



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

**Friday, June 11, 2010**

**Machinists Union to Testify at Continental/United Merger Hearings**

There are three Congressional hearings scheduled for the week of June 14, 2010 to investigate the proposed merger between Continental Airlines and United Airlines. The Machinists Union has been invited to testify at all three hearings to ensure the concerns of 26,000 IAM members at Continental and United are heard.

Flight attendants in the Washington, D.C. area, as well as members who are able to fly in for the hearings, are welcome to attend. Flight attendants are encouraged to arrive early to be admitted into the hearing room and wear their uniform and IAM union pins.

The three hearings are:

**U.S. House of Representatives**

**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Aviation**

**Date:** June 16, 2010

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Room 2167 of the [Rayburn House Office Building](#)

**Committee on the Judiciary**

**Date:** June 16, 2010

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Room 2141 of the [Rayburn House Office Building](#)

**United States Senate**

**Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation**

**Date:** June 17, 2010

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Room 253 of the [Russell Senate Office Building](#)

The IAM's testimony will be posted at [www.famergermatters.org](http://www.famergermatters.org) when the hearings begin.

**Flight Attendant Merger Matters** – The IAM has created a special flight attendant merger website, [www.FAmergermatters.org](http://www.FAmergermatters.org). This site will provide the latest merger-related updates as the proposed merger between Continental and United moves forward. You can print information about the merger, submit comments and sign up to automatically receive emails updates when new information is added to the site. We encourage all flight attendants to visit this site often.

## **Airline's workers want to share in rewards of merger**

Continental Airlines' employees don't want their needs forgotten during the process of merging with United Airlines.

Hundreds of the airline's workers, many clad in their flight attendant and pilot uniforms, descended upon a Hyatt Regency ballroom Wednesday morning for what could be the company's last shareholder meeting under the Continental name.

"This merger is with the right partner at the right time," said Continental CEO Jeff Smisek during the meeting in which he listed highlights and challenges the company faced in the past year.

Several pushed for the airline to pay heed to labor rights in its proposed merger with Chicago-based United. Under the terms of the proposal, the newly created airline would be called United and headquartered in Chicago, although Houston would remain a major hub.

"In order for this merger to be a true success, a commitment must be made to labor that they will share in the rewards. We have most assuredly had our share of risks," said Jay Pierce, chairman of the Air Line Pilots Association unit that represents Continental pilots.

Read full article: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/business/7045241.html>

## **ExpressJet Flight Attendants:**

**District Lodge 142 President-Directing General Chairperson Tom Higginbotham** served Section 6 Notice to ExpressJet Airlines on June 2, 2010, requesting dates to commence negotiations.

Click [here](#) to view the letter.

**UAX flying:** Flight attendants working a UAX pairing which begins with a deadhead from IAH are not required to check in at the IAH crew room. Flight attendants should go directly to Terminal A and arrive at the gate 30 minutes prior to departure.

**The FAA is conducting random manual inspections:** The Union encourages all flight attendants to make sure that your Inflight manual is up-to-date. Revision 42 is the most current update.

**Final call for restoration of February lost days off:** The company wants to restore all February lost days off before the end of June, 2010. If you have not yet requested restoration of your February lost days off, please send your email to [Gary.Cerrato@expressjet.com](mailto:Gary.Cerrato@expressjet.com) providing him with your two choices for each day to be restored.

**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:

**Houston:** Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel

**Guam:** Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room

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

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