



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

Friday, April 30, 2010

Continental and United are Once Again in Merger Talks – The Machinists Union (IAM) has been in contact with management at both Continental and United regarding merger talks for the two airlines. As of today, there hasn't been any breaking news to report to our membership.

When the idea of a merger first surfaced, the IAM created a merger team, which has been in existence for over 2 years. During that time we have been preparing for numerous merger scenarios and formulating our responses to a possible merger. Over the years we have navigated a number of consolidations, making sure that our member's interests were protected. IAM members have consistently emerged from these events with industry leading contracts and pensions. It is important for our members to be educated and should a merger be announced we will initiate that process. We will not respond or take a position to rumors or speculation; however we are prepared to address facts.

As details of the possible merger are made available, we will post the union's position on the District 142 website and will follow-up with emails and bulletins when appropriate.

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.

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.

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.

CommutAir negotiations will continue June 14, 2010 in Cleveland, Ohio under the direction of Tony Iannone of the National Mediation Board (**NMB**). Your IAM negotiating committee will continue to keep you apprised of developments as they occur.

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, May 6, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive
Meeting was moved from May 13 to May 6, 2010, due to a scheduling conflict

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

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