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Dear PCN (of over 2500 subscribers),

Mark's Remarks

YES, I am running this again! Repeat Request Because IT'S IMPORTANT!!!!!

PLEASE! PLEASE!

Take this Action Step and "CERTIFY" your dependents and Buddy Pass Policy with DAL.

If this is not done by 11:59PM on Jan 31, 2012, then on March 1, 2012 your dependents will drop off the eligibility list *forever* and you may not be able to issue any buddy passes.

Please spread this word to other Deltoids who may not be connected via our network.

If you have your DalNet login handy then click on this link and you should go directly to the main page of the DalNet with the **CERTIFY** button in the right column to get'er dun.

http://dlnet.delta.com/ or

Family Status Change Forms and supporting documentation forms are located on Employee Connection on DeltaNet [DeltaNet Employee Connection Employee Life Events Checklists and Forms (right nav bar)] and on the Dependent Information page (home page) of the Dependent Certification portal under Helpful Links.

Send the Family Status Change Form and all required supporting documentation, if applicable:

- Via US mail to: Delta Employee Service Center Dependent Certification: PO Box 52045: Phoenix, AZ 85072
- Via FAX number to: 602-797-6261

Questions? If you have questions about the CERTIFY process, the status of your dependents or what to do about Non-Certified status, call the **1-800 MY DELTA** (1-800-693-3582) and select the data verification prompt, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, except certain holidays.

Giant RISK for AMR:

We sometimes forget this but as DAL approached and entered CH11, one of the biggest risk was losing control and some other corp taking over even USAir. Today, AMR faces that RISK and even greater than DAL did. Some of the measures that DAL put in place to help block a hostile takeover AMR doesn't have. In the news (and will be for a while) are others taking a look at buying AMR, *including DAL!* Why would DAL be interested in AMR? Well, sometimes you play offense and sometimes defense. I am not optimistic at this point that this consolidation will be allowed, but imagine if it did. Years ago I interviewed and was hired by DAL and AMR at virtually the same time. Little did I know then, that there would ever be talk of them being under the same roof. This will be a big story for a while and rather fun to watch.

Workings of the High Life: Care about Forwards!

As you all know I am not much of a writer, so the High Life is by and large a compilation of news and posts from you the subscribers. Many times in the past, I have ran with forwards that you have sent me without checking them out. Quite frankly I don't have the time to check every one, and for the most part I trust you. That is where this message comes in. PLEASE ONLY FORWARD THAT WHICH YOU OR SNOPES OR FACT FINDER BELEIVE TO BE ACCURATE. If you help in that way I thank you and you will be helping to make the HL more accurate. Recently, I received two posts that were something I had seen before and knew they were inaccurate web slop re-circulating again. One email was about a track a spouse site which is supposed to track a cell phone anywhere but is really a hoax to collect cell numbers. The other was about Boeing's new airplane which looks like a gigantic wing holding 1000 people. Both false. Thanks for your help.

Tools for our members:

PCN Main Website: http://pcn.homestead.com/home01.html

PCN Ada http://pilotsommunication.net/Ada/ / Undates towns regile suspended

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: $\underline{misc@pilotcommunication.net}$

pcn.calendar@gmail.com

<u>signup@pilotcommunication.net</u> illness@pilotcommunication.net <u>death@pilotcommunication.net</u> <u>ads@pilotcommunication.net</u> mark@pilotcommunication.net

News Section.....

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

Ok, this could get interesting. DAL senior management held a closed door meeting with ALPA in NY about their interest in AMR. Certainly, they didn't hold the meeting to state they were not interested. Until nixed, this will be a story to watch.

Delta shares up on report of interest in AMR

Shares of Delta rise on report of interest in AMR, could point to more airline mergers



By David Koenig, AP Airlines Writer | Associated Press – 14 hours ago

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) -- Shares of Delta Air Lines Inc., the world's second-biggest airline, rose Thursday after a report that it may try to buy American Airlines parent AMR Corp.

The Wall Street Journal said Delta, US Airways Group Inc. and buyout firm TPG Capital were separately looking at AMR, which is in the early stages of reorganizing through the bankruptcy process.

Delta, TPG, US Airways and AMR declined to comment.

Three big mergers since 2008 have helped the airline industry by reducing competition and making it easier to raise prices. In one of those deals, Delta bought Northwest.

American missed out on the merger mania and fell from first to third among the world's biggest airlines by passenger traffic. US Airways, which tried to buy Delta out of bankruptcy in 2006, has been widely viewed as a possible bidder for AMR.

Delta shares rose 26 cents, or 3 percent, to close at \$8.87 after hitting \$8.98 earlier in the day. The stock has traded between \$6.41 and \$12.81 in the past 52 weeks. US Airways shares gained 14 cents, or 2.4 percent, to \$6.05.

Standard & Poor's airline analyst Jim Corridore doubts that regulators would let Delta buy American. He said the combined airline would be too big even if it sold some assets. Delta was briefly the world's biggest airline before United combined with Continental in 2010.

Read more: http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Delta-shares-report-interest-apf-3372854220.html?x=0

Delta-American Might Fly

January 13, 2012, 10:12 AM

Would a <u>Delta-American Airlines merger</u> get antitrust approval? The chart here says: maybe. Until recently, the idea that the second and third largest U.S. airlines would be allowed to join forces would have been dismissed as fantasy. Airline mergers, with their job-losses and closures of hubs and routes, were politically toxic.

But the troubles of the past decade, with all the major airlines barring Southwest ending up in bankruptcy, has forced some consolidation, with Delta hooking up with Northwest and United merging with Continental. Now, if Delta were to merge with American, their combined share of the domestic and regional air travel market would be 35%, according to CreditSights' Roger King.

That sounds high: United Continental, which would be the second largest, would command 22%. But, as King points out, the Department of Justice has historically focused on individual routes when assessing competition effects, rather than overall concentration. So while a combined Delta-American would almost certainly have to make concessions in New York and across the Atlantic, the DoJ might not block the deal out of hand.

Read more: http://blogs.wsj.com/overheard/2012/01/13/delta-american-might-fly/?mod=yahoo_hs

Delta Deal for American? Fat Chance

By <u>Ted Reed</u> 01/13/12 - 03:29 PM EST

DALLAS <u>TheStreet</u>) -- Wall Street investment sources may be talking up a **Delta**(<u>DAL</u>) bid for bankrupt **AMR**(AAMRQ.PK), but it is difficult to imagine such a bid would be successful.

A Delta bid, either for all of the airline or some of its assets, would likely involve breaking up the airline. That is the last thing thing American management, and some of the airline's creditors -- particularly labor creditors -- want to see, because significant job losses would almost inevitably result.

"The best bet for American would be to remain independent," said James Little, international president of the Transport <u>Workers</u> Union, which represents about 30,000 workers at American and American Eagle, when reached Friday afternoon. "We have not seen anything that would convince us otherwise."

News of Delta's bid is "not a surprise, and it's got to be taken seriously because they have the <u>money</u> behind them," said a source with knowledge of the situation.

Read more: http://www.thestreet.com/_yahoo/story/11375986/1/delta-deal-for-american-fat-chance.html?cm_ven=YAHOO&cm_cat=FREE&cm_ite=NA

Potential suitors circle American Airlines: sources

By **Greg Roumeliotis** and Kyle Peterson Fri Jan 13, 2012 8:29am EST

(Reuters) - US Airways Group (<u>LCC.N</u>), Delta Airlines (<u>DAL.N</u>) and private equity firm TPG Capital are among several parties interested in potential bids for AMR Corp (<u>AAMRQ.PK</u>), the bankrupt parent of American Airlines, people familiar with the matter told Reuters.

These parties have been following AMR's bankruptcy proceedings closely to evaluate prospects for a merger or tie-up with American Airlines, the sources said.

The sources and airline experts, however, cautioned that any deal is unlikely to materialize before AMR is close to completing its court restructuring, which could take a year or longer.

"At this point I wouldn't take it a bit serious. But if AMR does the restructuring correctly, I think it's going to be a very attractive target," said Ray Neidl, aerospace analyst with Maxim Group.

Delta hired Blackstone as its financial adviser to assess a bid for American Airlines, one of the sources said.

REGULATORY HURDLES

Read more: http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/01/13/us-amr- idUSTRE80B20020120113?feedType=RSS&feedName=innovationNews&rpc=43

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

Surprise, surprise. The PBGC doesn't want the dumped pension!

AMR in Pension-Plan Spat

U.S. Agency Presses in Bankruptcy Court for Disclosure as Possible Suitors Huddle JANUARY 14, 2012

BY SUSAN CAREY, GINA CHON AND MIKE SPECTOR

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. asked a bankruptcy judge to force AMR Corp. to disclose details of its underfunded pension plans, escalating a spat betweenthe government agency and the parent of American Airlines just as rivals assess possible bids for the money-losing company.

"Despite repeated requests for information, AMR has not replied, compelling PBGC to seek relief from the bankruptcy court," the agency said in court papers filed late Thursday to U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Sean Lane. An AMR spokesman on Friday declined to comment.

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. Appeal of 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, Filed with PBGC on 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 April 1, 2011 payment, the HCTC is at 72.5%.)
- 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):

Are you up on the latest from the IRS on the HCTC program? If over charged in March (at the 65% rate) you may apply for a credit, see below. Also, now eligible family members (spouses) can apply for HCTC.

HCTC - NEWS

The Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) pays 72.5% of qualified health insurance premiums for eligible individuals and their families. Read on to find out the latest updates for the HCTC Program and learn more about what the HCTC Program can do for you. For information on who is eligible to receive the HCTC, go to the eligibility requirements page.

Legislative Updates: On October 21, 2011, the President signed the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 into law. This bill increases the amount of the Health Coverage Tax Credit and expands the population that is eligible to receive it. The following provisions are effective until **January 1, 2014**:

Tax Credit Percentage increases from 65% to 72.5%

 Starting with January 2012 invoices, the Monthly HCTC will pay 72.5% of qualified health insurance premiums, and participants will pay 27.5%.

• Additional 7.5% Retroactive credit available to monthly HCTC participants

- Participants who received the 65% tax credit through the Monthly HCTC in any month from March –
 December 2011, are eligible to claim an additional 7.5% retroactive credit and can file Form 8885 with
 their Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return to claim this amount.
- o Instructions on how to claim this additional credit will be included with the Form 1099-H, *Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) Advance Payments*, which will be mailed by January 31, 2012.

HCTC Extended Eligibility for Qualified Family Members

- Qualified family members of TAA recipients or PBGC payees who enroll in Medicare, pass away, or finalize a divorce, are eligible to receive the HCTC for up to 24 months from the month of the event, or until January 1, 2014.
- This provision applies to all months in the 2011 tax year, therefore payments made directly to a qualified health plan for qualified family members can be claimed by filing Form 8885 with a federal income tax return. Eligible taxpayers that plan to claim this credit, who were **not** enrolled in the monthly HCTC program in January or February 2011, must call the HCTC Customer Contact Center to ensure that the Form 8885 is processed correctly.
- Starting in January 2012, qualified family members will be able to register for the Monthly HCTC.
 Qualified family members are also eligible to enroll in a state qualified health plan.
- o For more information please visit the **qualified family members page**. (see next excerpt)

HCTC: Information for Qualified Family Members

Qualified family members of TAA recipients (including ATAA and RTAA recipients) or PBGC payees who enroll in Medicare, pass away, or finalize a divorce, are eligible to receive the HCTC for up to 24 months from the month of the qualifying event, or until January 1, 2014.

Qualified family members must be **spouses or dependents** at the time of the event, must meet all **General Requirements**, and must have, or obtain, a qualified health plan. Learn more about how you can qualify and register below.

• Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Associations (VEBAs)

 If you chose a health plan through a VEBA established as a result of a former employer's bankruptcy, your VEBA will remain qualified for the HCTC. A separate VEBA Attestation Form is no longer required when registering for the monthly HCTC program with a qualified VEBA.

Pension:

A couple of recent messages for members sent from the DP3 concerning the appeal. Please check the website or your inbox.

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 (<u>Benefit Statement Worksheet</u>)
(Note: Must know your DP3 assigned passwords which cannot be shared in our newsletter!)

Commercial Section.....

Investment (Legitimate firms that have helped our groupare encouraged to contact PCN to add articles here):

Travel & Non-Revving (share a quick reco):

Life Section...

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Update - 1st Notice

Domicile - ATL

Description of illness - Stroke Living Spouse - Edwina Griffin

Address - 116 Pebblestump Pt , Peachtree City, GA 30269

Hospital - Piedmont/ATL Roosevelt Rehab Warm Springs, GA

Comments - Wayne had a stroke and has been in Piedmont and Warm Springs Rehab, and is presently back in Piedmont.

His outlook is good if no more strokes occur. No calls yet please, but cards and letters would be appreciated.

Contact Name - C.G. Scott

Contact Email - mr.scotty@comcast.net

Contact Phone - 770-630-6424

Misc Posts:

RE: "CERTIFY"
From: Leslie Brooks

Date: 1/12/2012 7:18:01 PM

To: Mark@PilotCommunication.net

Subject: HELP PLEASE

Mark,

Hello. I am trying to help my father "CERTIFY" my mom so she won't get taken off his insurance plan, and I cannot get to the correct page. Could you please send me the web address so we can get this done before the

cut off date of Jan 31, 2012.

Thank you, Leslie Brooks lbrooksna@yahoo.com

Editor: "CERTIFY" is predominantly for pass privileges. If your mom is already on employee insurance I doubt that she has anything to worry about. However, Delta is trying to update their records as to who is married to who, and who is still eligible for travel benefits and the like. To CERTIFY online you need to just visit the http://Delnet.delta.com web site's home page and look at the right column. If you wish to do it by phone then please dial MY Delta at 800-693-3582. This is the last issue of the HL that I will run the request above to CERTIFY so get 'er dun.

From: Walter Blair

Date: 1/12/2012 4:17:03 PM **To:** mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: how to get back soc sec--FICA-OASDI withheld from my 3/28/11 award I have heard it is possible to recoup the social security FICA-OASDI withheld from my FINAL DECREE distribution. Please put this out and have anyone respond with what I need to fill out to get this money back.

The award was given in stock shares but converted to funds as far as deductions. Please respond WALTER BLAIR (RET OCT 1996) EMAIL retlawgroup@bellsouth.net

Help for Capt Laumeyer:

From: Richard Laumeyer

Date: 1/12/2012 4:11:46 PM

To: mark@pilotcommunication.net

Subject: PAA liquidation trust

I tried to call the PAA liquidation Trust @ 877 813-3539 as listed which was a wrong number.

Do you have current contact info.

Richard Laumeyer

307 690-5587

Editor: The "877" number is the published number, however maybe some other clippers out there will have a more current number for the Capt. I suggested he contact the law firm at Michael Freitag or Roanne Kulakoff Kekst and Company (212) 521-4800.

Human Interest:

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

From: Ron Knott

Date: 1/8/2012 11:36:13 PM **To:** mark@pilotcommunication.net **Subject:** My new short stories

Hello Mark: I have just published several short story books on Kindle e-book (Amazon). Thanks for your consideration in listing them.

"Fighter Pilot - I fell 15,000 feet and Lived." A story about Cliff Judkins (retired Delta Pilot)

"Fighter Pilot - Cuban Missile Crisis." My story about flying around Cuba during the crisis.

"Fighter Pilot - "Waste in Space" A story about an A-1 pilot taking a laxative then going on a 6 hour flight.

"Fighter Pilot - Thunderstorm Flight." A flight I was in where two pilots ejected, one died.

"Fighter Pilot - Rough Seas." Me flying in the North Atlantic and landing on the ship in very extreme weather.

Thanks again. Ron Knott (767 DFW Ret)

Event Announcements (Click here for <u>Calendar</u>): to post <u>pcn.calendar@gmail.com</u>

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 <u>Calendar</u>.

Bum Group Lunch Jan 18th

Lunch
Wednesday
January 18th
Golden Corral-Grapevine
11AM
Good Food – Great Company
If you show up of course!

Email Roger Lewis <u>redsplitwindow@gmail.com</u>

Vont this is as the day approached

Kept this in as the day approaches!

From: Dick Deeds

Date: 1/5/2012 3:00:23 PM To: undisclosed-recipients:,

Subject: REMINDER! IMPORTANT Brunch January 19 - "Will the D & S fund have any funds when your survivor needs

them"

From the Wallybird

Because of the seriousness of the survivors benefits and the importance to our survivors I have invited wives to this brunch. We may have a larger turnout because of the so please send me your RSVP's ASAP in case we need the larger room.

Ev Gost and John Erickson have agreed to come to the brunch and give us an update on the status of the **Disability and Survivors** monies. As many of you have noticed and asked me (and I don't have the information) it is gracious of Ev and John to take the time to summarize this and make a presentation to us. Because of the importance to our families, **I am inviting wives to this brunch**. Be sure to set aside the time for this one!!

When: January 19, 2012 Where: Franceso's Restaurant

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

Time: 1115

Meal choices are: Caesar Chicken Salad \$21 Baked Lasagna a la Toscana \$18 Hoagie Sandwich \$16

Meal all inclusive. Your choice of entree, drink, desert and gratuity! Let start out the new year with a great attendance!!!!

John Erickson is going to give us an update on the Disability and Survivors fund and the maneuvering of DAL with respect to the fund. Come one and all, the fund is an important part of our retirement benefits IF it is kept funded.

Please RSVP me by noon, Monday (but the earlier the better) January 16 with your menu selection either by email to: dickdeeds@pacbell.net or Phone: 408-268-0670

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

Dick

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

Looking for 2 survivors: Muriel Flett (H E) and Rosemary Donoghue (Paul)

From: evan gost

Date: 1/5/2012 1:43:59 PM **To:** Mark Sztanyo; Dave Roberts

Subject: Non Responders to 2011 Survivor Income Annual Update

URGENT – Please help if you can contact any of these surviving ladies!

Mark and Dave-

Please see if you or someone in your network can make contact with these three survivors.

Under the original D&S Plan, the survivors of pilots who deceased before retiring lose those benefits if they remarry. That provision was deleted for deaths that occurred on or after Sept 1, 2001, but remains in effect for survivors of pilots who deceased before Sept 1, 2001 (before retiring). Those survivors must certify annually that they have not married. Apparently, Delta has not received the required certification from the three ladies listed below.

Thanks for your help.

Εv

From: Kevin.Powell@alpa.org
To: egost@hotmail.com

CC: Karen.Browne-Fleck@alpa.org

Subject: Fwd: Non Responders to 2011 Survivor Income Annual Update

Date: Thu, 5 Jan 2012 17:48:42 +0000

Ev,

Please see below. We have phone numbers on all 3 and will give them a call, but if you can offer any assistance that would be appreciated. It is unfortunate Delta continues this practice, but it is their contractual right, and we tried to get it eliminated but they weren't willing.

Thanks,

Kevin

Begin forwarded message:

From: "DiPietro, Lourdes" < Lourdes. DiPietro@delta.com

Date: January 5, 2012 12:12:50 PM EST

To: "'Powell, Kevin, DALMEC'" < Kevin.Powell@alpa.org, "Browne-Fleck, Karen,

DALMEC" < Karen. Browne-Fleck@alpa.org

Subject: Non Responders to 2011 Survivor Income Annual Update

Kevin and Karen,

We have three pilot survivors that have not responded to the latest Survivor Income Annual Update form. The attached letter will be sent out tomorrow advising them that their benefits will be suspended effective 2/1/2012 and terminated

3/1/2012 if there is no response. This will be the 3rd letter sent to them. I noticed two of them (Killough and Donoghue) have their checks direct deposited. Flett's goes to her address on file.

Margaret Killough (James) 002348201

14806 Paddock Drive

Wellington, FL 33414

Muriel Flett (H E) 043098401

11920 SW 271 Terrace

Miami, FL 33032

Rosemary Donoghue (Paul) 042683401

231 Exter Road

Hampton Falls, NH 03844

I'm hoping you might be able to reach out to them to let them know they must reply.

Thanks in advance,

Lourdes

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

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

From: Admin@RishworthAviation.com

Date: 1/12/2012 4:01:26 PM **To:** marksztanyo@hotmail.com

Subject: New Website - Visit us Today!

Dear Mark

We upgraded our website in March 2011. Take a look at www.rishworthaviation.com!

Although it appears very different from our old site, all of your details, including login e-mail and password, have been transferred from the old site. So there's no need to set up a new profile, just update your old one! If you have forgotten your password please click on 'Password Reminder' in the top right hand corner and your password will be emailed to you.

From: Eric Jensen

Date: 1/10/2012 6:36:42 AM

To:

Subject: Twilight Landing at LAX - AWESOME VIDEO

Mark,

You'll love this.

Received from an Air Canada pilot. His comments follow. Go full screen for full effect!

This is the approach from the north of LAX - if you were coming down from Vancouver or Calgary. Greatly speeded up but real.

This is shot from the pilot's point of view... even BETTER!!! Enjoy!

Cockpit view of a twilight landing at Los Angeles airport compressed into about 3 minutes.

Be sure to view this in full screen to see how awesome it really is!

http://www.flixxy.com/twilight-landing-los-angels-airport-cockpit-view.htm

This is great! Flying into LAX in the evening is always a breathtaking sight.

Joel Payne

Email - flyplayne@bellsouth.net

Issue Area -General

Comments - From an email friend. Joel Payne 767A [ret.]

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT HISTORICAL FILM BUT WILL TAKE 36 MINUTES TO VIEW SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY WHEN VIEWING.

If not able to view now, save and view later. This is spectacular live footage of the 3,000 round trip mile air assault upon the Japanese mainland, with 3 bomber wings and a host of P-51's.

This is the real way to end a war.

No matter what war footage you ever saw before, this is the real deal and will keep your undivided attention. The P-51 & B29 footage is remarkable.

The strafing runs by the P-51 drivers were incredible.

No Occupy Wall Street Wussy's here!

(View Full Screen/Sound On)

B-29/P-51 Actual WWII Footage A great compilation of combat footage from WWII. It is 36 minutes long, The beginning is the planning and preparation for the bombing raids on Tokyo. At about 15-16 minutes they are running into flak as they prepare to hit the targets. Some great P-51 combat footage and then very good footage of the bombers in action.

Recovery back at the take-off bases is excellent footage also. This was a time when men definitely were MEN!! It is obvious when you see our stockpiles on the islands that our industrial production sealed the fate of our enemies. We don't send a lot of our officers to ICAF, but that course might be as valuable as AWC to the successful prosecution of a war effort. Good way to spend some quality time .A 36 minute gem for those who at this time of year would like to trace the dots from Pearl Harbor in 1941 back to Japan in 1945 -- the Last Bomb. This is amazing footage. Notice the actual photos of the spent shell casings st

reaming out of the bottom of the P51s.

http://www.archive.org/details/TheLastBomb1945

Political (food for thought):

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

From: Yorkieatl@aol.com **Date:** 11/23/2011 8:45:18 AM

To: yorkieatl@aol.com

Subject: Fwd: Computers with Abbott & Costello

This is pretty good! Read it to the end and you'll like it better...

You have to be old enough to remember Abbott and Costello, and too old to REALLY understand computers, to fully appreciate this. For those of us who sometimes get flustered by our computers, please read on...

If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their infamous sketch, 'Who's on First?' might have turned out something like this:

COSTELLO CALLS TO BUY A COMPUTER FROM ABBOTT

ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: Thanks I'm setting up an office in my den and I'm thinking about buying a computer.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.

ABBOTT: Your computer?

COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou.

ABBOTT: What about Windows?

COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?

ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with Windows?

COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look at the

windows?

ABBOTT: Wallpaper.

COSTELLO: Never mind the windows... I need a computer and

software.

ABBOTT: Software for Windows?

COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?

ABBOTT: I just did.

COSTELLO: You just did what?

ABBOTT: Recommend something.

COSTELLO: You recommended something?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: For my office?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!

ABBOTT: I recommend Office with Windows..

COSTELLO: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?

ABBOTT: Word.

COSTELLO: What word?

ABBOTT: Word in Office.

COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.

ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.

COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?

ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue 'W'.

COSTELLO: I'm going to click your blue 'w' if you don't start with some straight answers. What about financial bookkeeping? You have anything I can track my money with?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?

ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.

COSTELLO: What's bundled with my computer?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer?

ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.

COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?

ABBOTT: One copy.

COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?

ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.

COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?

ABBOTT: Why not? THEY OWN IT!

(A few days later)

ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: How do I turn my computer off?

ABBOTT: Click on 'START'.....

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