



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

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Continental Flight Attendants please be aware that for the past two months the FAA has been conducting random audits of your Inflight manuals. The FAA has advised Continental that an unacceptable number of flight attendant manuals are not in compliance. There is a possibility that audits may be escalated by the FAA over the next few months. Inflight is implementing a mandatory manual blitz at all bases starting Monday, April 27, 2009, to ensure that manuals are in compliance. Please refer to Inflight Bulletin 09-63, dated April 24, 2009 for specific details regarding the manual blitz.

The Union Requests Information from Continental Flight Attendants – Recently the union has been made aware of incidents with galley coffee makers in which Continental Flight Attendants have received serious burns. If you or anyone you are aware of has had such an incident, please notify your base grievance representatives and provide them the details of the incident.

Local Lodges 2339H and 2198 are co-sponsoring a Fun and Food “It’s Your Day!” for the Continental Ramp Employees this Sunday, April 26, 2009, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The location for this event is Schotts Pavillion at 8620 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, Texas 77338.

IAM Workers' Memorial Day Ceremony April 28, 2009 – Workers Memorial Day is commemorated each year on April 28 with services, speeches and prayers to remember the thousands of workers killed or injured in workplace accidents. The IAM holds its own unique service at the William W. Winpisinger Center, where bricks inscribed with the names of fallen members are placed alongside the hundreds of other IAM members who died since the memorial was dedicated in 2001. This year, families and friends will gather to honor the memories of eighteen fallen IAM Brothers and Sisters and former IAM Communications Director Bob Kalaski. The IAM Workers' Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 12:40 pm at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center in Hollywood, Maryland. Contact the IAM Safety and Health Department at 301-967-4704 for more information.



CBS 60 Minutes Report Examines 401(k) Fallout – Have you looked at your 401(k) lately? For millions of Americans, it is the only source of retirement income, and the situation is not good. Balances, compared to where they once were, are in the basement. And sadly, folks in or approaching retirement years are being hit the hardest. Older workers are being forced to defer their dreams of no longer having to work. They are, instead, pushing resumes, bagging groceries, and serving up lattes just to make ends meet. When asked if they think they'll ever be able to retire, the answer is all too often, "I don't know." CBS "60 Minutes" correspondent Steve Kroft's "The 401(k) Fallout" provides a sobering look at the issues surrounding the investment plans. Kroft reports on how 401(k)'s were never meant to be retirement savings plans in the first place, and how Big Business swears by them because they appear much cheaper to fund than pensions.

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, May 12, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Cleveland: Thursday, May 14, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

Houston: Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel
May and June local lodge meetings will be held at the IAH Airport Marriott hotel. The name of the meeting room will be announced as soon as it is available.

Guam: Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room