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High Life



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

Dear PCN,

Group Section.....

Mark's Remarks:

Happy Thanksgiving!



Last HL before Enrollment Deadline on Nov 24th for retirees:

Most of you who enroll in some or all of the DALRC insurance have already done that. As I have continually mentioned I believe the VEBA offers a very real and competitive alternative to both over and under 65 guys and gals. So it is definitely worth the look and in many cases will be a better deal.

Strategies: There are a number of strategies that can be used in order to move from DALRC or your current insurance into the VEBA besides simple enrollment. Note: **ALWAYS have insurance in place before you switch** –(Source-Force-Course).

1. **Dual enrollment** – is suggested on the DP3 VEBA page and at road shows, where one would enroll in both (the new VEBA and your current insurance) and drop out of one before the year end.
2. **There is a “life event” strategy** – If the VEBA becomes re-legislated by the passing of the Bush Tax cuts (since its language is attached to that bill) then its formation is considered a “life event” and would qualify one to drop DALRC in mid stream during the year and join the VEBA.

A 3rd suggested strategy is false - **Drop DALRC while maintaining vision coverage** – this strategy was suggested at VEBA road shows and it was suggested by staying enrolled in one plan you were eligible to at any time re-enroll in the DALRC medical plan. I am convinced after the info I have received from those on or close to the DALRC board that this is FALSE. So my caution here is to move very carefully if considering this strategy. I do not know of anyone where this has worked but have heard from those who said they were blocked from using this method.

General VEBA longevity question:

Q: May I offer my take to answer a question that some of us may have concerning **if we switch what about the longevity** of the VEBA program? What about congressional action or in-action in the future.....how will that affect the existence of the VEBA if it gets re-legislated this January?

A: The answer was given at the road shows which shared that the present threat of the VEBA authorization expiring (like it is under currently) would not be an issue for our VEBA program going forward. So it is fully expected that our VEBA would then become perpetual.

Over 65 VEBA:

Program now finalized. See Insurance section below.

PBGC Appeal vs Class Action suit:

The DP3 has organized a collective “appeal” to our PBGC final determinations represented by the law firm of Miller & Chevalier. So far, any change or re-calculation of your final benefit has not been the result of this appeal process. As you recall, the collective appeal has been granted an extension at least until Jan 7, 2011. Our honor roll dues have in effect paid the retainer for this firm to appeal for us the policy of the FDLs. If the law firm is unsuccessful with any appeal process than the next remedy of choice will be a class action suit. If it comes to that, we will obviously stay tuned as a lot of additional information and communication will be coming downstream. We also will have to make a

calculation as to whether to be part of the suit or not. There will likely be a request for a fee to join any class action. At that point we individually will likely weigh our potential cost-benefit.

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Christmas is approaching fast! Get your stuff before out group in PCN Ads!

For all of you who have an item, service or offer to promote:

3 categories are completely FREE!

PCN Ads – up and running!

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 house, posted!

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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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Tools for our members:

PCN Main Website: <http://pcn.homestead.com/home01.html>

PCN Ads – <http://pilotcommunication.net/Ads/>

PCN Tool Bar (for IE browser) - <http://pcntools.ourtoolbar.com/>

PCN Calendar - <http://pcn.homestead.com/Calendar.html>

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

Delta ground workers reject union

Union loses vote to represent Delta Air Lines fleet service workers

Joshua Freed, AP Airlines Writer, On Thursday November 18, 2010, 3:08 pm

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- Unions lost their second big vote at Delta Air Lines on Thursday, with fleet service workers rejecting the union that had represented the same group at Northwest Airlines.

The voting by 13,104 baggage handlers and other fleet service workers ended with 52.5 percent of them voting for no union, according the National Mediation Board, the federal agency that runs airline union elections.

Delta is mostly non-union except its pilots. But labor got a foot in the door when Delta absorbed heavily unionized Northwest in 2008.

The election that ended Thursday was to see whether the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers would represent the combined workers, or none of them. Roughly 5,000 of those Delta workers had come from Northwest.

The IAM is also aiming to represent some 16,500 customer service workers such as gate agents and ticket-sellers. Voting for that group, which includes roughly 5,000 from Northwest, ends Dec. 7.

Voting for about 700 stock and stores clerks ends Monday.

The Association of Flight Attendants-CWA narrowly lost its bid to represent about 20,000 Delta workers earlier this month. The AFA is contesting that result.

Delta said it would soon begin making pay and work rules the same for workers who came from Delta and their colleagues who came from Northwest.

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Delta Air Seeks to End Virgin Atlantic Lawsuit in U.K. Over Flat-Bed Seats

By Erik Larson - Nov 17, 2010 12:12 PM ET

[Delta Air Lines Inc.](#), the world's second-biggest carrier, asked a U.K. judge to rule that flat-bed seats in its premium cabins don't violate a patent held by Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd.

Delta doesn't infringe the patent and needs certainty on the issue before the disputed Solar Eclipse [seating system](#) can be added to a planned 30-million pound (\$47.8 million) retrofit of 32 aircraft in 2013, [Mark Vanhegan](#), the carrier's lawyer with the firm 11 South Square, said today at the High Court in London.

Delta "is reticent to issue the relevant request" to the seat maker "whilst there's a threat of potential contempt over Delta's head," Vanhegan said. "That's not a conducive atmosphere in which to do business."

Providing comfortable reclining seats, at competitive prices, on long-haul routes can play a vital part in the success of an airline, according to a judgment last year in a related lawsuit by Virgin. When Crawley, England-based Virgin introduced its [flat-bed seats](#) in November 2003 it increased its market share on long-haul routes by 12 percent, it said.

Justice [Richard Arnold](#) didn't make a ruling at the end of the hearing.

Read more: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-11-17/delta-air-lines-seeks-to-end-virgin-s-u-k-patent-suit-over-lie-flat-seats.html?cmpid=yhoo>

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Delta Boosts International Flights in 2011

Airline targets high-demand business travel markets for selective international growth, applies for new routes to China

Press Release Source: Delta Air Lines On Tuesday November 16, 2010, 1:00 pm

ATLANTA, Nov. 16, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Delta Air Lines (NYSE:[DAL](#) - [News](#)) will expand its international schedule with new and expanded service to cities in Asia and Europe for spring and summer 2011, continuing its focus on markets with high demand for business travel.

The airline's most significant expansion will be in Asia, where Delta has [recently seen revenue growth of more than 50 percent](#). Delta today applied with the [U.S. Department of Transportation](#) to begin new routes to Beijing and Guangzhou, and plans expanded service to Shanghai and Manila.

"International business travel demand is the underpinning of the global economic recovery," said Glen Hauenstein, Delta's executive vice president – Network Planning, Revenue Management and Marketing. "With double-digit revenue growth in most every international business market over the last year, our 2011 schedule reflects a measured response to business customers' desire for increased access to the world's most important

business capitals. New flights to China, London's Heathrow Airport and increased flights to our international alliance partners' gateways at Paris Charles de Gaulle, Amsterdam Schiphol and Guangzhou are cornerstones of our international plan for 2011."

Read More: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Delta-Boosts-International-prnews-4216948837.html?x=0&.v=1>

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Delta Plans \$474 Million of Debt for Plane Payments

By Sapna Maheshwari and Tim Catts - Nov 15, 2010 2:00 PM ET

[Delta Air Lines Inc.](#), the world's second-largest carrier, plans to sell \$474.1 million of airplane-backed debt due May 2019 to finance payments on Boeing and Airbus aircraft.

The debt, to be sold as soon as today, may yield 4.95 percent, according to a person familiar with the offering, who declined to be identified because terms aren't set. Proceeds may also be used for general corporate purposes, Delta said today in a regulatory filing.

Atlanta-based Delta last sold debt in June, issuing \$450 million of pass-through trust certificates due in 2018, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The securities priced to yield 6.2 percent, Bloomberg data show.

Credit Suisse AG, Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank AG are managing the sale, according to the filing.

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

Feds holding firm on intrusive airport security

Government holding firm on airport pat-downs and body scans despite deluge of complaints

Eileen Sullivan, Associated Press, On Thursday November 18, 2010, 12:12 am EST

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Despite a deluge of complaints over intrusive pat-downs and revealing airport scans, the government is betting Americans would rather fly safe than untouched. "I'm not going to change those policies," the nation's transportation security chief declared Wednesday.

Responded a lawmaker: "I wouldn't want my wife to be touched in the way that these folks are being touched."

The debate over where to strike the balance between privacy and security, in motion since new safety measures took effect after the 2001 terrorist attacks, has intensified with the debut of pat-downs that are more thorough, and invasive, than before, and the spread of full-body image scans.

Read more: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Feds-holding-firm-on-apf-2219612585.html?x=0&.v=1>

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

Date: Sun, 14 Nov 2010 18:57:28 -0800

From: imunton@yahoo.com

Subject: UPDATED INFO ON 2007 AMENDED TAX RETURN

To: jwmunton@hotmail.com

UPDATED INFO ON 2007 AMENDED TAX RETURN

Fellow WAL-DAL Retired Pilots:

I recently received additional support from the IRS on the victory that I got on my 2007 amended return and that hopefully you will also receive.

Attached is a letter from the supervisor of the IRS agent that gave me a favorable ruling on the 2007 amended return. The supervisor also blessed his decision. This should help us all.

I also received a letter from the IRS that says I should receive the \$5,163.00 check within 2-3 weeks. My accountant, Bill Whalen, has now filed on my behalf for a return of the FICA and Medicare taken out - \$2,665.00. This should be a "slam dunk" because the IRS has agreed not to treat the DAL stock sale as "wages." Most pilots will probably get more back than I.

HISTORICAL REFRESHER NOTE:

When we retirees lost our medical program (it would have been a tax free event if not lost) during DAL's bankruptcy in 2007, we were issued DAL stock in the new company in lieu of the loss of our medical - DAL treated the stock sale income on our 2007 W-2 as "Wages" if we sold the stock back in 2007.

My accountant and I filed an Amended 2007 tax return and after a 2 ½ year battle was awarded a favorable decision by the IRS - the stock sale income was changed from "Wages" to "Capital Gains"

It appears that I am the only one to challenge the IRS on this issue (that I am aware of). My favorable decision from the IRS should help all other DAL retired pilots, who sold their stock in 2007, receive a similar ruling. Please be advised that there are many variables in each individual status, so your results could vary from mine.

QUESTION AND ANSWER:

QUESTION: Can I have more information about your 2007 filing because my accountant needs more direction in order to file my amended return.

ANSWER: I am not an accountant and it would be ill advised for me to give tax preparation advice. Also, I did not attend any of the multiple meetings my accountant had with the IRS agent. Additionally, some individual pilots' tax advisors have contacted my accountant requesting information on procedures in dealing with the IRS on this issue. My accountant will not give information. He feels he worked 2 ½ years on this issue and many years as an IRS agent; therefore, it is his proprietary information. I do not judge his stance on this issue and I have no leverage to get him to change his decision on this matter. My relationship over the past 20+ years has been strictly "accountant/client" except for some social/business lunches. He has certainly done a great job for me and is in an ideal position to get a positive award for other DAL pilots. His original letter is attached.

Please be advised that I am still here to answer any further questions. Please let all your fellow pilot friends (retired) know how they can possibly get thousands of dollars back from the IRS – as I feel that there has been millions of dollars wrongfully taken from us as a group.

[Click here](#) for Munton's info on PCN website.

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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 Mar '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)*
Appeal extensions generally granted in Nov 2010 now extended by our law firm for all to January 7, 2011.
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. *Enrollment period commences.*

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

Re-Print from DP3 page highlighting OVER 65 Plan finalized!

NEW VEBA ROADSHOWS WITH NEWLY APPROVED OVER-65 PLAN

NOVEMBER 19, 2010

The Cone Insurance Group (CIG), the VEBA insurance broker, will once again hold road shows to present the VEBA plan being offered by Aetna, ESI, and VSP (Vision). Representatives will be onsite to answer questions and provide information about the **newly finalized Over-65 plan** and our Under-65 VEBA qualified plan. All retired and active Delta employees (and spouses) who are interested in our new healthcare plans are invited to attend.

Agenda Topics:

- **Over-65** Medicare Healthcare Plan Options
- Under 65 Medical Plan Options
- Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)

Information will be presented by the broker and vendors. These sessions provide an opportunity for you to hear firsthand about your health care benefits and the various options available to you. Please make every effort to attend because these will be the last ones before the plan is in effect!

Road Show Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Click Link to Register/Sign Up
11/29	10 am	Los Angeles	Register for the LAX Roadshow
11/30	10 am	Salt Lake City	Register for the SLC Roadshow
12/01	10 am	Seattle	Register for the SEA Roadshow

12/02	10 am	Atlanta (Morning)	Register for the ATL Morning Roadshow
12/02	2 pm	Atlanta (Afternoon)	Register for the ATL Afternoon Roadshow
12/03	10 am	Dallas	Register for the DFW Roadshow
12/06	10 am	Houston	Register for the HOU Roadshow

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From: [Al](#)
Date: 11/21/2010 12:14:55 PM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net; contactus@dp3.org
Subject: Over 65 questions

Morning Mark:
I am sending this to both you and DP3 folk:

Facts:

1. I just turned 70 (in other words over 65)
2. I am on Medicare A and B
3. I am on Tricare for life (TFL)
4. I use Delta's dental plan paid with ACS HR Solutions Delta Air Lines
5. I do not use their vision plan

Questions:

1. Delta open enrollment ends November 24th. I just sent the ESS an email telling them that I have not received an enrollment packet. I have read your note on dropping one or the other plan after (hopefully) HCTC is approved.
2. What is the progress of the over 65 VEBA? I am only interested in the vision and dental plans.
3. My wife is 68. If the VEBA for over 65 is approved will she be eligible for the vision and dental plans?

Thank you very much for all the work you do:

Charles (Al) Lee
767 ER retired (2000)

Editor: Please note the above DP3 release about the Over 65 VEBA plan now finalized.

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From: [M J M](#)
Date: 11/17/10 17:37:23
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: insurance

Hi Mark~

I am retired from ATL Radio and also from the State of California. I have dental and vision through DALRC and also through the state. It is allowed to have double coverage for those two but not for medical and drugs. I was told a few years ago (late 2006?) by the

DALRC insurance people that if I signed up for *medical* and then dropped it I could NOT get back in. Fortunately I have a disability retirement from the state and they pay for my medical/drug coverage. I am interested in your new plan, in fact have talked with Cone Insurance about changing my dental/vision over next year.
Jean McPherson

Editor: The VEBA plans are all worth a serious look.

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From: [Dick Garvey](#)
Date: 11/15/2010 4:31:12 PM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: Health plans

I am at sea about these plans. I am 74, retired pilot July 1996. I am divorced and pay about \$170 a month. Delta reimburses me for medicare premiums. Can I do better?

Richard "Dick" Garvey

Editor: Dick it certainly sounds to me like your premium is reasonable. I would only suggest that you ask the provider for the Over 65 plan to compare the VEBA Medigap Plan F coverage and potential premium to make an informed decision. The telephone number provided soon.

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From the Benefit Trust's FAQs:

IMPORTANT TO YOU!

Questions & Answers About:

Eligibility for the DALRC Retiree Benefit Trust Plans And Delta Subsidy Eligibility

1. Who is Eligible to enroll in the Trust's Benefit Plans in 2011?

Now Eligible are:

Age 65 or over retirees, spouses, or survivors, of:

- **Delta Air Lines, Inc.**
- **Delta & Delta subsidiaries**
- **Any entity and its subsidiaries acquired by, or merged with Delta where Delta is the surviving entity, who were retired prior to the effective date of the merger or acquisition.**
- **This includes pre-merger Northwest and Republic Retirees.**

Note: Membership in DALRC, Inc. is not required to participate in the DALRC Retiree Benefit Trust plans. The Trust and DALRC, Inc. are separate entities.

2. If I leave a Trust Benefit Plan, may I re-enroll?

Future re-enrollment in that Trust Benefit plan is not allowed, if you terminate coverage.

Current Trust Benefit Plans are:

- Medical and Prescription Drug
- Dental
- Vision

Enrollment in each Benefit Plan is considered separately.

3. I receive a Delta subsidy under the Trust Plan. What happens to my subsidy if I leave the Trust Plan?

Your subsidy is lost and may not be regained.

Call Health Advocate with any questions or concerns

1-877-325-7265, Option 2 (Benefit Trust number)

Click [here](#) to view a graphics Version of this message

Pension:

Pete Heins

Email k1fjm@aol.com

Issue Area - Pension

Comments - I called PBGC ~ 09NOV2010 to check on my Final Determination of Benefits. I was 3rd guy to retire after the Pension Plan's BIG "T". I turned age 60 on 10JAN2007.

They stated that I should get my Final Determination in Dec2010 or Early Jan2011.

I do not have a QDRO.

Regards, Pete Heins

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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):

I thank Paul Schmidt and others for sending in the details of "EVEN" less. Remember there are 2 programs. "For Less" and "For **Even** Less." Here is the official word:

Delta expands eligibility for Fly Confirmed for Even Less program

Delta has expanded the eligibility for its Fly Confirmed for Even Less discount travel program to include parents, retirees and survivors. The new group of users joins employees, spouses, domestic partners and dependent children as eligible pass riders in the program, and they can also choose between either of the Fly Confirmed options. The program is open to the new users now, but the eligibility descriptions on the site won't be updated until Nov. 30. Fly Confirmed for Even Less is similar to the Fly Confirmed for Less program, but with a greater discount than the 20% offered through the standard

Fly Confirmed for Less program. *Check out Delta News Network to read the full story.*

Fly Confirmed for Even Less

November 12, 2010

The **Fly Confirmed for Even Less** program offers employees and certain eligible pass riders a greater discount than the Fly Confirmed for Less program. This discount is off certain fares for confirmed seating. This gives employees an additional discount program that removes the uncertainty of traveling space available, allowing employees to travel when they want with the assurance of getting to and from their destination when needed.

Fly Confirmed for Even Less tickets can now be purchased on [TravelNet](#). To shop for fares on TravelNet, you can select individual itineraries and price them without purchasing the ticket. Flights with high seat availability will generally offer the lowest fares. In [TravelNet](#), click on **Leisure Travel / Fly Confirmed Discount Programs**.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Pass riders who are eligible for free nonrevenue travel are eligible to purchase Fly Confirmed for Even Less tickets. These pass riders include the employee/retiree, spouse/same or opposite sex domestic partner, minor-dependent / full-time student children, and parents of the following groups:

- Active full & part time employees of Delta, Comair, Mesaba, Compass, MLT and Delta Global Services (administrative staff only).
- Ready Reserve employees
- Employees on certain leaves of absence (consult HRPM 1090)
- **Pass-eligible retirees**

Pass-eligible survivors are also eligible to purchase Fly Confirmed for Even Less tickets.

QUALIFYING FARES

Employee discount permitted off qualifying published fares including First, BusinessElite and Coach Fares.

Discount is not applicable to departure taxes / surcharges / infant, excess luggage charges or other special charges.

Passenger is subject to fuel surcharge if applicable to the published fare.

Fares that do not apply: Government/VUSA/Military/Senior

Discount/Student/Child/Group/Interline/Joint/ Industry Discount/Agency Discount/Tour/Around the World/Circle Pacific Excursion/Special Fares Published by Rule/DL-OA Code Share Agreement or fares with a ticket designator.

REFUNDS

Tickets are **non-refundable** at the time of purchase even if a refundable fare has been purchased. Customer First Rule does not apply.

Changes/Standby

Permitted per published fare rules, however, a change fee of \$150.00 or higher per ticket will apply.

DRESS CODE

None. Passenger procedures and guidelines applied to regular revenue customers apply to passengers traveling on Fly Confirmed for Even Less tickets.

Baggage

Fly Confirmed for Even Less passengers **may check up to two bags without charge** in most markets (only one bag to/from Key West) as long as size and weight limits are not exceeded. It is not necessary to check in with an agent to have the baggage charges waived - kiosk automation automatically waives the baggage fee for the first two bags.

RESTRICTIONS

- Fly Confirmed for Even Less tickets are for pleasure travel only.
- Fly Confirmed for Even Less tickets may **not** be used in conjunction with any business, professional career, or on behalf of any company or organization.
- You and your eligible pass riders may **not** standby for a flight for which you or your pass riders hold or have ever held a confirmed reservation or ticket.
- Tickets may **not** be resold or transferred.
- Tickets may **not** be reissued to another carrier.
- Nondependent children, travel companions and Buddies are **not** eligible for Fly Confirmed for Even Less.
- Furloughed employees and their pass riders are **not** eligible for Fly Confirmed for Even Less. Employee must be active or retired at the time of travel.
- Upgrades are **not** permitted. You may **not** upgrade using SkyMiles upgrades.
- You may **not** upgrade using your Delta Employee Status or Delta pass privileges.
- SkyMiles mileage credit is not permitted.
- Prepaid/Mail Ticket are not permitted.

HOW TO PURCHASE A FLY CONFIRMED FOR EVEN LESS TICKET

The preferred method for booking Fly Confirmed for Even Less is through [TravelNet](#). In [TravelNet](#), click on **Leisure Travel/Fly Confirmed Discount Programs**. Employees will not be able to make any new Fly Confirmed for Even Less reservations until spring 2010.

FLY CONFIRMED FOR EVEN LESS CHECK-IN

Passengers may check in using the self-service kiosk.

Life Section...

Misc Posts:

From: [Bill](#)
Date: 11/19/2010 10:59:50 AM
To: [Undisclosed-Recipient:](#)
Subject: Do you recognize anyone ?

Delta pilot makes us all proud ! Great job. (pay attention to commercial)

No, its not me.....

http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/larry_barker/air-new-mexico-safety-cover-up

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From: [richard hinkley](#)
Date: 11/15/2010 11:55:02 AM
To: [Mark Sztanyo](#)
Subject: Printing HL063

I can't do it. It says it's preparing to print and asks for some DLL file which I don't know what it is. Then I can't get out of it. There must be an easier way. I don't mind printing all 30 pages but mostly I want to print he info from Jim Munton concerning filing an amended return for 2007 . Would like to try to get that money back that I paid the IRS from Delta Stock and Soc. Sec.dedfuctions during the the bankruptcy fiasco. This was a bum deal to begin with.

Any help ?

Dick Hinkley

Editor: Go to this link on our website: [http://pcn.homestead.com/Archive Pens Munson.html](http://pcn.homestead.com/Archive_Pens_Munson.html) then open and print. The original images were large and hard to print. I made them pdf's. Mark

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From: jastidwell@aol.com
Sent: Nov 13, 2010

Outrageous CEO Perks: This Year's Top Picks_
From taxes to underwater mortgages, these CEOs are living the good life at their company's expense. You'll be shocked at these _ridiculously lavish benefits_
Check 3rd one down!

<http://www.magnetmail1.net/l.s.cfm?r=145874053&sid=11361476&m=1161914&u=INVESTORUP&s=http://www.dailyfinance.com/story/taxes/outrageous-ceo-perks-this-years-top-nine/19695811/?icid=streetauthority|outrageous-ceo-perks-this-years-top-nine/19695811/>

Human Interest:

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

From: [Dick](#)

Date: 11/19/2010 6:50:40 AM

Subject: Dicks blog:

Jim, Just posted a article about patrolling the coast of Cuba when the Russians were building that intercontinental missile site on the island. We were photographing all shipping at low level (100 feet msl) from the Grumman S2F. Take a look. Click below.

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Dick Blizzard <http://dickblizzard.blogspot.com>

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):

From: [Wayne Merrill](#)

Date: 11/17/10 16:34:02

To: misc@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: I am looking for

Mark,

I am looking for **ZWICKER Steve** I flew with him in SLC and JFK. Would like to find him for old times sake.

waynemerrill@comcast.net

603-682-5316

Thanks,

Wayne Merrill DAL retired

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](#).

From: [carol](#)

Date: 11/14/10 21:18:38

To: [Undisclosed-Recipient.](#)

Subject: FedEx discount shipping info

FedEx Airline Employee Personal Shipping

FedEx offers Delta Air Lines Retiree Program retirees a **75% reduced rate** for shipping personal items. Shipments must be dropped off at any FedEx manned location to a FedEx retiree, during working hours and confirm to the requirements listed below. Applicable rules and regulations for shipping may be outlined below:

Who is Eligible?

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...'tis the season to be sending packages, and considering that one of our retirees experienced some problems when trying to ship recently, I thought I would include this information to all regarding discounts available to us when using FedEx for your shipping needs!

Don't forget your Delta retiree ID badge as you must show that to the FedEx (or Kinko's location) agent.

FedEx discount information is copy/pasted below.

Or, you may sign into Deltanet and go to Deals & Discounts (not Sparkfly):

<https://connect.delta.com/f5-w->

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Happy Shipping!

Thx/Carol

Hangar Flying (Share a bit of ole hangar flying with the net. Need a sim buddy? Use PCN for request) :

From: [David Bina](#)

Date: 11/19/2010 10:49:26 AM

To: [Undisclosed-Recipient.](#)

Subject: Good Read

Makes sense to me.

This is at least fourth-hand, but needs to be read

For you ex-military pilots. read it and weepand, pass along

Got this in the morning mail. Note that I'm passing it along rather quickly. I happen to be one of those who would agree with the sentiments expressed herein.

Think about this when you read the rest of the letter below. What happened to our Air Force? We used to go to the Officers Club Stag Bar on Friday afternoons to drink, smoke and swap lies with our comrades.

Drinking became frowned on. Smoking caused cancer and could "harm you". Stag bars became sexist. Gradually, our men quit patronizing their clubs because what happened in the Club became fodder for a Performance Report. Same thing at the Airman's Club and the NCO and/or Top 3 clubs.

Now we don't have separate clubs for the ranks. Instead we have something called "xxx" Air Force Base Club. It's open to men and women of all ranks....from Airman Basic to General Officer. Still, no one is there. Gee, I wonder why.

The latest brilliant thought out of Washington is that the "pilots?" flying remote aircraft in combat areas from their duty station in Nevada or Arizona should draw the same combat pay as those real world pilots actually on board a plane in a hostile environment. The Politically Correct Logic? The remote vehicle operator is subject to the same stress levels as the combat pilot actually flying in combat. REALLY!!!???

Now that I've primed you a little, read on.

Bud

There are many who will agree agree with these sentiments, but they apply to more than

just fighter pilots. Unfortunately, the ones with the guts to speak up or push for what they believe in are beat down by the "system".

Unfortunately there is a lot of truth here.

Supposedly, Secretary Gates probably has a force beating the bushes to learn who wrote this.

Subject: Where Have All The Fighter Pilots Gone?

Good Question.

Here is a rant from a retired fighter pilot that is worth reading:

It is rumored that our current secretary of defense recently asked the question, "Where are all the dynamic leaders of the past?" I can only assume, if that is true, that he was referring to Robin Olds, Jimmy Doolittle, Patton, Ike, Boyington, Nimitz, etc. I've got the answer.

They were fired before they made Major.

Our nation doesn't want those kinds of leaders anymore. Squadron commanders don't run squadrons and wing commanders don't run wings. They are managed by higher ranking dildos with other esoteric goals in mind. Can you imagine someone today looking for a LEADER to execute that Doolittle Raid and suggesting that it be given to a dare-devil boozer-his only attributes: he had the respect of his men, an awesome ability to fly, and the organizational skills to put it all together. If someone told me there was a chance in hell of selecting that man today, I would tell them they were either a liar or an idiot.

I find it ironic that the Air Force put Gen. Olds on the cover of the company rag last month. While it made me extremely proud to see his face, he wouldn't make it across any base in America (or overseas) without ten enlisted folks telling him to zip up his flight suit and shave his mustache off. I have a feeling that his response would be predictable and for that crime he would probably get a trip home and an Article 15. We have lost the war on rugged individualism and that, unfortunately, is what fighter pilots want to follow; not because they have to but because they respect leaders of that ilk. We've all run across that leader that made us proud to follow him because you wanted to be like him and make a difference. The individual who you would drag your testicles through glass for rather than disappoint him.

We better wake the hell up! We're asking our young men and women to go to some pretty crappy places, some with unbearable climates, to never have a drink, have little or no contact with the opposite sex, not look at magazines of a suggestive nature of any type, and adhere to ridiculous regs that require you to tuck your shirt into your PT uniform on the way to the porta-potty at night in a dust storm because you'd be out of uniform. These people we're sending to combat are some of the brightest I've met but they are looking for a little sanity, which they will only find on the outside if we don't get a friggin' clue. You can't continue asking people to live for months or years at a time acting like nuns and priests. Hell, even nuns get to have a beer once in awhile. Who are we afraid of offending? The guys that already hate us enough to strap C4 to their own bodies and walk into a crowd of us? Think about it.

I'm extremely proud of our young men and women who continue to serve. I'm also very in tune with what they are considering for the future and I've got news for whoever sits in the White House, congress, and our so-called military leaders. Much talent has and will continue to hemorrhage from our services, because wanna-be warriors are tired of fighting on two fronts--one with our enemies, another against our lack of common sense.

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Tom Peace

Email tom.peace@stellarvisuals.com

Issue Area - CV-880 pilots operating manual

Comments - None of my children are aviation enthusiasts, so I am offering this to anyone interested. I still have my original CV-880 pilots operating manual from 1968. I would like it to go to someone who would appreciate it (Still smells a little like Gene Raymond!)

If you are, contact me at tom.peace@stellarvisuals.com

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From: [David L. Roberts](mailto:David.L.Roberts)

Date: 11/08/10 23:08:17

To: [MY AVIATION PHOTO FANS](#)

Subject: Soyuz TMA-18 Descent Module Landing

Thanks to Richard in Escondido, CA for this story and photos.

Some pretty cool shots..!

<http://cryptome.org/info/soyuz-tma18/soyuz-tma18.htm>

Political (food for thought):

May be a repeat but it is good!

From: m3017372@aol.com

Date: 11/17/10 15:14:41

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Fwd: AWESOME!!!!

Subject: AWESOME!!!!

Hot Video: Marine Stuns Crowd.

This is a must see. How many of the words to the last stanza did you know or remember.?

amazing...

I hope you are going to pass this on.

[WATCH: Marine Stuns Crowd at Tea Party | The FOX Nation](#)

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

From: [Gene Hall](#)

Date: 11/14/10 08:31:08

To: [Mark Sztanyo](#)

Subject: A little prophetic humor

HEADLINES FROM THE YEAR: 2029

Ozone created by electric cars now killing millions in the seventh largest country in the world, Mexifornia, formerly known as California.

White minorities still trying to have English recognized as Mexifornia's third language.

Spotted Owl plague threatens northwestern United States crops and livestock.

Baby conceived naturally! Scientists stumped.

Couple petitions court to reinstate heterosexual marriage.

Iran still closed off; physicists estimate it will take at least 10 more years before radioactivity decreases to safe levels.

France pleads for global help after being taken over by Jamaica. No other country comes forward to help the beleaguered nation!

Castro finally dies at age 112; Cuban cigars can now be imported legally, but President Chelsea Clinton has banned all smoking.

George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2036.

Postal Service raises price of first class stamp to \$17.89 and reduces mail delivery to Wednesdays only.

85-year \$75.8 billion study: Diet and exercise is the key to weight loss.

Average weight of Americans drops to 250 lbs.

Global cooling blamed for citrus crop failure for third consecutive year in Mexifornia and Floruba.

Japanese scientists have created a camera with such a fast shutter speed they now can photograph a woman with her mouth shut.

Abortion clinics now available in every High School in United States.

Senate still blocking drilling in ANWR even though gas is selling for 4532 Pesos per liter and gas stations are only open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Massachusetts executes last remaining conservative.

Supreme Court rules punishment of criminals violates their civil rights.

**A Couple Finally Had Sexual Harmony,
They Had simultaneous Headaches.**

**Average height of NBA players is now nine feet seven inches with
Only 3 illegitimate children.**

New federal law requires that all nail clippers, screwdrivers, fly swatters and rolled-up newspapers must be registered by January 2030.

IRS sets lowest tax rate at 75 percent.

Floruba voters still having trouble with voting machines.

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From: [David Bina](#)
Date: 11/09/10 14:28:25
To: [Undisclosed-Recipient:](#)
Subject: Educational Lecture

Education...

A man is stopped by the police at midnight and asked where he's going.

“I'm on my way to listen to a lecture about the effects of alcohol abuse on the human body.”

The policeman asks, “Really?”

And who's giving a lecture at this time of night?”

“My wife.”

Mark

Mark Sztanyo, PCN Dir & HL Editor
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