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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:

**This issue is being finished and sent from across the pond. We are in Slovakia and soon Austria for a short time. Barb and I are doing a little traveling and work abroad. We will be serving the mission at [Haus Edelweiss](#) (near Vienna) for two weeks until July 9<sup>th</sup>. Because of that, some features at the PCN will be slightly delayed.....like signups or some notices. I will attempt to keep up with it but can't be sure I will have the good internet connections needed. Thanks for your understanding and look forward to a trip summary in July.**

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*“Hey, Mark I got my PBGC BDL and got more money. My jackpot went up \$400/mo. Should I become an honor roll DP3 member and should I appeal?”*

**Two questions so let's take the appeal first. All appeals are a personal choice but a couple of upfront facts. An appeal cannot lower your benefit whether recently improved or not.**

Secondly, as a honor roll member there should be little additional legal costs for the appeal. Thirdly, one may wish to do it based on principal alone. I won't tell anyone that they must, but neither will I suggest that it isn't a good idea. Read the below letter from Will and make your decision accordingly.

Second question, should you become an honor roll member of the DP3? Currently the past dues to become an honor roll member for a non member would be \$1200. Yes, that is a lot but for my money the DP3 has been earning it and making the ride worth the fee. Supporting the DP3 as a dues paying member has additional benefits over simply a possible improved pension benefit. That improvement may be significant enough to more or less cover the dues cost in but a few months were of pension payments. They are also currently establishing a VEBA health insurance program that could benefit a number of our retired pilots and families and have worked hard for the zero guys to be eligible for the HCTC. In general they are the only organization out there looking out specifically for retired pilot issues. While this choice is indeed personal, I would recommend you get on board.

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Charlie Sadler  
Email [cjsadler1@bellsouth.net](mailto:cjsadler1@bellsouth.net)  
Issue Area General

Comments - Am mildly interesting in installing the Tool Bar but have an Apple iMac. Will it work on the Mac and is there any special procedure to install it?  
C. J. Sadler - St. Augustine, Fl

Charlie,  
I wish! But the answer is I don't think so. The toolbar was designed for Internet Explorer by MS, so I think I will have to wait for the Mac version.

**Help me improve the toolbar --- suggest widely used links to add.**

*Now over 250 users for the Free and useful PCN browser toolbar.*

**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**

[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 Expanding International Reach from Minneapolis-St. Paul

## ***Airline plans to launch new nonstop flights to Mexico City, expands Paris and London service***

Press Release Source: Delta Air Lines On Monday June 21, 2010, 9:00 am EDT

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, June 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Delta Air Lines (NYSE:[DAL](#) - [News](#)) is growing its international presence at its Minneapolis-St. Paul hub, with enhanced offerings to Latin America and Europe. The expansion includes:

- New nonstop service between Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and Mexico City International Airport, subject to foreign government approval. The flight will mark the first nonstop service operated by any airline between the two cities.
- The extension of Delta's nonstop flight between Minneapolis-St. Paul and Paris-Charles De Gaulle Airport from seasonal to year-round service.
- The expansion of Delta's nonstop service between Minneapolis-St. Paul and London-Heathrow from five days each week to daily service for winter 2010.

"We are excited to expand our worldwide offerings at Minneapolis-St. Paul, an important gateway for Delta," said Bill Lentsch, Delta's senior vice president of Minnesota operations. "Our new service to Mexico City marks an important expansion into Latin America from a major Midwestern hub, providing more travel opportunities to customers in Minneapolis-St. Paul."

In addition to the new Mexico City service, Delta offers nonstop seasonal flights between Minneapolis-St. Paul and six Mexican cities: Cancun, Los Cabos, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Zihuatanejo-Ixtapa and Cozumel. Delta also provides nonstop seasonal service from Minneapolis-St. Paul to three Caribbean destinations: Grand Cayman; Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; and Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Read More: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Delta-Expanding-International-prnews-2855099327.html?x=0&.v=1>

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Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 12:07pm EDT | Modified: Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 12:59pm

# Delta sees 20 percent unit revenue bump

Atlanta Business Chronicle - by [J. Scott Trubey](#) Staff Writer

Delta Air Lines is forecasting a 20 percent increase in unit revenues for the second quarter.

**Delta Air Lines Inc.** said Tuesday its unit revenue will soar by double digits through the summer compared to the doldrums of last year, though the rest of 2010 might not keep pace with such bold improvement.

The second quarter should see a 20 percent increase in passenger revenue per available seat mile compared to last year.

The improvement in unit revenues is being driven by higher demand and lower fuel costs, the Atlanta-based carrier reported in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

Delta (NYSE: DAL) said corporate contract volume was up 35 percent over this time last year.

The airline expects to end the second quarter with \$6 billion in unrestricted liquidity, and Delta said it is projecting free cash flow of \$700 million for the quarter ending June 30, and \$2 billion for all of 2010.

On its agenda going forward, Delta said in its investor presentation, is to expand its capabilities in New York and broaden and leverage its partnership with the carriers in its SkyTeam alliance.

[Other Airline News](#) (Recent stories of interest):

JUNE 17, 2010, 3:07 AM

## United and Continental Face Questions in Congress

Top executives of [United Airlines](#) and [Continental Airlines](#) sparred with irritated lawmakers on Wednesday over their merger plan, drawing a threat for closer industry regulation if the deal is approved, Reuters reported.

United's Glenn Tilton and his counterpart at Continental, Jeff Smisek, received a frosty reception at House of Representatives Transportation and Judiciary Committee hearings and faced the sharpest public questioning yet on their proposal to create the world's biggest airline.

“United and Continental are repeating a strategic move that many airlines before them have made that has brought sustained success to none,” said Representative James Oberstar, who as committee chairman is influential on aviation matters.

[Go to Article from Reuters »](#)

**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 '11 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 (BDL'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 Chairman's Update

June 22, 2010

At our monthly trustee meeting held on June 10, we welcomed the newest DP3 trustee, Rhea Nichols. Rhea officially assumes office on July 1, and this was the last scheduled meeting for outgoing trustee Jeff Pickett. We'd like to thank Jeff for his service to the retired Delta pilots and his contributions as chairman of DP3's Insurance Committee. We'll miss his quick wit and uncanny ability to find virtually any bit of information hidden in archives, no matter how obscure. Good luck, Jeff, and we hope you enjoy your retirement from DP3!

[The minutes of our meeting are posted here.](#)

## Voluntary Employee Benefit Association (VEBA) Trust Established

During our June meeting, the trustees approved the articles of incorporation for the DP3 VEBA Trust and approved five trustees for the VEBA board: DP3 Board member George Leatherbury, Michael Cox, Doc Hindman, Dave Miller and Tony Piacentino. George will serve as acting chairman until the full VEBA board can meet and elect its initial slate of officers.

The VEBA board will initially serve as a committee of DP3, but will be incorporated separately. Once DP3 has completed its function for the retired pilots, the VEBA trust can continue as an independent body. Unfortunately, Delta has still been dragging its heels providing historical information the insurance providers require before they can supply us with formal quotes. We are working closely with our insurance broker to obtain the necessary information from Delta so we can roll out the VEBA program in the near future.

## Appeals to the PBGC

DP3 secretary Roger Ross continues to serve as the "gatekeeper" for the submission of appeals material to our attorneys. Roger and Tom Seever, our Retirement Committee chairman, held a conference call with our attorneys and actuaries this week to establish ground rules for interaction between DP3 Honor Roll members and the actuaries.

The actuaries are currently studying the provisions of our pension plan and comparing those provisions with the PBGC's established distribution rules. Once the actuaries have completed their review, we will be offering a service where for a \$250 fee, Honor Roll members can have their PBGC benefit calculations individually reviewed by the firm. For those who prefer to review their own calculations, we hope to distribute guidelines to help you in that process once the actuaries have completed their overall review of our pension plan and the PBGC policies.

For the time being we are filing requests to combine and delay the pension appeals while our attorneys and actuaries identify issues we will formally appeal. Our goal is to restore your benefit to the same qualified benefit you were receiving in your last retirement check prior to the pension termination. If your final PBGC benefit is substantially (approximately \$100 a month) less than your September 1, 2006, pension check, then we are hopeful you will benefit from our appeal.

## Administration of the Appeals Paperwork

We have received over 4000 fax pages of member appeal documents since BDL's started arriving. A few of the faxes are coming in garbled and cannot be identified; watch for our email membership status reporting for acknowledgment of your paperwork, and if we don't show that we have it two weeks after you send it, let us know.

It would really help Roger and our paralegal administrative staff if you would make sure that you fax all pages of the BDL cover letter, as well as all pages of the Benefit Statement; please fax the documents in page order and use a single fax instead of multiple ones in order to minimize our workload and legal fee expense. The attorneys need all pages of these documents to properly represent you in the appeal, even pages that contain just the signature of the PBGC agent who sent the letter.

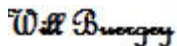
We do NOT need faxed copies of the various PBGC fill-in-the-blank forms that accompany the BDL and Benefit Statement, nor do we need retirement letters, copies of check stubs, pre-retirement benefit estimates, SEMBAPTS, or any other documents - please save those for use in verifying your benefit statement numbers and for future use analyzing your benefit for appealable issues.

Remember that we are not appealing anyone's benefit at this point - we are only applying for an extension of the appeal deadline. The request must be made within 45 days of the date on the cover letter of the BDL - so make sure you get the BDL to us within 35 days of that date to ensure the attorneys have time to get them processed. In a few days, we will be posting on our Members-only page a list of those appeal extension requests which our attorneys have already filed so you can check for reassurance that your appeal extension request has been completed. The appeal itself will not be made until November 19, 2010 at the earliest.

#### Our Legislative Effort

In addition to preparing for the formal appeals process, this week DP3 Legislative Affairs chairman Wendell Lewis and trustee Bill Caiazza joined me on a trip to our nation's capitol where we met with several key members of Congress. During these meetings, we discussed our concerns with present PBGC policies, explaining our view that the PBGC seems more interested in saving the agency money than paying thousands of Delta retirees their earned benefits.

Thank you for your continued support.



Will Buergey  
Chairman, DP3

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To PCN subscribers these links are "hot" and will take you directly to the DP3 resource page or checklist for filing an appeal concerning your PBGC benefits.

Click for [PBGC Appeals Resource Page](#)

*Or*

[Appeal Checklist](#)

*DP3 (login required)*

Click to appeal your PBGC benefit

(Note: Must know your DP3 assigned passwords which cannot be shared in our newsletter!)

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):

Life Section...

Misc Posts:

**From:** [Jim Ehmer](#)

**Date:** 6/18/2010 3:35:25 PM

**To:** [Jim Ehmer](#)

**Subject:** Fairmark says do Roth Conversion even when in 25% tax bracket..

**Fairmark comments on Roth Conversions:**

<http://fairmark.com/2010/06/14/muddled-thinking-roth-conversions/>

**Note this at the end of the article:**

...People who expect to pay at least 25% tax in retirement, however, can overcome the detriment of paying a higher tax rate on conversion if they can pay the conversion tax with money that would otherwise be invested in a taxable account.

People with that kind of wealth are likely to be throwing money away if they don't seize this opportunity, perhaps the last in their lifetimes, to convert when the highest tax rate [now in 2010] on ordinary income is 35%.

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**From:** [Wally Wallace](#)

**Date:** 6/16/2010 8:26:04 PM

**To:** [mark@pilotcommunication.net](mailto:mark@pilotcommunication.net)

**Subject:** Spirit strike breaker

Mark,

Just wanted to let you know that apparently one of our own retired pilots was the lone Capt that was willing to cross the line and fly a Spirit flight. I know we have guys that are bitter, but this is sad. It is being circulated that he bragged about crossing the line.

Other news at DAL is good. New hires to start in August with 300+ this year and maybe 600+ next year. Lots of good news on the anticipated profit picture as well. Don't know what the FA union election will hold but that has slowed the integration of FAs to some extent.

Thanks for all your hard work to keep us informed.

Wally Wallace

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**From:** [PATSQD@aol.com](mailto:PATSQD@aol.com)

**Date:** 6/14/2010 8:47:21 PM



**To:** [Capt767er@aol.com](mailto:Capt767er@aol.com)  
**Cc:** [mark@pilotcommunication.net](mailto:mark@pilotcommunication.net)  
**Subject:** High Life article

Rick,

I too, have been an advocate of increasing entry level wages for "third level carriers". Remember that term? We cannot disregard this disparity of pay in the airline industry any longer. The winter Air Florida crash into the Potomac river by an inexperienced, under trained and underpaid crew comes to mind. And that was a long time ago!

Air safety is a result of dedicated company and union leaders who have the "balls" to put political views aside in the interest of public safety. Too many bean counters today don't understand the concept.

Keep the good fight going,

Love and kisses,

Pat McGirl

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**From:** [Greg Stewart](mailto:Greg.Stewart@pilotcommunication.net)  
**Date:** 6/14/2010 3:21:19 PM  
**To:** [mark@pilotcommunication.net](mailto:mark@pilotcommunication.net)  
**Subject:** Must Read about PBGC

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704764404575286933806096818.html>

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Does anyone have information about these warrants to purchase common stock, issued in 2005? Where or which office can redeem them? Did anyone else receive these and what did you do with them? Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Richard Dillman, [rdillman7@consolidated.net](mailto:rdillman7@consolidated.net)

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**From:** [John Zimmerman](mailto:John.Zimmerman@pilotcommunication.net)  
**Date:** 6/14/2010 5:54:39 AM  
**To:** [Mark Sztanyo](mailto:Mark.Sztanyo@pilotcommunication.net); [Mark Sztanyo](mailto:Mark.Sztanyo@pilotcommunication.net)  
**Subject:** Delta Warrants

Since Delta's Investor Relations Department refuses to return my phone calls after several messages, and the Delta ESC uses guesswork to formulate answers without consulting Delta, I thought you or someone in the "network" might know the status of the Delta Air Lines Warrants that we received a few years ago that are set to expire on 12/31/2010.

Thanks for any input on this matter, and more importantly, for all your hard work with the PCN.

Blessings,

John

*Warrants --- Worthless*

*Richard & John,*

*This question arises from time to time and every time we re-visit it it brings about a bad feeling. Well, we won't skirt the issue the warrants are worthless. A warrant is tied to a stock. The original Delta stock no longer exists. It seems odd because the company does exist. Bankruptcy accomplished a lot for the company but one*

*thing that it did was issue NEW and wholly different stock. So the warrants attached to the original stock became worthless at the time of the issue of the new. Sorry to be the bearer of the news. They may make a scrapbook keepsake or a good bookmark, but trying to squeeze money out of 'em, that is gonna be pretty hard.*

Thanks for your prompt response, Mark.

Maybe I'll donate mine to the Delta Museum, unless I could get more for them on Ebay! John

## Human Interest:

**From:** [carol](#)

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

**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2010 12:06 PM

**Subject:** Benefit for orphaned son of MSP DL mechanic

....please, if you can help this child, it would be greatly appreciated.

Twelve year old Joey is the now orphaned son of MSP DL mechanic Jesse Stygar who died on the job the morning of June 15th. Jesse was a single parent because sadly, Joey lost his mom to breast cancer less than two years ago.

Details/articles/obituaries are all reprinted below.

Please consider helping Joey, and we thank you very much!

Carol

Frank 'n' Carol Ann (Legge Wichterman) Faulkner

\*Carol...DOE 03-24-69/ Ret. 11-01-02/ MSP-PHX-SLC-PHX

\*Frank...DOE 07-21-58/ Ret. 04-01-01/ IDA-PIH-HNL-PHX

WA/DL retirees & DL Pioneers Arizona Sun Catchers Chapter

480-345-2677 [carol.n.frank@cox.net](mailto:carol.n.frank@cox.net) 2698 W. Bentrup St., Chandler, AZ 85224-1004

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**From:** Baker, Bob **Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2010 11:25 PM **Subject:** Joey Stygar Benefit Account

Hey Everyone,

Our fellow employees are collecting contributions for the now orphaned son of a fellow employee. We're asking everyone, everywhere, to contribute whatever you can to help this young man.

Wings is a Credit Union in the MSP area where an account has been established.

Thank you,

***Bob Baker***

(APEN is Delta's Asian Pacific Employees Network)

[bob.baker@delta.com](mailto:bob.baker@delta.com)

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**Historical interest:** (may not appreciate the reporter but the story is very interesting....thanks Doane)

Subject: Oil Spill  
Remember This?

This will angered you. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Od6dJNrw7o>

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

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

## **WESTERN ALUMNI GOLF ASSOCIATION**

**PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA 2010**  
**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup> 2010**

This tickler is being emailed to everybody that is on the WAGA list and their guests. Also, Bill Ice and Ferd Fletcher have given us and we have integrated their guest list into the WAGA list.

We extend a warm welcome to those Fletcher-Ice guests who wish to join us. Bring a guest or give a copy of the entry form to those whom you would like to see at the WAGA events.

In the foreseeable future, depending on attendance, we will organize WAGA events in Palm Springs in September, Mesquite NV in November, and Mesa, AZ in February.

I ask that you send me an email, Dick Wood, confirming your attendance at the Palm Springs event September 7th, 8th and 9<sup>th</sup> 2010. This will be very important in order to make all the arrangements in Palm Springs within the next two weeks. If we do not get at least twenty golfers, we will be retiring ALL WAGA events. Let's all sign up and keep it up until the last person standing turns off the lights.

If we get enough entrants by June 30, 2010 I will be putting out the entry form and cover letter by July 2, 2010.

The total cost for one golfer will be in the neighborhood of \$580 which includes 3 golf days with lunch, 3 room nights, banquet, hospitality room with munchies and prize money. Splitting a room would save you about \$160.

Please RSVP NLT June30.

Thank you,

Dick Wood [dickwood@mwutah.com](mailto:dickwood@mwutah.com)

Jim Bishop

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**Subject:** MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Wallybird brunch July 15, 2010 - A NEW MENU!!

### *From the Wallybird*

When: July 15, 2010

Where: Franceso's Restaurant

Time: 1115

**NOTE: We changed the menu and eliminated the Chicken and included the new item: Caesar Chicken Salad!**

Meal choices are:

Caesar Chicken Salad \$20

Baked Lasagna a la Toscana \$17

Hoagie Sandwich \$15

Meal all inclusive. Your choice of entree, drink, desert and gratuity!

Let start out the new year with a great attendance!!!!

Please RSVP me by noon, Monday

July 12 with your menu selection either by email to:

[dickdeeds@pacbell.net](mailto:dickdeeds@pacbell.net)

or Phone:

408-268-0670

Its Summertime! Let's get a big turnout and enjoy the good weather and honor our many fallen comrades this year!

Dick

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

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

**Subject:** June Rolling Hangar Sale Update

**Opportunity is knocking again at the June Rolling Hangar Sale.**

A **limited supply** of the following merchandise is now available for purchase.

- Champagne Glass with Vinum logo – 5.00 case
- China Ice Cream Cup – 5.00 case
- Tulip Wine Glass – 7.00 case
- Serving Carts - \$40.00 each
- **Miscellaneous Surprises**

Items are on tables in Hangar 2 at the rear of Ship 102.

Hope to see you soon,

Judy

Judy Bean | Heritage Museum Store Manager | 404-773-1219 | [Judy.M.Bean@Delta.com](mailto:Judy.M.Bean@Delta.com)

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

**From:** [CaptGrumps@aol.com](mailto:CaptGrumps@aol.com)

**Date:** 06/23/10 13:03:38

**Subject:** Single Pilot Ops

You have got to be kidding me.....

Single Pilot Ops

Single pilot operations

This was sent by a retired Continental pilot who is a consultant for the NTSB.

News from the skunk works - no more flying pilots....

Steve Chealander member of the NTSB 2007-2009 is a retired American Captain. He gave a safety presentation at a recurrent training about two years ago. He opened the floor for questions and one guy asked facetiously when are we going to one pilot cockpit?

Chealander said that is not funny. He said Fed Ex and UPS are now (two years ago) working on the procedures for a one pilot long haul over water operation. The pilot would be at the controls for takeoff and landing then go the bunk for cruise while the guy back in Memphis would take over for the cruise.

One pilot passenger flights will take a bit longer to get approved.

12 years ago I was Director of Operations for the Alaska Air Guard.. I went to a high level conference and this three star General gave a presentation that said the exact same thing the major said. The only limitation on fighter aircraft now is the pilot. We have the technology to do everything from the ground and it will be a huge cost savings. No search and rescue, no life support systems, no backlash when we lose a plane.

So this article is right on the money.

I attended a flight safety presentation last evening from a retired AF Major test pilot from Edwards, Bill Koukourikas, now serving there as a civilian. During the course of his presentation, his statement- No future attack military aircraft within the next 15 years will have pilots in the cockpit. The last tactical aircraft with a pilot in the cockpit will be the F-35. He also indicated that within the next 10 or so years all UPS and Fed-X cargo flights will be with pilot-less aircraft. This prediction coming from their test shop at Edwards. All drone testing, development etc. is taking place just south of Edwards in the Palmdale area. Sounds like a continuation of the Skunk Works developments of Lockheed which previously took place in that area.

Simply amazing.

Hey, are we a dying breed or what??

Guess you'll have to invite your computer to "have a beer" after the day's flying is done.

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

## A Child's View of Thunderstorms

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school. She also feared the electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along.

At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. More lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called, "What are you doing?" The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture."

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## Mark

Mark Sztanyo, PCN Dir & HL Editor

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*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 Pilots Pension Preservation Organization - <http://www.dp3.org>**  
Delta Museum & Fly-in information - <http://www.deltamuseum.org>  
Delta Pioneers - <http://www.deltapioneersinc.com/>  
Delta Golden Wings - <http://www.deltagoldenwings.com/>  
Delta Retiree Connection - <http://www.dlretiree.info>  
Delta Retirement Committee - <http://www.dalrc.org/>  
DAL Pilots DDPSA - <http://www.ddpsa.com/>  
Delta Extra Net Portal - <http://dlnet.delta.com/>

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