

PCN Services – High Life *Newsletter, News, Events, Deaths, Illness Notices* and *PCN Calendar*. *Note: Notices from major sections are distributed by separate email address to allow our subscribers the ability to customize and block notices not desired.*

Large Web Community for World's Largest Airline

High Life

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

Dear PCN,

Group Section.....

Mark's Remarks:

Calling the PBGC for BSW:

I wish I had a direct number for the Atlanta office (which you need to ask for when calling the PBGC) but I do not. Simply call the national PBGC number and ask for the Atlanta office. PBGC - 1-800-400-7242 Any questions regarding your benefits or obtaining your **benefit statement worksheet**, *talk to the Atlanta office.*

New Appeal Process highlighted below in Will's letter. If you have already got your BDL and sent copies to the DP3 in your forms you are already likely good. Be careful to read about the changes and what is required.

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PCN - First year's reflections:

I wish to thank you all for adapting to all the changes that have come your way on this PCN network. Change is always a little dangerous and most times unwelcome (especially to old guys like me). As I took over David's network and merged it with the RSP, a few things just had to change and a few other things just seemed like a good idea. As I reflect back on the transition and where the PCN is today I am pleased and proud of a few things that are listed below:

1. I am grateful for the 2500+ subscribers that have come over by their own volition. Not one email address was shared with me from David's database as he kept his word to his subscribers that he would

never share their info with others “including his successor.” We therefore set up a procedure for our membership to “sign on” and by golly most of you have. For that I am thankful. We are still getting some who are just finding out about the PCN and so spread the news to your contacts. Today the PCN stands as one of the largest online network of former pilots and employees of Delta. Through this medium we can keep our group connected and informed without heartburn.

2. I am satisfied with the division of tasks for the PCN that have dedicated email addresses which allow for subscriber controls and for our efforts, managerial help. I will be honest. David’s act is a hard one to follow by one flying solo. So I quickly realized that the PCN needed a crew. And without the help of Carol, Kim and David the PCN would be far less effective. There is room for other volunteers at any time to help us expand our services. So pony up when you are ready and say, “here am I!”
3. I am grateful for an occasional “story” that we share that happens to be breaking news. A close friend of mine just happened to call the ESC to ask a question about the insurance plan of Mr. Kight for our retirees. The 3rd party staffer also just happened to let out that the plan had not received approval. WOW! We were now sitting on a blockbuster and broke the story that all proved to be true and created a very embarrassing retraction from the company of a plan never approved. This situation (along with a few others) happen to hit the PCN first. Breaking a story is not the important part. We also share a lot of info that circulates from other sources to our net as well, in an effort to insure our group is informed. To be honest it isn’t so important who “breaks” a story, but it is important to me that our group knows about it. So in that vain the PCN is dedicated to share information that has importance to our group.
4. I am proud of how we have shared a lot of the DP3 recent info to our network and have been responsible in helping many many more DP3 honor roll signups happen because of the PCN’s efforts. Will and the boys are doing a great job, and I am pleased to be another vehicle to “get the word out” about recent developments.
5. I am proud of the fact that we are a main communications vehicle for getting the news out on illnesses or deaths of our comrades and friends. To some this is the only reason they are subscribed, to others it is something of no interest. Hopefully, to most this service is viewed as valuable. I just got an email about Willard L. Feucht death from his son Randy. Though Randy is not a subscriber, you can bet that our service of sharing the notice is very helpful and appreciated by their entire family.
6. I am thankful for the availability of google groups to us for email notice distribution. For a large network like ours, email distribution is a challenge and can be costly. This google group has been a real advantage for us in easily and quickly getting a notice out without cost.
7. The PCN has grown, adapted and changed even within the last year because of member suggestions. We have sectioned the newsletter, added a calendar, a “I am looking for” section, along with a few other nuances. Please keep ‘em coming. Keep helping the PCN to evolve to serve our group better by sending in your suggestions.

Now my concluding thoughts:

For many of us, the “High Life” was truly experienced when we served as a faithful employee of Delta. I am optimistic that as our theme [song](#) says, we will.... *each one of us* (if we haven’t already), get back in the High Life again. Life can be lived a number of different ways, but looking forward with optimism to brighter days tends to lift, drive and motivate us. Curiously those around us, are lifted as well to higher ground. With the PCN we do look back, but we also want to look ahead. Our past time together binds us in a unique way through that human experience. But as we move forward they sky is the limit.

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Global Leadership Summit by Willow Creek Association.

This 2 day leadership summit is organized by Willow Creek Association. If you have a chance to attend a future one take it. It was very enjoyable and educational. While I admit I am not doing a lot of “leading” at this stage of my life, the principles were truly well received and I think they will help me around the house be a better dish washer and garbage carry outer.

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

Now over 300 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 Air Lines to Connect New York, Iceland

Latest international expansion from New York City also available as direct flight from Minneapolis-St. Paul

Press Release Source: Delta Air Lines On Friday August 6, 2010, 1:03 pm EDT

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Delta Air Lines (NYSE:[DAL](#) - [News](#)) today announced new nonstop service between New York and Reykjavik, Iceland, beginning June 1, 2011.* When service begins, Delta will be the only U.S. carrier to serve Iceland nonstop from the United States.

The flight, between John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York and Keflavik International Airport in Reykjavik, will be operated with a 170-seat Boeing 757-200 aircraft with 15 seats in BusinessElite and 155 seats in Economy.

Read more: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Delta-Air-Lines-to-Connect-prnews-1184902081.html?x=0&.v=1>

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Aug. 5, 2010, 6:32 p.m. EDT

Delta to get a new \$1.2 billion home at JFK

By [Christopher Hinton](#), MarketWatch

NEW YORK (MarketWatch) -- Delta Air Lines and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey unveiled plans Thursday to revamp the carrier's John F. Kennedy Airport terminals for \$1.2 billion and tear down the old Pan American "Worldport" building.

Delta Air Lines Inc. (NYSE:DAL) handles almost a quarter of JFK's annual passenger traffic of some 46 million.

"This is a game-changing deal for our customers and the entire regional aviation system," said Port Authority Executive Director Chris Ward, in a statement. "It increases JFK's capacity, vastly improves the customer experience and strengthens the economic competitiveness of the most important gateway in the country."

Read More: <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/delta-to-get-12-billion-new-home-at-jfk-2010-08-05?siteid=yhoof>

Other Airline News (Recent stories of interest):

AIRLINE STOCKS

Aug. 6, 2010, 1:37 p.m. EDT

Airline stocks fall after traffic reports show slower growth

Sector benchmark is down about 2% for the week

By [Christopher Hinton](#), MarketWatch

NEW YORK (MarketWatch) -- Airline stocks declined Friday after monthly traffic reports this week showed decelerating year-over-year revenue growth as the industry heads into fall.

The NYSE Arca Airline Index (NYSE:XAL) was off less than 1% to 39.81 points with all but three of its 13 components trading down. The sector benchmark is down about 3% for the week.

Read more: <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/airline-stocks-mixed-as-revenue-growth-slows-2010-08-06?siteid=yhoof>

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

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:

Enhanced DP3 Appeal Procedure

August 8, 2010

*For all DP3 honor roll members there is a **slightly new appeals** process that has been announced by DP3 in a private email. Please check this email for the new process.*

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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

Call PBGC - 1-800-400-7242

Link of explanation for BSW ([Benefit Statement Worksheet](#))

(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):

From: Yorkieatl@aol.com

Date: 8/5/2010 1:51:05 PM

To: Yorkieatl@aol.com

Subject: Fwd: TravelNet - a good explanation- avail seat

A friend in DFW sent this to me and I thought I'd share.....

Q: I'm confused, Widget. When I pull up a flight on TravelNet, I see on the flight search results page "available(av) /authorized(au)" seats, but when I click on the standby list and click "show airport standby list" at the bottom, the numbers are different.

July 26, 2010

A: On the **main flight results page**, the number in the available (**Av**) inventory is the **actual number of remaining unsold seats**. The number in the Authorized (Au) inventory is the number of additional reservations that Delta will accept for a flight. The Authorized inventory is generally higher than the Available inventory in order to account for "no-show" passengers and passengers who make last-minute changes to their travel plans. Capacity (Cap) indicates the total number of seats in the aircraft cabin.

The "**show airport standby list**" only shows passengers who have a seat assignment and should only be used cautiously for flight availability until the flight has closed for local check-in.

For example, a flight from Atlanta to Fort Lauderdale shows an availability of 0 seats in first and -4 in economy but the airport standby list for the same flight shows 1 in first and 18 seats in economy remaining. This is because 1 first class passenger and 22 economy passengers have a reservation for the flight but have not been assigned a seat.

When attempting to nonrev, the HK standby codes are given to passengers holding confirmed reservations who are awaiting a seat assignment. They will always board the plane before nonrevs.

Life Section...

Misc Posts:

Date: 8/8/2010 12:48:45 PM

Subject: Your Web Site Received a Form Submission

Katherine willett

Email bew1010@gmail.com

Issue Area - Travel

Comments - Does anyone have a house to rent in Hawaii--Oahu---prefer-summer of 2011? thanks! KW

Human Interest:

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

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

From: [Lawrence Rollow](#)

Date: 8/5/2010 8:39:59 PM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Delta Golden Wings reunion

Hi Mark:

I sent the attached message via the post email, but I am not sure it will come through in the format I would like to see it posted. If you could post this I would appreciate it.

Regards,

Larry Rollow

President, Delta Golden Wings, Inc.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!
DELTA GOLDEN WINGS 42nd ANNUAL REUNION
THE DEADLINE FOR GETTING HOTEL RESERVATIONS
AND REGISTERING FOR THE REUNION IS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010
MEMBERSHIP AND REUNION APPLICATIONS
CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE DGW WEBSITE
WWW.DELTAGOLDENWINGS.COM
HURRY, TIME IS SHORT!

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!)

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

From: [VOR Holdings](#)

Date: 8/5/2010 8:23:34 AM

To: marksztanyo@hotmail.com

Subject: Transition to B747-400 Program (paid by the airline)

Dear Captains,

If you have experience on Boeing aircraft, here is an opportunity of a lifetime!

Air China Cargo is offering Boeing Captains the opportunity to upgrade to the B747-400 aircraft.

Air China Cargo will pay for your type rating and pay you at the same time.

A five year contract gives you job security as well as the opportunity to make up to US\$250,000 per year.

For details on the job requirements and how to apply, reply to this email for a quick response: B747-400_transition@vorholdings.com

VOR Holdings is 100% focused on China. We have Chinese support personnel to help you with your routine or non-routine needs throughout your assignment in China.

For additional information, visit www.vorholdings.com or contact us at jobs@vorholdings.com

If you are not interested in receiving these opportunities, please [click here](#) to remove your email address from our mailing list. ■

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From: [David L. Roberts](#)

Date: 08/03/10 10:17:27

To: [MY AVIATION PHOTO FANS](#)

Subject: AEROFILES: An interesting aviation website

Thanks to Wynne in Roswell, Georgia for this very interesting web site. Soooo much information. You won't believe the hundreds of names of airlines.

Several days ago I ran onto a very interesting aviation website. Perhaps you are already aware of it; if so, you probably have reviewed it. In any case, I consider it one of the best that I have seen ever. The site address is: www.aerofiles.com, Try it. It is called "AEROFILES - A Century of American Aviation". The major subject categories breakdown into the three areas: Civil, Commercial, Military, and his description of the site is "The Planes and the People"

Specific subject links are as follows:

[AEROFILES](#)
[AIRCRAFT A-Z](#)
[AIR LINES](#)
[AIR MUSEUMS](#)
[ATC and TC](#)
[BIOGRAPHIES](#)
[CHRONOLOGY](#)
[CIVIL AIRPORTS](#)
[DATA CODES](#)
[ENGINES >:-o](#)
[GLOSSARY](#)
[HOT AIR CLUB](#)
[INDEX of PAGES](#)
[LIGHT SIDE](#)
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WHATZITS

The Website is operated by K. O. Eckland, a very knowledgeable aviation historian.

Enjoy!!!

Political (food for thought):

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

A group of 15-year-old girlfriends discussed where to meet for dinner. Finally, they agreed to meet at the Dairy Queen next to the Ocean View restaurant because they had only \$6.00 among them and Jimmy Johnson, the cute boy in Social Studies, lived on that street.

10 years later, the group of 25-year-old girlfriends discussed where to meet for dinner. Finally, they agreed to meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the beer was cheap, the restaurant offered free snacks, the band was good, there was no cover and there were lots of cute guys.

10 years later, the group of 35-year-old girlfriends discussed where to meet for dinner. Finally, they agreed to meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the cosmos were good, it was right near the gym and, if they went late enough, there wouldn't be too many whiny little kids.

10 years later, the group of 45-year-old girlfriends discussed where to meet for dinner. Finally, they agreed to meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the martinis were big and the waiters had tight pants and nice buns.

10 years later, the group of 55-year-old girlfriends discussed where to meet for dinner. Finally, they agreed to meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the prices were reasonable, the wine list was good, the restaurant had windows that opened (in case of a hot flashes), and fish is good for cholesterol.

10 years later, the group of 65-year-old girlfriends discussed where to meet for dinner. Finally, they agreed to meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the lighting was good and the restaurant had an early bird special.

10 years later, the group of 75-years-old girlfriends discussed where to meet for dinner. Finally, they agreed to meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food was not too spicy and the restaurant was handicapped-accessible.

10 years later, the group of 85-years-old girlfriends discussed where to meet for dinner. Finally, they agreed to meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before.

Mark

Mark Sztanyo, PCN Dir & HL Editor

[Pilot Communication Net](#) from Aug 2009

[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 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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