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Serving Cleveland

EJ Grievance

Express Jet Union Representatives have received several discrepancies regarding interruption of crew rest for the reserve FA's. Section 5 #8 pg 36 "Upon release to crew rest Scheduling will only contact a reserve flight attendant during the last hour of the crew rest period at home base." Domicile crew rest is 11 hours. Please contact your union reps if you are having a problem with crew rest. Your Reps went to negotiations last week in Washington, DC it was an enlightening experience to see first hand all the hard work that goes into negotiations to get a TA on the table for the work group. FYI If you receive a letter for a mandatory meeting with your supervisor please contact your local union rep for representation.

EJ Keeps Aircraft

Continental announced, that it has received notice from ExpressJet that it will be keeping the 69 regional jets that Continental recently elected to remove from the capacity purchase agreement between the two companies. Continental will continue to sublease the aircraft to ExpressJet, but at significantly increased lease rates. The aircraft will be withdrawn from the capacity

Political Activism

Union political activism is the cornerstone to protecting workers rights. Your union works hard to negotiate contracts with work rules and benefits that improve you and your families lives. Local, state and federal legislators sometimes attempt to enact ill-conceived legislation that undermines your contract and benefits. While items may be guaranteed by your agreement, state and federal laws can eliminate some of the most important aspects of your contracts. Most federal laws protecting workers rights have been championed by labor unions. These items such as Social Security, FMLA, and Medicare are under constant attack by anti-labor interests. Your MNPL dollars go to fight these battles and maintain the hard fought workers rights and benefits you enjoy today. The Machinists Non-Partisan Political League (MNPL) uses your donations to fight for the following:

1. Employment opportunities
2. Trade policies
3. Enforcement of federal employment laws
4. Health Insurance
5. Environmental issues
6. Labor Law Reform
7. Consumer Protection
8. Social Security

District Scholarship

The 2006 District Lodge 142 Scholarship Program will be an essay competition open to all members in good standing, as well as their legal children who are 2006 graduating high school seniors. The winners of the competition will receive scholarship tuition of \$1,000.00, to be paid directly to the college or accredited institution of higher learning. To apply

EJ Negotiations

ExpressJet flight attendant negotiations resumed on Monday, April 24th, 2006, at the offices of the National Mediation Board in Washington, D.C.. After four days of meetings, the Mediator recessed negotiations on April 27th, to allow the party's to do additional research and costing. We will advise you of future meeting dates when the arrangements have been made.

June's Meeting

June's meeting will be on Thursday, the 8th at 4pm. We must have a quorum (15 members) to do your work, please make the effort to come. The meeting is at 669 N. Rocky River Drive, Berea. Check the website for a map. www.2339C.org

Political cont.

9. Workers compensation
10. Tax Reform
11. Equal opportunities for all.
12. National energy policy

With mid-term election approaching, please check either your representatives or the website as to which candidates support workers initiatives. If you wish to volunteer or donate to MNPL, please see your Base Chairperson or go to www.iamaw.org or www.2339c.org

EJ Aircraft cont.

purchase agreement over a six-month period beginning in December 2006 and ending in June 2007. Continental expects to replace some or all of the capacity currently provided by the 69 regional jets and believes that there are ample regional jets and other aircraft available to them to replace this capacity at a lower cost.

District Scholarship cont.

for the competition, a fully completed application form together with an essay must be sent by U.S. Mail to the District Office and post-marked no later than midnight, April 30th, 2006. Winners will be announced on June 30th, 2006. Application forms and specific rules and regulations are available through your Local Lodge. Additionally, the General Chairperson assigned to your base can provide answers to any other inquiries concerning the entire program. Good Luck to all en-

Rumor Control

1. The 737-500's are not being reconfigured as rumored. The galley unit in question is the unit that will be in place until the planes exit service. There is no issue with the assist space, the galley unit was approved by the FAA.
2. There have been no seniority adjustments resulting from any provision of the contract or it's implementation.
3. Flight Attendants are eligible for stock options, not a stock grant. There is nothing that needs to be "activated" or claimed. The first third of the option is available in February 2007. Please reference page 206 of your contract. Your options will be administered through Solomon, Smith, Barney.

Hotel Committee by Chrysta Leonard

I attended my first hotel committee meeting at HQS April 15th. I walked away surprised and enlightened. The process of choosing a particular hotel and having it meet the criteria is very involved. Many hotels are unable to meet the needs of the company for various reasons including the number of rooms required; this limits the number of suitable hotels available for bid. One can just imagine the expense involved bidding a contract for 46 rooms in a single hotel. I left the meeting with a greater appreciation for the process.

What is Unity?

Unity is not just a word, or an idea; it is a practice. Unity serves the group as a whole. When the group bickers amongst themselves or complains openly about their Union or their elected representatives; the power of the group is greatly diminished. If it is observed (and it is) that the group is splintered or unsupportive, those with whom we are to negotiate take advantage of the situation. If your Union is to be effective in it's representation of you, it must have the outward and unified support of all its members. If you have a discrepancy with the Union, take it to your elected officials or go to the Union meeting and take an interest. We are all working exceptionally hard to represent you. If you would like something changed or addressed, bring it to your Union officials attention. We want all of you to be satisfied and will address anything within our power. It is up to you as to the effectiveness of your Union negotiations and representation.



Delegates Go To IAM Education Center

Delegates from all four locals are slated to attend a Flight Attendant conference at the Winpisinger center in Maryland from May 30 through June 2. Many topics will be discussed including legislative, work-life, grievance and contract education.

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