

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

Above aerial I shot over a Midwest TRW.

Dear PCN (of over 2600 subscribing members),

Group Section.....

Mark's Remarks:



Today – Today is Easter celebrated by Christians around the world. As a child I was always fond of waking up to a basket of Easter candy, but that isn't why I like Easter today. Another childhood Easter memory is getting all dressed up in my new duds then trudging off to church in MI through those famous late season snows. As it turns out, they just got a fresh dusting in the north woods. Can you imagine.....its late April? With a personal word of seriousness, there is no greater holiday symbolizing hope for the Christian believer than Easter. I once knew an old lady that used to cut to the chase and ask people she ran into, "do you believe in Easter?" For me, that question just about says it all. For our entire PCN..... have a great Easter!

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Switching early sims to late with day off in between. Need to change the ole body clock and have a perfect excuse to stay up late tonight. Reds vs Cards on Sunday night baseball. Ahhhhhh!!!!

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A tribute article to my hero: My father is my hero. He has just undergone successful carotid artery surgery and at 89 is doing quite well. As a WWII night-fighter serving in the famous 415th squadron, here is a story collected and edited by his granddaughter Darcy Kaapke (who by the way sells WWII rebuilt aircraft).

<http://www.courtesyaircraft.com/misc%20images/Bristol%20Beaufighter.pdf>

darcy@courtesyaircraft.com
If you prefer not to receive
future e-mails of this type,

Sent By:
Courtesy Aircraft Sales
5233 Falcon Road
Rockford IL 61109

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Email Notices: I would prefer sending the High Life and our other notices in complete form directly to your email box. Our Google group distribution system has limitations. I would prefer that they would update the managers ability to send a "formatted" email, but they haven't. You notice that our email notices are quite plain vanilla and we cannot include formatted text or images. On one hand it is a wonderful system to get around all the spam protection for mass emailings. Than on the other hand the notices themselves are quite plain and lack a little pizzazz. I apologize on behalf of Google and hope one day soon that they allow more features.

Speaking of emails.....here below is an email etiquette advisory that I think very helpful especially if you FORWARD!!!!!!!

E-mail Etiquette: By Hugh Neeld

If you are uncertain about e-mail etiquette, maybe this advice from a professional network administrator will be helpful.

* First, do you know how to forward emails properly? Do you wonder why you get junk mail or viruses? Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people who received the message before you did, such as their names and e-mail addresses. As the message is forwarded, the list of addresses builds. All it takes is for one person to get a virus, and it will be sent to every e-mail address that has come across his computer. Fortunately, it is easy to stop.

* When you forward an e-mail, **delete all of the other addresses** that appear at the top of the message. Highlight and delete them, backspace or cut them, whatever it is you know how to do. It only takes a second. Click the forward button first to get full editing capability. If you don't do this you won't be able to edit at all.

* Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do not use the To: or Cc: fields for adding e-mail addresses. **Always use the BCC:** (blind carbon copy) field for listing all the e-addresses. This

way the people you send to will see only their own e-mail address. If the BCC: option is absent, click on To: for your address list. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it. When you do, your message will automatically say "Undisclosed Recipients" in the To: field.

* **Remove an FW:** in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish, or even correct spelling.

* Always **hit your FORWARD button from the actual e-mail** you receive. Ever get those e-mails that you have to open 10 pages to read the actual message? By forwarding from the actual page you want to send you save the recipient having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent.

* Have you ever been e-mailed a petition that asks you to add your name and forward to a bunch of people? **Don't do it!** The e-mail can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and e-mail addresses. Fact: The completed petition is actually worth a few dollars to a professional spammer because of the valid names and e-mail addresses it contains. Don't put your e-mail address on a petition. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient. Your position may carry more weight this way.

* Other e-mails to delete or not forward include those that suggest something great will happen if you forward it to 10 people, or something bad if you don't. It won't. Don't participate, it is a waste of your time and the time of others, plus, you will just irritate your friends.

* Before you forward an Amber Alert, a Virus Alert, or some of the other e-mails floating around today, **check them out.** Most of them are junk mail dreamed up and circulated (some for years) by people with twisted minds and time on their hands. Most of these kinds of e-mails can be verified by either: <http://www.snopes.com> or <http://truthorfiction.com> or <http://factcheck.com> .

We have all been trapped and have goofed from time to time, but this is good advice from a pro!

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PCN Ads – *up and running!*

For all of you who have an item, service or offer to promote Ad packages as follows:

FREE listings - \$0 for 45 days.

Jobs offered, jobs wanted, Pets, items Wanted. Runs 45 days, includes images.

Basic Listing - \$5 for 60 days with multiple images.

Silver - \$10 for 120 days with multiple images.

Gold - \$25 for one year with multiple images.

Platinum - \$50 for 3 years with multiple images.

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; just register and submit and get your item, thing wanted, service or house, posted. Its just that easy!

PCN Ads

Note: PCN Ads was developed to give our group and outlet to advertise in front of our exclusive and numerous members along with searchable on the www, and by so doing keeps our newsletter free from any profit or commercial link.

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Tools for our members:

PCN Main Website: <http://pcn.homestead.com/home01.html>
PCN Google Group archives: <http://groups.google.com/group/PilotCommunicationNet>
PCN Ads – <http://pilotcommunication.net/Ads/>
PCN Tool Bar (for IE browser) - <http://pcntools.ourtoolbar.com/>
PCN Calendar - <http://pcn.homestead.com/Calendar.html>
PCN specific emails: misc@pilotcommunication.net
pcn.calendar@gmail.com
signup@pilotcommunication.net
illness@pilotcommunication.net
death@pilotcommunication.net
ads@pilotcommunication.net
mark@pilotcommunication.net

News Section.....

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

Nothing notable.

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

Summary Box: Fuel costs wiping out airline profits

Summary Box: Fuel costs wiping out profits at big airlines

The Associated Press, On Thursday April 21, 2011, 7:11 pm EDT

FILL 'ER UP: Jet fuel prices have risen sharply, faster than airlines have raised fares. Fuel is now their largest expense, the airlines said this week as they reported their quarterly earnings.

THE RESULT: United Continental Holdings Inc. lost \$213 million for the quarter. Southwest Airlines Co. earned just \$5 million.

WHAT ABOUT HEDGING? That helps, but doesn't erase a larger fuel bill. United Continental Holdings Inc. had \$154 million in gains on financial bets meant to offset higher fuel prices. But its fuel bill still rose by \$560 million.

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United Continental posts Q1 loss

Pacific Business News

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2011, 11:31am HST

[United Continental Holdings Inc. reported a net loss](#) of \$213 million, or 65 cents per diluted share, on revenues of \$8.2 billion for the quarter ending March 31.

The \$213 million loss includes special charges totaling \$77 million that were primarily related to integrating [United Airlines](#) and [Continental Airlines](#). Excluding the special charges, the company's loss for the quarter was \$136 million, or 41 cents per diluted share.

This compares to a net loss of \$183 million, or 58 cents per diluted share, on revenues of \$7.4 billion pro forma during the same quarter in 2010.

Read more: [United Continental posts Q1 loss | Pacific Business News](#)

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 – distributed at or around Mar 23, 2011.

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, July 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. *Action has continued 80% for Jan & Feb. Action expired and subsidy effective Mar 2011 is now 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.

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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):

Life Section...

Illness

From: [Cal W. Tax](#)
Date: 04/18/11 11:40:50
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: Bob Gaines

Mark,

I want to pass on the sad news that my friend and former Delta pilot Bob Gaines is currently in hospice care in Marietta, Georgia and suffering from incurable cancer. He is not expected to recover. I will send more details when I hear something more from the family.

Cal W. Tax
770-781-6593 Home
404-840-7197 Cell

(I am a 2002 retired DAL pilot and long time friend of Bob's)

Editor: Capt Cal will pass along contact info at a later time when he receives it.

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According to Mia, Tom is a retired DAL pilot from MSY. For any who know him please comment on his Blog.

From: [Mia Salsi](#)
Date: 04/22/11 22:47:24
To: Illness@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: Tom Epps

I have created a blog for Tom that Heidi reads to him every day. Please pass along the site to those who have a story about Tom that they would like to share.

<http://tomtheman.com>

thank you, Mia

PS. Thank you so much. He does not have much time left with us and I would love for him to hear (if he still can hear) what wonderful things people have to say about him.

Mia

Misc Posts:

The following suggested letter is from Capt Cloutier.

From: [maurice cloutier](#)

Date: 4/18/2011 2:57:43 PM

To: [Wendell and Gail Lewis](#)

Cc: [mark Sztanyo](#)

Subject: Re: Letter to Congressmen

Thank you SO much for all your efforts---I do think that we need to remind people about the fact that Delta was no sooner out of bankruptcy that they started reporting RECORD profits, all the new employees are enjoying profit sharing, Anderson got RECORD bonuses and they are sending MILLIONS to Haiti along with granting ALL kinds of aid to the U.S. ski team. They followed this with spending MILLIONS for an alliance with Japan Airline and from what I understand 2 Billion dollars to procure Northwest. All this while I am reading in ALPA magazine how retirees are not "forgotten". Why can't the PBGC simply rescind the bankruptcy court (and ALPA's) decision to terminate the pension plan??? Wouldn't that eliminate all this debate about how to apply these "formulas and computations"??? I would also like to see a summary of exactly how each pilot group fared in the transition to the PBGC. It appears that some retirees who retired in the 1990's lost nothing, I retired in 2001 and lost over half my retirement, and some lost it all. If there is a ceiling on how much the PBGC will protect the pension why wouldn't everybody (or no-one) get their full amount? Was there a penalty for retiring close to the time Delta decided to declare bankruptcy? On that issue also, I think the retirement dates should be corrected from the end of the month in which the pilot retired to the actual date the pilot turned 60 and was therefore ineligible to report for work. It has to make a difference in some cases. Once again---thank you for trying---you are our ONLY hope. Maurice Cloutier

On Apr 17, 2011, at 5:51 AM, Wendell and Gail Lewis wrote:

To DP3 Utah Retirees,

We need your IMMEDIATE help. Below is the draft of a letter we would like for you to sign and return. We are targeting key Senators and Representatives on key committees to change the way the PBGC is calculating our benefits. You are included in this effort because you live in a key state according to our database.

A draft of the proposed letter is below. Edit it as necessary to make it personal. Please include a letter to Senator Hatch. Return mail the letters to the this address:

Wendell Lewis

8310 St Marlo Fairway Drive

Duluth, GA 30097

Any friend or relative can send the letters. Any registered voter. We need volume. The letters can be cut and pasted or hand written.

DP3 Trustees and representatives will take the letters and meet personally with the Senators and Representatives. We will urge them to direct the PBGC to change their interpretation of this regulation and restore our benefits. These are the representatives who have oversight over the PBGC and have the authority to direct the PBGC to change their policy.

If this effort is successful it can save the retired Delta pilots a significant amount money in potential court costs to litigate this issue, while returning a significant portion of the qualified pension benefit that we earned in our years at Delta Air Lines.

This is one of the most important things you can do to help restore your qualified pension benefits. Do not delay, as you are one of our only retirees from your district. We are particularly interested in representatives in Iowa, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Minnesota, and Michigan. If you have friends in any of these states ask them to write the letter and return it to the address indicated above. Church members, relatives, grocery store clerks, hitch hikers, any registered voter in the states listed are important. Timing is important, please do this immediately.

Any questions can be directed to:

Wendell Lewis

wendell.lewis6@dp3.org

Legislative Affairs Chairman

Delta Pilots Pension Preservation Organization, Trustee

SAMPLE LETTER (edit as necessary)

The Honorable Senator Orrin G. Hatch

United States Senate

104 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510-4402

(202) 224-5221

Dear Senator Hatch,

As a retired Delta pilot and concerned constituent, I am writing to express my distress with the way the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) has interpreted certain regulations regarding the payout of benefits under the Delta Air Lines pilot terminated pension plan.

In 2006 the PBGC allowed the termination of the Delta Pilots' Pension Plan and became the Trustee of that Plan. The PBGC assumed responsibility for protecting the beneficiaries of the plan and ensuring that the substantial remaining assets and recoveries are equitably distributed.

However, it is my belief that the PBGC is not properly applying ERISA law in the way they are allocating the assets. The PBGC is supposed to allocate assets to the Delta Pilots Priority Category 3 beneficiaries (such as myself) according to the terms of the pension plan that were in place five years prior to the plan's termination. The Plan terms required that the Plan's trustee look to the IRC 401(a)(17) limits in place when I retired, and the IRC 415(b) limits in place at the time of the Plan's termination, in calculating the Plan assets I'm entitled to. Instead, the PBGC is impermissibly limiting my benefit by ignoring these plan terms, and applying earlier IRC limits to reduce the amount of plan assets the PBGC pays me. The PBGC has wrongfully interpreted increases in the IRC mandated plan maximums (IRC 401(a) and 415(b) limits) as plan amendments, subject to the PBGC look back procedures when in fact, the long-standing terms of the plan, in place five years prior to the plan's termination, make clear that the increases to IRC 401(a) and 415(b) limitations are automatically incorporated into the Plan.

There are over 13,000 participants in the Delta plan. Approximately 3,500 pilot retirees are bearing the lion's share of the loss of benefit due to the termination of the plan – almost exclusively because of the PBGC's interpretation of the IRC limits. These 3,500 retired pilots, ranging in age from 57 to beyond 80 years old, are bearing 50% (\$546 million) of the benefit shortfall.

Due to the PBGC's improper treatment of ERISA, retired Delta pilots such as me are spending their sunset years and remaining retirement savings addressing this issue. Many of us are receiving only a small fraction of what we are entitled to while some of us are receiving nothing. It is unacceptable that I am spending my personal savings in order to force the PBGC to comply with the law. As a trustee, the PBGC is supposed to be watching out for and protecting my pension.

I ask that you demand the PBGC to properly honor the provisions of ERISA and not reduce the pension benefits of Delta Air Lines pilot retirees.

I look forward to your help with this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: [Jack Hollister](#)
Date: 4/18/2011 2:31:31 PM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: RE: Al Lee's email

I called Prudential, and my beneficiaries were on record but I had no paperwork to verify.

I could get a copy of beneficiaries by going to www.prudential.com/mybenefits go to First Time User, sign in with Delta's access code 50002, and my 9 digit Delta employee number, then set a sign in username, and a personal password, then had to sign in using that info, and could go to beneficiaries and they were there...so printed it off for my records...suppose that if you can log on via these methods, Delta has probably sent the beneficiary names in, but if Delta hasn't, you probably would have to go through snail mail to get forms etc.

Jack Hollister
Ret. 1994

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Mark,
Until this posting of PCN 083 I have had no difficulty accessing the the Primary Option 1 link listed below using either Adobe Reader 9 and/or Adobe Acrobat 8 and activating all functions and links contained within the PCN document. With the posting of PCN 083 I have been unable to open the PCN document using the enclosed link and neither of the above referenced Adobe programs will open the document. The Alternative Option 2 link allows me to open the document but does not allow me to open any of the active links enclosed in the document.

Any idea how/what I can do to correct this glitch?
I much prefer using the Adobe version of the PCN document (Primary Option 1) and would like to "fix" my computer system (if possible) to allow this access.

Primary Option 1. Visit the PCN Web Site HL Archive Section: (Now the HL is a .pdf Adobe Acrobat file). http://pcn.homestead.com/Archive_HL.html

Alternative Option 2. Visit Google Documents (Note: will have to ZOOM page to make all images appear)
https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=explorer&chrome=true&srcid=0BzB_SBDmSd9AZTcxYzQ0MGYtZjFiZi00MTM5LWJhMjMtNjk5NWl3NDk2MWIz&hl=en&authkey=CO_b17MI

Bill Rice
billrice451@yahoo.com

Editor: Sorry that you are having trouble opening. I have two programs that read PDF files Adobe and Foxit. Both have opened 083 just fine. I am suspecting that something may be wrong with your reader

and it may need to be either updated or re-installed. For convenience I have attached the 083 to this email in PDF form. If you still can't open let me know. The above advice is valid for any who may have problems with our archived pdf files. If there ever is a problem gaining access please let me know and we will try to solve it. By the way download and try Foxit, you may like it.

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From: mbambo@comcast.net
Date: 4/17/2011 8:41:05 PM
To: PilotCommunicationNet@googlegroups.com
Cc: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: FICA 2007 claim disallowance

Mark,

Just to ad to the info that you are posting on your website, here is a notice that I just received. My claim was filed with William Whalen.

Yesterday I received notice from the **California** Office of the IRS denying the claim for refund of FICA taxes filed for me prior to January 31, 2011.

The disallowance letter made no mention of the Medicare portion of the Claim for Refund. Their reasoning:

"We have disallowed your claim for refund of FICA taxes. Section 3121(v) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code requires an employer withhold and pay FICA taxes on amounts deferred under non qualified deferred Compensation plans once the present value of the deferred benefit becomes reasonably ascertainable."

They acknowledged my option to file an appeal and if they don't hear from me within 30 days from their dated letter

(Apr 13), they would process my case without further action.

Gregg Bambo

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From: Steele Jr Bert
Date: 4/17/2011 7:36:03 PM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: ?

I use a MAC Book Pro 10.6.7. When I try to enlarge the font for easier reading by hitting the large A as I usually do, it only enlarges the Google Site font. How do I enlarge the font within the PCN news letter.

Thank you.

Bert Steele.

Editor: Bert, I am not sure that MAC shows the same screens as windows but here goes.

In Google Docs (which it sounds like you use) there is a - & + off on the upper right that "zooms" the document.

In our PCN Archive page the HL opens as a PDF file which is an Adobe Acrobat Reader file. Reader has a zoom feature dead center at top expressed as a %. ie 100%.

Both stored doc files are pdfs and I did that because almost everybody has Acrobat Reader and it gives you a lot of control over how to view the file.

Hope that helps.

Mark

Mark Sztanyo
PCN Dir
mark@pilotcommunication.net

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-----Original Message-----

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

Dave Wall

Email dhwall63@comcast.net

Issue Area - General

Comments - I am looking for **Carl McCallum**. Ran into an old Navy friend of his who is trying to make contact. Would appreciate any info. Thanks.

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Chet Ladd

Email chetladd@yahoo.com

Issue Area - General

Comments - I'm trying find with **Harry "Buck" Steinke**. (*Harry please email Chet*)

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From: F4HUBBS@aol.com

Date: 4/21/2011 4:32:02 PM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Dave Rothbart

Mark,

I was referred to you by Julian of Delta Golden Wings on the outside chance you might be able to help. Here is my request.

I'm trying to locate a **Dave Rothbart**, who by now should be a retired Delta pilot and is a classmate of mine from Air Force Pilot Training Class 67D. Our last contact was in 1992 when he was based in NY. He would be about 68 or 69 years old now. I know there may be privacy considerations, but if he is a member of your organization would it be possible to forward this email or otherwise contact him and let him know his classmates are trying to get in touch?

Jim Hubbard

760-243-5841

F4HUBBS@aol.com

If it should be that he has passed away, would it be possible for you to give me that information?

Thank you for any help you may be able to provide.

Jim

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) :

From: "David L. Roberts" <robertsDL@mindspring.com>
Date: Apr 23, 2011 1:25 PM
Subject: Switchblade
To: "MY AVIATION PHOTO FANS" <robertsDL@mindspring.com>

This is a new "Weapon System" for our side. Amazing.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7uZbdn2H0I>

From: [Michael Magon](#)
Date: 4/22/2011 3:37:51 PM
Subject: Re: The Worst Airline CEOs

I feel like I've worked for each of these a##holes over my entire career.....

Now this is worth the two minutes...but they forgot to include David Hinson.

> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4MgV6agZO0&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Political (food for thought):

From: "David L. Roberts" <robertsDL@mindspring.com>

Date: Apr 20, 2011 7:45 PM

Subject: Thoughts for the High Life

To: <misc@pilotcommunication.net>

A physics teacher in high school, once told the students that while one grasshopper on the railroad tracks wouldn't slow a train very much, a billion of them would. With that thought in mind, read the following, obviously written by a good American...

Good idea... One light bulb at a time...

Check this out I can verify this because I was in Lowes the other day for some reason and just for the heck of it I was looking at the hose attachments... They were all made in China . The next day I was in Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked the hose attachments there. They were made in USA . Start looking...

In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else - even their job ... So, after reading this email, I think this lady is on the right track. Let's get behind her!

My grandson likes Hershey's candy. I noticed, though, that it is marked made in Mexico now. I do not buy it any more.

My favorite toothpaste Colgate is made in Mexico Now I have switched to Crest. You have to read the labels on everything...

This past weekend I was at Kroger... I needed 60 W light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets. I was in the light bulb aisle, and right next to the GE brand I normally buy was an off-brand labeled, "Everyday Value." I picked up both types of bulbs and compared the stats they were the same except for the price...

The GE bulbs were more money than the Everyday Value brand but the thing that surprised me the most was the fact that GE was made in MEXICO and the Everyday Value brand was made in - get ready for this - the USA in a company in Cleveland, Ohio.

So throw out the myth that you cannot find products you use every day that are made right here...

So on to another aisle - Bounce Dryer Sheets.... Yep, you guessed it, Bounce cost more money and is made in Canada ...The Everyday Value brand was less money and MADE IN THE USA ! I did laundry yesterday and the dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce Free I have been using for years and at almost half the price!

My challenge to you is to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA. The job you save may be your own or your neighbors!

If you accept the challenge, pass this on to others in your address book so we can all start buying American, one light bulb at a time! Stop buying from overseas companies!

(We should have awakened a decade ago...)

Let's get with the program and help our fellow Americans keep their jobs and create more jobs here in the USA .

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

Thanks Denny..... I think:

A man is dining in a fancy restaurant and there is a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He has been checking her out since he sat down, but lacks the nerve to talk with her.

Suddenly she sneezes, and her glass eye comes flying out of its socket toward the man. He reflexively reaches out, grabs it out of the air, and hands it back.

'Oh my, I am so sorry,' the woman says as she pops her eye back in place...

'Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you,' she says.

They enjoy a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they go to the theatre followed by drinks. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he shares his.. She listens.

After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful, wonderful time.

The next morning, she cooks a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed. Everything had been SO incredible! 'You know,' he said, 'you are the perfect woman. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?'

'No,' she replies. You just happened to catch my eye.

Oh shut up, just smile.

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From: CaptGrumps@aol.com

Date: 4/24/2011 1:25:34 PM

To:

Remember those 25 cent movies & Black & White TV

This is a classic hope you enjoy

One look at this film clip and you'll be young and old all over again.

BUT WAIT -- THERE'S MORE!!!! Ever wonder just who all those minor characters were who populated western after western with few lines and a familiar face.

Well, the clip has pictures and names -- so after 50 or so years -- say "Howdy" to some of those general store, saloon keeper, blacksmith mini-heroes from your youth.

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