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High Life



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

Winter in British Columbia.

Group Section.....

Dear PCN (of over 2500 subscribers),

Mark's Remarks

Fall College Football! Few things better. Go Sparties!

Our former union with a "love letter" concerning our efforts for repair our lost retirement benefits. Pay particular attention in the note below to their odds of the appeal's success at the end of their post.

October 19, 2011

11-08

The Delta Pilots Retirement Plan – Epilogue

On September 2, 2006, a little over five years ago, the Delta Pilots Retirement Plan (the "DPRP") terminated due to severe underfunding while Delta Air Lines was in bankruptcy. Since that time, a sequence of events has occurred. Assets were turned over to the PBGC effective December 31, 2006, and they assumed responsibility for payment of benefits. The PBGC then initiated the laborious process of auditing asset valuations, reviewing and verifying plan and participant

information, calculating pension benefits using the terms of the DPRP, adjusting those benefits as required by PBGC provisions, and finally, issuing Benefit Determinations (BDs) to all DPRP participants.

ALPA has been in contact with PBGC the entire time, monitoring the process, and was recently informed that, of the 13,294 plan participants, they have issued BDs to all but 100-150. Those few remaining BDs have been delayed due to the complex individual circumstances, as each is subject to a divorce decree with a myriad of issues. The PBGC expects to complete these remaining BDs by the end of the year.

Due to the complexity of the DPRP plan provisions, as well as the added complexity of the PBGC rules and restrictions, ALPA consulted with an outside actuarial firm, The Segal Company, to work with our ALPA National actuary and ERISA attorney, to ensure the PBGC interpreted the DPRP and calculated individual benefits correctly. To do this, your ALPA R&I Committee submitted Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests beginning in November 2009, approximately six months before the first BD was issued. We continued to submit additional requests as needed by the actuaries.

As the first BDs began to arrive, we also provided pilots with a process to extend the time for filing an appeal until our actuaries could determine with reasonable certainty that the PBGC was doing everything correctly. That process was described in *R&I Report 10-02 -- PBGC Final Benefit Determinations for Pre-merger Delta Pilots*. Over 300 pilots authorized ALPA to request an extension of time to file an appeal on their behalf, and to represent them in an appeal involving group issues should ALPA determine to file an appeal. We appreciate their participation in that process. We believe that because ALPA represented more than 300 pilots, the PBGC was forced to seriously consider all of ALPA's questions and views.

Actuaries from The Segal Company and ALPA National have now completed their exhaustive review of documents obtained by the R&I Committee from the PBGC under the Freedom of Information Act. After nearly two years, and the review of over 900 pages of information, all of the actuaries and ERISA attorneys involved in this process have determined that, to the best of their knowledge, the PBGC has calculated and administered the provisions of the terminated Delta Pilots Retirement Plan properly.

As a result, ALPA does NOT intend to file a group appeal over any issues. ^[1]

The Delta MEC Retirement and Insurance Committee continues to work with a very small number of pilots who have individual appeals based on their own unique situations, and will continue to assist them in their efforts.

In conclusion, with the completion of the actuarial review, and with the issuance of the final Benefit Determinations expected to be completed by the end of this year, this will close this chapter in the pre-merger Delta pilot history book. As always, if any pilot has questions about his BD, or about other aspects of this process, please feel free to contact Karen Browne-Fleck, our Delta MEC Senior Benefits Specialist. She can be reached at Karen.browne@alpa.org or 800-USA-ALPA.

Note: As you may have heard, the Delta Pilot's Pension Preservation Organization (DP3, Inc.), an organization representing certain retired Delta pilots, recently announced that it intends to file a group appeal with the PBGC on or about October 28, on behalf of the retired pilots it represents, to recover more than \$600 million in benefits lost by retirees. As ALPA understands it, from information on DP3's website, the primary basis of DP3's appeal relates to the way the PBGC has interpreted the requirement in ERISA to determine a pilot's PC-3 benefits by applying certain "look-back" rules. Under the two look-back rules, PC-3 benefits are determined based on benefit amounts that were payable three years before the date of plan termination and plan provisions that were in effect five years before the date of plan termination. It is DP3's view that two Internal Revenue Code limits on benefits and considered compensation should not have been subject to the three- and five-year look-backs in the manner determined by the PBGC. ALPA believes that DP3's view will not prevail before the PBGC, given that the PBGC has already ruled against retirees on a similar claim

involving certain retired pilots of US Airways (who were represented by the same law firm that represents DP3). ALPA also believes that if the PBGC denies their claim, **and the retirees subsequently appealed to a federal court, the federal court would deny the appeal**, given the broad discretion accorded to the PBGC in interpreting ERISA. This level of discretion was recently confirmed in a 9/30/11 decision of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in a case involving an appeal of some of the claims of the US Airways pilot retirees (again, represented by the same law firm that represents DP3).

Editor: I personally do not believe that your's and my former union, is right. I think that the fight will produce some repair. But even if those (place your adjective here) guys are right, I view it as all well worth the fight. The effort headed up by the DP3 has unified group seeking remedy and I for one am proud to be part of this fight. Heck, when a wildcat is backed into a corner, there is only going to be one of two responses. And right now I don't feel like laying down.

~~PCN Ads~~ ~~up and running!~~

Temporary service suspension awaiting repair! Yeah, it will happen someday!

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/> *Updates temporarily suspended*

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](#)

DALRC ANNOUNCES ANNUAL BOARD ELECTIONS FOR 2012

Elections for terms of office beginning January 1, 2012 will occur at the Board meeting scheduled for November 15, 2011. Five current Directors are standing for reelection: Carl W. Brul, Paulette L. Corbin, William L. Duke, Thomas F.X. Magura, and Dennis M Schmidt. You may view the candidates biographical sketches on the DALRC website.

Go to www.dalrc.org for more information.

Select "DALRC" on the top menu bar and "2012 Elections" on the ladder menu.

Each member in good standing has one vote in the election. Presently the Board of Directors holds a proxy for this vote and will vote to reelect the listed nominees unless the member gives us different instructions. Members who wish to withhold their proxy must do so writing, either by email or US Postal Service by November 1, 2011. Members who withhold their proxy must give the Committee instructions on how to vote their proxy by November 1, 2011.

DALRC, Inc.

Elections Committee

950 Eagle's Landing Parkway, Box # 109

Stockbridge, GA 30281

or email to: election@dalrc.org

Members in good standing may nominate any member in good standing (including one's self). Such nominations must be in the hands of the Elections Committee by November 1, 2011. The nomination must include a certification by that nominee that he/she agrees to serve if elected and must include a brief biographical sketch.

Desirable qualifications for nominees are:

- Management or supervisory level business experience.

- Soundness of judgment.
- Ability to make independent, analytical inquiries.
- Ability to contribute to a diversity of viewpoints among board members.
- Willingness and ability to devote the time required to perform board activities adequately .
- Ability to represent the total corporate interests of DALRC
- Must own a computer and have basic computer skills including internet, word processing, and email.

For the DALRC Board of Directors

Carl W. Brul, Chairman

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

Is Another Airline Headed For Bankruptcy?

Oct 23, 2011

By David Berman

No one ever said that airline stocks were easy-money investments where you can just sit back and watch the profits flow. Hyper-sensitivity to fuel costs, economic conditions and intense competition have always made them prone to occasional booms – and frequent busts.

Example: AMR Corp. ([AMR](#)) The parent of American Airlines didn't participate in Friday's stock market rally, and no wonder: Morningstar analyst [Basili Alukos](#) argued that the company is facing a bankruptcy threat, which of course would render its shares worthless.

"After unearthing new liquidity information from comments made in the American earnings call yesterday afternoon, we now question AMR's ability to continue as a going concern," he said in a note.

In that call, AMR said that it had no unencumbered assets on its balance sheet, confirming Mr. Alukos' earlier suspicions. Yet, the company must repay about \$1-billion (U.S.) in debt in 2012, followed by another \$1-billion debt repayment in 2013.

"Given AMR's strained credit metrics – we rate the firm a CCC – we doubt a willing investor would loan the company money without requiring collateral backing," he said. "Additionally, AMR is contractually obligated to contribute \$560-million to its pension plan next year."

Read more: <http://seekingalpha.com/article/301345-is-another-airline-headed-for-bankruptcy?source=yahoo>

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, Aug 29, 2011, Oct 28, 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 – VEBA has been created and in effect.

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

Following ONLY applies to retirees under 67

DP3 VEBA Board Update

October 18, 2011

Details of Reauthorization of HCTC at 72.5% Pending Presidential Signature!

Don't forget to Reserve a Seat at the DP3 VEBA Road Show October 19-October 27th

The DP3 VEBA Board is pleased to announce the passing of Enhancements to the HCTC program as part of the Free Trade agreements that were approved October 13, 2011 and will now provide for a 72.5% subsidy effective November 01, 2011, along with the reinstatement of the QFM program pending the signature of the President.

The important highlights that will impact HCTC participants are:

- **The tax credit will be 72.5%** retroactive to March 01, 2011- December 31, 2013 for all retirees and their dependents enrolled in the programs during that period of time.
- **VEBAs will remain permanently eligible** when created by an 1114 committee or through a bankruptcy court with no need for private letter ruling
- **Qualified Family Members (QFM)** will be eligible to reenroll/enroll in the HCTC program if the retiree is between the ages of 65 to 67.
- If the eligible QFM was in a qualified plan from March 01, 2011 until November 01, 2011, they are eligible for reimbursement of their 72% HCTC subsidy to be returned to them through filing their taxes for 2011.
- Beginning November 01, 2011, pending Presidential Signature, the IRS/HCTC rate will change to 72.5% automatically each month. This is the current plan but is subject to change if they don't have time to implement the program effective November 01, 2011 and have to wait until December 01, 2011. It is too late to take advantage of the new rate for your payment for November; therefore you will need to claim the month of November also, on your tax return. Hopefully, the 72.5% subsidy level payment will be reflected in the December billing cycle.
- Monthly reimbursement program for new enrollees will be reinstated, beginning November 01, 2011 which will allow new enrollees to apply the remainder of their first month's full payment to future payments or they continue to have the option of waiting to claim the 72.5% overpayment on their income tax returns the following year.

Enrollment brochures will be arriving in the mail of all HCTC eligible retirees we have on record in the next 10 days. The brochures provide you with details about the program and includes the cost of each program at the rate of 65% therefore you will need to use the worksheet posted or recalculate the correct rate that will be in effect for 2012 of 72.5% (pending the signature of the President). If you have moved or do not believe we have your contact information, please contact **Marsh**, our plan administrator at **1-877-928-VEBA (8322)** and provide them with your current contact information.

The DP3 VEBA Trust will be holding road shows beginning October 19-October 27, to talk to Retirees about all the options available to them in both the Under 65 retirees and also Medicare Eligible Retirees. The schedule is posted on the DP3 VEBA website <http://www.dp3.org/ns/VEBA.html> and also available on the www.ConeInsurance.com website. First time users of the website will need to logon using **Username: dp3 and Password: Delta2012**. Once you have logged onto the site you will be asked to immediately create your own Username and Password.

We would appreciate it if you are planning to attend one of the meetings in your area, if you would click on the link of the city on the flyer on the DP3 VEBA website: <http://www.dp3.org/ns/VEBA.html> containing the road show schedule and reserve a seat at the meeting.

Thanks for your support,
Dave Miller, Chairman
DP3 VEBA Trust Board

Pension:

Membership DriveHow Goes It?

Have you wondered, as I have, how DP3 membership drive is going?

How has this deadline push for new DP3 honor roll members been going? Well, word has it that membership has increased membership significantly in the past two months, so the membership drive by all measures has been successful. Keep helping by get fence-sitter's on board.

**Deadline to Join Appeal:
October 26, 2011***

The filing date for the DP3 Consolidated Appeal is October 28, 2011. If you have not already joined the appeal, **it is imperative that you complete the requirements for joining (i.e. submission of required documents) by October 26, 2011** <http://www.dp3.org/>

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 **Appeal info:**

<http://www.dp3.org/>

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: GNATNP@aol.com
Date: 10/21/2011 4:48:29 PM
To: mark@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: Thank you for information
You were Mr. Wizard.

I am the one who needed help reading latest Delta writings.

I was only able to bring up the most recent news article on goggle. ...

But I took your suggestion to update my adobe reader.

All is well now.

Thank you not only for your quick assistance.. but for all the good works you do for the rest of us.

Elizabeth Ann Clark

widow of CF (Fritz) --ATL

Editor: for some who may be having trouble viewing the highlife pdf files, please try updating Acrobat Reader.

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From: Roger Horrell
Date: 10/16/2011 11:50:21 PM
To: MISC@pilotcommunication.net
Subject: I looked again

Thank you. I reviewed again. I'm not that computer literate but I could **not** find a reference I sent to you today.

However, I have discovered a fact today: Back in the late 1990's, when even **The Almighty** thought Delta would ever declare bankruptcy, a Ms. Kay Witherspoon who was in Delta's HR Department determined that in a divorce, the wife would receive the QDRO benefits from the pilot's **Qualified Pension Fund**.

IMHO, this is the golden bullet which has caused so many Delta pilots with a QDRO (Qualified **D**omestic **R**elations **O**rders) to lose so much in this bankruptcy debacle.

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From: [C.D. Hurley](#)

Date: 10/19/11 00:43:43

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Paradise Lost-Pricing Control

Mark, I have been retired since 1985. I currently have a lawsuit carried over from The Bankruptcy Court decision that directed me to ask PBGC to pay the \$64,000 Delta withheld from my retirement pay (at 5%/mo, for my, and/or my survivor's lifetime), for PRSB (Pre-retirement Survivor Benefit), that they admit I had rejected at age 50.

So far, PBGC has said, "We are working on it".

I was advised by a retired captain that after the bankruptcy, some retired B777 pilot was collecting \$180/month. I don't know what his problem was, but it brings me to my decision pertinent to your preface page this month.

For the past 25 years, since my problem, and in consideration of the losses suffered by delta pilot retirees, I will not fly Delta at all. I, and my family, only fly on their competitors. The "family" doesn't live here anymore. That is MY "feel good" deed to repay them for the suffering to my comrades. I don't understand why retirees are still accepting their handouts, ie., passes.

I still receive what I received before the bankruptcy, and with my suit, I am an Honor Roll member that has dropped out of the pilot's suit of PBGC. If my attempt was successful, it may be confused with the DP3 suit, so I believe dropping out was the right action.

You're doing great with the news...Hang in there. We need you!

Dan Hurley, BOS Ret '85 (disability) and '92 (age sixty)..

Human Interest:

From: [carol](#)

Date: 10/21/2011 4:57:54 PM

To: [Undisclosed-Recipient:](#)

Subject: interesting story

....interesting story me thinks..... CF

....NWA charter crash 11 March 1948 out of Alaska

<http://www.usmm.org/felknoralaska.html>

The Search

There was a remarkable humanitarian effort which will be of special interest to merchant marine veterans, who are accustomed to being ignored or forgotten by media and public. It is a story of two airline pilots who spent their spare time and money over a decade to locate the crash, identify and honor the human remains, and bring closure to the families of the 24 dead mariners and the air crew of 6. The pilots are friends and fellow Air Force reservists, **Kevin McGregor of Delta Airlines** and **Marc Millican of Northwest**. Each learned that the other had been researching the 1948 crash during a chance meeting in 1994 in the officers club at Travis Air Force base.



Marc Millican (left) and Kevin McGregor (right)

Read complete story at

<http://www.usmm.org/felknoralaska.html>

NWA charter crash 11 March 1948

The **Northwest Airlines crew** who died with them were:

Captain Robert Petry, pilot

Captain James Van Cleef, pilot

Jehu Stickel, co-pilot

Wayne Worsely, navigator

Donald Rector, flight mechanic

Robert Haslett, purser

Northwest DC-4



The **DC-4** was destined for **New York's LaGuardia Airport**, with fuel stops at **Tokyo**, **Shemya** in the western Aleutians, **Anchorage**, **Edmonton** (Alberta), and **Minneapolis**. The fresh crew that took over at Anchorage and the original crew were veterans. The first three segments went perfectly. **Flight 4422 disappeared one hour after leaving Anchorage.**

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From: [Jan Milligan](#)

Date: 10/16/2011 11:03:13 PM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: 911 Testimony

Dear Mark, Even if you don't put this in your newsletter, I know you will like it. It is a powerful testimony by an American pilot. I know its long, but you have to watch to the end. Keep up the good work.

Jan Milligan

Fellow Traveler

You'll have to cut and paste, sorry

<http://www.youtube.com/user/peterscheibner#p/a/u/0/cLj4akmnCSA>

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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Get your holiday events in to be listed!

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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!)

From: [Bill](#)
Date: 10/23/2011 8:43:13 AM
To: [Undisclosed-Recipient:](#)
Subject: Fw: Veterans Day Discounts & Freebies

Veterans Day in 2011 is on Friday, the **11th of November**.

In the United States, Veterans Day is usually observed on November 11. However, if it occurs on a Sunday then the following Monday is designated for holiday leave, and if it occurs Saturday then either Saturday or Friday may be so designated.

With thanks to Agent Cindy Whetzel, Sr Intelligence Officer, Threat Analysis Center Pentagon Force Protection Agency

VETERANS DAY DISCOUNTS & FREEBIES

Restaurants

Abuelo's Mexican Food - Abuelo's offerings vary by region, be sure to call ahead to see what the discounts or freebies are included.

Applebees - All veterans and active duty military eat free from a limited menu at Applebee's on Veterans Day.

Chili's — Veterans and active duty dine for free from a special limited six item menu on Veterans Day.

Golden Corral — Golden Corral Restaurants' Military Appreciation Monday free dinner will be available on November 15, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Military retirees, veterans, active duty, National Guard and Reserves are all welcome.

Hooters — All Veterans and active duty eat free. The free entrees must be selected from a special Veterans Day menu.

Krispy Kreme – All active-duty, retirees & veterans get a free doughnut on Veterans Day. Be sure to call ahead to verify your local Krispy Kreme is participating.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants — Participating McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants offer a complimentary entree to vets from a special menu on a space available basis, online reservations are highly recommended.

Outback Steakhouse — Veterans and active-duty military get a complimentary Bloomin' Onion and non-alcoholic beverage on Veterans Day.

UNO Chicago Grill — UNO is offering a Buy One Get One free offer to Service members or Veterans with a military or veteran I.D. or in uniform or with a photo of themselves in uniform. The Veterans Day BOGO offer includes a free entree or individual pizza, with the purchase of an entree or pizza of equal or greater value.

Texas Roadhouse – Free meal from opening until 4pm. on Veterans Day. Call ahead to your local restaurant for more information.

T.G.I. Friday's – Veterans and Service members Buy one get one free from Nov 11–14. Contact your nearest location for more details on their Veterans Day BOGO offer.

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

From: DWSkjerven@aol.com

Date: 10/20/2011 4:31:55 PM

To:

Subject: A tough day at JFK

This audio bit is a definite keeper --- particularly to any and all of you who were ever based at JFK....!! This is the tower's "Ground Controller" attempting to control the taxiing aircraft as they maneuver around this complex airport, going to and from runways.

Earlier comments

Getting around on the ground was the hardest thing about flying.

Who's on first?

The only thing missing from this tape is the sound of a gunshot as the ground controller commits suicide...

I had forgotten how much fun aviation can be. This almost makes me want to go back to work.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BMDkwfkXv0&NR=1>

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From: DWSkjerven@aol.com

Date: 10/20/2011 4:15:11 PM

Subject: KC/EC/RC - 135

For all you KC/EC/RC-135 Crewdogs, lots of familiar tail numbers here!

[BBS II C-135 C-137](#)

Website of airplane pictures.

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From: CaptGrumps@aol.com

Date: 10/19/2011 8:28:51 PM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: Fwd: The way things were

The way things were--not Delta, but some will remember how it was.

This old TWA commercial shown at 'The Movie Theater: is great - some of you will remember the planes and the clothes.

Look how those passengers are dressed! And we wonder why flying isn't fun anymore. And luggage with NO wheels!

Notice at the end of the film that the only surviving 307 is a Pan American plane in the Museum in Washington D.C.

For you non-pilots - in those days almost every flight had mechanical problems and some pretty serious compared to the Jet age when mechanical problems are almost non-existent. The work load for the pilots and engineer/navigator where much higher than for the flight crews of today.

Seventy years ago, less than a lifetime (with the present life expectancy in this country of 77.6 years)

TWA was the "airline of the stars" flying the magnificent four engine, pressurized,"over the weather" Boeing 307 Stratoliner. There was nothing anywhere in the world like it!

<http://www.twaseniorsclub.org/twavideo/twastratoliner.html>

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From: TankerKC135@yahoo.com
Reply-to: 905thARS@yahoogroups.com
Sent: 9/29/2011 3:08:04 P.M. Central Daylight Time
Subj: [905thARS] Fw: History of the KC-135 "Stratotanker"

Wasn't it great being a part of this ? j

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=ehPg2aDJot4

Political (food for thought):

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

From: [Dave wall](#)

Date: 10/13/2011 4:06:20 PM

Subject: Taliban joke

A fleeing Taliban, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghan Desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find Water, he hurried toward the oasis, only to find a little old Jewish man At a small stand, selling ties.

The Taliban asked, "Do you have water?"

The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5."

The Taliban shouted, "Idiot! I do not need an over-priced tie. I need Water! I should kill you, but I must find water first!"

"OK," said the old Jewish man, "It does not matter that you do not Want to buy a tie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger Than that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about two Miles, you will find a lovely restaurant. It has all the ice cold water

You need. Shalom."

Cursing, the Taliban staggered away over the hill. Several hours later
He staggered back, almost dead & said,

"Your @\$#% brother won't let me in without a tie!"

Mark

Mark Sztanyo (Stän'yō), 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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