

PCN Services – High Life *Newsletter, News, Events, Deaths, Illness Notices & PCN Ads & Calendar*. Note: Notices from major sections are distributed by separate email address to allow our subscribers the ability to customize and filter notices not desired.

*Large web community for one of world's largest airlines*

# High Life

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

Dear PCN,

Group Section.....

## Mark's Remarks:

**Heard this quote today:** "What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace." — John Wesley We have been tolerating far too much and I am afraid about just what will be accepted as normal by the next generation. Mark

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**Still waiting for Distribution** – I apologize that I mistook the Delta letter I recently received about my 401k (it wasn't altogether obvious) for the final distribution. I have heard from a few of you who have set the record straight. The PCN is alive and well and doing its job of keeping things straight. Heck, I didn't even know I had a 401k with Delta anymore, and secondly I have been expecting a letter announcing info about the upcoming distribution. It was a quick-look mistake. So here we all sit awaiting the final distribution by Delta that has been postponed time and again. The last word that we have been told by the company was that the distributions should be out by the end of April 2011. We'll see.

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**No notices? Not receiving from PCN?** If you have been out of the loop there are a number of possible causes. The biggest reason is always a change of your email address. But another possible reason is a canceling of a Google service. Remember we use Google Groups to distribute and Google has a lot of other services that are accessible by the same or similar logins. So it may be possible that you canceled a Google service (like YouTube or Gmail or the like) and that action took you off our list. Anyway, if you are one who has gotten dropped realize that I only act on specific requests and do not drop subscribers without a request. Just email in and we will sign you back up.

For those that signed up but do not see the notices and have to get them from a friend or by checking online, here is what to try. As long as you sent me the correct email we are indeed sending that email our notices. However, many email “filter” emails and either place them in a junk folder or block them altogether. If that is the case you must set your filters to receive all emails from “@pilotcommunication.net” Once you do that you will likely receive all our email notices just fine.

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**Quick reminder** – (Please choose correct email). Separated and designated emails: For quicker and better handling of your email we have 4 distinct email addresses. While I monitor them all if your issue is best directed to a specific area please use the associated email address:

- For general - mark or [misc@pilotcommunication.net](mailto:misc@pilotcommunication.net)
- For illness - [illness@pilotcommunication.net](mailto:illness@pilotcommunication.net)
- For death - [death@pilotcommunication.net](mailto:death@pilotcommunication.net)
- For event - [pcn.calendar@gmail.com](mailto:pcn.calendar@gmail.com)

Why do I bring this up? These designated email addresses are also monitored to area managers so it is going to get to the right person. On occasion I get important notice info coming to our general email address (which is not monitored by anyone other than me) and there is sometimes a delay before I find it and forward it to the right person. PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO OUR GROUP NOTICES instead just send something to any of the above addresses. Those “replies” go to our google group and not our inboxes.

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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!

### 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](#)

## **Delta Agrees to Buy Nine Used MD-90 Jets From Japan Airlines**

*By Mary Jane Credeur - Mar 3, 2011*

[Delta Air Lines Inc. \(DAL\)](#), the world's second-largest carrier, said it is buying nine used MD-90 jets from Japan Airlines Corp. to replace older DC-9s that are being retired.

Deliveries will start in January after the planes are refurbished to match the rest of Delta's fleet, and Delta will "continue to look for opportunities to acquire used MD-90s," Nat Pieper, vice president of fleet strategy, wrote yesterday on the Atlanta-based airline's internal employee website.

The 160-seat, twin-engine MD-90s will be flown on domestic routes instead of the DC-9s, which average 34 years old, said Pieper, who didn't disclose financial terms. Newer planes offer better [fuel efficiency](#), and [Boeing Co. \(BA\)](#)'s last MD-90 was delivered in [2000](#).

"MD-90s have appraised values of \$5 million to \$9 million, depending on vintage, and it is highly unlikely that Delta would be paying more than that range for the Japan Airlines aircraft," said Douglas Runte, managing director at Piper Jaffray & Co. in [New York](#), who follows aircraft transactions.

A Delta spokesman, Trebor Banstetter, declined to comment beyond confirming the website posting's authenticity.

Delta plans to purchase about 50 of the used MD-90 jets over the next two years because it is a "very capital-efficient aircraft," President Ed Bastian said at a December investor presentation.

The airline had had 815 planes in its fleet as of December, including regional jets. It trails only [United Continental Holdings Inc. \(UAL\)](#) in global traffic.

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## **Delta Tops 2011 FORTUNE World's Most Admired Companies Airline Industry List**

**Press Release** Source: Delta Air Lines On Thursday March 3, 2011, 2:45 pm EST

FORTUNE magazine has ranked Delta the most admired airline worldwide in its 2011 World's Most Admired Companies airline industry list, published today. This is a remarkable achievement and yet another testament to the hard work of Delta people. Congratulations!

Delta has moved up in the airline rankings in the FORTUNE list from 10th in 2007, to sixth in 2008 and 2009, and third place in 2010. The airlines ranked second through 10th in the FORTUNE industry list, in order, are: Singapore Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Lufthansa Group, Air France-KLM Group, Cathay Pacific Airways, United Continental, Qantas Airways, British Airways, All Nippon Airways, US Airways Group and AMR.

The annual [FORTUNE World's Most Admired Companies airlines list](#) is based on results of a global survey of airline executives, directors and analysts who rate companies in their own industry on nine criteria: people management, quality of management, innovation, long-term investment, use of corporate assets, financial soundness, social responsibility, quality of product and services and global competitiveness. In addition to ranking top overall in the airline industry list, Delta ranked No. 1 among airlines in long-term investment, quality of management, global competitiveness and social responsibility.

Read More: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Delta-Tops-2011-FORTUNE-prnews-2840315756.html?x=0&.v=1>

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

## Airlines raising domestic fares again

US airlines attempting to boost domestic airfares again by at least \$10 per round trip

David Koenig, AP Airlines Writer, On Thursday March 3, 2011, 8:51 pm EST

DALLAS (AP) -- Airfares at major U.S. airlines are climbing again, continuing a dizzying pace of nearly weekly increases on both penny-pinching vacationers and expense-account corporate fliers.

The airlines are raising fares to cover higher jet fuel prices, and the strategy seems to be working. US Airways said Thursday that if the trend toward higher revenue continues, it will be able to cover foreseeable increases in fuel costs.

Jet fuel prices are over \$3 a gallon, the second-highest reading in March behind only 2008, when oil prices surged to record levels and U.S. airlines lost billions of dollars.

Delta Air Lines touched off the latest fare hike by adding up to \$20 to the price of domestic round-trip flights for tickets bought on short notice. American Airlines choose a more modest increase of \$10 per round trip but applied it to virtually all tickets for travel within the 48 contiguous states.

By midday Thursday, Delta, United, Continental and US Airways had all settled on matching American's \$10 increase.

Read More: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Airlines-raising-domestic-apf-1868758298.html?x=0&.v=6>

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 by Mar 31, 2011 according Delta Docket) Keep checking your account for more DAL shares.
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, April 29, 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:

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:** [R Wayne](#)  
**Date:** 3/6/2011 4:33:55 PM  
**To:** [mark@pilotcommunication.net](mailto:mark@pilotcommunication.net)  
**Subject:** Delta Air Lines Route Maps



Mark, here's a good website to see the worldwide Delta Route Maps.

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Delta Air Lines Route network maps.

[http://www.airlineroutemaps.com/USA/Delta\\_Airlines.shtml](http://www.airlineroutemaps.com/USA/Delta_Airlines.shtml)

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## Little ZED reminder

### Electronic ZED ticketing now available on four airlines

December 9, 2010

Delta employees are now able to purchase electronic Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) tickets on TravelNet for certain carriers.

During the first phase of the program, ticketing is available on four carriers: Air France; Iberia; JetBlue Airways; and Thai Airways. More carriers will be added to the eZED program in the future.

The eZED ticketing works through a third-party program called myIDTravel that allows Delta employees to create a standby listing and issue an eZED ticket through the other carrier's reservation system. The **myIDTravel site is accessible only through TravelNet**. From the TravelNet home page, scroll over Leisure Travel and select Interline Travel from the drop-down menu. All eZED tickets are subject to a myIDTravel service charge of \$3.15 per flight segment.

"This new ticketing procedure gives employees greater flexibility to book and ticket ZED fares online anytime, and it supports the industry mandate and Delta's goal to eliminate paper ticketing transactions," said Carol Smart, program manager-Pass Travel. "Because the booking is being made in the other carrier's system, there is no longer a need to call that carrier to create a listing."

With the new program, the electronic ticket is issued immediately on the operating carrier's ticket stock in a paperless format. Starting next Wednesday, Delta ticket counters will no longer issue paper ZED tickets for the four participating carriers; however, the four carriers will continue to accept previously issued paper ZED tickets within the 90-day ticket validity period. Unused or partially used eZED tickets can be refunded up to 365 days from the date of issue on the myIDTravel site.

The myIDTravel flight segment service charges can be refunded for wholly unused eZED tickets only. Delta Pass Travel recommends that employees purchase eZED tickets on a one-way basis.

"Not all airlines did what Delta did with the eZED program," Carol said. "Employees at some carriers

are losing their ability to travel on some of the eZED carriers. Delta did not allow that to happen thanks to the hard work of the Pass Travel team and the commitment of senior leaders to make the needed investment.”

See Also:

Check out the [eZED Tutorial](#)

Review the [ZED Frequently Asked Questions](#)

["Check Out the Competition" – Other Airline Reduced-Rate Travel fact sheet](#)

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Re-Print of Ted's letter on ZED site:

**From:** [PCN Misc](#)

**Date:** 10/20/2010 6:44:43 AM

**To:** [Bucky & Peggy Stevens](#)

**Subject:** Re: Please send me the info on the ZED site login

**Subject:** Re: FLYZED

see below for FULL info from Ted. Mark

Mark,

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

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

In case anyone needs to use this useful site, the USER ID for Delta employees is xxx and the PASSWORD is xxx. Hope everyone can use this information!

Ted

*Editor: I cannot publish the login info but if you email in I can share Ted's full letter.*

Life Section...

## Misc Posts:

**From:** [Phil Spivey](#)  
**Date:** 02/28/11 16:18:26  
**To:** [mark@pilotcommunication.net](mailto:mark@pilotcommunication.net)  
**Subject:** Notification

It would be great if we had a list of phone numbers for our loved ones to call when we die. They would need the numbers for all Delta departments that need to be notified. Also, a number to notify the Pilots group of the death.

*Editor: Here is a page I compiled a while back that might be helpful. Why don't you look them up and print them out.*

Delta's Handbook: (you will need a login)

[https://connect.delta.com/f5-w-687474703a2f2f646c6e65742e64656c74612e636f6d\\$\\$/tibadmin/DocumentDownload?docname=human\\_resources/retirement/survivorship\\_plan/article\\_0054455.pdf](https://connect.delta.com/f5-w-687474703a2f2f646c6e65742e64656c74612e636f6d$$/tibadmin/DocumentDownload?docname=human_resources/retirement/survivorship_plan/article_0054455.pdf)

ALPA's List (from 2009 –latest hard to find):

[http://rsp.homestead.com/files/2009\\_Survivors\\_Chk\\_Lst.pdf](http://rsp.homestead.com/files/2009_Survivors_Chk_Lst.pdf)

My List :<http://rsp.homestead.com/Death.html>

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*Concerning recent 401k letters from Delta:*

From: [penjer@earthlink.net](mailto:penjer@earthlink.net)  
Date: Mar 3, 2011

Hi Mark,

I have taken rollover distributions twice from my 401k since I zeroed and rolled it over to an IRA at retirement. One time the amount was about \$400 and the other about \$190. I think the money came from court ordered payouts by mutual fund companies that were found guilty of market timing and other issues in the 2000-2002 stock market mess. It just took this long (like a bankruptcy!) to get through the courts. Since we all had mutual funds in our IRAs, we got some money. I tried to get Fidelity to say that was where the money came from, but the agents I spoke to were below that pay grade. No one seemed to know where it came from. The good news is it's found money for us. The bad news is, it might be more than we get from Delta! Thanks for your work, Jerry Wohlford

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*Another concerning my personal mistake about this letter, from an undisclosed contributor.*

“That's the problem with you Mark, your error rate is at an unacceptable level. Get your sh#t together.”

*Editor: Whoaaa buckaroo, about a 9 on the tension scale! I will not release who sent this. But what I will reiterate is this; I have never claimed to be perfect nor have I claimed that the High Life or PCN would be error free. It is run by volunteers and charges a whopping \$0 for our services. What I have promised is that I will be quick to retract or correct info that we pass along (most through Forwards, copy and pastes) so as to make every attempt at being right (with your help) **in the end**. If anyone is upset with me or has heartburn with that simple commitment, than by all means dropout, or try to start*

*your own network and maybe I'll help you buy the laptop to try to pull it off. While we have over 2500 subscribers, the PCN isn't everyone's cup or tea. To be honest, I continue working at it for those who appreciate what we do.*

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**From:** [Al](#)  
**Date:** 2/27/2011 9:21:40 PM  
**To:** [mark@pilotcommunication.net](mailto:mark@pilotcommunication.net)  
**Subject:** Mental stress

Mark,  
I did not receive a 'death' letter, but it would seem to me that some sort of class action suit is in order against Delta for mental anguish. I know that if my wife received a letter like this, and I was not home for whatever reason, she would go ballistic!

Maybe the recipients of the death letter are already planning something, but if not, they ought to!

Al Lee  
767 ER  
Retired 2000  
(Still alive)

### Human Interest:

**From:** [John Todd](#)  
**Date:** 3/4/2011 5:39:21 PM  
**Subject:** Human Planet....**Amazing Video**

[Click here: YouTube - Human Planet - Web exclusive series trailer - BBC One](#)

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

Dick Blizzard  
Email [dickblizzard@gmail.com](mailto:dickblizzard@gmail.com)  
Issue Area - Book Report  
Comments - My new ebook 'A Way Yonder' is available for review and/or purchase from Amazon.

Synopsis: Charles is saved from the gallows when the murdered man's widow testifies that Charles' little sister killed her husband with an ax. The judge believes the old lady, because her husband had indeed raped the 11 year old. The two children are released from custody, but they are ordered to leave Ireland immediately. The ensuing voyage to America and overland to Southwest Virginia is filled with intrigue, romance, humor and violence.

You can download the book to your Kindle,iPad,iPhone,PC,Mac or android device for \$7.99.

Event Announcements (Click here for [Calendar](#)): to post [pcn.calendar@gmail.com](mailto: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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I am looking for....." (Share a post of who you are seeking, if one sought answers....wallah):

**From:** [Tony Morris](#)  
**Date:** 03/04/11 09:30:15  
**To:** '[mark@pilotcommunication.net](mailto:mark@pilotcommunication.net)'  
**Cc:** [Tony Morris](#)  
**Subject:** Looking for a contact

Hey Mark. I bet this website keeps you pretty busy.

My name is Tony Morris. I am the son of a old (now gone) Delta pilot; Edward B. ("Cracker") Morris who retired in '77 (so that I could start working for Delta – before the nepotism rules changed). His wife, my mom, is still hanging in at 91 years old (Cracker passed in '99).

Mom just asked me if I could find a contact phone number for her old best friend Betty Carlton. Mom says that the last time she called Betty, she got a "that number has been disconnected" message). Betty is the survivor of ANOTHER old (now gone) Delta pilot; Jim Carlton. Jim would have been about Cracker's age (who was born in '21) and I think he retired around the same time; certainly no later than '80 because he would have reached 60 about then.

Do you have ANY contact for any of Jim's old family? We think Betty is still alive, along with her son Jimmy. There was another son, Jackie, who has passed, and a daughter... Katie, I think. (That's going back about as far as I can remember).

Thanks for all you do.

Tony Morris  
Delta Retiree August 2004 [tony@bjandtony.com](mailto:tony@bjandtony.com)

**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](#).

Want to thank Bill Kerschner for sending this in:

FAA Approves I-Pads: [http://articles.cnn.com/2011-02-28/tech/FAA.approves.iPads\\_1\\_ipad-ios-faa?\\_s=PM:TECH](http://articles.cnn.com/2011-02-28/tech/FAA.approves.iPads_1_ipad-ios-faa?_s=PM:TECH)

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

**From:** [Mark Sztanyo](#)  
**Date:** 03/06/11 07:15:00  
**To:** [marksztanyo@hotmail.com](mailto:marksztanyo@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Materials and study helps

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "JOHN STAUTER" <[john\\_767@bellsouth.net](mailto:john_767@bellsouth.net)>  
Date: Mar 5, 2011 9:26 PM  
Subject: Re:  
To: "Mark Sztanyo"

Hi Mark,

I have returned from Johannesburg and decided the job was not for me. Please feel free to publish the following information in case there is a more adventurous soul out there. The job is for B767-200 ER Captain \$6000/Month and F/O \$4000/Month with \$50/Day per diem when outside of Johannesburg and they put you up in a nice place to stay the entire time. They are not sure what they are going to do with the jet but probably lease it ACMI to another airline once they use it a few weeks on their routes to get the kinks out. The Director of Flight Operations is Anthony V Chica (Tony) and he is really a nice guy.

His contact information is:  
Anthony V Chica  
Interair South Africa  
Director of Flight Operations  
Phone: 27-11-622-7281  
Fax: 27-11-622-6239  
Cell: 27-82-340-0226  
Email: [tchica@interair.co.za](mailto:tchica@interair.co.za)  
Web site: [www.interair.co.za](http://www.interair.co.za)

Hope you are enjoying your break before the simulators.  
Take Care,

John Stauter

Thanks Mark,

Also I forgot to mention Tony is looking for someone current on the B767 but is willing to pay for a PC Check here in the states. He will pay for all of the South African requirements over there. He is not 100% sure they are going to lease it out so it is better not to mention that.

John

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### **Airline Pilot Job Interview**

*This pretty well sums it up.....*

I walked into the interview with a great deal of confidence and enthusiasm. Flying airplanes was my one true passion in this life. This was my big chance to merge my occupation with my love. I would become an airline pilot.

"So you want to be an airline pilot?" the interviewer inquired.

"Yes, sir, more than anything else I have ever wanted," I replied, realizing I sounded like an anxious adolescent.

"Well, great, welcome aboard," the airline executive said.

"You mean I'm hired?!" I cheered.

"You bet, we're glad to have you. Actually, we've had trouble finding good pilots to hire," the exec explained. If I was surprised, it was overshadowed by my joy of reaching my dream.

"Let's just go over a few points before you sign on the dotted line," the company man chortled. "We're going to send you to the world's most renowned medical center. They'll spend two days probing your body orifices, draining and analyzing your blood, and administering psychological exams. They'll literally take you apart and put you back together. If they find any hint of current or future problems, you're fired and can find your own ride home."

"Gee, I think my health is OK," I nervously choked out.

The manager went on, "Good, next we'll evaluate your flying skills in an aircraft you've never been in before. "If we don't like the way you perform, you're fired,"

I was confident with my flying, but this guy was making me nervous.

He continued, "Next, if you're still here, we'll run you through our training program. If during any time in the next 10 years you decide to leave the company, you'll have to reimburse us \$20,000, or we'll sue you. Also if you fail to measure up during training, you're fired."

The man who had just given me my dream job listed still more hurdles.

"Each time, before we allow you near one of our multimillion dollar aircraft we'll X-ray your flight bag and luggage, because we don't trust you. Also we'll ask you to pass through a magnetometer each time. If you fail to do so, you'll be arrested and jailed."

"When you've completed your flight, we'll have you provide a urine sample, because we don't trust you to not take drugs. Very soon, we plan to take a blood sample to look for more drugs. "Also if you ever fly with another crew member who may have used drugs or alcohol, you must report to us immediately. If you fail to notice that anyone has used these substances, you'll be fired, have your license to fly revoked, and be fined \$10,000."

"Every six months, we want you to go back to the medical center for another exam. If they ever find a hint of a problem, your license to fly will be revoked and we'll fire you. Anytime you see a medical person, you must tell us about it so we can see if you need to be grounded and terminated.

Also, we need to examine your driving record, and you must tell us if you have even any minor infractions so we can remove you from the cockpit as soon as possible."

"At any time, without notice, a special branch of the government will send one of its inspectors to ride in your aircraft. The inspector will demand to see your papers and license; if your papers are not in order, you'll be removed, fined, terminated, and possibly jailed."

"If at any time you make an error in judgment or an honest human mistake, you will be terminated, be fined tens of thousands of dollars, and be dragged through months of court proceedings. The government will make sure you never fly again for any airline."

"You will be well out of town most holidays, weekends, and family events - half our pilots are always on the job at any point in time.

Smiling an evil smile now, the airline hirer went on. "Oh, and one last thing to cover. Occasionally, we in management fail to see a trend and screw up royally or the country's economy falls flat on its face. If as a result of one of those events the corporation begins to lose money, you as an employee will be expected to make up the losses from your paycheck. Of course, management will not be held to the same standards.

Oh, and one last thing - if we negotiate pay and work rule concessions from you in the in exchange for a better pension plan, we probably won't fund that pension plan agreement (unlike the management pension plan and golden parachutes) and will likely have yanked it away from you."

"Now sign here," he pointed, grinning as he handed me a pen.

I faked a sudden nosebleed. Holding my head back and pinching my nostrils, I hurried from his office. When I got to the hall, I began to run. I ran all the way to my car. I figured if I hurried I could still get to the county vocational school before 5:00 and enroll in the industrial welding career program. !!

Political (food for thought):

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

Yesterday I had an appointment to see the urologist for a prostate exam. Of course I was a bit on edge because all my friends have either gone under the knife, or had those pellets implanted.

The waiting room was filled with patients. As I approached the receptionist's desk, I noticed that the receptionist was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a Sumo wrestler. I gave her my name, and in a very loud voice she said:

"YES, I HAVE YOUR NAME HERE, YOU WANT TO SEE THE DOCTOR ABOUT IMPOTENCE, RIGHT?"

All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at me, now a very embarrassed man.

But as usual, I recovered quickly, and in an equally loud voice, I replied:

"NO, I'VE COME TO INQUIRE ABOUT A SEX CHANGE,  
BUT I DON'T WANT THE SAME DOCTOR WHO DID YOURS."

The room erupted in applause!

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## Mark

Mark Sztanyo (Stăn'yō), PCN Dir & HL Editor  
[Pilot Communication Net](#) from Aug 2009  
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*Life on earth will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last!*

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