

RED TALES

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On Time Slide – Once known for consistent on time performance, Northwest Airlines is in a precipitous slide to the bottom of the pack. For August 2009 NWA was last among 8 major airlines for on time and 16 out of 19 overall. In May NWA was 4 out of the biggest 8 airlines. In June they were number 6 and 6 again in July. One year ago Northwest was number 1 among the large airlines.

Delta Air Lines, which had also been known for customer service in the past, ranked 7 in March, 6 in April, 8 in May, 5 in June, 7 in July and 7 in August out of the largest 8 airlines. This is consistent with an admitted Delta policy of allowing on time and other performance stats to slip in order to cut costs. Both Delta and Northwest workers derive part of their income from incentive bonuses for performance benchmarks such as on time. (All stats from DOT website.)

Local Lodge Election Results –

President – Ken Hooker
Vice President – Lonnie Forrester
Secretary Treasurer – Bob Bennek
Recording Sec. – Mary Sansom
Conductor Sentinel – Roger McCausland
Trustee – Pat Sullivan
Trustee – Dawn Harteau
Trustee – Rob Cloutier

Vacation Bid – Bid dates and times will be posted on Friday, November 20, 2009. The actual bid will take place between Monday, November 30 and Friday, December 4. If you have questions about your seniority, please contact the Shop Committee.

You must also fill out a DAT Usage Form by October 30 to show how many DATs you want for 2010. You may turn these into the Admin. Office. Be sure to keep a copy for your records.

Uniforms – ESEs and ESLs may now order Delta uniforms online at www.cintas.com/customer_applications/deltaacs/. Delivery won't be until representation is resolved. The initial order will not count against your point balance. Northwest uniforms may continue to be ordered at brookhurstinc.com/nwa. Boots can be ordered at nwa.elvin.com.

IAM Pension Reps – Reps will be available to answer questions on October 20 in the Main Terminal Agent Break Room from 10AM to 6PM. On October 21 they will be in the G Transfer Break Room from 10AM to 6PM and on October 22 they will be in the Ramp Level Agents Break Room (By Gate F4) from 10AM to 6PM. You can check your personal IAM Pension benefits and projections for your retirement.