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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, July 25, 2008

Continental Supervisors Get Cash to Fly Trips, Flight Attendants Get a Coupon – Continental is currently offering to all Flight Attendants an incentive coupon for anyone that does a straight pick-up from Open Time on July 25, 2008, if you meet the following requirements:

- You must already be in position to operate the Pairing.
- You must operate the pairing or if cancelled be reassigned for the pay protection and coupon eligibility.
- Please tell Scheduling to add you to the coupon list when calling to pick up the Trip.

However, you should know that the company has also asked Inflight supervisors to pick-up trips on July 25, 2008 and the company is going to reward them **with additional pay, not a coupon incentive program**. If you encounter this situation and have a supervisor work on your trip, notify your union representative. A grievance on behalf of all Continental Flight Attendants has been filed.

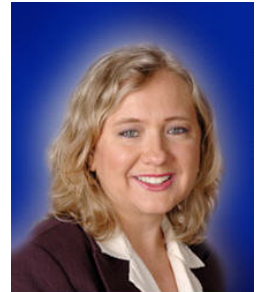
ExpressJet recently completed a series of Road Shows detailing the state of the airline business and insisting on concessions from all employees. The IAM requested detailed financial records from the company and our IAM Strategic Resources Department is analyzing and reviewing these records, prior to entering into discussions with the company. The Union and the company are in the process of arranging future meeting dates and the Union will advise you of any future developments as they occur.

Airlines Lobby for Regulation... of Oil Industry – In an ironic twist, the CEO's of 12 major U.S. airlines are urging their customers to help lobby Congress for government regulation of the oil industry. Meanwhile, the same CEO's continue to resist any meaningful government regulation in their own industry. The current crisis, triggered by outrageous fuel prices, would be easier to manage in any other industry by properly pricing the product to cover at least the cost of providing it to the consumer. Instead, airlines set fares so low that even if every seat on a plane is full, the airline will still lose money on the flight. Airline management has been far too willing to accept losses in an effort to run other airlines out of business. To their credit, most airlines have stopped talking about senseless and costly mergers. Northwest Airlines and Delta Airlines, however, seem oblivious and appear committed to destroying both companies through a merger that will create an unmanageable behemoth with \$15 billion in long-term debt. "If the cost of fuel is cut in half tomorrow, the underlying problems plaguing this dysfunctional industry will remain," said Transportation General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. "The airline industry is in urgent need for the type of intervention that only the federal government can provide. Consumers, employees and shareholders are all being beaten as airlines fight for survival. Some form of limited, sane regulation is long overdue."

The next meeting of the Coalition of Flight Attendant Unions will take place on July 31, 2008 and will be hosted by the United Steel Workers who represent the Pinnacle Flight Attendants. Items on the upcoming agenda will include but not limited to a legislative review, report from work group on a coalition coordinated message, a report from Mary Schiavo, former Inspector General of the Department of Transportation, an update on the Flight Attendant Fatigue Study, reciprocal jumpseat agreements, merger and acquisition discussion, and a negotiations update. The District Lodge will provide an update at the conclusion of the meeting, which will be held in Memphis, Tennessee.

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.

Continental Flight Attendant Virginia Stogner McDavid is a Candidate for State Representative, House District 138, of the state of Texas. A Meet & Greet is being held, July 29, 2008, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., at the “Sheet Metal Workers Hall” in Houston, Texas to support Virginia McDavid and her campaign. To learn more information about Virginia, including her views and positions and for further information on the Meet & Greet, please click on the following link.



<http://www.votemcdavid.com/2008/07/02/virginia-mcdavid-meet-greet/>

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August 5, 12, 19, 27

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 23, 27

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Class dates:

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:

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.

Houston: Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd.

Guam: Wednesday, August 20, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room.