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### **Thinking of Retiring?**

Please contact Local 514's Retirement Counselor Mark Loeber for details. Contact details are listed below:

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#### Bankruptcy Information

Information about the bankruptcy comes almost everyday for hearings etc. The informer only goes out weekly. The Informer is not the best way to keep up with daily information for the membership. We highly recommend that you go to the computer at home or at work and go to www.twu514.org and see daily up to the minute updates. This is the fastest and most reliable way to be informed. You can also sign up for updates at www.twu.org (the **International TWU** website).

# Today, May 24th is National AMT Day

We would like to recognize the Professional Mechanics at American Airlines today for their skills and valuable contributions to aircraft maintenance industry-wide. This day belongs to the AMTs that carry a heavy responsibility for providing safe airworthy aircraft the public and their families fly on daily. We acknowledge their dedication and professionalism which raises the standard of maintenance above any other in the world. Untimely maintenance on Aircraft and continued maintenance repairs after supposed completions, MRO's lackluster performance proves that the work we do here at American surpasses all others. So again, to the men and women of the AMT profession. Today is your day, as it should be everyday. Thank you for all you do.

Sam Cirri

## **Bankruptcy Update**

At the conclusion of the APFA's case Friday, May 18, 2012, the TWU cross examined Jeffrey Brundage, the former Senior Vice President of Human Resources for American. On cross examination Mr. Brundage admitted that the Debtors did not seek to address labor cost gaps in making their "asks" and that this method had not been used in other bankruptcy cases.

At the conclusion of the cross, the TWU opened its direct case. The TWU argued that the business plan, which the Debtors argued drives the demand for these deep concessions, is at best premature. The TWU noted that no constituency affirmatively supports the business plan and even those constituencies that support the Debtors, have reserved their rights to challenge the business plan at a later time. Indeed, even the Debtors have admitted that they are looking at the other options, including the possibility of merger.

The TWU argued that to take a business plan no one is telling the court about and to say that you first have to make sure labor takes a disproportionate cut so that the benefits of a merger, or the real business plan, can be better realized by other constituents, is unprecedented and frankly an abuse of the process. The TWU argued that labor should be permitted to fully participate in the vetting of the true business plan or any alternative transaction.

The TWU then called labor economist Thomas Roth to testify about the value of the Debtor's proposals. Mr. Roth testified that the Debtor's demands were gross overkill.

The Court indicated that it would need additional time to render a ruling. The Court requested that the parties submit proposed finds of fact and conclusions of law on June 6. The Court will then issue a ruling on June 22.

# **George Meany Award**

#### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GEORGE MEANY AWARD

It is estimated that one out of every four top unit leaders of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews in the United States is a union member. That's a lot of union Scout leaders. Thousands of other union members serve youth through the Boy Scouts of America in local districts and councils, and on the regional and national levels.

In recognition of their contributions to America's future, the AFL-CIO Executive Council established the George Meany Award. It recognizes union members, men and women, who have made a significant contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the BSA. The award is named for the AFL-CIO's first president, who gave strong support to Scouting over the years.

Local 514 would like to congratulate Allen Burton. Allen Burton was selected as the 2011 George Mean Scouting Award recipient. The award was given by the Northeastern Oklahoma Labor Council for his outstanding work with the Boy Scouts of America. The award, a recognition approved by the national AFL-CIO Executive Council, gives organized labor an opportunity to recognize members for their service to youth, and also makes the public aware of the important role union members play in the community.

## 11th Annual Brookside Rumble & Roll

#### Thursday, June 7, 2012

Benefits: The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oklahoma

Motorcycle Parade: 7:00 p.m. Through Cherry St. landing in Brookside

Brookside St. Party Registration at Myers-Duran Harley Davidson 4848 S Peoria

Big Band Theory!!! Or online at www.rumbleand roll.com

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. \$10.00 per person for registration

(33rd to 36th on South Peoria) Every Rider will be eligible for a chance to win a \$2.500

Myers- Duren Shopping Spree!!!!!

## **AMR Proof of Claim Form**

The Bankruptcy Proof of Claim is NOT due until July 16, 2012.

All employees at American Airlines and American Eagle reportedly received a Proof of Claim form. This is standard in most large bankruptcy cases. These claim forms may be used by employees who believe that AA or AE owes money for certain prepetition claims (those that arose before November 29, 2011).

If you received one of these forms NO NOT PANIC. TWU will be sending out more information about the claims process. Please be patient, information will be available soon. Thank you!

### **TWU Blood Drive**

**APU Shop** - May 29th from 7 AM to 11 AM **Wheel and Break Shop** - June 6th from 7 AM to 11 AM

#### The Main Base

June 7 <sup>th</sup>	8AM to 2PM
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	8AM to 2PM
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	8PM to 2AM
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	8PM to 2AM
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	noon to 7PM
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	8AM to 2PM
June 15th	8AM to 2PM

All presenting Donors will receive a navy blue pocketed t-shirt. The TWU

Local 514 will be grilling cheeseburgers.

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