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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

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

Dear Members:

On July 1st Pinnacle Airlines Corporation announced the purchase of Mesaba Airlines and that Mesaba will remain a separate entity headquartered in Eagan, MN and retain its current management. Pinnacle also announced they were buying Colgan Air, but, that Colgan would eventually be phased out and all of their turboprops would be operated and maintained by Mesaba Airlines.

The Technicians and Related Collective Bargaining Agreement at Mesaba remains in full force and effect; because Mesaba remains a separate entity, the successorship language in the contract that addresses seniority integration in the event the Company is acquired by another carrier is on hold, at least for the time being. Thus, while the immediate employment situation at Mesaba appears unaffected by the transaction, there may be events over the longer term that will need to be addressed with management. Be assured that your AMFA representatives will continue to monitor the Pinnacle situation, looking for any potential changes that may follow from the transaction and will protect the rights of our Mesaba members.

At Alaska Airlines the contract proposal endorsement process has concluded and Locals 14 and 32 are now in the process of combining their endorsed proposals. After they have been combined, the proposals will be sent to the membership for their prioritization.

I attended the SWA Appearance Technician negotiations which resumed with two sessions being held this month. Progress was made and an extended negotiation session was scheduled for the week of August 23rd with the optimistic anticipated outcome being a tentative agreement. The AMFA 401K Committee met with Company officials to continue their work on trying to open more options to our plan. The AMFA Committee will be distributing a memo soon updating the membership on their progress.

Next month, on August 11th, AMFA will be honoring aviation's first mechanic, Charles Taylor, by donating a bust of Mr. Taylor to the Museum of Flight in Seattle at 12:00PM. Charles Taylor is the mechanic who built the engine for the Wright Brothers flyer. Also, during this presentation Alaska Airlines will be saluting their technicians by inaugurating into service a "Charles Taylor Aircraft" with an insignia of Charles Taylor on the side. All AMFA members are invited to attend.

For more carrier specific updates and further 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