

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 filter notices not desired.*

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High Life

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

Dear PCN,

Group Section.....

Mark's Remarks:

911 Thoughts:

Yesterday was the anniversary of that attack on America. May we never forget! This tribute is well done and helps review the sober reality of that day. **Caution: graphic content.**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbR3yzssM5Y>

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RE: BDL

I got my personal BDL and I called the PBGC to get my BSW sent to me. Today (Thursday) I received my BSW a mere 3 days after my request. I scanned both documents and sent them in to documents@DP3.org I also sent a email to the PBBG to request an extension for the appeal.

Couple of things: First, they said they could not scan and email. Secondly, they said they could FAX but it is a long document and would prefer to snail mail. I was told that I would have it within a few days. Last point, the direct telephone number to the ATL field office of the PBGC will not work. All calls are recorded so they must go through the 800 receptionist.

Well, you are probably curious about my determination. The bottom line, I got an improvement of about \$135.

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Emails on mobile phone: Some of you have written to limit PCN notices because for one thing you receive emails on a mobile phone. Just a reminder, the PCN sends out general blasts and cannot designate any custom desires for a single member. What we did instead is to designate a separate email address for each “type” of notice. More on that in a moment. You who have wireless email coming to your phone may not have visited your online account, but I assure you that every email has an online account access and a way to specify or block certain email addresses. That is just par for the course. So do a little searching for the online login page and you will find it.

Now as to the notices. Here is a review of which emails send out which notices:

- News, newsletter and personal = mark@pilotcommunication.net
- Calender, events = pcn.calendar@gmail.com
- Deaths = death@pilotcommunication.net
- Illnesses = illness@pilotcommunication.net
- Misc = misc@pilotcommunication.net

Note: to block any undesired notices simply block the designated email in your client.

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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 at the Atlanta office. PBGC in DC- 1-800-400-7242 Any questions regarding your benefits or obtaining your **benefit statement worksheet**, *talk to the Atlanta office.*

Following is not good anymore: (~~extension 2000 or PBGC in ATL at 404-607-8836~~)

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HighLife Sections:

The content of the HL is predominantly the items that come my way or are drawn to my attention since the last issue, a week earlier. I realize that some of the content you may well have seen. Keep in mind that not everyone in the group may have seen it. Also, I section the content, so if it is familiar, just pass over. In addition, there are weeks when a section though still included has no content. That is just because nothing came to my attention on that subject. Thanks.

News Section.....

DOT Rejects Delta's Aussie Deal

[MarketNewsVideo.com](#), 09.09.10, 04:20 PM EDT

Government agency turns down airline's attempt to form America-Australia alliance with Virgin Blue.

The [U.S. Department of Transportation](#) has rejected an attempt by **Delta Air Lines** and Australia's Virgin Blue to form an alliance of services between the U.S. and [Australia](#).

The partnership would have required giving anti-trust immunity to the airlines, but the [DOT](#) said it wasn't clear the arrangement would actually benefit customers. The airlines may appeal the decision.

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Delta, Hawaiian Airlines sign codeshare agreement

Delta, Hawaiian Airlines sign codeshare deal allowing sales on each other's flights

On Thursday September 9, 2010, 12:49 pm EDT

ATLANTA (AP) -- Hawaiian Airlines and Delta Air Lines Inc. said on Thursday they have signed a code-share agreement, which will allow them to sell tickets on each other's flights.

The agreement starts Sept. 15 and will let travelers connect between Delta flights and 70 daily inter-island flights operated by Hawaiian. Tickets will be available for sale starting Sunday.

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Delta's Air Elite renamed to Delta Private Jets

Delta Air Lines renames Delta Air Elite to Delta Private Jets

On Thursday September 9, 2010, 11:24 am EDT

ATLANTA (AP) -- Delta Air Lines Inc. said on Thursday that it will operate its private jet unit under the name Delta Private Jets.

The business had previously been known as Delta Air Elite. The business allows corporate and wealthy travelers to buy charter jet service that links with Delta's scheduled flights.

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Friday, September 3, 2010

Delta flight attendants to vote on union

Minneapolis / St. Paul Business Journal - by [Chris Newmarker](#) Staff Writer

The National Mediation Board (NMB) has set a date for a vote by more than 20,000 Delta Air Lines flight attendants to decide whether they want to be represented by a labor union, the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA announced Friday.

The voting will take place **Sept. 29 to Nov. 3**, under new NMB rules that don't count a nonvote as a "no", the union said.

The vote stems from Atlanta-based Delta's merger with Eagan-based Northwest Airlines. The newly-merged Delta is the largest carrier at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

The former Northwest flight attendants, which account for about a third of Delta's total 20,000 flight-attendant roster, are under the Association of Flight Attendants. The remaining two-thirds (largely from the pre-merger Delta) are non-union.

Read More: <http://twincities.bizjournals.com/twincities/stories/2010/08/30/daily50.html?ana=yfcpc>

Other Airline News (Recent stories of interest):

China Airlines Said to Announce Joining SkyTeam Next Week

By Laurence Frost - Sep 10, 2010

[China Airlines Ltd.](#), Taiwan's biggest carrier, agreed to join the SkyTeam alliance led by [Air France-KLM Group](#) and [Delta Air Lines Inc.](#), two people with knowledge of the matter said.

The agreement may be announced as early as Sept. 14 by Taipei-based China Airlines, said the people, who asked not to be identified before an official release. Hamilton Liu, a spokesman for China Airlines, declined to comment, as did [Nicolas Petteau](#), an Air France spokesman.

The expansion reinforces SkyTeam in east Asia, where it recruited Vietnam Airlines Corp. in June. [Korean Air Lines Co.](#) is a founding member, and [China Eastern Airlines Corp.](#) agreed in April to become the alliance's second major Chinese carrier, joining China Southern Airlines Co. OneWorld, a rival airline grouping, still lacks a mainland Chinese partner for [British Airways Plc](#) and AMR Corp.'s American Airlines, while [Deutsche Lufthansa AG](#)'s Star Alliance has one, Air China Ltd.

"In quite a short time frame, SkyTeam has built up a strong offering in that zone, and this clearly extends it," said [Yan Derocles](#), a Paris-based analyst with Oddo Securities.

China Airlines climbed 2.4 percent to close at NT\$19.25 in Taipei trading as of 1:30 p.m. local time. The benchmark Taiex index rose 0.7 percent.

European airlines account for most of the traffic to and from the region, and Asian governments including China want to redress the balance in favor of their own carriers, Derocles said in a phone interview.

SkyTeam's eastward expansion "is important for Air France because it enables them to get back part of the benefit from that readjustment," he said.

Finance Section ((Claims, PBGC, HCTC, Insurance, Planning, Tax, Estate) - section containing items with financial consequence to our group):

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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) – **in process until end of year (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%.
9. Financial condition of the D&S Plan--a plan that pays benefits to eligible survivors of deceased pilots as well as to disabled pilots. A form 5500 for the D&S Plan is filed annually.
10. Formation of a VEBA Health Insurance plan by DP3. **pending**

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

Editor: Can someone help Katherine out?

Katherine Paterson

Email dkpaterson@dishmail.net

Issue Area - Insurance

Comments - I am a survivor of a pilot (Daniel G. Paterson) I currently have DPMP and have been pleased with my coverage and service. In January I will turn 65 and I am wondering how DPMP performs as a Medicare Supplement. Any input from someone "who has been there" would be appreciated.

Thanks, Kathi Paterson

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Pension:

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As the PBGC appeals progresses the sensitivity of the information does as well. While the PCN has re-published many of DP3 general postings, we will refrain from re-publishing "private emails" in view of the nature of the process. So when there is a general update we will re-publish and when there is a private email we will help announce it.

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 in DC- 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!)

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Commercial Section.....

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

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

Life Section...

Misc Posts:

From: [David L. Roberts](#)
Date: 9/11/2010 11:34:28 AM
To: misc@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: Fwd: Coral Gables (1950) Blast from the Past

For the High Life if you like it...

[Chevrolet commercial, featuring UM, Gables, Venetian Pools & Parrot Jungle!](#)

Check out this blast from the past!

[Click here: YouTube - Roads to Romance: Coral Gables \(1950\)](#)

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From: CaptGrumps@aol.com
Date: 9/6/2010 9:10:22 PM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: **1960 Jet Base Construction Article**

Mark

Here is the link (see below) to the New 1960 jet base. It was being built on what was a 1940-50's type subdivision. A number of new hired pilots lived in it. There was a railroad track in the area. During the construction the Convair 880 training accident took place and it was used for some of the investigation. I was on the ALPA (one of the first) investigating team with Captains Joe Moss, Vic Hewes and Ben Holt. I was assigned to the jet engine investigation which included a two week school at the GE Evendale, Ohio jet engine plant. The CJ-805 was essentially a military J-79 without afterburners.

Doug Rounds
ATL-L1011 Ret

Editor: Some neat pdf's or image files that I get I cannot publish easily in the newsletter so I usually have to upload them to a web site then link then as I have done with Doug's brochure. Because of the interest here I have started a new page that we will use to collect historical docs to archive.

Thanks, Doug for this brochure. Here is the link:

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

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Date Sept 5, 2010

Mark, I appreciate your mail. I retired 27 yrs ago and now living in an INDEPENDENT LIVING HOME/COMPLEX. MY WIFE, MARY, PASSED AWAY ON 9-18-09. WE LIVED CLOSE TO CAPT. DAVE ROBERTS. THE HOME WAS TOO BIG FOR ME, SO I PUT IT UP FOR SALE. YOU ARE SO FAR AHEAD OF ME ON COMPUTERS, THAT I AM LOST, BUT I WILL HANG IN THERE. I LOVE EVERY WORD YOU SEND ME. GEORGE ROSS, RET 1982 FROM DELTA AND RET. FROM THE NAVY IN 1964.

SINCERELY , GEO.

Rossgeogrr@aol.com

Human Interest:

Donations can be made through October 31.

Dick

Dick,

Thanks so much for being willing to send this out. I really appreciate the help. I provide a little background followed by the email that talks about the Association and Memory Walk. I have no problems if you need to edit my introduction in order to clarify who I am and what this is all about. Please send me a copy as well so I can see how it turns out. Attached are the snail mail donation form and a picture of Diana and I.

Introduction:

I was hired by WAL in 1977 and retired from DAL in 2004. I was initially based in SFO followed by SLC, LAX, CVG and the last month in LAX again.

In November 2003 my wife Diana, then age 56, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Initially the rate at which the disease progressed was much faster than normal. Three years ago, when she was 60, I could no longer handle the care giving and placed her in assisted living. As Diana and I came to grips with this disease I became more involved volunteering with the Alzheimer's Association. Realizing how little I knew about the disease made me realize that most people in this country, including our politicians, are also not familiar with Alzheimer's and the impact it is going to have on this country.

My volunteering includes local grass roots work as well as visiting Capitol Hill every year as part of the Alzheimer's Association annual forum (convention). And it also includes fund raising. This is what Memory Walk is about. The email I have sent out about Memory Walk and some additional information is below.

We must beat this disease. I won't go into details about what this Alzheimer's journey is like. But trust me when I tell you that you do not want to be intimate with this disease. We need to fear it and translate that fear into convincing our country it needs to be cured.

It is too late for Diana, but it is not too late for you and me. Please help me help the Alzheimer's Association carry on the fight to beat this disease. They are the only national voice we have.

Thank you Dick for being willing to send this out to your email list. It is deeply appreciated.

Paul Barrett
rowdimax@earthlink.net

From: Paul Barrett [<mailto:rowdimax@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 6:10 PM
Subject: Memory Walk & DiDi's Walkers

Dear Friends and Relatives,

It is hard to believe, but Memory Walk time has rolled around again. This will be the sixth year that I have participated and the fifth year of DiDi's Walkers. DiDi is Diana's nick name.

The date is September 11th (9/11 is an easy date to remember) and there have been some changes due to a change in location of the walk. It will no longer be on Treasure Island. And unfortunately it will no longer coincide with Fleet Week. It will be at Mission Creek Park in San Francisco. I will have more information for those of you who will be joining us for the walk. [We will be picnicking at the park after the walk.](#)

As you know by now I have become involved as a volunteer advocate for the Alzheimer's Association (AA). When Diana was diagnosed with AD I had no idea where to turn. The AA was and has been a tremendous source of support for me and so many others who are affected by this disease. And yet, even after I had been care giving for Diana for a few years, I had no idea what impact this disease is going to have on this country. It was only after I attended my first AA Forum (convention) in Washington DC that I learned how serious the impact will be. And it was then I decided to get involved in the hopes that I could help awaken people, including our politicians, to what lies ahead for our country.

It is believed by many that AD will be THE public health crisis of this century in this country. As the baby boomer generation ages it is predicted that without considering any other diseases AD will bankrupt both Medicare and Medicaid (Medical in CA). A few items to ponder.

Currently 500,000 people in the US are diagnosed with AD every year. It will increase.

AD is one hundred percent fatal. There are no AD survivors.

One out of eight people over age 65 will get AD. Sadly some of us reading this will if no cure is found.

It is estimated that for every person with AD there will be two people care giving for them.

People involved in care giving have sixty percent more health problems than people who are not care givers.

Approximately eight percent of cases occur in people [like Diana who are younger than age 65.](#)

[Alzheimer's is now the number six cause of death by diseases, surpassing Diabetes.](#)

The AA is the largest private funder of AD research. It lobbies for more research dollars from the government. And it provides education and support for people like Diana and I who are impacted by this disease. I don't know how people deal with this disease without getting emotional support and advice from the AA.

Needless to say Memory Walk is our annual fund raiser. Last year DiDi's Walkers raised almost nine thousand dollars for the cause. And the San Francisco walk raised about 1.1 million making it the top fund raising walk in the country, even beating New York City. We had about 7,000 people last year walking at Treasure Island.

So once again I am asking that you help us support the AA so that we can beat this damned disease. It is a tough and difficult fight. But we must win. Just like in the past, donations can be made online or by snail mail. The snail mail form is attached. If you are walking with us you are obviously the participant. If not walking you can put my name there. And of course the team is DiDi's Walkers.

If donating online see the following.

www.alz.org/norcal/

Click on Join Memory Walk

Scroll down to Choose a Walk Near You.

Click on San Francisco

Now at the top of the page there are three choices. Sign Up, Donate and Event Info. If planning to walk with us, choose Sign Up. It will lead you through the steps, including donating. If not walking, choose Donate and it will lead you through the steps for that.

Under Sign Up: enter the team name DiDi's Walkers, hit search (we are a team, NOT a group).
Click on Join Team and fill in the blanks.

Under Donate: participant's name – you can use mine or someone else who has already signed up with us. [After entering name click on search, then click on the name that comes up below and continue.](#)

If you have problems with this online business feel free to call Anne Betts, (650) 962-8111. She will help you.

Please share this with as many friends, relatives, clubs, organizations etc. as you can. There are no privacy issues here. We need all the help we can get. And please understand how much I appreciate the support that you have provided in the past. I cannot begin to tell you how humbling it is to know that so many of you are hanging in there with us as we try to beat this dreaded disease.

For those of you who plan to walk with us more information will be forthcoming once I become familiar with the venue and see what the possibilities are for an after walk picnic etc. Treasure Island was so nice, but we will survive. In addition to signing up for the walk let me know directly as well.

Diana update. Diana is doing quite well all things considered. The disease has progressed very slowly the last year or so. Fortunately she smiles and laughs a lot. So her demeanor is very good and pleasant, although it is hard to know how much she comprehends at this point. [She is completely dependent for dressing, toileting and bathing.](#) She can still walk fairly well. She can feed herself fairly well and her appetite is very healthy. She has consistently been sleeping through the night for some time now. This was not always the case. She has not been able to talk for several years now. Very occasionally she might get a word out but it is normally just gibberish. She still gets excited when she sees me coming and I get hugs. Hard to say if she knows exactly who I am other than a very familiar face. I see her virtually every day when I am in town, which is normally the case.

Thank you again for your love of Diana and for your continuing support.

Warmest Regards,

Paul Barrett

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

Event Announcements (Click here for [Calendar](#)): to post pcn.calendar@gmail.com

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!)

BAD DEAL!

Date: Friday, September 10, 2010, 7:21 AM

Don't even get involved with this web-site. They are like e-bay auctions. Will charge you \$ 159.00 even if you don't push "submit". www.swipeauctions.com

You can get the refund per them, but it takes lots of work. Who needs that. John Hemminger

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

A few guys sent this one in so I can't thank them all but I think you will raise an eyebrow at this 747 parking at JFK.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57WKJxVWxqU>

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From: dbfly@att.net
To: DWSkjerven@aol.com
Sent: Fri, Sep 10, 2010 9:40 am
Subject: Old "666." A WW II B-17 mission

Interesting short video about a B-17 mission in the Pacific during >>> WW-II.

More of the Greatest Generations story . >>> <http://www.theospark.net/2010/06/video-old-666.htm>

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From: dbfly@att.net
To: DWSkjerven@aol.com
Sent: Fri, Sep 10, 2010 9:15 am
Subject: B-25S RE-CREATE DOOLITTLE TAKEOFF

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnXIsX7LxS8&feature=player_embedded

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From: DWSkjerven@aol.com

Date: 9/9/2010 1:09:29 PM

Subject: Fwd: Invitation to view dwskjerven's Picasa Web Album - ORD Delta Pilot's Ann...

Here is a link to some more pictures from this year's Annual ORD Delta Pilot's Fly In. We had a nice turn out with 58 people there and 16 airplanes. The group tried to talk Chad into running for the mayor of Chicago, so we'll just have to wait and see if he does. All in all it was a great weather day for a fly in with lots of good food, drink and war stories. Thanks to all that helped make it so successful. Jimmy Watter's and his wife will be hosting next year's fly in at their air strip. As always, the Annual ORD Delta Pilot's Fly In is the 2nd Wednesday in September. Hope to see you there next year. Happy Landing, David W. Skjerven

http://picasaweb.google.com/caryn.skjerven.skjerven/ORDDeltaPilotSAnnualFlyInSept2010?authkey=Gv1sRgCM6my9_9gJ6tMg&feat=email#

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From: dickdeeds@pacbell.net

Date: 09/05/10 21:21:22

To: [Mark Sztanyo](#)

Subject: Sim/Training **Jobs B.787**

Mark,
Got this from Bob Poole.
Dick

As you may know I have been working in the 777/787 Flight Training department at Boeing for almost three years now. Boeing is actively recruiting flight instructors (sim only) for this program as I write this. Min quals are 500 PIC on the B777 and previous simulator instructor experience once again 777/767 sim experience is preferred. There are no exceptions to these requirements. The previous sim time was not a requirement previously but they learned the hard way that this missing component in us older guys brought problems with it. If anyone is interested in this job they can go to the Boeing website and then contact me at 206-409-6261. WARNING this job has the potential for extensive travel for long periods of time to places like Singapore, Shanghai, Tokyo and London. There are a number of former DAL/WAL pilots in the program at time.

Regards,
Bob Poole

Political (food for thought):

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

Joel Payne

Email flyplayne@bellsouth.net

Issue Area - Humor

Comments - Mark; Here are 2 more attempts at humor. The 1st may have to be deleted because of a gesture at the end. Maybe the 2nd would be more suitable. Joel Payne 767A[ret.]

2. What did he say?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-QNAwUdHUQ>

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Thanks to Rick Bauer for the following:

Subj: WAL-MART "SENIOR" GREETER

One of my favorite stories, ever!

WAL-MART SENIOR GREETER



Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time.

Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk.

"Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job, but your being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know boss, and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear.

It's odd though your coming in late. I know you're retired from the airlines.

What did they say if you came in late there?"

(scroll down.....)

"They said, "Good morning, Captain, can I get you coffee, sir?"



One of my favorite stories, ever!

WAL-MART SENIOR GREETER

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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