AMERICAN AIRLINES INC Form 8-K September 03, 2004

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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YEAR-TO-DATE AUGUST 2004 2003 CHANGE REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) 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 8.4 % SYSTEM AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) 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 SYSTEM LOAD FACTOR 75.1 % 75.4 74.0 % 1.1 Pts SYSTEM 74.1 D.O.T. DOMESTIC INTERNATIONAL ATLANTIC 1.3 74.5 73.6 0.9 78.0 70.2 72.4 ATLANTIC LATIN AMERICA 81.2 3.2 68.2 79.9 (2.0)PACIFIC 7.5 PASSENGERS BOARDED 62,283,445 60,775,833 2.5 % SYSTEM CARGO 1,443,790 1,306,126 10.5% TON MILES (000)

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