and handling of the representation of all of our Flight Attendant members.

Globalization Driving Wages Down Even in Mexico – More than 15 years after supporters of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) predicted a boatload of benefits for workers on both sides of the border, the hemispheric trade pact is fast becoming a global albatross for workers in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. While workers in the U.S. and Canada are continually subjected to downward pressures from China, competition from China is actually widening the wage gap between the U.S. and Canada with Mexico. “Global corporations who turned their backs on U.S. and Canadian workers are now using China to cut even Mexico’s ridiculously low wages,” said IAM Trade and Globalization Director Owen Herrstadt. At an assembly plant where workers build Ford Fiestas on the outskirts of Mexico City, wages were cut from \$4.50 per hour to as little as \$1.50 per hour to prevent work from being moved to China, where wages at a foreign-owned factory are as low as \$2 per hour. The squeeze on wages is reaching astounding levels. At a Volkswagen plant in the central city of Puebla, workers now face a seven-year progression to get to what used to be starting pay of \$1.95 an hour. “This is just one more example of why we need a new trade agenda—one that is based on fairness and that works for all of us,” said Herrstadt.

Crewmember Self-Defense Training

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Class dates:

July 17, 24

August 5, 12, 19, 27

Houston Area

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Class dates:

July 15, 17

August 7, 12

We would like to encourage all members to attend your Local Lodge business meeting. Each Local Lodge must have a quorum to conduct business. The following is a schedule for upcoming meetings:

Houston: Tuesday, July 15, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd.

Guam: Wednesday, July 16, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.

Newark: Tuesday, August 12, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Cleveland: Thursday, August 14, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive.