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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: April 2, 2004

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

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

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

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

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Item 5. Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. is filing herewith a press release issued on April 2, 2004 as Exhibit 99.1, which is included herein. This press release was issued to report March traffic for American Airlines, Inc.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

The following exhibits are included herein:

99.1 Press Release

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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.

Charles D. MarLett
Corporate Secretary

Dated: April 2, 2004

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
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99.1	Press Release
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Exhibit 99.1

Contact: Tim Wagner
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FOR RELEASE: Friday, April 2, 2004

AMERICAN AIRLINES REPORTS MARCH TRAFFIC

FORT WORTH, Texas - American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, reported better than expected monthly traffic, setting the highest March load factor on record at 75.1 percent - an increase of 3.6 points compared to last year. Traffic was particularly robust during the second half of the month. For the full month, traffic increased 10.9 percent year over year, while capacity increased only 5.6 percent. March traffic results exceeded the company's forecast for 6.1 percent growth year over year.

International traffic recorded the strongest gains relative to last year with a March load factor improvement of 4.6 points to 74.8 percent. The higher load factor was achieved despite a 13.4 percent increase in capacity year over year. Traffic increases also outstripped capacity additions in domestic markets with a load factor improvement of 3.1 points compared to last year, on a 2.6 percent capacity increase.

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American boarded 7.9 million passengers in March.

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AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION			
COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY			
EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES			
MARCH			
	2004	2003	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	11,072,212	9,988,410	10.9 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	7,737,431	7,230,651	7.0
INTERNATIONAL	3,334,781	2,757,759	20.9
ATLANTIC	1,375,110	1,139,390	20.7
LATIN AMERICA	1,635,737	1,370,532	19.4
PACIFIC	323,934	247,837	30.7
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	14,734,499	13,950,913	5.6 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	10,280,418	10,023,588	2.6
INTERNATIONAL	4,454,081	3,927,325	13.4
ATLANTIC	1,659,420	1,544,104	7.5
LATIN AMERICA	2,396,646	2,005,265	19.5
PACIFIC	398,015	377,956	5.3
LOAD FACTOR			
SYSTEM	75.1 %	71.5 %	3.6 Pts
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	75.2	72.1	3.1
INTERNATIONAL	74.8	70.2	4.6
ATLANTIC	82.8	73.7	9.1
LATIN AMERICA	68.2	68.3	(0.1)
PACIFIC	81.3	65.5	15.8
PASSENGERS BOARDED	7,965,312	7,635,465	4.3 %
SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000)	189,234	177,827	6.4 %

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

	MARCH		
	2004	2003	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	30,226,338	27,761,235	8.9 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	20,904,263	19,767,163	5.8
INTERNATIONAL	9,322,075	7,994,071	16.6
ATLANTIC	3,561,434	3,179,348	12.0
LATIN AMERICA	4,844,074	4,048,008	19.7
PACIFIC	916,566	766,716	19.5
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	42,514,495	40,168,316	5.8 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	29,480,074	28,751,283	2.5
INTERNATIONAL	13,034,421	11,417,032	14.2
ATLANTIC	4,794,696	4,508,919	6.3
LATIN AMERICA	7,065,459	5,801,233	21.8
PACIFIC	1,174,266	1,106,881	6.1
LOAD FACTOR			
SYSTEM	71 %	69.1 %	1.9 Pts
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	70.9	68.7	2.2
INTERNATIONAL	71.5	70	1.5
ATLANTIC	74.2	70.5	3.7
LATIN AMERICA	68.5	69.7	(1.2)
PACIFIC	78	69.2	8.8
PASSENGERS BOARDED	21,760,680	21,028,853	3.5 %
SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000)	519,729	488,415	6.4 %

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