## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of earliest event reported: August 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 5. Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. is filing herewith a press release issued on August 2, 2004 as Exhibit 99.1, which is included herein. This press release was issued to report July 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: August 3, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

Exhibit 99.1

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FOR RELEASE: Monday, August 2, 2004

## AMERICAN AIRLINES REPORTS JULY TRAFFIC

FORT WORTH, Texas - American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, reported a July load factor of 81 percent, tying the company's highest July load factor on record. For the month, traffic increased 5.3 percent year over year, while capacity increased 5.1 percent.

International traffic increased 18.1 percent relative to last year on 18 percent more capacity. Domestic traffic and capacity were essentially in line with last year.

American boarded 8.7 million passengers in July.

Detailed traffic and capacity data are on the following pages:

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Aug. 2, 2004 Page 2 **AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY** TRAFFIC SUMMARY **EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES** JULY 2004 2003 CHANGE **REVENUE PASSENGER** MILES (000) **SYSTEM** 

12,599,219

American Airlines Reports July Traffic

11,969,360 5.3 % D.O.T. **DOMESTIC** 8,398,722 8,412,456 <del>(0.2)</del> **INTERNATIONAL** 4,200,497 3,556,904 <del>18.1</del> **ATLANTIC** 1,867,103<del>1,597,218</del> **16.9 LATIN AMERICA** 1,947,981 1,674,863 16.3 PACIFIC 385,413 284,823 35.3 AVAILABLE **SEAT MILES** (000) SYSTEM 15,535,722 14,778,730 5.1 % D.O.T. **DOMESTIC** 10,289,359 10,331,682 (0.4)**INTERNATIONAL** 5,246,363 4,447,048 <del>18.0</del> **ATLANTIC** <del>2,149,361</del> 1,931,589 11.3 LATIN **AMERICA** 2,622,860 2,166,042 21.1 PACIFIC 474,142 349,417 35.7 **LOAD FACTOR** SYSTEM 81.0 <del>% 80.9 % 0.1</del> Pts D.O.T. **DOMESTIC** 81.6 81.4 0.2 **INTERNATIONAL** 80.0 79.9 0.1 ATLANTIC 86.8 82.6 4.2 LATIN AMERICA 74.2 77.3 (3.1) PACIFIC 81.2 81.5 (0.3) **PASSENGERŚ BOARDED** 8,698,559 8,752,496 <del>(0.6)%</del> SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000) <del>181,671</del> <del>161,706 12.3</del> <del>%</del>

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PASSENGER
  DIVISION
 COMPARATIVE
 PRELIMINARY
   TRAFFIC
   SUMMARY
   EXCLUDES
   CHARTER
  SERVICES
YEAR-TO-DATE
  JULY 2004
 2003 CHANGE
   REVENUE
  PASSENGER
 MILES (000)
   SYSTEM
 76, 130, 709
 69,768,653
9.1 % D.O.T.
  DOMESTIC
 52, 188, 772
 49,921,003
     4.5
INTERNATIONAL
 23,941,937
 19,847,650
     <del>20.6</del>
  ATLANTIC
 10,354,436
  8,827,940
 17.3 LATIN
   AMERICA
 <del>11,160,245</del>
  9,367,811
19.1 PACIFIC
  <del>2,427,256</del>
  1,651,900
     <del>46.9</del>
   AVAILABE
 SEAT MILES
(000) SYSTEM
 102,025,451
 95,325,075
7.0 % D.O.T.
  DOMESTIC
 69,663,898
 68,027,176
     <del>2.4</del>
INTERNATIONAL
 32,361,554
 27, 297, 899
    <del>18.5</del>
  ATLANTIC
 12,830,067
 11,415,858
 12.4 LATIN
   AMERICA
 16,498,825
 <del>13,540,257</del>
21.9 PACIFIC
  3,032,661
  2,341,784
  29.5 LOAD
   FACTOR
 SYSTEM 74.6
<del>% 73.1 % 1.5</del>
 Pts D.O.T.
  DOMESTIC
  74.9 73.3
     1.6
INTERNATIONAL
  73.9 72.7
1.2 ATLANTIC
  80.7 77.3
  3.4 LATIN
AMERICA 67.6
 69.1 (1.5)
PACIFIC 80.0
  70.5 9.5
 PASSENGERS
   BOARDED
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53,946,704 52,342,493 3.1 % SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000) 1,269,476 1,144,683 10.9 %

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