

Donations needed: We desperately need money for expenses. We weren't able to ship the tent to Austin for this week's upcoming anniversary event because we couldn't afford it. We spent last week in Albany, NY successfully defending the NY State Passenger Rights Law. Then we went to DC and held a press conference about the DOT announcements. These events and the traveling cost a lot of money, and we're working for your rights! Please donate at <http://www.flyersrights.com/contribute.html>.

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What a Week!

On Tuesday we were in Albany, NY in federal district court to assist the state in defending its Passenger Bill of Rights against the airlines lawsuit to strike down the law. On Thursday the district court upheld the law citing many of the positions that the coalition's attorneys (pro bono) made in court. Outside the courthouse on Tuesday, Kate held a press conference with state assemblyman Michael Gianaris. Later on Tuesday, U.S. DOT officials briefed us on an important announcement the Secretary of Transportation was making in Washington on Wednesday, so we set up a press conference at the National Press Club in DC and hightailed it from Albany to the capital by trains and automobiles for a press conference at 1:30 PM on Wednesday. On Friday the airlines appealed the NY decision, so we'll likely be back in court in the near future. See our press releases on all these happenings on the new flyersrights website.

And if that wasn't enough, the Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) announced this week that Kate will be the keynote speaker at their Passenger Service during Irregular Operations Workshop in Washington DC in January.

Please Hand Out Brochures in Airports

Due to airport delays all around the country happening right now, we need volunteers to hand out brochures at the airports. If you're already traveling, please download our brochure and hand them out, put them in seat backs, leave them in airport shops. Leave them everywhere!

<http://www.flyersrights.com/CAPBORStrandedPassengerSurvivalGuideNovember11.19.07a.pdf>

We also need a National Airport Coordinator to organize and work with volunteers around the country in handing out brochures and other airport related activities.

If you can help, please email Kate or Mark (kate@flyersrights.com or mark@flyersrights.com).

Need Hotline Volunteers Badly

The enhanced FLYERSRIGHTS hotline (1(877)FLYERS6) is going strong, but we need more volunteers to help with the calls. Please contact Kate (kate@flyersrights.com) if you are willing to help out.

Take Photos and Videos When on the Tarmac

This is a very important thing each of our flying members can do to help the cause. We need video, audio, photographs ... anything to record the ugly reality of air travel. Screaming babies, whom we love, are also good audio. Every day we get requests from media outlets for photos and videos of the conditions on airplanes during strandings and other airline related bad behavior. The media will even pay for photos or video if the content is dramatic enough. So if you are an eyewitness to stranding incidents on board aircraft, mishandled baggage, sleeping cots lined up in airports, or anything else that might be interesting to the cause, please take photos or videos and email them right away to mark@flyersrights.com. If the video files are too large to email, contact Mark at that address and we'll work out a way to get them.

Please don't break any laws in pursuit of these pictures, and always follow the directions of flight crews regarding the use of portable electronic devices.

Coalition Anniversary - Please Come to Austin

If you can make it to Austin on the 28th, Kate and her family along with other coalition members are holding a press conference at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport at 11 AM. The coalition was essentially born on December 29, 2006 when thousands of passengers were stuck on airport tarmacs for hours - Kate's flight for over nine hours. Please join us in Austin as we commemorate that historic event.

Flyersrights Website Redesign

We've redesigned www.flyersrights.org at no cost. We have more work to do, but we hope that it is easier to navigate. We also put most of our newsletters, press releases and some event information there for easy access. Please visit the site and let mark@flyersrights know what you think. All suggestions welcome. We also have a new forum (see the airline complaints link). We are still battling SPAM problems there but we'll get that under control.

Articles

Check out Kate's son Chase in the article and associated video!

Flying smart for the holiday travel season

http://www.keyetv.com/content/news/topnews/story.aspx?content_id=5b6e14f4-6154-4608-ade2-75a6e6e5ddf2

Kate Hanni: Why We Still Need an Airline Passenger Bill of Rights

<http://www.jetwhine.com/2007/12/kate-hanni-why-we-still-need-an-airline-passenger-bill-of-rights/>

Feds ask air travelers for input - Rules could be created based on feedback

<http://www.theadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071223/BUSINESS/712230331/1046>

Sides drawn on airline 'rights' case

<http://timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=648255&category=&BCCode=&newsdate=12/18/2007>

New York Law on Stranded Passengers' Rights Is Upheld

http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/21/business/21air.html?_r=1&ref=business&oref=slogin

Coalition for an Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights (CAPBOR) Questions Port Authority Task Force Report's Fuzzy Math

<http://www.eturbonews.com/318/coalition-airline-passengers039-bill-rights-capbor-questions-port-authority-task-force-report039>

FAA Cuts Back on Flights

<http://paulharrisonline.blogspot.com/2007/12/faa-cuts-back-on-flights.html>

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If you have trouble unsubscribing to these emails or changing your email address, please email mark@flyersrights.com. If you're a Hotmail or MSN user, please just unsubscribe or contact Mark. Be careful with that Unsafe button. That causes us a lot of extra work.

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Best Regards,

The Coalition for an Airline Passengers Bill of Rights

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