

PCN Services – High Life *Newsletter, News, Events, Deaths, Illness Notices* and *PCN Calendar*

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A merger on Aug 1, 2009 of RSP and Delta Retired Pilots Communication Network

High Life

For all Delta people who have truly touched the *High Life!*

Dear PCN,

Group Section.....

Mark's Remarks:

Personally slammed. My wife just had surgery for ovary removal, and has both a good prognosis and is recovering nicely. My mom has two forms of cancer and receiving treatment and surgery for both. I am replacing windows in my home (by myself). And I am studying for an upcoming screening. Life has been pretty hectic and I looking forward to a little break.

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RE: Apologies to JG for printing in error that he was mistaken.

While I already sent out a message of correction on this new program, I wanted to re-publish this again for those who may have missed it.

Fly Confirmed for EVEN Less program (new additional program that retirees are not eligible for)

JG was not mistaken as published in HL 037. I proofed JG's email and missed the word "EVEN" which indicates a new and additional program to that of Fly Confirmed for Less program. While in the latter retirees are eligible for, it appears that the former retirees are not eligible for.

My apologies regarding this new program and yes retirees are on the short end of it.

Check out this new program inside TravelNet with side by side details next to old program.

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Classified poll results: Just under 2 to 1 in favor (actual was 61% for and 39% against). Thanks for your input. This is an easy way to help me shape where the PCN goes. I will seek out appropriate options to develop this ancillary service. Have you ever noticed that ALL services from the PCN are gratis? We charge nothing for our main services and never will. If we offer ancillary elements to our services that must support themselves (like classifieds) only those who use those services would cover the cost. I cannot think of a fairer system than that. Don't want nor care about an ancillary service? Than don't click on it and don't play! You will never have any cost to stay subscribed to our main services as listed in the header. This began as a mission of love and will remain that way.

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Toolbar Tips:

- **Slowly more and more are signing up for this FREE utility.**
- **Make sure you login in your email and the toolbar will tell you when you get email.**
- **Any links you would like to see added (that would benefit our group) send 'em in.**
- **Shrink: under the "PCN" pull down you can shrink the bar to see it all.**

TOOLBAR for IE: Because it took me some effort to create, I will run this for a few issues until you give it a look see. You will like it! Mark

From: CWoods5690@aol.com
Date: 4/8/2010 1:10:47 PM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: Toolbar

Mark,
Your toolbar is fantastic thanks for sharing it with us. Chuck Woods

[Click here](#) or on the toolbar image to download and install PCN's new toolbar. Yeah, I know you're skeptical. I was too, until I saw what it can do without any real drawbacks.

This is Great! Install a ton of useful links right at your fingertips!



Can constantly add new features and be revised and upgraded. (Works with IE).

Tip: During installation pay attention to couple of questions it asks you to check. If you have a toolbar you do not want R-Click on the grey top and de-select ones you do not want.

News Section.....

Delta News (Recent stories of interest): [Yahoo](#), [AJC](#)

Delta CEO's 2009 pay less than half that of 2008

Delta CEO receives \$8.4 million in 2009 compensation, less than half what he got in 2008

Harry R. Weber, AP Airlines Writer, On Friday April 30, 2010, 4:38 pm EDT

ATLANTA (AP) -- The chief executive of Delta Air Lines Inc., Richard Anderson, saw his total compensation in 2009 cut by more than half to \$8.4 million, compared to the year before, according to a regulatory filing Friday.

According to an analysis of the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Anderson, 54, received a salary of \$600,000, no bonus, no performance-based bonus and other compensation of \$1,173,217.

Anderson also received stock and option awards the company valued at \$6,602,115 on the days they were granted.

He did not receive any above-market returns on deferred compensation.

The total compensation of \$8,375,332 compared to the \$17,442,655 he received the year before.

In 2009, Delta lost \$1.2 billion.

Read More: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Delta-CEOs-2009-pay-less-than-apf-1458435641.html?x=0&.v=4>

Other Airline News (Recent stories of interest):

UAL and Continental to announce merger

By Helen Thomas and Jeremy Lemer in New York
Published: May 2 2010 23:12 | Last updated: May 2 2010 23:19

UAL, the parent of United Airlines, and **Continental Airlines** are on Monday expected to announce a merger of the two US carriers, [reshaping the US airline industry](#) and creating the world's largest airline.

The boards of both companies met on Sunday and approved [the deal](#), which will see Continental shares exchanged for 1.05 United shares in an at-the-market stock swap.

Based on where each company's shares ended last week, the combined entity would have a market value of about \$6.8bn, valuing Continental at about \$3.2bn, before the exercise of certain options and convertibles.

By passenger traffic, the pair will overtake [Delta](#), which merged with Northwest Airlines two years ago, as the global leader. Together, they will fly to 370 destinations worldwide, operating under the United brand.

The deal still faces two substantial hurdles. It has yet to win the blessing of the labour unions of each airline and also needs approval from US antitrust regulators.

Read More: http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/ca84cdf2-5636-11df-b835-00144feab49a.html?referrer_id=yahoofinance&ft_ref=yahoo1&seqid=03058

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April 30, 2010, 6:04 p.m. EDT

United-Continental deal is smooth flying for analysts

Plenty of positives and little risk, which regulators are expected to back

By [Christopher Hinton](#), MarketWatch

NEW YORK (MarketWatch) -- Continental and United Airlines parent UAL Corp. are expected to announce a merger deal early next week, creating a global airline with little route overlap and new opportunities to attract more premium-paying travelers.

"I see nothing but positives," said Roger King, a bond analyst with CreditSights. "These guys will have the best global network of any airline."

UAL (NASDAQ:UAUA) brings to the union a strong transpacific presence that Continental lacks. While Continental (NYSE:CAL) has more routes to Latin America and its hub at Newark International Airport, a key domestic gateway between Europe and the U.S.

"I think United's lucrative Pacific routes were the tipping point for Continental to merge," said Robert Herbst, an analyst with AirlineFinancials.com. "It will help increase premium traffic from Asia and push yields higher, but mostly from the business side."

Read More: <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/united-continental-deal-may-mean-smooth-flying-2010-04-30?siteid=yhoof>

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Friday, April 30, 2010, 12:15pm MDT

United Airlines flies 1st commercial-jet flight with synthetic fuel out of Denver

Denver Business Journal - by [Mark Harden](#)

The first-ever U.S. commercial airline test flight using synthetic fuel took off from **Denver International Airport** Friday morning, **United Airlines** announced.

The synthetic jet fuel was “RenJet,” made by Los Angeles-based **Rentech Inc.** (NYSE Amex: RTK), which has a plant in Commerce City near DIA. It is a liquid fuel made from natural gas.

The “engineering validation” flight of an Airbus 319 jet left the runway at DIA at 8:15 a.m. MDT Friday, United said. Capt Joseph Burns, United’s managing director of technology and flight testing, piloted the jet, with 19 engineers and observers on board.

The RenJet fuel was used in a 40-60-percent mix with conventional “Jet A” fuel in one of two engines on the jet.

Read More: <http://denver.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2010/04/26/daily69.html?ana=yfcpc>

Finance Section (section containing items with financial consequence to our group):

FINANCE: CLAIMS/PBGC/HCTC/INSURANCE/PLANNING/TAX/ESTATE

Remaining financial items for retirees to watch:

After Aug 2007 these are retirement items remaining with financial consequence.

1. ~~PBGC 2nd look re-calc at qualified annuity benefits~~ - **completed 8/24/07**
2. ~~PBGC make-up lump payment for underpayments since termination:~~ **most reported received 1/31/08**
3. Final claim distribution by DAL through BSI - **pending (now likely in '10 according to Kight)**
4. ~~Class Action suit against DAL concerning 5-yr look-back worth in excess of \$100 million -~~ **withdrawn**
5. Final Benefit Determination Letters (FDL's) PBGC re-calc "determination" of qualified annuity (likely after claim stock sale) – **pending (only 45 days to appeal)**

6. Pension reinstatement/contribution request by DP3 representing the retired pilots. **very long shot....pending**

7. ~~Roth IRA creation as per Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 -- deadline June 22nd, 2009~~

8. ~~Expiration of HCTC 80% premium subsidy will expire on December 31, 2010. Back to 65%.~~

Insurance (issues about health, life or disability that are of interest):

Pension:

DP3 Trustee Ballot:

The 2010 Board of Trustees election is underway and will run through May 31, 2010. As a fully paid Honor Roll member, you're eligible to vote in the election by clicking on the **red** link below.

During this election cycle, five candidates are running for three positions. You must vote for at least one but for no more than three candidates. Please note that you can also add a write-in candidate to the ballot; however, that person must have Honor Roll status to be eligible for a board position. Before voting, we strongly encourage you to review the candidates' resumes at: [2010 Nominee Biographies](#).

Only ONE ballot for each Honor Roll member will be accepted. Please note that once your vote is submitted, it cannot be recalled or changed.

[Vote in the 2010 DP3 Trustee Election](#)

Thank you for supporting DP3 as a fully paid Honor Roll member and having a say in the future of DP3 by participating in the Trustee election.

Vote now - do not put off your chance to participate.

Will Buergey

Chairman, DP3

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DP3 Chairman Update: 4/28/2010

Dear Mark,

The Trustees of DP3 have just completed our monthly board meeting where we discussed many issues of great importance to retired Delta pilots. I recommend that you take the time to read the comprehensive [minutes of that meeting](#) so that you have a basic understanding of how the appeals process for the PBGC Benefit Determination Letters will work. As a reminder, a retiree only has 45 days to file an appeal, and DP3 will only represent Honor Roll members once the process begins.

One recent issue we have faced is the need to create a policy regarding **DP3 representation for divorced spouses** of retired Delta pilots. It makes sense that if a pilot's entire PBGC benefit is going to a former spouse, then the retired pilot might not be committed to maintaining Honor Roll status simply to benefit the former spouse. For that reason, the trustees have decided that we will represent spouses who attain Honor Roll status in their own name. If you are in this situation, please advise your former spouse that he or she might want to consider joining our appeal.

When you read the minutes from our April meeting one thing should become clear: your DP3 trustees have been working tirelessly since 2005 to prepare for the day the PBGC finally issues our benefit determination letters. We have sound strategies in place and have **hired the best professionals in the field of ERISA law and PBGC benefits to ensure that our members receive every penny we're due.** To be successful, we need all member's financial support.

We continue to make progress in our effort to establish an **insurance program eligible for the HCTC under current PBGC and IRS guidelines.** Our insurance broker has submitted requests for competitive bids from insurance providers. We'll be meeting with our VEBA attorney, insurance broker and potential insurers at our DP3 trustee meeting in Atlanta next month and will provide you with an update following the meeting.

The nominations for this year's trustee elections are now closed. The Nominating Committee has notified the six candidates who will be on the ballot, and we will announce their names as soon as we have received each candidate's resume. The election begins on May 1 and will run until the end of the month, with the newly elected trustees taking office on July 1. As a reminder, only current Honor Roll members can vote, and we plan to conduct the election electronically again this year, although a member can always submit a paper ballot to our P.O. Box in Atlanta.

Thank you for your continued support.

Will Buergey
Chairman, DP3

Commercial Section.....

Investment (Legitimate firms that have helped our group are encouraged to contact PCN to add articles here):

Section reserved for future content.

Travel & Non-Revving (share a quick reco):

Follow up on "Fly Confirmed for Less & Fly Confirmed for EVEN Less" programs (2 emails that correct last HL and align with the retraction);

From: billavirett767@aol.com
Date: 4/29/2010 12:51:03 PM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: Even for Less

Hey Mark,
Just to confuse the issue further.....When you go to the "Fly for Even Less" information page on Travelnet, in one place it says retirees are not eligible, then under Restrictions, it says:

- Furloughed employees and their pass riders are **not** eligible for Fly Confirmed for Even Less. Employee must be active or retired at the time of travel.

This could turn into a full time job if you're not careful! Thanks for the service. Hope you are doing well.

Bill

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From: George Chaudoin
Date: 4/25/2010 1:51:57 PM
Subject: Update on retirees confirmed space

From: freddie_gt@juno.com
Subject: Re: Is this correct??
Date: April 25, 2010 2:29:06 PM EDT
Freddie is Pres of BOS DAL Pioneers chapter

I checked with Jon Maynard.

Fly Confirmed for Less is available to retirees, but Fly Confirmed for EVEN Less is for active employees only.

Freddie

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Tim Carman
Email tlcarman@sbcglobal.net
Issue Area - Travel

Comments - Just to make it clear: The "Fly Confirmed for EVEN Less" program specifically names **retirees/survivors etc. as not eligible** for these tickets under the "Restrictions" paragraph. Once again the retirees get hosed.

Life Section...

Health - Prostate Cancer:

Subject: Prostate Cancer - Info & help offer from Bruce Cullen.

/*From the Wallybird*/

FYI, I received this generous offer from Bruce Cullen. Use as appropriate and thanks Bruce.
Dick

Hi Dick. Fyi, I was diagnosed with PCa 3 months after retiring in early 2002. I won't go into my entire story but I've done fantastically & have helped a number of guys, mostly airline types, who've also come down with PCa. There is no one size fits all but should anyone you know ever ask you for any advice etc, feel free to refer them to me anytime so I can pass on my story & as many of the options I am aware of & places to go for help. Like most things in life, the more you know about something, the better off you are. This is especially true of PCa since so many guys get scared to death & pull the trigger all too often.

Further, it's the lycopene in tomatoes that is what can be beneficial for avoiding or helping anyone who has PCa. AND even further, raw tomatoes do NOT help. The lycopene only comes out with cooking.

If Hal Cody sent you this email as it appears, feel free to also have him get in touch with me....especially if he is "one of us". I have not seen Hal in almost 42 years but we were in the same squadron in Sacramento in the late 60's. He may not even remember me since he was a couple years ahead of me in the AF. We do have some mutual friends however who I am still in touch with so please pass this onto Hal if you don't mind.

Thanks,
Bruce Cullen

frontseat767@yahoo.com

Misc Posts:

Dan Hurley

Email stage99@myfairpoint.net

Issue Area - General

Comments - Hey Mark;

The last two (or so) letters are covered by the blue vertical line of the communication. I suppose it is the right side margin

that is too small. My p/c has had it this way since you began. I wonder if anyone else has this problem and could you leave a slightly larger right margin.

My thanks and my best wishes.

Dan-BOS Ret '92

So. NH

Editor: Dan, sorry that there appears to be a format problem. I will check it out. Haven't heard from others on this one, but will check it out and ask others to report also.

In the meantime, try the archive page instead. Our archives are done in .PDF files and I think most will see the text bigger.

http://pcn.homestead.com/Archive_HL.html

If this works better for you, then on every notice just click on the "2nd" link.

Thanks for the heads up.

Human Interest:

Good Read (Good book recommendation & [Community Author's](#) blurbs):

Thought provoking. No, the PCN isn't getting political about the recent immigration flap. Just thought the lady made some points. (Thanks Monique)

Subject: Fwd: ORANGE COUNTY (CALIFORNIA) NEWS PAPER - NEW IMMIGRANTS LETTER

For some reason, people have difficulty structuring their arguments when arguing against supporting the currently proposed immigration revisions.. This lady made the argument pretty simple. NOT printed in the Orange County Paper.....

From: "David LaBonte"

My wife, Rosemary, wrote a wonderful letter to the editor of the OC Register which, of course, was not printed. So, I decided to "print" it myself by sending it out on the Internet. Pass it along if you feel so inclined. Written in response to a series of letters to the editor in the Orange County Register:

Dear Editor:

So many letter writers have based their arguments on how this land is made up of immigrants. Ernie Lujan for one, suggests we should tear down the Statue of Liberty because the people now in question aren't being treated the same as those who passed through Ellis Island and other ports of entry.

Maybe we should turn to our history books and point out to people like Mr. Lujan why today's American is not willing to accept this new kind of immigrant any longer. Back in 1900 when there was a rush from all areas of Europe to come to the United States, people had to get off a ship and stand in a long line in New York and be documented. Some would even get down on their hands and knees and kiss the ground. They made a pledge to uphold the laws and support their new country in good and bad times. They made learning English a primary rule in their new American households and some even changed their names to blend in with their new home.

They had waved good bye to their birth place to give their children a new life and did everything in their power to help their children assimilate into one culture. Nothing was handed to them. No free lunches, no welfare, no labor laws to protect them. All they had were the skills and craftsmanship they had brought with them to trade for a future of prosperity.

Most of their children came of age when World War II broke out. My father fought along side men whose parents had come straight over from Germany , Italy , France and Japan . None of these 1st generation Americans ever gave any thought about what country their parents had come from. They were Americans fighting Hitler, Mussolini and the Emperor of Japan . They were defending the United States of America as one people.

When we liberated France , no one in those villages were looking for the French-American or the German American or the Irish American. The people of France saw only Americans. And we carried one flag that represented one country. Not one of those immigrant sons would have thought about picking up another country's flag and waving it to represent who they were. It would have been a disgrace to their parents who had sacrificed so much to be here. These immigrants truly knew what it meant to be an American. They stirred the melting pot into one

red, white and blue bowl.

And here we are with a new kind of immigrant who wants the same rights and privileges. Only they want to achieve it by playing with a different set of rules, one that includes the entitlement card and a guarantee of being faithful to their mother country.. I'm sorry, that's not what being an American is all about. I believe that the immigrants who landed on Ellis Island in the early 1900's deserve better than that for all the toil, hard work and sacrifice in raising future generations to create a land that has become a beacon for those legally searching for a better life. I think they would be appalled that they are being used as an example by those waving foreign country flags.

And for that suggestion about taking down the Statue of Liberty , it happens to mean a lot to the citizens who are voting on the immigration bill. I wouldn't start talking about dismantling the United States just yet.

(signed) Rosemary LaBonte

Event Announcements (Click here for [PCN Org & Groups Page](#)): to post pcn.calendar@gmail.com

I am looking for....." (Share a post of who you are seeking, if one sought answers....wallah):

From: noady@juno.com

Date: 04/28/10 18:39:41

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Whereabouts Inquiry

Mark,

If you have a "Where Are They Now " function to the website, does anyone know the whereabouts of KB Pearce ?

I'm not sure why he crossed my mind but he was one of the all time great guys to fly with and I just wondered how he's doing.

The link below is all I could find about him.

<http://www.dod.state.ga.us/armyguard/arngpages/ov1reunion.html>

Good Deal/Bad Deal (Share a quick good deal or bad deal you have found – no commercials here!)

Dear Customer, (from Donald Steinway dwsteinway@msn.com)

Thank you for choosing Verizon Wireless. We have received your request to add an employee discount to your current calling plan (Register Your Line) for the mobile number given. Unfortunately **our records do not indicate that Retirees currently qualify for Employee Discounts.**

As a result we have removed the monthly access fee discount recently added to your account.. This information will be reflected under the "Monthly Charges" section of future statements. Your reference number is 85292729.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Customer Service which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by dialing *611 from your wireless phone or call 1-800-922-0204 from a land line phone. You may also view your account information online at verizonwireless.com under My Verizon.

We appreciate your business. Thank you again for choosing Verizon Wireless.

Sincerely,
Luis V.
Verizon Wireless

Hangar Flying (Share a bit of ole hangar flying with the net) :

Bill abq767@comcast.net

Date: 4/28/2010 1:50:47 PM

To: [Undisclosed-Recipient:](#),

Subject: Cool !

What happens when you synchronize a camera's shutter speed with a helicopter's blade frequency? This:

http://www.thatvideosite.com/video/camera_shutter_speed_synchronized_with_helicopter_blade_frequency/

Humor/Sobering or Fun (Share some "vulgarity free" humor with the net):

Old Timers Sex (*Thanks Denny for getting me into trouble. I included this one against my wife's better advice*)

This is too funny to be dirty - enjoy!

The husband leans over and asks his wife,

'Do you remember the first time we had sex together over fifty years ago?

We went behind the village tavern where you leaned against the back fence and I made love to you.'

'Yes', she says, 'I remember it well.'

'OK,' he says, 'How about taking a stroll around there again and we can do it for old time's sake?'

'Oh Jim, you old devil, that sounds like a crazy, but good idea!'

A police officer sitting in the next booth heard their conversation and, having a chuckle to himself, he thinks to himself, I've got to see these two old-timers having sex against a fence. I'll just keep an eye on them so there's no trouble. So he follows them.

The elderly couple walks haltingly along, leaning on each other for support aided by walking sticks.. Finally, they get to the back of the tavern and make their way to the fence..

The old lady lifts her skirt and the old man drops his trousers. As she leans against the fence, the old man moves in..

Then suddenly they erupt into the most furious sex that the policeman has ever seen..

This goes on for about ten minutes while both are making loud noises and moaning and screaming..

Finally, they both collapse, panting on the ground. The policeman is amazed. He thinks he has learned something about life and old age that he didn't know. After about half an hour of lying on the ground recovering, the old couple struggles to their feet and puts their clothes back on. The policeman, is still watching and thinks to himself, this is truly amazing, I've got to ask them what their secret is. So, as the couple passes, he says to them,

'Excuse me, but that was something else. You must've had a fantastic sex life together. Is there some sort of secret to this?'

Shaking, the old man is barely able to reply,
'Fifty years ago *that wasn't an electric fence..!!*

Mark

Mark Sztanyo, PCN Dir & HL Editor

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[Contact the Net](#)

Life on earth will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last!

Serving the Delta community, and pilots (active and retired) and their families, *including original Delta, and former: Northeast, Pan-Am, Western, NWA, Republic, North-Central, Southern Airways, Hughes- Airwest, and all the Delta Connection carriers.*

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Delta Museum & Fly-in information - <http://www.deltamuseum.org>
Delta Pioneers - <http://www.deltapioneersinc.com/>
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