**Pilots supporting strikes less than ‘Prime’ for Amazon**

Pilots flying for carriers on behalf of Amazon Air have shown their solidarity for striking Amazon workers this week during the giant e-tailer’s Amazon Prime day.

Amazon Prime day actually extends over two days this year: yesterday (15 July) and today (16 July). It is an important time in the Amazon calendar, when the world’s biggest online sales platform offers much-publicised discounts across a wide range of products to its Prime customers.

Amazon has a global workforce of more than 600,000 people, and thousands of them based at a number of the retailer’s sites around the world have staged protests at what they regard as poor pay and working conditions.

Meanwhile, pilots working for Atlas Air, Southern Air and ABX Air – all of which fly for Amazon Air – have launched a digital advertising campaign that raises concerns about how they are being overworked and underpaid by their carriers.

Moreover, Teamsters Local 1224 -- which represents pilots at these three carriers -- sent Captain Michael Russo to Shakopee, Minnesota, to be on the ground with striking Amazon workers and show the union’s support.

Daniel Wells, an Atlas Air pilot and president of Teamsters Local 1224, commented: “Pilots who fly for Amazon Air at Atlas Air, Southern Air and ABX Air stand in solidarity with the warehouse workers in Shakopee planning to strike on Prime Day.

“As we know firsthand, Amazon’s business model too often neglects the well-being of the workers who make the e-commerce giant so incredibly successful.

“We’re proud to be the airline professionals who fly the planes that deliver Amazon’s packages to millions of Americans, but we want to make sure we’re engaged in a sustainable, long-term operation. We hope that Amazon takes seriously these striking workers’ calls for change.”