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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, January 30, 2009

The IAM and your Union representatives have been working with the Coalition of Flight Attendants on securing reciprocal jumpseat provisions among the industry airlines. The Union has approached Continental on several occasions in an effort to persuade the company to participate with other airlines in providing this important benefit. In a time when the industry is experiencing a dramatic shift in available seats, our commuter population is finding it increasingly difficult to secure transportation to work. The Union's position is clear, and we believe reciprocal jumpseats would be of benefit to not only the flight attendants at Continental, but a benefit to the company as well. Presently, essentially all major domestic airlines have secured this benefit for their flight attendants and we believe that now is the time for Continental to participate. Please speak with your local lodge representatives to ask how you can sign your name to this petition and show your support for this measure.

Help Support the 'Buy American' Act – You can help save our economy and more than 11 million people currently out of work, by contacting your Senator and urging them to support Sen. Byron Dorgan's (D-ND) **"Buy American"** provision within the economic stimulus bill. The Buy American Act, which was enacted during the Great Depression, requires all stimulus-funded projects use only American-made equipment and goods. Inclusion of the provision in the economic stimulus package is essential to ensuring the \$819 billion does exactly what it is supposed to do: stimulate the American economy and create jobs here at home – not overseas! The provision ensures the money goes into the pockets of American workers – not those of foreign corporate executives and contractors. The U.S. Department of Labor shows we have lost more than 4 million manufacturing jobs over the past few years. The current unemployment rate is at 7.2 percent, and is climbing towards the double-digits. Passage of the stimulus package is the last hope for millions of U.S. workers struggling to stay afloat in the midst of this economic storm. "Millions of U.S. families are going without food and shelter, they're behind on their mortgage, staring at an endless pile of bills and are unsure about tomorrow," says IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger. "Allowing foreign companies to line their pockets with U.S. dollars and U.S. jobs at a time like this is unfathomable." Some argue that using U.S. taxpayer money to support U.S. workers will force other countries to do the same, and further exacerbate the crisis. The truth is they're already doing it. Many countries have already implemented measures to protect their jobs and their workers. The time has come for the U.S. to do the same. Click [here](#) to send a message to your Senator, or use the toll-free number 877-331-1223, and tell them to support U.S. workers by supporting Sen. Dorgan's "Buy American" amendment.



All Flight Attendants at Continental, ExpressJet & Continental Micronesia are reminded to check their system seniority lists for accuracy. Contractually, each list must be up-dated and posted every six months, in January and July, in each domicile. The lists are also available through the company websites. Any member who thinks they may have discovered a discrepancy should file a protest within 30 days of the posting of the list in question. Contact your Local Lodge or District Representatives with any information regarding any possible protest.

W-2 forms for 2008 are available online for Continental Airline employees via the internal company Intranet or by going to www.coair.com and log on to "All About Me", and selecting "Form W-2". To print the form correctly, please use the print command function that's on the application, rather than using your browser print function. Continental began mailing W-2 forms to individuals that requested paper forms on January 23, 2009. Continental's W-2 hotline number is 800-651-1007.

Crewmember Self-Defense Training

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Class dates:

2009

February 5, 12, 24, 26

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Class dates:

2009

February 3, 18

March 10, 19

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, February 10, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Cleveland: Thursday, February 12, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

Houston: Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd

Guam: Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room