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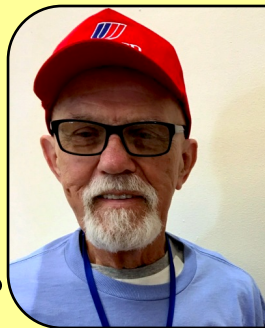
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From the Executive Vice President Membership Support



We have developed a new process regarding the Regional Directors. The current process focused on members within chapters; the new process will accommodate the existing regional directors, but be responsive to all members, both those in chapters and the membership at large. The change resulted from suggestions from the Regional Directors and approved by the board.

The new process divides the states membership into three equal regions and creates a relatively simple process to assign three of our four regional directors to one of the three regions that make up our total membership. The three Regional Directors will coordinate with the fourth regional director who will act as a Membership Liaison. This person will be the central point of contact for all members.

When members have issues, questions or problems; they only need to contact the Membership Liaison, which can be found in the back of the Newsletter. Together with the specific Regional Director, resolution will be sought. The Regional Directors will continue to sit on the board with their associated responsibilities.

I would like to thank the dedication and perseverance of the Regional Directors. They have held this position for some time and were instrumental in assuring that this new process would allow them to continue in their roles, supporting our members. They are as follows:

Membership Liaison – **Dave Garland**
Region 1 Director – **Rosalie Tripicchio**
Region 2 Director – **Jackie Monilaw**
Region 3 Director – **Chuck Cole**

Letter From The Vice President - Conventions RUAEA's Golden Jubilee

Hi Folks,

As noted in the June 2025 Newsletter, the RUAEA 2025 Reunion Packet is now available online for our Golden Jubilee; you can register for the Reunion either by mail and pay by personal check or online using your credit card at ruaea.org/reunion. The hotel reservation listing is also available with a cut-off date of August 26th, please note that hotel reservation is separate from the Reunion registration.

This is going to be a great 50th Anniversary Event for RUAEA and for all who plan to attend. Make your plans for a great vacation in the Mile High City. Family, friends, along with members of RUAEA, RUPA, ARECA, and Clipped Wings are invited to

attend.

You can view a virtual tour of the hotel (*The Holiday Inn East on Quebec Street*) by using the following link, <https://bit.ly/3jxDLVa>, this is a wonderful hotel.

Along with the planned tours, there are many sites and places to visit in Denver; we hope to see many of you there. Our hospitality room will have the 50/50 raffle, special raffle for hotel points, silent auction items, nightly cash bar, and door prizes. Along with Mainliner Store merchandise and items for sale by the Clipped Wings for their charity; there will be also be a display of United Airlines History by the United Airlines Historical Foundation as well as photos from past conventions.

I hope to meet and greet you all in September.

Hank Gosselin
RUAEA VP Conventions

Ten Things to Leave at Home



Concerns over identity theft continue to grow, especially with the news of data breaches at major companies and financial institutions. Unfortunately,

you have little control over when a company is hacked, but you do have control over your own actions.

Here are 10 things you should leave at home when you go out:

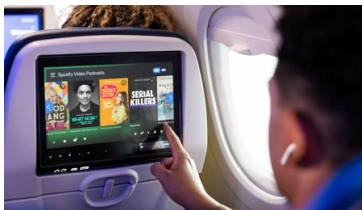
1. **Social Security Card** - A Social Security card may be used to open credit card accounts and take out loans. Taking it out where it might be stolen is like handing the keys to your kingdom to a thief. As for seniors, while Social Security numbers have been removed from Medicare cards, your Medicare Beneficiary Identifier number is also worth shielding.
2. **Multiple Credit Cards** - Carry a single card for general use and emergencies. Only carry another card if you plan on using it that day. Keeping all those cards at home will save you considerable time in reporting lost cards and disputing charges should your purse or wallet get stolen.
3. **Gift Cards and Certificates** - They're like cash. Keep them home until you're ready to use them.
4. **Spare Keys** - Your wallet or purse contains your home address. No sense making the theft worse by endangering your home and family.
5. **USB Drive** - Very convenient for carrying important files, but it's gone forever if your wallet or purse is lost or stolen.
6. **Password Cheat Sheet** - Carrying passwords makes it possible for them to fall into the wrong hands. The same goes for your ATM PIN: that's a sure way to lose cash fast.
7. **Checks** - Carrying around a blank check is an obvious risk. Even a canceled check is a risk, since it has your routing and account numbers, which may be used to transfer cash.
8. **Receipts** - Besides being bulky, they will contain the last four numbers of your credit card. A thief might be able to "phish" to find the rest of these numbers.
9. **Passport** - A thief could use this to travel under your name, open bank accounts, or even get a Social Security card. Not good.
10. **Business Cards** - Consider a separate case and carry them in your pocket. Do you really want a thief to know where you work.

Don't hesitate to reach out to me or my team of Financial Consultants if you have questions: aris.alliantcreditunion.com.

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United and Spotify Announce Unique Collaboration:
Music, Podcasts, and Audiobooks Now Available on 130,000+ Seatback Screens
June 5, 2025



United and Spotify today announced a first-of-its-kind collaboration that delivers an even more entertaining travel experience in the sky, with 450+ hours of content now available for free on the airline's 130,000+ seatback screens, many of which offer stunning 4K quality and Bluetooth audio compatibility.

This is the first time Spotify has offered audiobooks and video podcasts onboard an airline, allowing United flyers to enjoy more than 65+ pieces of content, including popular titles like Good Hang with Amy Poehler, The Dave Chang Show, and The Comment Section with Drew Afualo.

In addition, next year, United passengers will be able to use their personal devices to log into the Spotify app on the inflight entertainment screen. This will allow passengers to enjoy their favorite personalized content on the seatback so they can pick-up their favorite podcasts, music, and audiobooks from right where they left off.

“Spotify has a huge audience and people love their content. And now our customers can enjoy it all in a simple and easy way, at 35,000 feet,” said Richard Nunn, CEO of MileagePlus. “Together, we’re giving millions of customers an entirely new way to experience and explore premium content from the world’s most popular artists, authors and podcasters –all while flying with the latest technology in the sky.”

“As a frequent United flyer myself, it’s incredibly exciting to see Spotify now available on the world’s largest airline,” said Ian Geller, VP of Business Development at Spotify. “At Spotify, we’re dedicated to being everywhere our users are, giving creators opportunities to reach new platforms and engage different audiences. I’m especially looking forward to bringing an even more personalized app streaming experience to seatbacks next year.”

Onboard Experience ~ Spotify content will be available on more than 680 United aircraft and appear as a new content category – “Spotify.” This replaces “audio” under the home menu and includes ‘Podcast’, ‘Video Podcasts’, ‘Audiobooks’, and ‘Playlists’ channels. Additionally, in the coming months, a majority of aircraft will receive a dedicated ‘Spotify’ featured channel where all Spotify content will be housed together for quick and easy enjoyment.

On Starlink-equipped aircraft, travelers can stream Spotify content on their personal devices from gate-to-gate without interruption. All they will need to do is log in to their MileagePlus® account and accept the terms and conditions for using Starlink. From there, travelers can open their Spotify app and stream content, just like they do at home.

Collaboration Beyond the Skies ~ To celebrate the launch, MileagePlus members who are new to Premium Individual can sign up for a subscription and earn up to 1,000 bonus miles. Spotify is also partnering with Kinective MediaSM by United Airlines – the airline industry’s first traveler media network – to share the offer with United customers throughout their travel journey. Travelers may see prompts to sign up for Spotify Premium and earn miles based on their MileagePlus status. These messages will be served across United’s owned and operated media channels, including inflight entertainment screens, the United app, United Club screens, email and more.

United Announces Record Number of Flights From Chicago This Fall With Expanded Service to Warm-Weather Destinations May 30, 2025



United today announced that this fall will mark its busiest flight schedule of the year from Chicago with expanded service to popular, warm-weather destinations in the United States and around the world. In October, the airline is scheduled to fly up to 592 flights a day from its hometown hub of O’Hare, more than any other time this year — surpassing the summer’s schedule. The airline will also add 50 additional flights this November from Chicago, with expanded service to warm-weather destinations like Phoenix, Austin and Orlando. In fact,

United will fly 10% more seats to Florida compared to the same time last year.

This fall, United will also expand and extend its service to several Latin and Caribbean destinations, including:

- ▲ Liberia, Costa Rica (LIR): Extended weekend service in October
- ▲ Cozumel, Mexico (CZM): Extended weekend service in November
- ▲ Saint Martin (SXM): Extended weekend service in November
- ▲ Guatemala City, Guatemala (GUA): Additional weekend service in October
- ▲ Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (PUJ): Additional weekend service in October
- ▲ San José del Cabo, Mexico (SJD): Additional weekend service in October

United’s growth this fall will follow a historic summer season in Chicago, where the airline will fly more seats from O’Hare than they have in the past 20 years. In July, United will fly a peak of 71,000 seats a day.

“Building on the momentum of an anticipated-record-breaking summer, we’re taking things further this fall with our busiest flight schedule of the year — adding more flights and extending service to warm-weather destinations in the U.S. and around the world,” said Omar Idris, United’s Vice President of O’Hare. “This is truly a historic time for our hometown hub of O’Hare as we’re not only offering our customers the largest

network from Chicago, but also new industry-leading amenities both at the airport and in the air.”

Today’s network expansion comes on the heels of major investments in the airport experience and onboard product at United’s hometown hub. This spring, the airline opened its renovated and expanded United Polaris® lounge, which is now 50% larger and features nearly 25,000 sq.-ft. of lounge space. Additionally, this month, United launched its first-ever Starlink-equipped aircraft out of Chicago O’Hare, providing customers with high-speed, gate-to-gate internet service and game-changing inflight entertainment experiences like gaming and streaming – all free for MileagePlus® members.

“Chicago’s hometown airline has been an outstanding corporate partner, and with the busiest summer and fall schedules in recent history, United’s commitment to the long-term growth of O’Hare has never been stronger,” said Mayor Brandon Johnson. *“I thank the entire United team for continuing to invest in our people, our airport, and the shared vision we’re building together through the O’Hare 21 capital program.”*

Thanks to the airline’s growing fleet of new, state-of-the-art aircraft like the A321neo and MAX9, United will fly more mainline aircraft from O’Hare this October than in the past two decades, providing customers with seat-back entertainment in every seat and larger overhead bins for every passenger’s carry-on bag. United flies more flights to more destinations than any other airline in Chicago.

“The nation’s best-connected airport is getting even stronger, and I thank United Airlines for deepening their commitment to Chicago by building up service across Latin America and the Caribbean,” said Michael J. McMurray, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA). *“These new and expanded flights offer more choices for travelers heading to sun-soaked destinations abroad, while building on O’Hare’s strong service to high-demand domestic cities like Phoenix, Austin, and Orlando.”*

United has recently hired more than 2,000 new local employees, bringing our total number in the Chicagoland area to more than 18,000. The airline announced last month that they expect to hire 5,400 more by 2027.

JetBlue and United Announce Blue Sky:
Unique Consumer Collaboration That Links Loyalty Programs
May 29, 2025



JetBlue (NASDAQ: JBLU) and United (NASDAQ: UAL) today announced Blue Sky: a new and unique collaboration that gives customers of both airlines even more options to find flights that fit their plans as well as new opportunities to earn and use MileagePlus® miles and TrueBlue points across both airlines.

Blue Sky includes the following components, with some starting as early as this fall, subject to regulatory review:

- ▲ United’s MileagePlus customers can earn and use miles on most JetBlue flights. JetBlue offers 90 daily flights between the Northeast and the Caribbean this summer – with regular nonstop direct flights to popular islands like Aruba, Barbados, and Jamaica. JetBlue’s TrueBlue members can earn and use points for flights on United’s extensive domestic and international network, the largest across the Atlantic and Pacific that includes popular destinations like Cape Town and Tahiti.
- ▲ Each airline will offer flights on one another’s website and app to make booking across the two airlines’ complementary networks simple and easy. Blue Sky includes an interline agreement, not a codeshare, meaning each airline will continue to publish and market flights independently under its own brand and flight numbers.
- ▲ The benefits of each airline’s loyalty program - priority boarding, complimentary access to preferred and extra legroom seats and same-day standby/switch - will be available when customers travel on the other airline’s aircraft.
- ▲ As part of the airlines’ agreement, JetBlue will provide United access to slots at JFK International Airport for up to seven daily round-trip flights out of JFK Terminal 6 to begin as early as 2027. And, as part of a net-neutral exchange, JetBlue and United will exchange eight flight timings at Newark.
- ▲ United will move its website and mobile app’s ability to sell hotels, rental cars, cruises and travel insurance, on both a stand-alone and package basis, to new technology and services provided by JetBlue’s Paisly platform.

“This collaboration with United is a bold step forward for the industry — one that brings together two customer-focused airlines to deliver more choices for travelers and value across our networks,” said Joanna Geraghty, CEO of JetBlue. *“United’s global reach perfectly complements JetBlue’s East Coast leisure network, and significantly expands the options and benefits for TrueBlue members, no matter where in the world they are*

traveling. This is a clear win for our customers and crewmembers, and supports our JetForward strategy.”

“Blue Sky reflects our airlines’ shared focus on innovation and the customer experience,” said United CEO Scott Kirby. “The JetBlue brand is tied to a great product and under Joanna’s leadership the airline continues to deliver for customers. We’re always looking for ways to give our MileagePlus members even more value and benefits and this collaboration gives them new, unique ways to use their hard-earned miles and find options that fit their schedule. Plus, our employees are really excited about United’s return to JFK for the longer-term and we’re all looking forward to starting up flights very soon.”

JetBlue and United will continue to manage and price their networks independently, including the launch of new routes, frequencies and promotions.

Two Award-Winning Loyalty Programs ~ As part of Blue Sky, members of each airline’s loyalty program will find similar benefits over time - as well as reciprocal revenue-based miles and points accrual and reciprocal miles and points redemption - when they use and earn miles or points on the partner airline.

Timing for reciprocal benefits for customers will be announced later this year. Whether customers are flying on United or JetBlue in the future, they will receive benefits in line with what they receive today, including:

- ❖ Priority treatment for check-in, boarding, security and baggage
- ❖ Access to preferred and extra leg room seats
- ❖ Free first checked bag
- ❖ Same-day changes and switches

| | TrueBlue on United | | | | MileagePlus on JetBlue | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | United | United | United | United | JetBlue | JetBlue | JetBlue | JetBlue |
| Priority Check-in | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Priority Security | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Priority Boarding | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Checked Baggage | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Priority Bag Handling | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Preferred Seats | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Extra Legroom Seats* | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Same-Day Changes/Standby | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

This infographic summarizes some of the benefits customers will enjoy over time*. JetBlue and United will share more details about the timing of these features later this year:

TrueBlue, JetBlue’s award-winning loyalty program, is one of the most popular airline loyalty programs in the Northeast, with nearly 3 out of 5 people in New York City and Boston holding TrueBlue membership. This generous program includes the following features:

- Free to join, free to earn points and with points that never expire – for all customers;
- JetBlue allows loyalty members to pool their points into a joint account, bringing family and friends closer with this feature;
- No blackout dates for award seats – JetBlue offers last-seat availability with points, even for its Mint premium experience;
- The ability for customers to unlock benefits after just a few flights with Perks You Pick®

MileagePlus was recently rated the world’s best airline loyalty program and includes the following features:

- ★ Free to join, for all customers;
- ★ Miles never expire;
- ★ No blackout dates for award seats – if there’s a seat open you can buy it with miles;
- ★ Just about anything you can pay for with cash at United, you can buy with miles (seats, wifi, snacks, etc.);
- ★ United allows members to pool their miles with family and friends into a joint account;
- ★ And membership includes free access to United’s new Starlink internet service - in 2024, United signed the industry’s largest agreement of its kind with SpaceX to bring Starlink to its fleet. The onboard internet service features the same high-speed, low-latency internet service in the air that people enjoy on the ground.

MileagePlus members took more than 42 million reward flights between 2020 and 2024; and over the last year, close to 40,000 United seats per day were filled by MileagePlus customers using their miles – that’s the same as filling about 128 Boeing 777 aircraft. During last year’s November and December holidays alone, almost two million MileagePlus customers flew on award tickets.

United Customers Benefit From More Options in Boston & New York ~ JetBlue offers 90 daily flights between the Northeast and the Caribbean this summer – with regular nonstop direct flights to popular islands like Aruba, Barbados, and Jamaica. The airline operates approximately 180 daily flights out of JFK and 130 daily flights out of Boston’s Logan International Airport (BOS), including to sought-after Florida markets like Fort Lauderdale and Orlando. JetBlue’s focus cities also include Fort Lauderdale, where it operates more international flights than any other airline; San Juan, where it is the largest airline; Orlando, and Los Angeles. Additionally, JetBlue flies to 15 destinations that United does not serve including Martha’s Vineyard, Mass.; Cartagena, Colombia; Kingston, Jamaica; and Ponce, Puerto Rico.

JetBlue Loyalty Members Gain Access to a New World of Flying ~ United is the world's largest airline and its vast network gives TrueBlue members hundreds of additional domestic and international options to use their points - 165 across the U.S., eight in Canada, two in the Caribbean, 31 in Latin America, 27 in Europe, five in Africa, two in the Middle East, 15 in Asia, and 14 in the South Pacific.

Additional Blue Sky Benefits ~ In a move that will make planning and booking travel and holiday packages easier for United's customers and MileagePlus members, United and JetBlue also announced today that United will move its website and mobile app's ability to sell hotels, rental cars, cruises and travel insurance to JetBlue's Paisly platform.

Today, United customers are sent to different services known as United Hotels, United Cars, United Cruises and United Packages® to book hotels, rental cars, cruises and holiday packages. This move will streamline these services and put them all on united.com and the airline's mobile app, powered by the Paisly tech stack, and leveraging Paisly's proven, human-first model and advanced technology to its leisure travel customers.

Unlike most airline ancillary travel platforms that rely heavily on automation and third-party services, Paisly has invested in developing every part of its service in-house. From hotel contracting and holiday curation to marketing and customer care, Paisly operates a fully integrated white-glove service model with increasing personalized offers and messaging, including customer care, and loyalty earning and redemption. Its standout feature, the "Helpful Humans" – a dedicated, highly trained customer service team – sets it apart in an industry known for impersonal, transactional experiences.

Additionally, business travelers and their employers will see benefits from the collaboration as well. While United and JetBlue will continue to manage their commercial relationship independently, both airlines may extend the terms of parts of their corporate programs to the flights operated by the other airline. This includes the discounts each airline has independently negotiated.

Finally, JetBlue is expected to be the first partner airline to deploy and syndicate the technology Kinective MediaSM by United Airlines has built to connect airline customers to personalized, real-time advertising, content, experiences and offers from leading advertising brands. The Kinective Media technology platform, launched in June 2024, is a global first traveler media network that uses insights from travel behaviors to enable marketers to deliver relevant messaging to audiences across various touchpoints in the journey, and beyond. Kinective Media's focus is on premium brand relationships across key verticals such as retail, luxury goods, financial services, automotive, media & entertainment and travel, and the collaboration will bring those capabilities to highly engaged audiences across JetBlue's digital channels.

*Benefits subject to change.

United and Association of Flight Attendants Reach Agreement **May 23, 2025**



United Airlines and the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA announced an agreement that will provide industry-leading wages and many other improvements for United's 28,000 flight attendants if ratified.

Final contract language will be concluded in the coming days. The agreement is then subject to approval by the AFA's Master Executive Council, including all Local Presidents. If they approve, the tentative agreement will be put out for ratification by our flight attendants.

If ratified, in addition to industry-leading pay wages, flight attendants would receive a signing bonus and many other scheduling and quality of life improvements. The new contract would become amendable in five years.

"Our flight attendants are the best in the industry and have earned an industry-leading contract," said United CEO Scott Kirby. *"I often say they are the face of our operation and the role they play every day – to keep people safe and deliver great service – helps make United the biggest and best airline in aviation history."*

United thanks both negotiating teams and the National Mediation Board for working to reach this agreement.

United Unveils the Elevated Aircraft Interior: Higher Standard of Premium International Travel **Includes New Business Class Suites, Caviar Service and Largest Seatback Screens in the U.S. on new 787** **Dreamliners** **May 13, 2025**



United Airlines today unveiled the United Elevated interior for new Boeing 787-9 aircraft that raises the standard of international premium travel among U.S. carriers and will include two, new business class suites, the greatest number of total premium seats in United's fleet, an Ossetra caviar amuse-bouche service, Starlink connectivity and even larger 4K OLED seatback screens.

The airline's new United Polaris Studio suites are positioned in the first row of each business class section and total eight, lie-flat, all-aisle-access seats that are 25% larger than standard United Polaris with privacy doors, an extra ottoman seat for companions, exclusive entrée

options, an Ossetra caviar amuse-bouche service, new amenity kits with luxury skincare offerings, wireless charging, Bluetooth connectivity, and a huge 27-inch, 4K OLED seatback screen - the largest among U.S. carriers.

Standard United Polaris seats also get upgraded to suites with the addition of sliding doors and larger, 19-inch 4K OLED screens and all customers flying United Polaris business class have access to the airline's six award-winning United Polaris lounges across the system.

"We already deliver a superior international experience and fly to the most places across the Atlantic and Pacific - these new innovations provide a more premium experience overall, give customers even more reasons to choose United, and set our airline up to grow into the next decade and beyond," said Andrew Nocella, EVP and Chief Commercial Officer at United. *"We never stand still and are always looking for more ways to set ourselves apart from other carriers. And we're confident this elevated experience will take international flying to new heights."*

The reimagined Elevated interior on the 787-9 includes a nose-to-tail transformation - refined finishes and a fresher, brighter and warmer feel throughout - with something for everyone: 99 total premium seats - the highest percentage among U.S. carriers, United Premium Plus seats with privacy dividers and wireless charging, and a United Economy® cabin with Bluetooth connectivity and the largest Economy class seatback screens in the world.

United has invested more than \$150 million in total food and beverage improvements this year alone, and planes with the United Elevated interior will include access to a new, onboard grab-and-go snack bar for United Polaris business class customers that offers treats from brands like Garretts, Community, and Joe & Seph's, as well as United Polaris Studio-specific options like an amuse-bouche of Ossetra caviar paired with Champagne Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé. The airline also will introduce mid-flight meal options that include a regionally influenced tapas service. And customers in United Economy® will see expanded dining options with three entrée choices, new desserts, and an appetizer course.

United expects to take delivery of the first United 787-9 with the Elevated interior before the end of 2025 with the first international passenger flights planned in 2026 from San Francisco to Singapore and San Francisco to London. United is the largest carrier across the Atlantic and Pacific* and flies to 147 total international destinations. All of United's future 787 deliveries will get United Polaris Studio suites and Elevated interiors, and the airline expects about 30 of these planes to join its fleet by 2027.

Aircraft with the Elevated interior will also be among the first United widebody planes to have free Starlink connectivity for United MileagePlus members. The service is ideal for international travel as it delivers fast, reliable internet access around the world, including over oceans, polar regions, and other remote locations previously unreachable by traditional cell or Wi-Fi signals.

The first deliveries of 787-9 aircraft with the Elevated interior will include:

- ▲ Eight United Polaris business class Studio suites
 - Two rows across two sections, 1-2-1 configuration
- ▲ 56 United Polaris business class suites
 - 14 rows, across two sections, in a 1-2-1 configuration
 - Customers can choose between seats that face the window or center of the aircraft (ideal for individual travelers) and seats where all the suites face the aisle (perfect for those flying together)
- ▲ 35 United Premium Plus seats, the most in United's fleet
 - 5 rows in a 2-3-2 configuration
- ▲ 33 United Economy Plus seats and 90 United Economy seats
 - 15 total rows in a 3-3-3 configuration

The carrier's 787-9s currently have 48 United Polaris seats, 21 United Premium Plus seats, 39 United Economy Plus seats and 149 United Economy seats.

United Polaris Studio ~ Located in the first row of each business class section, United Polaris Studio will be priced differently than standard United Polaris and includes superior features and design elements. United Polaris Studio suites are larger and include an ottoman with a seatbelt for companions in six of the eight seats. Each United Polaris Studio suite also has a huge, 27-inch, 4K OLED touch screen - the largest among U.S. carriers, Bluetooth connectivity, wireless charging as well as separate USB-C and electrical outlets. The suite also includes digital seat control options, quartzite tables, a soft, wool-blend seat and wood grain trim.

United Polaris Studio amenities are also upgraded, and include exclusive hoodie-pajamas and slippers on all flights, new noise-canceling headphones powered by Meridian technology, amenity kits featuring clinically formulated Perricone MD Cold Plasma Plus+ luxury skincare products, United-branded playing cards (ideal for passing the time with someone in the ottoman seat), a plush velvet throw pillow on the ottoman as well as Saks Fifth Avenue bedding that includes a duvet, day blanket, large pillow and cooling gel pillow.

And customers who book a United Polaris Studio suite have access to the airline's Global Reception® area, receive preferred boarding alongside United Global Services® customers and are eligible for United's tarmac transfer program.

United Polaris ~ The new standard United Polaris suites on aircraft with the Elevated interior are also upgraded with the addition of sliding doors, a 19-inch 4K OLED touch screen with Bluetooth, four ways to charge devices including wireless, and digital seat controls. Each United Polaris suite offers all-aisle access, and breathable, wool-blend covered seats. And in a first among U.S. airlines, customers can choose between seats that face the window or the center of the aircraft, more suited for individual travelers who want even more privacy, or seats that face the aisle that have a divider that lowers all the way down to bed height - perfect for people flying together.

The famous United Polaris sundae cart also gets an upgrade with a rotation of limited time featured Tillamook ice cream flavors coupled with new toppings that will run throughout the year, alongside the customer favorite staple - classic vanilla bean.

United Premium Plus and United Economy ~ The United Premium Plus seats on aircraft with the Elevated interior also get a major upgrade by adding elements normally reserved for United Polaris customers including soft-touch materials, quartzite cocktail tables and a 16-inch 4K OLED screen. Customers also will enjoy Bluetooth and three ways to charge their personal devices, including wireless - the first time offered in United Premium Plus. The seats also include a dedicated water bottle and headphone holders, as well as a privacy divider with a built-in reading light - also a first for United Premium Plus.

United Economy Plus and United Economy customers on aircraft with the Elevated interior will all enjoy 13-inch, 4K OLED screens - the largest Economy class screens in the world. These cabins also include Bluetooth connectivity in every seat and six power outlets per row. Bringing in the same refreshed looks and feel from United's UPP cabin, customers in United Economy will be able to relax thanks to the seat's cradling seat bottom that moves as the seat reclines.

Investments in Food & Beverage ~ United's investments in its food and beverage program are paying off: customer satisfaction scores were up 12% in the first quarter of 2025 compared to last year. The team remains focused on creating high-quality onboard dining experiences with signature touches across all cabins, and the upgrades onboard Elevated aircraft are no different: in addition to the Ossetra caviar amuse-bouche service, United Polaris Studio customers will get a post-dessert, curated specialty snack box delivered to their seat that includes a mix of premium salty, sweet and savory treats, access to exclusive entrée options and Champagne Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé.

The special food and beverage offerings that will be onboard Elevated aircraft build on the work already underway to enhance the dining experience for all United customers. United Polaris wine offerings are currently among the most premium of any U.S. airline, featuring exclusive relationships with brands like Heitz Cellar, Shafer Vineyards, Stony Hill Vineyard and Champagne Laurent-Perrier and rotating offerings from Domaine Serene, Chateau Beaucastel, VIK and The Mascot. United Polaris customers will also soon see more regional menus that rotate monthly as well as new breakfast breads, bottled salad dressings, updated mid-flight snack baskets and the addition of an Aperol Spritz to the drink menu. And international economy customers will soon enjoy enhancements like fresh salads with premium dressing, more entrée choices, new desserts and a coursed appetizer that's served before full lunch/dinner.

Finally, United has launched new menus and completely overhauled onboard dishware with new dishes, glassware, cutlery, linens and seasonings - including red pepper flakes.

*as measured by available seat miles

Torgy's Travel Tips – July 2025

Bargains, Advisories and Tips



Travel has certainly been in the news of late. No doubt you've heard quite a bit about the air-traffic controller shortages, especially apparent at our hub in Newark, where we generate 70% of the air traffic. Compounded with runway construction there and the intermittent blackout of radar screens in control towers at various locations in the US, this is shaping up to be quite a summer for the airlines as well as the passengers. Our CEO Scott Kirby announced the cutting of 35 round-trip flights to EWR to help alleviate delays, bringing our daily flights at EWR down from 400 last summer to 293. Once runway construction is finished, daily flights at EWR may increase to 380. Naturally, this situation has caused a definite loss of bookings and trepidation of customers to choose EWR. In an effort to recapture the confidence of UA customers, Kirby announced that *"passengers can expect the highest on-time performance at EWR compared to all the New York area airports this summer"* and that flying into/out of EWR this summer *"is going to be the cheapest it's probably ever going to be in history"*, according to the Wall Street Journal on June 2, 2025. That's good news for those of us looking for a great bargain! Remember, we can use the EMP20 discount off any fare offered to the general public for confirmed space. That could make the ticket a "bargain basement" purchase!

Check-in time has changed for customers (including non-revs) on UA flights who have only carry-on luggage. The new cut-off time is 45 minutes prior to scheduled departure instead of 30 minutes. This should not have a negative impact on most passengers, as 85% use online check-in which is available 24 hours in advance. The additional 15 minutes will make a positive impact on gate agents who now can process upgrades and standbys quicker, facilitating a faster boarding process. **Note:** It could affect you as a non-rev if you need to quickly change to an alternate flight because your desired flight checked-in full. You cannot re-list and check-in under the 45 min cutoff.

New TSA regulations state that "spare, uninstalled lithium-ion (rechargeable) batteries and portable lithium-ion (power banks, power bricks) batteries, including cell phone battery charging cases, can only be packed in carry-on baggage and are limited to a rating of 100 WH (watt hours). The chances of a spontaneous fire (thermal runaway) are the cause of this new regulation. See www.tsa.gov for more information.

Another advisory from the TSA concerns the dangers of using USB chargers at airports because of potential malware contained in the ports. The advisory states "when you're at an airport do not plug your phone directly into a USB port. Instead, bring a TSA compliant power brick or battery pack (mentioned above) and plug your phone into it. Free public Wi-Fi available at most airports should never be used if you are planning to make any online purchases, including air, car or hotel reservations or changes that require payment. Details can be found at www.tsa.gov.

And speaking of carry-ons, the sizing of that "personal item that fits under your seat" has been quietly changing. Perhaps this is due to the location of control boxes that feed the seatback AV screens, Wi-Fi and charging ports. I have been on flights recently where the aisle seat has only half the under seat storage space compared to middle and window seats. UA's personal item size limit is 22 x 10 x 9 inches. AA just changed theirs to 18 x 14 x 8 and Jet Blue states 17 x 13 x 8. (With our recently announced partnership with Jet Blue, it will be interesting to see how that sizing inconsistency will be managed.) Additionally, European regulators have now standardized the personal item maximum dimensions for European airlines as 21.6 x 15.7 x 7.8 inches. The carry-on weight limit in Europe is now capped at 17.6 lbs. Safety is of utmost importance, but the potential for increased revenue by forcing more checked bags is often tempting.

Checked baggage is no longer free on Southwest Airlines and open seating has also been discontinued. Citing revenue concerns, WN has finally joined the rest of the pack with these changes. **Note:** Flying on WN as a non-rev still affords you with 2 free checked bags!

Is booking for 2 cheaper per ticket than booking for 1 person only? There has been a lot of chatter on social media and in the news that indicates it may be true. I tried several scenarios on UA and did not encounter it at all. But while I was recently booking a full-fare trip on another carrier for a friend and myself, I encountered a roadblock. Each of us needed to charge our fare on separate credit cards due to mileage bonuses and baggage fee exemptions. Finding no work-around on the payment screen, I requested phone assistance. I was informed that separate forms of payment are not allowed, and I would have to book 2 separate reservations. So, I started over and by the time I finally started the 2nd reservation the fare was different. I suppose the fare could have been "sold out" because I was booking the cheapest fare. I certainly hope that the airlines do not adopt the

“must buy 2 to qualify” like we find in the grocery stores!

Traveling abroad soon? Pay attention to what’s on your phone before you leave and also before you re-enter the US. You might want to delete certain photos depicting signs, protests, marches, or cartoons in your social media. You could backup such data to iCloud Backup or Google One and then purge it from your phone. When you return home you can then simply retrieve that data from the cloud.

It may also be better opening your phone with a passcode instead of biometrics (fingerprints or face recognition sensors). Why? Anyone, including government officials, could unlock your phone by holding it up to your face. At Immigration, if you are a US citizen you can decline to share your passcode, but non-US citizens can be denied entry if such compliance is refused.

As an alternative to either of the above scenarios, you could also leave your phone at home. What? How would I manage, you say? Buy an inexpensive Android phone before you go and load the minimum apps necessary for your trip (maps, airlines, Uber/Lyft, translator, for example). Then buy an eSIM card and connect to a temporary cell plan at your destination. When you return home, download all your fabulous trip photos to your regular phone/computer and stow the “travel” phone in your suitcase for your next trip.

I hope you’ll find these tips and advisories helpful for you, your family and enrolled friends. Happy traveling!

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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LOCAL NEWS

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Submitted by Dakota Morris-Terry

Thank you to the people who attended the luncheon at the Golden Corral on May 9. We numbered 10, a decent number for the summer, we are in summer, right. There was no drawing because the ticket keeper was not there, and we missed him. Our winter visitors have departed to their other homes.

Our survey suggested that 8 out of ten attendees wanted to return there in the future, even those thinking there was too much food.

I want to say it was very nice being with our small group of seven for breakfast on May 23rd at Mimi's. We missed you all, but we laughed and talked as we always do, and we had a wonderful visit and breakfast. We are sorry you couldn't make it, maybe next time.

Mitch and Debbie are back from one of their many vacations. Mitch has been hard at work arranging our next luncheon: Sal's Gilbert Pizza; 1150 S. Gilbert Rd.; Gilbert, 85296; (480) 633-2226. Located in Gilbert Town Square, Thursday, June 12th at 11:00AM; consider arranging your plans around that day and time if at all possible. We miss seeing you and chatting. Thank you and be safe.

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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 rpdgarlic41@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.

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I looked up the article I wrote from last year at this time. I can say the same thing that I wrote last year. Summer is truly upon us even though it is only early June. Lots of hot weather in the Northstate and the road construction is at an all time high all over our state as well as Nevada and Idaho. Our bags are packed in readiness for the Fire Season, however, we really do not have the issues that the other states have with tornados and smoke from Canada. We all hope the weather will just calm down!

The Northstaters had a great luncheon/meeting on May 21st at our favorite Mexican restaurant in Chico. Fourteen members, spouses and guests enjoyed a great lunch at El Guayacan Mexican Restaurant. Everyone thanked **Merritt & Klaren Odor** for setting up the reservation.

Merritt, our President, welcomed everyone. There were no anniversaries or birthdays reported.

We had a brief meeting as stories were passed around with a funny side to them.

A discussion took place concerning our donation to a non-profit group. It was decided that for now, we could use the money for a little outing that is planned for July to be shared later.

Two of our members are having health issues and **Sharon Simonton** passed around cards for everyone to sign.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was **Klaren Odor** and the winner of the lunch certificate was **Bill Simonton**.

Merritt & Klaren wanted to talk about our next get-together in July. They would like the group to do a little adventure to the Turtle Bay Exploration Park in Redding. They have an animal show called "Walk on the Wild Side Animal Show", which part of the cost of the show would be taken care of by our treasury. After the show, we could head to Jeff's California Cattle Company in Redding for lunch. The date would be Wednesday, July 23, and Merritt & Klaren volunteered to get the details of the show. Sharon will confirm information for the lunch and get the final plans to all members.

Calendar:

July 23 - Wednesday, event and time yet to be determined. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please join us!

CENTRAL COASTERS



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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 Fourth of July to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on June 7, it's a gorgeous soon-to-be-summer day.

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 June meeting was held on June 2 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord with 14 members and guests in attendance: **Rich & Georgia Bouska** and guest **Carla, Nancy Boyle, Barb Cunningham, Diane Griego, Glenda & Russ Kennedy, Joe & Wilma Leather, Russ Schleske, Jack & Judi Smith, and Jan Soderstrom**. 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. **Nancy Boyle** won the money. Glenda brought several containers of her delicious homemade scones and once people realized what was in those plastic containers, they flew off the raffle table!

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 June 3, I turned in 1304 coupons worth \$5502.75. 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, **Ginger Dahlberg** in CA, **Barrie Hooley** in FL, **Marcella Kern** in NJ, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Samantha Koslosky** in MD, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, and **Jim Taylor** in FL.

"Dumpster Diving." Have you heard this term before? I never had until the Coupon Chair in my DAR chapter told me she did this. She goes to her post office occasionally and goes through the wastebasket where people toss out their junk mail as they go through their mail. She pulls out the flyers with coupons and takes them home. Last month I mentioned that **Carol Koslosky's** granddaughter **Samantha** has been sending me a lot of coupons. Samantha sent me a sweet note with her latest batch of coupons, thanking me for recognizing her in our newsletter. She sends me many of the same coupons and I wondered how she got so many of the same ones. I had my suspicions and she confirmed it in her note. She Dumpster Dives too! She goes through the trash in her apartment complex mailroom and pulls out the coupon flyers other people throw away. So, for those of you who live in apartments or assisted living facilities, please consider rescuing abandoned coupons from your mailrooms. You may only get a handful of coupons in your own mail, but you can get many times that in your mailroom.

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

- ▲ Monday, July 7 at 11:30. We are having our Summer Potluck Picnic at a member's home. **Jan Soderstrom** will be coordinating the food signups. Must RSVP to her at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Wednesday, July 2nd.

- ▲ Monday, August 4 at 11:30. The Lazy Dog Restaurant, Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd. in the Willows Shopping Center, 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 Friday, August 1st.
- ▲ Monday, September 1 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 Friday, August 29.

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

GOLDEN GATERS

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May is long gone ... showers brought flowers, winds kept us cool and it looks like summer is upon us. It was a busy May ... several asking when Cinco de Mayo was (does May 5 ring a bell?), Mother's day kept most of us out of the kitchen, then, because Memorial Day was a national holiday, we had our meeting a week earlier so we got to celebrate Canada's Victoria Day. Memorial Day saw touching scenes of Boy Scouts placing American flags on the graves at our national cemeteries. We remember all those brave souls who saw that our freedom was intact. It was a month of many anniversaries. **Carol & Dave Slater** skipped down the aisle 36 years ago, birthdays of in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandkids as well as older grandkids, friends who are closing in on the 100 mark (**Al Durr** and **Lydia Rolfe** did not set off the fire alarm – Happy Natal day to them!)

Here is the scoop for our meetings and Lunch. Please note that *June 23 and July 28th* will have us meeting at the *Foster City Library*. We will be using the small alcove in the main room of the Library. The elevator is not fixed and the staff at the library has been gracious enough to let us meet in their facility. The remainder of the year will have our meetings at The Vibe, Teen Center, 670 Shell Blvd., Foster City (located behind the tennis/pickle ball courts.) Parking is available and the room overlooks the lagoon.) Here is the schedule for the coming months:

- ▲ **June 23** – General meeting and social time, Foster City Library 10:00AM - 11:30AM, then lunch at Toast in Town, Foster Square, Unit 145. This is a breakfast/lunch restaurant located across the planted section from the Thai restaurant we went to recently. Near the Foster City Post Office. Parking is available and is a short walk – Salads, Omelets, Sandwiches, Burgers, Griddle offerings and Specials are offered. **Vera Kina** suggested we try it out ... thanks.
- ▲ **July 28** – General meeting and social time 10:00AM – 11:30AM, Foster City Library, then off to Waterfront Pizza, Edgewater Shopping Center, Foster City ... we can sit outside overlooking the lagoon and enjoy some good weather. Easy to find and plenty of parking, ask for the senior discount. We have eaten here before and their pizza is great, also good Mediterranean food.
- ▲ **August 25** – General meeting and social time, The Vibe, Teen Center, 670 Shell Blvd., Foster City then off to Ay Caray Mexican, a small restaurant located in the shopping center at 3rd Avenue and Norfolk in San Mateo. **Andy King** suggests this as he can walk from home to get his meal!

We enjoyed the raffle outcomes: **Jerry Marsala** and **Linda Kasarda** won euros and can fly to Europe to spend their winnings! Other winners of treasures: **Ben Ramos, Pat Ortega, Lydia Rolfe, Vera Kina**, and others watching with envy were: **Al Durr, Jerry Marsala, John Bogdanoff, Barbara Underhill, Eliza Vargas, John Garis** just to name a few. We had 15 at our meeting ... and one guest, **Judy Tonda**. Our resident farmer brought several bags of avocados from his tree ... **Al Durr** has a tree he must have grown when he saved the pit, stuck 4 toothpicks in it and set it water (did you do that as a kid and finally throw it away?). They were really tasty, thanks, bring some more! Know some retirees in the area? Bring them along ... love to see 'em.

Conundrum of the Day: *If the colors red, white and blue stand for freedom ... why do you panic when you see them flashing behind you?*

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 Foster City Library June and July only, then the remainder of the year at The

Vibe, Teen Center, 670 Shell Blvd., in Foster City, behind the Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts. 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
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Secretary

Greetings to all of you! Wow, I don't know about the rest of you, but the past week (and more) have been busy, busy, busy. I'm proud to say that one of our four grandsons graduated high school – I must have “blinked” because it just doesn't seem possible. That leaves just one more grand to go. I will say, it is fun to be the one on the sideline, not having to prepare for all the events – leave it to the younger generation!

Then, this beautiful Spring weather just keeps dragging me outside. I will happily pull weeds if it means I can be out there. I do admit that those weeds sure have gotten “farther away” when I have to bend over to reach them! Once I'm bent down, I pull everything within my reach – there's like little circles of clean ground showing the distance of my arms! Oh, well, I'll take advantage of the warm weather which turned too hot the past couple days; enough of my ramblings.

We all gathered at Casa Los Abuelos for another wonderful meal. **Rudy Blazius** extended a big “Thank You” to **Diana Bell** and **Duncan Nielsen** for setting this up for us. When I think about it, we really have a wide variety of restaurants where we enjoy different cuisines. Of course, then we moved on to welcoming guests, but, we didn't have any today. Birthdays? We were able to celebrate with a Happy Birthday for **Thom Biro** and **Lindalee Akin**. No anniversaries this month either. Rudy moved on to the officers' reports.

President ~ **Rudy Blazius**, always working hard for us and others, did not have a specific report – not to be confused with “didn't have anything to say”! Keep reading ...

Vice President ~ Our second in command, **JR Heier**, also didn't have a report this month.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** gave an apology for last month's minutes. Somehow I only sent it to our house! So, I could see that we got the minutes, I figured that everyone else must have! Thankfully, Diana sent an email asking about them – she hadn't heard from members about today's luncheon yet – which is when I realized my mess up. Sorry about that. I also have asked **Suzanne Kenny** to take notes for me next month, June. We have vacation plans and it's just doesn't pan out for me to be able get here. I'm bummed as the luncheon for June is at BJ's – see more below.

Treasurer ~ Our trustworthy Treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was ready with plenty of information for us. This is right on spot for this time of the year. He did note that our deposit for the raffles have been just a touch lower than previous years. Our membership roster shows that all 37 members have sent in their 2025 dues. Now, when we say “37 members”, keep in mind that the individual “retired employee” number is for the “main” members but you need to add in spouses – and I believe there are 16 of us. If you are in contact with any other retired UAL employees, invite them to join us at a luncheon/meeting. Since we are a really fun, friendly bunch, they may just decide that they want to join us. Actually, that is how Bill and I wound up here (1½ - 2 hours from our home). UAL used to give out information about and contact info for the various retiree groups with their retirement paperwork, but, we understand they no long do that. Thus we need to make sure our info is out there. RUAEA does include the associated groups and their reports in their monthly magazine. If you don't subscribe to that magazine, I encourage you to do so – they have good information about the goings on with UAL and especially concerning retirees.

Tom also mentioned that if you are hosting for a month, that you might just ask if they would do the luncheon as a “fundraiser”. We are a 501-c3 organization – which means that we are non-profit – and some restaurants will give us a percentage rebate for our meals that day. We believe that we will have 2 places willing to do that in 2025. Hey, it doesn't hurt to ask! And Tom can give you the needed paperwork to show them that we are legit! Think about it.

The tooling project is at a bit of a standstill at the moment. We do know of a couple people who are saying that they want to donate to the project, but we haven't received the tools/tool boxes yet. Keep your eye out for tools at garage/estate sales, they can be quite a find.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** is such a great lady; she has been on top of things for us. **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** are “hanging in there” at their new living situation, a retirement apartment. Sherrie is home after hip replacement; doing therapy and exercises, of course.

New Business ~ This is where Rudy shared quite a bit of information: From UAL, we are told that many –

and I mean many – of us are receiving emails and or texts saying that we have outstanding debt or that warranties are expired; they may say that your bank account has been billed (and money taken out) for something like a subscription. These are phishing expeditions. Here's one from FasTrak (we have received several of these ourselves and we don't even have FasTrak):

Dear FasTrak Customer,

Some customers have reported receiving texts notifying them of tolls due and providing a link to one of several fraudulent websites where they can pay. The websites provided are scams and are not related to FasTrak. If you receive such a text, please do not click on the link. FasTrak does not request payment by text with a link to a website. Please conduct your business at www.bayareafastrak.org or call the FasTrak Customer Service Center at 877-BAY-TOLL (877-229-8655). If you have made a payment to one of the fraudulent websites, please consider contacting your bank or credit card company immediately to report the charges.

Sincerely,

Bay Area FasTrak Customer Service Center

Please, please be very careful/cautious when you receive any communication – whether by phone, email, text etc – from someone or some business that you are not familiar with nor do you do business with them. Heck, even if you know the place/person, take the time to contact them and verify that this is a real charge. We keep getting them from a computer repair service that is real and reputable and we once dealt with them but haven't for years. I brought a printout of the email in, they look at it and confirm that it is a scam. These rats have many ways to change the addresses – maybe just using a different font – and you don't really notice the difference. **Chuck Trebnik** shared that he read that 90% of scams have a gmail address. Obviously, not all gmail is bad, but always look at the return address. If it has a person's name – it's a scam.

Also, United, Smart-Choice, Alight or the United Airlines Benefits Center (UABC) will **never** request sensitive details through unsecured channels such as robo 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 hand up and call the UABC directly at 800-651-1007.

Ann Marie Sutherland brought us a bouquet of red poppies! Hopefully, you are familiar with the Red Poppy program. It is a fundraising project for and by our veterans. This year they are experiencing a poppy shortage! The supplies just aren't available to make the poppies which must be made by veterans! Every penny goes back to Vets. Wearing poppies shows you respect those who served. This young lady deserves a big Thank You and a pat on the back for all the work she does in support of our veterans.

Our next topic is more of a FYI: Rudy wanted to share with us the sad information regarding the passing of UAL retirees who you may have known or worked with in the past:

- ★ **Tom Ryan** passed away on 4/5/25. Tom worked at SFOOV special route crew, special assignment to engineering and later as a lead in the jet shop.
- ★ **Geri Murdough**, wife of **Danny Murdaugh**, passed away on 4/21/25 after a long battle with cancer.
- ★ **Peggy Pochop**, wife of **Al Pochop**, also passed away.

Just a note that may be helpful should you need it – **Karen Ryan** (Mike's wife) called United Care Services and was assigned one person and a case number – something that might make things easier.

Snowline Hospice is a local organization. If you have ever had to use hospice services before, then you may be familiar with them. If you need their assistance, they can be reached either at www.snowlinehealth.org or by phone, (530) 621-7820.

Old Business ~ Rudy & Cindy hopped over the hill and landed in Minden, NV recently. While they were there, Rudy went by the Carson Valley Inn to check up on something for me, **Rosemary Heier** and **Sue Hohl**, we three are the ones organizing the UAL Retired Mechanics' Reunion which will be held September 16 - 18, 2025. There have been "plans" for a Marriott hotel to be built in the area between the Inn and the Travel Lodge. Well, this is quite near the area where we have our barbecue! We don't want the noise and dust of construction 20' away from our grills! Seems the project has been put on hold; but no word on plans for the future. We will follow up with the Inn and see what's pending – keep your fingers crossed that they don't proceed too soon! I'm being a bit selfish here, but we need to know our options for the grassy area! Rudy also reminded us about all the rich history that is in that area of NV. Carson City (state capital) is just minutes away and they have several interesting museums, golf courses that are great to play, great restaurants to enjoy.

If you want to have a fun vacation and meet up with old friends, consider coming to this event.

I don't know where Rudy finds all these funny sayings, but they're great! Here's a few to enjoy:

☺ A penny saved is obviously the result of a government oversight.

- ☺ If you think there is some good in everybody, you obviously haven't met 'everybody'.
- ☺ The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- ☺ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- ☺ Some people try to turn back their life's odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long, long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

That wrapped things up for the May Meeting. Now, that's not to say we were ready to jump into our cars and head home – nope – JR took over the MC duties and got our raffle started. Once again we had fun items brought in by our members: **Heier** – wine; **Trebnik** – coffee cup & truffles; **Blazius** – kitchen accessory jar; **Kozecks/Barton** – bird decor; **Kenny** – cookies; **Biro** – spices; **Akin** – eggs; **Gibson** – wine opener; **Bell/Nielsen** - all the table decorations. **Rosemary Heier** won the donator's prize.

Our June luncheon will be at BJ's in Folsom on Wednesday, June 11th. Please be advised that they do not accept Goggle Pay or phone apps – bring a valid credit card or, of course, cash! I will (I hope) be attaching a flier for you to print (just in black will be ok) and bring with you to the restaurant. This will be a good 'fundraiser' for our group, so be sure to join in on the fun.

We are in our middle of the year month – June. Father's Day is the 15th! Graduation ceremonies are everywhere. The weather is heating up. And, believe it or not, June 20th is Summer Solstice – also known as the first day of summer and the longest day of the year. My info sheet tells me that several of our members will be celebrating their anniversaries this month. It's only a 30 day month but it is packed with activities.

So, be sure to take care when you are traveling; stay inside when those temps creep up, it's okay to use the air conditioner; take time to kick back, enjoy time with friends, allow yourself to just breath – life is good and precious – you've earned the right to relax.



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Due to a remodel at the Pt. Loma Café, we cancelled our Breakfast this month. By the time we were notified, the remodeling had begun, it was too late to make other arrangements.

We are hoping to be able to get together in July. If the Café is not open for Breakfast, we may meet for lunch at the Tequila Flats restaurant in Old Town. We will keep everyone posted as more information becomes available.

Birthdays for July: **Peter Hendricks** (July 6th), **Rosina Krefft** (July 12th), **Kayce Ward** will be celebrating 86 years on July 21st. **Mary Hernandez** will be celebrating on July 22nd.

Why do we yawn? Even some animals do this. This happens when we are ready to go to sleep, also when we are awake. We can do this when we are bored; we may do this under stress and can catch it from another person. Scientists are still unable to explain why we yawn but after some research on my own, I am going to include some possible explanations.

Yawning is thought to help regulate body temperature. We yawn to cool our brain; it increases the flow of blood to the brain and forces out warm blood that has gathered there. Simultaneously, the yawn brings cooling air into the body through the mouth and nose and can lower the temperature in the brain by 0.2 degrees Fahrenheit. A series of yawns can lower the temperature as much as a half of a degree more.

Reading gives us somewhere to go when we have to stay where we are.

Calendar:

July 17 – Pending Breakfast. This is due to the 4th of July Holiday and remodeling at the Pt. Loma Cafe. I will keep you advised as I hear of the progress.

SACRAMENTO **GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Gold Diggers met on May 28th at the Casa del Lago in Granite Bay. We had 20 in attendance and after enjoying a wonderful lunch served by Eli and his staff, our President **Francis Domaratius** opened the meeting. VP **Barbara Bertacini** advised that the June 25th lunch/meeting will be at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville at 731 Sunrise at 11:30 and that the July 30th lunch/ meeting will be at Bennett's Westside Grill in Rocklin at 6604 Lonetree Blvd. also at 11:30. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that there were no May wedding anniversaries. He also reported that sadly, **George Taylor** had passed away the evening of the 25th. Our condolences to **Vicki Enriquez** and their family, cards may be sent to Vicki. Our Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported the chapter is solvent and that she had copies of the most recent roster and we have 35 members. Francis then called on **Dave Garland** and he advised that his new role is Coordinator for RUAEA Membership. Dave hoped to see all at the Reunion in Denver later this year. The dates are September 27 to October 1. Check the RUAEA website for more information and if you are thinking of attending, please make your hotel reservation as soon as possible, the hotel is the Holiday Inn Denver East. **Reservations can be made by calling 866-380-6850. Please mention the RUAEA block code UEA to receive the discounted rate of \$139 + tax which includes breakfast for two.**

There was only one birthday in the group for May, **Dona Shaw**, after rolling the dice to make it official, she collected a few extra dollars for her prize. Francis passed on some of the saying from our friends in the Portland Chapter who provide tidbits of 'wisdom' each in the RUAEA Newsletter:

- "If someone offers you a 'piece of their mind' just politely decline and insist you can't possibly take their last piece."
- "I know it's time to clean out my purse when my car thinks it's a second passenger who's not wearing a seat belt."
- "At a counseling meeting, the speaker mentioned that couples are so disconnected that 85% of husbands don't even know their wife's favorite flower. Mick turned to his wife and whispered: It's self-rising, isn't it?"
- "Conversation about roses/flowers/biscotti ... they have a scent."
- "Top tip: Keep a few 'Get Well' cards on your mantel. That way when people visit, they will think you've been too sick to clean."

Francis also passed on that Kaiser will pay for your transportation to appointments. Veronica and he tested the system and found that it works. Just call Kaiser Transportation at 877-930-1477 to make arrangements.

Francis also mentioned that he registered online for upcoming Reunion. He advised that it appeared to be a problem as he was finalizing the registration, it appeared that he was booking at last year's Reunion in San Diego but when he received his copy of the registration all was correct. **Joyce Spivey** mentioned that she encountered the same problem as did **Ron Bertacini**. Ron added that he is in the loop for all online registrations and that he receives a copy of each which helps him assemble the Reunion Directory. The glitch is being looked into.

Francis asked if there were any more comments from the group and **Lyle Auerbach** said he had a little joke for the folks. "It seem while Tom and Jerry were having lunch they observed that a lady across the room was choking on something ... Tom jumped out of his chair and dashed over to the lady lifted her dress and licked her backside. With that she was so startled that she spit the thing out that was choking her. When Tom returned to his chair, Jerry said "Wow, I have heard of the 'hind-lick' procedure but have never seen it done before."

We moved on the drawings with Francis winning the 50/50 and then many lucky winners of our donated prizes. Meeting adjourned!

Ron added one bit of history: May 19th was the 30th anniversary of the first B777 going into commercial service and United was the launch carrier.

Here is a little more history for those interested. Happenings on May 28th in history: 1431 Joan of Arc is accused of heresy by donning male clothing providing justification for her execution. 1892 the Sierra Club is founded by John Muir. 1941 the first night baseball game is played in Washington DC with the Senators playing the Yankees and the Yankees winning 6-5. 1957 the National League approved the Brooklyn Dodgers moving to Los Angeles and the New York Giants moving to San Francisco.

I have been around airplanes in some way or another most of my life being a second generation worker with United Airlines. I never thought too much about the planes tires until I recently read an article concerning these important items in today's commercial planes. Unlike the tires on an automobile filled with compressed air, those on a commercial airplane are filled with inert nitrogen, which has been the case since the late 1980's, when the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) first made the mandate. There are actually several reasons why inert nitrogen gas is used. The primary one, however, is because it's non-flammable and won't combust if one of those tires decides to burst during the relatively brief periods they're landing or taking off and encountering their most extreme temperature and pressure variations.

The pressure in oxygen-filled tires changes based on the altitude, and can expand and contract with temperature variations. Since planes have a cruising altitude between 31,000 and 42,000 feet (5.9 to 7.2 miles), the tires would have to adjust to vastly different altitudes and incredibly contrasting temperatures consistently. While it can be nearly 120 degrees Fahrenheit at the Harry Reid International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada, at typical cruising altitudes, say, of 36,000 feet, the air temperature is around -65°F. However, because nitrogen is an inert gas, it is immune to such things and can maintain stable pressure. Nitrogen is naturally dry, holds no moisture, and doesn't turn into solid form until it hits -279.4 F. Compressed air doesn't "freeze" per se, but the moisture in it can at a mere 32°F. Moisture causes corrosion, which in turn promotes rust, thus nitrogen's dryness increases both the safety and longevity of the tires.

On average, commercial planes are going anywhere between 160 and 180 mph when they take off and 130 and 160 mph when they land. While oxygen is not itself flammable, the gas will fuel and potentially sustain combustion, so it was considered a good idea to start filling tires with an inert gas that wouldn't contribute to a massive explosion. Nose wheel tires (which are used more because they steer the plane as it taxis to and from the terminal) have a lifespan of between 200 and 350 landings, while the rear main-wheel tires average between 300 and 450.

This brings up another issue that is how much rubber do today's jets leave on the runway when landing. At touchdown, each tire sheds roughly one and half pounds of rubber on the runway. So an Airbus 320 has six tires so it leaves about 9 pounds of rubber per landing. The Airbus 380 has 22 tires so it leaves over 30 pounds of rubber on each landing. The buildup of all this rubber on the runway can cause dangers posed by hydroplaning as many runways feature deep grooves cut in them acting as channels during rainfall. The grooves run across the runway rather than lengthwise. The buildup of rubber allows it to sink into the grooves and water to pool on the smooth surface. Busy airports check the runways at least once a week. When needed which can be often the rubber will be cleaned off the runway. Generally, they are cleaned by water blasting equipment. One example is JFK serving New York City that sees enough aircraft per day to deposit about 13,200 pounds of rubber on its runways. Enough about tires on airplanes!



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Hello everyone

Sorry to be so slow getting luncheon info out. It has been a very busy three or four weeks. We just finished another Open Cockpit Day and another Car Show, both at Castle Air Museum. These are very time consuming events and as the Coordinator for All Volunteers, it more than keeps me busy. But we are now done and it's time for lunch.

Chris Fountain is our host for our get-together on June 12th at Huckleberry's in Oakdale; as usual, the meeting time is 11AM. Please call Chris at (209) 290-7531 or me (209) 626-5308 if you plan to attend. This always helps setting up tables.

I just received news from **Cathy Rentzel** that **Don** passed away this past April 8 from congestive heart failure. The Rentzels were long term members of the San Joaquiners. A celebration of Life was held for Don on May 19th.

Our next meeting on July 10th at 11AM will be at El Torero Mexican Dining & Cantina, 2869 W. Hwy 12, Burson, CA 95252; (209) 772-8995. We have been there before.

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A small gathering of members at June's get together. The restaurant anticipated a larger turnout and had prepared the usual tables for us. It was quite a busy morning for them and they had to seat people at the outside area.

We reviewed the direction our chapter is going, particularly since we do not have anyone taking on the leadership role. It is assumed that the first Monday of every month is an open invitation to gather at Bill of Fare, there is no email notification, so just plan on attending, unless it is a holiday, which may impact attendance.

I can't stress the importance of the need to have someone take on a leadership role. This only requires a little work each month and can be as much or little as the individual wants to put in. This is something we need to keep the chapter solvent. Our participation level has been decreasing, which having no leadership has contributed to this. The only position which we currently have is Hiriko as Treasurer and she is faced with other issues which is making her participation challenging. She may have to surrender her position, which would then create an issue on how we handle the funds in our treasury.

Hope to see you on July 7th.

SOLANO FLYERS



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We met at Denny's in Cordelia on May 20th with the following in attendance: **Larry Jackson, Chauncey Baine, Rich Cox, Robert & Michiko Allen, Barbara Mitchell, Gerald Williams, Frank Uhl, and Joanne & Billy Blizzard.**

The 50/50 winner was **Gerald Williams.**

Birthday celebrants were **Barbara Mitchell** and **Larry Jackson.** There was no anniversary.

Our next meeting will be on June 17th at The Black Bear Diner in Vacaville.

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The Denver Mile Highers met for lunch on June 5th at Tedz Place in Commerce City. Chapter President, **Paul Goodyear**, started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. 18 members were in attendance.

Ray Shoults thanked everyone for helping making his 90th birthday special last month.

Paul discussed the RUAEA 2025 Denver Reunion, coordinating transportation info from DIA to the hotel, hotel parking for locals will be complimentary.

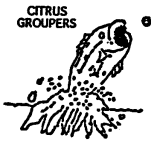
June Anniversaries and Birthdays ~ **Paul Goodyear.**

May Anniversary Correction – **Michael & Kathleen Malesardi** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary!

50/50 Winners – **Ray Shoults, Yumi Trujillo** and **Ginger Spate** (2x).

Our next meeting is Thursday, July 3rd, 11:00AM, Tedz Place, (303) 287-7544. 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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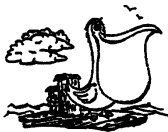
Things are pretty quiet and very hot down here in Orlando, and not much to report.

Ernie Vosges is still in the Care Center and we get reports from wife **Cheryl** every few days. Cheery greeting still very welcome/emails too at 2904 Birmingham Blvd, Orlando, FL 32829 or ocean2900@att.net. Prayers too!

Mack Chandler is still at Conway Lakes Health & Rehab, 5201 Curry Ford Road, Orlando, FL 32812, (407) 384-8838. He is not sure when he will be released to go home ... Mack could certainly use prayers and "feel better" cards also.

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We are taking the summer off; we will reconvene in October for our next meeting. Have a great summer!



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We had 6 members at our June meeting. We talked about UAL and Social stuff. I went to Chicago for my Grandson's HS Graduation - there over 1000 students at Warren Township HS, Class of 2025.

We had a short meeting. We wished all a Happy Father's Day.

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

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Aloha from Oahu! The RUAEA Chapter Honolulu Menehunes are finally back. We have luncheons 3 times a year on the 3rd Thursday in February, June, and September. For the mainland retirees—If you are planning to be in HNL in October and are interested in attending the luncheon, please let us know beforehand and we will get the information to you. Mahalo.

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

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July—Fireworks, freedom and fun! The only big holiday this month. Actually, the only holiday until Labor Day. August is pretty dull, except it's always so hot! But I found some other American holidays. World Chocolate, National Potato Chip Day, National Fried Chicken Day, National Cheesecake Day, and National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day. They all sound pretty patriotic days to me, all American food and days we can share with family and friends around the table. We start out the month with National Joke Day. How perfect to start out the last half of the year with a laugh. Get out all of those Milton Berle and Bob Hope jokes, yes, they're recyclable from the 40's. The 2nd is National Puppy Day, the 3rd is National Kitten Day, The 4th is National Fried Chicken Day, how perfect to be on the big Independence Day. Also on the 2nd, we have, I Forgot Day! Wow, we finally have an official day for people over 75. We're excused for many 'sins'. Sorry, I forgot!

I bet you're dying to know when the full moon is this month, The Buck Moon is on the 10th, named for the fact that male deer, called bucks, start growing new antlers in July. They are finished in time to take Santa on his trip in December. See, all things are done and named for a reason.

July is named to honor Roman dictator, Julius Caesar. In 46 BC, he made his greatest contribution to history, the Julian calendar, the precursor to the Gregorian calendar that we use today. Somebody didn't like it

because the senate killed Julius two years later, March 15, 44 BC. Must have been that 29th day in February. Heck, the whole month of February is a mystery!

The city of Chicago has gone crazy with the new Pope being from Chicago's Southside and a Sox fan! And he's Catholic, too. Ha Ha! Chicago's got a corner on this Pope, doesn't he? Cub fans are a little disappointed he's a Soxer, but he's pretty diplomatic, if asked, he'll probably say, 'All Chicago's teams are winners and I love them all'. Maybe next year, the Sox will play their opening game in Rome's Pala Lottomatica. Doubt they can fix up that old Coliseum by next April. Or even better, Pope John Paul, who is now a saint, will perform a miracle and change Leo XIV to a Cubbie fan. I can only hope. Seriously, I wish him much luck leading all of the 1.4 billion Catholics in the world. He has such a kind face, doesn't he? His demeanor is calm and respectful, I think he'll do very well searching for peace in the world.

The ACT delays at Newark are still a problem, but one of the runways that was under construction is now repaired, and all three runways are opened now, so that will help alleviate part of the problem. We have 70% of all departures out of Newark. As an added enticement to get people back to EWR, UAL is lowering prices on some EWR flights by as much as 12%. Do you think that will work? I heard many people are flying to LaGuardia or Kennedy and going into the city that way.

A little more UAL news, starting this fall, they are planning to fly up to 592 flights a day from ORD. More flights will be added and extending service to warm-weather destinations everywhere. They are also offering a 'first-of-its-kind collaboration' with Spotify, giving passengers over 450 hours of content available for free on the seat back screens. This is the first time Spotify has offered audiobooks and video packages onboard an airline. Passengers will be able to use their personal devices to log into the Spotify app on the inflight screen allowing them to access their favorite personalized content. One more item, United is asking that passengers check in at least 45 minutes before domestic departure time. International travel is at least an hour. After that, your seat can be given away. This might help us standbys get a seat and get on before the F/A's close the door on our butts, then search for our seat and a place for our bag. Always a problem, isn't it? Ugh! Easier to get the 20% ticket.

Oh, this is interesting new information. If you're going to Mexico, specifically the Puerto Vallarta and Nuevo Nayarit areas, be cautious if you're using a dating app. Apparently, kidnapping and threats of crime are prevalent in those areas. Carry a phone and know where you're going. Also, Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland and the UK are currently having advisories on travel from the State Department.

The May Northside breakfast had 11 retirees **Ginny Vlach, Charlie Lewis, Jerry Tipperreiter, Marsha Sealock and Paul Weber, Dave Dunham, Dennis Zachara, Dona Nefczyk, Elena & Cesar Guerra and Jan Gawenda.**

The ORDMM mechanics had their breakfast at Maxfields, attendees included **Walt Chornomaz, Fred Seibert, Frank Wenig, Jim Kraft** (celebrating his birthday), **Bob Palm, Boris Spitz, Hank Kargenian, Paul Skrudland, Don Kramlich, Rich Protsman, and Cas Paprocki.**

The IAM1487 lunch was held June 5. I wasn't able to get any of the particulars from the Board, I'm sure they had a good time. They always do.

We're only six months into 2025, and we've already lost a few friends and relatives in our lives, haven't we? At this age, we've known these people a long time, it's crushing to lose them. I'd like to think they're in a much better place, enjoying their friends that have gone before them, and waiting for us. One friend died last month, Jeff, and it really affected me, so I called a mutual friend of ours, Doug. It was so good to lament and remember what a good friend Jeff was to us. We all met back in about 1964, at EXO, young and happy to be working at United, the queen of airlines. In the conversation with Doug, we talked about our lives now. His wife died about a year ago, lovely woman, they had three children, their son died about 10 years ago. He related this story to me and asked that I not think he was crazy. He's not, many people go through this. One night, while he was sleeping, he had a dream about waking up, going past the bathroom, and saw a beautiful, big blue butterfly on the basin, it just rested there. He woke up, looked in the bathroom, and of course, there was no butterfly. Later, he got his mail, and there was a letter from a charity asking for a donation for greeting cards. On the envelope was a big, beautiful blue butterfly, looking exactly like the one he saw in his dream. He was taken aback, of course. He thought of his wife, Dorothy, he wondered if she was sending him a message. He kept that to himself. About a week later, his daughter came by and was helping Doug with her mom's garden. A large monarch butterfly flew over to Cindy, landed on her finger and stayed there for over five minutes. She called to her dad, said, 'Look at this, it's not moving'. They stayed silent, eventually the butterfly flew away. They stayed frozen for a while. Doug mentioned about his blue butterfly incident. They both said, 'Mom'. Then about another week later, Cindy, her sister, Kim, and their husbands, took out their boat on Lake Michigan and were having a nice ride, over a mile from shore. Suddenly, they saw a small white butterfly adjacent to their

boat. It followed them for quite a while, then disappeared. They were amazed how that butterfly could have flown all the way from shore and continued to fly for a long time following them. The sisters were stunned, looked at each other and said, 'Mom'. When they returned home, told their dad, he had the same reaction, mom. They spent a few hours talking about that and reminiscing the good times with mom and their brother. Have you ever had similar situations after a loved one passed? I asked a few of my friends, and they said they did too. They saw cardinals, heard them chirping, heard favorite songs, heard from mutual friends with similar stories, and even other favorite objects. I had dreams of my mother after she was gone. All very insightful, can't forget it. How about you? Have you also had experiences like this? I think it's pretty common after a death, to remember that favorite person, maybe to keep their memory alive, however you want to describe it. To us, it was Dorothy letting them know that she made it to heaven, was with her son, and they're good and not to worry about them. Continue with your life and we'll all meet again, someday.

Our fellow co-workers that flew West last month are **Robert Mika**, ORDOO, **Judy Geibel Gelbart**, and **Gary Graham**, ORDCS, **Jim Carbine**, EXOFM, **Diane Robertson**, SFOSW and MEC Press secretary **ORD**, **Amparo Encarnacion**, EXO purchasing, **Rick Sierra** and **Dennis Hlavacek**, ORDMM. Other notables from our world include, actors, **Phil Robertson** (Duck Dynasty), **Loretta Swit** (MASH, Hot Lips Houlihan), **Jean Marsh** (Upstairs Downstairs), **Valerie Mahaffey** (The Doctors), **Jonathan Josh** (King of the Hill), **George Wendt** (Norm on Cheers, SNL Da Bears), singers, **Rick Derringer** (Hang on Sloopy), **Lenny Welch** (Since I Fell for You), **Nino Tempo** (Deep Purple), politician, **Charles Rangel**, NYC House Rep, NBC Chicago reporter, **Renee Ferguson**, sports, **Jim Irsay**, IND coach, song writer, **Arthur Hamilton**, (Cry me a River), **Don Mischer**, TV producer (Oscars, Super Bowl), Director, **Robert Benton** (Kramer vs Kramer), **Jeff Margolis** (Julie and Carol: Together Again), **Pope Francis I**.

GO 1st Place Cubbies, GOOooo!!!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**July 10**), second Thursday of the month.

IAM 1487 Lunch - 1487 Lodge, 11:00 A.M., 50 W. Oakton St, Des Plaines (**July 3**) First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**July 17**). Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch – Nick's Pizza, 11:00 A.M., 856 Pyott Rd, Algonquin, (**July 8**)

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There is no report this month from the Indy Racers chapter of RUAEA.

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:

➤ **July 8** at Emmy's

➤ **August 12** at Emmy's

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The Nor'Easters May luncheon was a success. The members who attended were **Norma Betters, Frank DeStefano, Ron Heisler, Irene Kimball, Andy & Carol Montalto, Dick & Dayle Vee, Joan Simard** and **Moose Umbley**.

It's good to see **Norma Betters, Marie Dwyer, and Marsha Kimball** as we have not seen them in a long time. Also contacted, but were unable to come, were **Anthony Posinelli, Judy Kearney, Gladys Willis, and Joan Twing**, who moved to Florida. If I forgot someone, I apologize.

Here is hoping our next meeting this fall will be just as pleasant and fun as this last one. Here was hoping a good summer to all United Airlines retirees. Enjoy!

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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We are having our first luncheon of the year at Ford's Garage in Novi, MI on Tuesday, June 17 at 1PM. We will be celebrating our 30th anniversary as the DTWRR Escapees. Founded by **Marie Cook** on June 17, 1995, the first luncheon was attended by 15 retirees.

Consider joining us and making this an especially memorable day. Contact me by phone or text, (248) 767-1592 to RSVP by June 13. Include your name and contact please.

Thought for the month: *"Sometimes we just need to pause and appreciate all that is good in our lives."*

NEBRASKA



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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 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.



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There is no report this month from the Reno Sierra Roundup chapter of RUAEA.

NEW JERSEY

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Our May meeting was opened by a flag salute by our longtime member **John Bumara**. Fortunately, there were no memorials for any of our members this month. There was plenty of table talk about what was going on at Newark Airport.

Terry Schultz won our 50/50. Our next meeting will be on June 25th at the Stagecoach in Scotch Plains.

On June 25 1947, I joined the Army at 18 years old and stayed for four and half years; it was quite what an experience for me and a lot of water under the bridge.

From the great prophet Leroy: *"If Adam and Eve were Cajuns, they would have eaten that rotten snake, and save every body a lot of trouble"*.

NEW YORK

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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 METROS

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Once again, we had a nice gathering on a beautiful day; as always, the food was very good and plentiful.

Chip Kierooski joined us once again, **Cassie Manelski's** nephew.

Happy Birthday to **LeeAnn Ricci**, **Alice Brennan**, and **Harold Koch**!

Celebrating June anniversaries are **Julie & Vic Carnevale**, **Bernadette & William Halagarda**, **Alice & Desmond Brennan**.

50/50 winners were **Donna Feingold**, **Ray Forester**, and **Bobbie Lee**.

Do you remember sayings, "see you later alligator" or "it's your nickel"; how about "knee high to a grasshopper" or the "milkman did it".

See you all in July

Calendar:

July 2 – Meeting.

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

Cleveland, OH

Susan Broderick

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The Ohio Buckeyes Chapter met at Tony K's Restaurant in Berea, Ohio on June 4th. 37 Retirees attended and every one of them loved the great food and had a fabulous time getting together. In attendance were: President **Sue Broderick & Tim Baker**, VP **Sharon Minelli**. **John & Carrie Kercel**, **Bernie Kazimer**, **MaryLou Mack**, **Judy & Jeff Spooner**, **Barb & Frank Wachs** along with a guest, **Shirley McCarthy**, **George & Nancy Oncu**, **Ben Bogucki**, **Betty Kriskker**, **Candy Kane**, **Mick Hoban**, **Ed Hall**, **Kathy Kilbane**, **Ron Weisbarth**, **Jack Wright**, **Jeff Wright**, **Bernie Garrah**, **Gene & Jackie Craig**, **Tom Duta**, **Clara Dietrich**, **Sharon Gatesman**, **Faye Sander**, **Steve Rak**, **Sharon Simpson**, **Donna Feierabend**, **Ralph Bruggeman**, **Nancy McLaughlin**, and **John & Jean Hughes**. We currently have 52 total paid members to the group.



We started our lunch with a special thanks to God. Two of our members were not feeling up to snuff or as we used to say, "They thru a shoe", so they were home resting. We asked God to watch over all people and hold them close. Meals were hand carried to them. The majority of the group had the Pot Roast entrée but all in all, everyone loved the food. Our dessert was a very large bowl with 2 big scoops of ice cream and 2 chocolate cookies. Not a diet lunch but oh so yummy!

Sue talked to everyone and promoted the RUAEA Convention/Reunion, September 27 - October 1, 2025 in Denver; lots of nice tours and activities for everyone to enjoy.

Sue forgot birthdays and anniversaries. Note to self, try harder!

Retirees **Sue Broderick** and **Kathy Kilbane** returned recently from a Pilgrimage to Greece. They were in Athens a total of 4 days and 7 days on a ship. They were following the footsteps of St. Paul. It was a great excursion. They had changed travel plans from EWR to IAD on the outbound trip but came back via EWR just in time for the runway to open. No delays returning home!

50/50 winners, 4 nice pots of \$35.00 each went to **Bernie Kasimer**, **Nancy McLaughlin**, **Mick Hoban** and **Sue Broderick**. We were very happy to see so many people attending.

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.

- ★ Brown Derby – August 6
- ★ Simon's Restaurant – September 3
- ★ Planted Flag – October 1 (2 AF Veterans are owners)
- ★ Mahle's – November 5
- ★ Diamond Event Center – December 3 (Special visit from Santa planned)

Thank you for flying United, and God Bless us all

OREGON

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We were delighted to have 30 folks join us in May; what a wonderful treat. There were so many great conversations and lots of laughter. **Dennis Scheuerell**, **Harvey Larkin**, and **Roy DeCamara** had May

birthdays. **Harvey Larkin** won the free lunch. **Anita Uhl, Carol DeFord, and Joyce Garrett** all celebrated May birthdays. Anita won the free lunch. **Paul Lewis** won the free lunch door prize, and **Rosalie Betschart** won the 50/50.

There was a Celebration of Life for **Henry Greene** on May 24th at the Laurelwood Baptist Church in Vancouver.

Jerri Blodgett is slowly recovering from a traumatic brain injury. Please lift her and her loving supportive family in your thoughts and prayers.

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

- ☺ Seriously! I can't believe someone broke into my garage and stole my limbo stick! I mean, how low can you go?!
- ☺ I desperately wanted to go gallivanting all over town ... but I knew it would make me late for my nap.
- ☺ The older I get, the more exceedingly grateful I am for my friends who let me share my unfiltered thoughts and still choose to see the best in me. Good friends are priceless.
- ☺ Coffee is the foundation of my food pyramid.
- ☺ My kids refused to eat leftover tacos for dinner, so my wife said to throw them out ... I did, now I have no idea what to do with the tacos?
- ☺ Whenever I see chocolate, I hear two voices in my head. One of them says, "Eat the chocolate" and the other one says "You heard her ... eat the chocolate!"
- ☺ Yesterday my doctor told me I had 6 months to live ... I told him that I could not pay the bill so he gave me another 6 months!
- ☺ I finally figured out why Teslas are so expensive. It's because they charge a lot. (groan)
- ☺ My boss told me that as a security guard, it's my job to watch the office ... I'm on season 6 but I'm not really sure what it has to do with security?
- ☺ I always start the day with good intentions, and then I get out of bed. That's where it usually goes all wrong!
- ☺ A teacher once told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there would be autocorrect, for which I am eternally grapefruit.
- ☺ Someone sent me an email about using Vodka for cleaning around the house ... it worked! The more Vodka I drank, the cleaner the house looked.
- ☺ My bank keeps calling to compliment me ... they say I have an outstanding balance.
- ☺ My husband and I decided we do not want children. It was a tough choice, but we are breaking the news to them tonight.
- ☺ A loan at a bank can take 30 years to pay off. If you rob a bank, you're out in 10 years. Follow me for more financial advice.
- ☺ If you want, you could find a million reasons to hate life and be angry at the world. Or, if you want, you could find a million reasons to love life and be happy. Choose wisely!
- ☺ A woman sipped a glass of wine while sitting on the patio with her husband. She said, "I love you so much. I don't know how I could ever live without you." Her husband replied, "Is that you talking ... or the wine?" She smiled and said, "It's me ... talking to the wine."
- ☺ I don't understand why bugs come inside when they have the whole outside?
- ☺ Remember, no matter how good the hand soap smells, never walk out of a bathroom sniffing your fingers!
- ☺ If by "crunches" you mean the sound bacon makes when you eat it, then yes I do crunches.
- ☺ People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.
- ☺ We live in the era of smart phones and stupid people.
- ☺ Out of all of my body parts, I feel like my eyes are in the best shape. I do at least a thousand eye rolls a day.
- ☺ I got called pretty today! Well the full sentence was "you're pretty annoying" but I like to focus on positive things.
- ☺ A pastor interrupts his sermon to ask 3 men in the front row: "What would you want your loved ones to say as they are looking down at your coffin?"
 - Tom: That I was a good husband and father.
 - Bill: That I lived a good life of kindness to others.
 - Dan: "Look! He's moving!"

Until next month!

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon, 2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Hi from Philly,

We are looking forward to our June 9th luncheon as this will be our last meeting before the summer. Then we won't meet again until October. This timing seems to work out well for us.

We enjoy getting together with our work friends and our new friends. Our lunches are always delicious. New retirees are joining us often. It's good to see new faces. We are hoping for repeat visits.

We just lost another UAL retiree, **John Hassiepen**, last week. So sad to hear.; our prayers are with his family.

We will keep in touch during the summer. Everyone have a great summer. Keep safe and enjoy!

PITTSBURGH
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We are saddened to report that **Bob Taylor's** (PITCS) son **Rob Taylor**, passed away recently after an extended illness. Rob worked as an AMT for 29 years with United Airlines in various cities including IND, ORD, & CLE. Rob continued to work until a month before his passing.

The Allegheny County Airport Authority is planning on opening a new terminal in the fall of 2025, the construction is currently considered to be 90% complete. Testing of the facility and systems is to start shortly. The anticipated opening is mid to late fall. The new terminal replaces the Landside Terminal which opened in 1992, gone will be the need to take the people mover or tram to the Airside Terminal. The new terminal will have all new ticketing and baggage check-in positions, TSA security check point with 12 positions, and baggage claim area. Once through security, there will be a short walk through an imaginary "Fort Pitt" tunnel and crossing the "Fort Pitt" bridge to the Airside Terminal. More information is available about the new terminal at <https://www.pittransformed.com>

*May Birthdays ~ **Johnna Chicots.***

*June Birthdays ~ **Verna Alex.***

*June Anniversaries ~ **Dave & Gwen Detwiler.***

*July Birthdays ~ **Bill Chicots, Gwen Detwiler and Paul Musko.***

*July Anniversaries ~ **Paul & Betty Musko and Karen & Steve Moliterno.***

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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Here is just a quick report to let you all know that the Emerald City Slickers are still kicking. We miss **Frank & Fran McAnulty** as they relocated to Denver to be closer to their daughter. We also miss seeing **John & Addie Haferbecker** as John is being extremely careful about being in crowds due to his health.

Our next scheduled meeting is the summer picnic on 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.

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

May you all experience positive attitude and good health.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Submitted by Carl Alford, President

We seem to have developed a trend for having bad weather on our meeting days this year. Despite the rain, though, our May meeting found 39 Dulles Loungers gather for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at the Golden Corral in Manassas. This month, our door prizes were won by **Harry Rogowitz, Sharon Wright, Alice Feng, Carl Alford, and Dutch Schneider**. Sharon was also the winner of our 50/50 raffle; she very graciously returned her share back to the Loungers.

Among many other things, we discussed the upcoming Annual Party at Logan's Roadhouse. The June party is the celebration we have just before our annual summer break. Unlike our regular meetings, a ticket is required for this event. Fortunately, those are just \$5 for members and their spouses since the cost is heavily subsidized using the money we collect throughout the year with dues, raffles, and the aforementioned 50/50's. So far, the forecast calls for warm weather and, thankfully, no precipitation.

Finally, we are profoundly saddened by the passing of our beloved **Linda Scriven** on May 31st. "**Scrivey**" had been admitted to the hospital on the 28th with peritonitis and sepsis, which proved to be too much for her and her doctors to overcome. As a former Director and a host of RUAEA's DC Convention, we know many of you share in our grief. Funeral arrangements are still pending. Gone, but never to be forgotten, we will forever hold beautiful memories of her in our hearts.

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United Airlines Flight Attendants Debut Redesigned Uniforms ~ On May 28, 2025, a significant change took flight at United Airlines as flight attendants officially transitioned to their much-anticipated new uniforms. This crossover marks the culmination of a seven-year development process, reflecting a major effort by United to blend modern aesthetics with enhanced functionality, comfort, and inclusivity for its frontline employees.

The decision to refresh the uniforms, which replaced a decade-old design, was driven by a commitment to modernize the airline's image and improve the daily experience for its dedicated cabin crew. United collaborated with designers Tracy Reese and Brooks Brothers, aiming to create attire that is not only visually appealing but also practical for the demanding environment of air travel. Carhartt also contributed to uniforms for below-the-wing employees, though the focus for flight attendants remains on the designs by Reese and Brooks Brothers.

Initial concepts, unveiled in 2019, underwent numerous revisions based on countless wear tests and feedback from over 1,300 employees, including flight attendants, pilots, and customer service agents. This employee-centric approach ensured that the final designs addressed real-world needs, prioritizing features like ergonomic fabrics, flexible closures, and concealed pockets for secure storage. The airline also refined the color scheme, settling on two signature blue tones that more closely align with United's core branding, moving away from a broader mix of purples, grays and blues seen in earlier designs.

This uniform change represents more than just a new look; it's a testament to the ever-changing airline industry and United's ongoing investment in its workforce. It's a visible symbol of renewal, reflecting the airline's post-pandemic recovery and growth plans. As retired employees, many of you will understand the significance of a uniform representing an airline's brand and fostering pride among its crew. We look forward to seeing our active colleagues proudly sporting these new threads as they continue to deliver exceptional service to travelers around the globe.

Please remember to check us out at:

Facebook Clipped Wings® Chat Corner

Website: unitedclippedwingsinc.org

Crew Lounge: unitedwings.org

Business Facebook: United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae & Flight Attendant, INC.

Instagram: clippedwingsual is our "handle." Contact Linda Mitchell.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Therese Becker, Oakland, CA

Earl Cogan, Indian River, MI

Linda Jenkins, Raynham, MA

Ruth Johnston, San Jose, CA

Rita Malleck, Brighton, CO

Kristine McCrystal, Lake Forest, CA

Karen McNece, Mount Prospect, IL

Jane Roberts, Glenview, IL

Dixon Sturtevant, Mountain Home, IL

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Thomas H. Barnes, Larry L. Barr, John P. Bogdanoff, Kathleen J. Brown, Carolyn K. Crabb, Livio Danna, Robert E. Duffey, Lee Edmondson, Shirley K. Elrod, Anthony F. Garfold, Jean A. Gill, Janet F. Hanley, Carl E. Hanson, Joyce E. Hendricks, Sylvia A. Hirning, Shelley A. Hofmann, Lowell E. Johnston, Lynn Kalweit, Lyn M. Kerns, Valerie Pabian King, Paul Liebisch, Carolyn D. Locke-Miles, Margaret M. Malloy, Stella M. McCaffrey, Bob Meier, John Miller, James Pelletier, Sue Peterson, Svein A. Seljeseth, Linda Smith, Boris M. Spitz, Dixon Sturtevant, James R. Taylor, Carolyn B. Walter, Herbert C. Wilbanks, Greg Worth, and Bob Zeier.

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 – **Chmielowiec, Stanley**, on 5/7/2025, ORDMM, husband of Betty Chmielowiec (deceased), father of Eric and Jennifer Greenberg, 3026 N. Stratford Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Retiree – **Randall, Brian G.**, 5/17/2025, SFOPK, husband of Jeanette Randall, 532 Pearl Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070, father of son Neil Randall

Retiree – **Robertson, Ronald G.**, on 5/8/2025, WHQPX, husband of Shirley L. Robertson; father of Rhonda Watts of Woodinville, WA and Rick Robertson of Bellevue, WA, 62042 E. Amberwood Drive, Tucson, AZ 85730

Retiree – **Shane, Donald “Donnie”**, on 5/24/2025, CAL Lead Mechanic, father of Dan Shane, DENMM. He worked in Kansas City, Missouri and then Midland, Texas and back to Denver. He retired as a Lead Mechanic. He resided in Denver, no information on his address.

Retiree – **Spencer, James R.**, on 11/6/2024, SFOCE, husband of Barbara Spencer, 6927 Adobe Villa Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89142

Retiree – **Takeuchi, Koji “Tak”**, on 4/13/2025, LAXMM, husband of Carrie Y. Takeuchi, 3344 Uribe Street, Las Vegas, NV 89129 and father of Carol Baum, daughter, 5671 Steeple Chase Drive, Longmont, CO 80503. (See Obituary below)

Retiree – **Wilkinson, Norman**, on 5/5/2025, OPBOP, husband of Diana Marsh (deceased), father of Geoffrey Wilkinson, 199 Beacon St., Milton, MA 02186

Takeuchi, Koji “Tak”, on 4/13/2025, LAXMM, husband of Carrie Y. Takeuchi, 3344 Uribe Street, Las Vegas, NV 89129 and father of Carol Baum, daughter, 5671 Steeple Chase Drive, Longmont, CO 80503.

Tak, as he was affectionately known, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2025 at the age of 91. Tak was born to a large family dedicated to harvesting and growing sugar cane in Pahoehoe, Hawaii. His early years in the fields and his participation in the 4-H Club sparked a deep and enduring love for nature. Throughout his life, he remained a passionate steward of the natural world—his encyclopedic knowledge of plants and animals left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

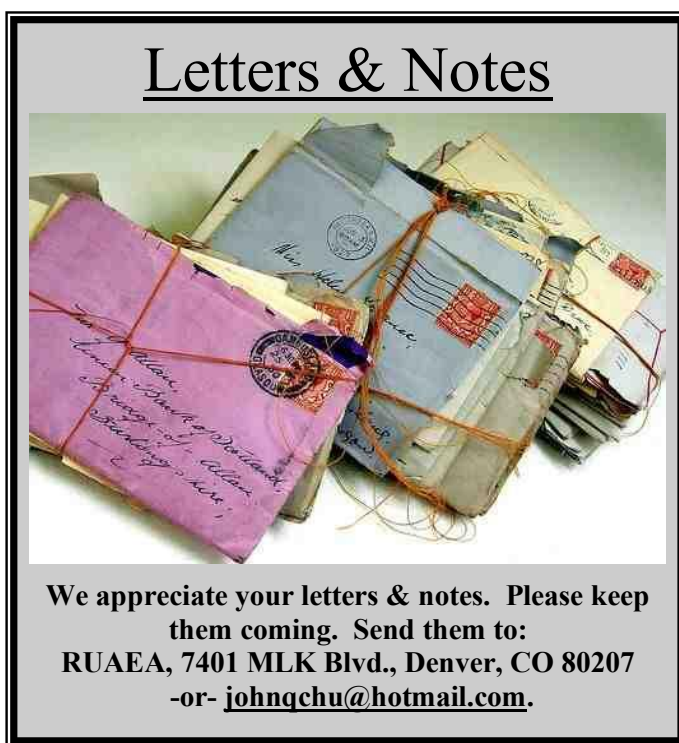
Tak was a lifelong sportsman whose enthusiasm for life and competition was infectious. He loved fishing, baseball, basketball, and later in life, running. As a smaller athlete, he was known for his signature, unblockable hook shot, which he often used in playful games of basketball with his three children—Alan, Carol, and Glenn. He generously shared his time

and talent as a coach for countless youth teams in baseball, softball, and basketball, becoming a beloved coach to many. In his later years, Tak made running a joyful tradition with his children and grandchildren. He especially cherished the annual Bolder Boulder 10K, which became a meaningful family event, near his daughter's home in Colorado. Another enduring passion was horse racing—an arena where he made many dear friends in Las Vegas. Ever sharp, he loved analyzing the odds and calculating strategies, always engaged and intellectually curious.

Tak proudly served his country as a U.S. Marine. After graduating from high school, he joined the Marine Corps and studied and worked in aviation. He was stationed in Japan during the Korean War, working on helicopters and aircrafts. His time in the service shaped him deeply. He carried that pride with him throughout his life, always donning his Marine cap and exchanging stories with fellow veterans. His service was not just a duty—it was a core part of who he was.

Professionally, Tak dedicated 38 years of his life to United Airlines as a Power Plant Mechanic. What began on the graveyard shift eventually led him to the day shift, and through it all, he found joy in the work and, even more so, in the people. United wasn't just a workplace—it was a second family. He loved the people he worked with and was known for his humor, mischief, and the many pranks that kept spirits high. His pride in his work was evident, especially in moments like dispatching a fully loaded B-747 to Hawaii—raising his right hand in salute, wishing the crew a safe journey across the Pacific.

He will be deeply missed by his wife of 67 years, Carrie. She was the love of his life and they built a wonderful family together. It is an honor to salute him as he travels home to his final resting place at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific "Punchbowl" in Hawaii.



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:

Robert Duffey, David Geske, Shelley Hoffmann, Ann Hluboky, Barrie Hooley, Lynn E. Kalweit, and Robert H. Rominski.

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.)

Tom Barnes, 835 Old Ferry Rd., Shade Cove, OR 97539

My sincere "Thank You" to all who work so hard to keep RUAEA alive and well. I've been retired 30 years now, it seems like just yesterday.

Carl Hanson, 6291 Bahia Del Mar Cir., Apt. 404, Saint Petersburg, FL 33715

I still enjoy reading the RUAEA Newsletter every month, although I do not recognize many names any more.

I'm almost 86 and have been retired since 1997 after 38 years from working at Newark Air Freight, to NY Division Office, to ORD Cargo, and finally to the old EXO. Great career, great company, and many great people.

I'm proud of my daughter-in-law who is now a Director of UA and beats my seniority!

Thanks for many great years of producing the RUAEA Newsletter.

Arthur J. Jefferson

I am OK and able to take care of myself. I hope to see you all at the RUAEA Reunion in September.

Lyn & June Kerns, 1655 West St., Hayward, CA 94545-1930

Thank you for keeping this Newsletter going and keeping us all connected somewhat. Lyn retired in April 1992 and it's unbelievable that he has been retired for 33 years. We are both slowing down but are doing well; we are not traveling a lot these days.

Nedra Morgan, 23045 Santa Cruz Hwy, Los Gatos, CA 95033

Thanks for all you do. I wish we could have a way to reach out to new members even if it's only their previous stations (or just last). I'm not always sure it's the same **Suzi Smith** I knew at LAX but it's a head start. This is for those of us who choose **not** to expose our information on social media like Facebook, etc.

Svein (Slim) Seljeseth, 210 Toad Rd., Sequim, WA 98382

Please reinstate my membership in RUAEA. I just realized that I had inadvertently let my membership lapse; I have really missed the Newsletter.

I sincerely hope this letter finds you all doing well. I have now been retired for 23 years, as of May 1st. We moved to Sequim, Washington on May 1st, 2002. We live on five acres, with two dogs, two cats and a horse. I'm still in good health, and enjoying our retirement. I often think of all the people that I worked with at SFO and DEN. I thoroughly enjoyed my 35+ years at United with many good memories.

All the best to the staff at RUAEA. Thank you for all you do, keeping retirees informed through the Newsletter about what's going on at United. Keep up the great work.

Lyn Walter, 14 Knoll Top Rd., Forestdale, MA 02644-1631

Thank you for all you do to keep us old retirees in the loop. I will have been retired 25 years in August and so much has changed.

Notes

Ester J. Horompoly

I was part of UA for almost 35 years. I worked very hard and now I am enjoying my retirement.

Lee Edmondson

My wife Helen passed away on 7/29/2015.

James Pelletier

It's hard to believe that it's been 25 years since my retirement! I stay in contact with a few of my fellow workers like **Jim Simon** who shares a lot of info as to what's going on at good old UAL. I do miss working in SFO maintenance! I love reading the RUAEA Newsletter and thank ya'll for what you do!

Richard Beckley

Hello, my father is a retiree. I am researching his flying privileges since he has not used them since he retired over 20 years ago. He couldn't find his employee travel card but I have that now with his employee ID. I'd like to register him with your organization.

Linda Smith

I've been retired since 2003 and I still love to travel! I am so appreciative of RUAEA. It's great that you keep us updated on new UAL routes and any pass policy changes within the company. Also, I appreciate the list of company phone numbers you provide. Thank you for the support you give UAL retirees!

Shirley K. Elrod

Please note that I have made several changes to my personal information. My husband passed away 4½ years ago. I still have the same mailing address, but my email address and phone number have changed.

Thank all of you good, hard working people for keeping us retirees informed. You are all very much appreciated. I keep every newsletter!

Therese Becker

I would like to join RUAEA.

Earl Cogan

I have been a member since 2021. I am trying to renew my membership. Birthday is May 6, 1956

Livio Danna

Interesting, glad you asked. I am significantly uncomfortable with a nasty feeling I have been dragging for quite some time.

I am proud of United. I enjoy being retired and a "happy camper". Besides being a full-time volunteer for an international NGO dealing with highly delicate situations, I feel obligated to help whenever possible.

In one of those situations, I was involved in a case where an innocent person was charged with a grave crime. In our investigations, the proof of his innocence came up. We tried to show the (corrupt?) authorities that not only was the arrest unfair, but they were leaving a real criminal at large, to no avail. Fortunately, and greatly unfortunately, the culprit, indeed, was discovered six months later.

Dixon Sturtevant

I've not used my flight benefits since I retired in 2008. I'm hoping that by reading the RUAEA Newsletter, it will help me re-learn how to use them effectively.

Frances Gorman Ladd

I have really enjoyed receiving the paper newsletter in the mail. It is a great way to see what is going on and to stay connected. Thank you! And I look forward to reading future editions.
Thanks again!

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