

PCN Services – High Life *Newsletter, News, Events, Deaths, Illness Notices & PCN Ads & 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.

Large web community for one of world's largest airlines

# High Life

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

Dear PCN,

Group Section.....

Mark's Remarks:

**Ahhhhhhh October!**

Pick one month..... just one as your favorite. What would it be? Mine is October.

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*For all of you who have an item, service or offer to promote (re-run until familiarization):*  
**3 categories completely FREE!**

**Finally PCN Ads – up and running!**

**PCN now has a new service for our community.** You can get your item, service, or things wanted online for the PCN network to see. Further, the Ads will be linked to our website and have been optimized to allow your info to be searchable before airline personnel everywhere and the world wide web. This beats by a bunch having your promo published one time in a newsletter. Our Ad section is ongoing and you can keep it published indefinitely.

**Little history:** Since taking over this PCN network, I have continually been approached by members who have a commercial interest. Some selling travel, a service, or offering a part time job etc. In addition we all have items like cars or condos that we would like to offer. I have wanted to help these requests but how could I do it in a fair way and in a very obvious designated commercial section? The answer is "PCN Ads." I have been able to develop this as a free registration online classified section.

This service does have a cost for set up and maintenance that I hope to defray by some ads carrying a modest fee.

Every one submitting an Ad gets a private login and complete control over their ads. URL's and images are allowed and you will see it is a very nice format for entering online ads.

**Check it out and get your item, thing wanted, service or place posted!**

## [PCN Ads](#)

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**Google Groups change:** Nov change hopefully will have little impact on you. Google Groups used to support pages and as of Nov will no longer. We have used the group more just for email distribution but also for archiving files and pages like our High Life newsletter. I will likely switch to Google Docs to use as the second alternative to archiving the HL. The main benefit we get from our Google Group utilization is email distribution. Our notices are distributed very efficiently through this group. That will continue. The location and links to our second means of archiving will change, but our notices will not.

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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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### **Example of Phishing: DON'T EVER ANSWER AN EMAIL LIKE THE FOLLOWING!**

**The following is a complete scam and if you get something similar hit the DELETE.**

From: GoogleMail Service

Our technology & science team has recently launched Google web software to protect and secure all Gmail Accounts. This system also enhanced efficient networking and fully supported browser. You need to upgrade to a fully supported browser by filling out the details below for validation purpose and to confirm your details on the new webmaster Central system.

Account Name:

Password:

Country:

Note: Your Account will be deleted permanently if you failed to provide the details below within 72hours. Gmail will not be heard responsible for your negligence.

The Google web Service.

News Section.....

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

## Delta pink plane heads BCRF support

### Atlanta Business Chronicle

[Delta Air Lines Inc.](#) in October will support for [The Breast Cancer Research Foundation](#) (BCRF) for the sixth year in a row with a variety of initiatives, including a pink plane that will fly internationally.

The Atlanta-based airline is going worldwide with its new Boeing 767-400 pink plane featuring BCRF's trademarked pink ribbon logo on the tail and adjacent to the boarding door. The plane will make several special visits in the United States with Delta employee breast cancer survivors and executives, before flying internationally to help raise awareness for BCRF in Brazil, Italy and Spain. The pink plane will fly about 2.1 million miles this year, enough to circle the globe more than 84 times.

During October, thousands of Delta flight attendants and customer service agents will wear pink uniform pieces to support the cause.

Throughout October, Delta will sell pink lemonade and BCRF-branded pink Jelly Belly 'Sport Beans' onboard and in Delta Sky Clubs. Proceeds from the sale of the pink lemonade and \$1 from the sale of each package of Jelly Belly Sports Beans benefit BCRF.

Delta also has opened a virtual lemonade stand on Facebook. Beginning Oct. 7, Facebook members can create their own 'virtual' pink lemonade stand on Delta's Facebook page to share their stories and honor loved ones and donate to BCRF.

Further, Delta will donate 100 SkyMiles to BCRF for every Delta iPhone application download and each check-in using the mobile app, up to 1 million miles. In addition, all mobile phone users can text "DRINKPINK" to 27722 to donate \$5.

Delta has raised \$2.5 million in the past five years for BCRF. Its donations have funded the work of nine research projects dedicated to the mission of achieving prevention and finding a cure for breast cancer.

Other Airline News (Recent stories of interest):

## United, Continental complete combination

### ***United and Continental close deal for ; now year-long integration begins***

Joshua Freed and David Koenig, AP Airlines Writers, On Friday October 1, 2010, 11:39 am

United and Continental closed the deal on Friday that will create the world's biggest airline. The new carrier aims to lure business fliers who want to travel overseas while keeping fares competitive with discount carriers in the U.S.

The combined airline will be called United Airlines, with Continental's colors and globe logo on the tail. This leaves the U.S. with three dominant international airlines -- United, Delta, and AMR Corp.'s American -- and a big domestic hauler, Southwest Airlines Co.

Some industry watchers have said the deal will lead to higher fares, although United and Continental have said that competition from low-cost airlines like Southwest will keep prices from rising.

Read More: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/United-Continental-complete-apf-1991559971.html?x=0&v=8>

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):

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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):

**Subject:** NON-REV ZED FARE TRAVEL INFO

Mark,

I have been doing quite a bit of International flying as of late and have been purchasing ZED fares on other airlines. Most of the airlines of the world use a site called [FLYZED.COM](#) to show schedules, check availability for non-rev, and to list for the flights. Tried to get the USER ID and PASSWORD from Delta, but they would not give it to me.

Last time I flew on Lufthansa, the agent told me to list by using the FLYZED site. Told her that Delta would not give me the info to get on the site. She said, OK, I will give it to you.

In case anyone needs to use this useful site, (*editor- login is held back because of the public nature of the PCN. If interested [email me](#) for shared info*). Hope everyone can use this information!

Ted Thomas

*Editor: I wish to thank Ted for sharing this site and info. The login has not been published due to the public nature of our newsletter.*

## Life Section...

### Misc Posts:

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

**Date:** 9/27/2010 7:22:56 PM

**Subject:** Fw: QUESTION, does your cell phone

**Would you put feelers out to see if anyone has been successful in having access to DLNET/TRAVELNET on their cell phone.**

**Or maybe you have info on that already.**

**Any help appreciated.....**

Electronically Challenged in Chandler

*Editor: I will let our group chime in but I am able to get and login to the travelnet with my Droid.*

### Human Interest:

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

#### **Book Research Request:**

Patricia Perry

Email [momperry9@comcast.net](mailto:momperry9@comcast.net)

Issue Area General

Comments Hi All,

This is Tricia Perry, the youngest "Designated" daughter of "Mother" Malone.

It is becoming evident that the vast resources of history are becoming sadly smaller, and I would like to capture as much history as I can before it is gone.

I have decided to write "The Book" that my mom, and yours, had put off for far too long. I have decided to write this for both the historians that are still with us and for the children who have had to say good bye to the legends of their families.

If you have a "Mother Malone" story I would appreciate it if you would share it with me, with as much detail as possible. Please send it to [momperry9@comcast.net](mailto:momperry9@comcast.net).

I would like to capture every moment, as well as can be remembered, of this great woman and her "Boys and Girls" so that the history of these legends can be remembered for all time. If you can remember stories of those who have passed as well that would be awesome.

Thank you in advance for your input.

Yours in the Delta Family,

Tricia Malone Perry

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

*From:* [George Chaudoin](#)  
*Date:* 9/29/2010 8:19:56 AM  
*Subject:* Oct. 5th Fly-In

We have cut back on the staff during these hard times.  
Sorry if we missed the notice of **Fall Fly-In at Plymouth (1P1), 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - 5th of Oct.**  
Bring a friend & a name TAG.

Blue Side Up  
George

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

Dear PCN:

A friend of mine, Buddy Akin, is trying to make contact with Bill Harris. The only info he has is that Bill was a pilot on the L-1011, based in MIA in 1975-76. If you have any info I would appreciate receiving it. I.e. alive, passed, email address, phone, etc. Thank you for the good work you do.

Sincerely,

Mike Steele  
[steelemj@flash.net](mailto:steelemj@flash.net) 214-542-5147

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

If you have something you represent that has a commercial interest, place it in the new service of [PCN Ads](#). Designed especially for our group but available to the industry. Registration is free and so are some ads. The rest start as low as \$5. Enter you promo in [PCN Ads](#).

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

*Thanks to Erinie Wells and Dave Skjerven for forwarding this:*

### **Creation of the pilots check list:**

On October 30, 1935, at Wright Air Field in Dayton, Ohio, the U.S. Army Air Corps held a flight competition for airplane manufacturers vying to build its next-generation long-range bomber. It wasn't supposed to be much of a competition. In early evaluations, the Boeing Corporation's gleaming aluminum-alloy Model 299 had trounced the designs of Martin and Douglas. Boeing's plane could carry five times as many bombs as the Army had requested; it could fly faster than previous bombers, and almost twice as far.

A Seattle newspaperman who had glimpsed the plane called it the "flying fortress," and the name stuck. The flight "competition," according to the military historian Phillip Meilinger, was regarded as a mere formality. The Army planned to order at least sixty-five of the aircraft.

A small crowd of Army brass and manufacturing executives watched as the Model 299 test plane taxied onto the runway. It was sleek and impressive, with a hundred-and-three-foot wingspan and four engines jutting out from the wings, rather than the usual two. The plane roared down the tarmac, lifted off smoothly and climbed sharply to three hundred feet. Then it stalled, turned on one wing and crashed in a fiery explosion. Two of the five crew members died, including the pilot, Major Ployer P. Hill (thus Hill AFB, Ogden, UT).

An investigation revealed that nothing mechanical had gone wrong. The crash had been due to "pilot error," the report said. Substantially more complex than previous aircraft, the new plane required the pilot to attend to the four engines, a retractable landing gear, new wing flaps, electric trim tabs that needed adjustment to maintain control at different airspeeds, and constant-speed propellers whose pitch had to be regulated with hydraulic controls, among other features.

While doing all this, Hill had forgotten to release a new locking mechanism on the elevator and rudder controls. The Boeing model was deemed, as a newspaper put it, "too much airplane for one man to fly." The Army Air Corps declared Douglas's smaller design the winner. Boeing nearly went bankrupt.

Still, the Army purchased a few aircraft from Boeing as test planes, and some insiders remained convinced that the aircraft was flyable. So a group of test pilots got together and considered what to do.

They could have required Model 299 pilots to undergo more training. But it was hard to imagine having more experience and expertise than Major Hill, who had been the U.S. Army Air Corps' Chief of Flight Testing. Instead, they came up with an ingeniously simple approach: they created a pilot's checklist, with step-by-step checks for takeoff, flight, landing, and taxiing. Its mere existence

indicated how far aeronautics had advanced.

In the early years of flight, getting an aircraft into the air might have been nerve-racking, but it was hardly complex. Using a checklist for takeoff would no more have occurred to a pilot than to a driver backing a car out of the garage... But this new plane was too complicated to be left to the memory of any pilot, however expert.

With the checklist in hand, the pilots went on to fly the Model 299 a total of 18 million miles without one accident. The Army ultimately ordered almost thirteen thousand of the aircraft, which it dubbed the B-17.

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**From:** [David L. Roberts](#)

**Date:** 9/29/2010 12:20:54 PM

**To:** [MY AVIATION PHOTO FANS](#)

**Subject:** Fwd: LAST AIRPLANE OUT OF BOEING PLANT 2

Boeing Plant 2 is an historic site, a place where thousands of aircraft were manufactured. Its closing is the end of an era.

<http://www.rbogash.com/Plant%202/Plant2.html>

For the story in print, see:

<http://www.nwcn.com/news/washington/Boeing-tearing-down-historic-Plant-2-Seattle-102858384.html>

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Jeffrey M Harris <<mailto:Jeff@Alliedfighters.com>>

Thought you might appreciate this...last Thursday we took 5 of the 7 flying P-38s from Chino to the Sacramento Capital air show at Mather for the weekend show. John Maloney flew chase in our P-51, first we joined up over lake Mathews for a quick and dirty photo shoot then climbed up and headed north..along the way Hinton decided we would buzz Shafter where his son was preparing "Stega" for Reno..so we went whistling by there hangar line a breast at about 300 and pulled and came around single ship....climbed back up and joined up then about Fresno,the Air Museums P-38 " 23 Skidoo" cracked a head so we followed her to descent at FAT and pressed on.....then about 10 out of KMHR Hinton again decided on some tom foolery and we did a super low echelon pass at Sanders private strip at Ione before we headed to KMHR for a fan break with the mustang as -5 cameras rolling...At one point in the flight Maloney came from behind in the Mustang and dove down our right and pulled up into a giant exaggerated barrel roll over the rather loose goose formation so the camera man could snap a photo thru the canopy of the mustang as he was inverted over the P-38 flight.....what a fun deal that was..... here's a few of the shots..hope your well. All the best Jeff H

PS: in the shot from the back seat of the mustang John is chasing the broken P-38 and you can see coolant streaming on the left..always nice to have a mustang chase eh ?

*Editor: couldn't find a link to the still pics but this flyby is neat:*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWBVk-ztJkQ>

Political (food for thought):

## CLEVER IDEAS WORTH KNOWING

Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.. I didn't know that!

Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!

Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of Spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in and then beat them up.

For a cool brownie treat, make brownies as directed. Melt Andes mints in double broiler and pour over warm brownies. Let set for a wonderful minty frosting.

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste Of garlic and at the end of the recipe if your want a stronger taste of garlic.

Leftover snickers bars from Halloween make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes!!! Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yummm!

### Reheat Pizza

Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza. I saw this on the cooking channel and it really works.

### Easy Deviled Eggs

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up.

### Expanding Frosting

When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar and calories per serving.

### Reheating refrigerated bread

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

### Newspaper weeds away

Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, Put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and for- Get about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not Get through wet newspapers.

### Broken Glass

Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.

### No More Mosquitoes

Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

### Squirrel Away!

To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it. (Wonder if this works with rabbits? Sure gonna give it a try)

To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

### Reducing Static Cling

Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and ... At DA! ... Static is gone.

### Measuring Cups

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

### Foggy Windshield?

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

### Re-opening envelopes

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola! It unseals easily.

### Conditioner

Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves

your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair.

### Goodbye Fruit Flies

To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it 1/2' with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid; mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

### Get Rid of Ants

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,' can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

(This is definitely worth a try!!!)

**INFO ABOUT CLOTHES DRYERS** The heating unit went out on my dryer! The gentleman that fixes things around the house for us told us that he wanted to show us something and he went over to the dryer and pulled out the lint filter. It was clean. (I always clean the lint from the filter after every load clothes.) He told us that he wanted to show us something; he took the filter over to the sink and ran hot water over it. The lint filter is made of a mesh material .. I'm sure you know what your dryer's lint filter looks like. Well .... the hot water just sat on top of the mesh! It didn't go through it at all! He told us that dryer sheets cause a film over that mesh that's what burns out the heating unit. You can't SEE the film, but it's there. It's what is in the dryer sheets to make your clothes soft and static free ... that nice fragrance too. You know how they can feel waxy when you take them out of the box ... well this stuff builds up on your clothes and on your lint screen. This is also what causes dryer units to potentially burn your house down with it! He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very longtime (and to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out and wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush (or other brush) at least every six months. He said that makes the life of the dryer at least twice as long! How about that!?! Learn something new everyday! I certainly didn't know dryer sheets would do that. So, I thought I'd share! Note: I went to my dryer and tested my screen by running water on it. The water ran through a little bit but mostly collected all the water in the mesh screen. I washed it with warm soapy water and a nylon brush and I had it done in 30 seconds. Then when I rinsed it .. the water ran right thru the screen! There wasn't any puddling at all! That repairman knew what he was talking about!

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*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!*

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