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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter from the Executive Vice President



Membership - As reported in last month's Newsletter, a significant By-Laws change was approved at the convention in Phoenix. Membership in RUAEA is now open to anyone who has worked for United and is of retirement age (55). This applies to those who started their career with United Airlines but for different reasons, did not finish their careers with United. Many ended up with "spin-offs" of the company such as Covia and Galileo. We have heard from many of these individuals over the years, wanting to join our organization to further friendships made while at United. Now they have that opportunity. If you know of anyone who meets the new criteria, encourage them to come and join us not only on the local level but also on the National level.

Another change in the membership By-Law is that spouses of RUAEA members, non-members who meet the above criteria and widows/widowers are also eligible to join RUAEA. This is important in that many spouses are very active in the local chapters and in some cases, are what keep those chapters going. These folks are a great resource to our organization and now have the opportunity to become active in RUAEA with all the privileges such as voting and holding office.

We are encouraged by these new changes. In addition, we had a mailing to nearly 4400 recent retirees with a letter from President **Ron Robertson**, a new brochure and an application. The June results gave us over 300 new members and early results for July are showing the same amount of interest.

Apollo - Recently we have had questions and concerns regarding the use of Apollo. The current policy with United is that once you retire, you can no longer access Apollo. This situation leaves us retirees with SkyNet for our travel needs. Taking an informal poll of many retirees indicates that SkyNet fulfills the needs for checking availability and listing not only for our own travel needs but companions as well. Granted, Apollo provides additional information such as seniority of other standbys but as retirees, at least for now, we will have to make do with what is available to us which is SkyNet. We also understand that Apollo will be replaced with a new system in the not too distant future.

If anyone has problems with using SkyNet, please look into using one of the three Travel Desks supported by RUAEA. The Travel Desks contact information are listed in the **"Important Phone Number"** section of the Newsletter.

Ron Bertacini
Executive Vice President - RUAEA

Correction to RUAEA Annual Business Meeting Report (July 2009 Newsletter)

Travel Desk – Jack Hooper

The concept for a travel desk started in 1995 with one in Seattle. We now have three: Seattle, Portland and Chicago. We operate them through the generosity of United, giving us Apollo access, office space and printers. They are manned exclusively by volunteers. The costs of the calls are underwritten by RUAEA and RUPA. They can check real time loads, list for travel and supply general information. They cannot check loads for other airlines, issue travel letters or reduced fare tickets.

International SOS Provides Employees with Valuable Assistance while Traveling Overseas

Have you ever wondered what you would do in an emergency situation while traveling outside of your home country? What if your passport was stolen or you lost your prescription medicine? In today's volatile world, finding yourself in the middle of political or social protests is not even far-fetched.

The new program is available to all employees, retirees and travel eligibles (including Enrolled Friends). Prior to your travels, visit the International SOS Website (www.internationalsos.com), which offers medical alerts, cultural tips, visa information, country facts and other relevant information. It's easy to access from the member's section by entering United's member ID number: 11BYCA000027.



If you need to find a doctor or have a general health question, medical and dental referrals are simply a phone call away. The centers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For crews on an active ID and other employees traveling on company business, International SOS will provide medical resources in an emergency or evacuation to a medical center of excellence.

For additional information, check the International SOS link on the Travel section of SkyNet under Travel Information. You can also print a member card or view a list of Frequently Asked Questions. Be sure to print your membership card and keep it handy as you travel. It contains our corporate membership number and phone numbers to access International SOS.

San Francisco Base Will Again Host Blue Angels, Stage Employee Event

Employees, Retirees, Families, Customers and Friends Enjoy “Fleet Week” Event at San Francisco Maintenance Center: For the fourth consecutive year, the San Francisco Maintenance Center will host the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels while they are in town for Fleet Week. (Pictured: A scene from Fleet Week activities in 2008.)



And, also for the fourth time since 2006, the base will host a huge party for thousands of United employees, retirees and their guests. This year's Fleet Week Employee Event will take place from 11AM to 5PM Sunday, October 11.

More than 10,000 people are expected for the event, which features the Blue Angels, who leave from SFO for their Fleet Week air show over San Francisco, and return to the base to sign autographs and meet attendees. There will also be entertainment; a variety of food and drinks for sale; collectors' cars, motorcycles and small aircraft; tours of a United jetliner and the Jet Shop flow line; other exhibits and attractions; an expanded children's area; plane pull contests; and much more.

As in the past, coded wristbands will be required for entry. Information on how to obtain those will be released this summer. Although the event typically attracts attendees from Northern California, employees from throughout the system are welcome to request wristbands.

To make the event a success, hundreds of volunteers are needed. More detailed information will be made available in the coming weeks but it is not too early to sign up. All volunteers will receive lunch and additional wristbands for guests, among other things. Contact Debbie Van Wart at (650) 634-4842 or send e-mail to debbie.vanwart@united.com.

EASY DOES IT – Baked Skinless Chicken Thighs



Before I get started on this month's column, I have received a few emails/phone calls regarding last month's "Easy Does It" column and I would like to add the following clarification: **Addendum! DRAIN that can of fruit cocktail in last month's INSTANT SALAD (Creamy Fruit & Cottage Cheese) recipe.** Now, on to this month's column:

My mother was a city girl, born in Ballard, otherwise known as "Snoose Junction", the Swedish section of Seattle, Washington, as the youngest daughter of Swedish immigrant parents. She later became a "country girl" when she married my father and they bought 15 acres of rich farming land called Maple Valley just 50 Km. southwest of Seattle. Being "City-Bred Farmers", they populated this land with Whiteface cattle (Hereford), Suffolk and Hampshire sheep, China White pigs (only 2 at a time), gray geese, several large varieties of rabbits including Flemish Giants, and Rhode Island Red chickens. Rainbow trout were available year round and salmon in the Fall when they came to

spawn through our property up two fast running creeks. Mom's courageous Swedish blood served her well as she learned to prepare and cook all of these different types of meats. Following is her recipe for Oven-Baked Chicken which she used to make in our old black iron woodstove:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
 2. Depending on the number of skinless thighs you buy, melt 1 cube of butter in a large metal pan or glass baking dish.
 3. Mix together in large bowl: 3 cups flour and 1 tablespoon each of seasoning salt, garlic powder and paprika.
 4. Thoroughly roll and coat both sides of the chicken first in the flour mixture, then in the pan holding the melted butter. Have chicken in one layer in the pan. Do not allow butter to run around; you only need enough to coat both sides of the chicken.
 5. The number of thighs you buy will determine whether or not you will need an additional amount of the flour mixture and/or melted butter. Discard leftover flour and melted butter.
 6. Bake, uncovered, 20 minutes.
 7. Carefully turn over. Bake an additional 20 minutes or until chicken is a nice golden brown color.
 8. Drain if necessary on paper towels.
 9. Cover and keep warm or serve immediately.
- Bon appétit.

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Ask The Doctor - Compliance: A Doctor's Dilemma

In my medical career with United Airlines and the US Air Force, there has always been one particular issue that has posed a very difficult issue for me to resolve. It may not be what you expect. This issue is compliance with recommendations of treatment.

More specifically, I tell a patient what I want them to do and upon a re-visit, find there has been some or complete deviation from my recommendations. The patient did not take the medication as I directed. The patient did not use ice or heat as directed. The patient did not do this or that. Yes, there have been times when non-compliance occurs when there is a break down in authorization for a procedure or treatment. But, aside from that issue, patient compliance remains a serious dilemma for all medical providers.

Let me illustrate with the use of antibiotics. More than once, I have received a call from a patient who began describing a respiratory infection. After giving me some basic symptoms, the patient would casually state he/she had taken a dose(s) of an antibiotic. Upon my inquiry, the patient would calmly say they had the antibiotic "left over" from a previous infection. ***There is no such thing as left over antibiotic!*** Every medical provider will order a precise number of antibiotic capsules, pills, etc. and will tell the patient to take **every** dose until the bottle is empty. The cost of medications today is very high, and ordering more than is necessary is **not** done. A medical provider tells the patient to take three doses per day for 10 days. By my calculation, that means the provider orders 30 pills, capsules, etc. Not 36 or 40. The provider orders 30. Just enough to complete the course of treatment.

A more serious compliance problem occurs when a patient allows a prescription to lapse without getting a refill in a timely manner. This commonly happens with a patient taking medication for a chronic disease such as high blood pressure or diabetes. For a variety of reasons, the patient uses the last dose of a medication(s) and "forgets" to obtain a refill for several days. That omission could be very, very dangerous. The outcome of such "forgetfulness" could be a stroke or heart attack or a diabetic coma. It **can** happen and unfortunately **does** happen too often. I understand that cost may be an issue or the Medicare "donut hole" may occur. My experience is that is **not** common among retirees from United Airlines. **If** we have the company drug program, "running out" of medication should **not** happen. For your personal health, it **must** not happen.

A sort of peripheral non-compliance issue is not about medication use, but involves rehabilitation issues. A patient suffers a painful injury, such as a back strain or ankle sprain or has a fender-bender car accident. X-rays are negative for fractures or dislocations and there are no lacerations requiring stitches. **But**, the patient has multiple bruises and feels "total" body pain. Aside from ice, a muscle rub, pain medication, and an anti-inflammatory medication, the provider orders physical therapy with three visits per week for two weeks. Typically, these sessions last about 45-60 minutes. They involve modalities, mobilization and/or manipulation, graduated exercises, and a home program. All too often, I find that the patient returns for a re-check visit in 10

days and has missed 1-3 sessions. The therapist states the patient was a no-show. **Why?** The patient states they still have pain, they can't sleep, they are stiff, they limp, etc. Remember, the injury causes inflammation which produces pain, swelling and tenderness. Therapy from a certified therapist addresses each of those problems with an individualized program to expedite full recovery. The combination of medication and therapy **will** achieve a recovery in 2 – 4 weeks in over 80% of the cases. **However**, the patient **must** take the medication and **must** do the therapy, and **must** do the home program. Recognize that if you are over 50 years of age, you will recover at a slower rate than you did when you were an aggressive party animal of 20. Compliance with a provider will result in a recovery with a steady patient approach over time.

The bottom line for us is seek appropriate medical assessment for a medical problem, ask the provider pointed questions, listen to the recommendations, ask questions if you are not sure about the recommendations, and **finally** be compliant with those recommendations. That approach will result in resolution of the problem almost every time. You will have some discomfort that will persist for a certain period of time. With **full** compliance on our part, we can recover from the “bump” in the road and then carry on with our retirement. **Try it. You'll like it.**

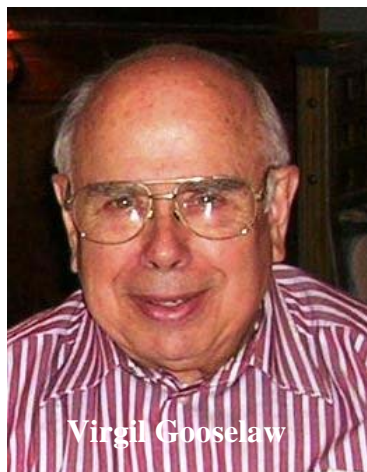
Until next time, stay well and fly safe.

“Ask The Doctor” column is featured every other month. We hope you've enjoyed the articles written by Dr. Reider and found them beneficial. If you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net.

Travel Tips by Bob

Bob Brumfield is having technical problem with his computer this month and could not send in his column. “Travel Tips by Bob” will return in next month Newsletter.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Virgil Gooselaw

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 (**Note:** *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. **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.*

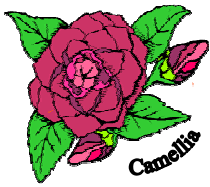
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Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



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June's RUAEA meeting was held again in Trussville, Alabama at The Mall Cafe. Plans were to hold this meeting at the Museum of Flight at the Birmingham Airport; however, their support staff is quite slim at this time. Thanks again to **Charlotte Gibson** for her planning.

Life insurance program was discussed. We understand the IAM is still covered for \$5000 for employee death and \$1000 for spouse if they were employed from July 3, 1945 to July 13, 2003 (provided they had contributory life coverage for the last five years prior to retirement).

Due to planned vacations during the month of July, our July meeting is cancelled and our next scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 10th at the All Steak Cafe in Cullman, Alabama (second Cullman exit #308 - downtown Cullman - one block on the right). We're hoping many of our Huntsville friends will be able to make this one as it will be closer to their homes.

Calendar:

August 10 - All Steak Cafe in Cullman, Alabama (second Cullman exit #308 - downtown Cullman - one block on the right).

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Don't forget next year's RUAEA convention in Orlando. It is never too early to begin planning for your next vacation. What a great place to find entertainment and good friends but at the RUAEA convention. The resort accommodations will be at the Rosen Center. We will be near Disney World, Epcot, and all the various venues.

I cancelled our Saturday brunch and theatre plans for 6/29/09. We will try again in the fall.

A lot of chapter members are planning to travel in July, August and September. **Jean Kerman** is in NYC this month and will be traveling with **Kay Heinig** to lovely Ireland in August. Jean will return to NYC in August and Kay will continue to Chicago to visit family. **Enza Scarzo** will be traveling to Seattle to visit friends. **Tim & Nita Everhart** will be traveling to Yellowstone National Park with family. **Sonny & Barbara Carnes** will be spending several months in Sierra Vista, AZ near their family. **Bruce & Jackie Rosch** will be going to San Diego. **Jim & Marlene Bechtold** will be in Pennsylvania this month. **Sherry Muoio** and **Susie Hughes** will be vacationing in Yachats, OR this September. **Carol & Vic Lilts** continue to commute to Chicago for family visits.

We had 12 attendees at our June 10th breakfast. **Olive** said **John Crowthers** spent another 5 days in the hospital since his heart attack. On June 24th we had 14 in attendance. **Mary & Don Toeppen** were in AZ for 2 weeks and are returning to IL in July. Mary looks great and we wish her continued good health. **Pat & Ken Paulson** were in attendance. They have been so busy with travels to Chicago and local visitors, we were honored they could come this week. On July 7th we had 9 at Coco's for breakfast.

We would like to invite any UA retiree who is not a member of our local chapter to join us for breakfast bi-weekly at Coco's. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future.

"The impossible is often the untried."

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings, 08:00AM, 98th and Bell Roads

August 4

August 18

September 1

September 15



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Hope you are enjoying yourselves this summer and are able to do some things you've wanted to do. We're all retired and wonder how we could have worked and also do a lot of things we use to do, but now we're busy too, and wonder where all the time goes.

Our RUAEA Chapter meets the fourth Friday of each month all year round for breakfast at Crackers starting at 9:00 am. We hope you'll take the time to join us and bring a friend. We're encouraging any retired United Airlines employee to give us a try at any of our breakfasts or luncheons throughout the year, you'll find our group very friendly and nice, and find you want to join our chapter. Our luncheons start in October, when more of our snowbirds are back. Everybody likes to eat and enjoy talking to other retirees from the same background.

There were 15 people at our breakfast in June. **Jim Zarek** brought his granddaughter, **Taylor**, as his guest. **Bob Hallden** gave us an overview of the Convention with a lot of compliments from everyone that attended. It's always nice to hear good things. Our members contributed a lot of time and effort, and it showed! Thanks everyone!

We were glad to see **Mary McLain** at the breakfast after recovering from her recent shoulder surgery. **Ginny Rockenhauser** had ankle surgery in June and is recovering nicely. We hope to see her again soon.

Did you notice the new column in the July issue of the **RUAEA** Newsletter on easy recipes? It was started by **Helen Cain**, the correspondent for the Golden Gaters of the SFO-BAY area (the Hat Lady). If you have an easy recipe that doesn't take too much time, that us busy retirees might enjoy, send it to: easydoesit@qwestoffice.net. Look for more recipes in future issues.

The new director for the Arizona Region for RUAEA is **Mike Richards**. He was a 37-year veteran of **UAL**, retiring in 1998 in SEA. He replaced **Gordon Starr**, from the Tucson area, who did a great job and a fun person to be with. We hope to meet **Mike** at one of our meetings soon.

Continue to collect items for the Fantasy Flight, which is in early December. Items needed are bears, trucks, Barbie dolls, mittens and socks for both boys and girls, and stadium blankets. **Peg Homfeldt** is collecting these items. See or call her, if you have any questions.

Birthdays in August are: **Jim Zarek** (8/5), **Cecilia Nolasco** (8/10), **Tony Ribeiro** (8/16), **Shirley Claggett** (8/21), **Dorothy Pappas** (8/22), **Rita Zarek** (8/23), **Marjorie Matteson** (8/26), **Dolores Nabors** (8/28), and **Ruth Willoughby** (8/31). Happy Birthday to all of you!

We have two couples in our chapter that are celebrating special anniversaries in August. **Keith & Marilyn Morey** will be married 58 years on August 18th, and **Jim & Rita Zarek** will be celebrating 50 years on August 22nd. Wow! Also, we have more anniversaries in August: **JoAnne & John Gaudioso** (8/11/84), **Pam & Gary Gerstung** (8/25/73), and **Judy & Ted Higley** (8/18/67). Best wishes to everyone!

Calendar:

Aug. 28 - Breakfast at Crackers, starting at 9:00 a.m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt** (480-396-3317) or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net, by the Wednesday before the breakfast.

Sept. 23 - Breakfast

Oct. 8 - Luncheon, hosted by **Hank Falk**

Oct. 23 - Breakfast

Nov. 12 - Luncheon, hosted by the **Brigantes**

Nov. 20 – Breakfast

Dec. 8 - Luncheon, hosted by the **Wards**

Dec. 18 - Breakfast

TALL PINES

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Our luncheons at Pete's, our recently changed meeting location have been working out well. Another eighteen members were in attendance in May. Chatter was lively as it usually is with reminiscing on our past and current travels. As far as the summer plans go, our group voted to meet throughout the summer for a nice change. Therefore July will be held at Hangar #9, compliments of our flying friends, and August will be held at Pete's restaurant all on the same meeting day of the month, the 4th Tuesday. Come one, come all and let us know.

Calendar:

July 28 - Hangar #9, Prescott Love Field

Aug 25 – Pete's



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We were very surprised to see 27 Roadrunners at our last luncheon which was held at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse on the 18th of June. Usually the number of attendees dwindle as the summer months approach. More of us seem to be staying around home and doing less traveling. We have finally seen our 100 plus degree temps and the monsoons will soon be upon us.

Our hosts for this event was to be **Pat & Rich Dilallo** but they were off to the Midwest visiting with family and friends. In their absence, **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin** filled in as hosts and took care of the check-in as attendees arrived. The meals were good and the service was excellent considering the number of people in the restaurant. However, the place was quite noisy and as a result, we elected to not have our usual raffle or business meeting.

There were some Roadrunners who had made plans for travel. **Chuck & Sharon Cole** were getting ready to drive to Alaska for their summer outing. Wow! **Lu & Hank Dykhuis** flew to Seattle where they will board a ship for Alaska. I guess you do what it takes to escape the hot temps.

Pete Pelez is back on the exercise routine, walking the treadmill and lifting weights while in rehab from abdominal surgery a few months ago.

Our July luncheon will be at the Thunder Canyon Brewery at the Foothills Mall on LaCholla and Ina roads. Our hosts will be **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**. They will need a head count by July 13th. (520) 572-7853. The restaurant will open at 11:00 am.

Calendar:

July 16 - Thunder Canyon Brewery

August 20 - Pine Top Country Club

September 17 – To be announced

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Our June meeting was hosted by **Mike & Bridget Zoldak** and **Peter & Joan Schaefer**. We had very nice table treats that we all enjoyed, but the best part was the location that Mike was able to find. I don't know how he did this, but he was able to get A.J. Spurs restaurant to allow us to use their facility for our noon luncheon, even though they are not open until 5:00 p.m. for dinner. We had a great waitress that took very good care of us and the food was equally good. We had 23 attendees that included Betty Rupp's two grandchildren, Arica and Daniel.

After Mike opened the meeting, he invited **John Stilwell** and **Bob Stanger** to tell us about the convention in PHX. John said that there are 55 Chapters and 34 were represented at the President's breakfast. There was also a representative from the Clipped Wings that made a presentation. Some interesting facts were that non-stop flights will begin from SFO to PIT and LAX to PIT. Also the Aero-Medical phone number is 800-825-6331 for any family emergency regardless of where you are, in or out of the country. From what I read in the July Newsletter, the convention was a huge success.

Bob Stanger brought a directory of those who signed up for the convention for us to see. They also brought a program that had a 100 year old retiree on the front cover. It is going to be the policy from now on to honor any retiree who is 100 years of age or older at conventions and have their picture printed. They said that there was good attendance, but not as many as the convention in L.A.

Mike wanted our opinion about changing some of our meetings from lunch time to a dinner time. Some of us come a good distance and driving at night would not be a good idea, even though it stays lighter during the summer months. Also the prices increase for dinner versus lunch, and this could be a problem. No decision was made at this time.

I did talk with **Bill & Dana Noyes** about the fire that was threatening their area near Santa Barbara. They have had several fires so far this year that have been near them and this last one was close enough to have them get prepared to leave. Since they are in a retirement facility, the fire department had several buses standing by to take them out. It was determined that it would be better to bus the elderly out instead of having them drive themselves. This would cause more of a traffic jam and accidents that they didn't need. However, the fire was contained and they did not have to evacuate. Bill & Dana could see the flames from their condo and the ash was being blown around by the strong winds, otherwise they had no damage.

Jack & Eleanor Cunningham live south of Santa Barbara, and they said they were never threatened.

Jack did tell us that he contacted **Art Jacobs** and found out that he had had a heart attack, but was at home recovering very slowly. Art and I worked for Capital at MDW in the 1950's until the merger. We did not see each other until a couple of years ago when he attended one of our meetings. I know that he is living in Solvang, which is very close to where our meeting was held, and if he was able I'm sure he would have attended. Get well, Art. I've noticed too many names of those we worked with appearing in the Obituary column and there cannot be too many of us around.

I've received almost all the questionnaires I handed out to our members for input on their airline experiences. A big "Thank You" for that and I will be including their histories in coming Newsletters.

Another comment from a DCA ticket agent: A Senator's aide called to inquire about a trip package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "*Would it be cheaper to fly to California, and then take the train to Hawaii?*"

Calendar:

August 19 – Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**.

October 21 – Hosted by **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**.

December 16 – Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.



BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' July 2009 meeting was hosted by **Elida & Reuben Rivas** who decorated the meeting room in a Fourth of July motif. **Dick Shryock** mentioned that RUAEA has recently made some minor changes to the Regional Directors' area of responsibility and as a result, the Fresno Brazen Raisins is now under the leadership of Western Region Director **Roger Casterline**. The chapter was previously under **John Zoboli**, Director of the Northern California and Nevada Region.

President **Don Nessling** read an invitation received from **Dave Saso**, President of the SFO/SJC Southbay RUAEA chapter, to attend their December meeting in Santa Clara.

Dick Shryock provided two jokes.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Liz & Jim Clapper hosted a wonderful afternoon at the Mountain View Country Club in La Quinta for about 35 desert rats - AKA Desert Sunbirds. June's birthday winner was Bill Eads - August host at PF Chang's in Rancho Mirage. Of note, we have no June brides for the Desert Sunbirds - how strange? 50/50 winner was this month's host, **Jim Clapper**.

July's luncheon will be at the Elephant Bar in Palm Desert hosted by **Barb Azbill**. Many of the Desert Sunbirds are planning trips in the near future due to the summer weather like HI, NC, MI, Germany, etc. so folks are in and out. We were lucky to have **Mike Bailardo**, **Joyce Bossio**, the **Eads**, and others back for our June meeting.

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS



THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Stage Door Café at the Magic Circle Theater in Roseville was the setting for the Gold Diggers June 24th meeting hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. There were 58 members attending along with 2 guests and 3 entertainers. Bonnie Randall was the guest of her father **Charles Dinsmoor** and Ed Pike was guest of his cousin **Bob Eggert**. The three who entertained us so beautifully were Eric Bellah, Erin Gabriele and Gold Digger **Bob Eggert**. The entertainment immediately followed lunch with **Bob Eggert** as the MC for the show. Bob has known Eric Bellah since they first worked together in *The Music Man* in 2004. Erin Gabriele and Bob first appeared together in *The Melody Lingers On* in 2000 and most recently were together as part of the 6 member cast of *Forbidden Broadway*. Bob has been cast in various productions at the Magic Circle Theater during the past 13 years. It was most special to hear the talented three perform for us in such a private setting.

Gold Diggers Pres. **Francis Domaratius** thanked Bob, Erin and Eric for entertaining us so beautifully and he welcomed all attending and called for the Officer's reports. VP **Frank Dellinger** stated that **Dick & Sonda Sandstedt** would host the July luncheon at Lake of the Pines; **Velma Stough** - the August meeting in Auburn and **Ken & Stephanie Norton** - a fun social meeting at Lake Wildwood for September.

Co-Secretaries **Barbara Bertacini** (meeting reports) and **Colleen Esola** (mailings): Gold Diggers celebrating marriage of 40 years or more include **Terry & Penny Greenacre** with 47 years this past May. June

anniversaries include **Frank & Angie Dellinger** - 40; **Dick & Sonda Sanstedt** - 44; **Dick & Ann Czapkay** - 47; **Hank & Rose Wikstad** - 48; **Rolf & Margaret Kramer** - 52 years. Congratulations to all. **Bob Eggert** led us in the Anniversary song. Treasurer **Judie King** reported our Gold Diggers bank balance and Sunshine **Darryll Stroud** reported the passing of **James Chorley**, SFOEG. It was noted that **Hank Wikstad** had recent shoulder surgery. Also former Gold Digger for many years, **Robert LaDue**, has returned home after being in assisted living. He would love to hear from his friends. Cards can be sent to Robert LaDue, 12324 Pepperwood Circle, Auburn, CA 95603.

John Zoboli, Northern California/Nevada Director, spoke about the recent RUAEA Convention and how successful he thought it was. Around 400+ attended the Convention. A proposed Membership Bylaw was voted on and approved during the Business Meeting which welcomes all who have ever worked for United Airlines and have reached retirement age of 55 or over to be eligible to join RUAEA. A letter from RUAEA President **Ron Robertson** along with a RUAEA Brochure and Membership Application has been mailed to nearly 5000 recently retired to encourage membership.

Something new required by the TSA will be to have your middle name including on your boarding pass. Please be prepared for this new policy. Full name on your ticket will show as on your driver's license. UA is currently working on updating Sky Net in order to comply with this new regulation.

John brought forms regarding the Seventh Annual UA Maintenance Get-Together, August 21-23 at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV. Contact **Jack Raynor** at Raynor-news@softcom.net for more details.

John also had information about life insurance for those who were employed by UA from July 3, 1945 to July 13, 2003. Under the IAM Mechanic Agreement, you are covered for life insurance provided you have had contributory life coverage for the last five years prior to retirement. For more information contact **Felix Cicco** (702) 456-9288 or **Mike Vasko** (702) 898-0561.

As President of the Reno Sierra Roundup Chapter, John extended an invitation to all of the Gold Diggers to sign up for the Sierra Roundup Annual Picnic to be held Monday, August 10 at Sand Harbor State Park from 11am to 3pm. Response deadline is August 1st. Please send your check payable to Sierra Roundup for \$5 per person and mail to **Kathy Robinson**, 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502. The Sierra Roundup Chapter will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, water, coffee and dessert. If you wish to bring a different beverage, please do so. All are encouraged to bring a side dish or appetizer, enough for 6, to share. Please let Kathy know if you will be bringing a salad, side dish or appetizer. There is an \$8 parking fee per car when entering the State Park.

Ron Bertacini, RUAEA Executive VP ~ Ron also stated the RUAEA Convention was terrific in every way and that the Phoenix Convention Committee did an outstanding job in making everything so enjoyable. Thanks to all who worked so hard for the success of the Phoenix 2009 RUAEA Convention.

The 2010 RUAEA Convention will be in Orlando, FL at the Rosen Centre, a very large and impressive Orlando hotel with shuttle service to the Orlando Intl. Airport. Check out www.rosencentre.com for more information including the free parking if you happen to drive to convention.

Ron mentioned that the RUAEA Newsletter is available electronically as well as by regular mail. If you would like to receive both ways, an additional \$5 per year fee would make this possible. If you need help in arranging this, please contact Ron at Bertacini@surewest.net.

In closing, Francis reminded everyone that the July 29th luncheon meeting will be hosted by the **Sandstedts** at Lake of the Pines.

Calendar:

July 29 - Lake of the Pines Club House hosted by **Dick & Sonda Sandstedt**

Aug. 26 - Lou Labonte's Restaurant hosted by **Velma Stough**

Sept. 30 - A picnic social at Lake Wildwood hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**

Oct. 28 - Hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**

Dec. 9 - Alta Sierra Country Club hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**

January 2010 - Hosted by **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud**

February 2010 - Past Presidents Luncheon hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**

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There were 47 members and guests at the June meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees, back at the lovely French restaurant, La Gare in Santa Rosa. The restaurant was celebrating its 30th anniversary and we joined in toasting them well. Hosting the event was **Grover & Jan Blackburn**, assisted by **Charlie & Bernice Anderson**. It was wonderful seeing Bernice look so vibrant and well.

President **Oscar Chambers** reported on the Phoenix convention and his meeting with the other chapter presidents. We learned there are 8200 members but that efforts are being made to contact the 4800 recent retirees in order to pump up membership.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced eight June birthdays and awarded the birthday lunch to **Grover Blackburn**. We celebrated anniversaries of **Charlie & Bernice Anderson** (37 years), **Barney & Clare Hagen** (44 years), and **Lee & Pat Beery** (58 years). We sent get well wishes to **Donna Stukey** who is undergoing shoulder replacement.

Brandon Maus was in the autobiographical spotlight this month. Joining United in 1956 with a mechanical engineering degree from Santa Clara U., he later acquired a degree in electrical engineering. We learned about his various roles as Fleet Manager and his participation with the design team for the Boeing 777. He commuted to Seattle for five years and was instrumental in some 2000 changes to the design while there. He later did consulting for NASA at the Edwards Flight Center. He now considers himself completely retired but with fond memories of the many people with whom he worked.

Your correspondent has a correction for last month's news item regarding **Barney Hagen**. The Voodoo airplane he flew was faster than sound, not light.

Calendar:

August 13 - Picnic, Armstrong Grove hosted by **Verda Burr** and crew.

September 10 - Chalet Basque, San Rafael, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

October 8 - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by **Judy DeFord & Mary Hill**

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"Resrat" Jim forwarded a newsy report from **Linda Muche** about her latest treatments to restore her to normal after 17 months of treatment for esophagus cancer. Can you imagine what a strong lady she is to be able to endure all that time of being fed by tube? To go without an occasional steak or big dish of ice cream would do me in! Her treatments now are to dilate her esophagus so she can eat again. The description of her treatment is quite interesting but lengthy so we don't have room for it here. Bottom line - her treatments are slowly working and there's a light at the end of the tunnel - a month or so down line and she should be back to "my new normal". Congratulations!

While putting in one obit after another isn't always the most interesting reading, but we all want to keep up with our friends from over the years, so bear with me ...

In sorting files, I found an email from April which got lost in the back of the file. It is from Casey Chel, the son of **Conelius Chel** (with whom many of us worked some years ago) to advise of his dad's death on April 1 at age 87. We all just addressed him as "Chel". Casey recalls that Chel was always very proud of being recognized by Mr. Patterson for his involvement in the rescue and treatment of a fueler who caught fire in 1954 in CHI. He was equally proud of his work with the Mainliner Club and coordinating the golf tournament for

many years. Casey did not give his address, but I imagine an email would not be unwelcome at casey_chel@verizon.net.

Ron Allen sent this information at the request of the family of **Pete Racataian**. After many reports of progress against cancer, it is saddening to hear that Pete passed away from lung cancer on July 6 after an 11 month battle. Condolences can be sent to his daughter Cynthia and son Paul at 3148 W. 157th St., Gardena, CA 90249.

On June 26, I heard from **Lu McGill** (another LAXTO retiree) that "Big Red" **Marilyn Maxwell** passed away on June 24. My best memory of Marilyn was on one of my visits to the Disneyland office having coffee with the airline group and being entertained by Marilyn's story of her travels in Europe with a friend who went there to buy a BMW motorcycle. Feature the redhead wearing a mink jacket whizzing through the countryside on a motorcycle! What a wonderful funny-funny story that was - how unfortunate it was not recorded. Send cards to her daughter Gayle Foss, 966 Wildwood Dr., Melbourne, FL 32940.

Now - what else is new in LaLa Land? We're all looking forward to our famous steak cook-out at El Segundo Park on August 6. By now you should have received your reservation notice.

Best steaks in town - be sure to bring your own steak knife - no matter how good the meat, a plastic knife doesn't work so well. Also, remember, some tables are in the sun -- use sunscreen, and a nice hat might be welcome and some tables in the shade so a sweater feels good. Willing to help put on the affair? Call **Donna Klobe** at (310) 306-7415 or haldonna@verizon.net.

Speaking of helping - The Fantasy Flight in December always needs helper elves. Contact **Laly Savoy** at (310) 225-2553 or laly.savoy@yahoo.com.

As many of you know, several UALers are volunteers at the LAX USO. Many of us enjoyed a tour of Camp Pendleton in mid-June. The UALers, as far as I noticed were, the **Esters** and **Luis Horompoly** and **I**, and **Susan Allen**. It was an interesting, very active day, and exhausting. We saw the graduation of 4 platoons who were immediately going forward to further training. They gave us demonstrations of their martial arts training right up through the black belt rating. We had a demonstration of their sniper training complete with camouflage - totally undetectable! Amazing! We saw them go through their obstacle course both slowly to show us how, then rapidly to show us how fast they must be able to do it with a full pack. Then a USO girl (about 20 yrs old, 5'6", 110#, maybe) did the whole course, too. Not as fast, but unassisted. That impressed the marines! We were introduced to the rifle range - the new type - indoors, totally electronic. Many millions of \$\$\$ saved by not using real ammo in the rifle ranges. They said we would get to shoot 5 shots "prone", five kneeling and five standing. *Prone?* I chose to do my 15 standing. Managed to get off five shots (did hit the target) then quit. Those rifles are **heavy**. Those marines are **strong**.

I have heard very little of members' activities - it's summer, after all. **Jim Ferrance** is back from his long annual family reunion and we are all looking forward to his newsletter. I hope you are all enjoying summer activities and trips. And here's hoping you luck out with the weather like we're having here at the LAX-LGB area beach towns with some clouds, some sun, cool ocean breezes, night-time chill for comfy sleeping. I'm staying home! Let me know by August 7 of you summer outings. In the meantime, see ya in El Segundo.

Calendar:

August 6 - Steak fry in El Segundo Park.

October 1 - Luncheon at Proud Bird Restaurant.

October 10 - LAXRR Reunion at Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo 11am-4pm. Contact **Jim Ferrance** at (310) 837-4695 or resrat@aol.com

December 3 - Christmas Luncheon, bring gifts for our charity's kids at Proud Bird

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Where did the days go? J. C. Penney's big "Fall & Winter" catalog arrived in our mailboxes at the end of June! But for the rest of us, it's still picnic time. There are "Music in the Park" events in many of our local towns and airplane travel time for those of us brave and patient enough to fly standby (fly on a Tuesday or Wednesday, Folks). If you've got money to burn and plan on driving out here to California, keep in mind that

we Bay Area residents are presently paying well over \$3.00 a gallon for “regular” gas. And before you leave, do remember the old standby for checking the proper inflation of your tires: “Consult with Washington”. In other words, take a quarter out of your pocket or purse, press it into the center tread of your tire with George going in headfirst. If you can see all of him, it’s time to re-tire. (Thanks to the June issue of AAA’s “Via” magazine.)

Happy Days and 61 years recently marked the wedding anniversary of **Wayne & Marilyn Guenther**. Following close behind were **Gloria & Emmett Landrum** with 54 glorious years. You are a shining example to the rest of us.

We’ve lost one of our seniors, **Robert (Bob) Davenport** who would have been 90 years old July 11th. He was born in Broken Bow, Nebraska and worked for UAL for 31 years in the Planning Department, Plane Overhaul, SFOOV at the SFO Maintenance Base. Courageous to the end, **Bob** will now rest in peace at Canby, Oregon. He leaves behind his wife **Rosemary** and two adult children, son **Robert David Davenport** of Redwood City, CA and daughter **Patricia Ann Jensen** of Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Cards may be sent to **Rosemary** at 3964 Brookline Way, Redwood City, CA 94062. Any memorial donations will be appreciatively received by **Pathways Hospice**, 395 Oyster Point Boulevard, Suite # 128, South San Francisco, CA 94080.

After a long spell at a local hospital, member and Board Officer **George Trombulak** still seems to be playing “Swinging Doors” with that institution. You can perk him up fast by sending a cheery card or note to his home address: 2730 Summit Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010.

Our annual picnic is coming up fast, **September 28th** at Flood Park, 215 Bay Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025-1730. The fun starts any time after 10 a.m. with lunch around 12 noon, games and good conversation to follow. Remember: that means **no** General meeting that day. Tickets will be on sale at our **July 27th** and **August 24th** General meetings. And do remember to sign the back of your ticket to become eligible for a “free lunch” drawing. You can make 1st Vice President, **Ralph Trullinger** very happy if you sign your name on the dotted or straight line of his Volunteer List to help “do anything” the day of the picnic! And you can make Charity Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** equally happy if you bring canned or otherwise non-perishable foods along to the picnic for one of our local charities, **Shelter Network**. Want to make yourself happy? Just come! Your old and new friends will be there to once again welcome you with open arms!

One of the UAL celebrations for Fleet Week will be on **Sunday, October 11th** at the SFO Maintenance Base. Further information is presently unavailable as to the procedures to be followed for obtaining tickets to this special event so keep your eyes and ears peeled. One of the highlights on display will be the fabulous “**Blue Angels**”.

Our last General meeting was such fun with most of us dressing in red, white and blue as previously suggested by Food Coordinators **Walt & Vera Kina**. We had an early Fourth of July “all American” lunch with hot dogs, beans, potato salad, etc. It reminded me of the “old days” when both parents and youngsters used to dress up in costume for the annual Mainliner Club Halloween party. There were Christmas parties with gifts for the children and New Years Eve dinner dances for us adults. We women got to dress up and we were still wearing nylon hose with seams up the back. Remember when? My heart also warms to the memories of when an employee or spouse had a baby girl and UAL would give us a pink baby blanket and a pink hydrangea plant, or, the same but in blue if you had a baby boy. One of my two pink hydrangeas only passed on two years ago when the Bay Area had a rather severe frost. Up until then it was a healthy 47 years old. I’m happy to have those beautiful old UAL memories, aren’t you?

Please note, local members: Whenever our Chapter substitutes a “special” luncheon in place of our regular potluck, puh-leeze do not wait until the last moment to buy your meal ticket. Want to bring your own lunch? That’s fine, too. But **do not** just simply walk in the day of the lunch and expect to be fed. This is not fair to **Vera & Walt**, who must do the ordering and the serving. They have been very accommodating to us in the past by putting belated lunch seekers on a Wait List, to be served after everyone with a ticket has been fed. Lately, **too many members have been taking advantage of this accommodation**, making mealtime unnecessarily disorganized. There is always enough advance publicity whenever we’re going to feature a special catered lunch, enabling you to mark it on your calendar ahead of time. Please do this!

Our very active International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has had to move her 7-day **Dubai (Persian Gulf)** cruise departure date up to **January 24, 2010**. This date is also subject to change so keep in contact with **Dahlberg** for further information. **Oberammergau, Germany’s** once-every-10-years “**Passion Play**” is the direction **Dahlberg** will be shepherding you to for 11 – 12 days in October 2010. Pricing includes airfare from SFO. Call her at 650-224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com.

Incidentally, **Ginger** came up with a “Yes, it really happened” funny bit of airline humor. She was flying on “another airline” (initials: AA) to see her grandson **Nick Dahlberg** graduate from Austin College in

Sherman, Texas. The flight attendant announced the following Texas towns thusly: “*Which-eeta (Wichita), Lou-bok (Lubbock) and Dez-Moyn-yaz (Des Moines)*”. Believe it or not, but **Ginger** heard it and we believe it!

At our last meeting, Board member **Ralph Trullinger** directed our attention to a scam that thus far **Americans** have fallen prey to in the amount of 30 million dollars. This scam preys on the compulsive impulses of victims who are often elderly. (Of course, *our* members are too intelligent to fall for this one, but read further, please.) A scam artist with an official sounding company name will notify you of your winnings in a **Jamaican** lottery. You may claim this prize by sending them a specified amount of money. And, you guessed it, there is *no Jamaican* or otherwise *Caribbean* lottery. Forewarned is forearmed.

Do you have a **United Mileage Plus Chase VISA credit card**? I have one just to get air miles since it’s getting harder and harder to fly standby. I use it for “everything”, groceries; you name it ... and especially those big insurance bills for yourself, your car and medications. The mileage plus points do add up. The point is: Are you paying their annual membership fee of \$60? I hope not! All UAL employees and retirees are qualified to receive an annual membership fee *credit* of \$60 but you must do this through our Skynet website: Enter Skynet, click “**Quick Hits**” on the left side of your screen. Click “**Employee Discounts**”, then click “**Employee Mileage Plus Offers**” and you will see: “**Employees who are existing card members are eligible for a \$60 annual fee rebate**”. Again, click and fill out the appropriate information. **Mileage Plus** will notify the credit card company and also send you a confirming email. Unfortunately you must do this annually, but it’s worth the effort!

Our fellow airplane enthusiasts at the **Hiller Aviation Museum** would like you to know that volunteers are needed and will be genuinely welcomed and appreciated as of *right now*! This well known museum is located at 601 Skyway Road, San Carlos, CA 94070. Just imagine yourself actually helping out history, while being a docent at this exciting place! Volunteers are needed during the day, for occasional special evening events, and also for restoration projects. How would you like to be greeting visitors while sitting in an airplane cockpit or educational flight simulator? Or you ex-pilots and flight attendants ... would you like to once again put on your attractive uniforms and speak to an adoring crowd of airplane buffs? Sound like fun? Well, all you have to do is telephone Mr. **North West**, Director of Exhibits, Displays & Volunteers at 650-654-0200, Ext. 219 ... or email north@hiller.org ... or write him by snail mail, Attn. Mr. **North West** at the museum address given above. (Yes, this is his real name.)

Personally Speaking: I have a young friend in Dover, Delaware who came up with a very simple solution to what I recognize is a common problem for many. **Colleen** says, “When I go to order food that requires my giving a name, I always say ‘**Mary**’. It is easy for anyone to write and I just have to stay alert.” Clever girl. (That would work in restaurants, too, wouldn’t it?)

Another bit of encouragement that I found thumb tacked to a wall in a really cute San Francisco Tea Room: “**Happy Birthday**” is a victory song!

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday (except for September & December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, William 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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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

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The highlight of this month was our annual summer Barbeque. The new caterer did a magnificent job on the ribs & chicken. Everyone contributed to the feast with either an appetizer or a dessert. **Tony & Sally Urso** headed up a team of volunteers, who decorated and prepared all the tables. We all enjoyed seeing a magic show put on by **Doug Jones** and his lovely assistant, wife **Trudy**. Also helping Doug was our own **Jean Jenkins**, **Jim Shelton** and **Alex Klaus**’s darling seven year old granddaughter, Victoria. What a perfect day, good food, great weather and congenial company. Who could ask for more?

We had 2 visitors this last month: **Roger Casterline** decided to attend when he did not get on a flight to HNL. He told us that we had the most members from any one chapter in his area attend the Phoenix convention. I think the reason we had so many people attend from our group is that we go to weekly meetings. We have

become such good friends that we really want to spend more time with each other. This makes our chapter unique.

Our second visitor was **Carol Moison** ND, M.S. (Naturopathic Doctor-Nutritionist) who gave a very informative talk about the healing effect a proper diet can have for seniors. She said that many of the conditions that effect senior health can be avoided or reversed with the proper diet. She passed out a wonderful flyer with a lot of helpful information. If you did not attend the 6/26/09 meeting and would like a copy, give me a call and I'll mail you one,

Our next "LADIES ONLY" luncheon will be held on August 13, 2009. **Sally Urso** and **Margie Klaus** are hosting the event. Please call Sally (408-264-8580) for info.

Our fall luncheon will be held on September 30, 2009, so save the date. **Zelma Kibler-Rosenthal** and I will be hosting the event. Please plan to attend as we are hoping to make this luncheon entertaining and fun. Please give me a call for more info.

President **Dave Saso** has lined up two more speakers for our weekly meeting. August, Dr. David Smith, D.C. and in September, Susan Willturner, M.D. Please call Dave for exact dates. (409-266-9347)

The following people are under the weather: **Vic & Elaine Kristen, Gerry Frisch, Alice Shelton, Vi Mattscheck, Paul Gaul** and **Garver Sandy**. Your calls, cards and prayers will help them get back to sunny skies soon.

Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

August 13 - "Ladies Only" Luncheon, hosted by **Sally Urso**, (408) 264-8580.

September 30 - Fall Luncheon, Fault Line Brewing, 1235 Oakmead Parkway, Sunnyvale (X Lawrence Expressway). Please call **Zeima Kibler-Rosenthal** at (408) 734-3043.

December 8 - Save the date! Our spectacular Holiday luncheon will be held at Mariani's. Please plan to attend. This is a **Do Not Miss** event! We are hoping that we can get members of other California chapters to attend!

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Well, here we are in the middle of June already and half the year has passed. By the time you read this newsletter, you'll be reading the August issue and summer will be almost over. We have the Labor Day Weekend to look forward to; the last big weekend of the summer to go out and have a party or barbeque with family and friends and have lots of fun!

My mom always said, time goes by faster as you get older and I believe her now. It seems as though I am busy with various chapter functions, campouts, friends, etc., and the days just fly by.

Speaking of Chapter functions, the San Joaquiners got together last week, on June 11th, at the Rollinwood Mobile Home Park for a real Texas barbeque. The chicken, tri-tip, and ribs were cooked by two real cowboys wearing boots and western hats, and what a great job they did.

The luncheon was hosted by **Al Svares** and **Betty Sayers** and everyone loved the food and had a great time. And the winners of the raffle were excited to get their prizes, lots of wine. Boohoo, I didn't win a prize this time.

President **Joan Verbaere**, and our newly appointed Vice President, **Bobby Wood**, were not available to attend this meeting. So, our old faithful, former president, **Bob Brooks** conducted our meeting. Thank you Bob for helping out in a time of need. It was great to see you on the podium one more time.

We had one very important guest and that was **John Zoboli**, Director, Northern California and Northern Nevada. He drove over the Sierras from Reno to join us and give us some very important information about United Airlines, RUAEA, and the convention.

John also extended an invitation to all of us to attend his chapter's annual picnic at Sand Harbor State Park at Lake Tahoe on August 10th. And John passed out flyers about the UAL Maintenance Reunion in Minden, NV on August 21, 22, and 23. Hopefully many of you have plans to attend this reunion as it is a fun time and a chance to see old friends and co-workers.

Nancy Buddington is recovering quite well from her knee replacement which was done on May 19th. Also, I was told that **Doug Daniels** is recovering from a fall he took at home on May 14th. Hope to see you both at our next luncheon.

The San Joaquin Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month in various locations. If you have any questions, please call our president, **Joan Verbaere**, at (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.



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Our June meeting and annual Picnic was held on the 8th with 37 members and guests. This is our 11th picnic. What a good time we had. The weather cooperated (sort of - we needed jackets toward the latter part). The appetizers were delicious as were the desserts. Thanks to **Arnold Hansen** for bringing the water and soft drinks. Thanks again to **Gus Mahler** for bringing the ice cream. Kinder's caterers once again did themselves proud!

Ed Bingle and **Mark** came as did his son, Ed and daughter-in-law, Bonnie (thanks for the cleanup help).

It was wonderful to see **Lee Larson** and **Warren Bartlett** again. **Caryl Payne** brought guest **Barbara Giovanni**, formerly SFORR.

We all shared our experiences at the convention and are looking forward to next year in Orlando.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month 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. We have a great group comprised of many departments.

Calendar:

August 10 – Meeting

September 14 - Meeting

October 12 - Meeting

November 9 - Meeting

December 14 - Toys for Tots collection & Christmas party.

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The California Northstaters met in Red Bluff in May. We try to rotate meetings between our 3 prominent towns – Chico, Red Bluff & Redding.

John Zoboli talked about the recent events at the RUAEA convention in Phoenix. There was much interest in the new policies and general information about RUAEA.

Jim Burton gave a talk on his ten years working in France.

The next meeting will be in Redding at the Holiday Inn on Hilltop Dr. on July 30. All meetings start with lunch at 11:30AM. Please try to join us if you are new to the Northstaters.

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The Mile Highers Chapter returned to United's Flight Center Cafeteria for their monthly breakfast on July 4th. The June breakfast was held at the Country Buffet due to a change in cafeteria vendors; the new vendor is Aramark. This is the same vendor that handles the concessions at Coors Field and other major events. I want to thank **Harriet Ahr, Laura Coats & Virgil Gooselaw** for handling the breakfast. There were 54 at our July breakfast and the report is that the food is very good.

First timers were **Dolores & David Steffen** and **Phyllis Jack**. **Connie Conine** brought her father **Mel**, **Kathy Provo** brought her mother, **Elizabeth Heizer** and **Keith Kerns** brought his father **Dale Kerns**. Thanks to the first timers and the children who brought their parents.

At the end of May, Nancy and I went to Germany with 9 members of our family. Our son Drew and his family of 4 were on revenue tickets. Our daughter Amy, her 3 children and Nancy and I were on passes. We all made the Chicago-Amsterdam flight together. In Amsterdam, we rented two cars and drove 200 miles east to Minden, Germany where Nancy has relatives. Drew and his family have never been to this part of Germany. From there, we drove to Berlin to tour the city. We rented 3 apartments at Checkpoint Charlie. Since the Berlin Wall came down, you can not tell the difference anymore between East and West Berlin. We also spent 1 day in Amsterdam and toured several museums. We all made our connections home and even got First Class.

Sorry to report the passing of **Jack Griffith, Mary Ann Kellogg** and **Maxine Madden**. **J. C. Butler** recently had a hip replacement and if you would like to send him a card, his address is 11383 Sherman Dr. Denver, CO 80233. **Lola Wallace** fell and broke her hip; she is recovering at home. Feel free to send her a card at 9625 E. Center Ave. #3A, Denver, CO 80247.

We learned of two celebrities in our group - **Tom Roland** and **Russ Savig** have been selected to display their antiques on the Antiques Road Show that will be in Denver on July 25th. The road show normally airs on PBS. Check your TV schedule for the station and time.

The following folks returned their 50/50 winnings to the Mile High Chapter: **Paul Miller, Ray Shoults** (each won twice) and **Gene Sibley**. Thanks fellows.

The annual Summer Picnic is Wednesday, August 12th. Cost is \$13.00 P/P (same as last year). Please send your checks by Aug. 8th to **Harriett Ahr** at 4579 Hooker, Denver, CO 80221. The location is Blossom's Restaurant at Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO. This is an indoor facility, no ants. Social hour is from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Picnic at 12:00 p.m. to?? The menu is as follows: BBQ brisket, BBQ chicken, baked beans, fresh fruit, chips, potato salad and desert is an ice cream sandwich.

We received \$60.00 from pop can recycling. Don't forget to bring your collection of cans to the next breakfast which will be the first Saturday in August (1st).

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!

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We had our first and last lunch meeting at 11:30 AM at Giuseppe's Restaurant on June 15th. We had 6 members including first time member **Stan Sedgwick** (DENKN). **Paula Bayer** is traveling DEN-DFW-DEN regularly to settle her Uncle's estate.

A displaced COSOZ employee **Gary Harper** is now working in Kuwait and formed a Little League Baseball Team, the KLL All Stars that is in a tournament in Poland. If they win, they will go to Williamsport, PA for the LL World Series. Let Gary know if you can spare any companion tickets. E-mail **Gary Harper** at gwharp3@yahoo.com. Good Luck Kuwait All Stars!

Our regular meetings are changed again, back to The Village Inn at Harrison Rd. and I-25 for breakfast at 0830 hrs. Still the third Monday!

Calendar:

July 20 – Regular breakfast meeting at 8:30AM

August 17 – Regular breakfast meeting at 0830

September – Regular breakfast meeting at 0830

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Jerry Bell called the meeting to order on June 25 at the Golden Corral and led a group of 18 people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Jerry announced the name of our new Vice-President, **Claus Brinnitzer** of Inverness, Florida.

Jerry told members about the letter and pamphlet the RUAEA President sent to all retirees. The letter and pamphlet will explain the function of RUAEA and the dues which are \$25. There will no longer be a lifetime membership fee, only a 3 year membership for \$60.00.

A discussion ensued about the National Convention May 23, 2010 in Orlando, Florida. Hopefully, a large number of Florida retirees will attend, along with other members.

Ralph Nardone attended the June meeting and we all thanked him for being the person who started the original Citrus Groupers way back when. He recently had leg surgery and is doing fine. In addition, his wife Ella and he celebrated their wedding anniversary June 24, 1967. Congratulations!

The 50/50 prize was won by **Judith Brinnitzer**.

We're still working on the Christmas Party scheduled for sometime during the first two weeks in December. More, later.

Happy Birthday to **Nancy Henderson** - June 28; **Mary Wimmer** - June 15.

Happy Anniversary to **Dale & Joy Fernandes**, June 24, 1955; and 2 more June anniversaries: **Fred & Mary Miller** and **Don & Mary Nellans**.

If we missed anybody we're sorry. Our goal in the near future is to update the statistics of our members.

It is not the years in your life that counts, it's the life in your years - Abraham Lincoln

Calendar:

July 23 - Golden Corral, The Villages, 11:30 A.M., Private Room

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Sixteen members gathered at the Red Lobster in South Daytona for our July meeting. Pres. **Dick Coughlin** was away, sailing to the Bahamas for two weeks of racing and celebrations with his boating buddies, so VP **Steve Moddle** took charge of things today, and conducted our meeting. It was a good time with lots of conversation and sharing.

There were no birthday celebrants present. **Al Warner** celebrated his company anniversary. He joined United in June of 1948. Wow, that's the year I graduated high school. Anniversary celebrants were **Steve & Lillian Moddle**, celebrating 48 years of wedded bliss.

We have some people either going to have operations or are in recovery from one: **Anne Johnson** had knee replacement surgery and is still in some pain. **Dick Russell** will have hip replacement surgery. **Frieda Coughlin** will have eye surgery to fix a macular hole. She'll be in a special head strap for 2 weeks to keep her head down. She said she also has other "rigs" to help her live through the recovery process. **Marion Johnson** said she has an eye problem that she'll be checking on with the doctor.

Penny Logan told about getting VIP tickets to the shuttle launch only to have it cancelled 3 times so far. It is now re-scheduled and hopefully, it will get off this time so they can see it up close. **Larry Horton** told about a 5 day trip he and **Janet** took across Canada by train. He said it was fun, food was good, scenery was great, but sleeping compartment was really small. **Penny Logan** and a friend of hers enjoyed a 7 day cruise to Alaska, with exceptionally warm weather. **Marion & Rick Johnson** also took a 14 day Alaska cruise. It was called a turn-around trip. They also enjoyed it and Rick ended up coming out ahead with a few dollars gambling.

Honeylou Funkhouser was chosen to draw the ticket for the 50/50 drawing. Believe it or not, she pulled out her own ticket! What are the odds of that happening?

After we lingered on for awhile talking, VP Steve finally closed the meeting. Until we meet in August.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *When someone offers you a breath mint, it's a good idea to take it.*

Calendar:

August 6 - 11:30AM - Red Lobster

September 3 - 11:30AM - Red Lobster

October - TBD



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The Real McCoys met at the Golden Corral this month and, in spite of the very warm temps, 30 of us gathered for lunch and lively conversation! A huge welcome to our newest member, **Tom Cannata**, who retired from MCOCS. Tom celebrated his 40th year with UAL and his last day worked was on June 11, 2009! Yeah, Tom! We'll be partying on Sunday, August 2nd at Hugo Joe's Restaurant at 5pm! Email Elaine for details ASAP!

Big welcome-backs to members **Don Ulman**, **Stu Hunter**, **Gary & Judy Mills**, **George Vernau**, **Joan & Lou Gaydos** and **Lee & Dotty Cahoon**, who joined the diehard regulars including the **Haltermans**, **Hernandez's**, **Llewellyns**, **LeGrands**, **Ringers**, **Al Fields**, **Ernie Vosges**, **Mack Chandler**, **Paul Brown**, **Jim Mummah**, **Bob & Mary McNeill**, **Angel Montalvo** and grandson, Ian, and **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**.

Our own **Matt McNeill** is in need of extra-special prayers and get-well wishes. He is back in the hospital, so send your cards to: 2834 Aein Road, Orlando, FL 32817

Happy Birthday Wishes to **Mary McNeill** on July 17th and **Ted LeGrand** on July 20th!

As is often the case, President Rich ended the meeting with a couple great jokes!

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 5 – Luncheon Meeting

September 2 – Luncheon Meeting

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Nights

August 19 – Crabby Bills in St. Cloud. We will meet at 4:30pm

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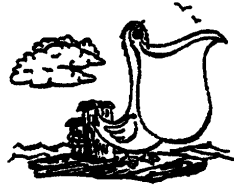
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This month we had a few more members attend our breakfast at Perkins. **Tom & Marilyn** had just returned from an extended vacation to Tennessee and Wisconsin visiting their children. **John & Nancy Dainus** had been to Michigan visiting family. **Bea McCarthy, Nancy Kopp** and **Joan Gilkison** were also there. There was lots of talk about airline travel in general and United Airlines in particular. **Joan Gilkison** successfully made a trip to Norfolk, VA through IAD. She talked about the computer boards at IAD that tell the revenue and non revenue passengers where they stand in boarding priority. **Tom McNabb** and his son Rick, are planning to go to the “2009 Gathering of the Clans” in Edinburg, Scotland, later this month. Hopefully they will be able to march in the Grand Parade with the Clan MacNab. Marilyn will stay home and install a new hard drive in her computer.

Our next breakfast get together will be at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers on August 7th.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (**October–May**)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June–September**)

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19 members attended the July 6th meeting. Many of our members were attending the memorial mass for **Bob Taylor** which is at 10:00 on the same day. Bob had served as President and Vice President of our chapter and was active for many years.

Birthdays for July were **Jean Linehan** on July 5th and **Pat Hottel** on July 26th. There were no anniversaries reported for July.

There was no Secretary or Treasurer’s reports this month.

Jon Wilkinson reported on the latest news regarding United Airlines. He also reported that Anderson Park has been secured for October 5th for the picnic.

Mary & Harold Judd reported on their travel by Allegiant Air to Greenville, North Carolina and **O.C. Brown** reported on his travel to Massachusetts on Jet Blue.

President Lindstrom reported that **Ken Wilson** has gotten the tickets for the Threshers baseball game at Brighthouse Field on August 22nd. He has purchased a couple of extra ones in case someone forgot to sign up.

Jan Lindstrom reported for the Sunshine Committee. A card was sent to **Jo Taylor** for the passing of **Bob Taylor**. Cards were also sent to **Dick Riedl** for some health problems; **Sophie Calkins** for her broken hip and to **Sue Riedl** for the passing of her brother.

President Lindstrom reported on the Membership Committee and we now have 61 paid members. We are still collecting dues. He also stated that beginning July 1st that RUAEA dues will be \$25.00 a year but you can purchase two and three year memberships at a lower rate.

Jon Wilkinson and **Bob Lindstrom** informed everyone to be thinking about elections that will be coming up for 2010. President Lindstrom has served for three years and will be stepping down. President Lindstrom also reminded us that in 2010, the RUAEA Convention will be in Orlando and they will be looking for all chapters to help.

President Lindstrom informed everyone that Tiffany's would be closed on Labor Day so our meeting will be changed to September 14th at 10:30 at Tiffany's. Our next meeting will be August 3rd at Tiffany's at 10:30.

Calendar:

August 3 - Tiffany's, 10:30AM

September 14 – Tiffany's, 10:30 a.m.

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Well, you should never underestimate a group of fun loving people looking for excitement and enjoying life to its fullest. A group of 8 members gathered at 9AM at **Barbara Dodenhoff**'s house to make a car caravan to enjoy a day of fun, frolic and just about anything else, to have a day of laughter and make the best that life has to offer.

At 9:30AM, the troops left Barbara's house and arrived at "The Isles Casino" at 11AM as planned. The Casino is located south of us in Pompano Beach, just under a two hour car ride. Of course, you are well aware when you go on trips like this that there are winners and losers. As usual, **Al Popek** and **Barbara Dodendorf** were the winners and the rest we will say, donated to the establishment. No one knows how much and it wasn't an issue, nor was the amount of winning. All I can say is that Al was playing the penny machine and after the third pull, hit the JACKPOT!

They all had a "Terrific Buffet Lunch" as told by **Al & Janice Popek** and we arrived back at Barbara's home for pre dinner Cocktails. The group then went to Duffy's for dinner and then, of course, went back to Barbara's for after dinner drinks and finally adjourned at 9PM, making this a 12 hour meeting!

Last minute, yours truly was not able to go, but hopefully I will be able to join the fun the next time. What a group! Whatever the situation, they will find a way to make the best of it, and have a ball!

On the lighter side - *Did you know that in 1904 these are some statistics which will boggle your mind!*

- Only 14 percent of homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.
- Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.
- A three minute call from Denver to New York cost \$11.
- There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S. and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour.
- 90 percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as substandard.
- Coffee was 15 cents a pound, eggs were 14 cents a dozen and sugar was 4 cents a pound.
- The population of Las Vegas was 30.
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea hadn't been invented.
- Two out of ten adults couldn't read or write.

I wonder what the next 100 plus years will give us?

Calendar:

July & August – No meeting

September 1 - Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30Pm - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

October 6 - Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30Pm - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

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Seventy-three Menehunes, family and friends met at Chin's Chinese Buffet for a wonderful lunch on June 18th. We had a boisterous social hour catching up with old friends, meeting the many guests and just having a good time. Oh yeah and enjoying a very good meal.

Of all our welcome guests among the missing was **Roger Casterline**, RUAEA Western Region Director. The bad news – all the flights were full. The good news –all the flights were full. Go United!

We need a volunteer to be the Chapter Correspondent. Unfortunately **Joyce Chandler** has new family obligations on the Mainland and had to resign. I won't be here in September. If you are interested, please call **Pat Thomson** at 946-7847.

For those of you concerned about retiree parking at the airport, several of us are working on setting up a system now that B and M is no longer a UA function. We will update you when a something is organized.

Calendar:

September 17 - Luncheon – Location TBA

January 14, 2010 - Steering Committee Meeting – Activities Room 999 Wilder Avenue

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Submitted by Shirley & Rick Dempsey

This report is being prepared by **Shirley & Rick Dempsey**, since Bill Heath is in the hospital. At this time, Bill has requested that we appoint another editor for our newsletter. We are sure Bill would appreciate get well messages from those who know Bill. His home address is 361 Charlwood Ct., Boise, ID 83704. Of course, finding another creative editor is going to be a difficult job as Bill is the BEST!

We had a good turnout for our July Breakfast Meeting following the July 4th weekend. **Rick Dempsey** announced **Sharon Kolins'** mother passed away on June 28. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

On July 4th, **Ned Yundt** was hostess at her daughter's home for a 4th of July BBQ. It was good to see **Wayne & Louise Duvall** at the BBQ since Wayne has not been feeling well. **Marie & Dan Kinkade** supplied the BBQ, gorgeous backyard that was nice and cool, 98 degrees, with lots of shade and fireworks after the BBQ.

Charles & Shirley Perkins are staying close to home this summer ... growing tomatoes, etc. They are taking a 7-day cruise to Alaska with their family in a couple of weeks. Charles has recovered from his pneumonia episode in May.

Ossie Haugen made a trip to Houston on June 19th, delivered Julie to be a caregiver for daughter Dina who was injured in a motorcycle accident, which broke her right knee cap in several places. Surgeons worked their miracles and now she is rehabbing.

Ossie's trip went very well and he returned after Father's Day, visiting kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids as well. Ossie was "lucky" to get First Class both ways in the Friendly Skies of United!

Walt Anderson has always wanted a real flag pole and he now has a 30 ft. flag pole (flag 6 ft. x 10 ft.) in his yard. His wife Wilma took two grandsons with her to visit her son's family in Lynn, Wyoming.

Rick Dempsey spent Father's Day with his daughter, Shannon in Windsor, CA.

Joe & Joan Vardy are entertaining their children and grandchildren at their annual 4th of July party at Crouch, ID.

After eight years of not having a dog, **Bud & Pat Peters** welcomed 6-year old Tottie, a Jack Russell Terrier.

Calendar:

August 3 - 9 a.m., Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

September - NO Breakfast at JB's

Annual Memorial Picnic - Date to be determined

October 5 - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

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June's Northside chapter had an overflow crowd filling two long tables plus the booths. We welcomed quite a few new Skyliners that day. After working in Benefits Service Center which was outsourced and taking retirement from HR in April, we not only gained **Linda Blake** but also her BSC friend **Maeve Kolino**. **Candy Stec** retiring from WHQUN found us right away. **Paula Mangino** also from WHQUN, retired 2/1/09 but took time first to visit Vegas staying at Monte Carlo and Treasure Island before visiting us at Artemis. Also attending was **Charles Parkinson** who added Skyliners to his Storekeepers luncheons.

Our vacations are taking all sorts of new ways to travel. **Laverne Lundquist** enjoyed her flight to Omaha, NE, even though she was the last one boarded; she then took a car trip to Kansas City and driving thru three hours of tornados. **Heider** and **Gino** are taking their wives on a cruise to Canada and ending up in beautiful Boston. Car trips seem to be more popular - **Ginny & Frank Vlach** drove to Savannah, GA and lunched at Paula Deans (you know the high-caloried chef), then on to Nashville, TN to the Wild Horse Saloon. (No Comment) then on to the Belle Meade Plantation and the Opry Country Classic. Also on the road all the way to the convention, **Marlene** and **Marv** did it the leisurely way, so they could see all points of interest on the way up and back and around Arizona. **Jim Sommerfield** took the convention tours to the Wild West Museum, Wittenburg and the walking tours. Enjoyed the banquets and especially the country music entertainers. Going a bit further, **Don Wagner** took a seventeen day trip to China, he said all the tours were interesting and wonderful but it helps to be young to keep up with all the walking.

Gil Wojtal made it to the breakfast even after surgery to repair a small tear in his rotator cuff and removal of spurs and arthritis. **Ceil Yates** is back after three months of hospitals, her happiness is evident.

The Skyliners lost three members to a higher calling. **John Horsley** lost his battle after a massive heart attack. Cards to **Kay** at 547 Grosvenor Court, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Another familiar face at our functions that we will miss is **Ron Madsen** who left us on May 4th. Cards to his family, in care of brother Robert Lee to be sent to 809 W. Green St., Bensenville, IL 60160. A memorial was held for **John Desmond** who left us on June 28th.

July was a hot month for anniversaries. **Joyce & Ron Berquist** with the big 50, **Mary & Carlyle Brandt** with 51 and **Pat & Frank Rainer** with 52. Whoever said that the fifties weren't good years. Not our generation.

Twenty four hungry souls filled four round tables at the Southside breakfast. We welcomed back **Darlene Wenk**, **Barbara Kavouras** and her guest **Linda Gonzalez**. We also had two new members, **Barbara & Carl Roberson**, a retiree from ORDGQ.

Bob Pearson graciously conducted the raffle due to the fact that the Brandts escaped to Phoenix. **Bill Brookins** won twice which should sweeten the pain from his recent toe surgery. **Marge Caliendo** and **Barb Kavouras** won third and fourth which helped pay for their breakfast. Just kidding, they didn't eat that much.

Carol Faust is sending out a S.O.S. for the desperate needed help on the travel desk. They will train you on Apollo (it's a snap). The Chicago desk is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9AM to 1PM. You'll be rewarded by the appreciation from fellow retirees. Call Carol at (847) 895-1232.

Leona Gasiorowski is under the weather with the addition of having to use an oxygen tank. Hopefully, the warm weather finally here, will help you recuperate. Also missing were regulars **Margaret & Elroy Schmitt**.

That's all folks!

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**August 25 & September 29**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**August 12 & September 9**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**September 1**).

July 27 - Picnic - Chandlers Country Club, 401 N. Roosevelt Rd., Schaumburg.

October 21 - Fall Luncheon at the Seville

December 7 - Christmas Luncheon at the Avalon

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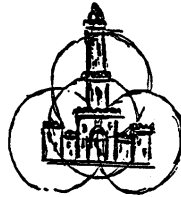
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I attended the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 11th held at UAL Education & Training Center in Elk Grove Village, IL. There were many pilots outside the building protesting CEO Glenn Tilton with picket signs and there was notable security both inside and outside the building.

The small room set up for the meeting was filled, so an "overflow room" was added. The small space allotted was unusual since past meetings have usually been held where there is room for large numbers of people.

The meeting was to be about one hour long. There was 35 minutes for the business portion which left 25 minutes for a discussion period with questions from the stockholders. The discussion time ran over to one hour with many persons still wanting to ask questions.

The CEO said he had a board meeting to attend and there was no more time. The audience was disappointed that no more questions were taken as at past meetings there usually was time for everyone to get their questions answered.

We sadly lost **Ron Madsen**, one of our Loop Group members, who succumbed to brain cancer on 6/11/09. Ron worked for UAL 39 years with his last position being in Customer Service Training at ORD. Ron was an avid traveler and fun loving guy with many travel stories. He will be missed by all who knew him.

If you are planning on attending the concert rehearsal at Millennium Park, be sure to call me to confirm which date we will be going to as it could be August 5th or August 14th. See July Newsletter for Concert details.

Of special interest to me, I attended the rehearsal of the performance of the world famous, "Mariachi Nuevo Tecalitlan" in concert with the Grant Park Orchestra on June 24th at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. It was a magical afternoon sitting outdoors with the summer breeze listening to the exquisite Mariachi style music.

Calendar:

August – No Luncheon Scheduled

August 5 – Concert Rehearsal in Millennium Park at Jay Pritzker Pavillion – 11AM – 1:30PM.

August 14 – Alternate Concert date in Millennium Park.

September 16 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel

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As **Cheri Innis**, the previous correspondent, commented in one of her articles, it always seem as though we talk about the local weather. But, no matter where we are, it is something shared by us all. To date this has been a wet but comfortable summer, not too many 90's, mostly mid 80's. A great time to work outside in the garden and yard and get those necessary home repairs and chores done.

At this writing, our group has not yet held our summer picnic, but we are looking forward to it at our July 18th meeting. It is definitely more of a social meeting than business.

Ray Brabo is recovering from his first cataract surgery and anticipating a second surgery on the other eye in mid-July. **Warren Allen** is recovering from shoulder surgery; hopefully this doesn't affect his golf swing. Previously, **Ron Innis** reported what a beautiful drive it was between Louisville and Knoxville when he and **Cheri** traveled to Gatlinburg for a getaway in May. Little did I realize that I would have the opportunity to travel that same route (I-64 and I-75) and enjoyed it as much as they did. Spectacular scenery!

Elly Barnett is once again making arrangements for a fall theatre party at "Beef and Boards". I was pushing for "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*" but I believe I was over ridden by another performance and a senior moment has me wondering what it is. More at a later date.

Sadly, I heard that **Bud & Elly Barnett** had traveled recently to Chicago due to the passing of another family member, Bud's nephew. Deepest sympathies.

Calendar:

August 10 - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Rd., Avon, IN (Rt. 36). Room available from 2PM, meeting at 3PM.

September 14 - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Rd., Avon, IN (Rt. 36). Room available from 2PM, meeting at 3PM.

October 12 - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Rd., Avon, IN (Rt. 36). Room available from 2 P.M., meeting at 3 P.M.

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The Nor'Easters June meeting actually wasn't a meeting. Twenty five members and guests enjoyed a cruise on the Essex River, in Essex MA. The boat ride was fine, the narrator even better. The scenery, beautiful and other than a sometimes chilly wind, made a perfect outing. Following the cruise, we descended on a local seafood restaurant for lunch. Yours truly enjoyed a bowl of steamed clams, something I've not had in quite a while.

All our regulars were there, **Andy & Carol Montalto, Jayne & John Regan, Carleen & Bruce Eddy, Paul & Mary Ward, Bob & Susan DePippo, Frank & Janet DeStefano, Bill & Elaine Vanderwal, Kay Robinson, Dick Vee, Bill Shailor, Halmet Umbley** and **June Alberino** with guests. Also present and not seen in some time were **Virginia Howells** and **Elisabeth Restiano**. I know Liz and Ginny enjoyed themselves. Time for Liz to start being one of the regulars and for Ginny to join the Nor'Easters. Our only missing regular, **Don Latter**, who had planned on attending, had an emergency involving his son. Hope all turned out well Don!

While the group was still confined to the boat, I asked for Newsletter info. All I got was from **Bob DiPippo**, quote, "*No news is good news!*"

It's with a sad heart I learned that United will soon be pulling out of MHT, where I worked my last ten years. UA opened BTV, MHT and PWM at the same time. These three stations did well, but UA eventually turned two over to UAX, whose inability to maintain an on time schedule, literally threw away the customers. MHT grew leaps and bounds, yet UA refused to add flights. In fact, UA gave the amount of passengers filling four full 737's a day, from MHT to IAD over to UAX, who again lost all these customers to US Scare. SouthWest finally came to MHT with twelve daily flights, now up to twenty three. MHT is still experiencing strong growth, enough said! I'm convinced Mr. Tilton wants to fold UA and fatten his own wallet.

The Nor'Easters welcomes four new members, all retired from BOSGQ; **Steve Cotter, Mark Hutchings Sr., Paul O'Mara and Tim Snyder Jr.**

Sue Laporte, currently BOSLL, advised us that **John Huss**, BOSCS passed away at home. Also there was an obit on **Bob Polumbo**, formerly BOSCG. Although known by most of us, neither were Nor'Easter members.

August birthdays: **Tony Berardi, George Mavreles, Raymond Ouellette, John Parks, Michael Provenzano, Bill Rodenhizer, Horace Smith and Bill Vanderwal.**

August anniversaries: **Bob & Judy Austin - 50 years, Lilli & Oscar Bauerle - 54, Tom & Dolores Blackwood - 26, Gary & Anna Bosworth - 40, Fred & Rita Casey - 53, Burce & Priscilla Cassassa - 53, Lee & Sid Lyon - 60, John & Ann Parks - 53 and Dick & Dayle Vee - 28.**

Calendar:

August – 9th Annual picnic, Harold Parker State Forest, No. Andover, MA

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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July 2, 17 Escapees and 5 guests gathered at the Breakfast Club in Brighton, hosted by **Sallie Reithel**. Special guests were Bob and Bo, Marie and Joan's brother and wife, from MS plus Amy, Magdalene and James Wayne, Sallie's daughter and grandchildren. We were all happy to meet baby James Wayne, one of the Escapees miracle babies. Before little James Wayne was born, tests showed there was a possibility of chromosome abnormality. Our Escapees put our prayer machine to work and Amy & Brad brought a healthy boy into our world. A very beautiful big brown eyed baby boy that would steal anyone's heart. As Kathy Franz, our other miracle baby's grandma, says, "medicine is good but prayer is better ..." We also welcomed **Joanna O'Brien** from AZ, **Kay Smith** from FL and **Lorry Cahill** for the first time ever from CO.

Many Escapees attended **Joanna O'Brien's** beautiful memorial for her beloved **Joe** @ St. Colman's in Farmington Hills. Joe passed away Jan 16th after suffering a heart attack aboard a UA flight PHX/ORD on Christmas Eve. Keep Joanna and family in your prayers @ 30515 W. 14 Mile Rd., # 34, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-1557.

Also, keep **Bonnie Fleming** in you prayers @ 4271 N. Crogan St., Box 14A, Port Clinton, OH 43452-8800, as her beloved Chet lost his battle for life June 23rd. Bonnie thanks all for their prayers and feels that they were answered as Chet was in so much pain toward the end, he just wanted to die. In addition, **Ron Madsen**, an international instructor who trained most of DTWRR folks, lost his battle with brain cancer June 11. Love and prayers to Ron's brother Robert Lee @ 809 West Green St., Bensonville, IL 60106. Lastly, (DTWRR) **Ed Hall's** son, Mark, passed May 24. Mark indicated in his computer files that his health was failing but did not want to involve anyone in his struggle and requested no funeral or wake, just remember him in your thoughts. Ed and family are respecting his wishes.

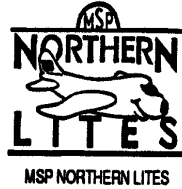
Calendar:

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

MINNESOTA

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The June news was provided by **Mary Brennan** while your usual correspondent was gone fishin' to the Canadian part of Lake of the Woods along with **Nel Brawner & Rich Glattly**.

24 Northern Lites came to lunch that day in June, including snowbirds **Jack Spalding & Lenny & Ginnie Touseignant**. It's always good to again see our old pals back in Minnesota.

Our condolences to **Arlene Kelley** on the loss of her 96-year-old mother. A memorial service will be planned at a later date. **Cal Alderman** is home from the hospital. President **Lee Storlie** called him from the meeting so that all could greet him & wish him well.

It's my sad duty to report the sudden death on June 26 of **Bob Soltis**, husband of **Rosemary Soltis**, MSPSS. Condolences may be sent to the family at 8429 Rosewood Drive, Chanhassen, MN 55317. We were also saddened to hear of the death of **Chet Fleming**, member of the Northwoods Loonies. We'll miss his quiet humor & enthusiasm for all things Loonie. We've also learned of the death of **Lois Mullaney**, widow of **Dick Mullaney** (MSPSS) who died June 28. Our condolences to her family.

Once again the Northwoods Loonies event was one to remember. Our very own **Diane & Lee Storlie** hosted it in Red Wing, MN ~ a river town along the Mississippi. They had lots of fun things planned for us to do, meals to enjoy & a very nice place to stay. There were more attending this time than ever before, which means more new friends to make & stories to hear & tell. What can I say? We *always* enjoy our get-togethers with the Loonies!

By this time, the annual picnic at **Fred & Rita Stang's** will be another fond memory in the history of our chapter. Details of that event will be forthcoming next month.

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.

Calendar:

August 12 - Annual picnic

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 47 at the Narrows County Park. It is a nice place and we will certainly go back again. The pavilion had a big deck attached which would be nice in the sun. Thanks to **Jan & Keith Cornish** for going early and setting everything up. **Andra**, Manager of UAL/Omaha, spoke about the full loads going out of Omaha. She said we have 65 full and part time employees here in Omaha. It's always good to have reps from the field come and let us know what is going on.

Hilde Schwan advised us that hubby, **Dick**, is undergoing treatment for lung cancer. They are using a new type of treatment called the CyberKnife Radiation. Update: as of 6/9, he has finished 3 treatments at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln and is doing quite well. Doesn't have to go back until July 10. That's good news.

Lorraine Stanfield happened to call **Van Van Houten** and he told her he went on the last WWII Honor Flight in May. He couldn't get over what a fine trip it was. That makes 3 of our group who went – **Nick Nekonchuk**, **Jim Beveridge**, and **Van**. They all said they were so happy they made that trip to Washington, DC to see the WWII Monument.

The Publinks of Omaha, sponsored by the Omaha World-Herald, has been a long time golf tournament for all the golfers here in Omaha who do not belong to a private golf club. I looked for **Andy Vassios'** name and there it was in the Masters Flight (golfers 65 and over). I called him and he said he lost the second round which is unusual as he normally goes quite the distance. He said he just didn't have his game that day. Too bad, Andy - maybe next year.

Friend, **Keith Cornish**, will be doing double duty as Secretary/Treasurer for the months of July and August. I am leaving for Escondido, CA July 4th to help with newborn twin boys – parents being my grandson and his wife.

Our column of more UAL retiree members deceased or hopefully still alive and well. Do you remember? **Wayne Carter; Del Circo; Louise Mitchell (Frakes); Sandy Booth; John Long; Clyde Sharrar; Jean Littizzette; and Stan Taylor.**

Calendar:

Aug. 4 - Fish & Game, Lake Manawa - Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

Sept. 1 – Cooper Farm, Hosted by **Cary & Toddy Manson**

Oct. 6 - Sons of Italy – Hosted by **Gary Procopio and Linda**

Nov. 3 - Bohemian Café – Hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

NEW JERSEY

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Vice President **John Deily** opened the meeting on June 24th Snuffy 's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. A flag salute was held. A moment of silence was held due to the deaths of **Vincent Peloso** and **John A. Huss**. There were only 28 members present.

Violet Etler read the minutes and Treasurer **John Murphy** gave the treasurer's report.

Our July meeting will be the 29th, our theme will be "Christmas in July" and also on July 17th, we will have a day at the Monmouth Race Track. Sandwiches and Beverages will be supplied. As a reminder, our August meeting will be our annual picnic.

Calendar:

July 29 - Meeting

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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The Metros annual "Day at Belmont Racetrack" had 35 members and 6 guests who devoured all 12 feet worth of hero sandwiches. A Big Thanks to **Nick Manfredo** who picked up the sandwiches for all to enjoy. Jimbo, our president, supplied the ice cold drinks to help wash all the food down. **Carol Maley-Davis** supplied homemade macaroni salad as did our guest, **Kathy Corrente**. There were homemade blueberry muffins from the kitchen of **Ann Hluboky**. **Ruth Olenick** brought a delicious birthday cake for her husband, **Elliot**, who turned 85 years young on July 18th. Once again, **Kathy Corrente** showed off her cooking skills by baking a delicious Date Nut Bread. **Rose Totaro's** cookies disappeared as soon as the box was opened.

Last but not least, a special thanks has to go to **Walter Siuda**, a new member, **Dale Deuber**, **Lorraine McFadden**, **Evelyn Schroeder**, **Rosemary Totaro**, **Rose Schneider** and **Kathy Corrente** for set up and clean up. They were the first to arrive at Belmont and the last to leave. **Jim McFadden** did an outstanding job by bringing all the picnic supplies. Great job, Jim!

After a day at Mohegan Sun Casino, **Cassie Manelski** and two guests **Angie Cava** & **Pat Garvey** arrived for a day at the races. They had a little trouble finding the Main Entrance of Hempstead Turnpike. Our caterer, **Nick Manfredo** hosted friends Tom & Ernestine. Once again, **Carson Baker** drove **Yvonne Guella** from Brooklyn, while **Dale Deuber** & **Rose Schneider** hosted **Kathy Corrente**. We are so happy Kathy joined us! I have not heard of any winners? Losers? Yes! Good time? Yes!

I received a phone call last night from **Jean Zito**. She & **Jean Donahue** with their driver drove all the way from Kings Park in Suffolk County. Unable to locate the Metros' picnic area they turned around and went home. I'm so sorry they missed an enjoyable afternoon.

Terry Zabarauskas sent us a Thank You card for the beautiful fruit basket and Mass card the chapter sent on the death of Frank.

Remember Metro member **Al Verillo** now living at Arbers at Westbury, room 711A, 45 Jericho Tpke., Westbury, N.Y. 11753. Phone (516) 333-3595. **Mabel Bittar** still in rehab at Schnurmacher Center for Rehab & Nursing, 12 Tibbits Ave., White Plains, NY 10606, phone (914) 644-8327. **Mary Shepherd** now living at St. Patrick's Home for the Aged, 66 Van Cortlandt Park, So. Bronx, NY 10463 Room 823B, phone (718) 543-0141. Al, Mabel and Mary would be happy to hear from their fellow Metros members.

Birthday Greetings for July: **Ann Lyons** on July 10th - 87 years young, **Ernest Luchtenberg** also turned 87 years young on the 11th, **Elliot Olenick** celebrated his 85th at Belmont Racetrack, **Pat Gilson** turned 85 on the 19th of July.

Anniversaries: **Josephine & Frank Lopinto** celebrated their 51st year of togetherness on the 13th, **Lillian & Paul Cohen** said their "I Do's" on the 30th of July 59 years ago.

Calendar:

August 5 - Picnic at Wantagh Town Park, rain or shine

Sept. 2 - 12 noon at Millerridge Inn

October 7 - 12 noon

NORTHWOODS

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LOONIES

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The fall Loonies' adventure is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th through good byes on Friday morning, October 9th. The location will be Ludington, Michigan, home of the Lake Michigan Car Ferry, the Badger, site of the finest state park in Michigan and home for your hosts, **Carol & Mike Buechin**.

Accommodations have been worked out with six lovely B&B's located in the downtown area of Ludington. 28 rooms have been set aside for our group, with very special pricing available until September 1st. There will be a limited number of 1st floor rooms to be used by those who can not climb stairs. There will be one price for all rooms, those with a whirlpool bath and those on the 3rd floor. It will be a "first come, first served" policy. But everyone will enjoy the wonderful breakfasts and the charm of these old Lumber Baron built mansions.

This notice is a heads up. Full details will be mailed to all those on the Loonies' roster. For those not on the roster, you may call **Mike Buechin** at (231) 843-4470 or send an email. Remember, anyone can be a Loonie. One does not have to be loony enough to live in the North Country.

OHIO



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Eighty one Buckeyes gathered on the second Thursday, July 9th for their Annual Picnic. This was the 3rd year at W. J. Green Lodge, located in the Mill Stream Run of Metro parks. I will inform you of the happenings of the picnic in next month's newsletter.

If you were unable to attend the picnic, your packet will be mailed to you. If you haven't received one later in July, please contact one of the officers. Many thanks to Dolly & John's granddaughter, Taylor for the help in putting the packet together.

Calendar:

Aug. 11 - The 15th Annual Northfield Night. Second Tuesday. Doors open at 5:45pm with the buffet at 6pm. Races start at 7pm and end at 11pm, pre-paid

September - To Be Announced

October 8 - Flight 93 Memorial, Shanksville, PA, MUST be pre-paid by August 15th. Make check payable to Ohio Buckeyes. Mail check to; **Sharon Minelli**, 4169 Story Road, Fairview Park, OH 44126-1727.

November - To Be Announced.

December - To Be Announced.

OREGON

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Our meeting in June honored seven WWII Veterans. There was a short speech by John Neuman of the American Legion who explained the significance of the medal. It is called the Oregon Honorable Service Medal, given to those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. Presenting the medals were Mr. Neuman and **Glen Swanson** of the Blueback Council of the Navy League who is also a Dew-er's member. It is a lovely medal on a ribbon that was placed over the shoulders of the honorees: **Bob Anderson, John Carter, Chuck Falbo, Jack Harper, Bill Keyes, Dick Marley** and **Ed Nolan**.

The winners this month for the monthly prizes were **Phyllis Anderson** (door prize), **Dave Smith** (birthday) no anniversaries and **Jack Curtis** (50/50). **Jack Curtis** brought guests **Bob & Joyce Charron** and **Chuck & Mary Lou Falbo** brought their children Elaine, Paul, Mark and Curtis to see their father receive the medal. **Charlie Stemper** also invited a recent retiree **Jan Kier** to the luncheon.

In my May column, I forgot to mention that **Harvey Larkin** celebrated his 80th birthday on May 7th. Three members celebrating the same birthday on June 20th and all from PDXCS were **Frank Bullis, Dave Smith** and **Jan Ward**. Lucky Dave won the birthday prize too.

Rance Ishibashi who has cancer needs a donor for a stem cell transplant. Please, if you know of any in the UAL family who would be willing to be tested and agree to be a donor please contact our chapter.

Our sick list grew in June. **Dona Witt** recently had surgery, **Dick Miller** had a pace maker installed and **Pat Taylor** knee surgery. **Merle Pitman** has been diagnosed with throat cancer and will undergo surgery this month. **Ann Starks** is recovering from a broken femur and is now in a recuperation center and I know she

would love to hear from her friends. You can send cards to Ann in care of: Salmon Creek Adult Care, 12907 NE 3rd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685.

Thanks to all of you who bring donations of food and clothing to the meetings for Shepherd's Door, a rescue home for women and children. **Dave Smith** delivers the goods to them after the meeting. Please continue to bring your donations as I know they are greatly appreciated.

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 12 - Social

September 9 - Social

October 14 - Ice Cream Social

PENNSYLVANIA

THE INDEPENDENTS

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23 retirees came out for our last meeting for the summer to enjoy our annual indoor picnic. We feature hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings. We will not have another meeting until September 14, 2009.

Past President, **Jim Fanto** opened the meeting with a prayer and salute to the flag. Jim announced that one of our members, Capt. **Lew Myers** was about to embark on an amazing bike ride, beginning in California and ending in Pensacola, Florida. It is a relay race where all four participants are age 75 or older. Lew is quite modest about it - he says all he has to do is pedal. Lew has done many charitable rides for good causes. This is just one more - Good Luck Lew. Be safe.

Lew also gave us an update on **Hal Zerbock**. Apparently Hal is quite the cook. Lew mentioned that he entertained 40 people for dinner!

A very big surprise was the arrival of President, **Joe Brad** and his wife, **Gail**. They came directly from the hospital where Joe was fitted with his "Chemo pouch". Joe looks wonderful and says he feels pretty good for all he is going through. We were so happy to see you both. Thanks for taking the time to come and say hello to everyone. You are still in our prayers.

Joyce Lindenmuth will be getting tickets for a different Christmas Show this year. We will be going to the Living Waters on Wednesday, Dec 2nd, for the 2:00 PM show. It is located on Route 896 in Lancaster, PA. The cost is \$27.55 per person. Lunch is on your own. Please contact Joyce to order your ticket(s).

Kathy Edwards briefed everyone on the convention and announced that it will be held in Orlando next year. We hope to have more representatives from PHL attend next year. She also handed out a paper for each table on information on Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Sheriff Joe was our speaker in Phoenix. We would like to see our local authorities adopt some of his ideas. He has a great record in reducing crime and costs.

It was so great to see **Dennis O'Neill** with no crutch, brace or walker! Good recovery Dennis. You are an inspiration to all of us.

Frank Eggles is still under the weather and unable to drive. We are trying to arrange to have someone pick Marge and him up for the committee meeting next week.

Of course Frank is still collecting donations for the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. This is applied toward the expansion of the chapel. So if you can spare some money, please make your check payable to "**Chapel 93 Memorial**" and mail it 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. Thank you in advance.

Karen Fox won the 50/50 and one of the Liberty Bells, **Donna Lynn** and **Walt Sonderman** won the other 2 bells. Congratulations to all

We watched a DVD called "Spark of Insanity" starring Fred Dunham, a comic and ventriloquist. It was a very funny show and there was lots of laughter ringing out in the meeting.

Our committee held our annual picnic at **Kathy & Al Edward's** house on June 15th. This was our last meeting for the summer. Attendees included **Joyce Lindenmuth**, (who provided much of the delicious food and dessert), **Tom Lyons**, **Shirley Roberts**, **Kathy & Al Edwards** and me.

Joyce Lindenmuth purchased 15 tickets for the Living Waters Christmas Show for Wednesday, Dec 2nd for the 2:00 PM show. She has already sold 12 of the 15 tickets. After her supply is gone, anyone who wants to attend may get tickets at the same price but no guarantee that they will be able to sit with the group. The theater is located on Route 896 in Lancaster, PA. The cost is \$27.55 per person. Lunch is on your own. Please contact Joyce to order your ticket(s).

Frank & Marge Egges were not able to attend. Apparently Frank is not feeling very well and is not driving. He did tell me he has collect **\$1100.00** more for the Chapel fund. **\$1000.00** of that amount was given by the **NYC Retirees and active employees**. Thanks so much. You guys are certainly helping to keep the memory alive.

We discussed the upcoming convention. **Tom Lyons** announced that United's load factor is now 90%. No wonder we can't get on a flight! Good for United, we certainly applaud this success. Given that information, those of us going to MCO will probably drive.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer- See you in September.

Calendar:

Sept. 14 - General meeting, 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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From the City Of Champions - Happy Summer to one and all!

The Golden Girls Luncheon hosted 17 members who were treated to an extraordinary day. Thanks to Treatie and Anita for arranging the outing. The grounds are beautiful and lunch was exquisite to say the least. The affair was held at Felicity Farms which is a Bed and Breakfast owned by a former USAir employee. A true hidden treasure.

The annual picnic will have been held on Jul 17th and will be covered in the next issue.

Condolences to **Jim & Lois Doolan** on the recent passing of their son, Timothy Jude Doolan in Florida. Cards can be sent to the Doolans at 129 Greenlee Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

Gerry Knight McDonough advised us of the passing of **Ruth Soldo Malzi**. Ruth was a former member of the Pit-Stoppers until moving to PDX. Ruth worked for many years in both PIT and CLE Res.

The Pit-Stoppers also lost another member with the passing of **Norbie Bud Gehringer**. Norbie was a former mechanic for many years in PIT, both for Capital and United. A memorial service was held on July 14th. Cards to Mrs. Norbert Gehringer at 2359 High Oak Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

Our prayers and condolence to **Joan Madden** and family on the sudden passing of Carrie, daughter of Joan and the late Patrick. Carrie was a sweet and lovely young lady and will certainly be missed by all who knew her. Cards can be sent to Joan c/o 194 Rosemont Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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June 18th was another hot day here in Tennessee. We have been having hot and humid weather with afternoon showers all week. Eight of us showed up for the buffet breakfast at Shoney's in West Knoxville.

Betty Shipe was back from her trip to Hawaii; however, she was having surgery that day to remove a tumor from her saliva glands and wasn't able to join us. She was released from the hospital on Friday June 19th. The good news is that they caught the growth in time and it was not cancerous. She is still having a lot of numbness in her knees/legs and the doctors are going to run some more tests to see if they can find out what the problem is.

Both **Mike & Barb Chapin** made it to breakfast along with **Terry Taylor**. It was good to talk to them and to catch up with their news. **Al & Jeanne Barkmann** were back from their trip to California. They reported that they had problems flying standby.

Jack & Sue Ferrell have set up July's luncheon at the historical Keith Mansion in Athens, TN. This sounds like another interesting location for our meeting. We'll give more details on the Mansion and our trip down to Athens in our next newsletter.

Calendar:

July 16 – Hosted by **Jack & Sue Ferrell**, (423) 745-9390.

August 20 - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 274 off I40-75 toward Kingston Pike for one block. A great way to start your morning - good food & good friends!

Sept. 17 - Location and time to be announced. Hosts are **Ed & Pat Valente**, (865) 458-2462.

October 15 - 9:30 AM. Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

UTAH

THE SALT LAKERS

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On **July 7**, 25 happily rambunctious SLC chapter members met for brunch at *Johanna's Kitchen* near 9700 South/State St. This location would seem out of the way to the “north of Salt Lake City” chapter members; but it gives our “southern” regulars a good chance to join us without driving too far out of their way. On other occasions, we meet in the “north”, for the same reason. *Johanna's Kitchen* restaurant even provided our group with a closed-off area, to screen out other restaurant noise.

Lila Maughan & son Larry Maughan (a new chapter member) came visiting - this time without **Betty Davis** who is spending some time with a daughter in Portland, OR.

Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson** confirmed the Aug. 4th picnic caterer as **Joe Morley's** at \$8.00 per chapter member; \$13.00 for non-member. Would it interest y'all to know that a number of valued visitors signed up to join the chapter? We are looking forward to another great get-together at the Lake Terrace Pavilion in the Sugar House Pk. at 5PM - or a bit earlier, if you are so inclined to “chat before the food bell rings”.

As we are now joined by a number of retired flight attendants, our general UAL “field of interest” is gradually expanding. Today, we again welcomed **Lori Brady** who brought her friend Col. **Mike McGuire** (Army Ret.); she even convinced him to join our RUAEA chapter. **Laraine Jordan Darby**, too, showed an interest in becoming a member; she also wanted more info on joining *Clipped Wings®*. She was advised by this correspondent that her request will be forwarded to CW's Members-at-large Chapter President, **Carol Novak**

Morgan, for additional contact. - Former F/A **Judy Turgeon** - wife of **Bob Turgeon**, SLC - is not feeling too well these days. Please think of her and wish her well!

Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson** will send out a "*Picnic Info*" letter to all SLC members; it will contain a coupon, to be returned to the address mentioned on it, along with picnic payment.

In the course of last month, our new national RUAEA chapter "*Clipped Wings®*" & its associates made known that the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games will be held in Lincoln/NE. For more info, contact: swissrose@msn.com. Another item of interest for all of us UALers may be the planned "*Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania*" to attend the memorial service for UAL Flight 93 in Shanksville/PA on September 11, 2009. Perhaps, more details will be revealed between now and then.

Calendar:

August 4 - Picnic, 5pm - \$8/mem. & \$13/non-member at Sugar House Park, Lake Terrace.

September 1 - Coffee Time 10am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., SLC.

October 6 - Lunch, 2pm at Golden Corral, 7200 S., 700 East, SLC.

WASHINGTON

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Seattle had good representation at the convention in Phoenix. There were 20 attendees from the Seattle area and an additional 10 living elsewhere that previously worked in Seattle. Those attending from the Seattle area were, **Bob Brumfield**, **Howard & Ruth-Ann Clark**, **Hank Gosselin** and **Carol Lucarelli**, **John & Adelaide Haferbecker**, **Jim & Marion Hafterson**, **Ted & Judy Higley** (from Chelan, WA), **Hal Leach**, **Ken Wagner** and **Danyell Long**, **Ron Paluch**, **Larry & Patricia Schmick**, **Dolores Steger**, and **Ken & Judy Storey**. Those attending who now live outside of Washington State are **Shirley Claggett** (the convention tour organizer), **Chuck & Sharon Cole**, **Jim & Bonnie Fauber**, **Dolores Frank**, **Mike & Claudia Richards** and **Ron & Shirley Robertson**.

The convention was very well organized and featured great tours and good entertainment at the Friendship Dinner and the Saturday Night Banquet. Even the weather cooperated by not being too hot.

Newly elected directors announced at the convention included **Mike Richards**, formerly of SEARR and SEACG, the new Arizona director and **Chuck Cole**, formerly of SEAMM, the new Mountain region director. Congratulations to these two gentlemen.

Hubert & Anita Malco had planned to attend the convention, but decided not to as a health precaution, and **Jim & JoAnn Bernovich** had to withdraw due to JoAnn coming down with the flu.

Member **Agnes Ness** passed away June 21 at age 89 in the hospital due to complications from a stroke. Agnes was a retired supervisor from the Flight Kitchen who started with United when the kitchen opened in 1958. She retired in 1982. Agnes is survived by her remaining 3 daughters (2 others are deceased) and 2 sons, 21 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Richard Burton, the oldest son of member **Paul Burton** and his late wife **Annette** passed away peacefully in his sleep June 6. His death was due to a heart attack. Richard, who was 55 years old, had worked in the United Flight Kitchen at one point in his career. Paul has three remaining sons and a daughter.

Howard & Ruth-Ann Clark celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 23rd. To commemorate the event, their children – **Karen**, **Joyce**, **Dan** and **Roger** – hosted a luau for them a couple of days later at Joyce's home in Bothell. Howard and Ruth-Ann also have 8 grandchildren, of which all but one were able to attend. Also attending were cousins, aunts and uncles.

Ed Clay took a couple of bad falls in early June that caused him to end up in the hospital. Fortunately he didn't break any bones. Following his hospital stay, Ed was released to The Springs at Regent, a skilled nursing care facility in Bellevue. Once he has regained his strength; he expects to be able to return to his assisted living apartment, also in Bellevue. Another health concern Ed is facing is deteriorating eyesight, and for him to be

able to read comfortably, the type size has to be 16-point or higher. For those wishing to send a card or note to Ed his address at his apartment is 933 111th Avenue NE #317, Bellevue, WA 98004.

Colleen Ichihashi passed away June 26 after a battle with cancer; she was retired from SEARR. Colleen had undergone treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma and it went into remission for a year and a half, only to return as non-Hodgkin's lymphoma for which she was receiving chemo treatments at the time of her death. Unfortunately the chemo brought on pneumonia which was the actual cause of her death. Colleen is survived by her husband, **Doug**, who also worked in SEARR and SEACS and daughter **Michelle**.

Calendar:

August 11 – Annual Picnic at **Jerry & Irene Opperman's** home, Kent, WA

September 8 – Luncheon Meeting – DoubleTree Guest Suites/Southcenter, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle 98188 (Tukwila, WA)

October 13 – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

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This is a quiet time in the nation's capital, although Congress has not adjourned for the summer recess. After 2 weeks of incessant rain in the early part of June, the weather is now hot and humid, just in time for the arrival of the many visitors to Washington DC.

In June, about 25 members of the Dulles Loungers met at the Golden Corral for an informal lunch and a chance to catch up on our news.

Very few of our fellow retirees have made plans to fly this summer citing the costs involved and heavily booked flights to popular destinations.

I hope to have news of more travel to share in the next report.

Sadly we report the death of **Jan (Janiece) Jamison** in June. Jan worked at IADRR and DCATO.

We will resume our program on September 9 at 12:30pm. No reservation is required.

Please advise me of any interesting news as it pertains to retirees in the greater Washington DC area,

Calendar:

August 12 - Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109, 1230pm, casual lunch, no speaker.

September 9 - Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109, 1230pm. Regular Lunch Meeting

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Although everyone is in the midst of family vacations and summer fun, the members of Clipped Wings® are busy making plans for future events.

Blanche Harris (DCA), head of the committee of members of PIT, EWR, BWI and DCA chapters, has made plans for many of our members to attend the Flight 93 Memorial service in Shankesville, Pennsylvania, September 11, 2009. We will be presenting a donation to the memorial from Clipped Wings® United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae and Flight Attendants, Inc.

We have a committee in place that is working with the Games Operating Committee (GOC) of the 2010 Special Olympics National Summer Games that are being held July 16-25 in Lincoln, Nebraska. In addition to our tradition of hosting the reception for parents of the athletes we will also be assisting with the Cessna Airlift.

If you are interested in purchasing the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) rjensen148@aol.com. Each scarf is \$20 plus \$1.50 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

We are having great response from prospective members visiting our website. Please check us out at www.clippedwings.com. As the National Vice President, **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA), I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at bvincentps@aol.com.

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I'm enclosing my 3 years membership dues, thanks again.

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*The following is submitted by the son of **Cornelis "Cor" Chel** who passed away on April 1, 2009. Cornelis was proud to have worked for United and United was part of his family.*

My father, mother and I emigrated from the Netherlands in 1953, arriving in New York. An Uncle picked us up there and drove us to Chicago. We had arrived in Chicago on a Friday. That Sunday, my father found an advertisement for employment with TWA. That Monday he took the bus to the airport. At the bus drop-off, he looked down the street and saw that TWA was a significant walk, but United was directly across the street. He applied at United at 8AM, passed all the requirements and started working at 2PM, as a ramp serviceman. He worked for United for nearly 30 years.

About a year into the job, my father played a part during a fueling fire. He, along with several others, evacuated the aircraft (which was on fire), pulled a fueler from the flaming wing, doused the flames that had engulfed the fueler, and rendered first aid. He and another gentleman were recognized for their efforts. I have several articles from the local papers, as well as recognition letters if you care to have copies of them.

Many people congratulated my father over the next few days, but one gentleman stood out. After congratulating my father, he asked what were his goals with United. My father mentioned that he would love to move to Los Angeles. Within a day or two, transfer papers to Burbank ("but I wanted to go to LA!") were issued. The man was Mr. Patterson. Mr. Patterson and my father visited the fueler several times before the

fueler passed away from his injuries. The two remained friends until Mr. Patterson's passing. I have very fond memories of visiting Mr. Patterson in the desert outside Los Angeles as a small child and have several pictures from company events. I will never forget the stories and the cigars.

During his career with United, my father worked as a Ramp Serviceman, Load Planner, and held several office jobs for LAXCG. He oversaw payroll and mail delivery fines for many years. He also was Mainliner Club President, chaired the local W.A. Patterson Golf Tournament, picnic and Christmas Party for many years.

I will always remember the United family. The picnics at the LAPD Academy, the Christmas parties at the hangar at LAX and park in Hawthorne and the dances in Inglewood. **Bud Galloway, Bill Cahow, Ed Clay, Mary Glaister and Ed Nelson**, just to name a few, were great friends of my father. My dad stayed in contact with many after his retirement.

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

It has been almost a year since I returned home from Manor Care Rehab, after having my right leg amputated in 3/08. I was fitted with prosthesis, have a custom-made wheel chair and get around well with a walker.

George has taken over the duties at home and caring for Maggie, our miniature Schnauzer. Maggie is the greeter in our house. She is friendly with everybody who enters our house but barks at anyone or anything that moves outside, when looking out the window.

I have a caregiver assisting me a few hours in the morning, five days a week and two days a week, and have a caregiver eight hours during the day to give George a break and time-out.

George spends two days a week at the Illinois Railway Museum. He is in the process of rebuilding a 1924-built wooden boxcar.

Maggie will be celebrating her 10th birthday and Lynn her 77th in June. I will be retired from UA 22 years in December. Since I am a Life Member, I am making a contribution to the postage fund. I like the bold print of names and look forward to receiving the newsletter. It is the link that keeps us informed of the happenings at UA and in touch with retirees. Thanks to all who are involved in publishing the newsletter.

Joseph Coco, 257 Antofagasta St., Punta Gorda, FL 33983

I thought this would be the ideal time to pay a compliment as well as paying my dues.

I just returned from almost 3 weeks in England, visiting my late wife's family in Oxford.

The people manning the volunteer lines in SEA did a great job for me, both going and returning. I flew TPA-IAD-LHR and on the return, I was lucky enough to ride First Class. These folks did a super job checking flights and loads for me and were right on the money with their advice and help.

I have been retired from EAOAD for 2 years and was not too familiar with the changes as it had been 7-8 years since I had used a pass. They were extremely helpful and friendly and made things a lot easier for me.

A big thanks you to the SEA volunteers; it reminded me of the old UAL.

Laura Hansen, 808 Laurel Ave., #310, San Mateo, CA 94401-4130

This is the best and most professional newsletter I have ever read.

Many thanks to all the chapters and many others who give of their talents and work, in getting it into the mail.

Bernard Harrigan, 10606 Oak Park Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

I celebrated my 80th birthday on June 3rd, and with the passing of time, I continue to count my blessings of retirement years.

The pride and joy my family brings to me is very special and I feel that I am a fortunate man. In April of 2009, we enjoyed a trip to Columbus AFB in Mississippi. We attended the graduation ceremony of our grandson, 2nd Lt. Duane Harrigan, son of Patrick & Judy Harrigan. He received his pilot's wings and will be flying a KC-135 Stratotanker as a member of the Michigan Air National Guard. We are very proud of our grandson's accomplishments. Another grandson, Jonathan Harrigan, son of Bernie & Gayle Harrigan, flies a Citation for a Charter Company at DuPage Airport in IL.

Our sons, Bernie and Kevin are Captains at Delta and Continental Air Lines. It is great to see another generation of pilots in our family, pursuing careers in aviation.

I enjoy reading the letters from the retirees in the newsletter.

Richard Jensen, 670 Green Knob Rd., Old Fort, NC 28762

It has been almost 20 years now since I retired and moved from California to North Carolina (August of 1989). Our home is located on 17 acres in the foothills near Asheville.

Our health is still pretty good and we stay pretty active. We plant a large garden every year and do a lot of canning for the winter months.

I cut and split about four cords of fire wood for winter. This keeps me in pretty good health except for all of the aches and pains later.

Jean and I both want to thank all of you for the great job you do keeping us informed on what is happening at UAL.

Ray Klapatauskas, 2120 Fox Hollow Ln., East Greenville, PA 18041

It is that time of year again and my renewal has come and gone and it cost me an extra \$5.00 but it is worth it. Thanks to all who do a great job putting the newsletter out each month.

We are still trying to sell our home here and move back to Wisconsin. Not for the weather or the mosquitoes, the size of 747's, but because all of our family is there.

Marie Kocevar, 1209 Georgia Trace Ave., Valrico, FL 33596-9107

Another year into retirement and I am loving it! There is so much to keep me busy, classes at USF-Ollie, sight seeing in Florida, meeting new people and keeping in touch with dear friends. I truly understand the statement, "I'm so busy that I don't know how I ever had time to work".

Plans have been firmed for a Trafalgar Tour of Croatia and Slovenia this fall. My father was born near Ljubljana, Slovenia. In the 1970's my dad, mom and I visited there and met our relatives for the first time. On this fall trip, I won't be in touch with my Slovenian family; instead I will visit the areas that were missed on the first trip. I am especially looking forward to several days at Lake Bled, the summer home of Tito, who was the former president of Yugoslavia.

Thanks to all of you on the RUAEA Newspaper for keeping us all up to date with the latest news about UAL and its retirees.

Jim & Dee Leek, 79 Forrest Cove, Bunnell, FL 32110

Another year has gone by with its share of happenings caused by growing older. I celebrated my 85th birthday (quietly) on June 7. My problem du jour was a bit of dizziness caused by a virus to the inner ear. It took two days in the hospital and every test known to man to come up with this.

Dee has had a serious heart problem that made it necessary to spend 10 days in intensive care that saved her life. We nearly wore down the highway 100 roadbed driving back and forth.

All is well now, thanks to a lot of prayers from family and friends.

My best to all of you who keep us all together.

Doris Riley, 1047 McDuffie Dr., Pinewood, SC 29125

Greetings to fellow retirees! Just a note to all who may remember me at JFKFF for 18 years and JFKCS for 4 years. I retired in 1991.

I enjoy reading the RUAEA newsletter. There are some names in the New York Metros column that I recall.

Milton Sank, 2204 Fountain View Dr. Monsey, NY 10952

It is tough living in a "hick town" area, so remote from airline friends and contacts. This makes receiving the Newsletter all that more important. I scan it from cover to cover, hoping to spot a familiar name. Keep it coming!

I still recall the furor when United hired revolver-toting guards at JFK airport. Today, troops at airports are common place.

Mary Semon (Benanti) 2451 Midtown Ave. #902, Alexandria, VA 22303, (703) 417-9392, mjsemon@sbcglobal.net

Here I am, late again. First a big thank you for this newsletter. It's a great way to be in touch and to know what's happening in the company.

By now, you must know we are back in the USA, we were abroad five years. As much fun as it was, living in foreign ports, there's no place like the USA. Louis is still working for CBP in downtown Washington DC.

We are right opposite the last stop on the yellow line so it's an easy commute to Huntington Ave.

Being a country Manager now, he has several countries which he has to visit. Durban, South Africa is one of them. This will probably be in Sept. & I will definitely go. He'll also take vacation & I also plan to accompany him to Freeport, Bahamas in July. I need to buy my own ticket or if possible travel standby.

Being back in the states gave us the opportunity to visit family in New York and in August our children and grandkids will visit from Wisconsin.

Till next year (maybe I'll be on time).

Theodore & Collene Wilson, 1984 Olivewood Court, Thousand Oaks, CA 94362-1554

I could no longer keep Ted at home. He is in a "Board and Care" and I visit him every other day.

He enjoys reading the newsletter and sometimes points out something that I have missed.

He remembers a lot of things of long ago, but has forgotten some of the present day events. Needless to say, the newsletter is very welcome to both of us.

Cliff Chaney, 904 E. Lizzie Lane, St. George, UT 84790

Thank you all for putting together this informative newsletter. But it so happens that having withstood the advent of time, I seldom see anyone that I might know. I will be retired 31 years on July 2nd, 2009 but have so many memories of UAL of the early years, feel I should share a pilot's remembrance of them.

I was hired on December 16, 1941, by **Seely V. Hall**, then VP of Western Ops. His secretary was **Ken Gallagher**. When I went into the UAL hangar at SFO (SF then), Ken asked if he could help me. So I responded "*I would like to apply for a job as a pilot*". Come in he said, and took me into a conference room. He came back with a Staine-Wadsworth Test. As I took it, he graded it, and when I finished, he took me to Dr. Ladd's medical department. Gave me a physical, and I was hired to replace a 2nd Lt. in the air force, I recalled.

I was sent to CYS to the Boeing school of aeronautics 8th class. We studied meteorology, power plants, company policy, navigation, radio communication, airplanes, DC-3, Boeing 247. Ground instructors included **Jim Newman**, **Marsh Caley**, **Gudy Gudmanson**, link trainer. And in the flight department, **G. I. Meyers** – Superintendent; **G. H. Willingham**, Chief instructor. My cross country instructor was **Bud Jordan**, instrument instructor, **George Wilbur**; **Nat Messer** and **Charles Doyle** were my twin engine instructors.

There was some discrepancy as to whether to call the 8th Class Tracey, or United 1. Nevertheless, much of my grading sheets were designated VIII, so I presumed Boeing class 8 was indicative of the name. There were two or three classes after that, which they called United 2, 3, etc. And then the school was moved to Denver, where the school was located in the temple court building in downtown Denver.

After I graduated from the school in July 1942, I was assigned to the CYS shuttles with **Charles Doyle**, flying the Boeing 247. Then I was reassigned to SFO to be trained as a navigator for the Pacific Operations. The celestial navigation instructor was **Ned Simpson**. We also went to the Navy Morse code school in Oakland, California. We were part of a group from Boeing school CYS, as we had just finished a very comprehensive navigation training and only lacked the celestial and Morse code training to be up to speed as navigators.

Luckily, the line navigators finished their training before we got the airplanes. The C-87 was the aircraft we used for the Pacific Operations. A B24, converted to cargo and passengers. The flight department then reassigned me to SFO as a co-pilot in the DC-3. Then in March 1943, I was reassigned to Pacific Operations as a co-pilot. I stayed in that assignment until April 1944. Flying from Hamilton field, California to Hickam, Hawaii Canton Island, Fiji islands, New Caledonia, Brisbane, Australia. Then as the war progressed we flew into Guadalcanal, Port Moresby, New Guinea, Auckland, New Zealand. Lots of other islands, such as Attitaky, Bora Bora, I can hardly remember as it seemed like they were all at night, raining, and we were in and out as rapidly as possible.

After that stint, I was assigned to Portland, Oregon to start the process of checking out as captain. As the seniority was more junior at MDW, they decided to finish my training in MDQ, so in December 1944, I arrived in MDW and was promoted to captain in July 1945.

I will continue this epic next year with experiences flying the DC-3 during the early years.

Phyllis has been busy creating the most beautiful knitted sweaters, unbelievable. Happily, I am still instructing. Happy landings!

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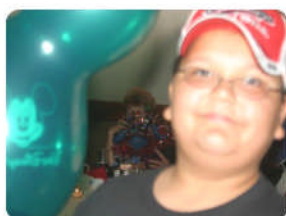


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Neither the Boeing Model 81A (top photo) nor the Boeing Model 203 were advertised or sold to the public.

The Model 81A first flew December 27, 1928 and was delivered to BSA. The 81A, with the factory-

installed 145-hp Axelson engine, became Model 81B following a BSA student engine-change to a 115-hp Axelson and was changed again to a 165-hp five-cylinder J-6-5. The plane became Model 81C following the next engine change to a 100-hp five-cylinder radial Kinner K-5.

The Boeing 203 first flew on July 4, 1929. In addition to the three previously-mentioned "factory" 203s, two 203s were built at BSA

by "shop-course students" from the Boeing plans, one in 1935 and the other in 1936.

BSA students changed the 203's factory-engines to J-6 Whirlwinds. In 1932, one J-6 Whirlwind engine was changed again to a 220-hp Lycoming R-680 engine.

The 203s were used at the BSA in Oakland until 1941 when they were moved to the new Tracy School. Boeing's 203 plans were sold to the Stearman Company and served as a basis for the WWII era, Kaydett trainer.

Among the aircraft types at BSA were a Boeing 247 and a Boeing 40-B equipped for "blind-landings". These two planes were shared with United Air Lines for the training of United line-pilots. A Hamilton H-45 and a Stinson SM-2AA were used to teach aerial photography and a Stinson SM-8A was used for night-flight training.

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