

Dog Days in the Sky

Ancillary Expenses from USM's Beechcraft King Air for Summer of 2011

The ancillary expenses associated with USM's airplane are largely unknown to the USM and Hattiesburg communities. USMNEWS.net is working to change that. This report examines some of the summer-2011 expenses.

7/11/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	MAYFLOWER SEAFOOD RESTAUR	\$25.91
7/11/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	APPLEBEES 980338400131	\$26.84
7/12/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	MARATHON OIL 126532	\$18.00
7/12/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	PARKWAY HOUSE FAMI	\$30.43
7/13/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	BURGER KING #17073	\$10.54
7/13/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	WINGATE INN CONCORD	\$178.14
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7/29/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR	\$124.14
8/1/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	WM SUPERCENTER	\$13.30
8/2/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	THE BROADMOOR RESRVATIONS	\$213.33
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8/3/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	HYATT HOTELS WASH F & B	\$18.95
8/3/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	WEST WING CAFE III	\$17.31
8/5/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	HYATT HOTELS WASH F & B	\$33.55
8/4/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	ANGEL TRANSPORTATION	\$542.00
8/4/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	HYATT REGENCY WASHINGTON	\$250.76
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8/20/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	WM SUPERCENTER	\$40.88
8/24/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	HARVEYS COLUMBUS	\$30.78
8/25/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	HARVEYS COLUMBUS	\$19.50
8/25/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	LACKIE'S	\$21.12
8/25/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	CHEVRON 00207703	\$11.02
8/25/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	HOLIDAY INN	\$87.00
8/25/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	HOLIDAY INN	\$87.00
8/29/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR	\$37.74
8/30/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR	(\$3.74)
9/7/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	WM SUPERCENTER	\$32.62
9/7/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	HARVEYS COLUMBUS	\$32.50
9/20/2011	KENNETH G PRICE, JR.	WM SUPERCENTER	\$45.76
9/20/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	FOREFLIGHT	\$249.99
9/23/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	GUMBO JEAUXS	\$23.08
9/23/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	BEST BUY 00006619	\$79.99
9/23/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	WM SUPERCENTER	\$14.02
9/27/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	UNIV OF SOUTHERN MIS#0450	\$32.98
9/28/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	BEST BUY 00011742	\$79.99
9/28/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	KIRKLAND'S #469	\$3.98
9/29/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	CAFE EAST HUMBLE	\$24.10
9/28/2011	JULIAN D ALLEN	WM SUPERCENTER	\$9.88

The insert above is taken from documents obtained by USMNEWS.net via a public records request. One of the entries above appears to be a credit assigned back to USM from Enterprise Rent-a-Car, a popular destination for portions of USM's operating budget. This credit is a miniscule \$3.74 from 30-Aug-2011, at least compared to charges to Enterprise of \$124.14 and \$37.74, which occurred on 29-July-2011 and 29-Aug-2011, respectively. These two charges total \$161.88, with a net of **\$158.14** after the credit is considered.

Restaurant dining by the Airplane Operations pilots and co-pilots appears to be a key item from the summer-2011 expense report. Pilots Julian Allen, Kenneth Price and/or others dined at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant (\$25.91) on 11-July-2011, Applebees (\$26.84) on 11-July-2011, Parkway House Family

Restaurant (\$30.43) on 12-July-2011, and Burger King (\$10.54) on 13-July-2011. These four July-2011 dining bills total \$93.72. These meals also indicate a July-2011 trip by officials in the Martha Saunders administration to the Greensboro/Concord area of North Carolina. Dining continued in Aug-2011 with meals at the Hyatt Hotel (\$18.95 and \$17.31) on 3-Aug-2011, West Wing Café III (\$17.31) on 3-Aug-2011, Hyatt Hotel (\$33.55) on 5-Aug-2011, Harvey's (\$30.78 and \$19.50) on 24-Aug-2011 and 25-Aug-2011, and Lackie's (\$21.12) on 25-Aug-2011. These seven Aug-2011 dining bills total \$158.52. The meals also indicate that Saunders and others travelled to Washington, D.C. and Columbus, MS. Finally, dining continued in Sept-2011 with meals at Harvey's (\$32.50) on 7-Sept-2011, Gumbo Jeux's (\$23.08) on 23-Sept-2011, and Café East Humble (\$24.10) on 29-Sept-2011. These three dining experiences come to \$79.68, and they indicate that Aug-2011 trips to Columbus and Houston, TX, were made. They also bring the summer-2011 dining total for the USM pilots/co-pilots to **\$331.92**.

Lodging for the pilots/co-pilots also came to a whopping sum. Two charges on 13-July-2011 to the Hilton Garden Inn, each of \$178.14, total \$356.28. Two additional charges, these on 4-Aug-2011 to The Broadmoor, total \$426.66 (i.e., \$213.33 each). Other Aug-2011 lodging occurred at the Hyatt Regency (\$501.52) and Holiday Inn (\$174) on 4-Aug and 25-Aug, respectively. As a result, the lodging expenses for summer-2011 come to a staggering **\$1,458.46**.

Miscellaneous charges to Wal-Mart total \$156.46. Visits to Best Buy and Kirkland's total \$163.96. Charges to Marathon Oil and Chevron total \$29.02. Added to these are interesting charges to Angel Transportation of \$542 (4-Aug-2011), Foreflight of \$249.99 (on 20-Sept-2011) and USM of \$32.98 (on 27-Sept-2011), all of which total \$824.97. These miscellaneous charges total **\$1,174.41**.

The quick calculations above show that the total *found in this report* for summer-2011 is a whopping **\$3,122.93**. This total covers three months (July, Aug and Sept), and produces a hefty monthly average of \$1,040.98. It is important for readers to realize that if Saunders and others used commercial air instead of having the USM plane, these totals above would be avoided, as would the more than \$15,000/month lease payment on the airplane and other expenses associated with the Airplane Operations auxiliary.