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To: All AMFA Locals

Re: **Assistant National Director's Monthly Update for August 2009**

Dear Members:

The month began with our weekly conference call on Monday morning. Later that week, we got the results of the Alaska Airlines extension tentative agreement and the three Letters of Agreement, all past by an overwhelming majority. We then coordinated with Alaska Airlines on the press release.

The second week of the month was very busy with the National Executive Council meetings, as well as the Joint Advisory Council meeting at the National office in Denver. We also met with the Southwest Airlines Local Presidents and Airline Representatives regarding their grievance process. We then met with several Southwest Airlines management personnel regarding their merger offer and the grievance process.

The third week, I again participated in our NEC conference call.

The last week of the month, on Wednesday, I again participated in the NEC conference call while on a family vacation in Lake Tahoe.

Finally, I'd like to end with a note on Labor Day.

Labor Day originated in Canada in support of Labor strikes in the 1870's. It was first celebrated in the US in 1882. After the deaths of many striking workers at the hands of the US military and marshals, it was quickly made an official National holiday by President Grover Cleveland and the US Congress. It was typically celebrated by parades followed by a festival for workers and their families. Unfortunately, it has devolved into the symbolic end of the summer season. Lets not forget that this is our holiday, a day of celebration for us, the Union Member. I would like to ask each of you to take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices of the past, and the strength of our solidarity. Standing together we are a strong, intelligent force that knows our business better than any.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Happy Labor Day!

Fraternally,

Timothy Cullen
Interim Assistant National Director

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