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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Once again we had a great turnout at the last General Membership Meeting. Our next one is scheduled for October 16th @ 08:00. With as much as we have going on right now we need to be filling the building during meetings and getting the information out.

An update was issued two weeks ago for the UAL Technician Mediation in D.C. and we will be heading to ORD the week of October 20th for our next session. This week we also reconvened the Local 19 Seniority Integration Committee to review work accomplished so far and discussed the upcoming meeting Jerry will be attending next week.

The US Airways/American vote was finalized a couple weeks ago and the outcome was an overwhelming vote to be represented. Until the process is finalized on turning over our representation to the CWA, we will continue to process grievances and represent our current members from Local 19.

Southwest Flight Simulator Technicians Steward Elections are complete. A special thanks to all that participated in the election especially the Nominee's. I look forward to working closely with Bill Baker and Steve Ray in our continued representation of our Heroes' of the Heart.

I have received great feedback on Amy' Rodriguez's (Tatitlek) participation at the annual Women's Conference in ORD earlier this month. Amy gave a speech on her experiences at Fort Polk prior to and after becoming represented by the Teamsters.

ExpressJet has named Alex Marren to the COO position as the replacement for retiring Brad Holt. Mrs. Marren has extensive airline experience including senior roles at United Airlines.

We have served the required 60 day notice for Contract reopener to Enterprise Car Rental (EAN Holdings). Ironically we are also currently escalating issues to the National Labor Relations Board in which we believe the Company is facilitating an attempt to decertify our representation at Enterprise. Non-Members and Members alike need to consider their vulnerability and exposure to the Company imposing their will on them, should they be successful. Please reach out to Frank Rico or myself to become a member.

Next week we will have the Negotiating Committee for UAL Flight Simulator Technicians working at Local 19 on our contract proposals. Unfortunately, once again, this will be without the Company in Attendance. Meanwhile, we are constant discussions with the International about direction and obstructions during these negotiations.

Last week numerous grievance cases were presented at System Board. A great job was done by all who presented and served in the capacity of witnesses. For some of the Vickery grievances we expect the decisions to include an opportunity to work through some differences in the application of overtime and yet still maintain the position, we always have, on full shift coverage.

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Our schedule is quite full for the next month. This includes a week of mediation scheduled for UAL Technicians, a week of negotiations for UAL Flt. Sim at the end of October, and a planned site visit to UAL SFO shops for Oct. 9th. The week of October 13th I plan on attending a conference and seminars dealing with Pensions, Affordable Care Act, Pension Protection Act, Responsibilities and the Cadillac Tax. I am looking forward to updating the membership with what we learn creating a resource for better representing you in regards to Pension and Benefits.

Congratulations to Lou Ray on his achievement of the Charles Taylor Award. I say achievement because the award is not something automatic or you win, it has to be earned. Having known and worked with Lou, next month I can say for 30 years, I am very proud to have had the opportunity to have done so. While I can only reflect back 30 years, there are so many times when Lou challenged me to become a better Technician and Leader in our Craft. I personally feel the difference one makes is measured by those around us and Lou I feel I am very fortunate for having known you. Thanks Lou and you are most deserving of this award.

For those of you who haven't heard, Dave Jespersen had his long awaited heart transplant last Saturday at the Methodist Hospital on Fannin. Last night I talked with Wade and Dave is going through several issues related to the surgery and still has not been brought out of anesthesia. Log on to CaringBridge.com for updates and please keep Dave and Nina in your thoughts and Prayers.

Please remember to keep Jeff, Scully and Virgil in your prayers along with Ken Boulet and his family, Ken lost his father last weekend. Walter Hewett went home this week after being in the hospital from injuries sustained at work. Please keep him in thoughts and prayers along with keeping up to date with his progress.

Please if you are not already registered to vote, do so. When we look for assistance from our local Politicians to take interest in getting our message out, the Voter registration records help show we are just as interested in our local politics.

Thank you
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