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AMERICAN AIRLINES INC
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UNITED STATES
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: October 4, 2004

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

Delaware (State of Incorporation)	1-2691 (Commission File Number)	13-1502798 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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4333 Amon Carter Blvd. (Address of principal executive offices)	Fort Worth, Texas	76155 (Zip Code)
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(817) 963-1234
(Registrant's telephone number)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. is filing herewith a press release issued on October 4, 2004 as Exhibit 99.1, which is included herein. This press release was issued to report September 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: October 6, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Press Release

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FOR RELEASE: Monday, Oct. 4, 2004

AMERICAN AIRLINES REPORTS SEPTEMBER TRAFFIC

FORT WORTH, Texas - American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, reported a record high September load factor of 73.4 percent -- an increase of 6.7 points compared to the same period last year. Traffic grew by 9.4 percent year over year on a slight reduction in capacity.

Both international and domestic entities posted traffic gains. International traffic increased 17.4 percent relative to last year on 9.0 percent more capacity. Domestic traffic increased 5.7 percent with a 4.6 percent reduction in capacity year over year. American boarded 6.7 million passengers in September.

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

	SEPTEMBER		
	2004	2003	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	9,849,548	9,002,592	9.4 %

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D.O.T. DOMESTIC	6,524,713	6,170,454	5.7
INTERNATIONAL	3,324,835	2,832,138	17.4
ATLANTIC	1,671,609	1,426,841	17.2
LATIN AMERICA	1,275,029	1,126,222	13.2
PACIFIC	378,197	279,076	35.5
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	13,417,230	13,480,251	(0.5) %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	8,967,837	9,398,571	(4.6)
INTERNATIONAL	4,449,393	4,081,681	9.0
ATLANTIC	2,002,871	1,874,778	6.8
LATIN AMERICA	1,989,501	1,861,683	6.9
PACIFIC	457,021	345,219	32.4
LOAD FACTOR			
SYSTEM	73.4 %	66.7 %	6.7 Pts
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	72.7	65.6	7.1
INTERNATIONAL	74.7	69.3	5.4
ATLANTIC	83.4	76.1	7.3
LATIN AMERICA	64.0	60.4	3.6
PACIFIC	82.7	80.8	1.9
PASSENGERS BOARDED	6,715,522	6,519,420	3.0 %
SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000)	173,422	161,940	7.1 %

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AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION
COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY
EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES
YEAR-TO-DATE September

	2004	2003	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	98,171,542	90,456,967	8.5 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	66,852,761	64,234,701	4.1
INTERNATIONAL	31,318,780	26,222,267	19.4
ATLANTIC	13,808,725	11,819,976	16.8
LATIN AMERICA	14,327,319	12,162,711	17.8
PACIFIC	3,182,737	2,239,580	42.1
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	130,977,149	123,490,691	6.1 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	88,956,374	87,664,391	1.5
INTERNATIONAL	42,020,774	35,826,300	17.3
ATLANTIC	16,940,100	15,197,383	11.5
LATIN AMERICA	21,117,292	17,577,975	20.1
PACIFIC	3,963,382	3,050,943	29.9
LOAD FACTOR			
SYSTEM	74.9 %	73.2 %	1.7 Pts
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	75.1	73.2	1.9
INTERNATIONAL	74.5	73.1	1.4
ATLANTIC	81.5	77.7	3.8
LATIN AMERICA	67.8	69.1	(1.3)
PACIFIC	80.3	73.4	6.9

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PASSENGERS BOARDED	69,000,092	67,295,253	2.5 %
SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000)	1,617,194	1,468,066	10.2 %

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