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GENERAL NEWS

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**Please note the deadline to vote in the RUAEA election is August 23rd.

Contacting RUAEA? Expect A Response?

If you write, or call and leave a message, please remember that we need information to respond to you. Please include your *full name*, *file number*, *address*, (if using USPS), *telephone number*, and *email address* if you have one.

ETC Update

The ETC has created a summer newsletter titled Pass Travel Summer Tips. Go to Flying Together, Travel and click on Pass Travel Summer Tips. It is also available from the RUAEA website. Look for the fall edition of travel tips in the near future. We have a new address for the Employee Travel Center: 600 Jefferson Street, HQJEC | Houston, TX 77002

Base teams begin historic heavy maintenance on Airbus



Airframe Maintenance teams at the San Francisco Maintenance Center, working around the clock, have started a month-long heavy maintenance visit (HMV) on one of the Airbus A320s. The project is a major milestone in the base transformation that is a key component in <u>Project Quality</u>, United's plan to take \$2 billion out of its annual cost structure by 2017. It is the first heavy visit United's technicians have performed at the base in more than 12 years.

The heavy check began on June 23 on Aircraft 4238 in Dock 6 at the base and United plans to finish it in late July. This is the first of what will be a nonstop parade of Airbus heavy checks and other

services. This includes expanding United's two existing Airbus C (moderate) check lines to perform HMVs, adding a third Airbus line and further development of aircraft modifications and special visits.

To handle the heavy checks, which involve the entire airplane and include everything from inspections to repairs to upgrades, United transitioned to a 24/7 operation in Airframe and many supporting shops and departments.

The base transformation plan also calls for adding Boeing 737NG landing gear overhauls to the body of work United performs at the base; retaining its PW2000, PW4000 and F117 engine lines; and focusing on doing the component work the company does best and most competitively. Overall, United expects the changes to save the company as much as \$45-50 million a year by the first quarter of 2016.

United and AFA meet with NMB in Denver



United and the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) met with representatives from the National Mediation Board (NMB) in Denver recently to discuss the "facilitated problem-solving" negotiation process United recently announced. With the NMB's assistance, United crafted and signed a protocol agreement for negotiations that outlines major elements of the process.

"This new, facilitated problem-solving negotiations process will involve a lot of work on everyone's part, but we are encouraged by the progress we made this week," said Inflight Services SVP Sam Risoli. "We are hopeful that the process the NMB is helping us

utilize will lead us to a successful conclusion for flight attendants and for the company."

You can view the negotiations protocol agreement and the joint statement issued by United and AFA at unitednegotiations.com.

New passport kiosks reduce customs wait times at EWR



United has greatly reduced wait times for customers arriving in the Terminal C customs hall at EWR by installing 20 new Automated Passport Control (APC) kiosks.

The APC kiosks expedite the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) entry process - a key project on United's 2014 Route Map - by enabling customers to scan their passports and complete their customs declarations before proceeding to a CBP officer.

"This technology will offer our customers shorter waits, less congestion and faster flight connections," said EWR VP Don Wright. "We will continue to invest in services that provide more

choice, control and convenience to our global customers."

Ask the Pharmacist ~ Summer Rx Health



Specialist pharmacists provide tips to make sure you and your medication are safe during the hot summer months. Summertime means many of us are spending more time outdoors, and our daily routines and schedules are disrupted by vacations, holidays and summer camp. While we all welcome the lifestyle changes that come with the season, it's important to consider how these changes affect those taking a chronic medication.

Sun Exposure ~ Since skin cancer has become the most common form of cancer in the U.S., there will be no shortage of tips on protecting yourself from ultraviolet radiation this season. What we don't hear often enough is that sun exposure could adversely affect

a person using an over-the-counter or prescription medication. Some medications affect your body's ability to stay hydrated and respond appropriately to heat, while others may cause skin sun sensitivity. For example, exposure to excessive sunlight can lead to adverse skin reactions with antibiotics, blood pressure medications, hormones and oral diabetic medications. Check medication labels for information about sun exposure, or ask your pharmacist or doctor if your medications make you more susceptible to heat exhaustion or sunburn. If so, you'll need to take extra precautions to protect your body like drinking plenty of fluids, limiting sun exposure and reapplying sunscreen.

Keeping Medications Safe ~ Many patients receive their medication through home delivery. At Express Scripts, we use innovative technology to keep medication shipments cool and safe, even in the summer heat. If your medication looks or smells different, this may be a sign your medication has been affected by sun exposure. Call your doctor or specialist pharmacist to make sure the medication is safe for you to take.

Staying Adherent ~ Summer schedules, vacations and holidays impact daily routines, which could affect medication adherence. Prepare extra reminders on your Smartphone so you can stay on track, especially when traveling. Be sure to pack a full supply of your medication, plus extra in case you experience travel delays. Keep all medication together and in the original containers. If your travels take you to a different time zone, you may need to alter your dosing regimen. Contact your pharmacist before you leave to learn more about any changes you may need to make.

Preparing Children for Summer Camp ~ If your children attend camp this summer, ask about the camp's medication policy and familiarize yourself with their healthcare team. Instruct the camp about your child's medication regimen, including dosing and storage requirements. Also make sure your child is well-informed about his/her treatment.

So Simple from Sheryl



Greetings! I am the new recipe columnist. My name is Sheryl Schubert and I retired from LAX as a stewardess/flight attendant. I am a RUAEA member, I am also the Treasurer as well as Director of the United Airlines Historical Foundation. I have been a member of Clipped Wings for over 40 years in both LAX and DEN.

My goal every other month is to give you simple, good recipes that you will be happy to serve to family and friends. Let's get started:

Simple Peach Cobbler:

2 cans (29 ounces each) sliced peaches drained or fresh peaches

7 slices white bread, crusts removed

1½ cups sugar

2 tablespoons flour

½ cup butter, melted

1 egg

Topping: 1 tablespoon sugar, ¼ teaspoon cinnamon

Place the peaches in a greased 11×7×2 in baking dish (to make a 13×9 cobbler make 1½ times the recipe). Cut each slice of bread into four strips: place over peaches. In a bowl, combine the sugar, flour, butter and egg; mix well. Spread over bread. Combine sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over the top. Bake at 350°F for 40-45 minutes until golden brown. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream. Enjoy!

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaeanewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST CHAPTER

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We had a smaller group (17) this month at our meeting on June 9 at the Cubi Bar Café located in the Pensacola National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS, Pensacola, FL. Attendees were: Nancy Aldrich, George & Denny Atteberry, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne, Monica Leonard, Ray & My Owens, Norm & Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, and Barbara Serra. As always, we missed Park & Billie Learned as Park continues with his stroke recovery. We also missed Jim & Penny Alston who are in Yellowstone Park on a fishing trip; Bill & Ann Delavan are gone for the next 4 or 5 months; Bob & Carol Dorsey are in Maine until Nov.; John & Myrl Eisinger were at a golf tournament; Bob & Bev Heinrich were in Reno; Charley & Sheila Pritchett were away, and Steve Wilkey was home recovering from eye surgery while his wife, Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey took their sons to New York for a week. We were thrilled to have Nancy Aldrich, a former member, visiting from Texas, where she now lives. As you can see, we had our members spread out all over the U.S. You can't say that our group is a stay-at-home bunch!

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 PM by President, **Bob Schwartz**. **Barbara Serra** and **Bill Hayden** sold the raffle tickets and the winning ticket was drawn by **Nancy Aldrich**. We hope **Nancy** comes back to visit soon since she drew our ticket as winners. The **Schwartz**'s never win!

Winners of extra Cubi Bar fantastic cookies were **George Atteberry**, **Conrad Hamilton**, **Rick** & **Carol Herrick**, **Doug** & **Edna Horne**, **Monica Leonard**, **My Owens**, **Bob Schwartz** and **Barbara Serra**. We all envied them being able to have an extra one. They are great cookies!

The Treasurer's Report and Minutes are emailed to everyone and there were no corrections.

Monica Leonard talked to us about a non-profit group, Cause Foundation, that she started in 1994 to assist flight attendants when their sick leave runs out and before their long term disability begins. It is a 501c-3 organization. They also give scholarships. Through the years they have given out 5 million dollars in assistance! We were impressed with what this group has accomplished.

Bob Schwartz read a touching story to the group about Eddie Rickenbacker and how he would go down on a pier every Friday evening and feed the sea gulls and say "thank you" to them for the one that saved him and his crew from death many years ago when they were adrift for 24 days in the ocean. Did you know that he was the founder of Eastern Airlines, was a race car driver before WWI and in WWII he was an instructor, military adviser and flew missions with combat pilots. What an amazing man!

A discussion was held regarding a movie due to come out in December entitled "Unbroken". It is about Louis Zamperini who is 98 years old now and was adrift for 47 days during WWII after his plane crashed. He was captured and was held as a prisoner of war for over 2 years. He was horribly tortured during his imprisonment. It is suppose to be factual and a very good movie.

Another discussion was about a man who was a prisoner of war when bundles of food and supplies were dropped by our pilots to the prisoners. When they ran out of packages, they would drop notes saying they would return the next day with more. This man picked up one of the notes and carried it in his wallet for 40 years until he was visiting the National Aviation Museum here in Pensacola and found the pilot that dropped the note volunteering in the Museum. The note is now framed here in the Museum. Amazing!

Doug Horne then told us about his friend, **Ed DeChant**, who is a former UAL Pilot that owns Aero-Marine Interline that does river barge cruises thru France. **Doug & Edna** have taken 5 cruises with him and said they are wonderful with no more than 24 people on a cruise. **Doug** emailed the info so our members could see all the info on it. It sounds wonderful.

July Birthdays are **John Eisinger**(2nd) & **Richard Hurst** (3rd).

August Birthdays are **Yvonne Schwartz** (1st), **Jean Dobison** (3rd), **Diane Hutto** (3rd), and **George Dobison** (14th). Happy Birthday Everyone!

Discussion was held regarding our July meeting. **Yvonne** had talked with **Billie Learned** and found out that it would be fine for us to meet at a restaurant in Foley, Alabama next month and then come by to visit with **Park** after lunch. We are very excited that we will be able to see **Park** since he has not been able to attend our meetings for several months due to his stroke.

We will meet Monday, July 14th, at 11:30 AM at O'Charley's Restaurant in Foley, AL for lunch and then go for a short visit with him. **Billie** said if he keeps progressing, he might be able to come have lunch with us. We are all praying this will happen! We always welcome visitors to come have lunch with us anytime you are in our area. Our members live between Ft. Walton Beach, FL and almost to Mississippi so if you are coming to the Gulf Coast, please give us a call.

Calendar:

August 11 - Cubi Bar Café in National, Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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We met June 9th at Nino's Italian in Pelham, AL with the following members in attendance ~ **Bobby** & **Jean Cox**, **Ken** & **Beverly Yeager**, **Herb** & **Carol Wilbanks**, **Jim** & **Donna Gooch**, **Keith** & **Charlotte Gibson**, **Gay Fowler**, **Joe Jones** and **Jesslyn Arnold**. **Jesslyn** has bought a home in Gulf Shores and will be missed at our meetings, but with relatives in the Birmingham area, we look forward to her returns in the future.

Best wishes to Joe & Marie Duncan and Travis & Zoe Glass on their wedding anniversaries this month.

Our president, **Charlotte Gibson** presented an orchid and card to **Herb** & **Carol Wilbanks** with our sympathy in the loss of their son who tragically died in a fire.

We meet the second Monday each month for lunch and welcome all retired United friends and families to join us. For information, call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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The July issue of the RUAEA Newsletter had the RUAEA National Election 2014 Official Ballot for Officers. We're asking the Azures and all other chapters' members to vote for the person of their choice in each category from the list of these very qualified and dedicated candidates. Some of these candidates have held previous positions and held them well. RUAEA needs everyone's support so send in your ballots by August 23, 2014 to have your vote count!

Your Azures Board has finalized most of the luncheon meeting venues for the 2014-15 season and the "schedules" will be sent out to members (via email, in most cases, or "snail mail" for those without computers) by mid-September. We did secure a couple new restaurants and, hopefully, our members will all enjoy the changes. We will continue with our lottery chances, new games, 50-50 raffle, and possibly, will have a few more \$\$\$\$s going home with the lucky winners.

Sherry Muoio is coordinating our member outing to Arizona Broadway Theatre on December 6 at 12 noon to have a dinner luncheon and see "White Christmas". Tickets are \$67.50 per person payable to Sherry. If interested, you should contact her at (623) 572-4828. This will be a wonderful start to the Christmas holiday season.

Joe & Lisa Hopkins hosted a get-together at Longhorn Steakhouse for Pebblecreekers. Attendees were the Hopkins, Bob & Norma Lutzinger, Ziggy & Pat Butkiewicz, Vivian Klick and Rose Barry. Vic & I would

have loved to be there but to commute back to AZ for dinner would have been a little much! For the next two months, I'll be reporting the Newsletter from (cooler than Goodyear, AZ) Huntley, Illinois. June has passed too quickly but we have been visiting our Illinois friends and families for lunches, dinners and get-togethers. The families live in Palatine, Schaumburg, Elk Grove, and Aurora, IL.

My granddaughter, Emily, was invited to attend an Education Envision Seminar at the Schaumburg Marriott the weekend of June 26-29. It was a leadership seminar and lasted from 8:30am to, sometimes, 9:00pm. It was quite exciting for her and she was thrilled that she was chosen by her junior high teacher to attend. We are very proud that she is becoming such a beautiful young lady. Also, we've seen our grandsons play some great "travelling" baseball games, tournament this weekend and then football practice starts July 29.

We spent July 3 at Laurie and Jeff's house with family to watch the fireworks display from the Palatine JayCees. It's always a good time with the Jan & Jack Storm family and Grandpa Kath, who just celebrated his 99th birthday at the Huntley, IL VFW on June 29. We also had lunch one day with Vic's daughter, Susan, at Stone Eagle Tavern in So. Barrington, IL.

Vic and I will be meeting friends July 7 at the Parkside Restaurant (famous for their turkey testicles special (?) the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving) in downtown Huntley, IL for their Monday Night Special of \$4.00 cheeseburgers with fries and coleslaw. Coming for the fun of an outside patio dinner will be **Lowell** & **Pat Neal**, **Marge** & **Gene Hinners**, and **Don** & **Sandy Kramlich**. What a deal and such fun!

Since **Joe Hopkins** and I have become the only "Board" for the Azures after two members stepped down, we are asking our members to think about the possibility of them becoming more active and taking on a board position. It really doesn't require much time except for securing venues each month which is one phone call, maybe. The restaurants or country clubs that we have secured in the past have worked well with us to offer a good meal and nice accommodations. Joe and I both call venues, Joe sends deposits and then we plan the meals. This year, we will be offering three luncheon sites that offer separate checks and individual ordering off the menus, so meals will be decided by the member the day of the luncheon. But, we need your input and help. Note: Only fourteen members responded to our survey, please give it some thought and let us know so that we can continue the Azures with a full four-member Board and the Azures can continue to be solvent.

Unfortunately, my birthday and anniversary list is in Arizona. So, to all the members who have August and September birthdays or anniversaries, I will catch up to you in October when we are back in our Arizona home. Have wonderful celebrations and many, many more. Oops! I almost forgot, I do know of one birthday: **Vivian Klick** has a birthday on August 31. Happy Birthday, Viv! Miss you!

Enjoy your summer!

Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco's, 98th and Bell Rd., Sun City, AZ at 0800: **August 12** and **August 26**. Please call **Sherry Muoio** by the Monday night before for reservations, (623) 572-4828.

First luncheon/meeting of the season will be our annual picnic at Beardsley Park, Sun City West, AZ. Date and information to follow in the September newsletter and via mail to our members in mid-September.

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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We hope everyone is enjoying the summer and staying as cool as possible with our Arizona "dry heat". We continue to meet for breakfast the fourth Friday of each month in a nice air-conditioned restaurant. How about joining us when you can? We're a friendly group and enjoy being with each other every month, and you will too. Our breakfasts are held at the Black Bear Diner at 1809 East Baseline in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Our August breakfast is on Friday, August 22nd, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, to let her know you plan on coming by Wednesday, August 20. If you need directions, she'll be able to help you. Bring a friend along too! **Peg** can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. You will definitely feel good about making plans to attend our Re-United activities.

We were saddened when we heard **Sheila Ficek** passed away on June 7th. Our sincere condolences go out to **Joe** and their family. Services were held on June 19th at St. Steven's Catholic Church in Sun Lakes. It was nice that **Peg Snowdall, Buzz** & **Pat Nicholaisen** and **Donna Pedone** were there representing our Chapter. Cards can be sent to **Joe Ficek** at 25814 S. Greencastle Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

Our June 27th breakfast had 17 members there. As usual, everyone had a good time visiting with each other. We have several members recuperating from various health problems, but hopefully they are feeling much better by now. You're in our thoughts and prayers!

Don't forget we need items for the children involved in our Fantasy Flight, such as socks, gloves, and blankets for Kindergarten through Second grade age group. Also needed are soaps, shampoos and lotions in small sizes that you can pick up while traveling at various hotels, etc. We also need comfortable walking shoes for the elderly women on the Navajo Reservation, where the Concordia Charter School has established a grade school. They need all sizes. The shoes can be new or gently used. Your help in picking all these items up will be very much appreciated. Contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317 if you have any questions. You can bring any items with you to the breakfasts.

Did you notice the RUAEA National Election 2014 Official Ballot in the July issue of the RUAEA Newsletter? Be sure and check it out as there are several changes in positions this time. There are two candidates running for the office of President. They are **Hank Gosselin**, the present President, and **Mike Richards**, who presently is the Executive Vice President. He also was our Arizona Region Director for a number of years. Be sure and read the bios on all the candidates found near the back of the July issue and send in your ballot. You may also vote by e-ballot on the RUAEA website. Thanks for taking the time to do that.

We hope you're sincerely planning on going to the RUAEA Convention in San Diego, California October 1 through October 4th at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. Look forward to seeing a lot of our friends there!

We have quite a few Birthdays in August. They are: **Rose Mary Arquisch** (8/1), **Ame Esan** (8/7), **Rich Vehring** (8/7), **Pat Nicholaisen** (8/11), **Tony Ribeiro** (8/16), **Shirley Claggett** (8/21), **Rita Zarek** (8/23), **Marjorie Matteson** (8/26), and **Ruth Willoughby** (8/31). Happy Birthday to all our August Birthday people!

The following couples have Wedding Anniversaries this month, **Duri & Rose Mary Arquisch** (8/6/08), **John & JoAnne Gaudioso** (8/11/84), **Keith** and **Marilyn Morey** (8/18/51), **Gary & Pam Gerstung** (8/25/73), and **Richard & Janet Vehring** (8/28/76). Happy Anniversary to all the couples!

Calendar:

August 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by Wednesday, August 20 at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

September 26 – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner

October 1-4 - RUAEA Convention in San Diego, CA

October 24 – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner



TALL PINES

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We are saddened to bear the news of the passing of our member, **Earle Risdon**, on the 17th of June. His battle with pancreatic cancer was short and he passed away peacefully at home with his wife Jean at his side. Earle was able to survive until one month after their 30th anniversary, which they celebrated with friends. He will be missed by many, especially by our Tall Pines chapter, in which he was very active.

On June 24th, he was laid to rest at the Veterans Cemetery in Prescott with full military honors. His memorial service was held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church on July 19th.

All our sincere condolences to Jean and her family, cards can be sent to **Jean Risdon**, 428 River Oaks Rd., Prescott, AZ 86301.

Our chapter's next luncheon meeting will be on September 16th at the Lone Spur Café in downtown Prescott at 11:00AM.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Twenty five Roadrunners attended the excellent luncheon at Gold in the Westward Look Wyndham Resort and Spa on June 19. A selected menu was available to the attendees with a choice of four entrées and three desserts. The luncheon was hosted by **Ron** & **Shirley Robertson** who also provided two bottles of wine to be included in the 50/25 raffle.

The 50/25/25 cash prizes were won by **JoAnn Folkers** and **Claire Byle**. **Loretta Norman** and **Pete Lopez** each won a bottle of wine.

Sandy Lawyer thanked the **Robertsons** for hosting the luncheon. People were encountering problems with Aetna paying claims. It was determined that Aetna was still in the process of negotiating contracts with providers and the contracts have been finalized. **Pat Dilallo** announced that we have \$1000 in the treasury.

A tour of the Mirror Lab at the University of Arizona is planned for November in conjunction with the November luncheon. Specific information about the event will be provided in a later newsletter. Planning is underway for the December luncheon to be held at the Arizona Inn.

The Roadrunners are gaining two new members, **Clyde** & **Jinny Cable**. They were Colorado residents. Welcome to Tucson!

August Birthdays ~ Gail Rudolph, Armand Johnson, Jim Rudolph, Lyn Callihan, Don Jorgensen and Muriel Bergsma.

Calendar:

August 21 - 11:30am, Acacia Real Food and Cocktails at 3001 East Skyline Drive, on the northeast corner of Skyline and Campbell. The restaurant is located upstairs, above the "gallery row". Park in the front and take the elevator or stairs up to the second floor; or drive around the building and park in the back on the second floor level. We'll be ordering from the menu. Please RSVP by Thursday, August 14th to **Alice & Pete Lopez** at <u>ALandPAL@comcast.net</u> or by phone (520) 797-9331. There will be gluten-free choices on the menu.

August 31 - Deadline for hotel reservations for the Convention!

CALIFORNIA



CENTRAL COASTERS

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We met at The Vineyard House in Santa Ynez on June 18th with 14 in attendance. The food and service were very good and we thanked **Bob** & **Marcia Stanger** for being the hosts. The suckers from See's Candies were a very nice treat.

As I mentioned last month, our Vice President **Esther Bartlett** was hospitalized and then recuperated at home. It was doubtful that she would be able to attend our meeting, but she showed up and ran the meeting because our president, **Mike Zoldak**, was out of town. She looked no worse for wear and we were so happy to see her. She mentioned she had a slight stroke that affected her vision and speech. She seemed to think it might have been because of the car accident she had a couple of months ago. We all hope that there will be no more health problems.

Treasurer **Marcia Stanger** gave us her report and suggested that we donate to the Christmas "Toys 4 Tots" again and also to the "Wounded Warrior" fund. They were unanimously approved by the members.

We will have two of our members attending the Convention in San Diego: **John Stilwell**, **Jack Cunningham** and his wife **Eleanor**. We heard about several pro and con experiences using the train from the Central Coast. **John Stilwell** said it would cost \$151 one way on an 8 hour ride. Depending on the time of the

year, a few of our members had bad experiences with the train personnel, both with attitude and assistance. At other times the treatment could not have been better.

We did have a 50/50 drawing and our Vice President Esther was the winner. That was a nice "welcome back" to a great person.

There was a surprise 80th birthday party for **Bob Wagner**, given by his family, on June 21st. Since our Chapter met only 3 days before then, we had to keep it quiet so the celebration would not get out. There were several friends and family attending and the **Bartletts**, **Zoldaks**, **Bakes** and **Rybars** represented our Chapter. Bob was completely caught by surprise. It was great to give Bob the attention and love that his family and friends have for him. This party was so well organized with food and drinks. Bob was one of the originators of our Chapter. It was a pleasure and honor to help him celebrate this wonderful part of his life.

Calendar:

August 20 – Hosted by the **Rybars**, location is TBD.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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A whopping turnout of forty nine Desert Sunbirds and guests attended our June Luncheon at the Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Mirage. Our hosts were **Fred** & **Jan Kellerhals**. We feasted on our choice of two Spaghetti offerings (after all, it is called the "Old Spaghetti Factory"), one with meat sauce, the other with white clam sauce, Fettuccine Alfredo, and a Chicken Caesar Salad. And, our hosts supplied cookies for everyone at the check-in table.

Quite a few guests this month: **Barbara Rowe** (finally without the cast on her broken knee-cap) brought a friend, **Pat Corey** (LAXRR); **Gay Traber** brought **Jan Keck** (LAXSW); **Mary Frank** brought her usual guest, **Dick Milford**, plus another friend, **Gib Kessler**; **Jeanne Kalahiki** brought **Jan Vossler** (PSPCS); and last but not least, the **Kellerhals** again brought their daughter, **Teri**.

Barb Harrison had planned to be there, but, good citizen that she is, was serving on Jury Duty. **Vivian** & **Jim Rotella** were there even though Jim is having some eyesight problems.

A note of interest: President Mike told the group about the revamping of ID90 travel with AA, DL, SW, USAir (and maybe more). Apparently, you can go online, list, get info, etc. I can't tell you any more, as I haven't traveled on a pass of any kind for over 10 years.

Our July Anniversaries: **Dave & Kathy Wilson** (19 years on 7/30); **Werner & Brigitte Brunken** (31 years on 7/29); **Fred & Jan Kellerhals** (39 years on 7/20); **John & Maureen Schultz** (48 years on 7/3); and **Ron & Melinda Lerg** (52 years on 7/29). Hearty Congratulations to all!

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Gwen Craven**. The 50-50 drawing had two winners; **Elaine Aggson**, \$50.00, and **Shirley Spitler**, \$25.00. Lastly, Elaine donated Truffles (no, that's not her dog) to the raffle. The winners were **Doreen Roberts** and **Jan Keck**.

Calendar:

August 13 – Hosted by Marge Lenz & Ken Hawley September 10 – Hosted by Bill & Lia Schultz and Werner & Brigitte Brunken

GOLD DIGGERS



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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on June 25 at Dingus McGees in Auburn. This was hosted by Bob & Margie Fulkerson. The Fulkersons were not with us today as Bob had a pacemaker put in and is home resting. We had 36 Gold Diggers and no guests attending. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Fulkersons** for hosting although they couldn't be here.

Officers Reports:

President ~ Orville Harshbarger talked about how retirees can now use the S.F. Maintenance Base for parking while on a vacation. There are various rules of what you can and cannot do and can only stay for 21 days. The permit will be issued from the main lobby. Also only about 20 people have hosted a luncheon in the recent past. A list will be provided next month.

Vice President ~ Phil Frank said all monthly luncheons have been taken for this year. January, February and August have been taken for next year.

Secretary ~ Colleen Esola read the anniversaries for June, those with 50 years or more: Rolf & Margaret Kramer (57 years); and Hank & Rose Wikstad (53 years).

Treasurer ~ **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance.

Sunshine ~ Alice McPeak had cards to sign for Bob Fulkerson and Harold Esola. Harold had fainted the day before and was taken to the hospital. He is resting at home.

Historian ~ Stephanie Norton brought her albums today. She has some new pictures in the albums. She also has old pictures from the beginning when the Gold Diggers started.

Roster Chairman ~ Jack Raynor was not in attendance.

RUAEA Past President ~ Ron Bertacini talked about the RUAEA convention that is running October 1st thru 4th at Town & Country Resort in San Diego. Convention package is on line now. If you are going, please request to stay at the **Royal Palm Tower**. Also you can ask for a premium room (\$109.00) which will get you in the tower. This is a very nice complex. Tours will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Don't forget to vote for the 5 major officers of RUAEA. The ballot is on line and was in the July RUAEA newsletter. Also don't forget to sign up for the Sierra Roundup Annual Picnic on Tuesday, August 19th at Sand Harbor Park in Lake Tahoe.

Calendar:

July 30 – Sierra Grill, Auburn, CA – hosted by Sonda Sandstedt August 27 – Rubino's, Rocklin, CA - hosted by Daniel & Rosemary Figueroa

HANGTOWN MINERS

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June is one of the most beautiful months in the calendar. Mild weather that makes the days so pleasant. Now, take that relaxing feeling and put it at the Akin's Ranch and you have just created one of the most enjoyable venues for a Miners' luncheon! Ed & Lindalee Akin, with the (much appreciated) help of Suzie Quinnell, hosted. The food (catered by Cork & Fork) was plentiful and delicious, 31 Miners had a great time once again! Thank You to Ed, Lindalee and Suzie!

President ~ Rudy Blazius opened our meeting and asked if anyone has a birthday in June. Charlie Hyde was the only one who owned up to having one this month, so Happy Birthday to you, Charlie! Then the request for anniversaries - well, June is known to be the "wedding month" and we have six couples who are celebrating: Dick & Ann Czapkay (52 years), Tom & Suzanne Kenny (23 years), Frank & Angie Dellinger (45 years),

Rudy & Cindy Blazius (47 years), Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick (13 years), and taking the highest number, 66, are George & Carolyn Parkinson! Congratulations to all!

Sadly, we have lost one of our long time members. **Tom Stuchell** passed away May 29th. The funeral services were in Cameron Park on June 4th. Many Hangtown Miners were able to attend as well as quite a number of UAL employees who worked with Tom. At the cemetery, there was a solemn flag ceremony by the Air Force. Tom was quite an amazing man, who was always willing to help out, took great care of his family and enjoyed life. He will be greatly missed. Tom's wife, **Andi**, is taking one day at a time. If you have a moment to get in touch with her, please do so, the comfort and support are always welcome. We hope that she will be back to our get-togethers soon.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** has a pilot friend who is a member of RUPA and they have a list of all the airlines that we get a discount on. Talk to Bill for more information.

Treasurer \sim **Tom Kenny** reported that we have \$1,500.81 in our checking account. An account, by the way, that no longer has a maintenance fee.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report.

Sunshine ~ Jeanette D'Amico was not in attendance.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** was also not at the meeting.

Old Business ~ Lynda & Joe Lima will be hosting the September luncheon for JR & Rosemary Heier. It's very generous of them, especially since they are also hosting the October luncheon with Dan & Roberta Ouchi! Rudy encouraged us all to jump in and sign up to host a luncheon. There really isn't a lot of "work" involved in hosting and there are many Miners who are experienced and can give some helpful hints. The sign-up sheet will be passed around in a few months, so start thinking about where you would like to have a lunch.

Rudy composed and sent a letter to John Zoboli, the RUAEA Regional Director for N. Cal/Nev.:

"Hi, John,

The Officers and Members of the Hangtown Miners have voted to give Honorary Membership to the N. Cal/Nev. Regional Director of RUAEA. As such, you and your wife are invited to attend any of our luncheons at no cost. We meet on the second Monday of every Month. You receive emails from our group as to location of the luncheon for that Month.

If you are planning on attending, please get in touch with our Secretary, Jane Gibson, at <u>tired-dogs@comcast.net or phone # (925) 443-0905</u>.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Luncheon,

Hangtown Miners President - Rudy Blazius"

New Business ~ As you all know, Rudy does a fantastic job bringing information to us each month. He receives much of this info from **John Zoboli**, as well as the RUAEA newsletter.

Frank Dellinger reported on the available parking at the Maintenance Base in San Francisco. Retirees (and active employees) can park in specific areas for up to 3 weeks. You need to go to the lobby first to get your parking permit and to be told where the spaces to park are located - the area changes. There's 108 spots available but they fill up quickly - go early so you will have time to figure it all out! There is a shuttle that will take you to the terminal.

It was also mentioned that the Best Western/El Rancho Hotel in Milbrae will allow you to leave your car there for 2 weeks FREE if you stay one night. Also, be sure you get on the right bus when returning to the hotel!

Jon Somplack reminded everyone of the RUAEA convention in San Diego. You don't have to be a RUAEA member to go to the convention.

Don't forget the get together picnic at Sand Harbor August 19th. The Minden event is right after that and just over the hill!

Rudy closed our meeting and the Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Tom Kenny** was the winner of the donator's prize. Thank You to all who brought items for the raffle: **Blazius** - Model DC-10; **Dinette** - wine; **Czapkay** - bee trap; **Suzie Quinnell** - vase; **Kenney** - wine & glasses; **Hyde** - dip bowl; **Kozelka** - homemade wine; **Gibson** - wine holder; **Somplack** - wine; **Kenny** - wine with stopper.

Our next luncheon is hosted by Charles & Carleene Hyde. We will be dining at the Spaghetti Factory!



REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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Our June 12 luncheon was held at the Quail Inn Restaurant, Oakmont. President **Brandon Maus** thanked **Ron** & **Joanne Huhn** for hosting the luncheon. They had colorfully decorated wine bottles with a USA flag attached to each in honor of flag day, held on June 14th. These were raffled off with the others later.

We were happy to see **Ernie Stuckey** back with us again, and **Norm Burnett** surprised us with a visit with his new wife, Joan as well; they were in town with their newly acquired classic Plymouth car to attend a classic car show in Santa Rosa. **Norm** is a former member and past president of our Group. We learned from **Joanne Huhn** that **Naomi Tolf** has recently moved to Colorado to an assisted living facility to be closer to her sister, and brother-in-law. President **Brandon** also mentioned that he and a team found a great restaurant, the Villa Restaurant, for our November luncheon, to replace the Fountain Grove Inn which became too "pricey" for our group. They got to taste the menu items, and he states the drinks will be ½ price! Everyone seemed to be thrilled and relieved that we found such a nice restaurant, still central for most members to attend.

The attendees to our luncheon numbered 33, four of which were guests, including **Lea Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney** & **Clare Hagen**, **Norm** & **Joan Burnett**, guests of **Ron** & **Joanne Huhn**, and **Christine New-Hawks**, guest of **Larry** & **Mary Wilson**. **Christine** was also introduced as our guest speaker of the day. She briefly told us she has an acupuncture business in Santa Rosa.

Barney Hagen reported to us that soon all the Airlines will be providing electronic tickets (ID90s). There is now International travel news on the travel page of the UAL website. **Roger Casterline**, RUAEA Western director, reminded us of the upcoming election of all officers. **Roger** is up for re-election in his current post, and **Hank Gosselin** as the RUAEA President. The annual RUAEA Convention is coming up this October, in San Diego, California at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center. The phone no. is 1-800-772-8527, all the convention information was published in the RUAEA June Newsletter.

Verda Burr, our Sunshine Lady, brought us the list of the June Birthdays and Anniversaries. The birthdays are **Pat Beery**, **Joan Chambers**, **Doug Saunders**, **Mani Sothen**, and **Judy Deford**. **Joan Chambers** won the free lunch! The Wedding anniversaries are **Barney** & **Clare Hagen** (49 years), and **Pat** and **Lee Beery** (63 years) for a total of 112 years or an average of 56 years. Wow! The "Congratulations" song was led by **Verda**!

Verda also told us about her harrowing experience on her recent flight to Georgia to visit her family. She had a long layover of two full days in Chicago due to the weather delays. Then when she got home she discovered that United has two non-stop flights a day from SFO to ATL, which is very reassuring to her that she will have a much easier time traveling to see her family in the future!

Our guest speaker, acupuncturist **Christina New-Hawks** explained to us all about the health benefits of acupuncture known to keep us active, stress-free, with less pain especially in the back and joints. She says it also has benefits addressing circulatory and digestive problems, as well as the joints and back, keeping us limber and moving more freely, staying better engaged in life. She handed out flyers outlining the various systems affected by her acupuncture treatments for reference. Some were able to talk personally with her.

The next luncheon will be on July 12, at the Chalet Basque restaurant in San Rafael, hosted by **Lou** & **Shiela Legnitto** and **Fred McCauley**. You should have received your invite for the July luncheon by now; sorry this newsletter didn't get done in time to accompany them, but a better "On time" newsletter will be coming next month! Larry and I will be more freed up after our son gets married on August 2nd. We might even celebrate our September anniversary early to commemorate the happy milestone! See you at the July luncheon!

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At our June luncheon, a huge summer basket was raffled off with proceeds for the fantasy flight. **Ann Chorbi** was the winner. **Laly Savoy** was not in attendance as she has been successful in finding a full time job. We will miss her at the luncheons and will continue to support fantasy flight.

Art & **Pat Cottrell** spent several weeks driving to Utah to visit family. They attended two graduations and returned to LA via the beautiful pacific coast. **Jim Ferrance** is leaving in July for his yearly trip to New York State to spend time with his family.

Peter & **Barbara Schuster** have been entertaining visitors from Germany. Peter has been the chauffeur all thru the southwest. They visited the Grand Canyon, San Francisco and Las Vegas, then returned for a relaxing stay at Peter & Barbara's home.

Hal & **Donna** spent a week in PA visiting Hal's family and attending a birthday party for a sister who is 94. Hal's older brother, Bill, aged 98, attended the party as well. What a wonderful family get together.

Ester & Louis Horompoly flew to Denver, CO to spend a short summer vacation with family living there.

Calendar:

August 1 - Proud Bird Restaurant



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We had a great breakfast and several July Birthdays: Mary & Ralph Hernandez, Rosina Krefft, Jim Sheehan and Paul Zadrozny.

Everyone was looking forward to a 4th of July weekend with family picnics, time at the beach enjoying our beautiful summer.

Tammy Tucker is home recuperating from her neck surgery. We signed a card and mailed it to her with our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Betty Tomaino was with us after a three month absence. She advises all plans for the October Convention are going very smoothly. We are all looking forward to the fun event and hope that we have a great turnout and visits with friends we haven't seen for a long time.

This is all the news for this month. Hope everyone is planning on visiting in October. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Calendar:

August 7 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226 0255.

October 1-4 - RUAEA Convention, Town & Country Resort Hotel

GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Jerome Underhill** called the June 23 General Meeting to order at 11:30AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Recording Secretary **Donna Taiclet** read the May 29 Minutes which were accepted as read. Treasurer **Art Barrett** reported on the May 1 - 31, 2014 Treasury Report. A full report is

posted by the doors. 2nd Vice President **Kathy Hutt**'s report was given by **Donna Taiclet**. The program will be given by the *Jewel Tones*, a ladies barbershop; these Ladies have been entertaining us for several years. Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** reported that Sunshine Lady **Jacque Ahern** sent cards to **Marie Cavalli** and **Barbara Underhill**.

A card will be sent to **Carol Walter**. **Betty Bliss** is having problems with her hip. **Barbara Underhill** asked for June birthdays – there were two. There were no visitors. There were four over 50 wedding anniversaries ~ **Jim & Helen Goodwine** (55 years), **Gloria & Emment Landrum** (59 years), **Don & Mary Hughes** (61 years) and **Marie & Milt Cavalli** (76 years),

Some sad news, member **Jane Bingham** has passed away. If anyone would like to send a card to our chapter, it will be forwarded to the family of **Jane Bingham**. Organization Standards **Gene Walter** was absent today staying with his wife Carol. Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has a flyer for the New Year trip from December 30, 2014 – January 3, 2015. It includes a train from San Jose to Santa Barbara, New Year's dinner in Riverside, Tournament of Roses Parade and more. She is looking for day trips. Director of Western Region **Roger Casterline** said the 2014 Official Ballot for the RUAEA National Election is in the RUAEA July newsletter. He encourages everyone to vote. With no more business, President **Jerome Underhill** adjourned the meeting and we moved on to the Hot Dog Lunch.

Calendar:

July 28 – Meeting, 11am - 2pm

August 25 – Free Pizza and Salad lunch

If any of you are visiting the SFO area and are here during our monthly meetings, please join us – we'd love to see you. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Our August Newsletter brings us well into summer. Our group has been enjoying summer fun and activities beginning in June with our Annual Picnic. The picnic was a success thanks to the 70+members and guests who attended. One of the guests was Lenora, who is one of our servers at our weekly breakfast. Everyone contributes to the feast with either an appetizer or dessert as well as an item for the infamous BINGO Game. In addition, several families, the **Jenkins**, **Klaus'**, **Scales**, **Snyders**, **Sweets**, and **Walbs**, came early to decorate the tables with a festive Red, White and Blue Theme. Again this year the barbeque was catered by GD Catering Company, cooking delicious ribs and chicken. Yum! There was a special

recognition of our Treasurer, **Cheri Scales** for her organization of this, and so many, of our events. Always a highlight is the concluding BINGO Game. This year **Tony Urso** was assisted by **Jack Jenkins** and three youthful helpers. We appreciate the enthusiasm of **Samantha** and **CJ** (grandchildren of **Margie** & **Alex Klaus**) and **Christina** (granddaughter of **Nancy** & **Dave Walb**). Grandchildren always add a lot to our picnic experience. Also thanks to our "official" club photographer, **Vern Snyder**, and **Alex Klaus**, our "unofficial" photographer. We have some wonderful pictures to document this event.

Our 4th of July breakfast meeting was ***patriotic*** i.e.; our tables were decorated with American flags, Red, White, and Blue Banners on the walls, and Colorful Cupcakes for everyone. For this we owe our thanks to the "creative streak" of **Jean** & **Jack Jenkins** (and not-to-be-named Helpers) who keep the festive atmosphere of our meeting ©.

In July, our group took a "field trip" to the Hiller Aviation Museum located at the San Carlos Airport. This museum is an affiliated program of the Smithsonian Institution. In addition to full size aircraft on display, there were also large scaled aircraft models documenting over a century of aviation history. United Air Lines (UAL)

has donated a lot of equipment to this museum over the years. We want to thank **Chuck Thuener** (our featured member this month) for putting this activity together for us. It was not only fun, but very informative.

And ... what would summer be without baseball? San Jose's version of Hot August Nights is spending time with friends and family at a San Jose Giants game. The San Jose Giants are a professional baseball team in the Class A Advanced California League. The team has been affiliated with the San Francisco Giants since 1988. **Rosemarie** & **Bill Reichard** got us together to cheer on this team and eat "peanuts and cracker jacks" – not really -- hot dogs and churros was more like it.

Summer has also been a time for many Birthday Celebrations. Would you believe we actually have a member with a July 4th Birthday? Happy Birthday Roger Casterline! In addition, Barbara Brown, Jay Cacioppo, Carol Copley, Dave Garland, Lou Marcolina, Ann Olthof, Geneva Schaller, Ben Scales, and Merle Sweet were not "firecrackers", but did have summer birthdays. Ella Sousa and Sam Cramb not only celebrated summer birthdays, but wedding anniversaries, as well. Gayle & Phillip Moorehead, Mary Lou & Al Rogers, Joyce Malia and Chuck Thuener also celebrated summer wedding anniversaries.

Summer is also a time for trips. Alice Rostirolla went on one of Rick Steves' tour in Sicily, exploring Palermo, Mount Etna, Greek Temples, and much more of Sicily's distinctive history. Joyce & Chuck Thuener flew to Boston. Roger Casterline and Zelma Kibler sent their luggage on a trip to Hawaii. Maureen & Vern Snyder took some time off and went to Reno. Our other Nevada travelers were Nancy & Dave Walb who basked in 114 degree weather in Las Vegas. Rosemarie & Bill Reichard enjoyed (relatively) cooler 107 degree temps in Phoenix where they explored the Musical Instrumental Museum (MIM), and cheered on the San Francisco Giants in the air conditioned Chase Field in a game against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

As we all know, there is a lot more to California than just palm trees and Golden Gates. **Margie** & **Alex Klaus** traveled to San Luis Obispo to visit relatives. The great outdoors offers us the opportunity for vast and varied recreation. So, **Robin** & **Dave Garland** dusted off their camper and went to the pristine Trinity Alps. They also traveled on to Lassen Volcanic National Park, the southern-most volcano in the Cascade Range, with a peak of 10,457 feet. **Merle** & **Boyd Sweet** spent a week hiking at Lake Tahoe, and playing golf in Nevada, near **Elfriede** & **Albert Grossmann**'s former "stomping grounds".

Summertime has also meant that some of our friends and relatives have come to visit. **Bob Mattscheck**'s son, Charles, is home for the summer from college in San Diego. Also, we were happy to have **Larry Conger** at one of our summer meetings.

George Sousa reports that after some frustrating weeks of diagnosis and treatment Ella is finally healing and will be returning to our group soon. We've miss you, Ella. We also send our Get Well Wishes to our Webmaster, Mark O'Neill, who broke his foot in a Tai Kwan Do Tournament \otimes ... but you should see the other guy!

This month we are featuring one of our more "recent" members, **Chester (Chuck) Thuener**, who came to United Air Lines (UAL) employment as a second career, after having spent 30+ years as a truck driver, often handling inbound/outbound Airfreight at SFO Facilities.

Chuck was born in Oakland in 1943, and spent all of his childhood on the San Francisco Peninsula—a rare "California Native". **Chuck** went to Palo Alto High School. Later he studied for his Aircraft and Power Plant (A&P) license, and began working for UAL in August, 1996. While at UAL **Chuck** worked in Oakland for a couple of years, then transferred to SFO Line, later to SFOGQ, followed by SFOMP CO1 Shop. There he remained until retirement in June, 2012. One of his favorite assignments was when he re-engined two Air Craft Tugs from a three cylinder engine to a four cylinder engine.

Some of the activities that **Chuck** and his wife, **Joyce**, enjoy are snow skiing and travel. For example, in May, they took The Ultimate Road Trip. Stating that **Chuck** is "into" restored Mustangs is putting it mildly. **Chuck & Joyce** traveled across the US with a group of other Mustang enthusiasts for the Mustang 50th Birthday Celebration. This was an opportunity to participate in one of the largest car-related events in American history. Fifty years ago, in the early 1960s, Lee Iacocca—then director of the Ford division at Ford Motor Company—convinced Henry Ford II to produce a sporty four-seat car aimed at the "emerging youth market". The Mustang had phenomenal first-year sales, and it changed the automotive world like no other car before or since, according to author, Donald Farr. Departing for their East bound trip, **Chuck & Joyce** left the Bay Area with about 8 other cars, then on to the Los Angeles area where their numbers more than doubled. They continued through Arizona, New Mexico on to Dallas - by this time their numbers had reached about 300! The eventual destination was the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Charlotte, North Carolina. There were up to 5000 Mustangs at the celebration!

Chuck & Joyce took advantage of being on the east coast, visiting many places, Savannah being a highlight. Driving back across the country they took a more northern route, visiting such places as the Rock and

Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit, The Frank Lloyd Wright House outside of Chicago, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, and the off- beat tourist attraction - Carhenge in Alliance, NE. After a month on the road and 7500 miles of driving, **Chuck & Joyce** returned home. What a great experience!

Chuck & Joyce have a daughter, Amie. Amie and her husband have three children, Kate, Ollie and Tommy.

Our group has appreciated **Chuck** planning and coordinating activities for our group. In addition to this July's trip to the Hiller Aviation Museum, **Chuck** took the lead in planning and coordinating last summer's trip to the Military Vehicle Technology Museum in Portola Valley (August, 2013 Newsletter). What's for Summer, 2015, **Chuck**?

Ongoing events: Book Exchange at weekly meetings – see **Alice Rostirolla**. Veterans' Hospital in Palo Alto – collection of toiletries, paperback books and recent magazines—see **Harry Willever**. The Shriners Children Hospital/Sacramento—see **Maureen Snyder** for Tote Bags

Calendar

Every Friday – 8:00 am Breakfast at Holder's Country Inn, De Anza Blvd., Cupertino across from Home Depot) 9:00 am

October 1 - October 4th - RUAEA 2014 Convention in San Diego

October 29 - Fall Luncheon at David's in Santa Clara (across from the new 49er Stadium): hosted by Bill & Rosemarie Reichard and Bob & Karen Devlin

December 9 - December Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara

SAN JOAQUINERS

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Our June meeting was held at Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs. President **Bob Brooks** opened the meeting at 11 o'clock. We had no physical flag available, so we all put the image of a US Flag in our minds and said the Pledge of Allegiance. President **Brooks** thanked **Max** & **Chris Fountain** for their job as hosts. We decided to dispense with our comedy section until after eating.

Max Fountain said he went to the Memorial service for former member Ernie Sawyer and said he met Dale Harper there.

We joyfully welcomed **Hans Weber** back and offered our condolences on Regina's death. **Ben & Karen Yeatts** were welcomed back as we hadn't seen them for a while.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** presented his report indicating all bills paid and one outstanding check, for a balance of almost \$600.00. A copy of his report is always available for members at our meetings.

Those attending having birthdays this month are **Nancy Hoffman** and **Nancy Buddington**. There were no members present celebrating an anniversary.

We had the most interesting and enjoyable different door prizes. Hosts **Max** & **Chris Fountain** were supporting the Calaveras Lion's Club at a Memorial Day breakfast in Arnold, where the Calaveras County Library also had a display of new books for sale to support their literacy program. We were able to enjoy prizes of thirteen various books, as well as know we were supporting a literacy program. Really neat idea, Max & Chris (and summer is always better with a good book!)

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 10 and will be hosted by **Don Rentzel** and **George Gemberling**. The location will be included in the newsletter.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bob Brooks**, (209) 772-9814 for meeting information.

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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We held our annual picnic June 9 in **Diane Griego**'s beautiful back yard with a record 41 members and guests. It was a true beginning of summer, a little on the warm side but there was plenty of shade available. Our luncheon was a Barbecue provided by Back Forty followed by ice cream and cake arranged for by Diane.

We welcomed a number of special guests including past President of RUAEA, **Ron Bertacini**, RUAEA Newsletter Managers, **Francis** & **Veronica Domaratius**, Western Regional Director **Roger Casterline** with his guest, **Zelma Kibler**, who is also a past President of RUAEA and **Barbara Giovanni**, retired from SFORR, who won the 50/50 drawing on her first visit! Manny & Diane's guests included a sister-in-law from Albuquerque, NM, **Renie Pedregon** and their son Matthew.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees.

Calendar:

August 11 – Zio Fredo Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill September 8 – Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord October 13

November 10

December 8 – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots collection

SOLANO FLYERS

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Submitted by Harold Mitchell

We had 24 members including **Jamie Schwafel**, a new member; attend this month's meeting at the Benicia Grill in Fairfield. The meeting was kicked off by President **Allan Pochop** whose birthday is this month so we all sang Happy Birthday to Al. We had 2 anniversaries, **Harold** & **Barbara Mitchell** celebrating their 42nd and **Robert** & **Ellie Ewald** celebrating their 59th.

Plans for a July 9th luncheon at the Travis AFB Museum were finalized and members made selections on what they were going to have for the event. Our meeting will be held at the museum and members will get a chance to see the 25 aircraft, some of which date back to WWII, along with many inside exhibits.

Our organization decided to contribute 10%, 5% each, of our Decembers treasure balance each year to the Solano Food Bank and the Opportunity House both of which support our local community.

Coustantino (Deno) Poolos won the 50/50 drawing this month.

My wife Barbara and I are heading out starting the 18th of June for a driving trip around the good ol' USA and won't be home until sometime the middle of August. Like many retirees more traveling is one of our bennies.

COLORADO



Sunny skies in Denver greeted our members to their breakfast on July 5th at DENTK. We had a great turnout, even with the holiday weekend, with 42 enjoying the gathering. We had one guest, **Cathy Pankoski**, **Earl Horner**'s daughter from Arizona (DENFF).

It was a good month for many, there were not any illness or deaths that we've been made aware of. Summertime must agree with everyone. **Tom Goodyear** did have cataract surgery which made a great improvement with a new lens inserted.

Tom Goodyear reminded us that the RUAEA ballots are online (RUAEA website) and are available to mail in (for those who prefer regular mail). You can also vote online if you want to. There are only a couple of positions that are available for decisions. Please participate and make your choices known. Voting is available until August 23rd.



This month, I would like to highlight one of our members, **Don Burbank**, MM. His love of airplanes has been highlighted by becoming a crew chief (mechanic & onboard crew) of the "Aluminum Overcast", a B-17 World War II aircraft that is managed by EAA (experiment aircraft association) based in Oshkosh, WI. The B-17 tours several cities during the year offering ground tours and flight tours. It was at Centennial airport in Denver and several of our members, **Virgil Gooselaw**, **Lonnie** & **Joanie Kemp**, **Matt Ohr**, **Glen Cannon**, toured the special aircraft. Being a crew chief involved a daily call to duty at 6:30 am to prepare the aircraft for

touring, airworthiness, etc. It usually ended after 6pm with securing the aircraft. Being a mechanic, Don loved taking care of his "girl", from changing tires, to checking oil leaks, and refueling. Pictured are **Don Burbank**, IADMM and **Glenn Hill**, ORDMM with their "girl". What are your passions or interests? **Glen Cannon**, DENCG, will share his travels in Europe next month.

We have our upcoming summer event at the "Wings Over the Rockies" museum August 13th, 11-3pm. Last year, we had 185 retirees and guests from both UA and CO retiree organizations. This year we hope to increase that. Luncheon is provided by Bennett's BBQ and we'll have a short meeting. The aircraft and many displays are available to tour both before and after the meal. You will need to send your money and reservations by August 11th to **Sheryl Schubert**, 3541 Bear Canyon Circle, Sedalia, CO 80135. Note that this is the *corrected address*.

We had six winners in our 50/50 drawings. **Gene Sibley**, **Paul Miller**, **Charlie Hassler**, **Vic Andreatta**, **Gil Rohde** (DENMM) and **Orland Baldwin** (DENGQ). The winners returned their money to the chapter treasury. Again, thank you!

Calendar:

August 2 - DENTK breakfast at 8:30

August 13 – "Wings Over the Rockies" luncheon, 7711East Academy Blvd, Denver, CO

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS

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The Citrus Groupers met on June 27th at Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages. There were 12 members present. After lunch, a brief meeting was called to order by our president **Ralph Brick**.

Don Nellans is running for the position of Florida Regional Director, August 23rd is the voting deadline.

We will not be meeting again until September at which time we will decide on our Christmas party. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Eileen Cochran**.

If you have any questions contact our president Ralph Brick at brickralph@cox.net



THE ORLANDO REAL MCCOYS

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Our meeting began with the "Pledge of Allegiance", as always, but without our trusty leader and his briefcase, no flag! VP **Ken Michels** held us together for a short and efficient meeting though, complete with some good chuckles from the jokes he told!

Birthday Congrats for the month of July included **Mary McNeil** (17th), **Ted LeGrand** (20th), and **Julia Montalvo** (25th)! Have a great year too!

We were all very sad to learn of the loss of a founding member of the Real McCoys on June 9th. **Orlin** "**OB**" **Taylor** passed away peacefully at the John Knox Center, where he and **Bonnie** lived for the past several years. OB had celebrated his 85th birthday in early May and he and Bonnie had been married 60 years. OB worked in Salem, Oregon till the station closed in the 60's and then headed to the furthest place away, Orlando, where he eventually retired. MMmm - paid move back then right? Blessed Rest for you, OB. We miss you. Address, 4-B Jonquil Court, Orange City, FL 32763.

And, as always, prayers of healing and strength for all our members and their families.

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month, Luncheon/Meeting at 1:00pm, Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd. August 5
September 2

TREASURE COAST

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Our July 2 meeting was attended by 19 members including a new member, **Chris Brousseau**. What a noisy chatting group! As soon as lunch was served, the room became so quiet you could hear a pin drop! Our group sure does love to eat and they enjoy the food at Wahoo's which I have been saying all along, it doesn't get any better so you really should try and join us at one of our Luncheon/Meetings. The fourth of July is just around the corner and having 19 Members is a gift.

Dee Lakso gave President **Al Popek** a booklet and he read a story from it on the Declaration of Independence; when the Liberty Bell was struck and it was not on the 4th of July but the 2nd of July when the Declaration of Independence was actually signed. It was a very interesting article and we all learned something from it indeed.

Al Popek mentioned that we will no longer send Birthday and Anniversary cards, it will be replaced with emails to those that have computers and for those who don't, we will send post cards. Between the cost of postage and printing of cards, even to purchase them at low prices starts adding up and we want to spend the money in other ways to benefit our members. Several topics were covered such as standby policies and helpful hints on how to read the boarding information on your smart phone.

The 50/50 was won by **Ed Snyder** and the progressive was won by **Maureen Carragher** but since she was not in attendance, the money goes to the pot for next month's winner.

Make sure you remember our meeting for August at Wahoo's is on Wednesday. not Tuesday and please respond to Bob's emails as it helps the wait staff set up for Lunch.

Birthdays for July are **Keith Quintavalle** (7/10), **Truman Barker** (7/15), **Glenda Boisseau** (7/18), **Anne Kenda** (7/27), **Al Popek** (8/1). Happy Birthday to all! Anniversary is **Diane** & **Ron Brodis** (7/15), Happy Anniversary to you!

Remember to Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking. Today is a present even if it was not gift wrapped.

Calendar:

August 6 – Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Stuart, FL (Wednesday). **September 2** – Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Stuart, FL (Tuesday). **October 7** – Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Stuart, FL (Tuesday).

GEORGIA



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The Dixie Flyers met on July 2, we started with prayers for the blessing of the meal and all who were able to stand for The Pledge of Allegiance.

Fred Cron and **Bogie Wallace** conducted the 50/50 drawing; **Rusty** won the \$16.00 and donated the amount to Ladies in Distress. Monthly contributors **Don Sullivan** gave cereal, paper products, and other products the ladies could use.

UAL closed Cleveland concourse "D", eliminating 600 jobs. In the 60's and 70's; a non-revenue was lucky to get a seat going in any direction. UAL Dispatchers ratified a joint labor agreement affecting 300 dispatchers. We understand the Dreamliner will have a new flight, LAX to Melbourne, Australia later this year.

Our new ATL/SFO is doing well. UAL will change how frequent flyers earn miles. In March of 2015, instead of miles flown it will be on the dollar spent. We are told all airlines are limiting the size of carryon baggage to 16 inches in length to 14 inches in width.

Happy Birthday to **Audrey Knotts**, **Gene Barber**! Retirements in July, **Jay Chambers** (1994), **Curtis Sawyer** (1994), **Don Shelley** (1990).

Our stamp fund for mailing of newsletter is doing well thanks to **Roy Cross**, **Jay Chambered Paille** (who moved south from Clayton, GA to Smyrna), **Barnie Knotts**, and **Bogie Wallace**.

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please email me your correct email, put Dixie Flyers in subject field. Every time I email these out, they all come back undeliverable due to wrong address.

HAWAII

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet regularly for lunch. If you are interested in joining us, send your email address to HNLRUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details. All retirees are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.



PAU HANA KUPUNA

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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to annmedve@aol.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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President **Dave Adams** had to miss our June 10th meeting, as he was needed to drive a bus that day. Very soon after he retired from United in '97, he began "a second career", charter bus driver. So far, over 650,000 miles!

Fortunately, we have no lack of talent within our group. Past-president **Bud Peters** capably led the business meeting. Those attending follow: **Ileen Bunce**, **Denny Snyder**, **Louise Duvall**, **Shirley Perkins**, **Marlene Croghan**, **Carole Bell**, **Carol Adams**, and **Bud** & **Pat Peters**.

After talking with **Carole Bell**, I decided her theme song could be "I've Been Everywhere!" (No wonder we haven't had the pleasure of her company!) She drives everywhere, shares her smile, and has fun with friends and family (her words).

Since we last saw her, **Carole** has been to Portland, Hillsboro, and Beaverton, and to top that off, she spent 6 days at Eagle Crest Resort near Bend with all seven of her California grandkids and youngest son.

To celebrate 150 years of producing our newspaper, the Idaho Statesman has been reprinting each day one of its Top 10 Stories. You might guess this one: **1920s Boise Takes Flight.** Subtitle: First private airmail contract, birthplace of United Airlines, visit by Lindbergh and the Spirit of St. Louis. "*Boiseans' love affair with aeroplanes*" - the word used in the pages of the Statesman in the early 1900s is evident in the many articles about the Wright brothers and other pioneering aviators, or "aeronauts". The same year that Idaho saw its first flight, U.S. Secretary of War Jacob Dickinson asked for funds for "flying machines" to be used by the military. Thousands of pilots were trained by the end of World War I in 1918, the year the federal government also launched airmail in the United States. Varney Air Lines expanded from cargo to passengers in the 1930's. The passenger line was one of the predecessors of both Continental Airlines and United Airlines.

Calendar:

August 12 - 11:30 - Lunch at Jerry's State Court Café, 6767 Fairview, Boise **September 9** – 12 Noon to 4 PM - Annual Memorial Picnic

ILLINOIS



CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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How are you Chicagoan putting up with this weather? Heat, rain, chilly, heat, wind, confusion. If you don't like our weather, wait 10 minutes, it changes. Anybody who worked in the 24/7 operation, understands how our weather always affected our jobs. Now, we can look out the window in the morning, and think, "It's somebody else's turn. I already did it!" Then we giggle, and have another cup of coffee. Maybe watch the Weather Channel for kicks.

About 35 Northsiders enjoyed breakfast last month at Elly's, seeing friends and catching up with life and fun stories. **Jim Sommerfield** spent Father's Day with his son and his family at the Wildfire Restaurant in Schaumburg. Not too many people traveling. Between the weather and full trips, our retirees are enjoying local events or driving to close-by states. Even non-employees have mentioned that it's just not fun traveling any more.

Jedi's in Oak Lawn served breakfast to 15 people. **John Pasakarnis** treated us to jars of Sweet Cauliflower. Thanks again, **John**, how about some rib eye steaks next month? **Marge Schmitt** will be attending a family reunion and her 70th High School reunion this month in Wisconsin. There were only 20 people in her class. Wow, 70 years? At least she didn't have as much history to learn back then. Raffle winners included **Bill Adams**, **Mary Brandt**, and **Marge Schmitt**. **Gwen** and **Bill Brookins** were MIA, they were probably at Potawatomi Casino.

Helen Cauwels still has tickets available for the Cubs-Colorado Rockies game on July 31 for \$16.50. Give her a call at (847) 358-8634 for up to date information as to what is available.

New faces at our Summer Picnic were **Joan Remkus**, Info Systems, and **Dolores Pitts**, EXOPZ. After an absence, **Tom Engelhardt**, CHIDD, and **Jim Kulik**, ORDMM, who also helped drive people in the golf cart from the parking lot.

Check the column for the Northwood Loonies regarding our trip to Osh Kosh, WI. We have three fun-filled days planned. You should think about joining other United people from around the country.

Our obituary list is going up again. Angeline Romeo, beloved wife of Nick, passed away in June after a lingering illness. His address is 308 N. Highland Ave., Elmhurst, IL. 60126. Robert Bowles, ORDFO, passed away at his home in Florida from ALS. Will Heard, husband of Carol, CHIRR and ORDCS. Carol's address is 20235 Wilderness Trail, Olympia Fields, IL 60461. Kay McClure, MDWSW, ORDSW and CHIRR, Kay attended all of the Loop Group luncheons, and entertained the group with her F/A stories. She died from an untreatable lung condition. Ceola Williams, mother of Annette Williams, passed away in June. Annette's address is 7523 N. Damen Ave. Apt 1-1, Chicago, IL 60645. Willie Quinones, ORDMM, one of the more colorful men around also passed away in June. Willie recently received the Charles Taylor award for 50 years in Maintenance. He was funny, helpful and always brought sunshine into the Hangar. Our longtime Skyliner member, Norm Pearson, died after a three month illness that started with pneumonia and just got worse with an infection and fluid on the lung. Norm wasn't an employee; he was the husband of Gerri Pearson, who passed away a few years ago. He was very active with the Food Depository, the Loonies, worked the raffles with us at all the luncheons, and attended our other gatherings. Cards can be sent to his friend, Mary Szabo, at 651 Ambleside Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016. All these people will be missed very much. Also gone are **Mesach** Taylor and Eli Wallach. Joan Mudra died of cancer in July. She worked in ORDCS, and a supervisor in CHIRR. Joan was very well liked and a friend to many. Cards may be sent to 213 Deneen, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.

Donations to our Postage Fund were from: Sylvia Archer, Ron Baker, Bill Bergner, Juanita Braid, Jay Boberek, Jean Cali, Phyllis Capuzelo, Rich DelBoccio, Al Dominick, Sharon Dunham, June Feiereisel, Mary Florent, Pedro Franco, LaVonne Halach, Bill Hamilton, Barbara Hanson, Rich Holke, Kae Horsley, Deb Johnson, Mary Keenan, John Koehl, Jim Kulik, Carol Maday, Lillian Mallstrom, Terri Martin, Nancy Meyer, Pat Muha, Ray Potsic, Bill Rogers, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Jim Sommerfield,

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Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**August 13**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (July 29). Last Tuesday of the month

September 23 - Fall Luncheon, Belvedere Restaurant, Devon Avenue, Elk Grove, IL 12:00 PM.

<u>INDIANA</u>

INDY RACERS

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During our June Indy Racers meeting, chaired by VP **Wanda Bryce**, members completed plans for the Annual Summer Picnic which will have a "Casino" theme this year. **Wanda** also distributed "two-for-one" coupons for attendance at Indianapolis Indians Tuesday afternoon home baseball games. **Wanda** and Treasurer **Dimply Rihel** attended a mid-June ballgame between the Indians and their rivals, the Gwinnett Braves, who hail from the greater Atlanta area. **Phil** & **Joan Romano** plan to use their discount tickets later this summer when their grandchildren are visiting.





Ray & Hannelore Brabo (see photo) coordinated an Ohio River Cruise on the Belle of Louisville for several Indy Racers. Tony & Barb Urbanovic, (shown taking a "selfie,") and Charles Theiss and his grandson, Anthony, joined the Brabos and others from a Lutheran Church in Avon, IN for a roundtrip bus ride to Louisville, KY, a two hour riverfront cruise and a tasty luncheon buffet. The Bell of Louisville is a historic 100-year old steam powered paddle wheeler. She is listed as the only remaining authentic steamboat from the Great

American packet boat era. The Belle is a National Historic Landmark and has the distinction of holding the all-time record in her class for miles traveled, years in operation, and number of places visited.

Jack & Carol Conway have been busy with travel to Florida and Michigan, while **Dimple Rihel** took time this summer to visit with family in Chicago. Again this summer, **Wanda Bryce** headed to Cleveland and Pittsburgh for her annual trip to see family and friends. **Chris** & **Shary Johnston** drove to Chicago and enjoyed a great production of "Motown, the Musical" at the Oriental Theater.

We're sending get well wishes to **Jim Gibson**, who is recuperating from back surgery. Also, we hope retired aircraft mechanic **Dennis Hall** and his wife, **Melanie**, have all the repairs completed to the roof of their house which was damaged by a tornado that touched down in Plainfield and the Greater Indianapolis area on June 24^{th} .

Indy Racers are planning a road trip to Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Museum near Dayton, OH on Tuesday, August 19th. We also have a few tables reserved at Beef & Boards Dinner Theater for the Wednesday, September 17th matinee performance of "Oklahoma." For more information about either of these events, call **Chris Johnston**, (317) 694-4406.

Members celebrating August birthdays include: Mario Bregante (8/6) and Linda Harris (8/16).

Calendar:

August 12 - Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available at 1:30 p.m. with the business meeting starting at 2:30 p.m.

MASSACHUSETTS



NOR'EASTERS

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No July meeting so no meeting news. We do have a new member, **Mark Hussey**, retired BOSOZ. Welcome to the Nor'Easters, Mark! Our own **Bill Shailor** has been doing well at the health care facility. He's been dressing every day and eating well. He only needs help getting into a wheel chair. **Helmut Umbley** is off to Plymouth, MA house sitting. Great, historic town right on the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy Helmut!

Summer and all its glory has hit New England. Day temps have been in the mid 80's, nights in the low 60's. And most unusual, little to no humidity. In other words, perfect! The first hurricane of the season coming up the coast, gave the North East lots of rain, but no damage. Everything is green and beautiful! The tourists are here with more coming. Come visit, during the next several months, this is one of the best places in the world to be.

Fran Paci, formerly BOSHH/BOSCG, passed away in June. Fran was not a Nor'Easter and retired to FL. Can't advise if he was a chapter member there.

If any fellow RUAEA members are interested in an overnighter in northern NH, (see calendar below) call or email me for info.

August's birthdays ~ Bart Casey, John Parks, Michael Provenzano, Horace Smith and William J. Vanderwal.

August's anniversaries ~ Robert & Judy Austin (55 years), Thomas & Dolores Blackwood (31 years), Gary & Anna Bosworth (45 years), Fred & Rita Casey (58 years), Bruce & Priscilla Casassa (58 years), Mark & Pamela Hussey (38 years), Lee & Sid Lyon (65 years) and Michael & Paulette Provenzano (49 years).

Don't worry about avoiding temptation, as you grow older, it will avoid you!

Calendar:

September 2 - White Mountains Hotel & Resort, North Conway, NH **October 7** - Isaac's Restaurant, Plymouth MA

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Our July meet was <u>canceled</u> by an executive decision by our host; **Sallie Reithel** and me. Sallie was diagnosed with breast cancer and would be undergoing many tests in near future. Please keep Sallie in your prayers at 2955 Jennings Rd., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189.

Also, I learned that **Delores Morelli** left this world for her eternal rewards July 2nd, Delores was laid to rest on July 9. Sorry I have no contacts for the family at this time.

Lastly, **Pat Hoffman's** husband; **Tom**, suffered a major stroke recently. The prognosis does not sound promising. Pat is asking all her United friends to please keep her Tom in their prayers. Love and Prayers to Tom & Pat at 14221 Wellesley, Dearborn, MI 48126.

Finally, it seems that all I am reporting is sad news, hopefully things will change soon. Hope all had a Happy 4th.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

MINNESOTA



NORTHERN LITES

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At the June meeting, we saw more faces we hadn't seen in awhile; **Jack Spalding** had returned to the north country a couple of weeks earlier and **Ray** & **Yvonne Thoreson** and **Wayne** & **Karen Cole** were able to make it again. **Arlene** & **Joe Kelley** brought their grandson, **Caelan** and he was chosen to draw the first number for the 50/50 raffle.

Our own "Vista Sisters", **Virginnia Swenson** and **Marge Gores** have published a booklet about their family and early lives and how their upbringing steered them toward their mission of charitable work. They work hard every summer growing and harvesting fruits and berries, then making fabulous jams and jellies for sale at farmers' markets in the area. All the proceeds go to various charities of their choosing.

Lee Storlie, president-for-life, asked for comments about our new lunch venue. Responses were overall good, with a couple of "fair" ratings for the cleanliness of the men's bathroom and the temperature of the French fries in the buffet table. We're going to continue there for a few more months, then assess it again.

Jan Hannah and Rosemary Soltis both noticed an obituary for Pat O'Brien, who was secretary in the 60's to Bill Hendrix, manager of the Reservations office in the Twin Cities. She had left the company years ago, but her memory lingered. Another name from long ago appeared in the obituaries ~ Lenore Schreiber Grossman, who worked at MSP Air Freight & maybe RES, also (can't remember). We are also saddened at the passing of one our Northwoods Loonies friends, Norm Pearson, a member also of Chicago's Skyliners chapter. A sweeter, nicer individual you could never meet and his presence will be sorely missed.

Nel Brawner and **Rich** & **Connie Glattly** had just returned the day before our luncheon meeting from their annual trip to Lake of the Woods, Canada, hunting the wily walleye. One in their party had caught a 51-inch Muskie which gave everyone a thrill, the photo was passed around for show and tell. Unfortunately, the lucky catcher of that monster was not one of the above-named folks. **Nel**, however, caught a 24-inch walleye which really made her day.

The birthday roll of the dice included **Kookie Delvaux**, **Donna Gray** and **Bud Ayres**. There was a tie between **Kookie** and **Bud** so a tie-breaker roll was done. **Bud** rolled snake-eyes, so the \$5 prize went to **Kookie** who'd rolled four.

Sonja & **Lyle Gunderson** related some of the highlights of their most recent bus tour. Those tours have become so popular that the bus for the *next* tour is filled before the current tour is complete. They have a "standby" list because, y'know, at our age there could be cancellations right up to departure time.

Had a note from **Fred Stang** that our buddy, **Dave** "**Wily Coyote**" **Wiley** had quadruple bypass surgery the 23rd of June. Things went well & he should be back to his sassy ol' self soon.

Remember, the annual picnic is August 13th at Glen Park in River Falls, WI. If you missed the June & July meetings where directions were handed out, call our hosts **Bud** & **Jo Ayres** at (715) 425-2755. Each person attending should bring \$10, a lawn chair & your choice of beverages (beer or wine is OK, plastic or aluminum containers preferred).

The festivities begin at 11am with food being catered at noon. If you should want to partake of the hiking trails in the park, be sure to wear sturdy shoes. There are horseshoe pits there, so bring your horseshoes if you'd like to play. Maybe we could have a good ol' pitching tournament! **Mary Brennan** and **Jo Ayres** are trying to arrange a tour of a botanical garden in the area after lunch. We'd need a minimum of 10 participants, so if that's successful, the cost per person is \$5. Hope to see y'all at the picnic!

Lunch the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 11:15am at The Grand Buffet, 2015 So. Robert Street, just north of Hwy. 110 in West St. Paul. *Note new location!*

NEBRASKA

OMAHA GOLDEN'EARS

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48 members enjoyed the food, conversation, and beautiful scenery at Cooper Farm. Needless to say, we were all happy to see **Tony** & **Jackie Sortino**. Tony is looking good, but his stroke left him with having to eat slowly right now but he's working at that. Also, with his right side being affected, he can't tell whether things are hot or cold so has to be very careful. Thanks to **Cary** & **Toddy Manson** for hosting which means picking up the chicken, getting the drinks ready, plus making sure the place was as they found it after everyone leaves. Someone asked the question "How many boys do the Omaha Home for Boys have?" They operate three major programs supporting about 400 youth and their families annually. Omaha Home for Boys Inspiration Hill residential care program family-style living for up to 64 boys ages 10-18 on its campus near 52nd & Ames. Jacobs' Place Transitional Living Program is a transitional living program for young men and women ages 17-21. Branching Out - An Independent Living Program provides services to young women and men ages 14-24 in their own homes. Also, an Educational Program for Youth in all Omaha Home for Boys to receive educational support. These services include day school for youths expelled from classrooms within the community. We are very proud of both the Omaha Home for Boys and the Cooper Farm.

The 25/25/50 winners were **Frank Sesto** and **Linda Chapman** each receiving a nice amount of \$24.00 each

Birthdays for the month of July ~ Harry Hansen (11); Jan Cornish (15); Tom Langan (15); and Elaine Schreiber (19).

Roger Jensen was at Cooper Farm, looking good, and said he was even playing a little golf. He is still taking cancer treatments and doesn't have a clue when those will be over. I'm sure you are all aware **Roger** was a Marshall at the Knolls Golf Club for many years riding the golf cart over the course to make sure all golfers were adhering to the rules and there to help if a problem arose. **Carol Jensen** is fighting neuropathy in her feet which is difficult for her but she's hanging in there.

Clair & Barb Soseman each needs to receive a star. They work at their church every year for their annual Garage Sale. They collect goods the whole year and have a building by the church where they store it. Clair & Barb go over and help price many weeks before the sale – then, they work the sale all 3 days Thursday through Saturday. Great job!

Jan Cornish had a complete knee replacement on June 13. **Keith** is now chief cook and bottle washer while **Jan** recuperates. Best wishes for a quick recovery, Jan.

Calendar:

August 5 - Piccolo's, Hosted by Dick & Marilyn Weak September 2 - Lake Manawa, Hosted by Sharon & Larry Farrell October 7 - Sons of Italy, Hosted by Gary Procopio & Linda Chapman

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A nice Italian luncheon was enjoyed by 26 members at our June gathering. Tables were lovely decorated with pink and white flowers.

Thanks to **Christine Earl** for taking minutes. She and **Rosemarie Restivo** are handling almost everything for our Chapter single-handed! If it wasn't for VP **George Fox**, who sells our raffle and 50/50 drawing tickets, our Chapter would be without funds! They are very dedicated to keeping our Chapter together, and are greatly appreciated by our members.

Christine Earl and hubby, **Woody**, just returned from a Viking River cruise starting in Budapest; on to Bratislava, Vienna, Melk, Passau, Vilshofen, Regensberg, Nuremberg, Bamberg, Hassfurt, Werzberg, Wertheim, Koblenz, Cologne, Amsterdam. What an experience! I've never even heard of most of these places! They enjoyed their Viking experience, and FC travel back from Amsterdam (20+ hrs. whew!)

John & Leila Albert have been on the "N" list with health issues. Anthony Tricoli is still under treatment. Mike Vasko's knee problems are finally getting better, he is also doing well after cataract eye surgery. Baldor Ziel spent a few hours in the hospital after some heart procedures, he says he is feeling fine, and looking forward to getting some energy back.

We hope to have a guest speaker at the August meeting, and a little larger attendance by our members. Hope everyone sent in their ballots for the National RUAEA directors; and everyone think and plan RUAEA Convention, come October in SAN.

Calendar:

Lunch and meeting 2nd Tuesday of every other month at Arizona Charlie's on Decatur Blvd., 1130 to meet and greet; lunch served at 1200

August 12 October 14 December 9

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 18 members at our June meeting, including 1 guest, **Anthony Nettles**, **Pat**'s son.

Those members not showing as paid will not receive a June newsletter. If someone contacts you, ask them to check with **Kathy Robinson** on their dues status.

June birthdays were celebrated by **Adia Keller**, **Eva Havelik**, **Larry Reid**, **Ann Batty** and **Ed Williams**. The 50/50 raffle was won by one of our newest members, **Dottie Robbins**.

Once again, our resident pastry chef surprised us with delicious cupcakes; thanks Bill from your fellow chapter members.

Larry & **Donna Reid** are traveling to Tuscany for an art seminar with Donna's favorite artist, Kit Night. Kit is the wife of Todd Borg who writes Tahoe-based mystery stories and is one of our favorite writers. Donna & Larry also plan to see a little of Florence before the seminar and the Vatican after the seminar. They will return in time for the July meeting.

Calendar:

August 19 – Summer picnic, flyers were sent out by **Barbara Leusing**. Contact **John** or me for any questions.

NEW JERSEY



THE GARDEN STATERS

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We opened our meeting with a flag salute led by **Frank Warzocha**, and a moment of silence for those of our United family who have passed away recently.

One of the things we talked about was cancellation of our annual picnic in August. The reasons are for rising prices and fewer of us in attendance. However, we will still have our regular meeting as usual on August 30. Attendance should be a priority for all. A really nice plaque was presented to **Dick Confer** for all his good work that he has done for the Garden Staters. Yes, it was a small token, but it was given with the "United spirit" and that still means something.

It was also good to see **Otto Noethen** at our meeting. He really looked good, and I hope we can see him more often. **Rich Crieghton** from the IAM, and **Dominic Cherico** from the Teamsters were there to give us an update on our merger at EWR. It is always good to hear firsthand as to what is going on there. Nobody should downplay this information, since Newark is a very large station in the new United network, and what goes on there affects a lot of people all along the line. Dominic also reported that the new 787 hangar is up and running. It looks like our own hangar 14 is coming down, oh, if only that building could talk!

There was one other thing of importance, and that is we will be starting our lunch promptly at 12:30 PM instead of 1 PM. The reason is we need a more accurate headcount. So for those attending, please take notice of the new change in the schedule.

John Murphy, as usual, gave his money report, and to no one's surprise we are still okay. **Frank Warzocha** won the 50/50. Our next meeting date will be on July 30 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains.

*I know many of you have seen this before, but it's worth repeating. "There are many old pilots, and there are many bold pilots, but there are not many old, bold pilots!"

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

On June 10, twenty three Buffalo Chips arrived for dinner at AL-E-OOPS Restaurant, Lancaster, NY for the best BBQ Ribs in town. We were not disappointed. A generous slab of ribs, extra sauce, spicy baked beans, fries with coffee, tea or pop. The strange part of the deal, following a discussion after the last meeting when everyone wanted to go to a rib joint I thought everyone wanted ribs. While setting the dinner menu, a moment of doubt arose and I added a second item to the menu Broiled Haddock. Final count for the evening, 16 BBQ ribs and 7 Broiled Haddock, just lucky, I guess.

Snow Birds **Rocky** & **Joan Janoski** were back in town from their winter home in Florida. **Lee Miller** took time from her busy travel schedule to join us and **Norm** & **Marlene Schaeffer** rejoined the group. Welcome back and don't stay away so long before you next visit.

Don Gaytos had a successful knee replacement in late May and as he was returning to normal a week or so ago, did something stupid (his words, not mine). He found out he cracked his knee cap and one of the tendons loose. He will have surgery to repair the damage. Prayers and thoughts are with him.

June was not a good month for the group. We lost **Margaret Breckenridge**, wife of **Ron**, who passed away in March. **Charles** "**Mike**" **Keller** started his trip west from the Veteran's Home in Batavia where he has been a patient for the last year or more. Last on the list, **Joe Duke**, a longtime fixture in Buffalo, passed away at the end of the month.

The final bad news, as of June 30th, there will no longer be any United Personnel taking care of our passengers and aircraft at BUF.

The September dinner meeting is pending the reopening of Scharf's German Restaurant in new digs on Clinton St. in West Seneca. They were supposed to open in June but so far they are still in the moving stages. Stay tuned as that may have to change.



NEW YORK METROS

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Nothing witty, nothing clever; blame it on this sweltering weather. Hot and humid, thanks to Hurricane Arthur, although we weren't hit head on. With violent thunder storms predicted, once again we got through our July picnic with a good attendance of 45 and a very strong breeze kept us comfortable. Thanks to all the hard work our chefs and helpers endure, though.

Our long time member **Mabel Bittar** passed away after several years in a nursing home. And although not a Metros member, many who worked at LA will have known **Debbie Risen Farrell**, who died after a short diagnosis of cancer, at the age of 64. She was under her sister's care in Connecticut, where funeral services were held, but many of us attended a prayer service and burial here on Long Island, at St. Charles Cemetery where she rests with her beloved John. Our prayers to their families!

We welcome new member, Ginger Giacalone (LGACS), nice surprise!

Dale Deuber is still in the hospital after surgery on her broken arm. She'll be in rehab for a while. **Roy Portelli**'s health problems are still ongoing. We miss them and the **Talochinos** at our meetings. Keep them in your prayers - I think a card or call would be welcome.

Winners of the 50/50 were, in order **Werner Buck**, **Rose Schneider**, **Joyce O'Donnell** and **Joe** "**Sici**", our perennial guest.

Nick & Roberta Manfredo covered all major cities on a 12 day tour of Spain; they flew Delta, full fare. **Donna & Ronald Feingold** are off on a 12 day cruise of the Scandinavian capitols, plus St. Petersburg. Bon Voyage!

<u>Reminder</u>: August picnic at Wantagh State Park will be the second Wednesday of the month, August 13th. We look forward to another nice turn-out, good food and pleasant weather.

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOOD LOONIES

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Plans are underway for our September get-together from September 16-19. We'll be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Oshkosh, WI. They are just across the runway from the Wittman Regional Airport on Route 41. We'll be able to see the planes land and take off from the dining room and our rooms, if we face that way. Our room rate is \$99.00 a night. That includes a full service/sit down breakfast. All rooms include a fridge, microwave, coffee machine, and iron w/board. People iron on vacation? We will have a hospitality room to sit and talk over the day's activities.

The number to call for reservations is (920) 966-1300. Ask for a room under Northwood Loonies, anytime starting now, until August 16. Reservations made after that time are subject to availability and possible room rate changes. The first day of arrival, the 16th, we will have dinner in the hotel.

The next day, the 17th will be spent at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Museum, just a short drive from the hotel. We will have a guided tour, and then the freedom to walk around the vast museum. There are films that run all day long, also a history talk on various subjects from a guide. If you'd like to come back to the Museum later in the day, after our other tour, you can. It's included in the \$8.50 admission. They are opened until 5 PM. After lunch, we will visit an aircraft company and watch them building an airplane. If

you'd like to buy a kit, you can build an airplane of your own. No, not a model airplane, a real live two ton aircraft. You'd have to stay a few days, and I guess you'd have to fly it home!

On the 18th, plans are still being made, but it could include an Opera House that is said to be haunted, an old Mansion, or a wine tasting. We will tour a manufacturing company that packages everything from ketchup packets to dog food bags. Lunch and dinner will be downtown, still working out the details. Across the highway from the hotel, is the Oshkosh Outlet Mall, where there are many stores to choose from. The Visitor's Office will give us a coupon book to use at the stores there. We were hoping to visit The Osh Kosh B'Gosh factory and get some dungarees, but they are now made in China. But you can get a good discount at their outlet store

When we leave on Friday, there are still other things to see, can't get them all in two days. You can visit any of the places on the way home. We'll have a list available at the hotel.

Tell your friends, bring them along. We are going to have a good time. If you come alone, you won't be alone for long. There are no 5th wheels at a Loonie's trip! You will have 40 life time friends within an hour! Hope to see you in Osh Kosh. Once a Loonie, always a Loonie.

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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It was great to see 88 members at our June meeting. I can only think part of it might have been curiosity over our new venue at the Airport Ramada Inn. There are a few kinks to work out but hopefully, everything will be better at our August meeting. **Louise Robillard** decorated the tables with a tomato plant in a small watering can. It was a clever idea since June in Oregon is the time to plant tomatoes. It has been a long time since we have seen **Bill Keys** but thanks to **Tommy** & **Shirley Walker**, he was able to attend the meeting and enjoyed visiting with friends.

I attended a Celebration of Life for **William** (**Bill**) **Shaw** who passed away on June 25th. Bill retired from PDXMM in 1993. It was nice to see how many UAL retirees were at the service. He had a rich and full life and was loved by his 3 daughters, companion **Jane Futrell** and extended family. We should all remember his fondness for hunting and fishing. Our condolences got out to all his family and friends.

In May, we had a visitor **Cliff Stark** (PDXCS retired) from Pomeroy, WA. **Gene King** called me to let me know he had suffered a heart attack June 9 but was making a successful recovery. **Beryl Rennie** fell and broke her pelvis and **Margaret Borbely** fell and cracked some ribs. **Veulah Lorts** is still having problems with the injuries sustained in a car accident but I understand she is feeling much better and I certainly hope we will see her at a meeting in the near future. I know all of us wish them all good luck on their recoveries.

Anniversaries in June ~ Mike & Diana Thomas (44 years).

June Birthdays \sim Frank Bullis (71), Lois Gruenberg (76), Emily Newberry (70), Ed Rommel (75), Dave Smith (71), Joan Strickfaden, Glen Swanson (83.

Winners of the free lunch in June were as follows: Door Prize ~ Marcy vonHusen, Women's birthday ~ Emily Newberry, Men's birthday ~ Ed Rommel and 50/50 ~ Betty McBride who received a whopping \$100. See you all in August!

Calendar:

Meetings at Ramada Inn, 6221 NE 82nd, Social Hour 11:00 AM. Lunch served at Noon

August 13 - Social

September 10 - Social

October 8 - Ice Cream Social + Election of Officers for 2015-2016.

PENNSYLVANIA

THE INDEPENDENTS

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Our June 9th meeting was held at the Clarion Hotel Essington at 12:30. Picnic style lunch was very good. 21 members and friends attended. **Marilyn Turney** won the 50/50 and **Lynne Sonderman** won the free lunch.

Chad Juros, a magician, was our entertainment. His program was fun, up close and personal. He has a foundation for cancer in honor of his deceased father. Part of his profit goes to that.

We send our sympathy to the family of **Joe White**. We were sad to hear of his death.

Plans are being made for the fall. Our next meeting is September 8th, same time same place. We have been selling chances for a book about flight 93. Proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior project.

Don't forget to plan ahead to join us at the convention in San Diego this October.

A trip to the American Music Theatre Christmas show is planned for November 11 at 3:00 pm. We will meet for lunch at the Cracker Barrel across the street from the theatre in Lancaster. Make your reservation with Joyce now. Only 16 tickets were ordered. The price is \$36.00.

Calendar:

We take a hiatus in the summer. See you in September, as the song goes. All meetings are held at the Clarion Hotel in Essington.



Phyliss, once again the Gods listened to you, the 4th of July was a beautiful day weather wise and the Buccos are winning again, keep it up!

Betty & **Paul Musko** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the 4th, gosh they must have been teeny boppers when they tied the knot. Congratulations!

Our secretary **Lorraine Keith** recently returned from a birthday celebration for her grandson **Steven Smith**. Steven turned 21 and the family celebrated in Las Vegas. I don't know if Lorraine left any richer or poorer.

Can you top this? The Pit-Stoppers have their own Olympic star - Mary Jane Stewart entered the Southwestern PA Senior Citizens Olympics and won a Gold medal in the stationary bicycle contest and a Gold medal in the Golf contest for putting. She also won a silver medal in the mile walking contest. Way to go!

Treatie Karwoski's brother **Tom Krezmienski** was scheduled to be inducted into the Larry Bruno hall of fame. Tom was a star receiver at Beaver Falls High school in the 60's when they won the WPIAL State championship. Tom was Joe Namath's primary receiver and later played at Michigan State. Congratulations, Tom!

The youngest of my great nephews, **Brett Pompeani**, graduated from Hopewell High School this year with highest honors. Brett will continue his education at Robert Morris University where he received an athletic and scholarship.

Now for the sad news, **Bob Arelt**, former PIT RES supervisor passed away recently. Condolences can be sent to **Ruth Arelt**, c/o Concordia Haven #2, 148 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023.

The Pit-Stoppers July luncheon will be covered in the next issue.

August Birthdays are as follows: **Pat Wagner** (8th), **Sandi Burns** (15th), **Charla Ritter McBride** (19th), **Bronko Lapcevich** (19th), and **Ken Wolfe** (22nd). August anniversaries are as follows: **Bronko & Lil Lapcevich** (22nd), **Karen & Steve Molitierno** (28th), **Mitch & Doris Abbas** (31st).

Don't forget to plan for the San Diego convention.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Joe & **Robbie Corbin** hosted the May meeting at the Beef and Barrel Restaurant on the 15th. As usual, the food was great. We then went to the Cumberland County Playhouse to see the Musical, Annie Get your Gun. If you find yourself in the area, the playhouse is very good and very reasonable at \$25.00 per person.

There were 20 present. Guests were **Don Lynch** and **Judy Woods**; my brother and his friend **Lucy & Bob**; member **Noreen Koan**'s sister, **Genieve**; friend of member **Terry Taylor**, **Dale**, daughter of **Al & Jean Barkman**

The balance of the treasury, \$429.51 was given by **Polly Klosky** as **Mike & Barbara Chapin** were out of town.

The following have been sent cards as they are under the weather, **Ginny Barnecki** (Surgery) and **Herman Emmel** who is coming along and doing therapy 3 times a week.

The fifty-fifty drawing was won by **Dave** and **Patti Leonhard** of \$21. Door prizes which were small plants were won by **Dale**, **Noreen** and **Jean Barkman**.

Terry Klosky discussed the Mechanics Maintenance Celebration and the 300 mechanics that attended; he also sent some pictures around. We enjoyed hearing all about it and about the group that was honored at the meeting. We also talked about helmets and pads for our troops and what we can do to help.

Last but not least, **Dave Leonhard** talked more about our river cruise in August; it sounds wonderful.

Calendar:

July 17 - Knoxville River Cruise 12:30pm

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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They say that "no news is good news." Because the Emerald City Slickers don't meet during the summer months, that's the case in Seattle this month.

Instead of chapter news and lists of prize winners, let's give a hearty thank you to those chapter members who keep the ball rolling, both during the meeting season and through our vacation months.

Our Fearless Leader is **David Jones**, who spent his United career in San Francisco (SFOFO was his last stop), retired, and then went to work for Boeing to show them how it's done. **Dave** and his wife **Linda** make it to all our meetings when they aren't traveling to exotic places or on family business.

Phyllis Bowman, wife of **Herald Bowman** (SEAGQ), serves as vice president, conducting business meetings when **Dave** is not available. **Phyllis** maintains the membership records, recognizes members' birthdays and anniversaries at meetings, and conducts the drawings for door prizes and the 50/50. **Bob Brumfield** (SEACS) is a regular assistant at **Phyllis**' elbow. One of our busier bees, **Phyllis** also handles the mailing of our chapter newsletter.

Secretary **Carol Soffel** (SEARR) produces a report of each meeting to keep the records straight and compiles the list of prize winners. **Carol** and hubby **Kent** spend quality time on their boat during summer months and participate in the annual Christmas Ship Parade in local waters.

Helen Stanger is the keeper of the books, reporting on our financial standing as needed, collecting dues, and providing the list of "paid uppers." **Helen** is a United widow.

Noreen Krawczyk (SEARR) is **Helen**'s left-hand woman as assistant treasurer, collecting luncheon reservations from the telephone crew and reporting numbers and menu choices to the staff at each luncheon location. Her significant other, **Richard Devereux**, is HER left-hand man, selling raffle tickets for the 50/50 prize. **Dick** worked as a UAL mechanic years ago and is retired from Boeing.

The gal who selects locations for our luncheon meetings is **Mary Luke**, whose husband **John** (SEAPV) has turned a woodworking hobby into a retirement business. Special thanks to **Doris Spence** (SEAMM), whose late husband was a member of the Burien Elks Club. It is through **Doris**' honorary membership that we will sample that location for our new meeting place.

Ed Liesse (SFOED) brought his wife **Gay** with him from San Francisco, and it is she who is preparing this column as the correspondent from the Seattle chapter to the RUAEA National Newsletter.

Sunshine Lady **Marlene Nelson** has served in her position for many years and would be happy to have a volunteer step up to take her place. **Ernie Nelson** (SEAGQ) would like his wife to have more time to enjoy retirement.

We can't overlook **Bob Howard** (SEAHH/PV), who annually organizes the local UAL Retirees' golf tournament, which was enjoyed June 25 this year.

Nor can we ignore **Tom Holford**, who steps up to the plate whenever a hit is needed. (Sorry I don't have your company info with me on this trip, Tom). At the moment **Tom** is the temporary editor of our local chapter newsletter, *Contrails*, replacing **Vicki Shumaker**, who retired from that position after the May issue. **Tom** has his work cut out for him for his first effort – the September issue, available late this month, with directions to our new venue, different menu information and minutes from a meeting 3 months before. **Tom** also fills in for the late **Sidney Reed** taking telephone and e-mail reservations for our luncheons.

Dolores Steger is our long-time "reservations-taker," who forwards information to **Noreen**. Thanks also go to the crew who help **Phyllis Bowman** assemble the newsletter for mailing. I know what regular attendee **Betty Paul** (SEAMM) is one of the mainstays.

August birthdays will be celebrated by **Phil Andersen** (SEACG) (we HAD to get his name in here SOMEWHERE – he's in every month!), **Armand Johnson**, **Erma Lucas**, **Katherine McKinnon** (SEARR), **Fred Patterson** (SEAOO), **Louise Story**, **Ken Walters** (SEAMM), and **Bob Whitworth** (SEAPV).

Anniversary congratulations are sent to the following couples, who were married in August: **Richard** (SEAFF) & **Helen Clement** (58), **Ed** (SFOED) & **Gay Liesse** (57), **Tom** (SEACG) & **Erma Lucas** (58), **Sidney** & **Rita Revnolds** (SEAOZ) (58), **Robert** (SEAFF) & **Dolores Woods** (67).

Your correspondent wishes to apologize for any errors or misinformation – she's on her way to Cleveland and in Buffalo, WY at this writing without access to corrections and corroborations.

We'll see you all at our new location in September!

Calendar:

August – No Meeting

September 9 – Elks Club, Burien

October 1-4 – National Convention, San Diego

October 14 - Elks Club, Burien (tentative), Mini-meet, Northwest RUAEA Chapters

WASHINGTON, D.C.

DULLES LOUNGERS

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

On June 11th, the Dulles Loungers met at the Ashburn Farms Pavilion to enjoy the annual picnic. Over 30 members and guests attended and although it was a hot day, a nice breeze was present all the time. This was a catered event by Dave's Famous Barbeque and they did an outstanding job of providing everyone's favorites. The guests feasted on chicken, Bar B Q, pork ribs, potato salad, coleslaw, cornbread muffins and a wonderful cake.

The White Elephant gift exchange was a popular event and provided many laughs! Many thanks to President **Linda Scriven** and her team for such a wonderful event.

August birthdays will be coming around so let's wish a "Happy Birthday" to the following members: **Dunlap** (8/1), **Kerrie Schneider** (8/2), **Jack Lawler** (8/3), **Jack Michael** (8/3), **Carolyn Dillon** (8/5) **Dutch Schneider** (8/9), **Ralph Baggett** (8/14), **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** (8/25), **Jeanette Allen** (8/26), and **Donna Simpson** (8/28).

Dulles Loungers President **Linda Scriven** (IADCS) and **Camilla Warner** (IADCS) recently returned from a fabulous cruise aboard ms Maasdam of the Holland America Lines. They flew to Ft. Lauderdale for 2 nights and then sailed for Charleston, SC; Newport, RI; Bar Harbor, ME; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Sydney, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Gaspe, Quebec; Sept Isles, Quebec; Saguenay, Quebec; Quebec City, Trois-Rivieres, Quebec and then into Montreal for 2 nights. What an outstanding cruise and such a great opportunity to meet more of our neighbors to the North and to see some fabulous scenery.

Calendar:

September 10 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA October 1-4 - RUAEA Convention, San Diego, CA October 8 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

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The Clipped Wings members are just busy having fun this month.

The Clipped Wings website <u>www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org</u> is waiting for you to join our organization if you are a former United, Capital, Continental or present flight attendant, by using the Membership Contact Form before membership closes for the year on July 31, 2014.

Our membership count for 2012-2014 has reached 2016 and includes 73 first time members. A big thank you to all who have renewed their membership and a big Welcome to the First Time Members.

Clipped Wings National Convention ~ Washington DC – September 25-27. 2014.

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

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

- Retiree **Frazier**, **Mary J**., on 6/17/2014, WHQAC, wife of Earl S. Frazier (Deceased) grandmother of Nancy (Frazier) Keniley, 406 Oak St., Lockport, IL 60545
- Retiree **Henderson**, **David S**., on 3/16/2014, SEAGQ, husband of Nancy E. Henderson, 1307 Lajolla Circle, Lady Lake, FL 32159
- Retiree **Mahon**, **John B**., on 6/5/2014, SFOQA, husband of Claudine Mahon (Deceased), father of Timothy, Joseph, Beth and Christine, 843 Rubis Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087
- Spouse **Pearson**, **Norman K**., on 6/14/2014, husband of Geraldine Pearson, WHQAP (Deceased), 2214 E. Grove St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004
- Retiree **Quinones**, **William** (**Willie**) on 6/6/2014, ORDMM, 8737 S. Fairfield Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805
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LETTERS



Hi members,

I'm the person who edits the letters you send for the Newsletter. Your letters are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

Martha Gooselaw Letters Editor

WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Juanita Braid, Dolores Carlson, Al DeWoody, Marlene Farley, Darlene Foster, Bill Green, Marilynn Harmon, Janet Jolly, Agnes Kubicz, B. J. Lee, Eddy Lara, Nancy Miho, Patricia Mix, Toshi Okada, Harold Phillips, Ernest Poirier, Christine Rang, Barbara Sakely, Peter Schaefer, Jeanette Spana, June Stevens, Charles Szekretar, Sr.

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

While I am enclosing my membership dues, I also wish to comment on a friend, colleague, and overall great man who we all lost recently.

Other, more detailed announcements have already been made, but I want to add a personal input or two regarding the passing of **Tony Seidl** of SFO Engineering.

For a while, I rode with Tony on a commuter bus during those long drives from the South Bay to our maintenance facility, the MOC. We both chose to sit in the back of the bus, where the engine fumes were bad but the leg room was almost equal to First Class in a DC8; but with no Chef Gourmet service.

We shared a lot while the miles drifted by. He usually read his French newspaper, or one written in German, but no SF Chronicle or SJ Mercury-News for him. I was always intrigued with his accomplishments in linguistics, not to mention his other talents so well known to the world of engineering.

One day he told me about a book that he owned some time ago, and a colleague had a need to read it. The only problem was, it was written in German but the need was for it to be in English. So Tony simply translated the entire book.

For years, while watching sports on TV, I would call my wife's attention to these so-called "brilliant" plays by a wide receiver or an outfielder and I would exclaim, "Why do they use that word so often in sports?" That's not brilliant; it's just a great play. **Tony Seidl** translating a book from German to English, now that's brilliant! We still have fun with that and will for years to come.

Every time I would remind him of how impressed I was about that, Tony would smile a little and just wave it off, like it was no big deal. And to him it probably wasn't. Then again, isn't that kind of reaction consistent with greatness?

Marie Helena Kocevar, 1209 Georgia Trace, Valrico, FL 33596

Greetings from sunny, hot and humid Florida, thank goodness for A/C. Thank you for another year of interesting and helpful articles. Don't know what we would do without the RUAEA staff.

As of October 2014 I will be retired 12 years and loving every minute of it. Keeping busy isn't a problem by being on the Board of the Homeowners Association and doing charity crocheting through my church for babies in need.

On October 2013, **Grace Witt** and I joined a bus tour in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We were there for the fall colors in the Maritime Providences of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Islands. We were not disappointed as the colors were magnificent. So far this year, my cousin Shirley and I took a car trip to Myrtle Beach with stops in Savannah, Charleston and St. Augustine. Even though she had lived in Florida for 26 years she had not been to these historic cities. We had a wonderful time and can't wait to return, as there is so much to see and do.

In May, I visited my sister Nancy in the San Luis Obispo, CA area. I purchased a ticket using the employee discount. It was the right thing to do as the flights were filled. I don't think I would have gotten on my desired flights if I were on standby. There will be a family wedding in September in CA and I recently I purchased a ticket on UA. Buying tickets seems the stress less way for me to travel.

Dominick Rizzo, 1843 Hunt Ave., Bronx, NY 10462-3622

I am thanking you all for the news and information forwarded to me all these months.

I am glad to report another tranquil year of life with very few medical problems. Receiving the newsletter is one of the many joys I look forward to each month. It is good to hear there are many UAL retirees enjoying life. I have reached my 82nd year; looking forward to a few more.

Janet & Dieter Schmidt, 1801 N 22nd Ave., Show Low, AZ 85901

Thank you for the work you do to keep the retirees informed and forewarned. It is especially important for those of us who live in remote areas.

Janet retired from UAL in 1996 after 33½ years of service at ORDFF and HDQFR and Dieter retired in 1989 after 24½ years of service at CMHCS, ORDFF and ORDOO.

We consider ourselves as very fortunate; to have worked for Mother UAL aka the Friendly Skies and we are to this day proud of that tenure.

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While you are enjoying your Harbor Cruise or just walking along the Embarcadero to Seaport Village or the Midway, take a look at the famous sculpture by Seward Johnson called "Surrender". Originally called "The Kiss", the sculpture was created from a famous Life Magazine photo taken at Times Square on August 14, 1945, the day the Japanese announced

their surrender. The twenty five foot tall sculpture has come to represent the iconic image of the end of World War II. It is a favorite of many who weren't even born before 1945. A magical place for our veterans, you will see many standing in awe and remembrance of the special time in our history.

Old Town San Diego is the Birthplace of California. You can visit the site of the first European settlement for a glimpse of early San Diego history. Many unique shops, galleries, and live theatre and all easily accessible. Ready for some good food and a Margarita? Visit the Guadalajara restaurant for a dining experience you won't soon forget. Bazaar del Mundo will present you with shops of authentic Mexican hand-painted tile, wrought iron staircases and vendor carts with hand-crafted Mexican flowers. There are cafés here also and if Mexican is not to your liking, there is Italian and other choices available for you. The Old Town Trolley stops here as well as the Transit Center giving you access to Amtrak, the Coaster, the MTS Trolley and buses all within walking distance.

Hope to see you in our great city in October!



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