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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

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

Dear Members:

August was an exciting month for AMFA. During the week of the 9th we held our Joint Advisory Council (JAC) meeting in Seattle, Washington. When the meeting concluded, Local 14 held a reception providing the opportunity for Local members to meet the participants of the JAC and catch up on union and industry news.

On August 11th AMFA members and JAC attendees participated in a bust presentation of Charles E. Taylor to the Museum of Flight in Seattle. This donation was made possible with the generosity of the AMFA Locals: 11 in Dallas, TX; 14 in Seattle, WA; 18 in Houston, TX; 32 in Phoenix, AZ; and AMFA National. The bust will be on display in the Museum's Red Barn exhibit and is intended to increase the awareness of [Charles E. Taylor's](#) historical contributions to aviation as well as the vital role that today's Aircraft Maintenance Technicians play in making air transportation safe and reliable. The bust's plaque in the Museum will also acknowledge AMFA and its locals for the donation. At the event, Alaska Airlines inaugurated into service a "Charles Taylor Aircraft" with an insignia of Charles Taylor that salutes the technicians and displays the AMFA logo along side.

There has been little news from Pinnacle Airlines Corporation on their purchase of Mesaba Airlines other than what was originally stated, "That Mesaba will remain a separate entity headquartered in Eagan, MN and retain its current management." AMFA is in the process of requesting meetings with Mesaba (per the Contract) and Pinnacle to determine the significance for our members.

At Alaska Airlines the contract proposals have been sent to the membership for their prioritization. This process will conclude on September 8th.

I attended the SWA Appearance Technician negotiations which continued in San Antonio, Texas this month with an extended weeklong session. Much progress was made and a full update will be distributed shortly.

On August 17 we filed an Application for Representation with the National Mediation Board (NMB) to represent the Facilities Maintenance Technicians at Southwest Airlines. The process is ongoing and we will keep you posted as the NMB completes 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 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