**Flight Announcements**

Occasionally, airline attendants make an effort to make the "in-flight

safety lecture" and their other announcements a bit more entertaining.

Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

1. From a Southwest Airlines employee.... "There may be 50 ways to leave

your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane..."

2. Pilot - "Folks, we have reached our cruising altitude now, so I am

going to switch the seat belt sign off. Feel free to move about as you

wish, but please stay inside the plane till we land...it's a bit

cold outside, and if you walk on the wings it affects the flight

pattern."

3. After landing: "Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope

you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a

ride.

4. As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Washington National,

a lone voice comes over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"

5. After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a

flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced: "Please take care when

opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that,

sure as hell everything has shifted."

6. From a Southwest Airlines employee.... "Welcome aboard Southwest

Flight XXX to YYY. To operate your seatbelt, insert the metal tab into the

buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seatbelt and

if you don't

know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public

unsupervised. In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure,

oxygen masks will

descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it

over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you,

secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling

with two small children,

decide now which one you love more.

7. Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but

they'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember,

nobody loves you or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."

8. "Your seat cushions can be used for flotation and in the event of an

emergency water landing, please take them with our compliments."

9. "As you exit the plane, please make sure to gather all of your

belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the

flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

10. "Last one off the plane must clean it."

11. From the pilot during his welcome message: "We are pleased to have

some of the best flight attendants in the industry...Unfortunately none of

them are on this flight...!

12. Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas, on a

particularly windy and bumpy day. During the final approach, the Captain

was really having to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight

Attendant came on the PA and announced, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to

Amarillo. Please remain in your seats with your seatbelts fastened

while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"

13. Another flight Attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing:

"We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the

terminal."

14. An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had

hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy

which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers

exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying XYZ airline." He

said that in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the

passengers in the eye,

thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally, everyone

had gotten off except for this little old lady walking with a cane.

She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?"

"Why no, Ma'am," said the pilot, "what is it?"

The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"

15. After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the Flight Attendant

came on with, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until

Captain Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt up

against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the

warning bells are

silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the

wreckage to the terminal.

16. Part of a Flight Attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to

thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the

insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal

tube, we hope you'll think of us here at US Airways."