

# Wien Pilots Charge Airline Misuse of Corporate Funds

Wien Air Alaska has flown one of its Boeing 737 aircraft from Alaska to Moses Lake, Washington where it is being used to train non-union strike-breakers to replace the 136 Wien pilots on strike, according to a spokesman from the Wien pilot group.

The pilot's source in Seattle spotted the aircraft in training flights conducted out of the remote airport about 150 miles east of Seattle. Training is being provided by Boeing Air-

craft instructors, according to the pilot's union.

Wien pilot group Chairman Captain Ron Wood termed the use of aircraft "an abuse of corporate funds. It costs more than \$1,000 per hour to operate Wien's B-737's ..."

"Wien has spent thousands and thousands of dollars to hire and train replacement pilots ... when a phone call and good faith bargaining could lead the way to putting its own highly trained and experienced pilots back to work," Wood said.