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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **National Director's Monthly Update for April 2010**

Dear Members:

Continuing with the Charles Taylor theme from last month, this month, on April 15th I had the opportunity to attend a ceremony in Dallas, Texas on April 15th in the Southwest Airlines hangar honoring AMFA member and Southwest employee Don Hammer for receiving the FAA's Charles Taylor Master Mechanic award. I was joined in Dallas by retired National, Director O.V. Delle-Femine, Assistant National Director, Floyd Looney and National Secretary/Treasurer Steve Nowak. We participated in the ceremony at the invitation of Keith Poole, Local 11 President and many of the Dallas members were able to attend. During the event Dell, on behalf of Local 11, presented Mr. Hammer with a plaque recognizing his many years of dedicated service.

The Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to persons certificated under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 65. This award is named after Charles Taylor, the first aircraft mechanic, to recognize individuals who have spent over 50 years in the aircraft maintenance profession as "master mechanics."

The SWA Appearance Technician negotiations continued this month with negotiations on April 28th and 29th in Dallas. Also at SWA, the Locals concluded a system-wide letter writing campaign to Gary Kelly, CEO expressing concerns regarding the recent change negotiated into the pilot's agreement amending the cockpit jumpseat boarding priority from the historical first-come first-served basis to now giving pilots priority over mechanics.

The third week of April I attended the Local 14 membership meetings and conducted a station visit. The Alaska Airlines contract proposal submission period has concluded and we will now move onto the next phase of the process toward our full Section 6 negotiations which will start next fall. A special meeting will be held at Locals 14 and 32 for the members to endorse, or not, the submitted proposals.

The Mesaba and Southwest ASAP Representative elections are currently underway and will conclude on May 20th. Alaska will not require an election due to the nominees for the primary and alternate positions are running unopposed.

For more carrier specific updates and in depth information regarding AMFA and the airline industry, please visit the AMFA National Web site at www.AMFANational.org and remember our most determined efforts will not succeed without your continued support and participation – Please stay informed. With your participation we will jointly craft our collective future. Work together, support one another, and be proud of your important profession.

Sincerely,

Louie Key
National Director