



## AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION

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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

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

Dear Members:

Another exciting development as Southwest acquires AirTran. On Monday, September 27th, Southwest Airlines announced it has reached an agreement to purchase AirTran Airways. The deal has been approved by each airline's Boards and now will go for federal regulatory approval. While the deal will have no immediate impact on our Southwest members as the deal will take one to two years for completion, there will be events, over the long term, that will need to be addressed with management. We continue to be engaged with the Company on progress and will post information as it becomes available.

At Mesaba Airlines, the Airline Representatives and Region II Director Jack Coonrod will be meeting with Company representatives in Minneapolis in October to continue the dialogue on the course of developments stemming from Pinnacle's purchase of Mesaba and Colgan Air. As you may recall, Pinnacle stated that Colgan Air would eventually be phased out and all of their turboprops would be operated and maintained by Mesaba Airlines. As this and the Southwest deal mentioned above progress, rest assured that AMFA will be there protecting our members' contractual rights.

At Alaska Airlines, contract negotiations draw near. The proposal prioritization vote has concluded and the Negotiating Committee has the results. They will be meeting soon to develop our opening proposal and schedule dates for our initial meeting with the Company.

The SWA Appearance Technician negotiations continued this month with sessions in both San Antonio and Dallas. Much progress was made, the open items have been narrowed down and future negotiating dates have been scheduled. A full update from the Negotiating Committee will be distributed shortly.

**More Representation News** – On September 20th we filed an Application for Representation with the National Mediation Board (NMB) to represent the Aircraft Maintenance Controllers at Southwest Airlines. We are still waiting on a determination from the NMB on our previous filing for the Facility Maintenance Technicians. The process is ongoing and we will keep you posted as the NMB completes its investigation and presents its findings.

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](http://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