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Torgy's Travel Tips Maybe Take a Domestic Trip This Year ...



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The sweeping changes in US foreign relations and uncertainty within the US over tariff consequences, the stock market and job security, may well have caused you to contemplate amending your travel plans this year; staying closer to home might just sound like a good idea.

Upon returning from a recent 3000-mile domestic road trip, I can honestly say it was so enjoyable discovering new and interesting sites, sights, and welcoming people all along the way. We purposely crafted our itinerary designating 3 "must-see" locations but leaving the rest open to serendipity. With a fluid timeline, a cooler for snacks & drinks, clothes for various climate zones, and a couple of old-fashioned AAA maps we set out for adventures. You might want to do the same!

Online booking apps make it easy to book a motel, hotel, or resort with just a few clicks. Try using our United partner ID90.com. We often think of ID90 only in reference to off-

line air travel, but they offer a plethora of hotels at discounted rates (as well as car rentals and cruises). Other booking apps such as Trivago.com allow you to compare hotel rates, allowing you to then choose the appropriate booking app. Expedia.com has recently acquired Hotels.com, Booking.com, Airbnb, and VRBO all under their umbrella. Booking any hotel either directly on Expedia.com or through the individual brand, (i.e., Hotels.com, VRBO.com etc.) allows you to accumulate "OneKey Cash" which can be applied to subsequent bookings. Expedia's website also contains a helpful home page header-line of clickable icons that includes "Things to Do." Just typing in the desired city name and date allows you to scroll through pictures and descriptions of events and experiences. Be sure to scroll beyond the first few screens because you will often find 2 for 1 pricing on subsequent pages.

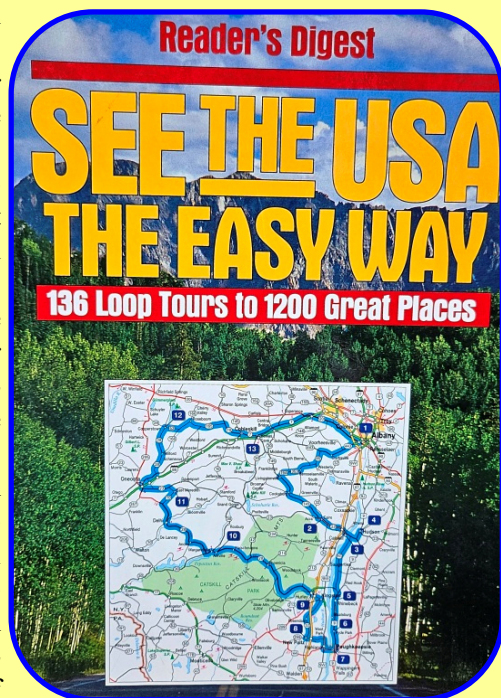
Many folks are traveling with their dogs these days and hotels have definitely noticed! We stayed in 9 separate locations during our 14-

Places to Get Interagency Passes



day trip and only 1 did not welcome dogs. It's interesting to note that it was mandatory to initial a box at the check-in desk acknowledging if you were, or were not, traveling with a pet.

The National Park Service has an excellent app I would encourage you to download. Every National Park, Monument, Historical Site or Historical Park is included. Hours of operation, road closures, fees, facilities, and photos provide you with all the information you need. Using the app 3 days into our trip allowed us to visit Yosemite Park worry-free. Despite recent heavy snowfall, the park website accurately showed which roads were open, how full the parking lots were and what ranger-led experiences were on target for that day. Similarly, the Redwoods National Park site provided great information about the Yurok Loop Trail, a location right off our route on US Hwy 101, where we could quickly stretch our legs and view the beautiful Pacific coastline. The ample parking information was helpful for those traveling with trailers. The same kind of



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info was provided for the Klamath River Overlook. And naturally, the beautiful Redwoods lining this route were magnificent. Long may they thrive!

If you do not already have your Lifetime Senior Pass called the America the Beautiful Interagency Pass, now is the time to get one. The cost is \$80 and is open to both U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents age 62+. Up to three people traveling in the same car with a Lifetime Senior Pass holder may enter a site without a fee. There are also annual \$20 passes, a Military Pass, and a Gold Star Pass for certain qualified individuals.

With recent job cuts to the NPS, the fastest way to purchase your pass is in person at one of the locations listed here: <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/pickup-pass-locations.htm>

So where do you start when deciding where to go? I have my trusty old *See the USA the Easy Way: 136 Loop Tours to 1200 Great Places*, published by Reader's Digest. Yes, it was published in 1995, but it's one of those books that really is dateless. The locations still exist, the suggested routes are perfect for a leisure trip, and it's ideal if you want to fly somewhere and then drive a loop that puts you right back at the same airport, which saves on car rentals. You can still find copies in libraries, on eBay, and Amazon.

Here are some sample itineraries: Try Pennsylvania's Susquehanna Valley. Start in Harrisburg, visit the chocolate town of Hershey and the Sturgis Pretzel House in Lititz. Follow onward through Ephrata and the Amish communities of Intercourse, Strasburg, and Lancaster before heading back via Gettysburg and York. Or how about Wisconsin? Visit the Frank Lloyd Wright trail of historic homes, the Door County loop from Sturgeon Bay around the Lake Michigan coast to Gills Rock and back to Sturgeon via the Green Bay coast route.

One real favorite of mine is the loop out of New Orleans. See all the sights in the Big Easy first and then rent a car and drive the loop westward toward Houma and check out Cajun Man's Swamp Tour. Continue northbound on US 90 to Avery Island and visit McIlhenny's Tabasco factory – a must-see! New Roads and St. Francisville come next with well-known plantations seen in many, many movies, and then you head south back to New Orleans for beignets and chicory coffee at Café du Monde. There are many, many such itineraries for you to explore all over these United States. You don't have to drive 3,000 miles, just use your flight benefits to fly to your starting point, pick up a car, and go for it! As the old Enco/Esso slogan used to say, "Put a tiger in your tank. Happy Motoring!" P.S. Electric vehicles welcomed!

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Due to the technical difficulties with the current email system, the Denver Office email will be changed to ruaeaoffice@gmail.com. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience during this transition.

Protecting Your Savings and Spending Accounts

The following message has been provided as an advance copy of the email being sent out from the United Digital Compliance Team to all impacted Retirees from Alight Solutions.

Please be aware that cyber criminals are increasingly targeting employees' benefits accounts through phishing scams and other fraudulent activities to steal funds and personal information. To help protect your benefits and personal information, follow the recommendations below related to your accounts administered by Alight Solutions, LLC (Smart-Choice), including your Health Savings Account (HSA), Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) and Retirement Health Account (RHA).

United, Smart-Choice, Alight or the United Airlines Benefits Center (UABC) will never request sensitive details through unsecured channels such as robot voice calls or texts or threaten to suspend benefits if you do not comply. You will never be asked to verbalize your PIN to a UABC representative. If at any point you feel uncomfortable with the questions being asked, you should hang up and call the UABC directly at (800) 651-1007.

To defend your accounts, we advise you to:

- ★ Verify that the UABC has your current contact details in Your Benefit Resources (YBR) and that your financial institutions have the same.
- ★ Sign up for text messages on YBR and with Smart-Choice to receive real-time notifications about account changes.
- ★ Create strong pass phrases and activate multi-factor authentication (MFA) for better protection.
- ★ Regularly check your accounts for any signs of unauthorized transactions.
- ★ Never use a web search engine to locate Flying Together to single sign-on to YBR

If you think your accounts may have been compromised:

- ▲ Contact the UABC or Smart-Choice, the spending account administrator, to report any unusual activity at (800)-651-1007.
- ▲ Update your password as a precaution.
- ▲ File a report with the police if you discover stolen funds.

Your vigilance is crucial to maintaining the cyber safety of our community.

Introducing RUAEA Treasurer Linda Fessel



As a native Chicagoan, it seems highly ironic that I had no idea United Airlines was headquartered in Elk Grove until I worked second shift at a small data entry service bureau with several ladies who moonlighted there while working at United during the day. One of them encouraged me to submit an application to United and the rest, as they say, is history!

I joined United's data entry department (EXOAI) in June 1984. Working second shift allowed me to care for my young son during the day and my husband, Joe, cared for him at night. I worked in AI for 10.5 years, as we added two more boys to our crew and that schedule worked well for our family.

All told, I worked for United in a variety of positions/divisions for 30 years (5 months and 3 days, but who's counting!?) My final role was in WHQHR as a Representative as part of the Benefits Business Administration Team working for none other than **Ruth Morabito**.

I took early retirement from United in 2014 and joined my husband in Iowa to be closer to our grandchildren (Joe had actually moved to the Quad Cities in 2013 but I waited until I found a job there). I've been working as a bookkeeper for a small financial services firm in downtown Davenport ever since and have recently decided to retire for good.

In my free time, I enjoy crafting (knitting and crocheting), reading, walking my dogs, but most importantly, spending time with my family – especially my eight grandchildren (5 granddaughters, 2 grandsons, and 1 great-grandson)

I'm looking forward to joining the RUAEA Executive team!

United Continues Growth at San Francisco International Airport,
Adding 20% More Flying in 2025
April 3, 2025



United today announced it will add 20 percent more flying out of San Francisco International Airport (SFO) in 2025, reflecting its long-term strategy to re-establish SFO as a global gateway. United is now larger in SFO than it was pre-pandemic, with capacity¹ up six percent since 2019, and 20 percent versus last year.

United flies to 111 cities around the world from San Francisco and will offer approximately 300 daily flights this summer – the most since 2019 and more than any other airline in the Bay Area. The airline has added 11 new international destinations and nine new domestic destinations from SFO in the last four years, including reinstated service to New Orleans, Kansas City, Detroit, and St. Louis, as well as new flights to San Jose, Costa Rica and Panama City, Panama starting this next month.

“We’re winning more and more Bay Area customers because of our investments in the product, the experience and the places we fly,” said United CEO Scott Kirby, who discussed the airline’s strategy at an event today where United also showcased several aircraft, including a new Boeing 787-9, Airbus A321neo, and an Archer Midnight eVTOL. *“Our growth in SFO is a direct result of United’s ambitious network strategy, which has set us apart from the competition and cemented our status as the world’s largest airline².”*

A \$2.6 billion airport construction project is underway, part of which is to modernize and expand Terminal 3 at SFO, paving the way for continued United growth in the future. United is also one of the Bay Area’s largest employers, with more than 13,000 local team members. The airline hired more than 1,600 airport operations employees last year alone and plans to add 1,200 more in 2025.

“San Francisco’s economy is on the rise, and tourism is critical to our comeback. Our city is a global destination – United’s expansion shows that people want to be here,” said Mayor Daniel Lurie. *“These new flights will provide jobs for residents and make it easier for visitors to come here so they can experience everything that makes San Francisco the place to be.”*

United’s Global Gateway ~ United’s hub in San Francisco is the leading global gateway from the West Coast, with the airline adding more direct flights to Asia, Europe, and Latin America in the last several years.

SFO is United’s fastest growing hub to Latin America, with new routes to Belize and Monterrey, Mexico added in 2024, and new flights to San Jose, Costa Rica and Panama City starting in May. The new routes bring United to nine destinations in Latin America served from SFO, the most of any carrier. In addition to the new routes, United is adding more flights to existing destinations this summer, including additional daily flights to Cancun, Los Cabos, and Puerto Vallarta.

United is the only U.S. airline to serve Europe from SFO, with a peak schedule of 11 daily flights to eight destinations. Seasonal service to Barcelona launched last year and returns for an extended season this summer, building upon new service to Rome and a seasonal third daily flight to London Heathrow added in 2022.

SFO also has a more than 40-year history as the airline’s gateway across the Pacific and now offers flights to 17 different destinations in the Asia-Pacific region. This summer, United’s SFO hub will have 4.5 times more seats on flights to the Pacific than any other airline from any other hub in the U.S. Yesterday, United announced it is expanding its industry-leading Pacific network and making it even easier for travelers to explore Asia and Australia. This winter the airline is launching new one-stop connections between San Francisco and Bangkok, Thailand and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam via Hong Kong. In addition, starting in December, United will add new seasonal-service between Adelaide, Australia and San Francisco, along with a second daily, year-round flight between San Francisco and Manila -- making United the only U.S. airline to fly to both destinations.

United’s SFO domestic offerings are unmatched throughout the state of California. The carrier operates the largest hub in the state, more domestic routes from the Bay Area than any other airline, and the most flights to all five of the most popular domestic destinations from SFO. United offers three times more flights to Hawaii from SFO than its closest competitor and is the only airline with daily year-round service from SFO to four Hawaiian Islands.

“We continue to challenge ourselves every season when we announce new service to hidden gem cities around the world,” said Patrick Quayle, Senior Vice President, Global Network Planning and Alliances at United. *“United keeps becoming the first and only U.S. airline to offer direct flights to these unique*

destinations, such as Rome, the Philippines, New Zealand and Belize, out of San Francisco in the last couple of years.”

United’s Ongoing Commitment to SFO ~ A five-year, \$2.6 billion airport construction project set to be completed in 2029, which includes modernization and expansion of Terminal 3 at SFO, will pave the way for the airline’s continued growth and elevate the customer experience.

Through SFO’s Terminal 3 West Modernization Project, United will gain access to new common use gates to fit larger airplanes that can carry even more passengers on international flights, new United ClubSM locations, a state-of-the-art lobby and checkpoints with industry-first features, a brand-new curbside area for an enhanced curbside experience, and an extra 200,000 square feet of space for more dining and retail options.

“For nearly a century, United Airlines has been offering travelers the most flights and destinations out of San Francisco,” said Mike Nakornkhet, SFO Airport Director. *“We are excited to launch the Terminal 3 West Modernization, which will set a new benchmark for what United customers can look forward to at SFO. Our goal is to create an extraordinary airport experience for our guests, and we expect this project will continue to reflect the innovation, sustainability, and diversity that make San Francisco such an amazing place.”*

As one of the Bay Area’s largest employers, United hired more than 1,600 new team members in 2024 alone, including flight attendants, pilots, customer service representatives, baggage handlers and maintenance technicians to support the airline’s growing operations at SFO, and expects to hire 1,200 more in 2025. United offers competitive wages and comprehensive benefits packages to attract top-tier talent.

United’s Innovation Leadership in SFO ~ As United grows in San Francisco and around the world, the airline continues to lead the way on collaborating with industry-leading technology partners to add game-changing innovations that improve the overall travel experience.

“We’ve been an innovation leader for years, and we’re continuing to up our game,” said United Chief Information Officer Jason Birnbaum. *“We’re investing in technology – like our award-winning mobile app and Starlink Wi-Fi – that drives United’s amazing customer experience and puts intuitive tools in the hands of our employees around the world.”*

Recent innovations include:

- ★ Starlink’s industry-leading Wi-Fi coming soon: Next month, United will start offering Starlink Wi-Fi service, the world’s fastest, most reliable connectivity in the sky, for free to MileagePlus members. The Starlink Wi-Fi service will initially be available on select United Express flights. Starlink’s low Earth orbit satellites deliver reliable, high-speed, low-latency internet and boost reliability over oceans and other remote areas, and this will allow for gate-to-gate internet service on long-haul flights.
- ★ First commercial electric air taxi coming: As part of United’s broader effort to invest in emerging technologies that enhance the customer travel experience and decarbonize air travel, the airline is working with Archer to launch the first commercial electric air taxi service. United Airlines is one of Archer’s largest investors and the company’s first customer in the United States. Midnight is an all-electric vertical take-off-and-landing aircraft with the potential for short, back-to-back trips of 20-50 miles, while carrying a pilot and up to four passengers.
- ★ First-to-market innovations with Apple: For more than 10 years, United has worked with Cupertino, California-based Apple to bring industry-leading technology to the airline’s customers and employees. United was the first airline to announce a paperless flight deck for pilots with iPad in 2011, and recently integrated Apple’s new Share Item location feature with AirTag into the United app. United has also equipped all of its employees with iPhone and iPad, and developed custom apps that enable employees to communicate easier, complete tasks more quickly, and provide a more seamless travel experience for customers.
- ★ Time-saving innovations for customers: For years, United has led the industry on adding game-changing innovations across the airline to help customers self-serve and stay informed during their travel journey. United travelers can skip the check-in line and drop off bags in under a minute on average at the designated bag drop shortcut location at the curb or in the lobby by checking bags in the app before arriving at the airport. United also texts links to real-time radar maps to help customers understand how inclement weather in one part of the country can impact a flight elsewhere. Plus, when travel doesn’t go as planned, United customers will get alternate travel options automatically served to them in the app.

¹ Capacity measured by seats

² As measured by Available Seat Miles and fleet size

United Grows its Leading Pacific Network with New Flights to Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh City, Adelaide and Manila

April 2, 2025



United today announced it intends to be the only U.S. airline to offer flights to Bangkok, Thailand, and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, with new daily service from Hong Kong planned to start this fall*. These new flights will be scheduled to offer easier connections for travelers from across North America to help meet the growing demand for travel to these destinations.

Starting December 11, United will launch the first nonstop flights between the U.S. and Adelaide, Australia – just in time for the Australian summer. With the addition of this three times weekly seasonal service,

United is now the leading carrier to Australia from the continental U.S., also offering flights to Sydney, Brisbane, and Melbourne.

In addition, United is also adding a second daily flight between San Francisco and Manila. Starting on October 25, travelers from both cities will have the option of a daytime or evening flight for greater convenience. United is the only U.S. airline to serve the Philippines, with service to both Manila and Cebu.

With these new routes, United will now offer flights from the U.S. to 32 different cities in the Pacific region – four times that of any other U.S. carrier – further cementing its status as the world’s largest airline** with the most extensive international network.

“At United, we’re changing the way people think about where they travel – by offering the greatest access to see and explore the world, whether it’s for relaxation, adventure or business,” said Patrick Quayle, Senior Vice President, Global Network Planning and Alliances at United. *“We offer more than the best schedule and travel options – we connect customers to sought after destinations and opportunities to explore new, vibrant cities.”*

United is the world’s leading carrier across the Pacific**; in the past year alone, the airline served more than six million business and leisure passengers in the Pacific region.

Tickets for the Adelaide and the new Manila flights are on sale now on [United.com](https://www.united.com) and on the United app. Tickets for Bangkok and Ho Chi Minh City flights will be available for sale at a later date.

Bangkok, Thailand ~ United will be the only U.S. airline to offer daily flights to Bangkok starting October 26. The flights will operate on a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner and allow a mix of local and international travelers to explore the city’s deep history.

Known for mixing vibrancy and tradition, there is plenty to explore in Bangkok. Customers can see hundreds of ancient temples like Wat Phra Kaew (The Temple of the Emerald Buddha) and Wat Arun (The Temple of Dawn), check out Lumpini Park – a green oasis amid the bustling cityscape, ride in a tuk-tuk around the city, sample street food like mango sticky rice, boat noodles, and gai tod, and finish the evening walking through Srinagarindra Train Night Market filled with local eats, lights, live bands and bars.

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam ~ Beginning October 26, United will be the only U.S. airline to offer daily flights to Ho Chi Minh City. The flights will operate on a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner and allow a mix of local and international travelers to explore the city’s deep history.

Customers visiting can enjoy notable sites like The Saigon Opera House and Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica, scooter through rice field paths, try amazing Vietnamese flavors from open-air pho stalls and local street vendors, enjoy the bursting microbrewery scene, and much more.

Adelaide, Australia ~ United will become the first carrier to offer nonstop service between the U.S. and Adelaide* with its nonstop three-times weekly seasonal service from San Francisco starting on December 11. The flight will operate on a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner and builds on United’s leading network coverage, making United the only airline to offer nonstop service between the U.S. and four major cities in Australia. These routes, combined with the airline’s partnership with Virgin Australia, offer travelers more choice and access across the country.

Adelaide offers U.S. travelers the chance to escape the cold and visit renowned wine regions like Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale, experience the stunning natural beauty of Kangaroo Island, and taste the region’s impeccable produce while exploring stands from more than 70 local traders at the Adelaide Central Markets – one of the largest fresh produce markets in the Southern Hemisphere.

Manila, Philippines ~ On October 25, United will begin flying its second flight between San Francisco and Manila*, bringing U.S. travelers more flexibility between day and evening flights when traveling to the Philippines. The flight will be operated on a Boeing 777-300ER.

Customers can visit historic sites like San Agustin and Fort Santiago, try local Filipino foods like kwek-kwek, turon, and halo-halo from street vendors, shop at one of the largest malls in Asia – the Mall of Asia, take in art and history at some of the country’s national museums housed in Manila, or make a day trip to Tagaytay and cruise by boat to see the stunning Taal Volcano – a natural wonder set on its own island.

United’s Growing Global Reach ~ United has the largest network in the world**, including the largest international network from North America, which it continues to expand at an industry-leading pace. The airline offers approximately 500 daily flights to and from 150 international destinations for travelers around the world. This expansion reinforces United’s commitment to growing its network and bringing travelers to new destinations. The airline is also gearing up to kick off its highly anticipated Summer 2025 schedule that was announced last October.

* Subject to government approval

** As measured by available seat miles

United Receives FAA Certification on Starlink Aircraft and Schedules First Commercial Flight for May 2025 **March 31, 2025**



United today announced the FAA has approved its first Starlink-equipped aircraft type and that the first commercial flight is planned for May, less than eight months after the deal was first announced.

The FAA issued a Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) for the Embraer 175 and the airline expects the first commercial flight to be onboard a United Express Embraer 175. United’s roll-out of this new technology continues to accelerate with approximately 40 regional jet installs planned monthly and the expectation that the entire two-cabin regional fleet – more than 300 planes – will be completed by end of year.

In addition to securing the STC, United will also run a beta test of the new technology on select flights between now and the first customer flight in May to ensure all aspects deliver an incredible onboard experience for passengers.

“We know customers are going to love this experience, and we think it will give them yet another reason to choose United,” said Grant Milstead, United’s Vice President of Digital Technology. *“We’re working closely with Starlink and the FAA to finish installs on our regional fleet this year and bring the best inflight experience in the sky to more and more people.”*

United will work with Starlink to secure an FAA STC to install Starlink on every United aircraft type getting the new equipment (e.g. Embraer 175) – more than 16 total regional and mainline aircraft models. According to the FAA, the process to secure each STC can include design, installation, testing and submitting the package for FAA approval.

Earlier this month United unveiled the Starlink install process, underscoring the technical operations benefits associated with the equipment, including size and weight as well as the ease of install and maintenance. The Starlink system, when compared to non-Starlink equipment, allows for a faster and simpler install, is lighter requiring less fuel to operate and is more reliable and weather-proofed.

Starlink access will be free for all MileagePlus® customers and include game-changing inflight entertainment experiences like streaming services, shopping, gaming and more, thanks to Wi-Fi speeds up to 250 megabits per second (Mbps), which is 50 times faster than current regional aircraft speeds. Membership to MileagePlus is also free and people can sign-up now at united.com/starlink.

United Airlines Breaks Ground on New \$177M Ground Service Equipment Facility and Opens New State-of-the-Art Technical Operations Training Facility at George Bush Intercontinental Airport **March 25, 2025**



United announced another investment in its Houston hub today by breaking ground on a new 140,000-square-foot Ground Service Equipment (GSE) Maintenance Facility at George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and opening a new, state-of-the-art Technical Operations Training Center at

the airport that will give employees a cutting-edge training experience.

United is the largest airline in Houston, with more than 14,000 employees and more than 500 daily departures. These planned infrastructure improvements underscore the airline's continued commitment to the employees and customers who live in the Houston area. Since 2021, United has invested more than \$32 billion worldwide including billions in modern infrastructure, cutting edge technology and nearly \$10 billion alone in employee raises.

“At United, we believe that investing in our people and our facilities is the key to maintaining our leadership in the aviation industry,” said Vice President of Airport Operations, Phil Griffith. *“With these new facilities, Ground Service Equipment Maintenance Facility and the Technical Operations Training Center, we are enhancing our ability to maintain a world-class fleet while empowering our employees with cutting-edge tools and training. This investment reflects our long-term vision Houston as a critical hub for United’s operations and our commitment to sustainability, efficiency, and growth.”*

United expects the new \$177 million GSE maintenance facility to open in 2027 – it will support the airline's fleet of more than 1,800 ground service vehicles and give United’s Ground Service Equipment maintenance team, comprised of more than 130 employees, even more resources to perform critical tasks like charging batteries, fabricating metal, and monitoring electronic controls with improved infrastructure and modernized workspaces.

The new, \$16 million Tech Ops Training Center (TTC) will support the airline’s plan to take delivery of hundreds of new planes by 2032 and the 91,000-square-foot facility includes sheet metal and composite training shops, desktop simulators, as well as scenario-based engine maintenance and inspection trainings.

Additionally, the new Training Center will house a cutting-edge \$6.3 million Move Team Facility, strategically designed to centralize United’s Super Tug operations. United’s IAH Move Team manages over 15 Super Tugs across the airfield, efficiently moving hundreds of aircraft daily to support flight departures, remote parking areas, and Technical Operations Hangars. This significant investment in both the Tech Ops Training Center and Move Team operations further bolsters the airline's growth under the United Next strategy. United Next is poised to transform the customer experience, with plans to introduce more than 500 new, narrow-body aircraft into its fleet, increase the total number of available seats per domestic departure by nearly 30%, dramatically reduce carbon emissions per seat, and create tens of thousands of high-quality, unionized jobs by 2026.

“By opening our Tech Ops Training Center, we are setting a new industry standard for real world and specialized training opportunities for United technicians,” said Maria Deacon, Senior Vice President of Technical Operations at United. *“We’re also extremely pleased to break ground on a new GSE maintenance facility which will revolutionize our capacity to maintain our fleet of ground service equipment for decades to come.”*

Meeting Growing Demand and Advancing Sustainability Efforts ~ The GSE maintenance facility design is targeted to meet LEED Silver certification and will be twice the size of the current facility, which was built 40 years ago when IAH had only 37% of its current gates.

This facility is part of United’s continued efforts to lay a foundation for future growth at IAH. To date, the fleet in Houston is comprised of over 1,100 pieces of electric ground service equipment (eGSE), reinforcing the airline’s commitment and investment to lead and electrify Houston. Houston is home to our largest fleet of electrified GSE equipment, which requires less maintenance and reduces air pollution.

The new GSE maintenance facility will provide much-needed space to meet both current and future needs. Key features include:

- ★ A 25% increase in repair space
- ★ A 60% increase in shop space
- ★ An 80% increase in storage capacity
- ★ A 50% increase in shared spaces

Supporting the Local Community and Workforce ~ This significant investment in GSE maintenance highlights United Airlines’ ongoing commitment to the local community and workforce. The new GSE facility will foster job creation as United continues to grow its Houston operation.

In Houston, the airline hired more than 2,100 people locally in 2023 and added over 600 new team members in 2024. This expansion is also expected to create an additional 4,000 construction jobs. According to a recent study by Compass Lexecon, United’s direct employment in Houston contributes to more than \$1.2 billion in economic activity annually. Including the Terminal B project, United has invested more than \$3.5 billion in its Houston facilities since 2015.

Technical Operations Training Center Ensures Skills for Growing Fleet ~ United Airlines' \$16-million state-of-the-art Tech Ops Training Center (TTC) in Houston consolidates new hire and advanced skills training for Tech Ops employees in a 91,000-square-foot facility. The TTC provides a comprehensive, hands-on learning environment and is an investment to ensure that United's technicians are well-equipped with the knowledge and expertise needed to maintain the airline's growing fleet with precision and efficiency.

The Technical Operations Training Facility boasts sheet metal and composite training shops, desktop simulators where technicians can learn aspects of Boeing 737 and 787 troubleshooting, as well as scenario-based engine maintenance trainings, such as specialized aspects of aircraft maintenance, like borescope and Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) engine inspections. The TTC allows us to train on simulators and specific aircraft components in a shop environment, rather than in a traditional classroom only environment. Hands-on instruction in these skills increases knowledge retention and an enhanced learning experience without taking aircraft out of service.

Continued investment in Houston ~ United is the largest airline in Houston, with more than 14,000 employees and more than 500 daily departures. These recent investments follow United's launch of the Terminal B renovation and expansion project, slated for completion in 2026. This project will add 40 gates for larger aircraft, increasing capacity by 40% for passengers traveling both domestically and internationally from IAH. The redeveloped terminal will also include a spacious United ClubSM, the largest in the network, with panoramic views of the airfield.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (***Note:** Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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Submitted by Dakota Morris-Terry

Thank you to all who were at our breakfast this month. It was a fun breakfast with 11 people there; I love our get-togethers. With the winter visitors leaving soon, our numbers will dwindle without, saying. But you can still be a part of the group because we will still have our breakfast and luncheons so you are welcome to attend both or either, when you can.

Nearly all liked the Henhouse Café this morning with most wanting to return, even those who had a negative comment about something. Many liked having a private room. The food was good, and the menu offered some different meal options. More than half of the group liked what they had, and the food covered most of the plate. Also the price is the average cost of eating breakfast; “too far” is a usual issue and we would love to come to your area; if there is a breakfast or lunch restaurant you would like, please tell me about it.

Here is the information regarding our next breakfast. Mitch has reserved space for us on April 25th at First Watch located at 1859 S. Stapley Dr., Suite 107, Mesa, AZ 85204 at 9:00AM. If you are familiar with Stapley, it's in the strip mall where Wal-Mart, the movie theater and the pet store are located. Just South of the 60 on the Eastside of Stapley. Please RSVP to me by April 22nd. As in the past, text me at (602) 920-7785 or call the same number to leave a message, you can also send a new email. I look forward to seeing you and sharing bread with you

From JoAnn Griffin,

The cost for current members will be \$5 per person to cover the tip for the servers payable at Birdies to **John Griffin**. ReUnited will pay for all current members' lunches; ordering will be off the menu, coffee, tea and soft drinks are included. However, any alcohol you order from the bar will be on your tab. Also any non-member guests you bring will have to pay for their own meal, drinks & tip.

Fountain of the Sun is a gated community so you will need to enter at the 80th and Broadway Rd. entrance only. The entrance on Sossaman Rd. is only for residents. Let the Broadway guard know you are going to Birdie's for lunch and they will give you a day pass. That entrance can get quite backed up so try to come a little early and pack plenty of patience. Birdie's is the building on the golf course on your right just after the guard booth. Please RSVP to **John** or **JoAnn Griffin** if you are planning to attend by April 2. If you have any questions or need directions please email, text or phone us. Hope to see you there! JoAnn (815) 404-7979, jjgriffual@gmail.com; John (608) 613-0090, jjgriffual@yahoo.com.

Also our board members have decided that there will be no 2025 membership book printed this year. The cost of printing has become too high (like everything else) so I will be emailing out a current member list to everyone. We are doing this so we have a little more money to spend on the Christmas Luncheon in December. I still have some 2024 membership books if anyone needs one. Please let me know.

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We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2nd Thursday. All retirees are welcome to join us.

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at rpddgarlic41@comcast.net or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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Hello to springtime in the North State, however, rainy days are still with us. Hopefully we will have a good summer and the fire season will be kept to a minimum.

The Northstaters had a great luncheon/meeting on March 26th at a new restaurant for us. We went to Farwood Bar and Grill in Orland. Orland is situated between Redding and Chico which made it easy traveling for a lot of people. The food was delicious and the service was great. We had our own room which made it nice for our meeting.

Merritt Odor, our President, welcomed everyone and we had 20 members, spouses and guests. **Bill & Sharon Simonton** brought **Ben & Nancy Kraemer** who were our speakers for later on in the meeting.

Merritt wanted to know if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Vincent Neidlinger**, **Grace Franke**, **Dick Hooning** all had birthdays in February and March as well as our visitor **Nancy Kraemer**.

Merritt brought up the fact that the Sacramento Gold Diggers have had 40 different Chapter Presidents over the years and our Northstaters have had one. A lot of smiles and laughs happened because Merritt is still our President after 17 years and we thanked him so much for staying as our leader.

Billie Jorgensen and **Sharon Simonton** have also been on the board for 17 years. Our Vice President has rotated a little but our current one, **Carl Franke**, is happy to be on the board with us.

Merritt read some very funny stories from the RUAEA Newsletter as well as a great baseball story. Merritt is able to come up with these stories for all of our meetings.

We talked about donating some money to a worthy cause. Sharon checked into the Flight 93 Memorial. She got a response from **Donna Gibson**, who is a representative of Friends of Flight 93; it was very helpful. Also, other members spoke about a couple of local areas that might need a donation so this decision was tabled until next meeting so everyone could think about it.

Sharon introduced our guest speaker for the day, **Nancy Kraemer**. Ben & Nancy have lived in Orland for many years. They have a large manufacturing company and really shared some knowledge of the town and how it has changed and grown. Nancy had some delightful information on the restaurant, Farwood, that we were in including stories about the bar, and building etc.

We love to hear stories about the smaller towns located around the North State and the group thanked Ben & Nancy for their wonderful information.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was **Vreny Grundherr** and the winner of the lunch certificate was **Danny Jenks**. We voted on raising the lunch certificate cost to the group. A discussion took place on the next luncheon/meeting. Because of the Memorial weekend, it was decided to move the luncheon a week ahead. It will now be held on May 21 at 11:30 AM at El Guayacan Restaurant in Chico. **Merritt & Klaren Odor** volunteered to be in charge to set up the reservations.

Calendar:

May 21 - Wednesday, 11:30 AM at El Guayacan Mexican Restaurant, 2201 Pillsbury Rd., Chico, CA. Come join us if you are in the area.



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There is no report this month from the Central Coasters chapter of RUAEA.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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There is no report this month from the Desert Sunbirds chapter of RUAEA.

We try to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; if you are visiting the Palm Springs area, we would love to have you join us. Email sabo.thomas@yahoo.com for details.

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Happy Spring to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on April 7, it's a beautiful spring day. My heart goes out to all the people who have been in the path of the recent tornadoes and flooding. The force of the winds and the flood waters are hard to imagine unless you live through it or see it firsthand.

My best friend's daughter and son-in-law live in Charlevoix, Michigan. They are just clearing out from a "once in a century" ice storm. Between March 28 and 31, some areas saw 2-5 inches of precipitation — much of which froze to trees and power lines, leading to widespread outages and road closures. The ice accumulated because temperatures remained at or below freezing for days. The weight of the ice caused tree limbs to crack and break, and to snap and knock down power lines. At its peak, the storm caused power outages to about 100,000 customers. Seven days later, nearly 40,000 homes and businesses remained without power. Drone footage showed whole sections of the forest in Charlevoix knocked down by the ice. A week after the storm hit, radio stations in the area were still off air. At least six radio towers in the area collapsed, buckling under the weight of the ice and breaking in the middle. The stations were at least able to stream once power and internet were restored to studio locations.

If you google "ice storm in Charlevoix" you will see the damage caused by the storm. About the only good thing about an ice storm is that the trees covered in ice are beautiful - best viewed, of course, from indoors. I am tempted to make one of the pictures my screensaver!

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord. We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. We went to the Lazy Dog for the first time last September. Everyone enjoyed it so that is now our other "go to" restaurant. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more members come to our summer picnic meeting, which is at a member's home. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served around 12:15.

Our president **Russ Kennedy** starts our meetings by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. At every meeting we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring.

Our April meeting was held on April 7 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord with 13 members and guests in attendance: **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska** and guest, **Nancy Boyle, Barbara Cunningham, Diane Griego, Russ & Glenda Kennedy, Joe & Wilma Leather** and daughter **Linda Collett** from Boise, and **Susan von Emster**. We missed **Jan Soderstrom** who is still recuperating from total left hip replacement surgery in March. She now has a matched pair as she had a total right hip replacement last September. Many thanks to **Tracey Blanchard** who graciously took notes so I could put details of our meeting in this newsletter.

And now for an update on **Tom Johnson** who is always the first to RSVP for our luncheons, and never missed a meeting until February. As I said in last month's newsletter, I talked to him on March 6 and learned that he took a horrible fall in late January and ended up in the hospital. He is now out of the hospital and in a board and care facility. I spoke to him the end of March and got more details; he has been through an incredible ordeal and wants his experience to serve as a Public Service Announcement to all of us. Tom fell in his condo and could not get up. He laid there for 2-3 days until a friend from his church became concerned when he did not come to a church meeting that he never misses. She went to his house and saw him lying on the floor. Tom somehow made it to the door and let her in. She called 911 and Tom spent a week in the hospital due to dehydration. Miraculously, he was found in time and did not suffer a head injury or any broken bones. Tom wants everyone to know that people living alone need to have a plan in place to have someone who calls or checks in on them every day, or for them to check in with a designated person every day.

I told **Russ Kennedy** about this and we brainstormed about ways we seniors can protect ourselves. If you have an iPhone, make sure Siri is activated so you can call 911 hands free. It is also important to always have your phone with you, preferably with a protective case you can wear around your neck or in a fanny pack, as it could fall out of your hands during a fall. The Apple Watch can detect a fall and ask you if you are OK. The Google Pixel Watch has a "fall detection" feature that can automatically call emergency services if it detects a fall and you don't respond to a notification. On Android phones, "Emergency SOS" is a feature that allows you to quickly contact emergency services (like 911) and alert your emergency contacts with your location when you're in danger, often activated by rapidly pressing the power button multiple times. Update your emergency contacts on your cell phone and also have them listed by your home phone if you still have a land line. I have a 3" x 5" card on a big clip next to the wall phone in my kitchen. It has names and phone numbers for my neighbors and other emergency contacts. Have extra keys made and give them to family and friends who live close by and whom you trust. I have given keys to two neighbors on my court and two other friends who live within 15 minutes of me. If the only people who have your keys live hours away, that could mean the difference between life and death in an emergency. I would like to suggest that you discuss this at your next RUAEA chapter meeting and do further brainstorming about ways to protect yourselves.

In all the years **Diane Griego** has been coming to meetings, she has never once won the money in the raffle. Well, hallelujah, today she finally won, and a whopping \$22.00 to boot. Congratulations, Diane!

Barbara Cunningham is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards, which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or barbjc1943@gmail.com for more information, or mail them to her directly at 1782 Calle Del Rey, Livermore, CA 94551-3985. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students. Barb told me that she just delivered a trunk full of cards to the school. She met the lady who helps cut up the cards for the students to use, as they are not allowed to have scissors for safety reasons. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, Barb has seen some of the gift cards and they really are pretty

Jan Soderstrom is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. I would like to renew my request to have you cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. One thing we can all agree on is that the cost of groceries has skyrocketed in the last year or so. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated—food, nonfood, baby and pet; and both current and expired. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say Manufacturer's Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date

so expired coupons can be sent too. However, please send me coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. Please help me spread the word about this worthwhile project. The number of coupons in the newspapers has dropped dramatically so the only way we can maintain our level of support is if more people send me coupons. Ask your friends and neighbors, and the people at your RUAEA meetings, to send me coupons as well.

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022. On April 5, I turned in 1581 coupons! Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. If it weren't for the RUAEA folks sending me coupons, my chapter would have very few coupons. This month I received coupons from **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Marilyn Carle** in IL, **Francis Domaratius** in CA, **Marilyn Evans** in CO, **Barrie Hooley** in FL, **Glenda Kennedy** in CA, **Marcella Kern** in NJ, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Samantha Koslosky** in MD, **Maureen Neidle** in IL, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, and **Joyce Pfeiffer** in NJ. Special thanks to **Carol Koslosky** who has recruited her granddaughter Samantha to also send me coupons. Samantha is sending a lot and I appreciate it very much!

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. Upcoming Meetings: Please join us!

- ▲ Monday, May 5 at 11:30. Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:30. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, May 2.
- ▲ Monday, June 2 at 11:30. The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, May 29.
- ▲ Monday, July 14 at 11:30 (date change). Plans for this meeting are in the works. In place of our annual catered BBQ luncheon normally held in June, we will be having a salad and sandwich potluck at a member's home. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, July 10.

Until next month, take care and do everything you can to stay healthy!

GOLDEN GATERS

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I missed the February meeting and want to thank **John Garis** and the Board for filling in for me as I was off on a 16 day cruise from SFO to Hawaii and back to SFO. We left on February 20th and I figured it would be just as easy to lounge on a ship as it would be to stay at home (yup, someone else would make the bed, cook the meals, entertain me, let me sit on the balcony and watch the world go by!) Smooth sailing the whole trip and nostalgic stops in the Islands. A trip out to Pearl Harbor and the Memorial (yes, I “Remember Pearl Harbor”) and a great visit with a childhood friend and her husband on Maui. He is 100 years old, she is 93 and had just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary (I was her Maid of Honor back in the day.) Were we ever that young?

John Garis chaired the February meeting, which was held in the Library as the elevator is still not working. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a few moments to remember those who need our prayers and thoughts, **Eliza Garza** read the minutes of the February meeting which were approved as read. Don't forget to pay your dues, \$15 per person. Lunch was at BJ's in the Bridgepoint Shopping area.

Déjà vu ... sailed back under the Golden Gate on March 8th only to be very sick and a trip to Urgent Care who, after 4 days, said go to Mills/Peninsula Hospital for the next 13 days. Had a great trip but found out that “someone else would make the bed, cook the meals, etc., etc.” – you get the picture.) and a large, kind, caring staff and doctors watched over me. Pneumonia, Rhino bacterial virus (no vaccine shots available) and several nasty bugs had me down and out for the count. So am in the land of living and doing all kinds of physical therapy getting me back on my feet again. Thanks to many of you who let me know that you were thinking of me. So ...

Déjà vu ... **John Garis** and the crew, once again, chaired the March meeting which was a repeat of the February meeting. Raffle winners were given out to **Jerry Marsala** and **Bill Heinrich** and prizes went to **Eliza**

Garza, Bill Heinrich, Alan Durr, Jerry Marsala, John & Leanne Harper. Carol Slater reminded the group that both DEN and ORD have museums with UAL memorabilia. The Mainliner Store at the MOC has been renamed to United Technical Operations – you need to be escorted to the store and will need your Retiree Badge. The front desk in the Lobby of the building will be able to help you.

The lobby staff can also give you information regarding parking your car in the employees lot when you travel. 13 members attended the March meeting and 16 members attended the lunch at Jack's in San Mateo.

- ★ April 28th – Regular meeting, probably at the Library again (note on door by elevator) and lunch will be at Chuan Chim Thai cuisine, 1099 Foster Square Lane which is close to the Foster City Post Office. You can look at their menu online and there is parking near-by. Join us at this great restaurant!
- ★ May 19 – **Note date change** as May 26 is a national holiday and most places are closed. Regular meeting and will advise where the lunch will be held.
- ★ June through November meetings will be announced at a later date – stay tuned!
- ★ December 8 – Save the date for our Christmas luncheon to be held at Bellini's Italian Restaurant – we have been here before and enjoyed their meals.

Birthdays in March – **Eliza Vargas, April David Slater** – How many candles?

Bob Donovan has moved to the following: San Carlos Elms, 707 Elm Street, Unit 219, San Carlos, CA 94070 and is enjoying the meals. He is no longer driving. New phone: (650) 830-1449. He will be enjoying his 104th birthday in July!

Bernice Trullinger has passed away – no information on services. She and her husband, **Ralph**, were long time members. Ralph being President of the group for several years. Our sympathies go out to her family.

**** If the elevator is not fixed by the next meeting, look for a sign on the door where we will meet – Ginger did ask the Library if our meeting could meet in the Library alcove, they agreed. **Dusty Landwehr**, our Recreation Coordinator, will be contacted for a different area for us to meet. We will try to contact those of you who attend the meetings on a regular basis as to our meeting place.

Conundrum of the Day: *Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours? (now this one hits home!)*

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am in the Wind Room at the Foster City Library, corner of Hillsdale Blvd., and Shell Blvd, Foster City, CA 94404. Note: Our mailing address is UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



HANGTOWN MINERS

Jane Gibson
Placerville, CA
Secretary

Welcome to Spring 2025! By golly, Mother Nature is spot on today! All that lovely rain we have been enjoying – or, perhaps, snow? - has cleared the skies, gave the soil a good drink of water and now sunshine to bring all those fabulous flowers up out of the earth to delight us ... well, the colors are beautiful but brace yourselves for (groan) allergies! I suppose that there is a price to pay for good things. Personally, I love the feel of Spring. I feel like the earth is waking up after a nice long nap and stretching itself to get ready for the rest of the year. I do also realize that all of the winter weather is probably not done, but I'll enjoy all this sunshine while we have it!

Rudy Blazius was warmed up after his delicious meal at Chicago Fire in Folsom. This restaurant is very nice, good food, good service – the parking is a little “funky” as you actually park in a parking structure but it is adjacent to the restaurant and no problems. Some may have a challenge with the walk but you can easily be dropped off just feet from the entrance. A hearty “Thank You” went out to **JR & Rosemary Heier** for making all the arrangements for us. You know, our group (28 this month, I think) really have been to a lot of great eateries over the years. We have dined on a wide variety of ethnic foods and I can't think of any of them who have not been great places for us.

Rudy continued on with the monthly questions: Birthdays? Yup, we have three Miners who get to celebrate this month: **Dawn Martin, Cindy Blazius** and **JR Heier** – however, JR says that he no longer has birthdays! So, Happy Birthday to each of you and any others who made their entry in March; then came the question regarding anniversaries. Well, we do have two couples who celebrate in March; **Ann Barton** and **Kerry Kozelka**, who are vacationing at the moment in Mexico, and we had half of the **Garland** team here – **Dave** was

with us, however, **Robin** was not able to come. We still extend a big Happy Anniversary to both couples. Rudy moved on to Officers' Reports.

President ~ Our very efficient leader, **Rudy Blazius**, shared a couple things later.

Vice President ~ **JR Heier** did not have a report – which does not mean that he wasn't tossing out comments throughout the meeting!

Secretary ~ Your secretary, **Jane Gibson**, didn't have a report either. But she did remind everyone to save those Christmas cards (instead of throwing them out) and bring them to her. **Barbara Cunningham** collects them from anyone who joins in on the project and gets them to a teacher friend who uses them as a project for his students. **Angie Dellinger** brought Jane a nice stack of them today which I have taken to Barbara. Also, Jane and Bill brought a bag of fresh oranges to share with those present. Our tree is a good one – both for production and for taste.

Treasurer ~ It is a good thing that our wonderful Treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, doesn't mind holding this job – he does it so great. Now, Tom always has a report and he tells us that we currently have a good number in our account. This is a good number any time, but just three months after our December luncheon (which we subsidize) it is extra nice to hear.

All but three of our current members have sent in their annual dues, if you send in your dues in the next week or so you will save yourself \$5.00 as opposed to the dues going up to \$20.00 if they aren't paid by the end of March. You will still be a Miner, of course, but we upped the number in the hopes that folks will get their dues paid within the first three months of a new year. If you have decided to drop from the Hangtown Miners, please let us know; if you want to continue, you can mail a check for \$15.00 made out to Hangtown Miners and send it to Tom Kenny; 3481 Parleys Canyon; Placerville, CA; 95667.

Update on the Tool Collection Project: As we are entering our 5th year collecting old (or new) tools to help budding A & P Mechanics students attending Sacramento City College, Tom is hearing from guys who are "cleaning out" their garages or just want to help. One fellow will be donating tool box(es) too. We know there are probably more of you retired mechanics who would love to donate but you live far from here – we've learned that shipping the tools isn't practical – so you might look around the area where you live (local colleges/trade schools) and see what programs they have there. No doubt you remember how expensive tools were when you started out on your career; it's no surprise to realize that they have gotten even more costly now. Oh, and imagine how great your garage/shop will look when you have decreased the "clutter" and how happy your wife will be too! And, we are a non-profit so we can give you a donation form to give to your tax preparer for you tax return.

Sunshine ~ Our very efficient Sunshine Lady, **Suzanne Kenny**, keeps us updated on how our members are doing. It does help if you can keep her up on how you're doing! Some of our members do not attend the luncheons often so it can be difficult to know if you may be having a difficult time ... or something good is going on too! **Chuck Trebnik** has recently had a pacemaker "installed" and is home recuperating. Suzanne has sent him a card. **Linda Dinette** is doing pretty well. Her son, Kevin, is with her and they are getting into a "routine". Kevin has message boards as reminders and he has a system using Siri where she can just call out his name and it will call Kevin if he isn't in the home at the time. Modern technology can be amazing. We send our best thoughts and wishes to both Linda and Chuck.

Old Business ~ Believe it or not, the annual UAL Retired Mechanics Reunion is (about) 6 months away already. We have scheduled with the Carson Valley Inn (Minden NV) again and plan to have this very fun reunion in September, 2025 – the 16th, 17th, 18th to be exact. Our excellent barbecue will be on the Wednesday (17th). I will be sending out another note in April that will include all the hotel information as well as the code to tell them so you can get our special room rate. If you live in a state "far away", or even near, and you are interested in attending, you must be reading this in the RUAEA monthly Newsletter. You can contact me, **Jane Gibson**, directly (925) 443-0905; or tired-dogs@comcast.net and I will add you to my list and send you all the info. Last year my co-organizers and I had two raffles. When you signed in at the BBQ, you received a raffle ticket and you had a chance to win a bottle of wine – or – you had a chance for one of the three baskets we had put together. The baskets were fun to do and I think those who won enjoyed them. We also had a very generous donation from the Inn which was included in the raffle as a fourth prize. We did sell raffle tickets too, so if you wanted to have an even better chance to win something, you could up your odds!

New Business ~ I wouldn't exactly call this "business" but it is fun. **Tom Kenny** found this and wanted to share regarding the (annoying) time change known as "Daylight Savings Time": "*An old Indian Chief once said that: "When you give the Government control of the time of day, it is like cutting the top off a perfectly good blanket and then sewing it onto the bottom of the blanket to make it longer."*

Duncan Nielsen wanted to highlight one of our members, **Chris Delfino**. Chris is a local farmer who, with his family, owns and operates businesses in Apple Hill. If you have ever had the opportunity to visit with Chris, you can attest to his great personality, his hearty laugh and his very generous heart. Each month Chris brings more than one bottle of wine for our raffle (and it is excellent wine) sometimes a pie or, as is the case this month, a loaf of French bread. The pies and breads are made at the bakery they have at Apple Hill. Duncan also let us know that Chris will be interviewed and on Channel 3. I hope you were able to see Chris. And, if you want to get out into nature and have a nice day, head on up to Apple Hill.

Rudy wants everyone to be aware that, if you haven't already had your driver's license or identification card updated to a "Real ID", you need to get that done – like, now – to be compliant with the US. Federal Government's Real ID Act.

Beginning May 7th, 2025, TSA will require air travelers 18 years and older to present a Real ID – compliant driver's license or state identification card or another acceptable form of ID at airport security checkpoints for travel within the United States. The Real ID Act which passed in 2005, set minimum security standards for license and ID-card issuance and production as an added security precaution. Over the past 18 years, the law has been enforced in phases, given states and ID holders ample time to comply, with commercial airline passenger enforcement being the final phase.

Are you Real ID ready? Check TSA's website: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-idto>. If you're not sure if your current ID or license is a Real ID, one way to verify is to look in the upper right corner of your card – there will be a "Golden Bear". You must have this type of card to be able to fly!

Okay, I believe I have covered everything ... it was a fairly quick meeting – at least for our group! Our April luncheon, hosted by **Roy & Dawn Martin**, will be at Steve's Pizza in El Dorado Hills – info below. I have been advised that they make the best pizza and pasta in the area!

Rudy closed our meeting with this fun story:

The IRS decides to audit Grandpa and summons him to the IRS office. The IRS auditor was not surprised when Grandpa showed up with his attorney.

The auditor said, "Well, sir, you have an extravagant lifestyle and no full-time employment, which you explain by saying that you win money gambling. I'm not sure the IRS finds that believable."

"I'm a great gambler, and I can prove it," says Grandpa. "How about a demonstration?"

The auditor thinks for a moment and says, "Ok. Go ahead."

Grandpa says, "I'll bet you a thousand dollars that I can bite my own eye."

The auditor thinks a moment and says, "It's a bet."

Grandpa removes his glass eye and bites it. The auditor's jaw drops.

Grandpa says, "Now, I'll bet you two thousand dollars that I can bite my other eye."

The auditor can tell Grandpa isn't blind, so he takes the bet.

Grandpa removes his dentures and sinks them into his remaining eye. The astonished auditor now grasps that he has gambled and lost three grand, with Grandpa's attorney as a witness. His unease begins to mount.

"Want to go double or nothing?" Grandpa asks. "I'll bet you six thousand dollars that I can stand on one side of your desk, and piss into that wastebasket on the other side, and never get a drop anywhere in between."

The auditor, twice burned, is cautious now, but he looks carefully and decides there's no way this old guy could possibly manage that stunt, so he agrees again. Grandpa stands beside the desk and unzips his pants, but although he strains mightily, he can't make the stream reach the wastebasket on the other side, so he pretty much pisses all over the auditor's desk.

The auditor leaps with joy, realizing that he has just turned a major loss into a huge win. But Grandpa's attorney moans and puts his head in his hands.

"Are you OK?" the auditor asks.

"Not really," says the attorney. "This morning, when Grandpa told me he'd been summoned for an audit, he bet me twenty-five thousand dollars that he could come in here and piss all over your desk and you'd be happy about it."

Don't mess with old people!

Okay, I'll keep that advice in mind! Oh, wait, I'm one of those "old people" now too! After the "groaning" stopped, Rudy brought our meeting to an end, handed the baton over to JR who promptly had the winning ticket for the donor's prize drawn. Guess who won it this month?! **Chris Delfino**!

A big "Thank You" to all of you who brought prizes for the raffle: **Bell/Nielsen** - A/P clock/Mickey Mouse clock; **Akin** - eggs; **Blazius** - book of Aircraft; **Kenney** - vase & dried flowers; **Martin** - wine; **Gibson** - solar light; **Dellinger** - hanging lantern; **Heier** - table decorations and fresh, homemade popcorn (flavored)

That's it folks! Enjoy all this beautiful weather, stay safe, stay strong, stay happy and healthy.



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The weather has been cool with some rain. Everyone is staying inside or out cruising. Good stories will be shared in upcoming meetings when they return.

We will be meeting the second week of April for our annual Spring Fling lunch at the Tequila Factory Mexican restaurant in Old Town. A great time was had by everyone last year and we look forward to more of the same this year.

Our Birthday's for May are: **Nancy Brock** will celebrate on May 6th, **Barbara Drews** will celebrate on May 9th; **Robert Taylor** will receive his Happy Birthday on May 13th and **Donna Capps** will be having her special day on May 28th.

Mark your calendar for the RUAEA 50th Anniversary "Golden Jubilee", this year Reunion will be held in Denver at the Holiday Inn East. Tours and activities are in the planning stages and RUAEA will be advising us as we move along toward October.

Our next Breakfast is scheduled for June 5th at the Pt Loma Cafe. You are welcome to join us but we do need an RSVP. Just send me a note and I will add you to the list.

Calendar:

May 1 - Breakfast at the Pt Loma Cafe, San Diego; 10:00AM. If you are going to be in town, send me an RSVP and we would love to have you visit us!

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The March lunch meeting for the Sacramento Gold Diggers was at the Casa del Lago in Granite Bay. There were 18 members in attendance. The service was good as usual and the meals were delicious. There was plenty of social time before lunch and some even indulged in adult beverages. After lunch, President **Francis Domaratius** began the meeting thanking the **Bertacinis** for making the reservations. Checking with VP **Barbara Bertacini** about future lunch meetings, she advised that we are pretty set for the balance of 2025: April 30th meet at Bennett's Westside Grill in Rocklin, May 28th back to Café del Lago in Granite Bay, planning June 25th at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville, July 30th Bennett's Westside Grill in Rocklin, August 27th the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville, October 29th Bennet's Westside Grill in Rocklin and then Holiday lunch meeting on December 10th at Casa del Lago in Granite Bay. There will be no meeting in September due to the RUAEA Reunion and in November due to Thanksgiving. The June, July and August meetings are subject to change.

Secretary **Ron Bertacini** announced that there were two anniversaries for March, **Robin & Dave Garland** with 25 years and **Shirley & Ed Vanderzly** with 60 years. Ron also commented on his attending the RUAEA Executive Board Meeting in Denver in early March. He was invited in his role as Assistant VP of Conventions and that he puts together the Reunion/Convention registration package. The final details for the upcoming Reunion are coming together. The hotel is a nice venue and directly across the street from the United Flight Training Center. There is a planned tour of the facility and the displays of the United Airlines Historical Foundation. There will be a couple of other tours which will be described in the Reunion package which should be on the website in early May and in the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter.

Francis called on our Treasurer **Robin Garland** who reported that we are still solvent even after covering the Past President's lunches. We presently have 34 paid members. Our finances are helped between the 50/50 and other raffle, thanks to our generous members' donations.

Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** reported that **Sherrie Wolfram** had fallen and broke her hip. She currently

is in rehab and according to **Irv**, doing okay. I am sure there are some tough days.

Regional Director **Dave Garland** announced that there has been a realignment of the RUEA Directors. The country has been split into three major regions, East, Central and West. **Rosalie Tripicchio** will handle the East, **Jackie Monilaw** the Central and **Chuck Cole** the West. Dave's new job will be Member Liaison directing inquiries to the appropriate Director.

Francis asked for any comments from the members and no one had anything to add.

There were no birthdays to celebrate for the month of March so we concluded with our 50/50 drawing and then the raffle of the donated items.

Our little history lesson for events in history for March 26th. In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase, 1885 Eastman Film Co. manufactures the first commercial motion picture film, Leo Bentley bowls three perfect games in a row in Lorain, Ohio, 1954 U.S. test atomic bomb on Bikini Atoll.

26 March 1955: At 8:15 a.m. Saturday morning, Pan American World Airways Flight 845/26, a Boeing 377



Stratocruiser, *Clipper United States*, N1032V, departed Seattle-Tacoma Airport (SEA, or "SeaTac") on a flight to Sydney, Australia, with intermediate stops at Portland, Oregon, and Honolulu, Hawaii. The airliner departed Portland (PDX) at 10:21 a.m., with a crew of 8 and 15 passengers on board.

Captain Herman S. Joslyn was in command of N1032V, with First Officer Angus Gustavus Hendrick, Jr.; Second Officer Michael F. Kerwick; Flight Engineer Donald Read Fowler; and Assistant Flight Engineer Stuart Bachman. The cabin crew were Purser Natalie R. Parker, Stewardess Elizabeth M. Thompson, and

Steward James D. Peppin.

Clipper United States was cruising at 10,000 feet (3,048 meters) when a severe vibration began, lasting 5–8 seconds. The Number 3 engine (inboard, right) was violently torn off of the starboard wing. The damage to the airplane resulted in severe buffeting. The nose pitched down and airspeed increased. Captain Joslyn reduced engine power to limit airspeed. The Stratocruiser quickly lost 5,000 feet (1,524 meters). Because of damage to the engines' electrical system, the flight engineer was not able to increase power on the remaining three engines. The Boeing 377 was too heavy at this early stage in the flight to maintain its altitude.

At 11:12 a.m. (19:12 UTC) the flight crew ditched the Stratocruiser into the North Pacific Ocean, approximately 35 miles (56 kilometers) west of the Oregon coastline. [N. 43° 48' 15", W. 125° 12' 40"] The conditions were ideal for ditching, but the impact was hard. Seats were torn loose, and several occupants were injured. Evacuation began and all three life rafts were inflated. The water temperature was 47°F.

A North American Aviation F-86F Sabre flown by Captain W. L. Parks, 142nd Fighter Interceptor Group, Oregon Air National Guard, located the scene of the ditching and observed smoke flares which led to two life rafts tied together. A Lockheed Constellation was also inbound to the scene from the south. After confirming that Air Force rescue aircraft were on the way, Captain Parks returned to Portland, very low on fuel.

The airliner's purser, Miss Natalie R. Parker, had been assisting passengers with their life vests and seat belts when the airliner hit the water. Standing in the aisle, she was thrown forward, knocking down five rows of seats as she hit them. She was badly bruised and suffering from shock.

Along with other crew members, Miss Parker assisted the passengers in abandoning the sinking Stratocruiser. After entering the water, some began to drift away. Miss Parker, despite her injuries, swam after one and towed him back to an inflated raft.

Her actions were particularly mentioned in the Civil Aeronautics Board accident investigation report: **The purser, a woman, although suffering from shock, swam and towed the only seriously injured passenger to the nearest raft, some 200 feet [61 meters] distant.**

The airliner floated for about 20 minutes before sinking. Of the 23 persons on board, four, passengers John Peterson, David Darrow, First Officer Hendrick, and Flight Engineer Fowler, died of injuries and exposure.

The survivors were rescued after two hours by the crew of *USS Bayfield* (APA-33), a U.S. Navy attack transport.

Because the engine and propeller were not recovered, the exact nature of the failure could not be determined, but the most likely cause was considered to be a fracture of a propeller blade resulting in a severely unbalanced condition, followed by the violent separation of the engine from the wing. This was the fifth time that a Boeing 377 Stratocruiser had lost an engine following the failure of a hollow-steel Hamilton Standard 2J17 propeller blade.

When the flight engineer attempted to increase the propeller r.p.m. on the three engines simultaneously, an

electrical overload occurred which opened the master circuit breaker. This prevented any engine power increase.

Clipper United States was a Boeing Model 377-10-26, serial number 15932, registered N1032V. It was one of twenty of a specific variant built for Pan American World Airways. The airliner had been delivered to Pan Am on 21 May 1949. At the time of its loss, it had flown a total of 13,655 hours.

The Model 377 was a large, four-engine civil transport which had been developed concurrently with the Boeing B-50A Superfortress. The 377 followed the military C-97 Stratofreighter (Model 367), which used the wings, engines, landing gear and tail of the B-29. The B-50 and 377 shared the improved wings, engines and tail surfaces. The two airplanes made their first flights just 14 days apart. The Stratocruiser was operated by a flight crew of four. It was a double-deck aircraft, with the flight deck, passenger cabin and galley on the upper deck and a lounge and cargo compartments on the lower. The airliner was pressurized and could maintain Sea Level atmospheric pressure while flying at 15,500 feet (4,724 meters). The Model 377 could be configured to carry up to 100 passengers, or 28 in sleeping births.



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Submitted by Steve Foster

Thanks to our hosts, **JoAnn & Don Nesja**, our March meeting was held at El Torero in Jackson. It was an overcast and light rain day, and we had a small group of 8 members for lunch. The happy group for the day were **Don & JoAnn Nesja, Bob & Sandy Brooks, Bob & Mary Brown, and Steve & Jacque Foster**.

It was brought up that the 50th anniversary of RUAEA and the Convention/Reunion will be held in Denver at the Holiday Inn East on September 27 through October 1.

The gathering for the UAL Retired Mechanics is in Minden, Nevada, September 16-18 at the Carson Valley Inn.

March birthdays were celebrated by **Bob Brooks** and **Anita Millard**. There are no March anniversaries.

We had a different raffle. Each person put in \$1 to see who would have their lunch served **last** — **Mary Brown** won the \$8. One of **Don Nesja's** joke was a good one: The quickest way to save your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.

Our next meeting/lunch on April 10 will be held at Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs at 11am, hosted by **Sandy & Bob Brooks**. To RSVP, please call **Sandy Brooks** at (209) 772-9814 or (209) 481-1758 if you are able to join the group.

The May 8th meeting will be held at Huckleberry's in Oakdale with **Bob & Mary Brown** as hosts.

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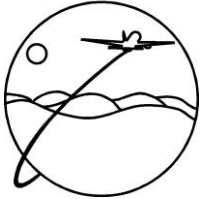
We had nice weather today, which brought out all the regulars to celebrate **Jean Jenkins** birthday. We won't say how old she is, as she is younger than most of us feel. It is always great to have Jean among us each month. **Chuck Clayborn** joined us as well, as he is still preparing his home to sell; we all hope he is not in any hurry to move.

Flyers have gone out to all members for our June BBQ, please plan to attend. We have worked to keep the cost as low as possible, yet provide a great meal. The weather is always nice that time of year and the location is close to everyone. More information via Email as we get closer to the date, which is June 9th.

Hope everyone has had a chance to see the electric air taxi that was rolled out at the maintenance base at SFO, it is painted in United colors and looked very nice. This may be the way of the very near future, as pick up and drop off points have been established, and FAA approval is continuing.

Happy Mother's Day!

SOLANO FLYERS



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The Solano Flyers met on March 18 at Murillo's Restaurant, 1501 E. Monte Vista in Vacaville. In attendance were President **Larry Jackson, Eileen & Pad Gardner, Bob Ritchie, Rudy Arsaga, Stewart McCale** and son **Stewart McCale, Jr., Frank Uhl, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Robert Allen** and **Allan Pochop**.

Anniversaries ~ **Bill & Joanne Blizzard, and Diosnel & Luci Perez.**

Winner of the 50/50 was **Allan Pochop**.

Robert Allen won the Waffle Maker, donated by Padric.

Next month's luncheon will be on April 15 at El Azteca Restaurant, 102 Peabody Rd., Vacaville; (707) 448-7231.

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There is no report this month from the Denver Mile Highers chapter of RUAEA.

Our next meeting is May 1st at Tedz Place in Commerce City at 11:00 AM. We hope to see you there, bring a friend. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave., Commerce City, (303) 287-7544.

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There is no report this month from the Citrus Groupers chapter of RUAEA.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at wopahofl@comcast.net.



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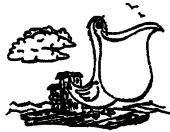
Two days after I shared our March meeting minutes with all of you, a long-time member of the Real McCoys and a fixture of our MCO family, **Diane Lewis**, passed away – March 6, 2025. Diane was secretary in MCOOZ for as long as anyone can remember. She was here when so many of us grew this station in 1991 and continued to be a vital part of our UAL family here until her retirement on June 30, 2003. Diane had several health challenges over the years, but she met them all with southern grace and charm and always a smile. She will be missed by too many to count. A Celebration of Life is being hosted by her daughter, Shelly Davis on April 6th here in Orlando. Cards can be sent to Shelly at 9637 Sweetleaf Street, Orlando, FL 32827

Our April Picnic was a happy gathering as always. Good food, good conversation, good hugs, and good friends! We received word that **Ray Barrett**, retired MCOCG recently passed away and **Bill Kowalewski**, retired MCOCG, passed away last August 2024. No addresses I'm sorry.

Please continue praying for all our UA friends that are needing them, but most especially **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges**. Ernie has several health issues facing him and Cheryl is his rock. Their address is 2904 Birmingham Blvd., Orlando, FL 32829. Cheryl will be sure Ernie gets your greetings.

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We held our monthly luncheon on the April 4 with nine members in attendance, which is smaller than usual. Our next luncheon will be on the 16th of June and will be the last for this season. We will gather again in October.

Our meeting in May will be at our usual place and time: LYNQ restaurant in Ft. Myers, 11:30AM.



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Six members attended our meeting on April 7th. We talked about UAL and had a sociable meeting. We had leftover money from membership dues so we decided to send it to a charity, American Diabetes Association.

There were no Birthdays and Anniversaries this month. We just enjoy being together, talking and laughing. We wished everyone A Happy Easter!

Calendar:

May 5 – IHOP, 10:30

June 2 - IHOP, 10:30

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There is no report this month from the Treasure Coast chapter of RUAEA.

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There is no report this month from the Boise Gems chapter of RUAEA.

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May—May your troubles be less, May your blessings be more, May nothing but happiness come through your door! I'm a poet, but don't know it, I'm a Longfellow, but my feet don't show it!

Well, we had a nice springy April for a while, and then it went back to winter for a few days. That's Illinois for ya. Keep alert and keep those boots and gloves handy. But seriously, I think we're free from snow until December. Let's enjoy the next six months, at least, until November 2, when we change our clocks again, wish they'd straighten that out.

We have quite a few holidays, or days to remember. We start out with May Day on the 1st, followed with, May the Fourth be with You, also Audrey Hepburn's 96th birthday, in heaven, on the fifth, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day on the 11th, (don't forget her), the 29th is Memorial Day, Poppy day to thank all the American service people for sacrificing their lives for us, in all wars. May is also considered Asian American, Pacific Islander, Haitian Heritage month, Arthritis Awareness, High Blood Pressure, Strawberry, Stroke Awareness, Skin Cancer, and Borderline Personality Awareness Month. May's flower is the lily of the valley, and the stone is the emerald. I should've been born in May, my two favorites.

Our May full moon is May 12th, it's called the Flower Moon. The Native Americans kept track of the seasons by giving a distinctive name to each full moon. Since there were beautiful blossoms blooming everywhere, the moon was called the Flower Moon. Thank you, the Algonquin tribes from New England, for such distinctive names.

The most powerful social media ... it is not the internet, it is not Facebook - it is food. This connects all human beings.

Our Northside breakfast at Rose's Garden was attended by **Ginny Vlach, Charlie Lewis, Dave Dunham, Jerry Tippereiter, Dona Nefczyk, Virginia Kondraros, Marsha Sealock-Weber**, her husband, **Paul**, and **Toni Van Kampen**. Our delightful waitress was Maricela. **Virginia Monaco** has been doing a lot of traveling out West. She went to LAS, visiting **Arlene McCroy**, from CHIRR, then onto PHX, visiting family. Nice to see our friends are still traveling.

Our ORDMM mechanics met at Maxfields, they included **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Jim Vitte, Don Kramlich, Jim Kraft, Frank Wenig, Fred Seibert, Cas Paprocki, Ron Geibel, Boris Spitz, Rich Protsman, Dean Hackenberg**, and our wonderful Ruthie, who knows everybody's food choice.

The foremen of ORDMM were sparse, **Bart & Sue Kendall**, **Bob Smietanski** and **Stan Chmielewicz**. **Tom & Sue Abraham** were on a tour of England, **Glenn Hill** was missing. I was missing, too. Abraham, our waiter of many years, is also one of the best. We're so lucky to have such caring servers at all of our breakfast nooks.

IAM Lodge 1487 had about 60 retirees enjoying a Meet N Eat lunch. Everybody brought a dish to pass. Lot of very good food, some were even home made. Others had their maid, 'Juel' fry some chicken, whipped up a salad for the lunch, or baked an enticing dessert. Next month will be a Cinco de Mayo Mexican lunch, the cost is \$6. If you haven't paid yet, please send a check to the Union hall at 50 W. Oakton in Des Plaines, 60018. Write your check to LL 1487 Retirees Club. You can include your \$20 dollars for dues if you haven't paid them yet.

Last month I promised you a luncheon, and we now have the plans. The invitation went out last week. Hope you got it by now, if not, you'll have to let me know. My phone and email address are above. The date is Tuesday, May 13, at the Belvedere in Elk Grove, at 11:00. The meal choices are: chicken veloute, thinly sliced prime rib of beef, Norwegian salmon, and pasta primavera. All meals include salad and dessert. The cost is \$29.00. Reservations must be made by May 5. Our entertainer for the day will be Hugo's Elvis, he performs all of Elvis' genres from gospel, ballads, and rockabilly favorites to the icon's greatest rock 'n roll hits from the 50's and beyond. I heard he was very good; we're trying to give you a variety for your musical pleasure. Thanks to **Jim Sommerfield** and **Renee Jakus** for planning an enjoyable afternoon.

Found an interesting article regarding our flight attendants being allowed to have a drink on their flight home. When they are 'deadheading' from one city to their base, they are sitting in a regular seat, not in uniform, and definitely not working, they can imbibe on their trip home. The door must be closed and the plane away from the gate before the F/A can order a cocktail, just in case of an emergency and the attendant has to work the trip. Right now, United is the only US airline to allow this privilege. Delta did it a few years ago, but eventually stopped. Air Canada, other European and Middle East airlines allow this. So far, no news from the pilots rules for this action. People would really get nervous seeing a pilot in real clothes but carrying his hat in his lap.

I found some changes to rules about the United and Chase Bank cards. We have affiliation with six co-branded credit cards. Higher annual fees are in there with some new credits, and some restrictions on existing benefits. The good changes include more travel credits, easier to earn elite status with higher caps, Economy Plus seat upgrades added to some cards, new benefits are available to all new and existing cardholders effective immediately (except elite status boost, starting next year.)

The bad changes include higher annual fees across all cards (except the no-annual fee card), effective immediately for new card holders, or next anniversary date from August 1 for most existing cardholders; from January 1 for existing Explorer cardholders. Restrictions on Star Alliance lounge access—unless you spend a lot. Limited ability to gift United Club passes, some credits are not useful for all, and select perks require spending. Good news, what's not changing, majority of existing perks remain with added benefits rather than removals. Perks like checked baggage, Premier Access and in-flight discounts unaffected. No reduction in earning rates; increase in earning rate for hotel bookings. This is best for frequent United flyers and high spenders who hold top-tier cards, and Chase Elite status. This is not so good for occasional United flyers and low spenders with entry-level cards who may struggle to justify annual fee. The reason United overhauling the credit cards? This is common with most airline credit cards, Delta did it in 2024 with American Express. The partnership with Chase, which runs through at least 2029, is critical to UAL, generating billions in revenue to help power the airline and its MileagePlus program. It also wants to incentivize cardholders to put UAL flights, general travel and everyday expenses on their cards. You've probably gotten an update letter from Chase by now, or soon. It will tell you what affects and the card that you have. I took this directly from an article I found, I'm not going to go through each card; we'd be here until the June Newsletter.

There are other cutbacks due to the decline in International travel to and from the USA. Routes to destinations such as Australia, Asia and Europe have experienced a decline in bookings for almost all airlines. Some of these cancellations are also because of the age of our fleets, i.e. 757, 767, and the 777. This year, 23 years ago, we received the first 777. Some of the older models are 30 plus years old. The first route canceled is the 737-Max8 service between LAX and YYZ (Toronto). The route was supposed to start on May 22, but was quietly removed from the United website.

Another article I found says SFO will add 20 percent more flying this year. UAL flies to 111 cities around the world from SFO and will offer 300 daily flights this summer, more than any other airline in the Bay Area. In the last four years, we've added 11 new international destinations and nine new domestic destinations from San Francisco including reinstated service to New Orleans, Kansas City, Detroit and St. Louis. They've also

added new flights to San Jose, Costa Rica, and Panama City, Panama. Scott Kirby, our president, said this has set us apart from our competition and cemented our status as the world's largest airline. Did you know we were Number 1? That's wonderful, isn't it? United is doing a \$2.6 billion airport construction project, which is to modernize and expand Terminal 3 in SFO, paving way for continued growth. This includes adding more jobs. UAL hired more than 1,600 airport operations employees last year and plans to add 1,200 more in 2025. Very good news!

Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved.

Some of you don't fly very much, I found a very nice email from **Ted Rossman**, old UAL analyst. This might help you before you get on the plane. If you want to buy something on onboard, UAL requires you to give them your credit or debit card in advance, when you make your listing or reservation. After check-in, you can enter flight and credit card info and then let a flight attendant know you added your credit card. Using your MileagePlus account, you can enter your card information and save it to your account so it'll be available for future flights. To pay with miles, make sure you add your MP number to your reservation. Using the wallet feature in the app, you can also enter your CC, save it, then you'll have it for all future flights. Somebody is making it easier for us all the time, aren't they? You still get 25% back on food; beverage and Wi-Fi on your flight, but you must save your card before traveling. The 25% comes back in the form of a CC account statement credit within 24 hours. Same rule applies for paying with miles.

I can't go back to yesterday because I was a different person then.

Last month, these fellow employees Flew West: **Dennis Carl**, ORDMM (son of **Jim Carl**, ORDMM), **Jimmy Janavaris**, ORDSW/DENSW, **Anne Andersen**, ORDCS/DENCS, **Kathy Mayerhofer**, ORDCS, **Barbara Weir**, ORDFO, from ORDCG Ramp, **Marisol Provenzano**, **Tony Lopez**, and **Emerson 'Butch' Branch**, and **Randall Swain**, ORD stores.

Also gone from our world, actors, Clive Revill, (the Emperor from Star Wars), Wings Hauser, (Foster on Young and the Restless), Val Kilmer, (Batman Forever, Top Gun), Richard Chamberlain, (Thorn Birds, Shogun, Dr. Kildare), and Jay North (Dennis the Menace), singers, Johnny Tillitson, (Poetry in Motion), sports, George Foreman, boxer and entrepreneur of his famous grill, Kitty Dukakis (wife of Michael), David Childs, (Architect of One World Trade Center),

You may not think this it's funny, but I find my leg bone humerus.

Go Cubbies, Goooo!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**May 8**), second Thursday of the month.

IAM 1487 Lunch - 1487 Lodge, 11:00 A.M., 50 W Oakton St, Des Plaines (**May 1**) First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**May 15**). Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch - Golf Club of Illinois, 11:00 A.M., 1575 Edgewood Dr, Algonquin, (**May 13**).

Skyliners Lunch - Belvedere Banquets, 11:00 A.M., 1179 W. Devon Ave, Elk Grove, (**May 13**)

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Our most recent meeting was on March 11th. In attendance were **Bob Duty**, **Frank Ingegno**, **Charles Theiss** and son, **Ron Bretherick**, **Ralph Barnett**, **Mike Herskynal**, **Brian O'Rourke** and **Mike Cutler**. We also had 2 guests, **Bill Wallace** and **Jack Mason**. Our meeting was spent getting to know new members and guests and talking about old times at the "Lazy U". We're hoping the new members and guests will continue to attend.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants/members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We always enjoy meeting new United friends. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon.

Location of our meeting is Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **May 13** at Emmy's
- **June 10** at Emmy's

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There is no report this month from the Nor'Easters chapter of RUAEA.

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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DTWRR retiree, **Ann Anderson**, passed away on March 1, 2025. We have no other information at this time.

Thought for the month: *"Most of the problems in life are because of two reasons: We act without thinking –or- We keep thinking without acting."*

NEBRASKA



OMAHA GOLDENEARS

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There is no report this month from the Omaha Golden Ears chapter of RUAEA.

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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The Las Vegas Silverliners are welcoming in the New Year with our annual Spring Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 15, 11:30AM at the Durango Hills Golf Club, 3501 N. Durango Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89129. We are pleased to invite all UA/CO retirees and guests to our event. For more

information please contact: **Mary Chandler**, honolulumary06@yahoo.com, (702) 382-0669 – or – **Arlene McCroy**, apolloguys@aol.com, (702) 273-0800.

The Silverliners extend an invitation to all Nevada UA/CO retirees to join us. For more information, please contact either **Arlene McCroy**, apolloguys@aol.com or **Mary Chandler**, honolulumary06@yahoo.com.



RENO SIERRA

ROUNDUP

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There were 9 members at our March 10th meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

Once again, the 2025 RUAEA Reunion/Convention will be September 27 through October 1 in Denver. The Annual Maintenance Picnic (part of the Annual Maintenance Gathering) will be on Wednesday, September 17. There is a small fee to cover the cost of the picnic, and a raffle is usually held.

The deadline for using Real ID as ID for flying commercially is May 7, 2025.

A master list of addresses and phone numbers was sent out with the February meeting minutes. If you did not receive it, please let me know.

The March birthday celebrant is **Norm Borchers**. The 50/50 was won by myself! Yay! The **Leusings** continue their travels. We hope to see them in May.

Our next meeting will be on April 14 at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner on Virginia St. See you there.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Garden Staters met at the Stagecoach Inn in Scotch Plains on the 26th of March. Our meeting was opened by a flag salute by President **Frank Warzocha**. He called for a moment of silence for a long time employee, **Frank Russey**, who worked in the auto shop; Frank was a good mechanic, and he will be remembered.

Rich Creighton from the IAM was there to give us an update on what was happening both locally and across the system. There was no shortage of table talk; actually that is the best part of our meetings.

Since our so-called treasury has scraped the bottom of the barrel, we will be collecting dues at the next meeting.

Rich Creighton won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on April 30, 2025 at the Stagecoach Inn in Scotch Plains at 1215.

It's amazing to think that our chapter has been around for 34 years, and we still keep a light in the window for all those who are gone.

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

There is no report this month from the Buffalo Chips chapter of RUAEA.

Any one visiting or planning a visit to Buffalo/Niagara Falls can contact me for information on our lunch meetings. We meet four times a year, usually the first week of March, June, September and December.



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

NEW YORK METROS

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We had a nice gathering of 18 at this month's luncheon. **Cassie Manelski's** nephew, **Chip Kierooski**, joined us; we hope he will join us again.

Happy Birthday to **George Riggi**, **Susan McElynn**, **Mario Lagasi**, **Suzanne Lagasi**, **MaryAnn Lilly** and **John Gensinger**.

The 50/50 winners were **John Green**, **George Riggi**, and **Donna Feingold**.

Did you know that a honeybee has 2 stomachs? One for honey and one for food.

Happy Spring!

Calendar:

May 7 – Meeting.

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

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The Ohio Buckeyes Chapter met on March 12th at Sully's Irish Pub. 29 Retirees attended and every one of them loved the great food and had a fabulous time getting together for the first time this year. In attendance were: Pres. **Sue Broderick**, VP **Sharon Minelli**, **John Kercel**, **Bernie Kazimer**, **MaryLou Mack**, **Judy & Jeff Spooner**, **Barb & Frank Wachs**, **George & Nancy Oncu**, **Ben Bogucki**, **Betty Krischker**, **Candy Kane**, **Mick Hoban**, **Kathy Kilbane**, **Ron Weisbarth**, **Jack Wright**, **Jeff Wright**, **Bernie Garrah**, **Gene & Jackie Craig**, **Hannah Beish**, **Kay Preston**, **Jennifer Schreiner**, **Tom Duta**, **Clara Dietrich**, and **Tim Baker**. The Irish meals of Irish Beef Stew, Meatloaf Dinner, Corned Beef and Cabbage and Pot Roast. Yummmmmooo!

Three 50/50 drawings were a big hit, \$35.00 each were split between **Jack Wright**, **Kathy Kilbane** and **Sue Broderick** (funny how that happened to be the

first time Sue won and this was the first time she was President of the group).



Now on to Gino's Restaurant in Strongsville, OH where we met on April 2nd. 19 Buckeyes were in attendance, **Sue Broderick, Sharon Minelli, Sharon Gatesman, Jeff & Judy Spooner, Candy Kane, Mick Hoban, Kathy Kilbane, Ron Weisbarth, Tom Duta, Bernie Kazimer, Bernie Garrah, Frank & Barb Wachs, Ben Boggucki, Nancy McLaughlin, and Jack & Jeff Wright.**

The 50/50 was split between **Nancy McLaughlin** and **Barb Wachs.**

The Ohio Buckeyes Schedule is as follows, If you are interested in attending or if you are a Buckeye at heart, please contact **Sue Broderick**, (312) 215-0326 for additional info as we would love to see you.

- ★ May 7 - Mahle's Restaurant
- ★ June 4 - Tony K's Bar and Grill
- ★ August 6 - Brown Derby
- ★ September 3 - Simon's Restaurant
- ★ October 1 - Planted Flag (2 AF Veterans are owners)
- ★ November 5 - Gino's
- ★ December 3 - Diamond Event Center

Thank you for flying United!

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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We had another great turnout for our luncheon in March with 30 folks joining us. We enjoyed Corn Beef & Cabbage, red potatoes, Irish Soda Bread and Chocolate Guinness Cake, and Chef Mike's amazing rolls. **Tina Lewis**, the only lady in attendance with a March birthday won the free lunch. There were no male birthdays in attendance. **Len & Jerri Blodgett** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with us. **Emily Newberry** won the door prize free lunch and **Louise Robillard** won the 50/50.

Unfortunately, we have another death to report: **Henry Greene**, retired PDXCS agent, passed away on March 15. There was a service on Tuesday March 25 at Evergreen Memorial Garden, Vancouver, WA. If you wish to send a card to his wife **Kathy Greene**, the address is PO Box 872258, Vancouver, WA 98687-2258

And now for a little humor, with some philosophy thrown in occasionally, to make your day pass with a little more fun!

- ☺ My wife told me to put ketchup on the shopping list. Now I can't read anything.
- ☺ When you die, what is the last part of your body to stop working? Your pupils; they dilate.
- ☺ I bought a fake Koi fish ... it's my deko!
- ☺ When you dream in color it's a pigment of your imagination.
- ☺ I don't want to party like it's 1999. I want to go grocery shopping like it's 1999.
- ☺ I got booted from the coffee club because I wore a tea shirt.
- ☺ To make a long story short, I became an editor.
- ☺ It doesn't make any cents, but volunteering is rewarding.
- ☺ I wear memory foam insoles to remember why I walked into the next room.
- ☺ Swarms of flying insects threaten town! Police deploy SWAT team.
- ☺ What do you call a boomerang that doesn't return ... a stick.
- ☺ Ants never get sick because they have little anty bodies.
- ☺ To spell the word Panda you just need a P and A
- ☺ Do racehorses slow down when they see police horses?
- ☺ My problem isn't that I buy too much fabric. My problem is that I shop faster than I sew.
- ☺ Just been to the gym at work because they've got a new machine in. Only used it for half an hour as I started to feel sick. It's great, though. It does everything - KitKats, Mars Bars, Snickers, Crisps, the

lot.

- ☺ You finally get comfy in your own skin, and then it starts sagging. Thanks life.
- ☺ It was just announced that the male version of Alexa will be released. It will be called Alex. And you have to ask the same thing 10 times and wait 6 months for him to do it.
- ☺ A musical director was struggling with a drummer who just couldn't get it right. Despite countless conversations and guidance, the drummer's performance never improved. Finally, in front of the entire orchestra, the director said, "When a musician can't master their instrument and fails to improve despite help, they take the instrument away, hand them two sticks, and make them a drummer." From the percussion section, a stage whisper followed: "And if that's still too much, they take away one stick and make him a conductor."
- ☺ Zebras have stripes to keep them from being spotted (groan).
- ☺ Having a little nap on the sofa before taking myself up to bed for my main sleep: I call that a "snors d'oeuvre".

I took a job as the head of Old McDonald's farm. I'm the CIEIO.

- ☺ Them: How many pushups can you do? Me: It they're orange flavor I know for a fact that I can do 7 of them in one sitting.
- ☺ I suppose that I'd better clean out the fridge ... something just closed from the inside.
- ☺ I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.
- ☺ When older people say, "Enjoy them while they're young", they're talking about your knees and hips.
- ☺ If you weigh 220 lbs on Earth, you only weigh 84 lbs on Mars, and 13 lbs on Pluto. So, you're not fat, you're just on the wrong planet!
- ☺ Where do bad rainbows go? To prism. It's a light sentence, but it gives them time to reflect.
- ☺ My wife is furious at our neighbor who sunbathes naked in her backyard. Personally, I'm on the fence.
- ☺ I try to learn something new every day. It balances out all of the things I keep forgetting.
- ☺ I'm writing about all the things I ought to do before I die. It's called an oughtobiography.
- ☺ Just spent 15 minutes searching for my phone in my car while using my phone as a flashlight. Aargh!
- ☺ I'm not an early bird or a night owl. I'm more of a tired afternoon duck.
- ☺ When I was young, I was poor. But after years and years of hard work, I am no longer young.
- ☺ We should all do our bit for the planet ... I just unplugged a row of electric cars that no one was using.
- ☺ It doesn't matter how old you are, buying snacks for a road trip should always look like an unsupervised 10-year-old who was given \$100.
- ☺ Never make the same mistake twice. There are so many other mistakes to explore!
- ☺ What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a bicycle and a well-dressed man on a unicycle? Attire.

Until next month!

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon

April 10

2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Our luncheons start again on Monday, April 14th. We continue to have our meetings at Lehman's Restaurant in Essington. We expect about 25. We look forward to continuing our conversations about what we've missed during the winter from our friends.

It's always interesting to catch-up. We always enjoy reading about what's new with UAL. The RUAEA Newsletter is always enlightening to us all. Thank you to all who work hard to put it together. We can't wait to see the next issue.

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There is no report this month from the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers chapter of RUAEA.

UTAH

SALT LAKE RETIREES

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There is no report this month from the Salt Lake Retirees chapter of RUAEA.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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The Emerald City Slickers are still going strong; we are planning a picnic, Tuesday, July 8 at Noon. Cost is \$10 per person, the chapter will cover the rest; it will again be hosted by **Kathi Skarbo** at her home by the lake in Burien.

Our Chapter lost Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** and her husband **Fred** as they relocated to Bend, Oregon. **Judy Storey** and I (**Ken**) are the new Executive Board; there is no volunteer so far to step up to help.

Bud Dice, a member of the Slickers and RUAEA, passed away on February 10; he will be laid to rest at the Tahoma National Cemetery on June 10 at 2:00PM, reception at Merrill Garden in Burien immediately following the service.

Judy & I look forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion in Denver.

As usual, the Mechanics breakfast is scheduled at 8:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Trotter Restaurant in Auburn.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

Washington, D.C.
Mari McColl
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Submitted by Chapter President Carl Alford

After consecutive meeting cancellations in January and February due to snow, twenty-six Dulles Loungers met on an unseasonably warm March 12th. It was a chance for us to finally wish each other a Happy New Year in person.

We took a little time to reflect on some of the major events of 2025, both happy and tragic. Amid a sea of Washington Commanders fans, our president, a native Philadelphian, was brave (or maybe stupid) enough to remind everyone of the fantastic outcome of this year's Super Bowl. With their countless contributions to the aviation industry, it was important to recognize March as National Women's History Month. As a bonus, the two canceled meetings meant we had a few extra door prizes. Also, everyone went home with a pack of nuts in recognition of National Peanut Month.

Finally, two of our attendees were given special mention. First, we saluted **John "Hawk" Williams** for his service ahead of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29th. Next, we gave a warm welcome to our newest member, **Ana Karousos**, who retired from IADCS.

As a reminder, we meet at 11:30AM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (September - May) at the Golden Corral in Manassas, Virginia. We invite you to join in the merriment!

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Plan, Plan, Plan: Your Gateway to the Perfect Getaway - Air, Land, and Sea Adventures Await

For Members of RUAEA and Clipped Wings, the spirit of exploration and the desire for a well-deserved respite are often intertwined. Whether you're dreaming of soaring through the skies, traversing scenic landscapes, or embarking on a maritime adventure, the key to a truly memorable vacation lies in one crucial element: **planning**.

Why Plan? The Foundation of a Flawless Escape

In our busy lives, the temptation to "wing it" can be strong. We certainly did that when we were 30+ years younger, and it was fun ... most of the time! However, a well-structured plan transforms a potentially chaotic trip into a seamless and enjoyable experience. Planning allows you to:

- **Maximize Your Time and Budget:** Avoid costly last-minute bookings and ensure you get the most out of your hard-earned vacation time.
- **Reduce Stress:** Eliminate the anxiety of uncertainty by pre-booking accommodations, transportation, and activities.
- **Tailor Your Experience:** Craft a vacation that perfectly aligns with your interests and preferences, whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or cultural immersion.
- **Secure Peace of Mind:** Travel with confidence, knowing that you have a backup plan in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Exploring the Elements: Air, Land, and Sea Adventures

Let's delve into the specific considerations for each element:

1. Air: Soaring to New Heights

★ Flight Planning:

- Book flights well in advance, especially during peak season, to secure the best fares.
- Consider flexible travel dates to take advantage of potential savings.
- Research airline baggage policies and fees to avoid unexpected costs.
- Ensure all travel documents, including passports and visas, are valid and readily accessible.
- ★ **Airport Strategies:**
 - Arrive at the airport with ample time for security and check-in.
 - Consider airport parking reservations.
 - Understand airport layout to limit stress.
- 2. **Land: Discovering Terrestrial Treasures**
 - **Road Trip Planning:**
 - Map out your route and calculate travel times between destinations.
 - Book accommodations along your route in advance, particularly during popular travel periods.
 - Ensure your vehicle is in optimal condition, including tire pressure, oil levels, and fluid checks.
 - Pack essential items, such as a first-aid kit, maps, and snacks.
 - **Train/Bus Travel:**
 - Purchase tickets ahead of time.
 - Research train/bus schedules.
 - Pack entertainment for long trips.
 - **Destination Planning:**
 - Research local attractions, restaurants, and cultural events.
 - Consider purchasing city passes or attraction tickets in advance.
 - Learn basic phrases in the local language, if applicable.
- 3. **Sea: Embarking on Maritime Marvels**
 - **Cruise Planning:**
 - Book your cruise well in advance, especially for popular itineraries.
 - Research different cruise lines and ships to find the best fit for your preferences.
 - Consider shore excursions and book them in advance to avoid disappointment.
 - Pack appropriate attire for onboard activities and shore excursions.
 - **Sailing/Boating:**
 - Check weather and tidal information.
 - Ensure all needed safety equipment is on board.
 - File a float plan.
 - **Beach Vacations:**
 - Research local tides and currents.
 - Pack sunscreen and appropriate clothing.
 - Book reservations for beachfront accommodations.

The RUAEA and Clipped Wings Advantage: Shared Experiences and Resources

As members of RUAEA and Clipped Wings, you have access to a wealth of shared knowledge and experiences. Connect with fellow members who have traveled to your desired destinations and glean valuable insights and recommendations. Take advantage of online forums and social media groups to exchange tips and advice.

UA Discounts and Digital Hemispheres: Enhancing Your Journey

For those of us in RUAEA and Clipped Wings, two fantastic resources can significantly enhance our travel experiences:

- **The Power of the UA Discount:** Secure your seat and travel with peace of mind, unlike the uncertainties of space-available travel or buddy passes. This allows for reliable and flexible planning.
- **Hemispheres Goes Digital:** Access United's onboard magazine on any of your personal devices via united.com/hemispheres. Discover new destinations and find inspiration for your next getaway, whether it's a quick weekend trip or an exotic adventure.

By combining the security of the UA Discount with the inspirational content of Hemispheres, RUAEA and Clipped Wings members can plan and execute truly remarkable vacations.

Final Thoughts: Embrace the Journey

While planning is essential, remember to leave room for spontaneity and unexpected adventures. Embrace the journey, savor the moments, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

By embracing the “Plan, Plan, Plan” philosophy and considering the elements of Air, Land, and Sea, RUAEA and Clipped Wings members can unlock the potential for truly extraordinary vacations. Safe travels!

Check us out: Facebook: [Clipped Wings® Chat Corner](#). www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. Instagram: [clippedwingsual](#).

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **March 2025**:

Cindy Allen, Naples, FL
Leonard Becker, Staten Island, NY
Juan Carreno, Katy, TX
Roger Fernandez, Pittsburg, CA
Rick Hromyak, Aurora, CO
Johann Huber, Rocklin, CA
Maureen Kerrigan, Boca Raton, FL
Ronald Klutzke, West Lafayette, IN
Robin Lamar, Ventura, CA
Donna Metz, Scottsdale, AZ
William A. Moons, Centennial, CO
Kaye Rasch, Houston, TX
Keith Smith, Aurora, CO

CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **March 2025**:

Amparo A. Arriola, Everett M. Bell, Harry A. Benson, Patricia Borys, Albert L. Brose, Marilyn Cheadle, David J. Cranfield, Chris Czapski, Alan Durr, Dorothy L. Engels, Steven Foster, Bob Glazauskis, Elizabeth Griffiths, Jim Hall, Carol E. Hatton, Jay D. Holland, Sharon Holmes, William Hourston, Maureen Kerrigan, Norma M. Kopel, Frank McAnulty, Teresa F. McNamara, Clarence A. McNeil, Jack L. Miller, Terry Moxey, Gloria P. Odendhal, Marlene Proch, Josephine Roller, Mary Rollins, Rechie S. Santander, Maria C. Santangelo, Alfred J. Scaletta, Pamela Sheffield, Ruth Jean Smith, Keith Smith, Carol Suminski, Gayle A. Swanson, Jackie Szymanski, James C. Tidman, Kay A. Towns, Josef H. Viereckl, John R. Wade, Kathleen Warren Wilkin, Fred S. Wise, and Arnold M. Wong.

OBITUARIES

Obit Notice Policy: *Death notices sent to the Denver Office for publication in the Newsletter Obituary Column will be accepted only from a family member or personal representative in **writing**.* The notice sent concerning the deceased must include:

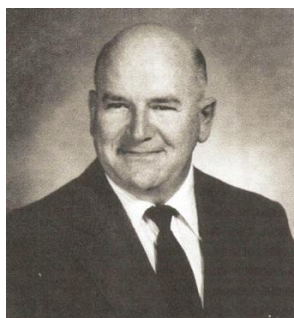
- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at ruaea@qwestoffice.net, or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.

Retiree – **Mamoyac, Robert B.**, on 1/29/2025, EXOOA, husband of Mary L. Mamoyac, 802 Skyline Drive, Batavia, IL 60510

Retiree – **Reynolds, Charles (Chuck) Dean**, on 3/18/2025, SEACS, husband of Daphne Reynolds, Surprise, AZ, father of children, Kelly and Kyle, 19908 N. Canyon Whisper Dr. Surprise, AZ 85387



Donavan David Carpender, Born 08/18/1928, Died 11/10/2020

Passed away at a Medical Facility Fort Collins, CO due to Cerebral aneurysms. Survived by his sons, David D., Mark A., Bryon A. and grandchildren Jessica N., Tiffany M., Correy A.,

Don was hired as a pilot by United Air Lines. First he was sent to Denver to start flight training the UAL way. He would start as a flight engineer, then co-pilot, and then become a Captain. His seniority date was August 29, 1955 and his whole career would depend on that date. Domicile, pay, airplane would depend on that date and he would bid for them based on his seniority date.

Don and his youngest brother, Bruce, took David with them and drove to Denver to look for a house which they found one in Aurora, a suburb of Denver which was near the Flight Training Center for United Air Lines. Don started over by flying a Cessna and later the DC-3 and the DC-6 which were all propeller planes. It was a change in flying style from jet fighter planes to civilian transport planes. No longer did he wear a parachute.

From Denver, Don chose and got Seattle as his next domicile.

Anneliese M. Scalzo



February 20, 1925 - January 22, 2025

Loving wife of the late Angelo Scalzo; devoted aunt of Vince (Jo) Scalzo, Nick (Mark Budwig) Scalzo, Susan Scalzo, Paul (Melissa) Scalzo, John (Dianne) Scalzo, Daniel (Maria) Scalzo and Patricia Kavanagh; cherished sister in law of Vincent (the late Betty) Scalzo and the late John (the late Terry) Scalzo; beloved great aunt of many.

Throughout her 99 years, Anneliese remained a strong lady, having survived the atrocities of WWII while living in Germany. After coming to the US, she met her beloved husband Angelo and they were together for 53 years until his passing in 2008. She worked various jobs until “landing” at United Airlines and retiring after a 21 year career at the airlines.

Annie will be remembered fondly by her family, nieces, nephews, and countless friends. She will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace!

Letters & Notes



We appreciate your letters & notes. Please keep them coming. Send them to:
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WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Everett Bell, Leroy A. DeCamara, Leslie K. Doughty, Dorothy Engels, Kay Flynn, Elizabeth J. Griffiths, Ken Hagen, Sharon Holmes, William Hourston, Norman E. Jukes, Leslie L. McAllister, Teresa McNamara, Bernard Sandner, Donna Marie Simpson, Corrine Svoboda, Gayle Swanson, James Tidman, and Kathleen Warren Wilkin.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the convictions of the organization.)

Barbara Abernathy, 3 Williams Ln, Foster City, CA 94404

Thanks so much for producing the RUAEA Newsletter! My husband and I find it very interesting and the Newsletter provides great information about my retiree benefits.

Sheryl Schubert

I read with interest the story on the Desert Training Center. My husband and I visited the Museum many years ago and thought it was one of the best museums we had ever visited anywhere. The Museum had very special meaning to me as my father was in the 3rd Armored Division and had done his desert training there in preparation for fighting in Africa.

After the training, his orders were changed and he went to Europe to serve until the end of the war. Unfortunately, their uniforms had been issued for Africa and they arrived in Europe totally unprepared for the winter with no heavy coats or any winter items.

I was eighteen months old when my dad came home from the war, he never met me before then.

Kay A. Towns, 19619 Edgebrook Ln., Tinley Park, IL 60487

To all the helpers at RUAEA, you bring much joy to so many. Thank you for your dedication. Stay well and God Bless.

Fred S. Wise, 56 S. Forest Ave., Palatine, IL 60074

It's that time of the year for my renewal of the RUAEA Newsletter. Keep up the great work on keeping us informed of what is going on with UAL.

Notes

Marlene Proch

Thank you for all your great work on the Newsletter.

Cindy Allen

I will retire in May.

Kenneth R. Tank

I don't think it got into the RUAEA Newsletter that my wife Marcia went to be with the Lord on December 10, 2024. Her Celebration of Life will be Sunday May 4, 2025; 2:00 PM at University Presbyterian Church, Seattle WA.

I will be going on a Gorilla Trek in Uganda from May 19 to June 2. I hope I make it.

Robert W. Loshbough

I'm still around and I'm still playing around with old cars. I'm 88 and slowing down. I'm glad I'm in Tucson.

Ronald Klutzke

I'm not officially retired yet. Mostly, I'm waiting for a United Airlines flight attendant sign-on bonus/retro-pay.

Constance Nash

United allows me to visit my grand children during events such as graduations and marriages.

Jay Weimer

I worked 35 years for United as an A/P Lead Mechanic. I've been retired for 22 years. It was the best job I ever had.

Carol Suminski

I look forward to the Newsletter each month for current events and updates with United. Thank you for all your dedicated work.

Samuel Blaylock

I worked for Continental from 1972 to 1994. My career started in Los Angeles; after being taken over by Frank Lorenzo, I was relocated to Houston where I retired.

Donna Jane Metz

Hi, I retired in 2003 and want to get the RUAEA Newsletters and e-mails. Thank You!

Rechie S. Santander

I'm still enjoying my retirement; it's been 22 years since I retired. I really enjoy the Newsletter, it gives me this connected feeling to the company I have happy memories and I miss those fine people I had the pleasure working with. Huge thanks for all the amazing volunteers that put together the RUAEA Newsletter.

Suzanne Owen

I've participated in RESANS Chapter in SAN since 2022, when I officially retired. I have attended the past few retiree events in San Diego since then. I've recently moved to the BNA, and would like to stay connected to my United family. I use my flight benefits often.

Lucy L. Tiller

I love the RUAEA Newsletter, I love reading all about UAL and its doings! I flew for 30 plus years as a flight attendant and I miss it very much but I appreciate all the opportunities that it gave me.

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