



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

**Friday, March 19, 2010**

**Message from IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger**

**What Issues Matter Most to You?**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Could you fill out a survey about issues now before the United States Congress?

Health care reform legislation is coming up for final votes. New job creation bills are being written. Both issues will have a profound effect on you directly. And your answers will help the IAM devise a course of action.

Please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous [survey](#).

**Link to survey:**

<http://www.elabs10.com/c.html?rtr=on&s=x8pa4w,c71,tb,7bfb,cbuk,g9ju,iaf7>

### **Continental Air Sees Six Boeing 787s Arriving In 2011**

Continental Airlines Inc., said Thursday that it expected to receive the first six 787-8 aircraft from Boeing Co. (BA) in the second half of next year. The disclosure in a regulatory filing could see Continental become the U.S. launch customer for the delayed aircraft. Delta Air Lines Inc., which inherited a 787 order through its takeover of Northwest Airlines, remains in talks with Boeing about its deal. Continental was the first U.S. carrier to order the 787, and its 2004 contract envisaged first deliveries in 2009. However, design and production delays left the 787 program some three years behind schedule. Launch customer All Nippon Airways Inc. expects its first 787 in the fourth quarter of this year. Continental said the expected deliveries are based on the schedule from Boeing, which is testing the new aircraft as part of the certification process. Houston-based Continental has not disclosed where it plans to use the long-range twin-aisle 787. It has 25 of the planes on order. Two 787-8s are due to arrive in the third quarter of next year, with another two in the following quarter. Its order includes the larger 787-9 model.

Read full article:

[http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100318-715568.html?mod=dist\\_smartbrief](http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100318-715568.html?mod=dist_smartbrief)

## **ExpressJet Flight Attendants:**

**Restoration of February Lost Days Off:** The company has advised both the IAM and ALPA that it underestimated the number of days off lost in February 2010 and the company will be unable to restore all of the days off in April as was previously agreed.

The company alone is responsible for staffing levels and they failed to adequately staff for the additional United flying, which together with weather problems, caused the extreme difficulties in February. The flight attendant group upheld their side of the agreement and it is now up to the company to resolve their staffing issues.

The IAM is looking at solutions which will best serve our members financially, without making them wait through a protracted grievance process, although an et al grievance has been filed on behalf of all flight attendants, system wide.

**XJT EWR Crew Room:** The union is aware of the company's intention to prevent crew members from sleeping in the EWR crew room. Our CBA protects flight attendants from discipline without an investigation and hearing. If any flight attendant loses pay due this new policy, without an appropriate investigation, they should contact a union rep. for assistance.

**IAH Terminal E:** The union has received many complaints that TSA is not allowing crew members to go the front of the line and move quickly through security at Terminal E. We have investigated your complaints and again contacted the company with our concerns. The union believes that the company has had ample time to resolve this issue and it is our intent to work closely with ExpressJet to gain speedy access through security for our members and finally resolve this issue.

**United Airlines Travel Benefits For ORD Based Crew:** Several questions have arisen since the company put out the first Q&A. We are continuing to address your questions with the company and encourage you to bring your questions to your representatives so that they may be addressed. The most frequently asked question is:

**Q:** When will we be able to jumpseat on ExpressJet aircraft (operating as United Express)?

**A:** The company is still working on this and hopes to resolve it soon.

Watch for an updated Q&A from the company soon.

**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:

**Cleveland:** Thursday, April 8, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

**Newark:** Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

**Houston:** Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel

**Guam:** Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room