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Weekly Update



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

Friday, August 6, 2010

ExpressJet Airlines / Atlantic Southeast Merger Update

As was reported to you this past Wednesday a meeting was scheduled with ExpressJet management for the purpose of discussing the announced Sky West acquisition of ExpressJet and the intent to merge ExpressJet with Atlantic Southeast. Taking part in today's meeting were Tom Higginbotham, District 142 President Directing General Chairperson and Kate Romanausky, ExpressJet General Chairperson, Tom Hanley, President & CEO and Liz Compton, Senior Director Marketing/In-Flight of ExpressJet.

As is usually the case early on in this process we remain with more questions than answers. The information provided was basically what has been published in the press releases. Additionally the parties we met with are not the individuals that will be making the operational decisions for the combined carrier going forward if and when the proposed acquisition/merger is approved. This transaction will require regulatory agency (Department of Justice, Department of Transportation and FAA) as well as shareholder approval. The company agreed to keep us informed of all developments going forward as they become aware of such. We have requested to meet with Sky West officials to have further discussions regarding this transaction. Stay informed by going to our merger web site www.faMergerMatters.org.

Negotiation dates will be determined next week and announced once finalized.

ExpressJet Flight Attendants:

IFM Revision 43 is out and must be inserted in your IFM before August 10, 2010. Be aware that the FAA is making inspections and you may be subject to a personal fine if your IFM is not up to date.

The updated "Expressly Ours" handbook is online and must be read and acknowledged by September 1, 2010.

UAL Flying: It has been reported that some flight attendants are still having problems being deadheaded positive space at the end of their United pairing resulting in their being held over at outstations for one or more days. If this happens to you, see your grievance representative for assistance.

Your Negotiating Committee, consisting of General Chairpersons Kate Romanausky and Randy Hatfield and the Base Chairpersons from each base - Dana Fremont - IAH, Nicole Washington-Fears - CLE, Lisa Kelley - ORD and Michael Becerra - EWR, is meeting at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center in Hollywood, MD next week to begin preparations for contract negotiations. We will keep you updated on our progress.

SkyWest Acquisition of ExpressJet: although this acquisition is in the very early stages your union is already working to protect your rights under the CBA. District 142 President Directing General Chairperson Tom Higginbotham and General Chairperson Kate Romanausky met with the company today for an update and CEO Tom Hanley was in the IAH Crew Room answering questions afterwards. The company hopes to achieve regulatory approval by year end 2010, and to complete the transaction in 2011. In the meantime, it's "**Business As Usual**"; we continue to work under the current CBA and to push forward with contract negotiations. We urge everyone to sign up for Merger Watch Updates via the DL142 website and to watch your mail and email for up-to-the-minute information.

Continental Flight Attendant Negotiations Update

Negotiations resumed last week in San Francisco with meetings on July 26, through July 30, 2010. The pace of these negotiations has increased significantly. Progress was accomplished with the numerous issues addressed.

The committees have agreed to increase the meeting schedule. The next session of meetings are scheduled for August 16 through August 27, 2010.

We continue to focus on these negotiations culminating in providing our members an industry leading contract that continues to provide job flexibility, job security and a secured pension.

We encourage all members to access the District 142 website at www.go142.org for the latest negotiation news as well as accurate and reliable merger information.

Updated information will be published immediately after our next sessions.

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, August 10, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Cleveland: Thursday, August 12, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

Houston: Tuesday, August 17, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel

Guam: Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room

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Please visit faMergerMatters.org for the latest merger information for IAM Flight Attendants.