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Dots on a Map: A Scope Podcast
 The Delta MEC is introducing a new way to learn about scope issues: the *Dots on a Map* podcast available on iTunes. In the Apple Podcast app search "Dots on a Map" or follow [this link](#) from a mobile device. This podcast series will dive into the essential elements of scope agreements and protections, highlight the importance of scope language in our contract and explain why joint ventures without assurances of equitable growth for Delta pilots are an emerging threat to our careers. Check out the first episode, "Access. Revenue. Influence. Delta's Partnerships Explained," today!

New Delta MEC Private Facebook Group
 Most Delta pilots are on Facebook, making it a great place to connect with your union, but as a public forum we are limited to sharing only publically available information. That's why we created a new private (closed) [group for Delta pilots](#) where subject matter experts will answer your questions, you can access behind-the-firewall documents without having to remember your ALPA password, and catch up on Delta MEC news and information. This also allows us to share

more relevant content. When joining, pilots will be asked for their full name and Delta employee number, allowing us to verify you even if your Facebook name is “Delta McPilot” or “JoeandJane Doe” – giving you easy access to Delta MEC publications, news and information. We encourage every pilot on Facebook to join.

Pilot Dashboard - Commuter Calculator

There is a new resource available to help you plan your bid on the upcoming April 16th AE. The Commuter Calculator, part of the [Pilot Dashboard](#), is a new tool that will help commuting pilots better understand their options when deciding the domicile to which they commute. The Commuter Calculator gives pilots the ability to select the airport they commute from and the domicile they commute to, then displays the number of pilots within 150 miles of the commuter’s home airport that are based in the selected domicile.

Tax Deadline is April 17

As a reminder, Tuesday, April 17 is the deadline to file taxes for tax year 2017. If you are enrolled in one of the Delta HSA health plans (Gold, Silver or Bronze), and you contribute to the Optum health savings account (HSA), you may want to check your contributions for 2017 prior to paying taxes. There is a chance that you may have over-funded your HSA. For 2017, the annual contribution maximum for a family is \$6,750 and for an individual is \$3,400. See [MEC Alert 18-05](#) for details.

Smoke & Fume Events

Crewmembers are reminded to complete the ‘Smoke and Fumes’ questionnaire in the aircraft logbook after any smoke or fume event to assist Tech Ops in pinpointing the source. There are several ways flight crews can identify different fume odors: A) turbine oil has a misty, moldy, old gym socks odor; B) hydraulic fluid has a acrid odor; C) burning jet fuel has a semi truck exhaust odor; D) de-icing fluid has a sweet/vinegar odor; and E) tires from previous landing have a burning rubber odor.

If multiple passengers or crewmembers report feeling ill from smoke or fumes, STAT-MED should be used as a resource to help determine a plan of action for the flight deck crew. Visit the [Aeromedical Committee website](#) for more information on smoke and fumes events, including a [Safety Short on Smoke and Fumes](#), [ICAO form 344 guidelines](#) for information to include in logbook write-ups, and a guide on what to tell your doctor if you believe you have been involved in a smoke or fume event.

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Policy Manual Changes - Proposed Resolution Review Period

The Delta MEC Policy Manual Review Committee (PMRC) is tasked with reviewing and proposing recommendations for changes to the Delta MEC policy manual. By resolution, the proposed policy manual changes are available for membership review in advance of their consideration on the [MEC Secretary page](#). If you have input on the proposed resolutions, please contact your local council representatives.

PBS Bidding & the iPad

With the upcoming migration from the Surface 3 to the iPad, the PBS Committee has begun adding iPad-specific videos to the [PBS Working Group YouTube Channel](#) that address subjects associated with PBS Bidding and the [NAVBLUE PBS WebApp](#). We encourage pilots to subscribe to this service and use the instructional videos in conjunction with the guides found on the [PBS Help Website](#). For questions, contact pbscommittee@alpa.org.

ALPA Legislative Summit Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the [2018 ALPA Legislative Summit](#) on alpa.org. Held June 10-13 in Washington, DC, this event offers members the chance to see, train for and participate in Government Affairs activities that support pilots’ professional opportunity and career security. Spots are limited, so register today. Your completed application will be automatically acknowledged by email, and spaces assigned through April and very early May. Specific information on accommodations, other expenses, and possibly flight pay for the Summit will be detailed with confirmed attendance. Space is limited, so if you’re interested in attending [register today](#). For questions, contact jeff.anderson@alpa.org or eric.hall@alpa.org. Follow [@DALMECgov](https://twitter.com/DALMECgov) on Twitter for updates on this and other Government Affairs matters.

Line Operations Safety Audit (LOSA)

In cooperation with ALPA, a Line Operations Safety Audit (LOSA) began April 1. The goal of a LOSA is to collect safety-related data on environmental conditions, operational complexity, threats and errors in the operation, and flight crew performance. LOSA observations are *not* check rides and are no threat to a flight crew. LOSA is simply a snapshot of the operation for visibility and refinement. Should you receive a LOSA observer on one of your flights, your participation and cooperation would be appreciated and contribute to improving our flight operations. If you have any questions or concerns, contact ALPA's Central Air Safety Committee (CASC) at 800-USA-ALPA.

Special MEC Meeting

The MEC will hold a Special meeting April 18-20 at ATL Renaissance Concourse (1 Hartsfield Center Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30354). The focus of the meeting will be on continuing preparations for Section 6 negotiations.

Hotel Updates

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[New] ATL Training: Pilots are reminded that parking is not included if you are staying at the Renaissance for training. You have the option to park in the Delta lot across the street at no charge.

[New] MEX: Due to scheduled maintenance at the incumbent hotel, crews arriving Apr. 14 will be moved to the Hilton Mex Airport at Terminal 1. Transportation will be provided by Hilton.

CDG: A third Paris hotel is being added: the Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile. As the Hyatt finishes renovations, the launch date to move crews will be May 1.

MCO-L: Crews arriving Apr. 18-19 will be relocated to the DoubleTree SeaWorld.

BZN: Crews arriving Apr. 21 will be moved to the Hilton Garden Inn, which offers free breakfast. Transportation from the airport is on demand - pilots should call 406-582-9900 to schedule pickup, which will take 10-15 minutes. The shuttle from the hotel to the airport leaves every half hour beginning at 4am.

TPA: Crews arriving Apr. 22-25 will be moved to the Hilton Tampa Downtown.

MOB: Crews arriving Apr. 29 will be moved to the Renaissance Battle House Hotel & Spa.

Contact: DALHotel@alpa.org

Local Council Meetings

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Council 48 Special Meeting: Wednesday, April 18, 12-1pm | ALPA Conference Room

Council 66: Friday, May 11, 1-4pm | JFK Briefing Room | JFK

[New] Council 44: Tuesday, May 15, time TBD | Hilton Garden Inn - ATL Airport North

Council 48: Wednesday, May 16, 12-2pm | ALPA Conference Room | 100 Hartsfield Centre Pkwy - 4th floor

[New] Council 108: Thursday, May 17, 1-4pm | Hofbräuhaus | Newport, KY

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The Pilot Assistance Network (PAN) provides support for pilots during difficult times.

Call 1-800-USA-ALPA and ask for PAN or press "7" after hours

Do you need help? The [Furlough Emergency Relief Fund](#) exists to assist Delta pilots with a demonstrated financial hardship.