

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of earliest event
reported: September 2, 2004

American Airlines, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-2691 13-1502798
(State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4333 Amon Carter Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas 76155
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(817) 963-1234
(Registrant's telephone number)

Item 8.01 Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. is filing herewith a press release issued on September 2, 2004 as Exhibit 99.1, which is included herein. This press release was issued to report August traffic for American Airlines, Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

American Airlines, Inc.

/s/ Charles D. MarLett
Charles D. MarLett
Corporate Secretary

Dated: September 3, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description
99.1 Press Release

Exhibit 99.1

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FOR RELEASE: Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004

AMERICAN AIRLINES REPORTS AUGUST TRAFFIC

FORT WORTH, Texas - American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, reported an August load factor of 78.4 percent, the company's second highest August load factor on record. The record of 79.5 percent was set in August of last year. Capacity increased a substantial 5.8 percent year over year, and August traffic grew 4.4 percent compared to year-ago levels.

International traffic increased 14.5 percent relative to last year on 17.2 percent more capacity. Domestic traffic was flat with last year on a slight increase in capacity.

American boarded 8.3 million passengers in August.

Detailed traffic and capacity data are on the following pages:

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AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION
COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY
EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES

	AUGUST		
	2004	2003	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	12,194,272	11,685,723	4.4 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	8,139,592	8,143,245	0.0

	INTERNATIONAL	4,054,680	3,542,479	14.5
	ATLANTIC	1,783,746	1,565,196	14.0
	LATIN AMERICA	1,893,645	1,668,678	13.5
	PACIFIC	377,289	308,605	22.3
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)				
SYSTEM		15,536,571	14,685,365	5.8 %
	D.O.T. DOMESTIC	10,323,385	10,238,644	0.8
	INTERNATIONAL	5,213,186	4,446,721	17.2
	ATLANTIC	2,108,600	1,906,747	10.6
	LATIN AMERICA	2,630,900	2,176,034	20.9
	PACIFIC	473,686	363,940	30.2
LOAD FACTOR				
SYSTEM		78.4 %	79.5 %	(1.1) Pts
	D.O.T. DOMESTIC	78.8	79.5	(0.7)
	INTERNATIONAL	77.7	79.6	(1.9)
	ATLANTIC	84.5	82.0	2.5
	LATIN AMERICA	71.9	76.6	(4.7)
	PACIFIC	79.6	84.7	(5.1)
PASSENGERS BOARDED		8,330,187	8,433,340	(1.2) %
SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000)		174,323	161,442	8.0 %

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COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY
EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES

		YEAR-TO-DATE AUGUST		
		2004	2003	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)				
SYSTEM		88,327,144	81,454,376	8.4 %
	D.O.T. DOMESTIC	60,327,885	58,064,247	3.9
	INTERNATIONAL	27,999,259	23,390,129	19.7
	ATLANTIC	12,137,809	10,393,135	16.8
	LATIN AMERICA	13,056,904	11,036,489	18.3
	PACIFIC	2,804,546	1,960,504	43.1
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)				
SYSTEM		117,565,046	110,010,440	6.9 %
	D.O.T. DOMESTIC	79,988,133	78,265,820	2.2
	INTERNATIONAL	37,576,913	31,744,620	18.4
	ATLANTIC	14,938,147	13,322,604	12.1
	LATIN AMERICA	19,132,415	15,716,291	21.7
	PACIFIC	3,506,352	2,705,724	29.6
LOAD FACTOR				
SYSTEM		75.1 %	74.0 %	1.1 Pts
	D.O.T. DOMESTIC	75.4	74.1	1.3
	INTERNATIONAL	74.5	73.6	0.9
	ATLANTIC	81.2	78.0	3.2
	LATIN AMERICA	68.2	70.2	(2.0)
	PACIFIC	79.9	72.4	7.5
PASSENGERS BOARDED		62,283,445	60,775,833	2.5 %
SYSTEM CARGO				
TON MILES (000)		1,443,790	1,306,126	10.5%

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