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On March 26, 2011 TWU Local 514 Sponsored the 1<sup>st</sup> *Annual Stroll for Epilepsy* in memory of PC Jordan Jr. A few years ago, El Pasoan Phil Jordan lost his son to Epilepsy. Now, to honor the memory of him and to raise money for research, TWU

514 member Phil Jordan has helped organize the first El Paso Stroll for Epilepsy. This first stroll had over 450 participants, which included 30 TWU local 514 El Paso members and their families. This event supported the Epilepsy Foundation Texas, for the El Paso community and exceeded their goal by raising \$14,800 to help provide programs and services free of charge to those with epilepsy through Camps, Clinics, Employment Services, and Education. The Foundation is



dedicated to erasing the stigmas and myths surrounding epilepsy and seizures. Although PC Jr suffered from epilepsy that eventually took his life at the age of 20, he never allowed it to prevent him from participating in activities that were important to him. Walkers were asked to wear purple that day for epilepsy awareness. Where as the Mayor of El Paso read a proclamation stating, March 26 will be known as "Purple Day, Seizure Awareness Day"

For more information about epilepsy visit http://www.eftx.org/

# **United Healthcare Settlement**

#### Welcome to the UnitedUCRSettlement.com website

On November 17, 2009, the Court preliminarily approved a \$350,000,000 class action settlement with UnitedHealth Group, resolving a nearly decades-long challenge to its practices involving reimbursement for health care services by out-of-network providers. Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action and Final Settlement Hearing was mailed to potential class members no later than May 28, 2010. The Notice included instructions regarding how to file a Proof of Claim (along with the form itself), how to object to the settlement, and how to opt-out of the settlement. The deadline for opting out of the settlement was July 27, 2010.

The final fairness hearing was held on September 13, 2010. On September 20, 2010, the Court granted final approval of the proposed \$350 million Settlement. Final judgment was entered on October 5, 2010.

Pursuant to the Court Order, all Class Members had until October 5, 2010 to file their claim form to be eligible to receive monies from the Settlement Fund. Class Members who, by October 5, submitted to Ber don Claims Administration a request for claims data -- as described in the Class Notice on pages 4 and 8 -- by mailing, emailing or faxing to Berdon the Claim Information Request Form from page 15 of the Notice, or by completing the online form at www.berdonclaims.com, also satisfied the filing deadline. After all requested claims data has been provided, the Claims Administrator will send a Deficiency Letter to any Class Member who has been assigned an Initial Claim Number following submission of the claims data request form, but who has not yet submitted a complete and signed claim form, as well as to any Class Member whose submitted claim form is deficient in some manner. The Deficiency Letter will notify the Class Member of what has to be submitted as well as a new due date by which such new information must be supplied. All deficiencies in Class Members' submissions to the Claims Administrator, including the lack of complete and signed claim forms for those Class Members assigned an Initial Claim Number, and the absence of any necessary evidence, must be resolved by the due date set out in the Deficiency Letter in order for Class Members to be eligible to receive their Recognized Losses from the Settlement Fund. Please note that the Claims Administrator is not able at this time to verify receipt of claim forms.

#### For questions about your Proof of Claim, please contact:

Berdon Claims Administration LLC 800-443-1073

# FAASTeam Maintenance Safety Tip April 2011

FAA Safety Team | Safer Skies Through Education Maintenance Safety Tip



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#### Hardware

Over the years, I have come into contact with many different types of aircraft hardware. Someone who is newer to the trade or a layman might think that what they are looking at is just a bolt or nut. That statement, as you know, could not be further from the truth. Because you took it off and that was the hardware that was holding it together, it must be correct. Well, that is an assumption and we all know what happens when you assume. More than once I have been tasked with doing maintenance on this or that only to find out that the improper hardware had been used by the previous mechanic.

We as professional aircraft technicians should always look to see what the manual says the correct type of hardware really is. If the correct bolt or nut is not in stock is there another one I could use? We have to go back and dig through the manual again, don't we. See a theme here? The simple fact is that just because it is the same diameter and tread pitch doesn't mean we can use it. This does not apply only to nuts and bolts. It could be something as simple as safety wire; yes, safety wire. Confused yet?

We all, from time to time, should go and reeducate ourselves on the subject of Aircraft hardware. As I learned in my early years, there is a vast difference. What is the application going to be? Is it in a hot area? Will there be torsion or will it be used in a shear application? What is the material and KSI rating\* required for the application? These are just a few things that determine what will be used.

Sometimes it does one good to sit down with a good technical manual and stretch that gray matter. Someone once told me you don't know what you don't know! It might surprise you what you could learn.

• KSI rating = 1,000 pounds per square inch

Added Note: This applies to more than just Mechanics and Technicians. Everyone that touches aircraft and/or aircraft parts have manuals and technical references to use whether it be for Cargo Tape or shipping of squibs. Be Safe and Check the Manual!

### **BDG** Positions

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Correction to last weeks BDG Article. The Email for Cindy Herrin has no g in it. Cindy.Herrin@aa.com

Therefore if you replied to the BDG article please re-send your information to the corrected email address.

**Business Development Group (BDG) is Seeking Two TWU Members -** The Business Development Group is a TWU/AA indorsed group of AA employees that work to identify opportunities for new work that can be accomplished in-house. The TWU RO Committee works closely with the BDG to insure all potential work reviewed is in compliance with the TWU Collective Bargaining Agreement. The BDG is seeking TWU represented employees to participate in the project. Successful candidates should possess skills ranging from project oversight, computer competency and technical data comprehension along with good communication skills. For application and/or information regarding these positions, please reply to <u>Cindy.Herrin@aa.com</u> by April 29.

## **Black Winter Union Jackets Drawing**

In February, we announced there would be a drawing for the remaining small black union jackets which have been on sale since 2003. You had to sign up at the Union Hall in person and the drawing was held at the April 3:45pm Membership Meeting.

The Winners are as follows:

Bill Bell
Carl Sullender
John Abercrombie
Tony Venable
Bill Urbonas
Lucretia Frazier

Don Woodrich Tortia Fulton Milus Clarke Stephanie Gray Brian Golden Duane Wittman

\*\*Denim (Jean) Jackets are still available for \$25.