AMERICAN AIRLINES INC
Form 8-K
September 03, 2004

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: September 2, 2004

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

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        Delaware                1-2691               13-1502798
(State of Incorporation) ( Commission File Number)   (IRS Employer
                                                    Identification No.)
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4333 Amon Carter Blvd.     Fort Worth, Texas         76155
(Address of principal executive offices)        (Zip Code)
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(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) %

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SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000)    174,323       161,442      8.0 %


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                 AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION
                 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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