

An Appeal to our Crew...



March 25, 2009

Dear Friends and fellow Flagship Detroit fans,

I would like to start this letter of update with a very large **Thank You!** to a small number of our members that spent a great deal of time and energy conducting an inventory of all the spare DC-3 parts that we have had in storage at MCI. Due to some changes in lease agreements between AA and the MCI airport, we were required to move out of the space we had been using to store those parts. Dave Buffington, Lewis and Ann Drake, and Ron Tallent joined Preston Jones in Kansas City and went about the involved task of figuring out just what kind of treasure we had stored. Their hard work enabled the preparation and subsequent transfer of all the parts to a more convenient storage space at the Alliance Maintenance Base.

You will all be pleased to know that the Flagship has just completed an extensive refitting and a mini-restoration inside and out. Through the generosity of the Alliance Maintenance Base and a good number of their mechanics we have made some excellent improvements to the appearance

and the mechanical soundness of the airplane. All the cabin windows have been replaced, numerous hydraulic and fuel lines have been fabricated and installed. New engine cylinders have been installed, cockpit interior repainted, passenger seats repaired and the exterior surfaces have all been freshly polished and touched up. She looks like a million bucks !

Speaking of "bucks"...

Last summer we had a superb event at STL in which we received a beautifully refurbished service truck and commitments from a number of aviation firms for cash contributions to the Flagship Detroit Foundation. We are extremely grateful for those contributions and for all the effort that went into arranging them. Unfortunately, a few of the promised monies never materialized, including the one from the largest donor in the group. As a result, our financial goal to reduce the aircraft debt by 50% was not fulfilled. So now I



come to you folks - everyone that has shown their commitment and their belief in this project and in the legacy of this airplane. I would like each of you to strongly consider making the jump to a [Lifetime Membership](#) with a pledge of \$1000 to help us pay down the outstanding debt on the Flagship Detroit. We have targeted April 15th as the date for which we would like to put a real dent in the Foundation's debt load. With a quick phone call to Dave Buffington or Larry Jamison, your contribution can be made with your credit card, earning rewards points as well as doing such a good deed. Or if you prefer to write a check directly, please send it to the Foundation address below.

817-938-9550 Dave Buffington
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Let me just close by thanking everyone again for all the work, the dedicated time, and especially for all the hard-earned dollars have kept this very special airplane on display and sharing her history and legacy with so many visitors.

Most sincerely,

Zane Lemon
President - **Flagship Detroit Foundation**



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