

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

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

Dear PCN,

Group Section.....

Mark's Remarks:

Deep Freeze:

I would seem that we are in the throws of another strong winter season. Keep your mukluks handy. Stay warm and engaged this winter. When you have a question or a post, send it in.

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PCN Facebook:

Well, I have postponed having a facebook account because I am not a real frequent facebook updater. However, this is a neat way for our group to connect with one another and share info. I originally set this up as a group underneath my personal facebook account but now find it better to separate it out with PCN's own account. If you originally joined that other group or wish to join now Click and join the PCN facebook account and do your thing.

Archived Docs:

The Archived page has been updated to include a compilation of the articles Ev Gost wrote regarding the D & S Trust for the PCN. As we gain helpful information we will archive it and link it on this page:

<http://pcn.homestead.com/Archive.html>

Check it out.

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Grandkids:

Currently I have 5 with one on the way. I am taking advantage of as much kid time as I can for things will be changing soon. Our Delta son will be moving to the MI area to fly out Detwa. That will cut down our gandkid time considerably. It has been great. Yesterday, my 3 year old grandson responded on the phone to me coming over by saying "that's cool!" In that same week I took my 5 year old granddaughter out shopping with me. Note: she didn't stop talking for the whole 2 hours we were together. In that flury of words she told me that she wanted to be both a princess and a ballerina. Although she heard that ballerinas have to put their foot over their head. With that said, she told me that maybe she will just be a princess instead. Kids say the darndest things and it is great to take a little time to listen and hear a something funny or a real gem.

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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>

News Section.....

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

- [Delta Air Lines](#) announces fourth-quarter earnings on Tuesday the 18th. Last quarter, the company reported net income of \$1.10 per share. Where will Delta—which has warned that severe winter weather will cut into its profits—land this time?

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Delta to Bring Call Center Jobs to U.S.

By [Ted Reed](#) 01/14/11 - 12:12 PM EST

ATLANTA ([TheStreet](#)) -- **Delta** ([DAL](#)) became the latest airline to say it will bring call center jobs back to the U.S. Delta Cargo will bring back work from a contract call center in Montego Bay, Jamaica, where customers can call to inquire about shipments of animals, CEO Richard Anderson said Thursday, on a recorded message for employees.

"One of the ways to mitigate the impact of the recession is to insource work," Anderson said. "It provides job protection and it is consistent with what the administration wants companies to do in the U.S. today, which is to bring back work from overseas and do our best to increase employment."

Forty contract employees had been taking Delta's animal-transport related calls at the MBJ call center in Montego Bay, but cross-training will enable employees in Atlanta and Minneapolis to handle the work, Delta said.

Read more: http://www.thestreet.com/_yahoo/story/10973715/1/delta-to-bring-call-center-jobs-to-us.html?cm_ven=YAHOO&cm_cat=FREE&cm_ite=NA

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How much would you take not to fly?

Delta asking travelers to bid for voluntary bumping in effort to speed boarding process

Samantha Bomkamp, AP Airlines Writer, On Thursday January 13, 2011, 11:11 pm EST

NEW YORK (AP) -- How much would it take for you not to fly?

Name your price. That's what Delta is telling passengers at airport kiosks now, in case a flight is overbooked. The Atlanta airline asks passengers to enter a bid -- how much they would like to be offered if they were bumped.

There's no minimum bid; the maximum varies. Passengers can change their minds at the gate if they decide they don't have time to wait for the next flight.

Delta says the move is part of its larger strategy to expand its technology offerings. And the bidding prevents the "crowded and chaotic scene" that often ensues at the gate when a flight is oversold, spokesman Paul Skrbec said.

Often five or six passengers volunteer at the gate to take a voucher when a flight is overbooked, he said. That slows the boarding process and often makes planes late leaving the gate. On-time performance is a key measure of airline reliability. Delta Air Lines Inc. finished last in that category among major airlines in the most recent report from the Department of Transportation.

Read More: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/How-much-would-you-take-not-apf-3635770712.html?x=0&.v=2>

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Delta considers order for up to 200 new planes

Delta Air Lines plans big plane order to replace up to 200 jets beginning in 2013

On Thursday January 13, 2011, 6:19 pm EST

ATLANTA (AP) -- Delta Air Lines Inc. is considering replacing as many as 200 of the older, smaller planes it uses for domestic flying.

The company told employees on an internal website that it's thinking about placing an order for 100 to 200 new planes, with an option for 200 more. Deliveries would begin in early 2013.

The company says the new planes would replace some DC-9s, Boeing 757s, and Airbus A320s. CEO Richard Anderson says that Delta pilots will fly the new planes, not feeder carriers.

Boeing Co. and Airbus are the main manufacturers who could meet such an order, although Chinese and Brazilian manufacturers are also planning new planes of the size Delta is looking for.

Other Airline News (Recent stories of interest):

Jan. 14, 2011, 5:05 p.m. EST

United Continental eyes new jets: analysts

By [Christopher Hinton](#), MarketWatch

NEW YORK (MarketWatch) — While Delta Air Lines may be just the first major U.S. airline to spring for a new fleet of single-aisle jets, United Continental Holdings might not be far behind.

Key motivators for both airlines and, indeed, the entire industry are the stubborn rise in jet fuel prices and easier access to financing.

The recently-merged carrier has a fleet of grounded Boeing 737 jets that are on average 20 years old and lack the kind of fuel efficiency needed to weather oil prices if they were to again top \$100 a barrel. It also flies aging Airbus A320 and A319 jets.

Michel Merluzeau, managing partner at consultancy G2 Solutions, foresees a United Continental ([UAL 25.88](#), -0.08, -0.31%) order of about 100 aircraft.

Read More: <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/united-continental-eyes-new-jets-analysts-2011-01-14?siteid=yhoof>

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American Expands Qantas Alliance to Build Overseas

By Mary Schlangenhein - Jan 14, 2011 5:28 PM ET

American Airlines' expansion of its cooperation with [Qantas Airways Ltd.](#) will build on its new international joint ventures across the Atlantic and Pacific, and allow it to carry more passengers from [Australia](#) through its biggest hub to other U.S. cities.

[AMR Corp.](#)'s American and Qantas will schedule and market flights between the U.S. and Australia and New Zealand and share ground-handling work and other airport services, the airlines said today. Qantas, Australia's biggest airline, will add a Sydney-Dallas-Fort Worth flight and place its airline code on connecting American service to 16 new destinations in the U.S. and [Mexico](#), the carriers said.

The expanded cooperation builds on American's alliances with Japan Airlines Corp. and British Airways Plc that allow those carriers to jointly set schedules and fares. American and Qantas, partners in the Oneworld alliance, won't share revenue under their relationship and can't seek approval to jointly set fares because American doesn't serve Australia on its own.

The changes also may help American as it competes with Delta Air Lines Inc. for Australian passengers in the U.S. Delta and Virgin Blue Holdings Ltd., Australia's No. 2 carrier, are seeking U.S. Transportation Department approval for a joint venture to better coordinate flights and marketing efforts.

Read More: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-01-14/american-expands-qantas-alliance-to-build-on-overseas-ventures.html?cmpid=yhoo>

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 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: revised to Feb 18, 2011 Now Mar 18, 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% unless legislative action. Action has continued 80% for Jan & Feb.**
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.

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

Pension:

TWO IMPORTANT ARTICLES

Posted on DP3 Blog as of Jan 16th.

<http://dp3org.wordpress.com/>

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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):

Life Section...

Misc Posts:

From: [Bill Phillips](#)
Date: 1/13/2011 8:48:45 PM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: Final Delta Stock Distribution Question

Hi Mark,

Regarding the final distribution of stock to us unsecured claimholders (recently estimated to take place in March, 2011), it was my understanding that on Oct 15th, 2010 Delta filed a motion with the court to close the bankruptcy case, and that the judge was scheduled to hold a hearing on that motion in mid December. I don't recall anything specific about the result of that hearing - has anything been published about it?

Bill Phillips
MSY (Ret. Dec. 2004)

Editor: I have not heard or found a final distribution hard date. I believe DAL is working through its list of outstanding creditors and we are last or near last on that list. Kind of like being at the dinner table last at Ma and Pa Kettles. Only crumbs left! Please see following post by John.

John Skomars
Email jskom@juno.com

Issue Area - General

Comments - Rumor has it the first Delta bankruptcy was resolved in Dec 2010.

Final pay out for loss of health care benefits for those involved to be made in **March or April**.

Human Interest:

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

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

This is the PCN Calendar designed for you to publish your 2011 event dates. Please send them in to Kim.

Click here for our PCN [Calendar](#).

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From: [Richard Deeds](#)

Date: 1/4/2011 9:07:32 PM

To: [pilots wallybird](#)

Subject: MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Wallybird brunch January 30, 2011. A new year!! Keep WAL Alive!

From the Wallybird

When: January 20, 2011

Where: Francesco's Restaurant

Francesco's is located 1 block east of the Hilton Hotel on OAK airport on Hegenberger Road.

Time: 1115

**NOTE: We changed the menu and eliminated the Chicken and included the new item:
Ceasar Chicken Salad!**

Meal choices are:

Ceasar Chicken Salad \$20

Baked Lasagna a la Toscana \$17

Hoagie Sandwich \$15

Meal all inclusive. Your choice of entree, drink, desert and gratuity!

Let start out the new year with a great attendance!!!!

Please RSVP me by noon, Monday

January 17 with your menu selection either by email to:

dickdeeds@pacbell.net

or Phone:

408-268-0670

Its a new year! Let's get a big turnout and keep the WAL spirit alive!!!!!!

Dick

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

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

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. Need a sim buddy? Use PCN for request) :

Joel Payne

Email flyplayne@bellsouth.net

Issue Area flying out of Shemya

Comments Interesting site about flying out of Shemya. The first page is a bit of history. By clicking on the arrow at the bottom, you can advance to the flying portion- Joel Payne ATL 767A [ret.]

http://images.search.yahoo.com/images/view?back=http%3A%2F%2Fimages.search.yahoo.com%2Fsearch%2Fimages%3F_adv_prop%3Dimage%26va%3Dmap%2Baleutian%2Bislands%2Balaska%26fr%3Datt-portal-s&w=800&h=472&imgurl=home.comcast.net%2F%7Eadakisland%2Fimages%2Fmapalaska.jpg&rurl=http%3A%2F%2Fhome.comcast.net%2F%7Eadakisland%2Fmap.html&size=308KB&name=Aleutian+Islands...&p=map+aleutian+islands+alaska&oid=a740e0ac197e68b4c8d5756a59539934&fr2=&no=19&tt=3260&sigr=11cjh2vch&sigi=11hbgkfm&sigb=13b20sfge&.crumb=BEPXcrgXIQj#FCar=b0c13d30e7a51a48185244cbd0923a9d

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This is great Charlie, thanks.

From: [Charlie Brown](#)
Date: 1/13/2011 5:45:09 PM
Subject: Super Cub Landing

Check this out!

http://www.aircraftowner.com/videos/view/super-cub-land%20ding-on-windy-mt-top_912.html

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From: CaptGrumps@aol.com
Date: 1/10/2011 3:20:31 PM

Subject: B-747-800 UNDERGOES EXTREME TESTING

The 747- 400 was up to 844,000 lbs now its over 1 million. Breathtaking that much weight into the air on a 12,000 ft runway. Boeing 747-8 Undergoes Extreme Testing:

http://www.boeing.com/Features/2010/12/bca_748-8_test_12_15_10.html

Political (food for thought):

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

From: [WILLIAM E BRINTNALL](#)
Date: 1/15/2011 6:13:16 PM
To: [undisclosed recipients:](#)
Subject: Fw: The Nothing Box

This is funny---John B

Great explanation
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQ9L9YBJkk8>

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Winter got you down? Ahh, quit your whining. Get outside and have some fun like this Michigander is doing:



Mark

Mark Sztanyo, PCN Dir & HL Editor

[Pilot Communication Net](#) from Aug 2009

[Contact the Net](#)

Life on earth will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last!

Serving the Delta community, and pilots (active and retired) and their families, *including original Delta, and former C&S, Northeast, Pan-Am, Western, NWA, Republic, North-Central, Southern Airways, Hughes- Airwest, and all the Delta Connection carriers.*

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Delta Pilots Pension Preservation Organization - <http://www.dp3.org>

Delta Museum & Fly-in information - <http://www.deltamuseum.org>

Delta Pioneers - <http://www.deltapioneersinc.com/>

Delta Golden Wings - <http://www.deltagoldenwings.com/>

Delta Retiree Connection - <http://www.dlretiree.info>

Delta Retirement Committee - <http://www.dalrc.org/>

DAL Pilots DDPSA - <http://www.ddpsa.com/>

Delta Extra Net Portal - <http://dlnet.delta.com/>

National Retiree Legislative Network - <http://www.nrln.org/>

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