



From left, Hiroya Yamaguchi, Chairman of the Japan Federation of Aviation Workers' Unions (KOHKUREN), and IAM Transportation General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr., sign an historic alliance agreement at KOHKUREN's National Convention in Japan.

IAM Signs Historic Agreement With Japanese Aviation Federation

The IAM is the first North American transportation union to enter into an alliance agreement with the Japan Federation of Aviation Workers' Unions (KOHKUREN), the largest federation of air transport workers in Japan. Both the IAM and KOHKUREN represent workers at the same airlines, including Northwest/Delta, United and others.

"With the potential of a merger between United and Continental, Delta's attempt to consolidate in Asia and the impact foreign carrier alliances have on domestic airlines, the IAM-KOHKUREN alliance provides the unprecedented

opportunity to jointly protect the wages and benefits of our combined membership," said IAM President Tom Buffenbarger.

"The alliance agreement sends a wake-up call to any international airline that still believes an ocean can separate our members," said IAM Transportation General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr., who addressed KOHKUREN's National Convention in Tokyo. "It's a testament to our continuing efforts to strengthen our coordination of organizing and collective bargaining activities with our brothers and sisters in Japan."

IAM Mourns Passing of Gene Glover

The Machinists Union lost a member of its own "greatest generation" when former General Secretary-Treasurer (GST) Eugene D. Glover passed away at age 86. Glover served as GST from 1969 until 1987 and was instrumental in the creation of the IAM's William W. Winpisinger Education & Technology Center.

Born in Jonesboro, AR, Glover grew up in St. Louis, MO, where he joined Local 688 as an apprentice machine operator for Universal Machine Co. In 1941, Glover enlisted in the Army Air Force, and fought in North Africa and Europe.



Eugene Glover

After the war, Glover worked for McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis as a member of Local 837. He was the Midwest Territory General Vice President when he was elected GST.

"Gene Glover's vision for a first-rate education facility became the renowned Winpisinger Center, which has trained more than 60,000 IAM activists," said IAM President Tom Buffenbarger. "Gene will be deeply missed and his contributions to this union will live on."



Former GST Gene Glover, top row, third from left, served in the U.S. Army Air Force over North Africa and Europe during World War II.



Local 655 President Pat Stashek bagged a bull caribou on the last day of a dream hunting trip sponsored by the Union Sportsmen's Alliance TV show, "Escape to the Wild."

IAM Member Wins Trip of a Lifetime

Local 655 President Pat Stashek of Wisconsin Rapids, WI, knows that unions protect the rights of workers on the job, but when he went to the 2008 Grand Lodge Convention, he found out that the IAM and other AFL-CIO unions are working to protect their members' hunting, fishing and outdoor interests, as well.

Stashek was introduced to the Union Sportsmen's Alliance and its TV show, *Escape to the Wild*, where union members can win trips to world-class hunting and fishing destinations. After filling out an application, Stashek became the talk of his town when *Escape to the Wild* host Tom Ackerman showed up on his jobsite to tell Stashek he was going to Manitoba to hunt caribou.

"My local news station covered [the surprise]," Stashek said. "I went to our annual Labor Day picnic, and I couldn't walk 10 feet without someone coming up and congratulating me."

IAM Dedicates Memorial to Anna Samick

Friends, family and co-workers gathered from across the country at the IAM's William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center to dedicate a memorial to Anna Samick, the first female business representative to become a teacher at the Center and one of the IAM's trailblazing female union leaders.

Samick's memorial plaque joins others at the Winpisinger Center honoring prominent leaders in IAM history and the North American Labor Movement. The room that now bears Samick's

name is decorated with reminders of her IAM career, from a photo of her first leadership class to a display of cards arranged in a royal flush, a testament to her renowned poker playing.

"Anna Samick was a pioneer for women in the IAM and an inspiration to all who knew her," said IAM President Tom Buffenbarger. "She brought a unique spirit of respect, determination and fearlessness to everything she did."



Anna Samick



Anna Samick's son, Michael, right, shares memories of his mother at the Anna Samick Room dedication ceremony. Samick was a pioneer for women in the IAM. Others at the ceremony included Samick's family, Winpisinger Director Chris Wagoner, at podium, and IAM President Tom Buffenbarger, seated at right.