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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



Ron Bertacini

Another RUAEA Convention is now history and the planning has begun for the 2009 Convention in Phoenix. The Pittsburgh Convention Committee is to be congratulated on putting on a very good convention. There is nothing like being there, reminiscing with “old” friends and work associates and meeting new friends. The tours are always good and interesting. But the Programs and Benefits sessions on Saturday morning was tops. Although we provide a synopsis of the happenings at these sessions, there is nothing like hearing it first hand and being able to publicly ask a question and receive an immediate answer. Then in the afternoon, you have the opportunity to talk one on one with the representatives about specific questions or problems that comes to your mind since the morning session.

The last two conventions have been in locales that are not well served by United, but our members are resourceful and have found alternate means of getting from point A to point B. Most other carriers offer employees and retirees standby fares using either ZED fares, 90% discounts or a flat fee such as the case with Southwest and Jet Blue. All of these fares are refundable if you don’t use them. We have tried to “advertise” these alternate means of getting to conventions in the pre-convention write ups. In most cases, the other airlines treat us well and appreciate our business. United reciprocates and the business that comes our way from the other carriers employees and retirees is also appreciated. It seems that in the airline industry, we are at times like one big family, taking care of each other.

So, I have to echo **Barbara Smith’s** (ReLAXers – Los Angeles) comments from the last Newsletter, encouraging us to think seriously about attending the Phoenix Convention, and, if necessary, try out the other airlines. Enjoy those “old friendships” and make a mini vacation out of the trip. As Barbara says, the alternative is to stay home and watch the reruns and do your own cooking. Information for the Phoenix Convention will be published in a few months. Hope to see you in Phoenix!

Ron Bertacini
Executive Vice President

CHICAGO RETIREE TRAVEL DESK



Carol Faust

*The following announcement comes from **Carol Faust**. Carol used to be the Midwest Region RUAEA Director. She left office in June being term limited. Before she left, she had accepted an assignment to establish a new Travel Desk in her area of responsibility. Carol stayed with the assignment and last month a new travel desk was opened.*

Carol says, the Travel Desk opened for business on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 and is available to assist your travel needs. It will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays to start. We hope to add more days in August as additional volunteers are trained.

The hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday, 9 AM to 1 PM CST.

Local phone numbers: (847) 700-1087 or (847) 700-5303. If you are calling from the Chicago area, we ask that you please use the above local numbers.

Toll free: 1-877-242-0035.

Walk-ins are welcome. We are located behind the lobby (across from the hotel desk) in the WHQ Training Center, in Elk Grove, IL.

Note from the Newsletter Manager:

With the Chicago Travel Desk opening, we now have three. I have marveled at the willingness of the folks involved in these travel desks to jump in and make it happen. Nothing like this gets done, and continues in operation, without the dedication that equals the tenacity of the proverbial “Bull Dog”. There have been many hurdles to overcome and these folks have met the challenge and succeeded.

The continuing day to day operation also takes a dedicated group of trained volunteers. Whenever we use these desks, be sure and tell the one that serves you how much you appreciate the time they spend helping us.

From all of us, **Thank You**, your accomplishments are greatly appreciated.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

ASK THE DOCTOR - Circadian Rhythm 101

As a retiree, we can enjoy many benefits as a result of working for United Airlines. Probably no benefit is more popular than the travel benefit. This prized benefit allows us to literally travel around the world and visit many exotic places. This travel benefit does come with some medical consequences. One of the main ones is disturbance of our circadian rhythm. What is that?

The human body functions best when it is in a state of homeostasis. That is, the body functions at its best when we have a repetitive stable routine of sleep – wake – activity – sleep. This pattern follows a 24 hour cycle that we call our circadian rhythm (literally “around the day”). As long as we are in our home environment, this cycle functions without much difficulty. Even though we occasionally do not get adequate sleep, the body adapts quite nicely and continues in this stable cyclical pattern. Then, the travel urges hit us and we want to visit Timbuktu. Now what happens to that stable homeostasis? A lot, and some of it is not good.

Because of jet travel, we suddenly find ourselves in Timbuktu and our homeostasis and circadian rhythm becomes totally out of sync. We are wide awake when we should be sleeping and vice versa. We should be eating breakfast, but it is dinner time. The body rebels and we feel miserable. We now have the so-called *jet lag*. Medically, we have disrupted our circadian rhythm. How can we avoid this or, at least, how can we minimize this miserable feeling?

Let me start by saying, the body will easily adapt if the time zone shift is no more than four zones. Thus, LAX to JFK or the reverse is not too difficult. However, adaptation to even that three time zone shift is harder if we are over age 50, overweight, smoke, and

are physically inactive. Too bad for us. Most of us are some of these, right? If you have been following the recommendations provided in an earlier article of mine, the only problem we can't fix is our age. What happens if we travel LAX to LHR (London)? Now, we have a big problem. How about LAX to SYD (Sydney)? An even bigger problem. What can we do?

First, lose weight and exercise regularly to minimize the bad effect and maintain that. You can't stop aging, so live with it. During the flight, drink plenty of fluids (NOT ALCOHOL). Take a walk in-flight at least once per hour. Loosen clothing, wear slip-on shoes, and eat lightly and frequently. Take some healthy snacks with you.

Second, if you can, plan your arrival in the late afternoon or early evening. After a light dinner, plan to retire for the night at the normal bedtime for your destination (NOT YOUR BEDTIME AT HOME). This is not easy. Taking an over-the-counter single dose of diphenhydramine (Benadryl) or a generic dose of Melatonin may help. There are prescription medications available as well. Take these **ONLY** on the advice of your personal physician. These **MAY** interfere with other medications you normally take.

Third, take your regular medications at the normal time for your destination, unless your physician recommends otherwise.

Fourth, on the first full day in Timbuktu, **DO NOT** plan a full day of furious sight-seeing or other excursions. **TAKE IT EASY**. For example, on our first full day in Paris in September 2007, my wife and I ate a light breakfast and then took an orientation guided tour of the city in a small 12 passenger motor coach. This tour lasted about three hours, oriented us to the city, but did not leave us exhausted. We ended our first full day about 5PM, Paris time, and spent the evening in our hotel. We saved our heavy sightseeing adventures for the following days. We did, however, plan on two down days with minimal activity during our stay.

Fifth, as a rule of thumb, it takes **ONE FULL DAY** for our bodies to adjust to the new time for **EVERY HOUR** time zone shift beyond **FOUR** time zones. For example, if your trip spans eight time zones, full adjustment will require four days after your arrival (4 time zones beyond the first four zones means 4 days for the 4 hours, for a total of 8 time zones). When we were younger (no offense), we could cheat on this formula and not feel any ill effect. However, even younger people should still follow the formula.

Sixth, it is **ALWAYS** easier to return from **EAST** to **WEST**. That is, returning to California **FROM** Paris will be easier than returning to New York **FROM** Honolulu. Think about leaving HNL in the early morning and then arriving in JFK at night the same day. Then, get up at your usual New York time the next day

(your “clock” is still in HNL). The rule of thumb still applies when you return home. REMEMBER THAT.

Former crew members become somewhat acclimatized to this shift because of repetition on a regular schedule. Further, they usually returned shortly after arriving (36-48 hours later). The body clock has minimal disruption before returning to the home time zone. Nevertheless, disruption does occur and diet and exercise are vital to keep the body clock healthy. Crew members who lived a healthy lifestyle generally adapted much better to these regular time zone shifts. AND, they were younger.

Hope this short course in Circadian Rhythm 101 is helpful to you and your companions as you enjoy your well-earned travel benefit. Bon Voyage!

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(This column was debuted in the April 2008 RUAEA Newsletter and will be a bi-monthly featured article. In the meantime, if you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net)

ASK THE PHARMACIST: **Medication safety tips for travelers**

The key to healthy, fun traveling is to plan ahead. This is particularly true if you're taking medications, which may potentially pose health risks due to travel, sun, and exposure to extreme temperature changes. To keep you and your medications safe while traveling, try these tips:

1. ***Always keep your medications with you.*** Medications should always be kept in carry-on luggage to avoid the possibility of getting lost with checked baggage. Also, checked baggage may be exposed to extreme temperatures - and that may decrease the effectiveness of some medications.
2. ***Always keep a list of your medications.*** On the list, be sure to include specifics, such as the doses and why you take each medication.
3. ***Consider time zone changes and when to take your medications.*** If you're traveling to a different time zone, ask your pharmacist about how to adjust your dosing schedule so you can avoid missing doses. The adjustment will vary according to the type of medication. Call a Medco pharmacist to find out how to stay on track with your doses while traveling.
4. ***Carry prescriptions in their original containers.*** It may cause confusion, or hold you up at the airport if they're kept in unlabeled

containers or bags.

5. ***Prepare for weather changes.*** Medications that need refrigeration should be stored in plastic bags with a cold pack.

In addition to traveling, leisure plans often include getting back to nature. Below are some guidelines to follow when spending time in the great outdoors:

- ✈ ***Take precautions with sun-sensitive medications.*** Some medications, such as benzoyl peroxide and ibuprofen, can cause a reaction when skin is exposed to the sun. Medications usually include instructions that will tell you to wear sunscreen or to stay out of the sun altogether.
- ✈ ***Treating poison ivy and other rashes.*** Calamine lotion or hydrocortisone may be helpful in stopping the itch. In severe cases, doctors may suggest taking an oral steroid.
- ✈ ***Know the symptoms of heat exhaustion.*** They include dizziness, sweating, headache and nausea. Stay hydrated. During the hottest time of day, wear lightweight clothing and refrain from strenuous activities. It's especially important for seniors to stay out of intense heat.

Carrying your medications when flying

According to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), air travelers may now carry liquids, gels, and aerosols in their carry-on bag when going through security checkpoints. The TSA's "3-1-1" guidelines state:

- ✈ All liquids, gels, and aerosols must be in three-ounce or smaller containers. Larger containers that are half-full or toothpaste tubes rolled up are not allowed. Each container must be three ounces or smaller.
- ✈ All liquids, gels, and aerosols must be placed in a single, quart-size, zip-top, clear plastic bag. Gallon-size bags or bags that are not zip-top such as fold-over sandwich bags are not allowed. Each traveler can use only one, quart-size, zip-top, clear plastic bag.
- ✈ Travelers must remove their quart-sized plastic, zip-top bag from their carry-on and place it in a bin or on the conveyor belt for X-ray screening. X-raying separately will allow TSA security officers to more easily examine the declared items.

For more information, visit the TSA website at www.tsa.gov.

For more information on traveling with medications, visit www.medco.com.



REQUEST FROM A TOUR GUIDE AT THE FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL

Do you know anyone who lost their life during the 9/11 attack? If you do, **Kathie E Shaffer**, an Oral History Project Assistant, is doing oral histories about anyone you knew who lost his/her life on 9/11/01 and would like to hear from you.

You can contact her at (814) 443-4557 or Kathie.shaffer@nps.gov. Or mail to: **Flt 93 National Memorial, 109 W Main St, Ste. 104, Somerset, PA 15501**.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

With the announcement of the reduction in Fleet size, there will be considerable changes in the schedule. And, these changes will not happen at one time, but rather over a period of many months. Attempting to publish all the changes in the Newsletter would be a labor in frustration with very few positive results because there will be many adjustments. The best way to keep up with these changes is to get on the Internet and access SkyNet at <https://united.intranet.ual.com>. On the Home page, there is a section called "QUICKHITS". In this section you'll see "Schedule Changes". Click on it and you'll have the latest status of schedule changes.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

PLANNED REDUCTION IN FLEET BY 100 AIRCRAFTS TO RESULT IN 950 PILOT FURLOUGHS BY YEAR END 2009

United announced initial details concerning the first wave of pilot furloughs resulting from its plans to take 100 aircrafts from the mainline fleet due to record high oil prices and a softening U.S. economy. The first notices to furlough approximately 100 pilots for the flying month of September will be issued in mid-July.

By the end of 2009, when United expects to complete the full reduction of 94 B737 aircraft and six B747s (see June 4 NewsReal), United anticipates the need to furlough approximately 950 active pilots. This process is one of the difficult but necessary steps United needs to take to size the business appropriately to reflect the current market reality.

Due to the number of United pilots on military and personal leave, approximately 1,450 furlough notices will be distributed over time in order to reduce the active pilot ranks by 950.

United currently is discussing with ALPA ways to reduce the number of involuntary furloughs, and will communicate any agreements that result. With respect

to frontline employees, United will identify what reductions are necessary as schedules are finalized. United will continue to explore financially and operationally viable alternatives to minimize the impact on employees with unions representing the employees.

As previously announced, workforce reductions are occurring in every area of the company. Layoffs of salaried and management staffs have already begun in a number of departments. In Flight Operations, reductions of salaried and management employees are expected to begin in mid-July.

Additionally, Airport Operations and Onboard Service plan to announce their salaried and management layoffs this week. In total, the number of salaried and management positions at United will be reduced by 1,400-1,600 people.

United's competitors are facing similar decisions in response to this unprecedented environment. At last count, U.S. network carriers had announced plans to remove nearly 300 mainline aircraft from their fleets by the end of 2009 in order to reduce industry capacity.

UNITED, CONTINENTAL LAUNCH PLANS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PARTNERSHIP: CONTINENTAL PLANS TO JOIN STAR- ALLIANCE

United and Continental plan to form a new partnership that will link the airlines' networks and services worldwide to the benefit of customers, employees and shareholders, creating new revenue opportunities, cost savings and other efficiencies. In addition, Continental plans to join United and its 19 other partners in the Star Alliance, the most comprehensive airline alliance in the world.

"With this relationship, we and Continental will be in a position to compete far more effectively than we can do today against strong global competitors," says Glenn Tilton. *"We will offer the most comprehensive national network in the U.S. As Continental joins in the Star Alliance, we will offer the broadest scope and greatest choices of service in the entire world, making us highly effective competitors within the U.S. and in key international markets."*

Teams from the 2 organizations worked intensively over the last several weeks exploring creative solutions for how the two companies could achieve efficiencies and synergies that expand beyond the well-established benefits of codesharing. Their work focused on plans for significant cooperation on frequent flyer programs, lounges, the use of facilities, information technology and procurement. This work benefited from the analysis done during the merger discussions.

In addition, United and Continental plan to establish joint ventures including other partner airlines, so that

they can work together as a team with common incentives to deliver consistent and excellent service to global travelers. Continental will request the U.S. Department of Transportation to allow it to join Lufthansa, Air Canada and six other carriers in their already established anti-trust immunized alliance.

This will enable Continental, United, Air Canada and other immunized Star Alliance carriers to work closely together to establish trans-Atlantic and other international joint ventures to deliver highly competitive flight schedules, fares and service. Joint ventures are also planned for the Latin America and Asia/Pacific regions. Both anti-trust immunity and codesharing are subject to receipt of approvals from applicable national authorities.

“This partnership is also a key component of our five-point plan, giving us access to a new and growing source of revenue and an opportunity to find efficiencies and cost savings,” Tilton says. “At the same time, it builds our competitiveness both within the U.S. market and internationally, strengthening our reach, customer base and our already world-leading alliance.”

In the United States market, where antitrust immunity for solely domestic travel would not apply, customers will benefit as the two airlines plan to begin broad codesharing, which eases travel for customers flying on itineraries using both carriers, and cooperation on frequent flyer programs, elite customer recognition and airport lounges, subject to regulatory notice and Continental exiting certain of its current alliance relationships.

Continental's and United's route networks are highly complementary, with little overlap, so they add value to each other and to customers who are planning domestic and international itineraries. Under codesharing, customers will benefit from a coordinated process for reservations/ticketing, check-in, flight connections and baggage transfer. Frequent flyer reciprocity will allow members of Continental's OnePass program and United's Mileage Plus program to earn miles in their accounts when flying on either partner airline and redeem awards on both carriers. Travel on either carrier will count toward elite customer recognition. Similarly, each carrier's customers will have access to both Continental's Presidents Club network and United's Red Carpet Club network of airport lounges.

Continental's plans to join the Star Alliance and other planned cooperation are subject to the termination of certain contractual relationships, including Continental's existing agreements with SkyTeam members that restrict its participation in another global alliance. For example, a principal contractual restriction will not terminate until nine months after the closing of the proposed Delta/Northwest merger.

UNITED ANNOUNCES NEW ZED AGREEMENT WITH QANTAS

United employees and retirees can now take advantage of expanded interline travel privileges with Qantas.

Qantas is Australia's largest airline, operating throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia, North and South America and Europe. United's new ZED agreement also includes travel on Qantas' subsidiary Jetstar.

For more information about the new and existing fare agreements between United and other worldwide carriers, visit SkyNet's Travel section and link to Interline Travel Privilege, Individual Carrier Agreements. Carrier eligibility requirements and restrictions are updated regularly.

Note: It's helpful for employees to purchase tickets for interline space-available travel as far in advance as possible. Also, be sure to review each airline's policies regarding dress code, minimum check-in time and baggage limits before traveling.

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

Charge it: Many Airlines no longer taking cash onboard

Per an article in Forbes Magazine, starting 8/5/2008, Alaska Airlines will become the latest carrier to go cashless for in-flight purchases such as headphones, cocktails and snacks. Both Credit Cards and Debit Cards are accepted.

Others who have gone cashless are American, Frontier, JetBlue, AirTran, Virgin, American, and Midwest.

Northwest takes cash only on domestic and credit cards on International, Delta is accepting cash or credit cards presently and stay tuned for United to announce their procedures.

Many International flights already use handheld credit card swipes to check validity.

Additional fees

Most airlines are tacking on additional fees trying to offset the surge in fuel costs. A David Horsey cartoon on Airline fees is comical but helps to lighten up the situation a bit. Use the following URL to see it.

<http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/horsey/viewbydate.asp?id=1776>

Some of the add-on fees are: First Bag \$15, Second Bag \$25. In the Feb 5th, 2008 NewsReal, the following statement is found regarding some of those exempt from these add-on fees: *“Employees traveling on a positive space or NRSA basis also are exempt from this policy.”* The NRSA should cover Retirees and Companions, but it's difficult to find the specifics in print. Oversize and

over weight baggage will be charged. Carry-on bags are very critical on all flights check the bag if at all possible.

A brief review of NRSA traveling:

- ➔ **Should I still use Weblist, Apollo, and 1-800-UAL-LIST to list for flights?** Yes, you should always list for travel and continue to use these preferred methods to list yourself and eligible's for flights. If you have problems listing, try calling one of the three Retiree Travel Desks.
- ➔ **With no paper ticket, will we still be able to check luggage curbside?** Wherever curbside check-in is allowed for employees, you will be able to check your luggage at the curb as long as you are listed for the flight. Standard charge is now \$2 per bag which goes to the Sky Cap Company. It's always acceptable for excellent service, in addition to the \$2.00 per bag charge, to tip the Sky Cap person. That's your choice.
- ➔ **At every airport I have been to recently, the TSA folks want to see a ticket to get through security. With no write-your-own (WYO) travel passes, how are employees/retirees supposed to get through security?** If you are at an airport that requires a ticket to get through security, you will need to check in for the flight and receive your departure management card prior to proceeding to the security checkpoint. Your departure management card, along with proper identification, will allow you to pass through security. If you are at an airport that does not offer curbside check-in or Easy Check-In, you must check in with the CSR to obtain your departure management card. It is best to check-in at home, print your own boarding pass using SkyNet and you're ready to go. Come on now, it's a good time to get a computer so you can take care of your own travel.
- ➔ **How do my eligible's and companions list for E-Travel?** Listing procedures will not be any different than they are today. As a reminder, the employee/retiree sponsor must always make the initial listing for their companion travelers. Upon listing in UAL-LIST, the employee sponsor must know their PIN number and use it each time a change is made for an eligible.
- ➔ **Does it matter if I check in with a CSR, a Skycap or Easy Check-In?** Yes. Non-revenue travelers should check in for flights using one of the three automated systems: Easy Check-In Online, Easy Check-In Kiosks or Easy Check-In Curbside. The reason the company is pushing us towards self help is to allow the airport CSR staff to focus on better serving United's revenue customers.
- ➔ **Do I need to have my travel card with me**

when I travel NRSA on United, or United Express? No, a Travel Card is not required for pleasure travel on United or United Express. Travel cards for employees will no longer be issued or required when all employee travel becomes paperless. Retirees will be issued travel cards for United identification which is, at times, requested to obtain airline discounts at hotels and cruise lines. They also work in Easy Check-In Kiosks if the card contains a magnetic stripe, if it doesn't work, use any credit/debit card. And, it is the only thing that a Retiree has that establishes their relationship with United Airlines.

Miscellaneous travel tidbits.

NRSA Travel will be tight this summer and perhaps more so this fall with fewer flights. So, if you want to go, then list for the first daily flight; get out to airport and standby. You stand a good chance of getting on, but be prepared for alternate routing.

I suggest you list for First Class which will let you use any seat on the aircraft. If you list for Economy you are restricted to Economy with no upgrade.

To watch your stand-by progress, look for flight & standby information at gate signs in HUB cities; you will see your standby status number - with the first three letters of your last name and first name initial.

Happy Traveling to you,

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**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 the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings, 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. **There is one exception to the above deadline:** *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

Chapter Correspondents: If you have not received a copy of the Newsletter guidelines (dated 6/2008) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA 2008 Convention in Pittsburgh, please contact

us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter Correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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Lessons on Love

- ☞ *I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon. Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love - Albert Einstein*
- ☞ *You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love - Henry Dumond*
- ☞ *True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked - Erich Segal*
- ☞ *A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous - Ingrid Bergman*
- ☞ *Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be - Robert Browning*

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Are we surviving the heat? AZ has had temperatures over 110 degrees for the last few weeks. Seems like the "heat" comes earlier and earlier each year.

A lot of members must be vacationing in cooler climates since our breakfasts yield only 6-7 members attending (the norm being 18-20). Too hot ... gas prices too high ... on vacation, etc. Of course, it didn't help that I published the wrong dates for the breakfasts. Oops! Wrong calendar. An e-mail to the members should have corrected the error.

Our past President, **Bob Lutzinger**, had a bout with pneumonia the early part of June and was hospitalized about six days. Our wishes for a complete recovery are with him. Also, **Ed Bobrik** had a medical procedure in his heart called a stent at the end of May and is feeling much better now. We're glad the doctor got that one in time! Ed said the "doc" called that artery the "widow maker". Yuck! The **Neals** of Huntley (i.e. **LB & Pat**) had a few medical problems to contend with. LB had "ringing" in his ear. Body scan wasn't helpful, working on his neck. Pat had a dental procedure. Get better!

Laura & Jim Ehas returned from a trip to Chicago area for their grandson's graduation. **Dave & Rose Barry** completed a kitchen renovation/cabinets refinished. **Vic & Carol** went(again) to Chicago for birthdays, luncheons, etc. in July. We hope the group going to Alaska in August with **Sherry** and **Susie** have a great time. We're so jealous.

Your Board is meeting in August to finalize the "schedule" of events for next year. I believe all the months are booked for next year's luncheons ... still working on January. We will be sending the new schedule to the members after our meeting.

For right now, we'll see you in October at Beardsley Park on October 11.

Have a great summer!

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98th & Bell Road

October 11 – Beardsley Park picnic – S.C.W.

Aug. 5 - Breakfast at Coco's

Aug. 19 - Breakfast at Coco's

Oct. 11 - Beardsley Park picnic – S.C.W.

Nov. 8 – Luke A.F.B. luncheon

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We hope your summer is going well and that you are enjoying yourselves. Our group is still getting together with our monthly breakfasts at Crackers on the fourth Fridays. If you're available during that time, we would love to see you. The contact person is listed below in the calendar.

There were 20 people at the June breakfast. Our luncheons will start in October.

We have a new member who joined our group. Her name is **Dakota Morris-Terry**. We welcome her and hope to see her at our breakfasts and luncheons from now on.

August is a special month for our President, **Jim**, and **Rita Zarek**. Jim's Birthday is August 5th and Rita's birthday is August 23. To top it all off, their 49th Wedding Anniversary is August 22. Congratulations to you both! They are very busy planning the RUAEA Convention, which will be held here in Phoenix next May 19th - 24th.

Other anniversaries in August are **JoAnne & John Gaudioso, Pam & Gary Gerstung, Judy & Ted Higley, Veronica & Jack Kundit**. We hope you all have a wonderful anniversary.

Happy Birthday wishes in August are: **Richard Alford, Shirley Claggett, Marjorie Matteson, Dorothy Pappas, Tony Ribeiro, Al Weingarten and Ruth Willoughby**.

We heard last month that one of our former members, **Carlyle "Mort" Morton** passed away. He got Valley Fever in 2001 and had health complications after that. Our sympathy to the family.

Doris Ailshie called to report her husband, **El**, had surgery recently. **Donna Pedone** had hip replacement surgery in July. We hope they are getting better each day.

Our Re-Uniteds members need to continue to collect items for the Fantasy Flight such as bears, trucks, Barbie dolls, mittens and socks for both boys and girls, and stadium blankets. The Papas school has closed, but the teachers and students will be moving to a charter school named, Children First Academy. Anything you collect will be very much appreciated. Contact **Peg Homfeldt** if you have any questions.

Continue to have a good summer. We hope to see many of you at our monthly breakfasts. We welcome

any RUAEA member to any of our activities; just call the numbers listed below for further information.

Calendar:

Breakfasts on the fourth Friday of each month starting at 9:00 AM at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt**, (480) 396-3317 - phomfeldt@cox.net or **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 - jzarek1@msn.com, by the Wednesday before the breakfast, if you plan on attending.

Oct. - Luncheon at the Bavarian Point - TBA



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Our Tall Pines retirees held their June 24th meeting at pristine Goldwater Lake with 12 in attendance. It was decided that no meetings will be held for the months of July and August. Our next meeting will be on September 23rd at 11:00am at Coco's - hope to see a much better turnout at our September meeting. Yours truly was not present at the June meeting as my better-half "Joe" was recovering from carotid artery surgery on the 19th of June. I am happy to report that all went well and Joe is on the mend and in good shape.

Calendar:

August - No Meeting

Sept. 23 – Coco's - 11:00am

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Thunder Canyon Brewery was once again a meeting place for nineteen Roadrunners. We met on the 19th of June and with good food and conversation, had another good outing. Our attendance, however, has dwindled as the snowbirds have fled the coup for cooler climates. Our hosts for this luncheon were **Claire & Jerry Byle**.

It was good to see **Pat & Rich DiLallo** again after their absences due to medical problems. Things appear to be improving.

Ed Kokot once again showed up accompanied by **Pat Carera** (a former American Airlines flight attendant). I think maybe we should offer her an honorary

membership in our chapter.

Gordon Starr offered lots of information on the Pittsburgh convention along with some local news of interest. It's too bad that "**Dora**" wasn't there to keep him under control. What would we do without you Gordy?

Hank Belzer showed up with a new hair-do, or should I say "Where's the hair Hank?" He now has that look of some of the rest of us. Looks good Hank!

Calendar:

August 21 – Howard Hunter will host the dinner at the Pine Top Country Club in the White Mountains, 5:00PM.

August 22 - **Gordon & Dora Starr** will host a brunch at their cabin in Nutrioso, 11:00AM.

Sept. 18 - Mary & Bill Howard

Oct. 16 - Shirley & Ron Robertson

Nov. 20 - Pat & Rich DiLallo

Dec. 11 - Oro Valley Country Club - Beverly Goodlow

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There were 19 of us who braved the extreme heat of 100+ degrees to meet at Tanner Jacks for our monthly meeting and lunch. Thanks to the efforts of **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak** and **Peter & Joan Schaefer** who were able to arrange this location for us. They also furnished very nice table treats. The temperature was not our usual cool one, being so close to the ocean, but between that and the gas prices, we didn't have as many attendees.

The **Zoldaks** brought their guest from Sacramento, **Frank & Angie Dillinger**. When I commented on the heat, they said that this is nothing compared to what they are used to. We hope they visit again and leave the heat at home.

President **John Stilwell** gave us a run down on the convention in PIT. There were only 468 attending and it probably had to do with flight schedules. He made a side trip to where flight 93 went down and showed us brochures of the memorial and plans for its development. John told us about the menus for the Friday and Saturday dinners. He did say that there was no speaker from Headquarters, only from RUAEA. I wonder why? John took another side trip to Niagara Falls and being a thoughtful husband, called his wife at home so she could

hear the sound it made. He failed to tell her that there were also 8 women on the trip so she will probably find out about it as she reads this. John also recapped the United's decision to ground the 737s and doing away with Ted that we've all read about. I'm sure other chapters will be filling in with a lot more information. John did say that our next convention will be in PHX.

It pays to read the Newsletter more thoroughly. I had to renew my password in order to use the Web List and I was surprised to see the authorization form come out with 20 questions. I also didn't read the top of the form that said to select only 4 questions. I answered them all. The June 2008 Newsletter clearly stated that only 4 questions had to be answered. I guess I'll read things more thoroughly now.

I asked those attending our meeting if it would be OK with them to list their birthdays and anniversaries in the Newsletter. I didn't hear any objections as long as I leave the year off on their birthday.

June Birthday: **Bob Wagner** - 6/26

July Birthday: **Wayne Foster** - 7/5, **Peter Schaefer** - 7/14, **Pat Wagner** - 7/18

August Birthday: **Robert Bartlett** - 8/3, **Joan Schaefer** - 8/3, **Kathy Shurtleff** - 8/24, **Bob Stanger** - 8/24, **Mike Zoldak** - 8/24, **Jim McCall** - 8/24.

August Anniversary: **John & Barbara Stilwell** - 8/3.

Calendar:

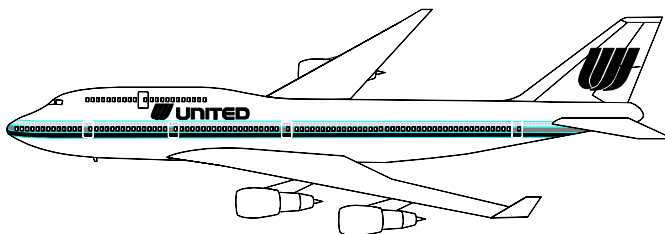
August 20 – Mulligan's at Avila Beach Golf Course, hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**.

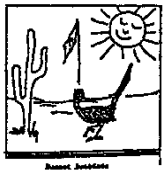
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The Brazen Raisins' July 2008 meeting was hosted by **Elida & Reuben Rivas** with 4th of July decorations. President **Don Nessling** welcomed our guest who is the newly elected RUAEA Director **John Zoboli**. Mr. Zoboli spoke on a number of subjects, including inviting the Brazen Raisins to the Sierra Roundup chapter's annual picnic at Sand Harbor Park at Lake Tahoe. **Elida Rivas** conducted a quiz on United States' nicknames.





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June found the Desert Sunbirds having a great lunch at the Back Street Bistro in Palm Desert with 25 people attending. Our hostess, **Marge Lenz**, was still recovering from surgery so **Sherylle Delaney** and friend were filling in the void. We were happy to see **Jan Kellerhals** back in the ranks. We are sad to report that **Loraine Lantz** passed away after a long illness in Hemet. Her husband, **George**, was a pilot with UAL from the beginning and has some amazing stories to tell about the company. She will be missed.

On a happier note, several members are getting out of the summer heat - **Jan Ward** to Portland, the **Lergs** on a cruise to Alaska, the **Pattersons** to Edinburgh, Scotland, **Dede Utzinger** to Knoxville, the **Eads** to Hawaii, **Al Buechel** & **Mark Kaplan** to Seattle to name a few trips.

Always remember the saying "what goes around comes around." **Mike Bailardo** is proof. Many years ago, he befriended a fellow employee who was going through a difficult time in her life. She recently passed away and remembered Mike in her will for his support.

We were surprised to see that we had no June anniversaries. Strange, thought everyone loved a June bride. Our June birthday winner was **Flo Silvestri** and our 50/50 winner was another June birthday kid, **Bill Eads**.

Calendar:

August 13 - 11:30 at PF Chang's. Please contact **Bill Eads** at (760) 568-1450 or billeads@aol.com.

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SACRAMENTO



Thank you to **Barbara Bertacini** for taking minutes at our last meeting due to my husband's medical issues.

Empire Mine State Historic Park in Grass Valley, California was the setting for the Gold Diggers June meeting hosted by **Dick & Sonda Sandstedt**. The beautiful landscaping at the Bourn Cottage includes a cascade of water that flows down to a reflecting pool. Lunch was served by the volunteer staff as we enjoyed sitting outside at the picnic tables surrounded by a grove

of magnificent trees. This was totally relaxing and enjoyable for all 49 who attended. **Terry & Penny Greenacre** were the guests of **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**. The **Greenacres** joined as members. Terry retired from SFOEP. Their current address is 1976 Monterey Pines Drive in Roseville. **Bob & Margaret Eggert** brought Fred from Uganda as a guest. **Jack & Marge Raynor** had their daughter and her husband and two grandchildren with them. **Len & Laverne Haubl's** guests **Jim & Karkaoruko Marshall** rejoined the chapter. The Marshalls address is 1918 Echo Lane in Lincoln. Another person to rejoin was **Carolyn Alva** who retired from SJCOZ and is now in Roseville at 6869 Cherry Ridge Circle. We are most happy to have Carolyn, Jim and Karkaoruko return as members and pleased to have Terry and Penny as new members to the chapter.

Gold Diggers President, **Bob Fulkerson**, conducted a short meeting with commenting how much he and **Marge** enjoyed attending the RUAEA convention in PIT. Bob also told us that **Stephanie Norton** is recovering well after her shoulder surgery, which was needed due to the fall she had on her return home from the cruise they had following the convention.

VP **Francis Domaratus** and wife **Veronica** were away on a trip to Florida.

Secretary, **Colleen Esola**, and her husband were unable to attend the meeting due to **Harold's** medical issues.

Treasurer **Judie King** reported our chapter's bank balance.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** said that **Colleen Esola** had called her to say **Harold** had returned home from Kaiser Hospital. He was admitted because of rectal bleeding and had surgery for blood clots that were found. They believe the procedure was successful and he will be recuperating over the next couple of weeks. He was originally scheduled for a biopsy procedure but that has been delayed, due to the blood clotting problem which had to be controlled first because of the possibility of the clots moving to a vital organ. A precision umbrella was placed in his vein. Cards and well wishes can be sent to Harold at 6235 Gettysburg Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. hcesola@comcast.net, 916-348-5552.

Ron Bertacini gave a review of the RUAEA Convention and said all who attended thoroughly enjoyed their time in Pittsburgh. Ron found the tour to the Flight 93 Memorial as most meaningful. The National Park Service is in the process of developing the site into a National Park; for more information go to <http://www.flight93memorialproject.org>. In addition, there is a very nice website for the Memorial Chapel at <http://www.flt93memorialchapel.org>. There is also a project underway to compile an oral history regarding Flight 93. Anyone who knew passenger or crew members are

asked to relate their stories for this oral history. The contact is Kathie Shaffer at Kathie_Shaffer@nps.gov or 109 W. Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501.

The 2009 RUAEA Convention will be in PHX, May 17-24. Ron encouraged all to plan on attending the 2009 RUAEA Convention. Several other items were discussed including the recent emails being sent around regarding the PBGC and our pension. Most of the emails are rumors and the best source if you have questions regarding your pension payments for the PBGC are to go to their website at www.pbgc.gov.

Ron announced that **John Zoboli** has been elected as the new Director for No. California/Nevada Region. Ron's new position will be Executive Vice President and **Len Haubl** has been reelected to serve another two years as Treasurer. Another Gold Digger member serving on the RUAEA Board is **Bob Hallden** as Asst. to the V.P. Convention **Hank Gosselin**. AND **Jack Raynor** will be the Computer Liaison for the PHX Convention.

Jack Raynor was happy to report that **Vic Drumheller** had stopped by the house to visit with them while in their area. Vic certainly misses **Shirley** since she passed away but he seems to be doing better now. Jack enjoyed seeing Vic.

Bob Fulkerson announced that the position of Historian needed to be filled since the passing of **Shirley Drumheller** and he asked for a volunteer to accept this position. Anyone wanting more information about the position, please call Bob.

Our July meeting will be hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. The Sierra View Country Club in Roseville will be the location for the July 30th event.

Calendar:

July – Sierra View Country Club, Roseville

August – Alta Sierra Country Club, Grass Valley

September – China Buffet in Citrus Height



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The Hangtown Miners held their monthly luncheon/meeting on July 7th at The Olive Garden Restaurant in Folsom. The day was hot, smoky and miserable but the lunch was very good. **Bob & Dorean Ames** and **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** were hosts to 41 Hangtown Miners and one guest.

President **Rosemary Heier** who was back from three months of motorhome traveling conducted the meeting. Rosemary thanked Vice President **Suzie**

Quinnell for taking over the presidency in her absence. Suzie was given a round of applause for the great job she did. For old business, Suzie reported on the various charities in El Dorado County that we can donate our surplus treasury to during the holiday season.

For new business, Rosemary welcomed and introduced our new RUAEA Director for the Northern California/ Nevada Region, **John Zoboli**. John was elected to the position held by **Ron Bertacini** who was elected to the position of Executive Vice President of RUAEA.

The reports of the officers were either non-existent or short. Our Sunshine Person **Irv Wolfram** said that **Dorothy & Darryl Stroud** were not with us as Dorothy was having some difficulties with her shoulder. We pray that she will get better and join us with her beautiful smile next month. Historian **Sherrie Wolfram** has done an outstanding job with a picture album of all our gatherings and an "In Remembrance" album for all of our deceased Hangtown Miners and Sacramento Gold Diggers.

RUAEA Director **John Zoboli** invited all of The Hangtown Miners to a picnic in North Lake Tahoe in August, put on by the Sierra Roundup Chapter. John also mentioned the gathering of retired UAL employees in August at Minden, Nevada. The 20% Employee Discount ticketing was discussed. The new baggage charges were also discussed as to how they apply to the 20% discount and companion pass travel. John said he would be joining us every couple of months. Thanks, John.

Wedding Anniversaries for July are: **Charles & Margaret Dinsmoor** - 67 years, **Tom & Betty Obert** – 53 years.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to **Rosemary Heier, Al Lockwood, and Irv Wolfram**.

Calendar:

August 4 - TBA hosted by **Thom Biro**

September 8 – **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick's** Place in Rescue

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Back from the convention at our June luncheon at Quail Inn were **Oscar & Joan Chambers** telling people what a friendly town Pittsburgh was and urging others to consider Phoenix in 2009. Other Redwood Empire retirees who attended were **Pat Leahy, Mary Hill, Matty & Marge Matschinegg**, and **Joan Olsson**.

We welcomed new attendees **Richard & Maria Southon** of San Rafael. They had read about us in the RUAEA news, recognized a name or two and decided to give us a look-see. They liked what they saw and will be joining us for future lunches. Richard came out of Chicago originally, ended up at SF Maintenance and retired in 2001. We also heard from Santa Rosa resident **Del Clark** who along with his wife **Iva** recently joined us. He retired in 1985 from the Base and bicycles 10 miles a day.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the birthdays and anniversaries: **Charlie & Bernice Anderson** with 36 years, **Barney & Clara Hagen** with 43 years and **Lee & Pat Berry** with 57 years. Bernice is still coping with skin problems and **George Schwind** who was the luncheon host in absentia, is recuperating from unexpected surgery. His wife **Lois** beautifully performed the hostess chores single handed.

President **Judy DeFord** relayed a heartwarming story about a group of 11 East Bay high school students, who had doggedly raised the money for a trip to Hawaii, only to see their tickets go down the tube when ATA Airline shut down. But our team came through: the local United Airlines office picked up the tab for the 11 plus two chaperones and the cherished trip was on. (Once in awhile it's nice to hear some good news.)

Vice President **Oscar Chambers**, along with his **Joan**, will host July's luncheon at the Chalet Basque in San Rafael. The following event will be in August when **Verda Burr** and her crew bring the barbeque wagon and we feast on chicken with the fixings at Armstrong Grove near the Russian River. It's a beautiful group picnic area in the redwoods. Make it a point to join us, if you're in the area.

Calendar:

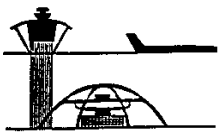
August 14 - Picnic, Armstrong Grove, Russian River - **Verda Burr & Crew**

September 11 - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by **Dan & Judy DeFord**

October 9 - La Gare, Santa Rosa, **Charles & Bernice Anderson**

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We all love to hear the "no news is good news" expression. While we have not much to report in our busy summer months, there are a few sad notes which must be included.

Both the LAX chapter and SAN chapter are saddened by the news of **Carolyn Hastings'** death on June 14. She was a member of both chapters. She is survived by her husband **Bob** (married for 57 years!), 2 daughters, 1 son and 3 granddaughters. You can write to Bob at 8619 Lemon Ave., Apt. 8, La Mesa, CA 91941-45374.

I just heard that **Lily Iwamoto** passed away on July 5. Lily was the sweetest person, much loved by all her fellow employees in LAXRR and will be very much missed by all. Her daughter, Jeanne Butler can be reached at 6855 Carrera Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89103.

Somehow the notice of **Linda Bivins'** passing never made it to print. I had written in my notes that I had sent the notice to DEN in March for the April issue. I feel quite embarrassed and so very sorry to have dropped the ball on this item. I am sure her husband, **Robert**, would love to hear from her UA friends. His address is 9475 Gull Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

ReLAXers member **Sue Ross** lost her brother **Chuck Ross** (he had worked in Stores at LAX for 36 years.) Sue's address - 5011 W. 134th Pl., Hawthorne, CA 90250.

I just heard that **Jack Atkinson** passed away last night (7/6/08). As I mentioned in the June Newsletter, Jack had been ill for several months, but he is now free of his suffering and has joined **Doris** whom he lost last year. You should be able to reach his daughter, Nancy Clemmons, or his son John at Jack's home address and phone: 6702 Locklenna Ln., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, 310-541-3523. As soon as available, we will advise of services for Jack. As you know, Jack was a Sales Manager in LA among other positions, and will be missed by UA and Interline friends and customers plus fellow employees at the Long Beach Press Telegram where he had an after-UA successful career for a number of years. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family.

Sincere condolences from all the ReLAXers and the ReSANs members to the families and friends of these departed UA friends.

Paul Mouer who lives in the nice cool seaside area of Newport Beach at 235 Walnut St., Newport Beach, CA 92663 has been having to endure dialysis treatments. We all surely hope that things are improving for Paul, as this is a very difficult illness to have to deal with. Send him a card!

On the cheerier side - post convention travels were fun for a number of our members. My local friends are tired of my long story of finding my mom's house in a small town in Pennsylvania - but it has been an exciting experience for me which I *love* to tell. In our car trip through PA, we made a stop in another of the lovely old, unchanged small towns of that part of the country -

Warren PA - where my mom was born and so was I. We took a side trip through town, found her street and found the house! It hasn't changed one little bit, except the trees are taller than when I last visited in about 1945 or so. The current resident wasn't at home so I left a note, and on my return home, found an email from him! When I finally take **Phyllis Easley** up on her invitation to visit them in nearby Venango, PA, we hope to visit and get a tour of "Mom's House" and yard. And speaking of Phyllis, **Donna & Hal Klobe** were able to make a side trip to Venango to spend several very pleasant days in the beautiful PA countryside.

A fun July 4th weekend trip by **Olga Jean Barnes** and **Donna Klobe** was a drive to LAS so Olga Jean could attend the 80th birthday of a friend from grade school on up. They've kept in touch, but haven't seen each other in many years. They didn't get home in time to report in to me - more later when I hear from them.

One of my main sources for news, **Jim Ferrance** is on his annual family reunion vacation for a whole month in June and July - not home yet. A report on his trip follows next time, also.

Many correspondents end their columns with good one-liners. I don't have one for ya, but here's a statistic that'll make you laugh: Don't you just *love* receiving those cutsie address labels from every solicitor of money in the US? I decided just for fun after the last Christmas deluge of labels to keep count. Between Jan 1 and June 30, I had received 1632 labels. I can't wait for the 7/1 - 12/31 tally with the next Christmas labels bundles.

TRAVELS by the group are shaping up. There's been a slight change in the itinerary of the LAS and Utah tour in October. We've had to drop the "spicier" stop along the way --the hosts don't handle tours anymore. I guess their regular trade is lucrative enough! (Details on request!)

Calendar:

August 7 - Steak Fry in the Park in El Segundo. Helper volunteers needed, call (310) 306-7415 (Donna) or 310-823-1075 (Howard).

Oct. 2 - Proud Bird Restaurant Luncheon

Oct 16-18 - Tour to LAS and UTAH - fliers out soon

Dec. 4 - Christmas Luncheon - New location information about ready to announce - stay tuned

Feb. 5 - Luncheon, location TBA

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We would like to dedicate this column to **Carolyn Hastings**, who passed away on June 14, 2008, at the age of 79. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, two daughters, one son, three granddaughters and three grandsons.

Carolyn's husband, Bob, retired from United's Flight Information Department in Denver after almost 36 years of service.

Carolyn was dedicated to United Re-Sans, having served as RUAEA Correspondent and Re-Sans Secretary for many years. She was also the Tour Director and Tour Coordinator for the RUAEA Convention in San Diego. She was a faithful volunteer for Reach for Discovery for the American Cancer Society, having been a breast cancer survivor. Her volunteer work will be sorely missed.

A memorial service was held at Christ Lutheran Church, 7929 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa, on July 12 at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 2655 Camino Del North, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108. Cards may be sent to the family at 8619 Lemon Ave, #8, La Mesa, CA 91941-45374.

Carolyn, we love you, we miss you and we thank you for all you did for us.

*Following submitted for Re-Sans by **Barbara Smith**:*

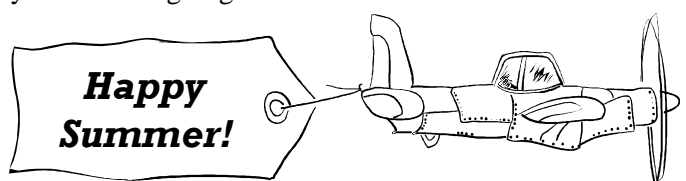
The ReLAXers group adds their condolences to the family and friends of Carolyn Hastings on her passing. She will be very much missed by all, and is leaving a gap in the Re-Sans chapter that will be hard to fill.

In addition to the news of Carolyn's passing, I talked to **Betty Tomaino** who tells me her mom has been quite ill, so she's had a lot to do to help her. She will try to keep us up to date on any SAN news.

At this point that chapter will probably only be able to put together one gathering per year -- the Christmas party.

We all know someone, it seems, who retired in SAN, so let's keep up with you all. You don't have to go anywhere further than your phone or computer keyboard. Call/email **Betty Tomaino** at (619) 297-2118 or ualbetty@aol.com, **Marion Owens** at (858) 451-2926, or **Barb Smith** (562) 430-4886 or bjsLAX-tours@aol.com.

Taking any interesting trips or do you have family news - good or not so good? What are you doing in your spare time? What have you heard of other retirees? Let us know and we'll coordinate items and try to keep your column going. Thanks! Barb.





GOLDEN GATERS **SFO AREA**

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If you are reading this, it is obvious you have survived last month's Fourth of July fireworks that sent your dog(s) running for your lap and your human offspring running outdoors to share in the excitement and the noise. Hopefully, we can now keep our young servicemen and women in our thoughts and prayers while they are enduring daily no-nonsense REAL fireworks.

Please open your hearts to **Virginia Ahrens**, wife of UAL retiree **Bob Ahrens**, who is experiencing a very long illness. Cards can be sent to her at 3914 Christian Drive, Belmont, CA 94002.

Our membership count is now down by three wonderful people. An Honorary Life Member of our chapter, **Percy Wood** was a well-known, well-liked gentleman and former head of the SFO Maintenance Base. The family has requested that any donations should be sent to the *Mariner Sands Chapel Fund*, 6500 S.E. Congressional Way, Stuart, FL 34997. **Percy** was a resident of Stuart, Florida.

Wright Thompson, beloved husband of **Virginia Thompson**, has departed from our earthly view to take a walk in the bright sunshine where pain is no more. Cards may be sent to **Virginia** at 485 Woodside Road, #2222, Redwood City, CA 94061. Donations may be sent to the *American Heart Association*, 1710 Gilbreth Road, Ste. 100, Burlingame, CA 94010.

Also missing from our sight but not our thoughts is **Lowell Maloney**, long-time spouse and love of **Phyllis Maloney**. **Lowell** was one of our chapter's original members and an Honorary Life Member. Cards may be sent to Phyllis at 729 – 26th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403.

Our “*Over-50-Years-Of-Wedded-Bliss-Club*” now includes **Emmett & Mary Gloria Landrum** with 53 years, **Don & Mary Hughes** with 55 years, and **Wayne & Marilyn Guenther** with 60 years. *Note* to our younger members: “See, it can be done, Folks!”

Longtime member **Bob Donovan** enthusiastically has reported to us that he is happily a participant in a different type of club: the “*SilverSneakers Fitness Program*” for older adults. To begin, *SilverSneakers* will give you a *free* basic membership at a nearby participating location with certified instructors and other Senior “perks.” To check whether or not your Medicare health plan offers the program, email: www.silversneakers.com or call your health plan's customer service department.

Age has nothing to do with this next subject: Be-

cause we want to be able to address each member by his or her given name (or nickname), we will soon be assessing a ten cent fine on any attendee at our general meetings who does not wear his or her personalized badge. It's so much easier to say “Hi, Tom” (or Dick or Harry or whatever) than it is to stand (or sit) there with a puzzled look across your forehead as you're trying to remember the name of the person you've been talking with for a half hour. (Frowns make wrinkles! Right? Right!) First-time guests and/or visitors need not worry about this new fee.

Domestic Tour Coordinator **Betty Garner** is readying a 3-day “*Yosemite National Park*” trip for 28 – 30 October. This tour showcases a really fun ride on the *Sugar Pine Mountain Railroad*, lunch at *Yosemite's* graceful and famous *Ahwahnee Hotel*, 2 nights at the *Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino*, and last but not least, lunch at the *Hilmar Cheese Company*. Sign-ups have been plentiful so contact **Garner** right away to be put on a “Wait List.” Now this is unfortunate: **Garner** reports that the September 26 – October 4, 2008 tour, “*Trains of the Colorado Rockies*” has been cancelled. However, other dates are available for *individual* travel. If you are interested in either offer, call her at (650) 355-4195 or email garnerbee@yahoo.com.

OK, this is what the men have been waiting for: Our August 25th general meeting attendees will once again enjoy the dancing of “*Nadia and the Beledi Dancers*”. As well as it being excellent exercise (so they tell me), this is your chance to see just how beautiful professional “belly dancing” can be. (Last year while the men ogled, the women were wondering how on earth could they contort their bodies like that!) (Another aside: that new UAL retiree you've been thinking of inviting to our meetings, now is the time, don'cha think?)

As for the month of September: *Please Note*: No general meeting in *Foster City* this month. We will be holding our annual picnic on the 4th Monday, September 22. You may arrive any time after 10 a.m. We will eat around 12 noon. Same place as last year: *Flood Park at 215 Bay Road, Menlo Park*. Tickets will be on sale at the *August* general meeting. We will soon be asking for volunteers to help serve, etc. Please don't turn us down. And remember, this is also your chance to pleasantly meet and greet other members as they go through the food line.

Wondering about our remaining Year 2008 entertainment? *October 27* is the return of *Tony Braganza* and his great piano music. *November 24* will present the “*Jewel Tones*”, ladies' barbershop. *December*: No meeting ... *Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah*.

Personally Speaking: This is a belated “thank you note” regarding our RUAEA 2008 Pittsburgh, PA Convention: At the end of our stay, this correspondent was absolutely thrilled to discover that the Concierge of our

Omni Hotel, 530 William Penn Place, had undertaken for us the gigantic task of obtaining our individual UAL Online Check-In documents. These papers were then made available within 24 hours of our variously departing flights. On our part, the only requirement was to pre-register our name, desired flight number(s) and a few other particulars on a list located in the Hospitality Room upstairs. Convention committee members certainly have my gratitude for organizing and delivering each of these completed lists to the Concierge downstairs. This meant no usual confusion and stress trying to find a computer and printer to manually check myself in for the 2 flights I needed to return home. This was my 9th convention and I've never experienced this consideration before. Because of their continual courtesy, high degree of professionalism and great sense of humor, I'm sure we all appreciated the Omni Hotel Concierge staff: **Alton Harrell, Barbara Neeld & Reggi Sunseri**. What a great way to remember the fine city of Pittsburgh.

Remember to wear your sun hats this summer. Skin cancer is no laughing matter. And speaking of skin, remember: *"The cheapest facelift is a laugh!"*

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday (except for September and December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Visitors for the month of June were **Bob & Carolyn Carpenter**, from Orland, California, friends of **Helen & Tony Seidl**; **Pamela & Jim Schaller**, son and daughter-in-law of **Geneva Schaller**, together with granddaughter Alexis Hall; also Victoria, granddaughter of **Sally & Tony Urso**.

Congratulations to **Donald & Dorothy Boyer** on their 50th anniversary.

Our June picnic was a success, probably the best one yet. Thanks to **Sally & Tony Urso**, also to **Nancy & Dave Walb, Cheri & Ben Scales, Margie & Alex Kraus** and **Jean & Lou Marcolina** for all their work.

Encouraging news as to the health situation of some of our members. **Alice Frisch** has recovered fully from the pneumonia; **Joan Dahl** is in therapy, now using a

cane but no walker, was back at our June 13 meeting. **Don Burda** is home now after being in the hospital with congestive heart failure. **Vic Kristen's** health has improved. **Wilma Sandy's** hip and leg problems are much better. We were worried about **Tony Urso** who had to go in for an angiogram; he will not need a stent. We were glad to hear that **Len Haubl** is improving.

At the June 6 meeting, **George Sousa** spoke about their trip to Branson. **Charlie Brown** spoke about the trip to China that Charlie and Barbara took with other 11 people.

Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. **Tony Urso**, (408) 264-8580 for details.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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We had another wonderful luncheon on June 12th at Perkus Restaurant in Riverbank. This was a new location for many of our members, including Jack and I, and I just love going to new places.

The food was delicious and the service was great. They had a banquet room where we met and it served the purpose very well. The waitresses closed the door to the room; guess we got a bit noisy. Our hosts were **Ben & Karen Yeatts** and they did a great job. There were 36 members present.

Ben & Karen supplied the group with a delicious chocolate cake which was inscribed with "Happy Father's Day". They also gave each of the fathers/men a small bottle of wine as a Father's Day gift.

We all thanked **Ben & Karen** for doing such a great job with this luncheon. And they could not stay for the whole "party". They had to leave right after they had eaten their lunch because they had to go out of town to visit their son.

We all sat and visited and enjoyed that delicious chocolate cake for dessert. We also had a raffle and there were many lucky winners. All together, we had a great time.

Bob Brooks told us that **Skip Sonderman** is feeling much better. He was able to go to the Bay Area and attend his son's wedding. And he also went out to a movie and dinner. That's good news.

I missed a very important anniversary for **Darrell &**

Jane Silvers. On May 28th, 2008, they celebrated 66 years of wedded bliss. Also, on Friday the 13th of June, **Don & Joyce Temple** celebrated 50 years of marriage. They got married on Friday the 13th, 1958. Wow, this is wonderful!

The San Joaquiners meet the second Thursday of each month. We would like to extend an invitation to any UAL Retiree to come and join us for lunch and chat with old friends. If you know of anyone planning to retire, it would be a nice gesture to invite them to one of our upcoming luncheons. New retirees are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact me or our President **Bob Brooks**, (209) 772-9814.

CALENDAR

Aug. 14 - Ripon Fire Station, hosted by **Rudy & Elma Reyna**

Sept. 11 - East Sonora Conference Center, hosted by **Irene & Art Moore**

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Our June meeting was held on the 9th with 33 attending. This is our annual picnic and barbeque. Thanks to all those who brought appetizers and dessert. Kinder's caterers did a wonderful job again this year.

Nancy Boyle is back (although in a very restrictive sling) from rotator cuff surgery. **Dan & Judy Deford** drove down from Petaluma. **Howard & Jo Payne's** daughter Julie was their guest.

We did not have the 50/50 this time.

This will be a rather short recap as we didn't bother with business, just ate good food and visited.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month (except July) at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100 to 1200, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We encourage you to all come and bring your significant others.

Calendar:

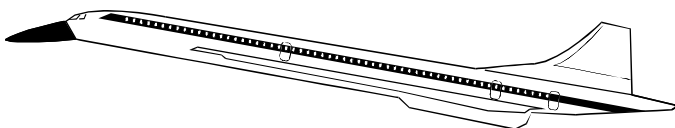
August 11 – Meeting

Sept. 8 – Meeting

October 13 - Meeting

November 10 - Meeting

December 8 - Toys for Tots and Christmas Party



CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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May 29, the Northstaters met in Chico with VP **Richard Skelly** presiding. **Ron Bertacini**, the newly elected RUAEA Executive VP, introduced the new director of No.Calif/No Nevada chapters, **John Zoboli**. We welcomed him to our chapter.

After the meeting, we began a 50/50 raffle – 50% to the chapter, and 50% to a member – this time **Dick Hooning** won! **Vanessa Pratt** then gave a talk on maintaining health for seniors.

The next meeting will be in Redding at the Holiday Inn on Hilltop Dr. at 11:30am.

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The Denver Mile Highers' monthly breakfast was on July 5th (The morning after July 4th). There were 43 retirees who attended the breakfast, with stories about fireworks the night before and how they didn't get enough sleep and etc. It's tough getting old! First timers were **Al & Corinne Fabrizio**, Al worked on the Ramp and in Air Freight, come back and join us again.

It was reported that **Irma Atanasio** and her sister are touring in Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. **Tom & Nancy Goodyear, Earl Horner** and **Laura Coats** were guests of the new Pikes Peak RUAEA chapter in Colorado Springs. They gathered at former employee **Rick Broome's** house and all had a great time. Rick has the forward fuselage section of an old United Boeing 727-200 in his art studio that is located in the back of his home. Mrs. **Patricia Patterson Dudley**, the daughter of W.A. Patterson, was the honored guest. She spoke about her late father, Pat Patterson. A reporter for the Colorado Springs Gazette News-paper was there and wrote an article about the event.

Tom Goodyear told of the new Retirees Travel Desk which just opened in Chicago. It will be manned on Tuesday and Thursdays (with the exception of July 22). Hours of operation are 0900-1300 Central time. Toll free number is 1-877-242-0035. This information is also posted on the web at www.ruaea.org.

Tom also said that the DC-3's have been grounded

in England due to health and safety issues. The DC-3's have carried more passengers than any other airplane. More than 10,500 DC-3's were built.

It was reported that some of the Mile Highers are not feeling well. They are: **Pat McAdams**, 7221 South Quatar Ct., Aurora, CO, 80016, her phone number is (303) 693-3176 and **Helen Taylor**, 365 Inca Pkwy, Boulder, CO, 80303, her phone number is (303) 494-4474. If you would like to give them a call or send a card, please do so. It was also reported that **Percy Wood** and **Bud Shackley** have passed away.

The following retirees returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter, **Victor Andreatta**, **Charlie Hassler**, **O.J. Keip** (who won twice), **Larry Rehfeld** and **Thom Rowland**, **Thank You** for the donation!

The Annual Summer Picnic will be August 13th at The Blossom's Restaurant in Heather Gardens at 2888 South Heather Garden's Way in Aurora. The fee is \$13 per person. The meal will be served buffet style with BBQ Beef and BBQ Chicken being the meat selections along with Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Ice Cream, and Drinks. RSVP by August 9th. Make Checks payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Please mail the checks to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO, 80211, Phone (303) 477-2918. We are very sorry the address for the sent checks was inadvertently left out of the July Newsletter.

Don't forget the aluminum cans. We received \$85 for the sale of cans last month.

We received the following letter from the new Pikes Peak Chapter in Colorado Springs:

*Dear Tom Goodyear and fellow Members,
We, the Pikes Peak Chapter of RUAEA want to thank you for the check of \$200.00. This money allows us to continue our chapter meetings and was the main source of funding for our very successful summer picnic. We hosted sixty retirees and friends on June 28, 2008 at **Rick Broome's** home and studio. Mrs. **Patricia Patterson Dudley** attended and spoke to the entire group. WOW! This made our picnic very special for our members; most knew or worked with her father, William "Pat" Patterson Sr. Once again, thank you for your generous support.*

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. each month, 9:00 AM at Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call **Tom Goodyear** for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

August 13 - Annual Summer Picnic, details in column.



PIKES PEAK

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We held our regular meeting on June 21 and new members attending were **Elaine Campbell** and **Jerry Davis** from Guffey, CO.

A big thank you goes to the Denver Mile Highers Chapter for donating \$200.00 cash in support of our new chapter.

Over 60 people attended our inaugural picnic on June 28, 2008 at member **Rick Broome's** home/studio/727 museum and 40 acre Wild Life Sanctuary. Tours of the studio and 727 airplane were conducted and rare Wood Ducks were observed in their natural surroundings. Special guest **Mrs. Pat Patterson Dudley** gave a nice talk on the good old days and answered many questions. This made our picnic extra special for our members, most knew or worked with her father William "Pat" Patterson, Sr. Special thanks to Mrs. Patterson Dudley for making the trip from California.

UAHF President **Tom Goodyear** and wife **Nancy**, Tom's daughter and son-in-law **Amy & Mike Bruchs**, **Laura Coates** and **Earl Horner** drove down from the Denver Mile Highers group.

Many thanks to the following for help on the picnic: **Carole Kowalski**, **Chuck Turner**, **Chuck Stuller**, **Michelle Haugen**, **Elaine Campbell**, **Jane Lopez**, **Fran Austin**, **Rick & Billie Broome** and **Del Hall**.

A raffle was held and four 1970's antique Barbie Airplane Doll Houses, and many model airplanes were given as prizes.

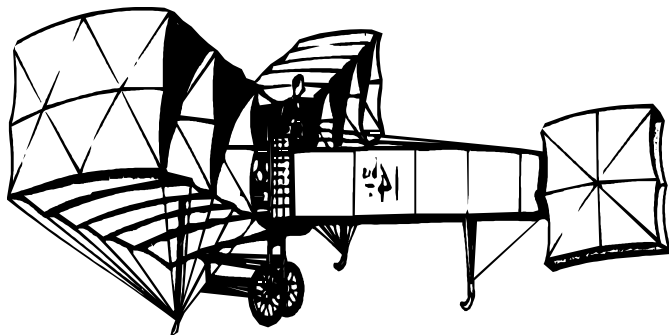
Del Hall was unable to attend due to illness. We hope he gets better!

Our meetings are held the third Monday at 0830 at Village Inn on Harrison Road. We are still asking for all Southern Colorado retirees to contact us at UALCS35@Q.com.

Calendar:

July 21 – Regular meeting

August 18 – Regular meeting



FLORIDA

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I had all intentions of getting to the June meeting but several days before, I smashed my big toe and got concerned about it and couldn't get an appointment with the foot doctor until early on meeting day. The doctor removed my toenail and told me to keep my foot elevated for 24 hours. So that was the end of going to any meeting. It is healing now. Can you imagine it will take 8-10 months for that nail to grow back? Now I'm healing from my eye-lid surgery. Thanks to **Herb Gardner** for giving me a ride to the meeting today. I'm back on the "job". Well, enough of that. It was another great day at the Red Lobster as 13 Sand"DABS" enjoyed lunch together. So many of our members are on vacation or are with family & friends, or like **Nelson Funkhauser**, off playing golf or other such pleasures. The **Gammills** are in WI, **Jane Kress** is traveling, the **Moddles** are with family and what all the others are doing, I have no idea.

Birthday celebrant present was Prez **Dick Coughlin**. He didn't want us to sing to him. Anniversary celebrants were **Bill & Mary Oliver**. **Herb Gardner** took over care of the 50/50 tickets. **Bill Oliver** was kind enough to draw **Frieda Coughlin's** ticket. After reading the latest RUAEA newsletter, so many mentioned the trip to Shanksville and what a moving experience it was, it was suggested we think about giving some money toward the Memorial Chapel that is being planned & built there. There was an explanation about a Pentagon Credit Union **Larry Horton** has joined. It was all so complicated and over my head at times, so you'll have to search that one out for yourself.

Lowell & Anne Johnson both had recent cataract surgery. Lowell was not wearing any glasses now, so he's "looking" good. Anne had some slight problems, but is recovering fine. The Coughlin's son John will be having more serious surgery connected to his industrial accident. We wish him success and a good recovery. We learned that **Nita Ritt's** husband **Kramer** has just been diagnosed with colon cancer. He is also diabetic. You may want to send them a card at 2621 Turnbull Estates Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168.

A Travel Committee has been formed with members **Bill Roy, Jo Sanders & Penny Logan**. They are compiling helpful information on how to list for flights, getting load numbers, discounts on other airlines, authorization requirements, Interline travel opportunities, and

information on cruises & etc. All this will be made available to our members on computer or perhaps a hard copy will be printed for the computer illiterate. They are still working to get this into its final form.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.*

Calendar:

Aug. 7 - 11:30 – Red Lobster

Sept. 4 - 11:30 – Red Lobster

Oct. 2 - 11:30 – Red Lobster



THE ORLANDO REAL McCoy's

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Our Real McCoy's Favorite Dinner at Fishlips at the Port on June 18th was well attended! In spite of the gas prices and a severe downpour just as we arrived, a lively group of folks gathered, many we hadn't seen in quite awhile! **Charlie & Sharon Ringer, Jim & Pat Hernandez** and **Ken & Shelby Michels** did a bit of gambling aboard the SunCruz first and then joined the rest of us ... wealthier they claimed! Great food, service and conversation was enjoyed by **Paul & Helga Brown, Lou & Joan Gaydos, Jim & Joette Feeney, Elaine & Bevan Vice, John & Janey Phillips, Ernie Vosges, Sid Edelman, Nan & Jim Multeri** and yours truly. **Donna Sharp** came as my guest.

Today's luncheon meeting was attended by 34 members, including our new FL Regional Director and former President **Paul Brown**. VP **Rich Llewellyn** took over the mike and the duties, it was a lively meeting, including a round of applause and congrats for Paul from all of us! **Rich & Cathy** recently returned from a trip north that included the PIT RUAEA Convention, and family visits in CLE, PIT, and PWM.

Our surprise visitors to the luncheon were **Dave & Judy Adam** and **Chuck & Jane Grant**! Dave shared that he and Judy had been married 44 years on June 20th. CONGRATS! And a warm welcome back to **Richard & Gloria Armistead, Joe & Barb Fitak, Stan & Barb Halterman, and Mary & Bob McNeill** whom we had not seen in a couple months.

July Happy Birthdays wishes to **Mary McNeill** and **Ted LeGrand**!

Continued prayers and well wishes are asked for some of our retirees with health issues including **Al Mollet** undergoing surgery on July 3rd, **Matt McNeill**, now at Life Care Center (Rouse & University), **Dave**

Adam and Lee Cahoon. Special prayers are also asked for **John & Gay Crawford's** granddaughter Kaylie. Address for **Mert Lawry:** Village Oaks, 5501 E. Michigan, Orlando, FL 32822, (407) 737-2046.

Calendar:

1st Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

August 6 – Luncheon meeting

September 3 – Luncheon meeting

October 1 – Luncheon meeting

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Night":

July 23– Wednesday at Dixie Belles (at Orange and Nela) meet for lunch at 1pm. (Only open for breakfast and lunch)

August 20 - Wednesday at Tony Roma's on So. Semoran by the airport, at 4:30pm.

Sept 17 – We had such a great time, we're gonna do it again (Minus the downpour). Wednesday at FishLips at the Port Canaveral Pier. Meet at 4:30 pm. SunCruz Casino sails 11am – 4pm. Reserve a seat on the ship and win enough to pay for your dinner!

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25 members and 1 guest attended the July 7 meeting. July birthday celebrants are: **Jean Linehan** – 7/5; **John Hargraves** will be 93 yrs. young on 7/17.

Travel - **Mary Judd** flew to IAD for grandson's graduation. No problems either way.

Old business - Discussion on new meeting place. Several places were discussed but nothing concrete yet. Will go to Tiffanies (1 block south of Alderman on the west side of 19) for the August Meeting. The September Meeting will be at Perkins, (corner of Curlew and 19. West side of 19.) The Fall Picnic will be held at Anderson Park, Oct 6. Several members will be attending a Clearwater Thrashers Game at the Bright House Stadium on July 26 with fireworks following the game.

New Business - UAL stock down to \$3.86 and TPA will lose 2 of 3 DEN trips. IAD and ORD to remain the same. **Jon Wilkinson** informed the members that the newer cell phones can be set on locator or 911. If on locator, the phone of a missing person can be tracked. Pres **Lindstrom** read headlines of several articles regarding UAL and made them available for the members to read.

Sunshine Committee - **Terri Breslin** stated that she

had spoken with VP **Bob Taylor** and he seemed to be doing better. A card was sent to **Shirley Eppard** who has been in the hospital and rehab since April. She hopes to be coming home soon. **Larry Eppard** is doing OK after 34 treatments for cancer of the larynx. Get well cards to **Peggy Manuel** and **Sue Riedl** as both are recovering from surgery.

Calendar

Aug. 4 - Tiffanies - 10 AM

Sept. 1 - Perkins - 10 AM

Oct. 6 - Picnic- Anderson Park Tarpon Springs 11 AM

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The Oahu Menehune continued their "happy habit" of once-a-year lunch at Pinky's Pupu Bar and Grill. Fifty-four members, family and friends showed up. We hadn't seen some of these folks in months and maybe years. It was good food, good friends and in that old Hawaiian tradition, we got to take home containers!

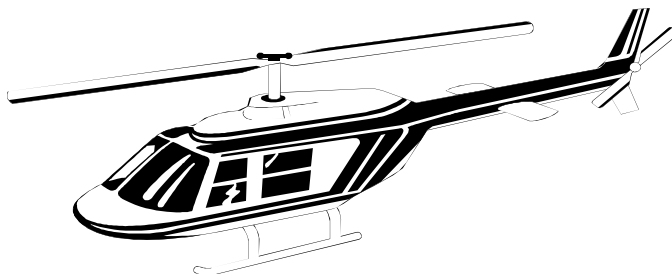
Guests included **Phil Arthur's** wife, **Pat**, **Bill Kuntz'** daughter, **Laurice**, and best of all, **Maurice Kendle** brought a new member, **B.J. Bennett** (LAXFF). Other guests included **Liz & Bob Graham**, **Bev Espiritu** and **Ron Souza**. We were also happy to welcome three other new members, **Marie Kajikawa**, **Joyce Chandler** from HNLRR and **Orson Enos** out of HNL Ground Services.

Alison Akard, our generous Alliant representative, came bearing raffle gifts. Cooler winners included **Jeanne Choo**, **Donna Masatani**, **Sharon Legacy** and definitely not last or least **Larry Au**. Grand basket winner was lucky **Harriet Nomura**. Thank you, Alison!

Job Openings: Steering Committee Co-Chair, Chapter Correspondent and Luncheon Coordinators for 2009.

Calendar:

September 18 - Place TBA



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BOISE GEMS

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Summer has come to Idaho. The snow is gone from the Boise Front (the foothills), & it is now safe to plant your potted tomatoes in the garden. **Ossie Haugen** has his plants in the ground & is looking forward to another bumper crop, which he frequently shares with his fellow GEMS. Our July 7 meeting at JB's was attended by 20 retirees, for another happy reunion.

The only thing presently interfering with our beautiful summer weather is the smoke from the California wildfires.

Ossie flew to North Dakota for Memorial Day, & to visit his remaining relatives. He flew UAL via DEN, then onto Fargo. He said he had a very good flight both ways, & feels he was fortunate to go when he did.

Rick & Shirley Dempsey are back from their Alaska cruise. They say they had a delightful time with lots of fun. The food was wonderful, & special events kept everyone busy. The glaciers & fjords were spectacular. Shirley golfed in Haines and Skagway, saying, "Now it's back to reality."

Bud & Pat Peters drove to Illinois in June to visit old friends and co-workers, & to celebrate Bud's mother's 90th birthday. While there, Pat had a bout of food poisoning, which led to what the doctors believed to be a severe viral infection. She spent six hours in the local ER & a rough 3-day drive home. They spent a week at home with Pat visiting her doctor three times. After she was given a clean bill of health, they headed for CA. They, 3 high school buddies & spouses rented a house in Jenner (N. of SFO) for four days. It was a sort of a birthday party for all four men who either had turned 70 or were about to turn 70. On July 4, Bud & Pat drove home to spend time with their nephew from Phoenix, a niece from Montana, & their families.

On the first Tue. of each month, the Warhawk Air Museum in Nampa hosts a breakfast for war veterans & their friends. Both **Denny Snyder** & your Newsletter reporter are regular members, as is **Ned Yundt**. On July 1, **Sue Paul**, co-owner, introduced Col. **James J. McGovern**, who commands the 366th Operations Group at Mountain Home Air Force Base, ID. Without notes, he entertained us for the best part of an hour with tales of his combat experiences in Iraq, Afghanistan, and

Kosovo. He has over 2,800 hours in F-15E and F-111 aircraft. We all agreed that we are most fortunate to have dedicated people like Col. McGovern serving in our armed forces, today.

Sue then told us about a movie being made in Hollywood about WWII and the battle between the German Afrika Korps and British forces in 1944, for release next year. The producers were glad to have an offer from the Warhawk Air Museum to provide a well-rebuilt P-40 for some of the desert scenes, being filmed in S. Calif. (The same plane was a star in the movie "Pearl Harbor.") **John Curtis Paul** (the Paul's son) flew the plane to Calif.

Calendar:

Aug 4 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

Sept. 1 – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO SKYLINERS



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Our new Sunshine Lady, **JoAnn Giannini**, needs help from all Skyliners so she can send congratulations, sympathy, or get well cards from our Chapter. You can email info to her at joanngiannini@hotmail.com or phone her at (847) 956-9358.

At the last meeting, we received info about members who are ill and would appreciate cheering-up cards: **Elinor Whates**, retired from CHIRR, is very ill at Manor Care, 1920 Nerge Rd., Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007. On a happy note, **Georgya Schneider** is recovering from colon cancer, feeling fine and happy to hear from friends at (847) 252-4749. Also, **Jim Vlazny** at 606 N. Pine St., Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056 got a pacemaker for his heart problem. Both Jim and **Al Dietrich**, who had hip replacements, are doing well. I heard from **Goldie Bear** who had to move to Minnesota due to health problems, she misses us as we miss her. Maybe she can be a Loonie in October.

Only one report of 51 years of married bliss, **Pat & Frank Rainer**. For one more secret, tune in next month.

LaVerne Holste, WHQSP, visited us after leaving Tampa Bay Seniors in Pinellas Park, Florida, where she had been for ten years. Welcome home, (847) 870-1281.

Our Southside group arrived at Grandma Sally's and

got a cute note on the window advising “*Closed for re-modeling*”. This is not a welcome greeting when one is ready for a wake-up cup of coffee. However, after a few calls, we now have a new meeting place called Jedi’s. Senior menu, free glass of fruit juice, good, tasty food, and a private room. I don’t know how they did it, but we ended up with nineteen at a table, as I came in last to make sure no one was left behind. Does this group have ESP? **Ted Guz, Carmen Chavez** and **Esther Broderon** won the raffles.

Mark your calendar for the October 14th Fall luncheon at the Meridian. More details later.

Calendar

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi’s Restaurant (**August 26 & September 30**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**August 13 & September 10**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**August 5 & September 2**).

LOOP GROUP

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Note that there is no luncheon scheduled for August, so plan on attending the next one on Sept. 17th. If you plan to attend, please email or call me before noon of Sept. 16th so that we can give adequate notice to the hotel.

Calendar

August – No Luncheon scheduled

Sept. 17 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.)

Nov. 19 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel

INDIANA



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The Indy Racers have returned to meeting at the

Golden Corral in Plainfield, IN on the second Monday of the month. It does offer a separate room to use as a meeting room which is an important convenience for us and, of course, plenty to eat from their buffet both for lunch and dinner. Hope we will see you there. We are looking forward to **Jim Simon**, our new Midwest director, joining us on the 14th of July as he is beginning to make the rounds of meeting chapters in his region. Certainly with the cut back of United flights and cost of gas for any driving he does, it is going to be somewhat more difficult than in the past. All our directors and officers, past and present, deserve a pat on their back for the extra effort in taking on these tasks. As was discussed at the convention, many retirees are not aware of RUAEA because they don’t receive the same type of “retirement package” that we did, including the RUAEA application. Many are not aware of RUAEA and many, also believe that United has something to do with the group, but as you know this is not the case. We are social and enjoy the company of our prior workplace acquaintances and friends.

We did have a great time at our annual summer outing at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville. Always, lots and lots of food and we never seem to run out of items to discuss.

No business meeting was held for the month of July.

Please keep in your prayers: **Chris Gibson; Terry Martin, Lilia Theiss**. All have been battling lengthy illnesses. Also, heard that **Ed Loftus** was going into the hospital the end of June for surgery, hope he is on the mend.

Cheri & Ron Innis are looking forward to their summer trip to Oklahoma. A trip to retrieve their grandchildren for a visit. I recently traveled to Cincinnati to see the musical “Jersey Boys”. Very enjoyable, see it if you can.

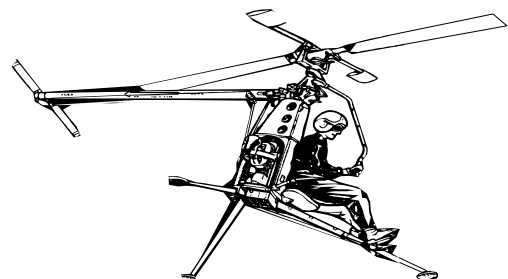
Happy August birthdays to: **Warren Allen; Mario Bregante; Alex Cameron** and **Steve Weid**. May you be forever young, at least in your hearts.

Calendar

August 11 - Regular meeting, Golden Corral, Plainfield, IN - 3:00 PM

September 8 - Regular meeting, Golden Corral, Plainfield, IN - 3:00 PM

October 13 - Regular meeting, Golden Corral, Plainfield, IN - 3:00 PM



MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters June 11th Boston Harbor cruise aboard the Spirit of Boston, brought out 36 members. The on board entertainment, great as always, was even better this year by the inclusion of **Frank DeStefano**, **Mary Ward & Marid Dwyer** into the act. We'll let you guess what they did!

Bill & Norma Betters celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner party attended by 110 guests. The party was hosted by their son and grand daughters.

Jayne Reagan has been keeping us advised about her chemo treatments. Currently, she is doing well and all is looking very good. Way to go Jayne!

Don Latter had a knee replacement. Don advised he had a rough time at first, but is now home mending and feeling better. Don says, this too will pass.

June has been a very rainy month in New England, especially the northern half. On July 1st, the sun came out. Summer is finally here!

August's Birthdays: **Tony Berardi**, **Raymond Ouellette**, **John Parks**, **Bill Rhodenhizer**, **Horace Smith** and **Bill Vanderwal**.

August's Anniversaries: **Bob & Judy Austin** with 49 years, **Oscar & Lilli Baurle** – 54 yrs., **Tom & Delores Blackwood** – 25 yrs., **Gary & Anna Bosworth** – 40 yrs., **Fred & Rita Casey** – 54 yrs., **Bruce & Priscilla Casassa** – 53 yrs., **Lee & Sid Loyn** – 61 yrs. and **Dick & Dayle Vee** – 27 yrs,

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Almost missed this report as our July meeting is yet to come, on account of being postponed until the 10th due to the Holiday. My rememberer is really broken this month, so thanks for my friendly reminder.

I did receive some sad news today that one of our Canadian Escapees, **Paul Oleynik**, passed suddenly on

June 29. Predeceased by his war bride Maddie (2006) whom he celebrated 58 years of marriage. Paul was a highly decorated WWII Canadian flying officer with the RAF. He managed to survive 23 bombing raids over Germany. He was a true hero and many of his wartime exploits were documented in numerous history books. At Paul's request, cremation has taken place. Paul will be missed by all who knew him. Also Lili's hubby, **Dave Pearson** became a free spirit Jun 8. He joined UAL in 1960 and spent most of his career in Flight Simulator Maintance in DEN. Lili's six foot two eyes of blue, who loved being around the ladies will truly be missed. Lastly, keep praying for our **John Leroy**. He is still in much need of our prayers.

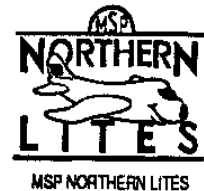
Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

MINNESOTA

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Another wonderful turnout in June, comprised of more seldom-seen faces! We had 38 in attendance, including snowbirds **Randy & Georgia Cirkcena**, **Lenny & Ginny Tousignant**, **Dwayne & Celeste Cater**, **Gordy & Lou Olson** and **Jack Spalding**. **Tom Krieger** finally gave in to the pressure put on him by Yours Truly & showed his smiling face.

Our MSP family of retirees are saddened by the deaths of 3 of our members, all of which occurred within 12 days of one another. **Ethel Johnson's** husband, **Bob** ~ condolences to 2707 Autumnwood Lane, Minnetonka, MN 55305; **Carlyle "Mort" Morton** ~ condolences to 7215 So. Hoffman Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57108; MSP supervisor **Frank Brower** ~ condolences to 39813 Log Lane, NE, Kelliher, MN 56650. Having so many leave us in such a short time was a real blow. We'll miss them all.

Jan Hannah's husband, **Bob**, had a hellish winter & spring; went in for gall bladder surgery (seemingly a simple procedure, right?), had complications, spent 13 days in hospital & almost 4 months in recuperation. Hope to hear soon that he's back up to snuff & able to join us again.

Lenny ("Toots") Tousignant was sporting a knee

brace & when asked about the "hitch in his git-along", said that he has knee replacement surgery in his near future. That procedure is becoming so commonplace anymore that our generation will be known as the pioneers of the bionic humans. We wish him a speedy recovery.

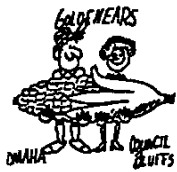
The annual picnic is Wednesday, August 13, at the Town Hall in Baldwin, WI hosted by **Sonja & Lyle Gunderson**. There should be a flyer coming to you soon with all the details.

Calendar:

Lunch the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 11:15am at The Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 and Robert Street in West St. Paul.

August 13 – Annual picnic, hosted by **Sonja & Lyle Gunderson**.

NEBRASKA



GOLDEN'EARS

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A lot of you must have been on vacation as we only had 35 at Chalco Hills. It was a gorgeous day and always a beautiful scene from up on the hill. It was great to have Jan, **Dick & Marilyn Weak**'s daughter, from Colorado join us. **Keith & Jan Cornish** picked up **Stan & Helen Taylor**. Helen has lost a little weight with her ordeal of having the fire in their home and then her heart attack. She said she feels good.

Carolyn Kraft had her knee surgery on June 3 and **Bob** said the doctor felt very good about the surgery this time. As reported last month, this was a do-over for Carolyn on that knee.

Georgia Egr fell and broke 3 ribs and was hospitalized for a few days. Being that she is now 93 years of age, it was a little hard on her, but she still has her great sense of humor.

Vera Thomsen was in the hospital for a few days with congestive heart failure. Our best to her for a quick recovery.

Tony & Jackie Sortino will be our hosts for the July luncheon and, just returning from the RUAEA Convention, Tony probably has some good information for us.

Calendar:

Aug. 5 – Fish & Game, Council Bluffs – Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

Sept. 9 – Chalco Hills – Hosted by **Jan & Keith Cornish**

Oct. 7 – Bohemian - Hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

NEVADA

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What wonderful comments on the PIT Convention! I have never seen such a long list of donated items for the Arts and Crafts raffle; thanks to all these talented and generous retirees. Although I heard that the weather didn't cooperate, the Convention attendees always appreciate the long and hard work by Committee members.

Thirty-five members attended our June luncheon/meeting. The food is always great, and we can't say enough about our Hostess, Jean, and Philip, our comical and efficient Server. We were entertained by the Silver Spurs, a group of retired gals song and dance team. The husband of one plays saxophone and clarinet with the group.

We have a new member, **Clinton Miller** (LASCS). Glad that he will be joining brother, **Max & Lois Miller** at our luncheons. Also, some previous members have joined again; **Charlotte Anderson** (LAXOO), **Dave & Jackie Donnelly** (BOSHH), and **Joy Klopfer**. Welcome back! Thanks to **Carrie Takeuchi** for the candy for our tables (giving **Eleanor Vasko** a break).

Speaking of the **Takeuchis**, **Carrie & Koji** ran the 10K Marathon in Denver over the Memorial Day weekend; Carrie came in 3rd and Koji placed 13th in their age group, congratulations! **John Alberts** and **Mike Vasko** read some funny stories after the meeting, and we missed our X-rated story teller, **Ingeborg Levy**, since she had to leave early (better than being escorted out by Security, I guess!). **Winnie Stone** is recovering from her cancer surgery. She has had a lot to deal with; her husband, **Fred**, passed away and was laid to rest at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City.

We lost another member on July 4th; **Lily Iwamoto** (LAXRR)). She was the sweetest and most wonderful lady I've had the privilege of knowing. Our sincere condolences to daughter, Jeanie Butler and her family; 6855 Carrera Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89103. Brother-in-law of **John Alberts** passed away in Virginia. **Dina Prather**, wife of **Moses** (SFOSE) passed away in Las Vegas. We hear that **LeRoy Hall** (LAXFF) is not feeling well. We have not seen him and his wife, Brandy,

in some time.

On to more cheerful news; **Marge Gibson** has moved into a brand new assisted living Center; we wish her well in her new digs. **Bob & Marlene Morwick** (LASMM) celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 1st. **Jim & Jean Frasco** with 39 yrs on June 28th. Our computer expert, **Baldor Ziel**, has a new computer. I think (and hope) that he wants his old job back as Secretary for the Gamblers, right, Baldor?

Our Safe and enjoyable summer to all of you.

Calendar:

Aug. 12 – Meeting at Arizona Charlies on Decatur.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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The Treasury Balance as of today is in great shape for our picnic. There were 28 members in attendance at our June meeting.

In case you had not heard, **John Zoboli** was elected RUAEA No. Calif./No. Nevada Director. He will be traveling to Placerville (Folsom meeting), San Joaquin (Picnic at Pinecrest), Sacramento, Chico/Redding and Fresno (lunch meeting) in July in order to introduce himself to those chapters. As he receives news from RUAEA, he will shoot out an email to those on our email list and the cover the information at the next meeting for everyone else. He thanks all those who voted for him.

United News: There has been another shift in upper management at UA. Pete McDonald, who covered airport operations, has been moved into another position. At this date, it appears the merger talk between UA and US Air is a non-event. We do not yet know what the local impact will be based on UA's decision to ground additional aircraft and reduce the flight schedule. In Sept., 100 more aircraft will be taken out of service to reduce the flight schedule by 14%. 1400- 1600 salaried & management positions will be reduced, including the previously announced 500. The Flight Attendants agreed to a buyout offer – 15+ service years & 45+ years old receive the same benefits as being retired.

There will be the 6th annual Maintenance get together in Carson City on August 22, 23, 24. Everyone who worked at the Maintenance Center is encouraged to attend.

We will be inviting the Sacramento Gold Diggers to our August picnic. In addition, this year, we will also extend invitations to the other northern Calif./ Nevada

chapters as well – Placerville, Chico/Redding, San Joaquin, and Fresno. Flyers and invitations will go out in June and July. There will be no cost to our guests – just a dessert to share. Cost to our membership is \$5/person. There is a nice swimming beach so feel free to bring the grandkids. The menu will stay the same – hamburgers, hot dogs & side dishes. Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. We will provide some bottled water and some wine. **DATE FOR THE PICNIC IS MONDAY, AUGUST 11** – starting at 11 am at Sand Harbor Park. Mr. **Scaife**, aided by his lovely wife **Nancy**, and Mr. **Robinson** have agreed to be our chefs again this year. Cost per car at the park is \$8.

The winner of the 50/50 was birthday boy **Larry Reid**. June birthdays were celebrated by: **Aidia Keller**, **Eva Havelik**, **Larry Reid**, and **Ann Batty**.

We are saddened to report the death of **Jose DeLeon Flores**, whom many knew from the Maintenance Operations Center.

NEW JERSEY

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The Gardenstaters met on June 25 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. President **Richard Confer** opened the meeting with a salute to the flag, a moment of silence was held for **Gene Tortoriello** and **Bob Sculerati** who have passed away. Also **Cornelius "Connie" Sharkey** is back in the hospital. **Jerry Confer** reported on the Pocono Marines, who are in first place for the 2nd year in a row, on the number of toys donated for the "Toys for Tots". They received a certificate for meritorious commendation for the Pocono Marines District #492. He thanked the Gardenstaters for their help in contributing so many toys. The next reunion of RUAEA will be in Phoenix, Arizona.

TED is no longer, their planes (A320) are being revised by putting in first class seats.

For those who have Blue Cross, it is noted that they will pay for hearing aids up to \$5,000.00. If you get the RUAEA newsletter, it keeps you up to date with everything.

Minutes were read by **Violet Etler** and a card was received from **Natalie Monahan**, was read and asked to be reminded to everyone. **Al Murphy** gave a treasurer's report showing a balance of \$811.25. Due to the increase in price for the lunches, we will lose money this month, we will have to increase the cost of the

luncheon to \$17.00.

50/50 was won by **Ev Eaton** and the door prize was a certificate for Applebee's. On July 23rd, there will be a day at Monmouth Race Track. 1st race starts at 12:50 P.M. In August, we will be holding our annual picnic at Merrill Park in Colonia.

There were 50 people attending the meeting.

Calendar:

July 30 – Next meeting

NEW YORK



BUFFALO CHIPS

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June 4th, 34 Chippers met at The Burgundy Room, Depew, NY for dinner. A variety of meals were offered and enjoyed by everyone.

There was no program and the recently returned Snowbirds from Florida exchanged their stories with those of us who spent most of the winter in Western New York. **Mike Keller** found his way home from his usual winter hide-a-way in Corpus Christi. The **Buczkowskis** spent the winter moving from their home of 30 odd years in West Seneca and settling in a new condo in Clarence, NY.

Over all, the Florida group reported a cooler than normal winter in Florida and the stay at home's claimed a slightly warmer winter with less snow than normal.

The next meeting is tentatively set as a picnic for early to mid September, details are forthcoming.

NEW YORK METROS

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At an earlier meeting, it was suggested we have a day at Belmont Race Track. The membership voted and agreed that Wednesday, July 2 will be the Day for the picnic at our local raceway.

Twenty-six members had a winning good time sitting under the large shade trees in Belmont Raceway. Most members were there early to help President **Jim Richardson** and his wife, **Kathy** set up the food. Grills are a no-no. So Jim brought a tray of delicious Wraps and Hero sandwich in the shape of a large bagel. Water,

soda & beer were plentiful. Our absentee members **Eleanor & Tony LoCastro** visiting their daughter on the Island donated homemade pasta salad & cold slaw, as well as a delicious cake.

Ann Hluboky baked a boxful of mouth watering blueberry muffins. **Mike & Evelyn Schroeder** are making up for the meetings they missed when Mike was home bound for over a year.

Eliot Olenick took the Long Island Railroad from Long Beach via Jamaica to place a two dollar bet on his favorite nag. Big winners were **Nick Manfredo & Jim Richardson**. Everyone that placed a wager won at least once, making for happy faces.

The picnic ended after the last race was finished. Thank you, Jim & Kathy for the outstanding job you did for 2008 picnic at Belmont.

Hopefully, the Raceway will be a yearly event.

Calendar:

Aug. 6 – 9:30 am, Wantagh Town Park. Come early for coffee & donuts.

Sept. 3 - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn, Jericho, NY; \$23.00 per person.

Oct. 1 – 12 noon, Millerridge Inn, Jericho, NY.

NORTHWOOD

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Correction Statement

Leave it to me, in my last report on the May meeting of the Loonies in GRB, I mentioned that the next meeting of our group will be in Spring Green, WI in October. We're all looking forward to that, but I erroneously gave **Connie & Rich Glattly** the job of setting all this up, when in truth, it was **Carol & Bob Faust** who have volunteered to host the meeting. No wonder **Jim Simon** is our new director, because he is so astute. He's the one that brought this error to my attention. Thanks, Jim.

So Carol & Bob, I hereby declare that you are not off the hook, and Connie & Rich, take a deep breath and relax. You can just attend and have a good time like the rest of us. We hope a lot of new folks will give our group a try. Keep tuned to the Newsletter for Carol & Bob's information on the meeting.

The following report is from: **Bob & Carol Faust**, 1025 Bradford Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193, (847) 895-1232, carbob7@hotmail.com.

We hope everyone has recovered from the last Loonie get together because it's time to get ready for the next one.

Our next gathering will be Oct. 7-10. There is a slight change of location because of the floods in Wisconsin. We will be staying in Dodgeville instead of Spring Green. But, hey, Loonies are a flexible bunch, and if you don't want to miss out on the fun, come and join us. **Clyde & Doris Johnson** did a great job in GRB last May and they will be a hard act to follow, but we'll try.

We will be staying at the Best Western, 1130 N. John Street, Dodgeville. You must make your own reservation by calling the hotel at (608) 935-7739 and use the group ID "Northwoods Loons". We have reserved a block of non-smoking rooms at \$99.90 per night for one queen or one king; \$109.90 per night for two queens. If you have AAA or AARP card let the hotel know when making the reservation; you will get a 10% discount. They will hold the rooms until Sept. 12.

The hotel offers free continental breakfast and is giving us a free meeting room. We asked that all the rooms be on the first floor and they will try to accommodate us. There is no elevator so make your reservation soon.

We have planned on going to House on the Rock and Taliesin, the Frank Lloyd Wright house and studio. The prices at Taliesin are a bit expensive, so I need to know if most of you still want to do this. The Hillside studio tour is one hour and costs \$14 and covers both inside and outside the building. This is a working school of architecture. The house tour, which is probably what most of us are interested in, lasts two hours and costs \$42 per person.

When you decide that you are coming, call the hotel for reservations, and then let us know. At that time, you can let us know if you are still interested in any of the Taliesin tours. They need to know at least two weeks in advance for groups. There will be other activities for those that don't want Taliesin.

There are lots to do and we are still firming up plans.

Something to ponder till October: *How many kinds of mustard are there?*

OREGON

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Our June meeting was a social with 83 in attendance. Jack reported back to the chapter on the RUAEA convention in Pittsburgh and announced the 2009 RUAEA Convention will be in Phoenix. How I remember the 1997 convention in that city ... It was HOT!

Our winners of prizes in June were as follows: Door prize: **Bruce De Ford**; Birthday: **Martha Howerton**; Anniversary: **Slim & Dee Bourdeau**; 50/50: **Johni Wilson**. The door prize is a free lunch and this is the third time the **De Fords** have won this year. Talk about lucky.

Someone from Oregon Public Broadcasting is scheduled to be our speaker at the August meeting; however, it may be changed to September. I wasn't able to confirm which month before I submitted my column.

Remember, October will be election of officers and all of the positions need to be filled. Several people have agreed to run, but it would be nice to see more members willing to come forward. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have two or three people running for each position?

I am making another plea for volunteers for the travel desk. You only have to be there one day a month for four hours. Please contact **Tina Lewis** at (503) 287-2546, if you are interested.

Our "Sunshine Committee" consisting of **Merle & Lois Pitman** were both ill in June. Lois had cataract surgery on both eyes and Merle was in the hospital for breathing problems. He also made a plea for members to let him know when someone is ill, so he can send them a card. **Bill Shaw** had hip replacement surgery, **Anna Miller** was ill with the flu and **Marilyn Woods** had another heart procedure.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls from outside our (503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing and load information.

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

August 13 - Speaker from Oregon Public Broadcasting

September 10 - Social

October 8 - Ice Cream Social and Election of Officers

OUR CLUB

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It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the

death of longtime OUR Club member **Herb Crees**. Herb passed away on July 1 at the age of 86. He was a 35-year UAL employee, starting his career as a mechanic in 1946 and retiring in 1981 as a 747 captain. Herb was a generous, loving, witty gentleman with a heart as big as the aircraft he flew. We're all grateful to have known such a fine man and will continue to embrace his wife, **Mary**, as we mourn his passing and miss his presence.

While OUR Club usually meets the first Friday of each month, we delayed the July luncheon to July 11 because of the Fourth of July holiday. **Doe Pope** has made arrangements for us to meet at a recently renovated restaurant, the Beacon. The Beacon building is a Grants Pass landmark that was one of many west coast Richfield Oil Beacon Service Stations built in the late 1920s to guide aircraft.

Jim & Elaine Ellis have been kind enough to step in and volunteer to host the August 1 luncheon. We will be meeting at noon at Elmer's Restaurant in Grants Pass.

Calendar

August 1 - Jim & Elaine Ellis - Details in column

September 5 - Annual picnic - Jim & Jane Frincke

PENNSYLVANIA

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Our committee met on Jun 16th for our final meeting for the summer. **Joyce Lindenmuth** provided the food for our picnic meeting and **Kathy & Al Edwards** provided the ribs, hamburgers and hot dogs for the cookout. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and we were able to eat and meet outside.

We discussed our upcoming commitment to provide a meal for 75 people at the Ronald McDonald House near Children's Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware, this fall. Kathy & Al have been volunteering there on Wednesdays, so they were able to make some menu recommendations and explain exactly what will be involved.

Treasurer **Tom Lyons** gave a treasurers report. He then read the list of members who have not renewed their local membership. We emailed them and send notices and will now remove them from our membership rolls.

Our guest speaker at the September 8th meeting will

be Navy pilot Stephen Miller. Miller flew fighter jets in the Navy from 1989-1999 including 21 missions over Iraq. On September 11, 2001 he was flying an Airbus 319 for US Airways. As he approached Manhattan, he saw the plume of smoke from the horizon to the south. At that time, he had no idea that terrorist had flown into the World Trade Center. After he landed at LaGuardia, he learned that the Pentagon had also been hit. Miller, a Major in the National Guard, did everything he could to get to his unit, the 177th Fighter Wing in Atlantic City, N.J. At dawn the next morning, he was flying his F16 with live missiles over Manhattan. In 2004, he completed his law degree and is now in private practice. Mr. Miller has agreed to come and talk with us about his experience. We would like to invite anyone that would be interested to hear him speak, to attend our meeting on September 8th at 12:30 PM. I think it will be very interesting to hear a first hand eye witness account of what he saw on that terrible September morning.

Good news about **Jim Fanto**. His wife, **Barbara**, says his is doing well and although weak, is getting around. **Lynn Wakely**, is now on kidney dialysis and **John Houser** is doing much better.

Frank Eggles announced that we have now donated \$4000.00 to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. Frank asked that anyone who would like to make a contribution, that the checks be made payable to "CHAPEL 93 MEMORIAL" and mailed to: Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073

Please be certain that your file number, name and address on your check. We would like to thank those who have already donated for their generosity.

Enjoy a healthy and safe summer - see you in September.

Calendar

Sept. 8 - General meeting, 2008 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn

Sept. 22 - Committee meeting, 12:30PM at The Edward

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS



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Tempus Fugit - 4th of July has come and gone. Soon we will be talking about summer's end.

The Pittsburgh Convention Committee held a "wrap up" luncheon last month at the Lemont restaurant in Mount Washington. **Phylliss Smith** and **Lee Snuffer** did a great job planning the affair. We were sorry **Hank Gosselin** was unable to get a flight in for the wrap up

session. **Hank** along with **Bob Halden** did such a great job in planning and organizing with their expertise that helped make the '08 convention such a great success. **Mort Wax** & wife **Lorrie** were able to fly in from Chicago and **Mort** once again thanked the committee for a job well done. The meals were outstanding and the magnificent view of our city capped off a great day.

Several of the committee members indicated they would like to get together periodically. Our official photographer **Rich Surma** snapped quite a few pictures and even gave some of his "Professional" advice to a few of our amateurs.

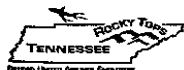
The annual Pit-Stoppers picnic will be covered next month as it will have been held on July 17th.

Our best wishes and prayers to our good buddy **Rich "Cake" Guida** who by the time you read this, will have undergone more surgery. **Rich & Barb** are on a first name basis with the entire staff at Sewickley Hospital.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Our Breakfast Group started their day out with our United friends at Shoney's on Thursday, June 19th. Although it was a small group, everyone enjoyed the breakfast buffet. **Al & Jeanne Barkmann** had their granddaughter from California with them. She pleasantly surprised them at church on Father's Day. Their daughter didn't let them know that she was coming. What a nice surprise! We were also glad to see **Dave Leonhardt** up and about after his surgical procedure. We haven't heard how **Betty Shipe** is doing after her knee replacement. She was to go to a rehab. center before she could come home. Everyone is looking forward to **Mary Lou Barr**'s art show at our July meeting. It will be held at the Green Meadow Country Club. Our hosts are planning a good time for everyone.

Calendar:

August 21 - 9:30 AM ET - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

September 18 - Still need Hosts!

October 16 - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd.

UTAH



THE SALT LAKERS

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On July 1, 24 chapter members met at a new location: Johanna's Kitchen, 9725 S. State St., Sandy/UT, and they found their breakfast fare very tasty.

As the chapter secretary was not available, Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson & Sandy Cantonwine** volunteered to gather information for this RUAEA report. Remarkable was the fact that, within just 2 days, **Clair Anderson** had prepared & sent off to over 100 retirees/members a very professional-looking flyer with important details regarding our Aug. 5 picnic. An attached "coupon" is to be mailed to Chapter Treas. **Bill Ottman** along with the \$15/person cover charge – to be received by him no later than Aug. 1. Our thanks to Clair, Sandy, & Bill!

The group welcomed two newcomers: **Paul & Shirley Scoville**, and it is hoped they will join us more often from now on. **Bill Ottman** stayed for a short spell; he advised us wife **Shirley** is gravely ill.

A couple of months ago, **Kip Lufkin** agreed to take on the Chapter VP responsibilities & now she is busy with the picnic planning as well as contacting other UAL retirees in the SLC area to invite them to join our group. A recent phone call from Kip mentioned that she had asked retired F/A **Carol Ryan Simpson** to join us at the picnic, and Carol has agreed to help with the pre-party table/seating arrangements. Here it might be added: While working as an active F/A out of her SFO domicile, Carol frequently donated her time & expertise to UAL's "Fantasy Flights" over LAS & on the last such SLC adventure on Dec. 16, 2000. Thank you, Carol! And thanks to Kip for getting Carol interested in our group!

Also welcomed were other visitors: **Frank Zoun, Frank & Susan Christenson, Simon & Maureen Seikaly, Hank & Mary Bons**, and **Keith & Nancy Tronier**. **Bob Turgeon** even took time off from his "Meals on Wheels" job to be with his UAL friends, while wife **Judy** (a Clipped Wings member) was busy with tending their grandchildren.

During this last meeting, our retirees decided about the food service for the upcoming August 5 Sugar House Park picnic. Professional caterer Joe Morley's will service it at the cost of \$15/person. The cordial get-together usually starts around 4:00 P.M., with food being readied for 5:00 P.M. at the Lake Terrace Pavilion.

Calendar:

Aug. 5 - Catered Picnic - 5pm - Sugar House Pk. (Lake Terr.), entrance 2100 S./1500 E., SLC

Sept. 2 - Coffee Time - 9:30am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray

Oct. 7 - Lunch - 2PM - Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC

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A number of our members and guests attended the national convention in Pittsburgh in May, and several tacked on the Niagara Falls tour at the end. Those who attended are **Jim & Jo Ann Bernovich**, **Bob Brumfield**, **Hank Gosselin** (RUAEA VP Convention), **John & Adelaide Haferbecker**, **Jim & Marion Hafterson**, **Carol Lucarelli**, **Hubert & Anita Malco**, **Bob & Betty Paul**, **Dolores Steger** and **Ken & Judy Storey**.

Of special note is the fact that on the back cover of the convention directory, is a list of well-known corporate names, e.g., H.J. Heinz, Lufthansa German Airlines, United Airlines, etc., representing entities who contributed significantly to the convention, and among the names listed are our own **Hubert & Anita Malco**. Congratulations to the Malcos!

Others attending the convention with ties to the Seattle area are **Dave & Nancy Henderson**, now from the Orlando area, **Roger & Lynne Callihan** and **Chuck & Sharon Cole**, now from the Tucson area. Also **Dolores Frank** who was a nurse in SEAMD in the '70s, now living in San Mateo. And our new RUAEA National President is **Ron Robertson** of Tucson. Ron formerly worked in the Seattle area, among other places, and he and his wife **Shirley** have family here and maintain a summer residence in Maple Valley. We congratulate Ron on his election as national president.

From all reports, it was a very successful well-run convention in a great city with many interesting tours. **Hank Gosselin** and the Pittsburgh committee did a superb job. Attendees learned that Pittsburgh was once the Gateway to the West and that George Washington spent his youthful days in the western Pennsylvania frontier, working for the British in their successful efforts to take the territory from the French.

For some reason RUAEA's conventions seem to converge with significant events occurring in the host

city each year. Three years ago in Hollywood, our hotel was the center for the American Idol finals and we found ourselves rubbing shoulders with **Carrie Underwood**, **Paula Abdul**, **Simon Cowell** and **Randy Jackson** in the restaurants and lobby. Two years ago in Washington, D.C., we were in town during a state visit from the **Prime Minister of Israel** followed by Memorial Day observations at Arlington National Cemetery with the bittersweet but beautiful sight of flags placed on each gravesite plus a speech by President **Bush**. Last year, we were in Sacramento for the wrap-up of the annual Jazz Festival with wonderful widespread jazz sessions in Old Town. This year in Pittsburgh, we were present on the eve of the Stanley Cup Playoffs between the Pittsburgh Penguins and Detroit Redwings completed with an enthusiastic downtown Penguin victory rally featuring Mayor **Luke Ravenstahl**. It seems that wherever we go, it's interesting, if not exciting. In 2009, the convention moves to Phoenix; one wonders what outside events will be occurring there?

At the convention, **Bob Brumfield** received many accolades from fellow retirees, both for his newsletter column on Travel Tips and for the work of the Seattle Travel Desk. Regarding the Travel Desk, the compliments ranged from quick and efficient service being rendered by Seattle volunteers to the friendliness and the humor exhibited by our retirees staffing the Travel Desk. Well done Travel Desk Volunteers – and Bob!

Ken & Judy Storey completed a 3-week trip to China in May, visiting the cities of Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong, as well as traveling 5 days by boat on the Yangtze River and got to see the huge dam that was built, displacing thousands of Chinese residents. Ken & Judy were in the Chengdu area a few days before the major earthquake hit and were 200 miles away the day it occurred. They flew 5 different intra-China carriers on their trip, all flying either B-737s or A-319s. Other observations they made are: pollution is plainly evident, preparations for the Olympic Games in Beijing are apparent, especially the "Bird's Nest" stadium, automobiles on the roads there are Buicks, VWs and Chinese makes (no Japanese), the Great China Wall is a "steep" uphill walk, and the above-ground train to the Shanghai airport reaches speeds of 250 mph. They had a great trip and covered a lot of China.

We sadly learned of the passing of former SEARR employee **Linda Beatty**.

Also, **Bob Ellis**, an aviation pioneer, passed away at age 98 in June. Bob, who was honored at our 2004 RUAEA convention in Seattle, hired on with West Coast Air Transport in October 1928. Bob was trained as a mechanic and pilot, and also learned radios and electronics. In 1931, Boeing-owned Pacific Air Transport purchased West Coast and Bob moved from Portland to Seattle, where he worked as a mechanic and ra-

dio operator. His responsibilities included directing inbound flights down through the overcast by telling the pilots which way to turn based on the sound of their engines. Another of Bob's jobs was to make sure William E. Boeing, Sr. received daily stock market reports when he was aboard his yacht in Canadian waters. Pacific Air Transport then became part of United Air Lines. Bob was station manager in Spokane, and then moved to Seattle to become chief mechanic and finally maintenance manager. He officially retired from United in 1975 and ranked number 1 on United's seniority list. A memorial will be held Sunday, August 10 at 11:00 AM at the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

Ever have trouble reaching a real person when calling Medco? Try dialing 0-0-0 after calling 1-800-864-1425. That will get you to a real person right away. If it doesn't work the first time, punch 0-0-0 again.

Long-time chapter members **Lyle & Joanna Myers** moved to Roswell, Georgia the first week in July, a move that will bring them closer to their daughters and their families who live in the Atlanta area. Lyle & Joanna until recently had been our faithful monthly hosts for our meetings at Fairwood Country Club. Lyle is a past president of the Emerald City Slickers and also served as a RUAEA regional director. He also helped with our annual picnics. And Joanna is recognized as quite an artist. We will miss them both and wish them well in their new location.

Calendar:

July – No meeting scheduled

August 12 – Annual Picnic, Home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman**, Kent, WA

September 11 – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

October 14 – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

November 11 – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

The best gifts to give:

To your friend, loyalty;

To your enemy, forgiveness;

To your boss, service;

To a child, a good example;

To your parents, gratitude and devotion;

To your mate, love and faithfulness;

To all men and women, charity.

-Author unknown

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUAEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your birthday.

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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Spouse – **LARSON, Anne**, on 6/13/08, wife of Theodore "Ted" Larson, EXOGS (Deceased), mother of Rita Larson Deines, 1555 NW 133rd Ave., Portland, OR 97229

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ADAM, Raymond C., WHQAK 04/21/08

BARSCH, Arline J., MIASW 04/26/08

BERGH, Rachel H., NYCRR 04/02/08

BISHOP, Charles E., SFOSJ 04/27/08

BOYKIN JR., Leonard, SFOFF 04/16/08

BRANDENBURG, Alfred H., ORDCG 04/24/08

BROWN SR., Phillip E., SFOSE 04/07/08

BULLOCK, Squire, LAXFF 01/08/08

CARR, John R., BOIOZ 04/12/08

CHARLIER, Melvin L., ORDFO 04/03/08

CIMARRA, Ramon A., OAKUM 04/05/08

COBOSCO, Anthony B., DENMM 04/09/08

COOK, Alice R., SFOCE 04/27/08

DE LANGE, James E., SEACG 04/16/08

DIEZ, Jerry, LGACG 04/12/08

DUNN, Vincent M., SFORQ 04/16/08

EBERT, Wesley B., SEAHH 04/20/08

ECKEL, Charles F., WHQHR 04/12/08

FEIGHT, Shirley C., DTWOZ 04/18/08
GREEN, John E., CLEMM 04/25/08
HAYNES, Pearson, ORDMK 04/26/08
HENDERSON, Roy G., SFOMG 04/05/08
HINADY, Samir Y., SFOIQ 04/26/08
HOLLIS, Davis J., ORDCG 04/04/08
JACKSON, Gladys, WHQGO 04/16/08
KAMBA, Ronald T., ORDDF 04/28/08
KELLEY, Agatha J., DTWRR 04/08/08
KOSS, Darla K., DTWTC 04/09/08
KRAUSE, Katarina, WHQGO 04/13/08
KRIER, A Gerald, CHISY 04/30/08
LUTHIN JR., Walter F., OPBOP 04/21/08
MARKLEY JR., Robert E., DENMM 04/13/08
MITCHELL, Robert G., HNLFO 03/15/08
NYGREN, Bruce B., SFOJJ 04/19/08
O'TOOLE, Charles D., SFOMM 04/11/08
OSTIC, Shatzi S., BOSSW 04/06/08
OVERBEY, Harold W., SFOPI 04/21/08
PARAGAS, Pete S., SFOEA 04/01/08
PELLEGRINI, Luciano A., SFOWR 04/16/08
PINNEO, Harold D., SFOSJ 04/07/08
RADILLA, Mariano R., SFOJJ 04/19/08
RAIMO, Matthew Joseph, ORDFO 04/08/08
RAUSCH, Ervin M., ORDFO 04/10/08
REAGAN, John J., CLESS 01/16/08
RELLER JR., Oliver A., SFOEA 04/21/08
ROHAN, Elizabeth H., WHQPZ 02/17/08
ROSS, Charles A., LAXJL 04/09/08
RYAN, William E., SFOGR 04/10/08
SAVAGE, Marion J., OMAFF 04/13/08
SEES, Richard R., CLECG 04/07/08
SKAER, Pamela J., SFOSW 04/09/08
SPENCER, Rebbie, WHQPZ 04/27/08
SURPRISE, William R., JFKFO 04/27/08
TAMASHIRO, Richard T., HNLG 04/26/08
TAYLOR, Lawrence A., LGATR 04/14/08
THOMPSON, Howard S., ORDFO 04/17/08
TRUAX JR., Walter A., BWICS 03/14/08
ULLMANN, Robert, CHIDD 04/14/08
VASILE, Joseph N., ORDMM 04/01/08
WELLS, Mary F., SEARR 04/26/08
WHELIHAN, John K., SFOIQ 04/27/08
WILSON, Gretchen L., DENCs 04/15/08
ZAWROTNY, Donna A., JFKTQ 04/17/08

LETTERS

We have received Greetings & Thanks for the Newsletter from the following members:

Zenta Berghofer, John Branstetter, Nancy Brock, Sopia Calkins, William Cannady, Jr., William Culhane, Chris Czaplowski, Charlotte Flagg, Lee Gibb, Grace Habin, Benjamin Hain, Hugh Hensley, Roy Hicks, Janet Jolley, Mary Keightly, Lorrie LaBranche, Richard Libby, Susan Lizdas, Dotti Maxwell, Alfonso Morales, Charles O'Brien, Lucille Phelps, Edward Pozzi, Clifton Reik, Mary Riter, Barbara Rothermal, Dorothy Russack, Gary Sargent, George Schwind, Catherine Smith, Jane Stevens, James Stiveson, June Tanaka, James Weeks, Colene Wilson, Elizabeth Wizer.

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.)

Vilma Patrick, 1515 Geary Rd. #121, Walnut Creek, CA 94597

In 1962, my husband was hired on by United to work as a ground mechanic at the newly built center on Algonquin Rd. in suburban Chicago. That was the start of many benefits that are too numerous to tally. Sam was much liked and did a great job. Often I was told by his supervisor that he knew every electrical, water and sewer line to trouble shoot when there was a problem.

In the ensuing years, the travel benefits were super! The kids and we enjoyed the trips and were grateful. Thanks for every mile and there must have been thousands and thousands.

Last Saturday was the epitome! After a week in Chicago attending the funeral of my older and only sister, I was standing by to get home to SFO. I had stood by for three flights and was not getting on when a customer service rep suggested that I try for Sacramento, so I did and sure enough I did get on and was so happy, unfortunately that was short lived. About an hour into the flight, I had heavy chest pains; familiar to me from 4 years ago that resulted into a "heart event" that ended in stent surgery. I had my nitro pills with me, so I took 2 initially as I was instructed to do by my doctor should something like this occur and sat back down in my seat. I soon realized that it wasn't working so I asked the flight attendant if I could have some oxygen. Then the whole wonderful experience happened. I was handled with the utmost of care and concern. Another passenger (a cardiology nurse from Kaiser) offered to sit with me

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Memory**

and attend to my needs. The flight crew was wonderful and the flight attendants marvelous. To make a long story short, we got to Sacramento and I was loaded off by EMT's and taken to the emergency room at Kaiser Hospital north in Sacramento. I am recuperating and thankfully, there were no signs of an actual heart attack or stroke.

To think that complete strangers stepped up and took care of my needs thousands of feet in the air, doing their job with so much concern is overwhelming.

I'm thankful of United more than you can know!

Joe B. Harris, P.O. Box S54, Alameda, CA 94501

History!

In Truckee, Nevada on top of a mountain, there is a general aviation airport on one of the mountain hills with one of the runways very short. The runway is so short that it has a warning sign about mid-point that states not to go if you are not flying at this point. If you cannot stop with full flaps, power retarded, and brakes just as you clear the end of the runway, you will find the plane going down immediately. You have to make a sharp left with full power. The airplane will continue to sink down several feet before reaching flying speed again. Meanwhile, you have to watch the mountain on each side of you. What was once out in the front of you is now on your right and the mountain top you just came off of on, that runway is now on your left. That is a most frightening experience; a pilot would not like to be in it for the first time. Once out of that place, if you flew in, you do not wish to ever fly back again.

If it is a rent-a-plane in Truckee, just as soon as the pilot gets the plane back to the Truckee airport, and back on the ground, a pilot's thoughts are to pick up his car and go home. You will say this to yourself over and over again "Truckee airport is not for me to fly in and out of"!

Although it is true that it is a good airport and a good place to get mountain terrain flying training, all the same, it is a very frightening experience.

It is like a navy pilot looking for the tiny speck of a ship in the huge ocean, which is a very small place to land on, and the runway is very, very short. One experience flying in the mountains like Truckee airport, that is all a pilot needs.

For an airline airplane approach to the airport, once the pilot sees that the runway can be made and has flaps, he will need to go full flaps down, pick up a normal glide with power let down, then make the landing and stop just as soon as the ground roll is under control, then turn off to a taxi strip.

Once in Truckee, Nevada is enough for any pilot. It is too frightening and dangerous with mountains all around and landing on top of one of those mountains.

Guy H. Ackley, 1040 SW Kimball Drive Apt 213, Oak Harbor, WA. 98277-759

I want to thank everyone who is involved in publishing and sending the Newsletter to us retirees. I appreciate your work, and enjoy reading it every month.

After living in California all of my life, and in San Carlos on the San Francisco peninsula for sixty four years, I have moved. On September 15th, 2007, I moved to Oak Harbor, WA. on Whidbey Island. My daughter and her family live here in the area.

I lost my wife Dorothy, in September 2004 and my only son Kent, in February 2007. He was also a UAL retiree. I was happy to be here with family during the Holidays.

My hiring date was September 27, 1943, and I retired thirty five years later in 1978. My work was in the Customer Service Manager's Office.

Thanks again for your work on the Newsletter. I appreciate it.

Robert J. Ahrens, 3914 Christian Drive, Belmont, CA 91002

As time goes by so do birthdays. Another year has gone and here is a short up date. My wife's latest mode of transportation is the wheel chair; so our travels have been in the local area. I volunteer four days a week at our Senior Center. The last time I visited the SFO Maintenance Base Credit Union, they told me there was a "FOR SALE" sign out front. The Credit Union office has now moved to a building in San Mateo. Regards.

Mary (Benanti) Semon, mjsemon@sbcglobal.net

Ciao from Bella Italia. I'd better get the most from it because come November we will leave here and return to the USA, namely Washington DC. I will definitely miss living abroad but it's time to go home. We've done lots of travel while here. This past weekend (Louis took some vacation) we went to see San Pio at San Giovanni Rotondo and then continued north towards Venice, Trieste and Slovenia. We covered just under 2000 miles. Last summer, we covered some of the Italian Islands and last fall we went to Croatia, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Montenegro. Just beautiful! I would not have been to these places unless we lived here so I'm grateful.

The time sure flies. My check is in the mail. Since it has to go by way of the Rome Embassy it may take awhile. A big "Thank You" for all the information in the Newsletter, it's a lot of work but it's the best.

Clifford Chaney, 904 E. Lizzie Ln., Saint George, UT 84790

A red renewal notice on my RUAEA news prompts me to get busy and send note, plus check. June has gone by so fast, and with July 15, arriving before my thinking

cap, reminds me.

Who would have thought I would still be here, let alone busy as bee. Flying that is. I still have a few students, and at the moment I'm prepping a young lady from Cedar City, Utah for her private license. A flight review this week also. Sure is neat to keep busy doing something I enjoy so much.

My seniority date is 1/13/1942. So you can see I have been a long time member, of RUAEA, ALPA, AOPA, AFA, VFW, American Legion, on and on. During the 50's I wrote, East Winds, and then transferred to LAX, and wrote West Winds, since **Jim Going** started to write Trade Winds, as he was flying to Hawaii.

There is a possibility of some of you recognizing my name. This will be my 30th year since setting the brakes on the 747. And I have a great deal to be grateful for. A dear wife, health, wonderful children, grandchildren, great grandchildren. And still keep in contact with some of my dear friends in UAL. Have a wonderful year, thanks so much for the Newsletter.

Marilyn Lydon, 40 Aristotle Way, Cranbury, NJ 08512, mlydon123@gmail.com

I just wanted to advise you of my move to Cranbury, NJ and my new email address.

My daughter and her family were transferred out here a year ago, and since she was my closest family in IL, I decided to check the housing out here. I found a wonderful active adult community in Cranbury, NJ and just closed on a house there. I move in this week. My new address is: 40 Aristotle Way, Cranbury, NJ 08512. My email address is above.

My late husband, Eugene, and I were members of the Northwoods Loonies and had many great times with those folks. I hope they'll keep in touch. My new community has lots of activities so I plan to keep busy and meet new friends. I grew up in the Midwest so this is a totally new area for me to explore.

Bill Bennett, 2171 W Williams Ave., PMB 223, Fallon, NV 89406

Hi, last month I had written, and RUAEA has graciously published in the Newsletter a note from me regarding pictures I have posted online of UAL personnel and activities in the '60s at SFO, called SFO Memories. I had included a link to the page. As the link was categorized as unlisted, it was a rather long involved set of characters! While I received some very nice notes regarding the pictures (thank you), some folks were having trouble getting into the page getting that dreaded "404 Not Found" message. My guess is there may be some hidden characters in the URL and those of you who receive the Newsletter in paper form by snail mail, tried unsuccessfully to type it in. As I have done for those who wrote, you can just email me at fall-

bill@phonewave.net and I'll be glad to supply you with a working link.

I would also very much like to add more pictures to the set particularly from Maintenance and Ramp Services, so any pictures you could send me to be added would be more than welcome. Also, comments on the individual pictures are welcome on the page and of course, if you recognize anyone that is not named, please let me know. Enjoy the pictures.

Milton Sank, 2204 Mountainview Dr., Monsey, NY 10952

My wife and I have just both joined the "90 Plus Club". It is no big deal at our address, an independent-living, retirement community.

The RUAEA newsletter is our final link to our United friends. Don't ever stop!

I can still recall the fuss, back in 1965, when United led the way, hiring its own armed security guards at JFK. The idea of a gun at an airport was unheard of!

James Wise, 3759 Windover Dr., Hamburg, NY 14075

Thanks for putting a fine publication together. I will be 87 years old in June. I have managed to survive a cancerous prostate gland and a quintuple by-pass heart surgery.

Susie Stanley, 3985 Holly St., Dumfries, VA 22026-2439

Thanks to all RUAEA staff for getting our Newsletter to our homes each month. Great job!

I have been retired 20½ years and enjoy every day. I am very grateful to be able to keep up with my yard and house work, most of the time. Best of all, I enjoy lots of good times with my two great sons, their wives, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

God bless, love and best of health to all.

Evelyn (Lynn) Clark, 459 N Willow Wood Dr., Palatine, IL 60074-3831

I have not been very active the past 1½ years.

In 2007, I had weekly visits to the Wound Care Center at the Alexian Brothers Hospital. After having 4 angioplasty surgeries, the arteries still remained blocked. To prevent gangrene from setting in, my right leg was amputated above the knee on March 13th. I have gone through physical rehab. I was fitted for prosthesis on June 4th and hopefully I can return home by the end of June.

James Ferrance, 10500 National Blvd., Apt. #24, Los Angeles, CA 90034-3626

I totally appreciate the Newsletter, and the wonderful work everyone associated with it produces. It is a definite and gratifying means of keeping everyone in the

“United Family” in the loop. The dedication of everyone concerned with the RUAEA Newsletter is to be commended. My most grateful thanks for all of your wonderful work done all year long. I will be looking forward to future editions of the Newsletter.

June Humphrey, 2161 Kalia Rd Apt. #515, Honolulu, HI 96815-1908

I had planned to see old friends at the Pittsburgh Convention, but I might not have recognized you, due to my cataracts which were recently removed. Now I can see “true” colors again, I won’t have to get a new wardrobe as everything looks new. The best thing of all, my vision with glasses is 20-25. I am looking forward to see you in 2009.

Gerry Vann, 3513 E. Lake Shore Dr., Wonder Lake, IL 60097

Thanks so much to all of you that work so hard and are so important to all of us. You are so needed for providing us with information, updates and just for keeping us connected. You do a great job.

The convention in Pittsburgh was great. The tour to Shanksville was a very emotional and moving experience.

Garver Sandy, 223 Perry Street, Milpitas, CA 95035-5711

With my 86th birthday getting close, it is time to send in my dues.

I used to attend the convention, come home and write about it and send with my dues.

My physical condition prevents me from travelling, so I no longer have convention attendance to remind me.

My legs prevent me from walking without aid, so I am somewhat house-bound.

I still do drive short distances with the aid of hand controls in my car.

Bill Green, 4352 Belmont Dr., Sebastopol, CA 95472

We would like to thank you very much for all the information you provide for us. We especially like the *Travel Tips* by Bob and the *Ask the Doctor* columns. The Travel Desk people are so friendly and helpful. This is a lovely change in this day and age.

Bill had knee replacement surgery. He is doing good and looking to get the other one done now.

James Morvick, 1 Hudson Pl., Ocean Pines, MD 21811

Happy summer from Maryland’s Eastern shore!

I retired from onboard services in Washington DC in 2005, after 40 years.

Some of us remember in 1965 that we got one trip pass on United after one year of service, then one more

each year to a maximum of four, to all United cities, except Hawaii. To Hawaii, it was ½ the regular fare, positive space 6 months out of each year, stand by the rest. How things have changed!

Our jet fleet consisted of the DC8, Boeing 720, 727 and Caravelle serving 32 states plus D.C.

Thank you for your fine publication.

Ken Wagner, 100 Valley St., Apt# 402, Seattle, WA 98109

I retired 2/01/2003 after 35½ years in reservations. I worked in NYC, SAN, MIA, HNL, CLE and SEA. I joined RUAEA and the Seattle City Slickers right after my retirement.

I had a wonderful career working with great people. I really appreciate the newsletter every month.

Thanks for everyone’s efforts.

Betty Freund, 17060 N Silver Path, Surprise, AZ 85374-3523

I have been retired for 22 years and Betty has been for 20 years. It’s hard to believe that we have a son that has been retired for four years; a daughter who is still flying after almost 30 years and a daughter-in-law and son still employed. It has been a trip.

We don’t miss the Chicago weather. You don’t have to shovel the sunshine in Arizona.

Marv Hill, 3353 Via Bartolo, San Diego, CA 92111-4513

Greetings to all of you, who work so hard to put out the Newsletter to those of us that just sit back and enjoy it. Thank you.

If anyone happens to be in the San Diego area, we have a breakfast get together at 10 A.M., the first Thursday of every month at the Loma Café. Come and join us anytime.

Robert England, 2758 Bowmont Dr., Eugene, OR 97405

I must say that these retirement times aren’t yielding the promised gold. However, I feel good about my 45 plus years with United.

Each of us did our very best to make it and we were the finest airline team in the world. I believe our past pros feel the same and we will prevail.

A big hello to all from SFOMB.

Paul Lemrise, 2788 Green Bridge Ct., Schaumburg, IL 60194-4992

I appreciate the informative nature of the news you provide via the Internet. The RUAEA newsletter is very instrumental in keeping my wife, Dolores, and me in touch with what is happening with the retirees and things at United.

Thanks again for all the time and talent you expend to create this publication.

Jay Cacioppo, 3215 Cheshire Dr., San Jose, CA 95118-1517

How the years fly by! How many times have we heard or said that? But it is very true.

I hit a big milestone this year, the big 70. But I still maintain my youthful adage, "I am now trying to figure out what I plan to do when I grow up".

I do hold my aviation career close and am thankful for all of it, the US Air force, Pratt and Whitney, Boeing and of course the icing on the cake, my 37 years working with United.

My best wishes to **Len Haubl**. I hope all is well now.

Thank you all, at RUAEA for your fine work at communicating and the improved publication. You help me to keep in touch with others, such as wonderful folks like **Jerry Knott, Harris Freihon, Ray Arceneauz, Al Pochop, "Bud" Soward, and Mary Anne Lock**, who was married to the fine aviation artist, **Charles Lock**. I am currently assisting her in handling Charles' paintings.

Harriett Miller, 1430 Marines Blvd., Spring Hill, FL 34609

I am happy to be here to send in a little extra, especially after reading about our dear friend, Jo.

You see 2008 has not been a good year for me, as I had 2 strokes in early February. I spent the next 2 months in Rehab facilities. I finally returned home the middle of April. The strokes affected my left side and put my arm and leg out of commission.

As a result I have had to learn to walk again and I am now doing quite well, with the help of a walker. My left leg is doing fine, but my arm fails to respond to all the good therapy I have had and continue to have.



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1-888-825-0188 (M-F 7AM - 5PM Central Time).

<https://www.ualretirees.com/>

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<http://www.bcbs.com>

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Glenn Tilton's message to employees & retirees

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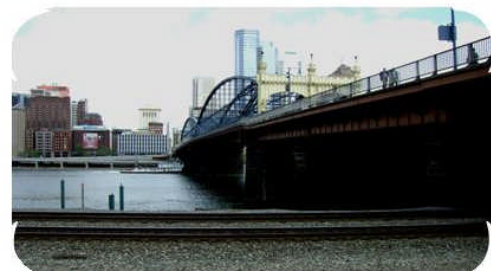
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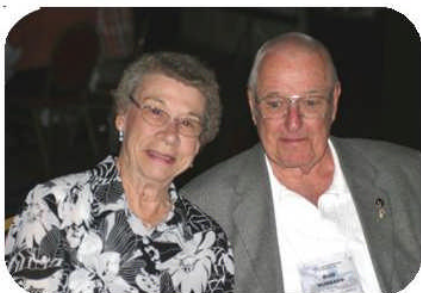
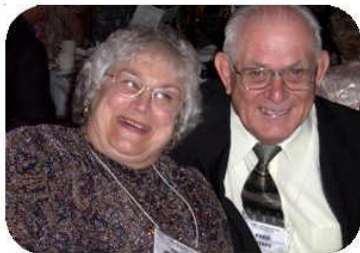
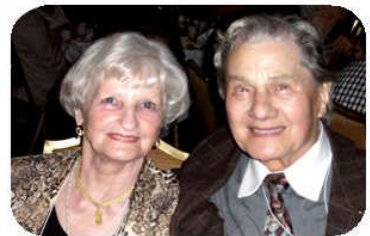
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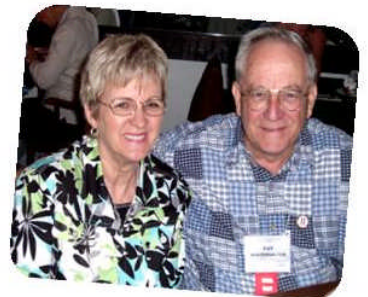
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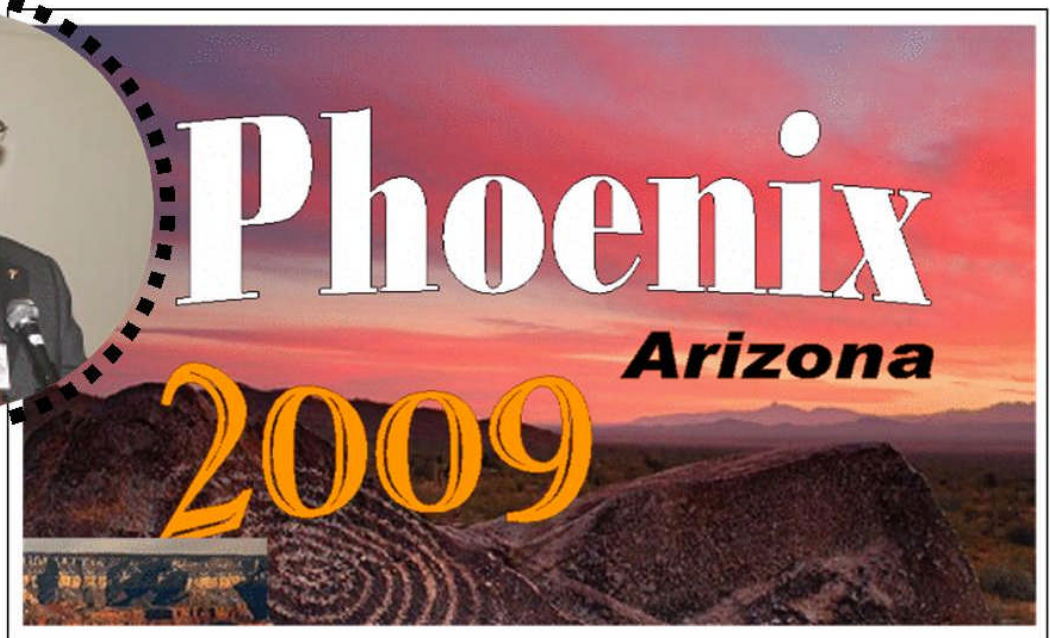
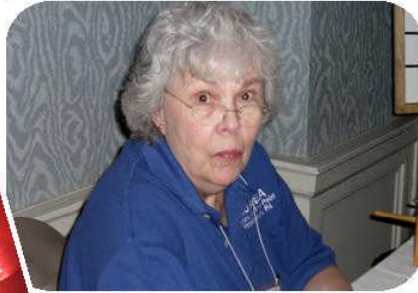
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In January 1929, William Allan "Pat" Patterson joined Boeing as Philip Johnson's assistant. As President of United Aircraft & Transport Company, Johnson was often in the New York City headquarters. Johnson gave Pat Patterson the authority to "make decisions as he saw fit" regarding Boeing Air Transport and the newly acquired Pacific Air Transport. April 1, 1930 United Air Lines was created as a "management company" for the four air transport companies (BAT, PAT, NAT & Stout) with Johnson as President. He was also the President of each of the individual airlines.

UATC then merged Stout and NAT. Following the Varney acquisition later in 1930, the airlines again numbered four. At this time, the "United Air Lines" logos

(right) were used. (lower right "Varney" logo is my speculation. MB)

In midsummer 1931, Pat Patterson was named General Manager of United Air Lines, Inc. and moved from Seattle to Chicago, taking charge of the new United Air Lines Headquarters.

United Air Lines owned no airplanes or other equipment, signed no contracts, had no earnings and was supported jointly by the airlines. This was to

become important on February 9, 1934, when the government abruptly canceled the mail contracts.

At the time, money from the air mail contracts was 45 percent of United's total revenue and although increasing steadily, passenger and cargo revenue alone fell far short of supporting the airline.

Following the air mail contract suspensions, Patterson made the decision to keep all four of his companies flying their full schedules, hoping that additional passengers, express and cargo would replace the lost mail revenue. His argument was "Our pilots and ground crews have to eat ... this is our opportunity to show our people that they are in a stable business". United lost more than one million dollars during the quarter that followed, flying with half-full airplanes.

The U.S. Government's decision to have Army pilots fly the mail was disastrous. In the 78 days, twelve Army pilots died, ten in the first 3 weeks.

Roosevelt put the mail contracts back for bids.



By Marvin Berryman, DENTK (Ret.)

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