

Around the industry

Frequent caller awards

MCI Communications Corp.—the USA's second-largest long-distance company—is trying to turn frequent flyers into frequent callers. Starting today, members of American Airlines' AAdvantage frequent-flyer program can now get five miles of credit towards free trips or other awards for each \$1 of calls they make through MCI.

FAA directive

The FAA said an airworthiness directive it issued last month applies to all Boeing aircraft delivered since December 31, 1980, "because all of the cross-wiring and plumbing defects that have been discovered were found on airplanes delivered after that date" (*Aviation Daily*, February 2, 1989). The directive applies to 741 aircraft, including B737s. Boeing, in the meantime, is studying the design, production procedures, and functional testing of the systems to determine whether changes are needed, the FAA said.

Continental may grow CLE



Continental is planning to finance a more than \$30 million expansion project at Cleveland Hopkins with bonds issued by the city of Cleveland. Continental said the project would give it the capacity to add dozens of daily flights to its current schedule of 72 departures. Under terms of the expansion project, Continental would build additional gates and either buy or build a hangar.

SAS likes Texas

Scandinavian Airlines System has increased its stake in the Texas Air Corp. to 7.9 percent, from 6.3 percent. SAS bought the additional 624,500 shares on the open market for prices ranging from \$13.87 to \$14.87 a share.

Eye on the competition

United will discontinue its three IAD-PIT nonstop roundtrips on March 1. USAir offers four daily nonstop roundtrips in this market.

United will also expand its SFO hub service in several markets on February 15. United and USAir service is as follows:

Market	SFO nonstop roundtrips		
	United		USAir
	2/15/89	Change vs 2/1/89	
BUR	5	+1	9
LAS	6	+1	3
LAX	16 1/2	+2	8 1/2
ONT	6	+1	4
PHX	5	+1	3
SEA	9	+2	4

Continental decreased EWR-BUF nonstop roundtrips from 13 to 10 flights daily on February 1. USAir serves this market with six and a half nonstops.

Alaska reduced its BUR-OAK nonstop roundtrips February 1 from six to one daily. On the same date, it also reduced its BUR-SFO nonstop roundtrips from three to one. USAir serves BUR-OAK with five nonstop roundtrips. Both USAir and United serve BUR-SFO with nine and five nonstop roundtrips, respectively.

Safety Glasses:

An eye on safety

"It won't happen to me. I've worked with band saws for more than 23 years and never had a problem. But, I think I'll wear my safety glasses anyway, just in case..."

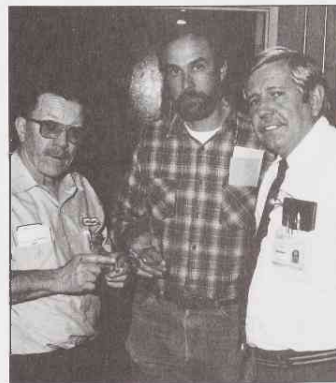
This thought passed through the mind of Bill Emling, mechanic-PIT (in photo center), just moments before a piece of metal he was cutting was propelled into the right eyepiece of his safety glasses.

The incident occurred while Emling was operating a band saw to cut and shape a piece of steel at the airframe sheetmetal shop at the PIT maintenance facility. According to Emling, the saw blade suddenly bound on the one-inch thick metal stock and threw the piece at bullet-like speed back toward his face.

"I never saw it coming," Emling said, "There was no time to react. I didn't even have a chance to duck or deflect it with my hand."

"I have no doubt that my safety glasses saved my eyesight," he said.

"Don't wait until it's too late. I consider myself very fortunate in light of what could have happened had I forgotten to put on my glasses," Emling said.



Charles Laughlin, mechanic-PIT (left), and Pete Shandrik, foreman-PIT, join Emling to display the pair of safety glasses that protected Emling's eye from serious injury.