

American Airlines Friends

Thursday February 23, 2012

"God's Love is Shared through Loving and Caring Relationships With Others"

Please share this personal newsletter of mine with others in our American Airlines family. It is meant to be shared freely.

REMEMBERING CAPTAIN FRED EDWARD ILLSTON (September 26, 1913 - January 21, 2012)



**Memorial service: 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Chapel
5725 Colleyville Boulevard
Colleyville, TX 76034
Phone: (817) 498-5894**

[Click here for directions »](#)

Fred Illston's service will be broadcast live using the following link and will be available on-line for subsequent viewing for 120 days until June 25, 2012.

<http://app.eventbywire.com/viewevent/?id=568-984>

Condolences to the family may be left here as well!

Before You View:

If you are new to viewing our live and archived broadcasts

please use this link to ensure your system has the latest version of Silverlight.

<http://www.microsoft.com/getsilverlight>

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sevenfold Peace Foundation, 2678 Pinehurst Drive, Grapevine Texas 76051.

Fred was born Sept. 26, 1913, in Ithaca, N.Y. He began building and flying airplanes at a very young age as a prelude to a wonderful and interesting life in aviation. He was in the class of 1936 at Cornell University (M.E.), but after three years surveying and aerial mapping opportunities came his way that he could not refuse. Fred's 66-year love story began in 1937 when he married Dorothy Babcock in Georgia. To pursue his career in aviation, they relocated 33 times during their marriage. In June 1942, he began flying DC-3s to Goosebay, Greenland, Iceland and Scotland with other volunteer pilots in what became the Air Transport Command during World War II. Fred always maintained the utmost admiration for nurses as he remembered the care critically injured were given during those flights bringing them home. Being hired by American Airlines in 1940 was the beginning of a long and meaningful career. He operated many gears and flaps on numerous aircraft over the years; his last qualification was on the 747. He loved every minute in the cockpit. After his "first" retirement as director of flying procedures in 1974, Fred spent 10 years working in the 707 simulator and interviewing new hires at the Flight Academy. In 1984 Fred was named Pilot of the Year by the AAL Grey Eagles for his outstanding dedication. In 2011 he received the Master Pilot Award from the FAA. Fred also had a passion for real estate over the years; several rental properties were self-managed and maintained. Cruising on Eagle Mountain Lake as a volunteer for the Coast Guard also kept him active. Survivors: Sons, Ted, Brian, Jeff and wives; daughter, Brenda and husband; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a sister; and several nieces and nephews.

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Read more here: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dfw/obituary.aspx?n=fred-edward-illston&pid=155763282#storylink=cpy>

American Airlines friends may send condolences to his daughter
retired AA flight attendant Brenda Mueller

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and/or to his son

retired AA Captain Jeff Illston

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SOME FRED ILLSTON PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORIES



Electra L-188 Crew – First Flight BUR – FTW December 4, 1958



Captain Fred Illston at the controls of a Boeing 707 1961 - 1962



Fred and Dot Illston - 1970's



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August 1 2004 – Jock and Judy Bethune celebrate their 23rd Wedding Anniversary with Fred Illston on Eagle Mountain Lake Ft. Worth TX

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September 26, 2006 – Fred Illston's 93rd Birthday – Left to Right: Fred with son - AA Capt. Jeff Illston, Jock Bethune, daughter - AA flight attendant Brenda Mueller and Tom Pasquale

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September 26, 2007 – Fred Illston's 94th birthday with Carole Pasquale, family members, daughter Brenda and his sister





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September 26, 2008 – Fred’s 95th Birthday

including a celebration of his daughter Brenda’s recent retirement after 35 years of service as a flight attendant!

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November 4, 2011 – My last visit with Fred at his apartment in Keller Texas

God bless and keep you, Fred!

Thank you for your wonderful friendship over the years!!!

[Update on Organizational Changes](#)

[Chairman and CEO Tom Horton discusses organizational changes occurring. Visit the Restructuring Resource Center for the latest news including workgroup specific information.](#)

[For details and additional news and information regarding AMR's restructuring, please visit \[www.RestructuringAMR.com\]\(http://www.RestructuringAMR.com\).](#)

[For those of you who do not have Jetnet access, this would be the best source for you to go to for information.](#)

[» Vahidi Discusses Revenue Generation Plan](#)

[In a \[Special Jetwire\]\(#\), Chief Commercial Officer Virasb Vahidi discussed the company's plan to generate \\$1 billion of annual incremental revenue by 2017. Vahidi touched on several aspects of the plan, including American's network and alliances, fleet renewal and re-gauging, and brand modernization. "We expect almost a third of our incremental \\$1B of revenue to be generated by Joint Business and domestic codeshare agreements," stated Vahidi. "We believe that right-gauging our fleet will result in a significant increase in our unit revenue, and will generate almost two-thirds of our \\$1B in incremental revenue."](#)

["Our plan is to achieve a revenue premium as the preferred airline for high-value customers by building the scale of our network, further strengthening our alliance partnerships, renewing and re-gauging our fleet, and modernizing our brand, products and services," Vahidi added. "Each of us has a contribution to make to this effort, as we continue to deliver the experience all of our customers expect from us."](#)

[AMR Retirees Pension Protection Corporation](#)

[Established for the Benefit of Retired Employees of AMR/American Airlines](#)

<http://www.amrretirees.org/index.php>

[American Airlines Retiree Committee](#)

[Protecting Our Benefits Through the Chapter 11 Process.](#)

<http://www.amrrc.org/>



[TWU AA/AE Bankruptcy Information](#)

<http://aa.twu.org/HOME/tabid/1494/Default.aspx>

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I Support American Jobs: Dallas/Ft.Worth, TX

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_3kRE8dT-8&feature=share



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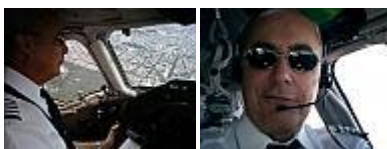
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[JETHEAD'S BLOG: The World from 30,000 Feet at 500 MPH](http://jethead.wordpress.com/2010/02/21/the-truth-about-airline-ticket-prices/)



[The truth about airline ticket prices.](http://jethead.wordpress.com/2010/02/21/the-truth-about-airline-ticket-prices/)

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[Ben Stein: Facebook and American Airlines in the news](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LGFr5h9s1w)

["I hope the bankruptcy judge who decides what the final steps will be for American just bears this in mind: Those American Airlines folks are great people. They deserve a heck of a lot better than what they're getting."](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LGFr5h9s1w)

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[Key Supporters in the Community Stand by American](#)

[A critical element to American's successful restructuring is the continued support from leaders in our communities. "American Airlines has served the New York market for more than 80 years," said Mayor Michael Bloomberg, New York City. "I'm confident that American's strong leadership team will help the company emerge from this process stronger and ready to build and invest in markets like New York City, where they've set significant goals for growth." Many business leaders and elected officials, like Bloomberg, have expressed confidence in us. \[Read more\]\(#\) on the Restructuring Resource Center on Jetnet.](#)

Rescuing American Airlines

The Miami Herald Editorial

Strong reorganization plan is good start

Read more here: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/02/11/2635347/rescuing-american-airlines.html#storylink=cpy>

AMR's Horton Willing to Weigh Acquisitions After Bankruptcy Exit

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-02-07/amr-s-horton-willing-to-weigh-acquisitions-after-bankruptcy-exit.html>

Union leader says Alliance base is American Airlines' best

Read more here: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/02/10/3726699/union-leader-says-alliance-base.html#my-headlines-default?storylink=addthis#storylink=cpy>

Everythings Amazing & Nobodys Happy

Check out the comments re: airline travel starting at 2:00. Very perceptive!!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8r1CZTLk-Gk&feature=youtube_gdata_player

American seeks to boost its use of regional jets

Read more here: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/02/21/3752280/american-seeks-to-boost-its-use.html#storylink=cpy>

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