



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

Friday, April 23, 2010

Continental Flight Attendant Negotiations

Your negotiation committee met this week, April 19 - 23, 2010, in the District 142 offices in Kansas City, Missouri.

The purpose of the meetings was to further develop, discuss and enhance presentations for the upcoming negotiation meetings. The committee reviewed the progress of our discussions thus far in light of recent industry developments and strategies for the next sessions which will be held next month.

Merger talks continue to surface throughout the airline industry. Only when there is definitive information available can merger issues be addressed. Please continue to monitor the District Lodge Web site, www.go142.org for all factual developments.

ExpressJet Flight Attendants:

Long Stay Hotel in Monterrey, Mexico: Drug Cartel members raided two downtown hotels in Monterrey this week, including our long stay hotel. Effective immediately, for our crew members safety, all crews will stay at the short stay hotel (The Hampton Inn) for all layovers.

UAX Positive Space while Deadheading: The Union has been advised by the company that crew members are booked, using positive space both directions, when deadheading for **UAX** flying. However, United's boarding priority is different on the last leg of the pairing resulting in crew members becoming stranded at United hubs and then having to contact Crew Scheduling for hotels and flights. Flight attendants are not permitted to declare themselves as "Must Ride" on United flights. It is the company's responsibility to get crews from point A to point B, in a timely manner, and no flight attendant should be put in the position of not knowing if he/she will be permitted to get home. If this happens to you, please contact your union representative to discuss if a grievance is appropriate in your particular circumstances.

United ORD Base: The Union has been advised by the company that crew room space at ORD will be shared with two other regional airlines, but the company hopes to have separate crew room facilities in the near future.

ORD Based Flight Attendants: CIL 10-023 outlines the Terms and Conditions for United pass travel. Please note that pass travel fees will be automatically payroll deducted.

US Airways-United Airlines Merger Talks Go Nowhere

US Airways confirmed Thursday it has been in merger talks with UAL, parent of United Airlines, but in the same breath it also said those talks are over.

The airline industry has been making bets on whether United, the third-largest carrier based on passenger traffic, would hook up with US Airways or rival Continental Airlines. Now it looks like it's down to one.

"We have recently held discussions with United Airlines regarding a possible combination between our two airlines. After an extensive review and careful consideration, our Board of Directors has decided to discontinue those discussions," US Airways CEO Doug Parker said in a statement. He noted that recent press reports about a merger prompted the airlines to clarify the status of deal talks.

Read the full article: <http://srph.it/dfDy96>

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 11, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Cleveland: Thursday, May 13, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

Houston: Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel

Guam: Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room