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Tulsa Team:

We're a little more than halfway through the year and it's the middle of summer. I know it's hot – but in spite of this, you all deliver each and every day. The base operation has been performing exceptionally well. We're seeing industry leading turn times, we continue to be the best in class in B737 heavy maintenance and we have supported the line operations significantly this summer by taking in a number of damaged aircraft that needed extensive repairs.

I've heard from many – if not all - that you are the best at what you do, and you want to continue to prove this. I agree whole-heartedly with you, and your performance shows. That's why I'm happy to share that Tulsa will be adding an additional B737 heavy check line for Hangar 3/4. To support this line, we plan to reassign 70 AMTs to the dock.

A majority of these AMTs will come from CRO. In January 2016 when the TAESL operation closed, a number of AMTs were displaced from TAESL in to AMTO positions in Tulsa. So, the reassignment will now allow us to better balance the additional headcount with the workload. With the MD80, B757, and B767 component volumes down, we will move this essential manpower to the docks while restoring license pay to these reassignments. Going forward, we will continue to evaluate staffing in CRO and Aircraft Overhaul, and will make any necessary adjustments to support the operation. I want to reiterate that this reassignment would not have been possible without the outstanding work you all do. It's just another reason why Tulsa is the B737 Center of Excellence.

Looking toward the rest of the year, we have some good things coming up. We've set the Great American Smoke-off date for Wednesday, Oct. 4, and will be sharing more details soon, including activities for the midnight and afternoon shifts. Many of you have also said you want the base open to bring your family through to show them the great work you do, and we're working on hosting a family event sometime this fall centered on the very first B737MAX. Outside of our events, if you would like to host family members or friends on a tour through the operation, you can arrange this with your department Director.

On a final note, I want to recognize the outstanding job you did in preparing the B777 for Al Blackman's 75th anniversary celebration. It was a special project that had to be completed in about 48 hours. From our cleaners, to our AMTs and crew chiefs, planners, engineers, and everybody who had a hand in it, you all stepped up to deliver a world class product for your fellow colleague. Your fellow AMTs at JFK were quite impressed with the work you did for Blackie. If you haven't seen it yet, [watch the video on Jetnet](#). There was a song that played for Al when the reveal was made, and I think it applies here too – you're simply the best.

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