

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.

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High Life



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

Dear PCN,

Group Section.....

Mark's Remarks:

My Sunday Evenings:

Every Sunday I try to get in my comfortable chair and pull the laptop close, watch a little football and finish the High Life. Believe it or not I even have time to converse a bit with my wife and she has never said anything bad to me about this little "hobby". I publish the HL in two locations online and then send the notice out that it is available. Wallah, my life in the nerve center. Of course if you visited our home it would look a little more like an *old folks home* rather than a nerve center. I do hope that the effort is worth it and that you enjoy staying connected to this fine group of people. Did you notice that I didn't say airline? The airline has changed so dramatically and the workplace relationships are different to say the least. The group I am talking about (with some of them members of the PCN) is the airline community and pilot group that built one of the world's greatest airlines. I have often said, and still believe, that I have made my greatest friends and developed my utmost admiration for any group in life, while flying the line..... *with you*. The PCN is an honor for me because of who we serve. Thanks for staying connected and for chipping in on occasion to help make this letter more interesting.

Peace around the home:

I know, I know you just finished the turkey and your wife wants to put out some Christmas decorations. Hey, pick a warm day and just do it. Everybody will be happier and the grandkids won't think you are a bah humbug!

Reminder about how we send out notices:

The PCN uses separate email addresses for distinct notices. So if you would like to customize what you receive and what you don't want to receive you can block the appropriate email address for that specific notice. I occasionally get subscribers that want me to eliminate specific notices sent to them. I can't but you can, simply by blocking the undesirable email address.

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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!

PCN Ads

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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>

News Section.....

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

Eighth Delta group turns away union

Atlanta Business Chronicle

Date: Monday, November 22, 2010, 10:45am EST - Last Modified: Monday, November 22, 2010, 10:47am EST

[Delta Air Lines Inc.](#) TechOps Stores workers on Monday became the eighth worker group at the airline to reject union overtures.

The nearly 700 workers, which handle the airline's parts, rejected representation by the [International Association of Machinists](#) (IAM). There were 607 votes cast -- 439 "no" votes, only 166 votes for IAM and two write-in votes, Delta (NYSE: DAL) reported. There were 673 eligible voters.

"This is the eighth work group in which representation was resolved since Delta's merger, resulting in no union for the more than 41,000 employees in these groups," said **Mike Campbell**, executive vice president of HR and Labor Relations, in a statement. "We urge the IAM and AFA to respect our people's choice and the will of the majority. Delta people have patiently waited two years to have their pay, benefits, work rules, and seniority aligned. It's time to move forward."

Last week, Delta's below-wing Airport Customer Service and Cargo warehouse employees [rejected IAM representation](#) in the Fleet Service election. The Atlanta airline's flight attendants rejected AFA representation earlier this month, Delta's simulator technicians twice rejected IAM representation in 2010, and Delta's meteorologists rejected union representation in March 2009. Delta's aircraft maintenance technicians and technical writers/planners also resolved representation by moving to a direct relationship in early 2009. These groups total more than 41,000 employees.

Reservation Sales and customer-facing airport and cargo agents in the Passenger Service craft or class are voting on unionization and results will be announced Dec. 7.

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Other Airline News (Recent stories of interest):

Airline Rebound Hinges on Growth, Security and Seats, IATA Says

By Steve Rothwell - Nov 25, 2010 6:10 AM ET

An economic reversal, external shock or rush to restore capacity pose the greatest threats to a rebound in [airline traffic](#) in 2011, International Air Transport Association President [Giovanni Bisignani](#) said in an interview.

International traffic rose 10.1 percent in October compared with a year earlier, the second straight double-digit expansion, though growth is returning to a "more normal" pattern as the end of 2010 approaches, Bisignani said in London.

The economic outlook "is anything but clear" and a gain in yields or fares that should spur airlines to an \$8.9 billion profit for 2010 may be curbed if carriers add seats too quickly, he said, while a security incident or other external event could plunge carriers back into crisis. [IATA](#) says earnings will drop to \$5.3 billion in 2011 as state cuts weigh on consumer demand.

Read more: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-11-25/airline-industry-rebound-hinges-on-growth-security-and-seats-iata-says.html?cmpid=yahoo>

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Airport Chief Says TSA Must Go

By [Ted Reed - The Street](#) Nov 24, 2010 3:00 pm

As airlines, airports and the Transportation Security Administration ramp up for one of the year's busiest [travel](#) periods -- and with attention focused on controversial new pat-down procedures -- the director of Charlotte Douglas International Airport says he could provide airport [security](#) more efficiently than the TSA can.

Aviation Director Jerry Orr said the federal government should focus on "looking for potential perpetrators" rather than inspecting everybody, sometimes intrusively. People must realize that "No matter you much you spend, you cannot 100% guarantee security," so it is worth considering that at some level security may be too intrusive, or too slow, or too expensive to provide, he said.

On the cost side, Orr noted, the number of workers employed by the TSA in Charlotte has tripled from around 150 at the time of the September 11 terrorist attacks, yet security is no better.

Read more: <http://www.minyanville.com/businessmarkets/articles/thestreet-airport-security-tsa-flights-united/11/24/2010/id/31343?camp=syndication&medium=portals&from=yahoo>

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

From: [jim munton](#)

Date: 11/24/10 13:07:03

To: marksztanyo@gmail.com

Subject: FW: UPDATED INFO ON 2007 AMENDED TAX RETURN

Mark....I'm continuing my effort to try to get word out to all affected Retired DAL Pilots about my successful IRS ruling changing our 2007 Tax status from "WAGES" to "Capital Gains". I'm getting about \$8,000 back from IRS and I went out on a Medical so only got Medical portion of DAL stock; the bulk of DAL Retired Pilots that lost their retirement also, could potentially get much more back from the IRS. Would you please publish this "UPDATE" on your PCN. Thanks, Jim Munton

Check out his page on the PCN at: http://pcn.homestead.com/Archive_Pens_Munton.html

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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):

Info from Paul Schmidt about a service of the Benefit Trust:

I have been told there is an independent party who is contracted by the Benefit Trust to give retirees a fair comparison assessment of plan offerings. If you are over 65 and wish to use this free service to compare medigap plans by using this advocate then dial: 1-877-DALRC65 option 2.

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VEBA Plans Info Summary

ALL Retirees Please Share Contact Info:

As many of you know, Delta gave to the VEBA trust a "partial" census (or list) of contact info for our retired guys and employees. But some of the info is dated and of course the over 65 for some strange reason was not included. So in order to get info sent to you if you are interested about the appropriate VEBA plan programs, it is advised that you share your contact info with Cone or directly with the appropriate plan administrator:

Get on mailing list:

For all pilots by email: Enter info to [Cone Insurance Group](#)

Or directly to plan providers:

Under 65 plan provider Marsh by phone: 1-877-928-8322 by email: N/A

Over 65 plan provider Boon Group: phone 1-866-868-9006 email: DeltaRetireeEF@boongroup.com

(if agent not knowledgeable ask for Eric Breeding)

Overall VEBA info page:

DP3 VEBA Info page: <http://www.dp3.org/ns/VEBA.html>

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Responses to Capt Lee's question about TriCare and the HCTC:

From: [David Ewing](#)

Date: 11/21/2010 10:19:49 PM

To: al@wa4ewv.net

Cc: mark@pilotcommunication.net; contactus@dp3.org

Subject: VEBA

Al,

The Delta enrollment information is on-line this year at the <http://dlnet.delta.com/> address. After you log in, find the "Employee Information" link on the top of the window. A drop down menu will appear and near the bottom is self service. Click on Self Service. This opens the Open Enrollment page. There are four days left to make changes.

I do not believe that those of us on TRICARE are eligible for the HCTC or any credits from DL toward medical insurance. Please let me know if I am mistaken.

Good luck.

Dave Ewing
ATL 767-400A
Retired May 2002

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From: [Wendell and Gail Lewis](#)
Date: 11/22/2010 9:39:11 AM
To: [Al](#)
Cc: '[David Ewing](#)'; mark@pilotcommunication.net; contactus@dp3.org
Subject: Re: VEBA

Al,
You are correct, if TRICARE eligible you are not eligible for the HCTC. Delta also has chosen not to provide a subsidy for the over 65 DP3 VEBA plans.
Thanks for spreading the word.
Wendell Lewis, DP3 Trustee

There are two websites that outline eligibility requirements for the HCTC:
<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=185800,00.html>
<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=171007,00.html>
from the second:

General Requirements

You meet the general requirements for the HCTC if the following statements are true for every month that you want to claim the tax credit:

- You are covered by a qualified plan for which you pay more than 50% of the premiums
- You are not enrolled in Medicare Part A, B, or C
- You are not enrolled in Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- **You are not enrolled in Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) or eligible to receive benefits under the U.S. military health system (TRICARE).**
- You are not in prison under federal, state, or local authority
- You are not receiving a 65% [COBRA Premium Reduction](#)
- You cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's federal tax return, unless you are a qualified family member who is applying for the HCTC after a PBGC payee or TAA recipient has enrolled in Medicare, finalized a divorce, or passed away. For more information, visit the [qualified family members page](#)

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From: [Al](#)
Date: 11/22/10 16:43:14
Subject: Delta Open Enrollment

Hello All:

First off, I would like to thank all of you who answered my questions from earlier emails.

That's the good news.

Here is the bad news (with a fix):

I went on line to the Open Enrollment section and pulled up my worksheet. The default red box was NOT on the DPMP - Dental Option for \$38.27 for either the Retiree or my spouse. That's easy to fix, I thought!

I then went to the Enrollment section and selected Change for DPMP - Dental for me. The DPMP - Dental Option was NOT there! I tried it for my wife - NOT there. The Vision section said "Not Eligible".

A call into the ESS was then made. VERY fast - less than 30 second wait!

Bottom line: there is a glitch in their system! The agent said not to worry, the technical department is aware the SOME retirees are getting that error. She gave me a case number and told me that I would receive a call from them sometime in December and that my Open Enrollment deadline would be waived.

She also told me that my Dental rate would go down in 2011. I told her that my math showed a \$5.00 increase. Guess what? Life insurance rate for age 70 is higher.

I thought I would pass this along FYI of all.

Al Lee
767 ER Retired 2000

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DP3 VEBA Wins HCTC Approval

November 25, 2010

We are pleased to announce we have received word from the IRS-HCTC that the DP3 VEBA Trust benefits will be considered qualifying coverage eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) for the Delta retirees who are eligible for the HCTC.

Over the past month, Cone Insurance Group and the DP3 VEBA Trust's lawyer, Dean Gloster, have been working closely with the IRS-HCTC staff to help them gain a better understanding of what was and was not offered to Delta pilots during the bankruptcy for continuing COBRA coverage. We believe that this was a key component to their decision to treat the DP3 VEBA Trust's benefits as a qualified health plan for the HCTC subsidy in the coming year. We will continue to work with the IRS-HCTC staff regarding notices to participants eligible for the HCTC.

It is important to note, though, that even with this good news, it is still very important for Congress to pass legislation to reauthorize the provisions that are due to expire on December 31st, 2010. The provisions that are still in question will determine:

1. If the HCTC subsidy remains at 80% or will instead revert back to the original 65% subsidy

2. If Qualified Family Members will continue to receive the HCTC subsidy for an additional 24 months after the event date (event date is Medicare eligibility, death, or divorce)
3. If there is still the option to receive your initial Monthly reimbursement payment as a credit to your HCTC account.

This is great news - We wish a Happy Thanksgiving you and your families.

Dave Miller
DP3 VEBA Trust Chairman

Pension:

From: [Gary L. Curtis](#)
Date: 11/22/2010 9:33:15 AM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: PBGC

Mark,

Just a heads up for your readers. I received my BDL in June and it stated that my monthly amount would be increased and I would get a lump sum check for the amount owed. As of mid November neither had happened. I called the PBGC they said "Whoops" we had forgotten about you. Now that you called we will process it in late November and you will see the increase and get the check in January. Lesson learned: If you have not gotten your raise or your lump sum check, call the PBGC, maybe they have "forgotten" you also.

Gary Curtis
ATL 767A - Retired

Re-Print of Chm's letter containing an appeal:

DP3 Chairman's Update

November 22, 2010

It has now been over four years since our Delta Pilot Defined Benefit Pension was terminated during Delta's bankruptcy proceeding. While many of you have moved on with your lives, albeit after modifying your lifestyles, the DP3 trustees have been using this time to prepare for the PBGC appeals process and a possible federal court suit to restore our lost pension benefits. (We will pursue a federal court case only if we are not successful using the PBGC's internal appeals procedures.)

Appealing Final Benefit Determination Letters

Through your financial support, we have been able to hire the best professionals in the business to protect our interests in Washington, D.C. Now, after four years of preparations, our day of reckoning is drawing near. The start of the PBGC appeals process has been postponed until late January due

to delays by the PBGC in providing required information to our legal team. The PBGC has also missed several deadlines to provide final Benefit Determination Letters (BDLs) to our members.

Our goal from the beginning has been to cover the cost of the formal appeals through our regular DP3 annual dues without charging additional assessments. With the latest delay, we will now incur appeal-related legal expenses for a few additional months as we also prepare to file the potential federal court case. Because of these factors, our annual dues for 2011 will probably increase for the first time in three years. Look for more information on the 2011 dues in the near future.

The most effective way we can minimize dues, while preparing the absolute best legal case, is to recruit additional DP3 members. Currently, only half of our Honor Roll members plan to appeal their PBGC benefits, but we estimate that at least 1,500 additional retirees would benefit significantly from a successful appeal. **If our appeals are ultimately successful, many of these retirees could recover an amount every month that would exceed the total cost of all DP3 dues and assessments to date.** We need your help in reaching out to fellow retirees who may not be aware of our efforts on their behalf. DP3 is currently working on a letter that you can forward to fellow pilot friends and acquaintances that explains who can benefit from the appeal process and by how much.

Consolidated Appeals Deadline Extended Again

Due to PBGC delays in sending the non-QDRO BDL letters to our members, the consolidated appeals deadline has been tentatively extended by an additional two weeks to **January 21, 2011**. As of last Wednesday, there were still 600 non-QDRO BDLs that have not been sent, but the PBGC anticipates they will be mailed by November 19, 2010. Those of you with QDROs may not see a BDL until next year, and possibly even after the DP3 consolidated appeal filing date. We want to assure you that this will not affect your right to appeal and you will be able to join the DP3 consolidated appeal in progress when you finally receive your BDL.

VEBA Healthcare Plan

In addition to preparing for the PBGC appeals, the DP3 trustees have formally approved our VEBA insurance program offered by Aetna insurance and administered through our separate VEBA board. The DP3 VEBA Board has elected its slate of officers, and Dave Miller is its first chairman. During his Delta career, Dave served in numerous ALPA positions including pilot director on the Delta board of directors.

We have now completed the first round of insurance road shows in many major cities. Most of the information for our under-age 65 program, eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC), is posted on our website at <http://www.dp3.org/ns/VEBA.html>.

Our HCTC-eligible offerings benefit from bundling rules that offer combined medical, dental and vision programs, which makes all three programs eligible for the 80% tax credit. However, the VEBA's eligibility for the HCTC is contained within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which is set to expire on December 31, 2010, unless Congress acts to extend it.

While the VEBA attorneys are confident Congress will extend the ARRA, **we strongly encourage all DP3 members to take advantage of the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) "CAPWIZ" message to email your elected representatives asking them to extend these valuable provisions.** If you have not already submitted your message to Congress, please click on this link to **take immediate action:** <http://capwiz.com/abtr/home/>

In addition to an HCTC eligible program for those under age 65, we are offering a Plan F Medicare supplemental plan for those over 65. We continue to investigate offering more widespread supplemental plans and have just announced in our previous email that an over-65 plan has been

finalized and will be presented in roadshows from November 29 through December 6. See the calendar at left for dates and registration links. We will post additional information about these new plans on the [VEBA page of our our web site](#) soon.

In conclusion, I want to remind you that Delta recently announced it has filed with the Bankruptcy Court to close the Delta bankruptcy case and settle the rest of the outstanding unsecured claims. A hearing is scheduled in mid-December, and if the motion is approved, Delta anticipates completing final payment of the remaining unsecured claims by March 31, 2011. DP3 does not have any information about the number of shares remaining that are available for final distribution.

Thank you for your continued support.

Will Buergey

Will Buergey
Chairman, DP3

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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 its existence.

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):

From: Capt767er@aol.com

Date: 11/27/2010 4:57:25 PM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Fwd: Security Weekly: Aviation Security Threats and Realities

Marc, click on the "Read More" link and allow time for this to load. There is a permission to publish and I believe you might be interested in publishing this piece given our participation in the process and our continuing travel.

I recently returned from SEA after visiting Saigon, Hanoi, Laos, Cambodia, Malaysia, and Singapore. If you have space and interest I will send you some stills and video from Saigon, Hanoi, and the Hanoi Hilton. I have never done a "Blog" but perhaps a separate link to this subject might be the answer. I had two B-52 guys in my Class at Delta who were shot down in the 1972 raids.

Regards, Rick Bauer

Aviation Security Threats and Realities

By Scott Stewart | November 24, 2010

Over the past few weeks, aviation security — specifically, enhanced passenger-screening procedures — has become a big issue in the media. The discussion of the topic has become even more fervent as we enter Thanksgiving weekend, which is historically one of the busiest travel periods of the year. As this discussion has progressed, we have been asked repeatedly by readers and members of the press for our opinion on the matter.

We have answered such requests from readers, and we have done a number of media interviews, but we've resisted writing a fresh analysis on aviation security because, as an organization, our objective is to lead the media rather than follow the media regarding a particular topic. We want our readers to be aware of things before they become pressing public issues, and when it comes to aviation-security threats and the issues involved with passenger screening, we believe we have accomplished this. Many of the things now being discussed in the media are things we've written about for years. [Read more »](#)

Life Section...

Misc Posts:

From: [Donald Sykes](#)
Date: 11/22/2010 4:34:12 PM
To: [Mark](#)
Subject: Roth IRA

Mark,

Thanks for all your hard work! I was trying to find an article in the old archives probably 2008 or 2009. It had to do with contributing to a Roth IRA. Specifically using our 2007 Delta stock sale dollars. Are those articles available on line?

Thanks,
Don Sykes
ATL

Editor: Don, you are making me go back a while to the ole RSP files, but YES those newsletters are still archived online. I couldn't quickly locate the ones that had Roth info but I know they're there. For the rest of the group, it is a little digging but some of these old letters have an occasional nugget in them. Click here: <http://rsp.homestead.com/archive.html>

Human Interest:

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

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

From: [Roger Lewis](#)

Date: 11/26/2010 10:16:20 PM

To:

Subject: Christmas Party

Twenty First Annual DFW 60th Bum Group Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 8th, 2010

**Marriott Hotel DFW Airport
State Hwy 114 and Freeport Pkwy
8440 Freeport Parkway
Irving, Texas 75063
972-929-8800**

6 P.M. *Cocktails and Hors d' Oeuvres*

*Domestic and Imported Cheeseboard
Rustico Black Peppercorn, Bruder Basil; White Diamond Cheddar; English Stilton & Manchego;
Humboldt Sliced French Bread and Crackers*

CASH BAR

Door Prizes --- Music by Maco

Contact Roger above.

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

Capt Rick Smail of SLC is looking for Dick Gardner formerly of ORD. If anyone has contact info for Dick please email me and I will pass it along to Rick. mark@pilotcommunication.net

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](#).

From: Yorkieatl@aol.com
Date: 11/22/2010 7:00:35 PM
To: Yorkieatl@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: Changes on EMPLOYEE PERKS

DeltaNet / EMPLOYEE INFO / DISCOUNTS/EMPLOYEE PERKS

Employee Perks now recognizes you as a **DL RETIREE** and shows discounts available when the site opens.

Employee Perks Discount and Voluntary Benefit Program

Because Delta appreciates all of your hard work and dedication, the company has partnered with YouDecide to create a unique and enhanced employee discount program. YouDecide offers Delta employees discounts on a wide variety of products and services. Plus, convenient payroll deduction options are available for active employees on auto/home insurance, commuter benefits, ID theft, and computer purchases. This benefit can save you and your family time and money on things like restaurants, electronics, movie and event tickets, shopping and much more.

[Access Employee Perks](#)

On the Employee Perks Home page

Take advantage of their SIGN UP FOR SAVINGS email

Employee Perks now offers RETIREE eligible discount information- Go to [Deals & Discounts](#)

Check out [Most Popular](#) on the home page

[Deals & Discounts](#) / [Travel Packages & Services](#) - now offers **Zipcar** to retirees, previously to only active duty employees.

[Deals & Discounts](#) / [Delta Partner Programs](#) - **Gogo Inflight Internet** 50% discount now applies to retirees! It's free to everyone until the end of Dec.

(http://www.delta.com/traveling_checkin/inflight_services/products/wi-fi.jsp)

- **RESX Leisure Travel** - This is still offered for hotel and rental car discounts from DL's corporate partners.

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

From: [David L. Roberts](#)
Date: 11/27/2010 10:20:05 PM
To: [MY AVIATION PHOTO FANS](#)
Subject: Fwd: FLYING FUN....TOP GUN FLY BY

For all of you who loved the movie TOP GUN. Here is a short video about the making of the movie and the TOWER FLY-BY.

Thanks to Don who's been there and done that.....

I do a lot of "Career Days" at various schools. I always start off with a question. How many of you have seen Top Gun? My next question is then "What is the difference between Tom Cruise and me?" I then say, "He was an actor and did not do ANY of that stuff. I am the real deal and have done it all!!". 😊 Don

FLYING FUN....TOP GUN FLY BY

Open if you have time or interest in aviation.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kf_bCOoXK24

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From: [David L. Roberts](#)

Date: 11/25/10 11:39:02

To: [MY AVIATION PHOTO FANS](#)

Subject: HANDS

Retiring Continental Captain Greg Brothersen created this video.

For those of us who have ever flown for a living with passengers, this really brings it home.

Hi;

I put this video together for my retirement. The words are from the poem "One Of The Trusted;" by Gill Rob Wilson written over 50 years ago.

I had my relief pilot take the pictures of my hands when we were over the North Atlantic between Greenland and Canada and the sky picture I took at sunrise over the Pacific.

My best friend put it on youtube for me.

I hope it works

Enjoy.

Greg

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3gKegWsv9g>

Political (food for thought):

Never Honor A Traitor

For those of you too young to remember **Hanoi Jane** is a bad person and did some terrible things during the Vietnam war.

For those who served and/or died. . .

NEVER HONOR A TRAITOR. SHE REALLY WAS A TRAITOR!!

Now OBAMA wants to honor her as one of the 100 great women of America.....!!!!

In Memory of LT. C.Thomsen Wieland who spent 100 days at the Hanoi Hilton

IF YOU NEVER FORWARDED ANYTHING IN YOUR LIFE FORWARD THIS SO THAT EVERYONE WILL KNOW!!!!!!

She really is a traitor.

A TRAITOR IS ABOUT TO BE HONORED KEEP THIS MOVING ACROSS AMERICA

This is for all the kids born in the 70's and after who do not remember, and didn't have to bear the burden that our fathers, mothers and older brothers and sisters had to bear..

Jane Fonda is being honored as one of the '100 Women of the Century.'

Unfortunately, many have forgotten and still countless others have never known how Ms. Fonda betrayed not only the idea of our country, but specific men who served and sacrificed during Vietnam

The first part of this is from an F-4E pilot. The pilot's name is Jerry Driscoll, a River Rat

In 1968, the former Commandant of the USAF Survival School was a POW in Ho Lo Prison the 'Hanoi Hilton.'

Dragged from a stinking cesspit of a cell, cleaned, fed, and dressed in clean PJ's, he was ordered to describe for a visiting American 'Peace Activist' the 'lenient and humane treatment' he'd received.

He spat at Ms. Fonda, was clubbed, and was dragged away. During the subsequent beating, he fell forward on to the camp Commandant 's feet, which sent that officer berserk.

In 1978, the Air Force Colonel still suffered from double vision (which permanently ended his flying career) from the Commandant's frenzied application of a wooden baton.

From 1963-65, Col. Larry Carrigan was in the 47FW/DO (F-4E's). He spent 6 years in the 'Hanoi Hilton',,, the first three of which his family only knew he was 'missing in action'. His wife lived on faith that he was still alive. His group, too, got the cleaned-up, fed and clothed routine in preparation for a 'peace delegation' visit.

They, however, had time and devised a plan to get word to the world that they were alive and still survived. Each man secreted a tiny piece of paper, with his Social Security Number on it , in the palm of his hand.

When paraded before Ms. Fonda and a cameraman, she walked the line, shaking each man's hand and asking little encouraging snippets like: 'Aren't you sorry you bombed babies?' and 'Are you grateful for the humane treatment from your benevolent captors?' Believing this HAD to be an act, they each palmed her their sliver of paper.

She took them all without missing a beat.. At the end of the line and once the camera stopped rolling, to the shocked disbelief of the POWs, she turned to the officer in charge and handed him all the little pieces of paper..

Three men died from the subsequent beatings. Colonel Carrigan was almost number four but he survived, which is the only reason we know of her actions that day.

I was a civilian economic development advisor in Vietnam , and was captured by the North Vietnamese communists in South Vietnam in 1968, and held prisoner for over 5 years.

I spent 27 months in solitary confinement; one year in a cage in Cambodia ; and one year in a 'black box' in Hanoi My North Vietnamese captors deliberately poisoned and murdered a female missionary, a nurse in a leprosarium in Ban me Thuot , South Vietnam , whom I buried in the jungle near the Cambodian border... At one time, I weighed only about 90 lbs. (My normal weight is 170 lbs)

We were Jane Fonda's 'war criminals....'

When Jane Fonda was in Hanoi , I was asked by the camp communist political officer if I would be willing to meet with her..

I said yes, for I wanted to tell her about the real treatment we POWs received... and how different it was from the treatment purported by the North Vietnamese, and parroted by her as 'humane and lenient.'

Because of this, I spent three days on a rocky floor on my knees, with my arms outstretched with a large steel weights placed on my hands, and beaten with a bamboo cane.

I had the opportunity to meet with Jane Fonda soon after I was released. I asked her if she would be willing to debate me on TV. She never did answer me.

These first-hand experiences do not exemplify someone who should be honored as part of '100

Years of Great Women.' Lest we forget...' 100 Years of Great Women' should never include a traitor whose hands are covered with the blood of so many patriots. There are few things I have strong visceral reactions to, but Hanoi Jane's participation in blatant treason, is one of them. Please take the time to forward to as many people as you possibly can.. It will eventually end up on her computer and she needs to know that we will never forget.

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

Thanks Lane:

During a recent password audit by Microsoft & Google,
it was found that **a blonde** was using the following password:

"MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofySacramento"

When asked why she had such a long password, she said she was told that it had to be at least 8 characters long and include at least one capital.

Mark

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