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AMERICAN AIRLINES INC
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May 05, 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: May 4, 2004

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

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Delaware | 1-2691 | 13-1502798 |
| (State of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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| 4333 Amon Carter Blvd. | Fort Worth, Texas | 76155 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | | (Zip Code) |

(817) 963-1234
(Registrant's telephone number)

Item 5. Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. is filing herewith a press release issued on May 4, 2004 as Exhibit 99.1, which is included herein. This press release was issued to report April traffic for American Airlines, Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of

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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: May 5, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit | Description |
|---------|---------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release |

Exhibit 99.1

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FOR RELEASE: Tuesday, May 4, 2004

AMERICAN AIRLINES REPORTS APRIL TRAFFIC

FORT WORTH, Texas - American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, reported a record high April load factor of 74.9 percent - an increase of 4.4 points compared to last year. For the month, traffic increased 16.0 percent year over year, while capacity increased 9.1 percent.

International traffic recorded the strongest gains relative to last year with a March load factor improvement of 6.0 points to 73.0 percent. The higher load factor was achieved despite a 22.1 percent increase in capacity year over year. Traffic increases also outstripped capacity additions in domestic markets with a load factor of 75.8 percent - an improvement of 4.0 points compared to last year on a 4.1 percent capacity increase.

American boarded 7.7 million passengers in April.

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

| | April | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|---------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | CHANGE |
| REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | | | |
| SYSTEM | 10,823,532 | 9,330,758 | 16.0 % |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC | 7,552,380 | 6,871,542 | 9.9 |
| INTERNATIONAL | 3,271,152 | 2,459,216 | 33.0 |
| ATLANTIC | 1,432,054 | 1,128,949 | 26.8 |
| LATIN AMERICA | 1,516,237 | 1,181,083 | 28.4 |
| PACIFIC | 322,861 | 149,184 | 116.4 |
| AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | | | |
| SYSTEM | 14,433,489 | 13,230,469 | 9.1 % |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC | 9,956,353 | 9,563,705 | 4.1 |
| INTERNATIONAL | 4,477,136 | 3,666,764 | 22.1 |
| ATLANTIC | 1,756,867 | 1,494,667 | 17.5 |
| LATIN AMERICA | 2,272,522 | 1,863,317 | 22.0 |
| PACIFIC | 447,747 | 308,780 | 45.0 |
| LOAD FACTOR | | | |
| SYSTEM | 74.9 % | 70.5 % | 4.4 Pts |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC | 75.8 | 71.8 | 4.0 |
| INTERNATIONAL | 73.0 | 67.0 | 6.0 |
| ATLANTIC | 81.5 | 75.5 | 6.0 |
| LATIN AMERICA | 66.7 | 63.3 | 3.4 |
| PACIFIC | 72.1 | 48.3 | 23.8 |
| PASSENGERS BOARDED | 7,730,608 | 7,109,233 | 8.7 % |
| SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000) | 181,619 | 163,395 | 11.2 % |

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EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES

| | April | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|--------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | CHANGE |
| REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | | | |
| SYSTEM | 41,047,292 | 37,091,993 | 10.7 % |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC | 28,455,691 | 26,638,705 | 6.8 |

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|------------------------------|------------|------------|---------|
| INTERNATIONAL | 12,591,601 | 10,453,288 | 20.5 |
| ATLANTIC | 4,992,690 | 4,308,297 | 15.9 |
| LATIN AMERICA | 6,359,480 | 5,229,091 | 21.6 |
| PACIFIC | 1,239,431 | 915,900 | 35.3 |
| AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | | | |
| SYSTEM | 56,946,388 | 53,398,785 | 6.6 % |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC | 39,436,924 | 38,314,989 | 2.9 |
| INTERNATIONAL | 17,509,464 | 15,083,796 | 16.1 |
| ATLANTIC | 6,550,642 | 6,003,585 | 9.1 |
| LATIN AMERICA | 9,336,796 | 7,664,550 | 21.8 |
| PACIFIC | 1,622,026 | 1,415,661 | 14.6 |
| LOAD FACTOR | | | |
| SYSTEM | 72.0 % | 69.4 % | 2.6 Pts |
| D.O.T. DOMESTIC | 72.1 | 69.5 | 2.6 |
| INTERNATIONAL | 71.9 | 69.3 | 2.6 |
| ATLANTIC | 76.2 | 71.7 | 4.4 |
| LATIN AMERICA | 68.1 | 68.2 | (0.1) |
| PACIFIC | 76.4 | 64.6 | 11.7 |
| PASSENGERS BOARDED | 29,493,504 | 28,138,086 | 4.8 % |
| SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000) | 700,959 | 651,809 | 7.5 % |

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