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Sacramento,
California
Come Explore!!!*



Historic Old Sacramento dates back to 1848 when gold miners came in search of riches. Today it is a wonderful visitor destination that continues to fascinate people from around the world. **The California State Railroad Museum**, the largest attraction in Old Sacramento, is also the most popular interpretive railroad museum in North America. A variety of shops, restaurants & nightclubs have established the area as one of California's most popular visitor destinations. But what are some of the hidden treasures to be found in Old Sacramento?

Sacramento has two rivers running through so it's a good place to go looking for treasure. **The Riverboat Delta King** which is permanently docked off Front Street is the well-known crown jewel of Old Sacramento, but within its walls there are many lesser known treasures to be found. **The "Captain's Quarters"** is a two story hotel suite, is a one-of-a-kind lodging experience. Created in the wheelhouse of this nearly 80-year-old paddle wheeler is a beautiful & unique lodging experience which provides its guests with panoramic views plus their very own steering wheel. While on the boat you can dine at the **Pilothouse Restaurant**, enjoy live jazz singers at the piano bar in the **Delta Lounge** or take in a show at one of the boat's two theatres: the **Delta King Theatre** or the **Suspects Murder Mystery Dinner**.

Back on land, a short walk down the street will bring you to the **Back Door Lounge** which takes you back to 1960's Las Vegas. This old-fashioned lounge features dim lights, red velvet wallpaper; on some nights, lounge singers.

One of the most beautiful buildings, as well as the oldest, in Old Sacramento is the **Lady Adams Building** which was built in 1849. It was the only one that didn't succumb to the various floods and fires of the early days, including the devastating fire of 1852 which wiped out pretty much every thing else in town. The **Eagle Theatre**, the first structure built specifically to be a theatre in California, opened in 1849, but was closed less than a year later due to its tendency to fill up with water. This consistent flooding of the early 1860's forced the city officials to raise the entire city 10 feet by filling the streets with dirt. Some building owners paid the cost to lift their buildings, but others decided to save the money & just convert the first floors of their buildings to basements. Today most of the old city has been buried never to be seen again, however, there are several locations in Old Sacramento where the buried city lives on.

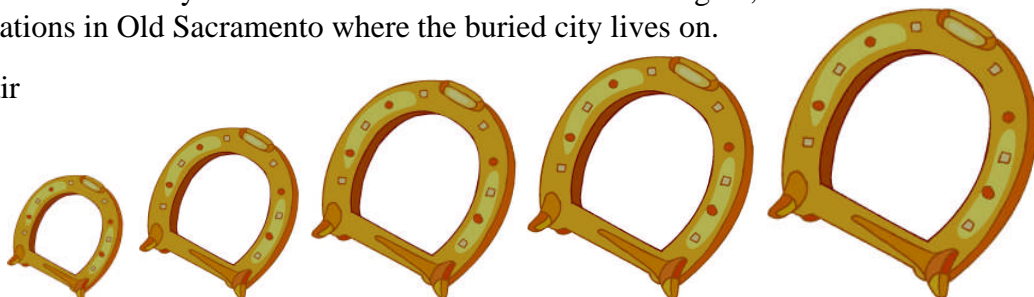
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GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE VP OF CONVENTIONS

Hi, everyone as you can see by our Newsletter Publicity, the Sacramento Convention planning is well on its way.

I want to thank everyone for voting me into this position of VP of Conventions. A confidence I take very seriously while planning for SMF & future conventions.

Every venue for convention is different; however I believe you will be pleased with Sacramento. A great location, a wonderful exciting city with much to do & see. Ron & Barbara Bertacini plus their team are on track in planning an outstanding convention for you.

In the mean time, John Koehl our site selection Chairman, & his team are working hard at procuring sites for our future conventions.

I really love what I am doing since I was tapped to chair the Seattle Convention & to Co-Chair the DCA convention. My mentor Bud Hubbard has guided me well through these events; I hope to fill his shoes for RUAEA as he did so well.

I would be remiss to not mention Jim Fauber who convinced me to chair Seattle & remain active. The only thing he didn't tell me is how busy I would be, but that's OK; after his recuperation I may have to tap him for something. Heal up fast Jim.

Hank Gosselin
VP Conventions - RUAEA

OTHER CONVENTION NEWS

Our tour committee is working on a pre-convention & a post-convention tour. The pre-convention tour will begin from a hotel near SFO, will include sight-seeing & a layover en route to Sacramento. The post-convention tour will leave from Sacramento, involve sight-seeing & possible entertainment en route back to the SFO area. Other tours that are being worked on include local museums featuring arts, mansions, aviation, gold mines in the area, wineries & river cruises.

But don't forget flying in & out of SMF is still

a great option. United has a good schedule with 27 daily flights. Also there are many other carriers that offer us a 90% or 95% discount, these include: Alaska/Horizon, Aloha, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Mexicana, Northwest & US Airways/America West. American offers ZED (Zonal Employee Discount) fares that are based on mileage. An example is DFW to SMF is \$31 each way.

To obtain ID90, ID95 or ZED fare tickets contact the Interline Ticketing Desk at 1-888-874-1581. Their hours are 0700-2100 CT Mon-Fri, 0700-1900 CT Sat & Sun. Last but not least, Jet-Blue & Southwest offer retirees standby fares at \$25.00 OW, \$50.00 RT plus tax. For both of these carriers you will need a letter of introduction that may be obtained by calling United's Benefit Dept. at 1-888-825-0188. *Note: If you plan on using these other carriers, contact United's Benefit Dept. at least 3 weeks prior to departure date.*

FRIENDS PLUS DISCOUNTS NOW AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES & RETIREES

United is now offering 2006-2007 Friends Plus e-certificates to employees & retirees. The Friends Plus program provides employees & retirees an opportunity to generate revenue on United, United Express & Ted flights by offering a 10% discount on select United Economy fares to friends & family. Employees & retirees can find their e-certificate numbers in the "My Coupon" section of Weblist; the e-cert number may be given to 5 separate individuals, each individual may use the e-cert for up to 4 passengers (traveling on the same itinerary).

Full terms & conditions are available on Weblist under "My Coupons". To get there, go to <https://united.intranet.ual.com>, sign on, click on "Weblist" from the "Quick Hit" list. Then click on "My Coupons" & follow the instructions.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager





STOUT AIR SERVICES Cont.



Stout Air Lines passengers boarding a Ford Tri-motor from a Company Bus, www.timetableimages.com photos

By April 1930, Stout Air Lines had carried 105,000 passengers & was flying 14 daily flights (except Sunday) between Cleveland, Detroit & Chicago with stops at Toledo, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo & South Bend. These en-route stops were allowed "if reservations were made one half hour before the plane was due to arrive" (pilots were notified in flight by radio).

The fare included Stout Company Bus transportation to the airports in Detroit, Chicago & Cleveland and 30 free pounds of luggage.



Other Stout innovations included: the first Uniformed Pilots (photo), the first Passenger Terminal (at Ford Field), the first hotel Ticket Centers, refunds for cancellations (if made two hours before flight), America's first "Aerial Couriers" (stewards), infants-in-arms carried free and 48-hour stopovers allowed (except at Chicago and Cleveland).

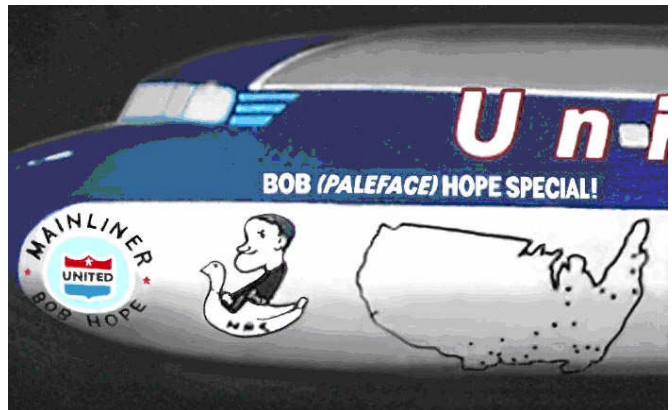
In June 1929, Boeing's United Aircraft &

Transport Corp. bought Stout Air Services. Stout Air Lines continued to operate under its own name until Sept. 1930, when it became a division of NAT.

Regarding the Stout acquisition, United's President Fredric Rentschler stated, "We didn't buy airplanes, we bought a company that has developed the idea of running an airline as a commercial organization".

By Marvin Berryman: *So Away I Went*, W. B. Stout, Arno Press 1951, *Aviation* magazine & *Architects of Aviation*, Maurice Holland, Den. Pub. Lib.; www.timetableimages.com, *Airlines of the United States Since 1914*, R.E. Davies, UAHF; *NAT Fly Paper* Sep. 22, 1930, UAHF

BOB HOPE - DC6 "NOSE-ART"



This UAHF DC-6 plaque on DENTK's second floor has the following inscription:

**TO CAPTAIN EDDIE KIESSIG
WHO CARRIED HOPE TO MILLIONS.
DONALD W. DOUGLAS**

UAHF would appreciate hearing about RUEA members experiences and/or receiving memorabilia regarding the DC-6 "Bob (Paleface) Hope Special!" and its flights.

Please mail your tax-deductible contributions & donations of United memorabilia & artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207 - Phones: UAHF at DENTK (303) 780-5537, Tom Goodyear cell (720) 696-1655, home (303) 696-7001. Visit our Website at: www.uahf.org.

UNITED COMPETES FOR NEW ROUTE TO CHINA

United proposes first ever Capital-to-Capital route from Washington DC to Beijing. We need employees' support to help secure Congressional support and DOT approval over our competitors!

We as United retirees, our families & friends can join with the active employees asking our Congressmen and Senators for their support.

The following websites can be used to voice your support & how you can contact your representatives via telephone, e-mail or US mail:

- ✈ The United Employee/Retiree Grass Roots Link is: <http://www.capitolconnect.com/united/> (Note: if the drop down menu requesting who you are doesn't have "Retiree" simply click on "Employee")
- ✈ The Family & Friends Link can also be used by employees/retirees to the Department of Transportation is: <http://www.capitaltocapital.net/>
- ✈ If you don't know who your representatives are & how to contact them, the following website supplies the information. Contacting the Congress: <http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/>

Your anticipated participation is greatly appreciated.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

- ✈ Customer Service at Baggage Check-In needs your help with preventing Baggage Tag "switching" to someone else's luggage. Please make sure that **your** correct baggage Tag is attached to **your** baggage. The Agent will often call out your name to tag your bags. Make sure it is the correct baggage tag.
- ✈ As a result of the London security scare, travelers are putting more items into checked baggage & taking less carry-on items. These items add weight to your checked bags. The weight limit per bag is 50 lbs. Excess baggage charges for over 50 lbs starts at \$50.00! Use your bathroom scale to weigh your bags before leaving home.

- ✈ You are allowed to check 2 bags per person. Extra bag charges begins at \$85.00. **NRSA** travelers are not exempt from these charges.
- ✈ On a recent flight after carry-on rules had been relaxed & travelers resumed taking much more aboard, the over head bins filled to capacity & the last customers had to check carry-on as they boarded. Even though rules have been relaxed, it is still a good practice to limit your carry-on items.
- ✈ Directory Assistance: Telephone companies charge \$1.00 or more for 411 information calls, when they don't have to. When you need to use the 411 for information, to avoid charges, simply dial 1-800 FREE-411 or 1-800 373-3411 without incurring a charge.

If you have questions or comments concerning Travel Tips by Bob, please e-mail me at mrb50@qwest.net.

Happy Traveling,

Bob Brumfield
Seattle Travel Desk

RUAEA WEBSITE UPDATE

Welcome Ed: Ed Majewski is the newest website manager. He is replacing Bob Kalicki. Thanks Bob for all of your dedication and support.

Ed was a Sr. Systems Analyst for United Airlines ISD division, Ed worked on numerous United Airlines financial systems, most notably their purchasing, tax & general ledger systems.

Ed along with Jim Sommerfield are your RUAEA website managers.

Website current status: The New RUAEA Website was implemented on **Monday 7/17/2006.**

The new websites goals are to provide you the RUAEA members with additional convenience, features, & added security.

All current RUAEA members have access to Levels 1 and 2. RUAEA members who receive their newsletter online also have access to Level 3. **As a RUAEA member even if you receive your newsletter by Mail you have full access to Levels 1 and 2 of the website.**

Please check out the website if you haven't done so already & take advantage of all of the websites features available to you, especially the new

travel feature. The RUAEA website can be accessed at <http://www.ruaea.org/>

To date the website is performing quite well. There are no known issues or problems at this time. The website contains 10 main features.

1. Home Page
2. About RUAEA
3. News
4. Chapters
5. Links
6. Support
7. Contact
8. Travel
9. Newsletter
10. Convention

Each main feature contains numerous more detailed features within them.

1. **Home:** Brief personalized welcome back message along with information advising you of your level & the website features available to you. The latest current news affecting retirees is available from this page.
2. **About RUAEA:** Information regarding - What is RUAEA & how to join RUAEA.
3. **News:** Contains previous headline news regarding important & valuable recent news as well as older important & valuable news, which has been retained.
4. **Chapter:** Contains important information regarding each of the RUAEA chapters including the chapters name, the name of their contact, & specific information regarding that contact. (Address information & telephone number etc).
5. **Links:** There are 18 separate links to important websites for our Retirees. These links fall under 9 major categories. The following are the Major Link categories: Airline Pilots Association, Federal Aviation Administration, Flight Attendant Association, Medical Insurance, Medical Prescriptions, Medical Information, National Retirement Association, Pension Benefit Guarantee Information, United Airlines Corporation.
6. **Support:** Features include retrieving & changing passwords, & a Frequently Asked Questions section. The ability exists to up-

grade your access level to level 3, by sending an e-mail to support@ruaea.org. Website related questions should be forwarded to support@ruaea.org.

7. **Contact:** Contains information on how to join or contact RUAEA. Contact information for RUAEA, includes RUAEA Denver Office address information, & RUAEA Support. Including phone numbers, & e-mail addresses. Membership applications are also available from this function.
8. **Travel:** There are currently 11 major travel features on the website. Information & sites included are.
 - a. United Airlines Pleasure Travel Regulations.
 - b. Dynamic Travel and Cruises.
 - c. Vacation Rentals By Owners.
 - d. United Airlines Employees / Intranet.
 - e. ASU Travel Guide.
 - f. ID90. Interline Travel Discounts, Airline Employee Travel, Interline Rates.
 - g. PERX - Airline Employee Travel.
 - h. AARP Travel - Travelocity.
 - i. World Airlines Club Association - Index of Travel Sites.
 - j. Interline.com
 - k. Interline Travel Discounts.
9. **Newsletter:** Newsletters are available online for those RUAEA members who have level 3 access by having chosen to receive their newsletters online. The current newsletter is available to be viewed online by individual topic or in single column or double column formats using Adobe Acrobat Reader. There are also 36 months of archived newsletters available online. These archived newsletters are available in single column or double column PDF format, available for viewing using Adobe Acrobat Reader.
10. **Convention:** 2007 Convention in Sacramento. Information is currently available regarding the 2007 convention including publicity, chair person contact information & contact information regarding arts & crafts.

Current Website Statistics: The following statistics pertain to the website since its new imple-

mentation.

- Hits: 146,481
- Visitors: 23,007

Most Popular Pages:

- Home
- Links
- News
- Travel
- Newsletter
- Convention

Most Downloaded Files:

- Newsletters
- Membership Applications
- Convention Photos

Most Active Countries accessing RUAEA site:

- United States
- China
- Germany
- Japan
- Russian Federation
- Canada
- United Kingdom

In closing - Jim Sommerfield, & Ed Majewski as web managers, review & maintain the website content to insure that the content is appropriate, that it is revised, added to, or archived as required. They insure all links are correct & working. They answer questions directed to RUAEA from Spectrum (the web host) & from UAL retirees, regarding UAL, bankruptcy, travel, insurance, prescription, UAL Intranet usage etc. Sensitive issues such as loss of benefits etc. are forwarded by the web managers to Mort & Hal for further direction or resolution as required.

Jim Sommerfield
RUAEA Website Manager

ATTORNEY'S ADVICE - NO CHARGE **(SUBMITTED BY TOM GOODYEAR)**

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice! A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But remember, if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet & all of the account numbers & phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards. Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, & more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:
 - We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers & your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
 - File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, & this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)
 - Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name & also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of do-

ing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, & they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done; the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

- ✈ Here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc., has been stolen:
 - i. Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
 - ii. Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
 - iii. Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
 - iv. Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

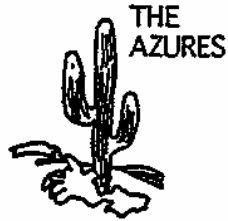
NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for Dec. are due in DEN by Mon. Nov. 6, Jan. report by 12/6, Feb. report by 1/5/07. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 – Attention – Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U. S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

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Also an added benefit to receiving the
Newsletter on the Web is that back issue
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To sign up for the Web, go to
www.ruaea.org and follow the instructions.*

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings during the month of Oct. only please call Sherry Muoio before 4 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list (you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Sherry at (623) 572-4828. Mary will return in Nov. & begin taking the calls for Nov.

At breakfast on Sep 26 we had 24 attendees. It was good to see Pete Clanton. He has been through the mill. Pete fell this past week into a large cactus bed in their front yard. He spent 6 hours in the emergency room having over 3000 cactus burrs taken out of his head, neck, back, chest & arms. Then again wound up in the hospital a few days later with an infection. Keep him in your prayers.

Eleanor Patterson is at home & would appreciate your well wishes. Her home address is 13840 N Desert Harbor Dr., Peoria, AZ 85381.

The officers met, we have finalized our monthly schedule of events for 2006-2007. One extra event will be the Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre. The theatre is brand new; it has great food, no bad seats in the house. I have arranged to have a group of 30 attend for the Nov. 18 production of South Pacific. It will be for lunch & the show. Time will be 12:00 noon. If you are interested in joining us please contact Sherry at (623) 572-4828 or e-mail me at phx22@cox.net. I already have 26 seats confirmed, so contact me ASAP. We will be going to the races at Turf Paradise in March so start saving those pennies to play the ponies! We are back on for Luke AFB twice this coming season. We have lots of good times to look forward to. "Welcome back" to all you snowbirds.

"Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses."

Calendar:

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

Nov. 7 – Coco's

Nov. 21 – Coco's

Dec. 05 – Coco's

Fall/Winter Luncheons

Nov. 4 – Luke AFB Luncheon

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PHOENIX METRO



RE-UNITED

The summer season ended with our breakfast meeting at Crackers in Mesa on Sept. 29. A small group gathered to exchange stories about summer travels, activities & to welcome back some of the early arriving snowbirds. Everyone was happy to see Jim & Bonnie Fauber who had just returned from OR. Jim was looking great - getting around very well after recuperating from his broken leg. Of course, he had some wonderful fish stories to tell.

This year's calendar was discussed with nearly every month already planned. Our first luncheon of the year was Oct. 6 at Zur Kate where we celebrated Oktoberfest. The Nov. meeting was also discussed. It will take place on the Dolly Steamboat at Canyon Lake. The membership is looking forward to doing some fun activities this year.

Calendar:

Nov. - Dolly Steamboat - Date to be advised.



TALL PINES

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The Tall Pines chapter is up & flying again after a 3 month vacation. We met at Coco's for a luncheon meeting on Sept. 12 with (19) UAL retirees present.

Our meeting was brief - Jeannie Risdon went over our calendar which is as follows:

- ✈ No meeting in Nov. due to Thanksgiving
- ✈ Dec. 12 will be our annual Christmas Party to be held at The Hassayampa Inn with cocktails at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm. We hope to see a good turnout as we have rented a larger party room. Also, since you will be receiving this the first part of Nov., please remember to contact Jeannie Risdon in regard to your menu selection & how many will be in your party. We hope to see a good turnout this year as we had such a nice time last Christmas.

The Tall Pines Chapter wishes all a very "Happy Thanksgiving."

Calendar:

Nov. - No Meeting.

Dec. - Christmas Party - Details in column.

TUCSON

ROADRUNNERS

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On Sept. 21 we enjoyed a fine luncheon at the Agave Restaurant located in the Desert Diamond Casino in Green Valley. There were 20 Roadrunners in attendance; we welcomed new members Alice & Pete Lopez. Pat & Rich DeLallo had Jo Parker as their guest. It is reported Rich & Jo won in the casino, but Pat & Alice Belzer helped the Indian cause.

On our sick list: Armand Johnson's cataract surgery was scheduled for Sept. 25. Barb Johnson had rotator cuff surgery early in Sept. & was scheduled for gall bladder surgery on Sept. 29. A busy month for the Johnsons.

Calendar:

Nov. 27 - Trim the Christmas Tree at Reid Park - Tailgate coffee & donuts. Entertainment by Alice Belzer & Ray Wood. Our theme this year is "angels". Any kind except glass or china.

Dec. 7 - Christmas luncheon at Oro Valley Country Club. Our Christmas project this year will be providing backpacks stuffed with school supplies for a school, so we need stuff to fill them, i.e., children's

books, paper, pens, rulers folders, pencils, etc. The age group is Kindergarten thru 6th grade.

Feb. 15 - Gaslight Theater.

March 14 - All Arizona Luncheon at The Property in Casa Grande.

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS



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The month of Sept. has been a rather quiet one for our chapter.

We met again on Oct. 25 at the Chumash Casino near Solvang hosted by Kathy Shurtleff.

If any of you are on Dale Harper's mailing list you would be well informed about things that are not written by the media. I would suggest you get on his e-mail list. Just today I received the "Milestones" or obituaries list of those retirees who have passed on during July, it totaled 75. Luckily none of those mentioned were from our Chapter. I did recognize a few that I worked with in SFO. At times Dale will include a current passing that family members sent to him, however, some of them fail to include the department or station they worked at. This might be helpful.

On a lighter & more exciting news, Mike & Bridget Zoldak returned from meeting their son, Michael, at Ft. Campbell, KY after he spent his one year deployment in Iraq. Needless to say this was a long year for them; it proves that support & prayers do work. We will be looking forward to their report at our next meeting.

If you missed this from previous newsletters, here is the information you need if you want to park at SFOMB, thanks to Mike Zoldak.

Free parking at the maintenance base for retirees. They have some slots reserved for us along the San Bruno Av. & West lot area. If all the slots are full, just park in an OPEN spot. **DO NOT PARK IN A HANDICAP, RESERVED SPOT, ETC.**

Go to the SFOMB lobby & get your pass [you will need your retiree ID badge]. If the lobby is closed, press the button, they will send the guard

around who is cruising in the truck to get you a pass. (I picked mine up the day before), I think the limit is 21 days. One note on the directions: you can only get into that lot West bound on San Bruno Av. Either circle through UAL round about, [lobby] make an illegal U-turn, or come in from the 380 freeway on to Airport Blvd, then turn right on San Bruno Av. (going West).

If you pick up your pass, go straight to the lot from the lobby, don't worry about the turns.

After you leave the parking pass on the dash, walk to the corner of San Bruno Av. & Airport Blvd, cross the street, follow the fence line South, get into the public long term parking lot, go to one of the bus stops, take the shuttle bus to the terminal. (approx. 1/8 to 1/4 mile walk).

In our last Newsletter the trivia question was: What was the first professional sports team to travel by air to scheduled games? It was the New York Yankees who contracted with UAL for the 1946 season. I always knew that the Yankees went first class during that era and they played like it too.

Next month's trivial question: Why is a flight recorder called the "black box"?

For chapter information, contact Bob Stanger at 805-929-2901 or E-mail MBStanger@earthlink.net.

BRAZEN RAISINS

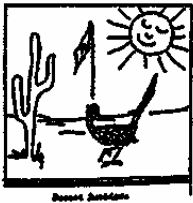
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The Brazen Raisins' Sept. meeting was hosted by Nile & Lincoln Jones who were accompanied by Nile's sister Muzey. There was a brief discussion of the eye medical plan about which we all received information a couple of months ago; Dick Shryock suggested that anyone who is on Medicare doesn't need this plan. The meeting was conducted by Don Nessling, husband of VP Donna (?), Pres. & Secy. Jack & Pam Hartman respectively were absent attending the funeral of famous athlete Bob Mathias.

The Brazen Raisins' Oct. meeting was hosted by Ethelda & Robert Frost who decorated the meeting room in a Halloween motif. RUAEA Director Ron Bertacini & wife Barbara attended; Ron gave a rundown of his UAL career & discussed the 2007 RUAEA Convention to be held in Sacramento.

Ethelda Frost conducted a Halloween trivia quiz, won by Pamela Hartman.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Submitted by Elaine Aggson

Sandy Sereno was our hostess for the Sept. meeting at the lovely Trilussa Restaurant in Cathedral City. With many Sunbirds still off on summer trips, only 19 attended. The lunch was excellent, the service outstanding. Miriam Osgood was a late cancellation as she was not feeling well. Janis Ward planned to attend but returned to OR. She had spent a couple of months there during the summer but guess she found it still too hot in the desert. Mary Frank was in SEA visiting her son & family. Mike Bailardo was in CT attending his 50th High School reunion. Barbara Rowe was off to Frankfurt for a few days, then to Denmark to visit cousins. The Silvestris were getting ready to leave for HWI to celebrate their 48th anniversary. Ron Napier was back from Bangkok where he was on a special assignment training pursers. Prior to that he was at the Training Center in CHI training FA's for our domiciles in Singapore & Thailand. He is now re-retired. Maureen Schultz won the free birthday lunch. Ray Silvestri who was celebrating a birthday didn't win the free lunch but won the 50/50 drawing instead. We are all sorry to hear of the death of Bob "Pappy" Owens. Many of the Sunbirds worked with Pappy when he was a supervisor in LAXCS. As the SW Regional Director of RUAEA, he & Marion made frequent visits to our meetings.

Calendar:

Nov. 9 – 17th Anniversary Luncheon at Desert Wil-
lows Golf Club in Palm Desert. Call or email Ron
or Barb Napier for reservations at (760) 771-1589.

Dec. 13 - Annual Christmas Party at Monterey
Country Club in Palm Desert. Call Ron or Elaine
Aggson at (760) 340-9542.

***Open your mind & experiment with some-
thing new. You may be surprised at the won-
ders that will present themselves.***

THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Our Sept. luncheon was a picnic, during which no meeting was held at The Wildwood Country Club in Penn Valley, CA. It was hosted by Stephanie & Ken Norton & held at the lakeside park. The attendance was 55, which was far fewer than was expected.

Our Sunshine Persons, Veronica & Francis Domaratus stated that the Arts & Crafts Raffle Committee is seeking donations for the raffle at the 2007 convention. And that anyone interested in donating or, any one having questions, contact them.

Co-Pres. Harold Esola said the 2007 RUAEA Convention in Sacramento could use some more volunteers. If interested contact Ron or Barbara Bertacini.

Following our Oct. Luncheon at Sierra View Country Club in Roseville, the next luncheon is our Christmas Luncheon, hosted by the Bertacinis, at The Alta Sierra Country Club. That info will be printed in Gold Digger's Nov. Newsletter.



REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREEES

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Pres. Norm Burnett welcomed 41 members & guests to La Gare & thanked Host Ted Bell & his guest & able assistant, Prudy Wilcox. The food at La Gare was up to its usual standard - Excellent.

Norm requested volunteers for the positions of VP & Secy. for 2007. If you can serve, please call Norm or any of the current officers.

VP Patrick Cadden introduced the rest of the many guests.

Treas. Oscar Chambers reported on the charity & the general fund.

Joanne Huhn, Chair of the Charity Committee,

requested anyone who had a charity they favored (preferably local in your area) to contact her or any of the other members of the committee with the information: Naomi Tolf or me.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr announced the Sept. birthdays. Ann Burnett was the luncheon winner. Sept. anniversaries are Vic & Elaine Kristen, 63 years; George & Lois Schwinn, 57 years, Don & Deloris Burda, 50 years. A card was sent to Garver & Wilma Sandy; Matt & Norma Stilman are "on the mend." We were saddened to hear that Ann McMannus passed away on July 26.

It is a pleasure to welcome back Diane & Andy Citara, Bill & Helen Furber, Dick McMannus, Sal & Pat Ortega, who have not been able to attend for a while.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A HOLE, THE FIRST THING TO DO IS STOP DIGGING!!

Calendar:

Nov. 9 - Josef's, Santa Rosa - Brandon & Pat Maus

Dec. 14 - Quail Inn, Oakmont - 2006 Officers

Jan. 11 - Open, call Patrick

Feb. 8 - La Gare, Santa Rosa - Charlie & Bernice Anderson

Re-LAX-ers

Los Angeles

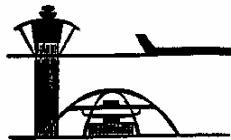
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THIS IS WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR --- THANKS ONE AND ALL! On 9/8 at 8:29pm-PST, I sent a request for help to get the Mileage Plus contact in order to get my M.P.VISA annual fee refunded – couldn't find the reference to it anywhere, had misfiled previously received material. I addressed 4 folks, one address didn't connect (obsolete, I guess), from the 3 which did, within 10 hours & 11 minutes, I received 15 replies! Of course, one of my addressees was Dale Harper, who kindly sent it onward.

PEOPLE NEWS: Our most sincere condolences & prayers go to the families of others in our chapter. We were all so are saddened to hear of the passing of **Bob Owens** who only recently was diag-

nosed with pancreatic cancer. I am sure many of you will want to express your feelings to Marian at 17680 Caminito Balata, SanDiego 92128 // 858-251-2926. **Sylvia Barton**, a flight attendant friend (I believe of many of the LAX crews) for 40+ years died on 9/12. There was a short service & scattering of her ashes at sea on 9/23. You can send cards/notes to her sis, Mrs. Margaret K. Smith, 2431 James Dr., Loveland, CO 80538. **Millie Monson's** husband passed away on July 12. Her address is 5721 S. Crescent Park West, Playa Vista, CA 90094//310-273-8094. Sorry, I have no details for you. Heard through the grapevine that **Dottie Dannette** of HNL & LAX at one time, sec'y to Henry Heath, passed early in Oct. Contact family members, Pam & Dan Picazo, 741 Kalthoff Common, Livermore, CA 94550 for memorial information or simply to send condolences.

More news gathered at the famous & highly popular summer steak fry -- members attending who had not been present for some time -- were very welcome were: **Norma Besse, Helen Moore, Roy Powers, Ed Clay & Selwyn Alexander. Ruth & Harry Takaki** dropped by to drop off the brownies they had promised to bring, but had to rush off to assist in the investigation of a robbery at their daughter's home. Bummer! **Linda & Bill Sokoloff** were able to attend even though he was walking stiffly & carefully over the picnic area's rough ground. He was doing very well considering he is recovering from back surgery. Linda, too, has had back problems, but to date surgery hasn't been necessary. **Ginny Riley** (who's been my friend since we were roommates in the sorority at the U. of AZ) (a really long time ago) moved from her condo in San Pedro to a senior place in La Mesa to be near relatives. A number of her friends from UAL live nearby, but I know she'd love to get greetings from L.A. friends -- 6480 Marengo, Suite 79, La Mesa, CA 91942 // 619-469-4281. I received a great detailed email from **Jim Ferrance** about several medical problems & procedures he's had in the last month or so. All went well; we do hope to see him soon.

Prayers & best wishes to **Pete Criscione** who had surgery for his esophageal cancer on Oct. 11. Cards/notes/emails can be sent to 453 W. El Norte Pkwy #212, Escondido, CA 92026 / 760-737-0645 / cbabyshirley@aol.com.

LAXTO & LAXRR retirees very likely will

remember our Columbian linguist & fellow ticket agent, **Laz Jaramillo**. He was one of us of the class of '84 Big-Buy-Out, remember? Well, those of you who know Laz recall that the stories of his adventures are pretty fascinating. The latest most fascinating of all is tentative -- but pretty sure to occur -- Laz is *getting married!* The lady, a widow, is the one who helped care for Walter, Laz's roommate of 50 years in the last year or so of Walter's life. Laz seems quite happy about the whole thing. He says the lady knows he is gay, but is so very lonesome & so is he. They will be very companionable. Best of luck & fortune, Laz, keep us posted

LOCAL ACTIVITIES of our members are many & varied. I don't have enough details of most of them, but having been a volunteer at the LAX USO for about 20 years, I can mention a few things about it. Soon, a new & very fine USO facility will be opened at the ONT airport. Volunteers at both locations are always welcome -- regular shifts of 4 hours -- choose your own day, or be on call. Call Arlene at 310-645-3716. I hear the HNL USO & the one at Hickam on Oahu area sorely in need of volunteers. One of their TWO volunteers was a guest at LAX last week, compared notes with us. For you Oahu folks, it's a really fun job -- pay is a bit low, but you get free parking. Contact their director Casandra at 808-306-3932 or volunteer Jay Fung at 808-836-3351.

TRAVEL TIDBITS --- Word from a friend of a friend for folks going LAX-LAS. To get around the service charge & excessive tax on top of it, take UA Express to PSP, connect to UA Express PSP-LAS. He says it works for him - *no service charge*. I just heard of another good travel web site. Haven't checked it out myself, but hear it has good bargains. It's www.travelzoo.com. Travel history tidbit for ya -- I've been sorting photos from forever & ran across the tickets & receipts from my very first flight! It was a graduation gift to fly from CG (CHI) to CV (CLE) on May 23, 1945. The fare was \$14.80, the tax -- this was surprising -- was 15% at \$2.22. It was on UA, by the way. Five months later I was on my way back to CG to attend UA's reservation school -- by train. And, as they say, the rest is history.

EARLY READERS OF THE NEWS e-LETTER: -- it is not too late to join us for the first show of the season in PSP for the Fabulous Follies,

a great dinner & a trip to the wonderful Living Desert Museum in Indian Wells, all with an overnight stay at the downtown Holiday Inn, one block from the theater, about two blocks from the downtown Casino.

Calendar:

Dec. 7 - Famous Christmas luncheon on the Queen Mary. No gift exchange among members -- just gifts for the kids of our very appreciative local charity group.



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We received such enthusiastic feedback at our fall 2005 meeting at 94th Aero Squadron that our Oct. meeting was held at this lovely restaurant. We are again looking forward to good food, good fellowship & a fun afternoon.

As shown above, we have a new e-mail address. Please send any communication to CarolynH777@cox.net.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert "Pappy" Owens died peacefully at his home in Rancho Bernardo on Sept. 12, 2006 just shy of his 82nd birthday. With his family present, Bob took the final flight of life to the Promised Land where he will undoubtedly be barking out orders like "please stay in line", "wipe your feet before you enter ..."

Robert was born on Oct. 20, 1924 in Boston, MA, moved to Washington, DC when he entered the Marine Corp in 1942. It was in DC where he met his beautiful wife, Marian; they were married in 1944.

Bob worked for Pennsylvania Central Airlines & Capital Airlines in CHI for 7 years after the war before he & Marian moved to CA with their 3 children: Gary, Linda & Dean. Bob took a position with a newly formed airline called "United", where he worked for the next 30 years.

It was with United Airlines that Robert became affectionately known as "Pappy" - where he developed lifelong relationships with the friends he al-

ways described as the greatest people on earth. During his UAL years, Pappy & Marian traveled the world with frequent visits to Hawaii - their favorite paradise. Pappy retired from UAL in 1984, he & Marian moved to Rancho Bernardo.

It was Rancho Bernardo & the wonderful family of friends they met while living there that really made it home for the both of them.

Bob was very active in the community including Marshaling at Oaks North Golf Course, Chairman for the 1995 Retired United Airlines Employees Association (RUAEA) Convention, RUAEA Board Member for 11 years serving in various positions such as Chairman of the Site Selection Committee & Director of the Southern California Region. Bob also served as Director of the Transportation Committee for various LPGA tournaments. Bob found great satisfaction as a volunteer for the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP). The RSVP established "Bob Owens Day" on Aug. 16, 2006 in recognition of his several thousand hours of volunteer service to the community he dearly loved.

Bob is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marian & their 3 children. The oldest child, Gary & his wife Gayle live in Valencia, CA, along with their 2 children. Daughter, Melissa & her husband Dan, daughter Jennifer with her son AJ. Linda (the first one born of the twins) & her husband John & their son, David, live in Valley Center, Daughter, Nicole & her husband Paul live nearby as well. Dean (the second born twin) & his wife Jane live in Irvine, CA; daughter Shelli lives in SFO & son Jeff & his wife Lawrie live in North Carolina.

A Celebration of Life for Bob "Pappy" Owens was held on October 15th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Oaks North Community Center, 12578 Oaks North Drive, Rancho Bernardo, CA 92128. Please RSVP to email address opappyo@peoplepc.com or call (858) 451-2926 or (760) 749-6574. In lieu of flowers, donations in the name of Robert J. Owens may be made to Sharp Hospice Care, PO Box 158, La Mesa, CA 91944.

"Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand"

Calendar:

Dec. 1 – Christmas Party at Tom Hams Restaurant. Please bring a new child's toy and, if you wish, a white elephant gift to be placed on our giveaway table.

UNITED AIRLINES RETIREES - SFO AREA

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Sept. 25 was the day of our picnic, the weather was perfect, especially if you like it on the warm side. We had a good turnout, the food was good, the games were fun. One of our guests, John (Brandy) Brandstetter, made a Windmill for our raffle that will look great in someone's garden. John Brandstetter was in charge of the picnics for many years but now lives in Grants Pass, OR. He has been coming to our picnics every since he moved, except for 2005 when he was having back problems. He had knee surgery recently, so we were glad that he could make it this year.

RUAEA Pres. Mort Wax & his wife Lori planned to join us but the flights from CHI were full. This was good for United but disappointing for us. We were looking forward to meeting them, we hope they will be able to make one of our future meetings. We were glad that Western Representative Howard Payne & his wife Jo were able to join us. Howard gave a talk on what is new with United, which was very informative.

I sent out several "get well" cards this month. Don Hughes was admitted to the hospital with pain, cause unknown at the time of this writing. Milt Cavalli was also admitted to the hospital with abdominal pain. Bernice Trullinger fractured her pelvis a few weeks ago but was able to attend the picnic. Lillian Christian was using a walker at the picnic. When I asked what had happened she said she had fractured her pelvis several months ago. We hope that everyone will have quick recovery.

Mary Cavaliere, wife of Frank Cavaliere passed away Sept. 11 at the age of 85. Frank is one of our auditors. Condolences can be sent to 600 Leo Drive, Foster City, CA 94404.

Travel info.: Ginger Dahlberg is now traveling on the Iceland/Greenland cruise. She may still have some openings on "A Country Christmas ", Dec. 6 – 11. 2006. Contact Ginger: (650) 224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com for information on all of her trips.

Contact Betty Garner for information on her

trips at (650) 355-4195, email garner-bee@yahoo.com. Her West Coast Wine Cruise is April 27 – May 4, 2007, she is planning a “Christmas in the City” day trip Dec. 10, 2006.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Mon. ea. mo., business meeting 11:30 am at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

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Several major anniversaries this month - Alice & Gerald Frisch (55 yrs.), Barbara & Charles Brown (55 yrs.) plus 2 Golden Anniversaries: Theresa & Harry Willever, Deloris & Don Burda. A plaque honoring the Willevers' 50th was presented at the Sept. 15 meeting; the Burdas were presented a plaque at the Sept. 29 meeting.

Our Fall luncheon turned out well, this makes several times that we've had it at the same place; it's always a fun time. There were 51 people in attendance this year. Our thanks to Dee & Stan Kolman for hosting this event.

We used the occasion to present Marian Swanson & Marion Gaeverth an award for their much work & effort in the past on the monthly chapter newsletter, distributed locally. Congratulations to them both.

Guests this month were Laverne & Len Hauble with their adorable grandson. Also Pat & Bob Quinn, now from the Sacramento Gold Diggers. It is always nice to see them again.

Ruie & Bob Bradley are conducting their food drive for the Salvation Army again this year. Collections will be taken on Fri. Nov. 3, 10 & 17. This is a very fine effort on their part; let's not forget to make our donations.

Sorry to report that Patty Smith has more cancer; we will keep her in our prayers. Goldie Purdy is recovering from a recent fall, is now going to have cataract surgery. Barbara Ferrell was in the

hospital with a heart problem, had 5 stints put in, now doing well. Theresa Willever has shingles. Marion Gaeverth had foot surgery, but is reportedly up & hopping around (can't keep a good woman down!).

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on Dec. 5. Flyers will be going out soon.

Our Ladies Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Blue Pheasant in Cupertino again this year, on Nov. 28. It will be hosted by Sally Ursa, LaDonna Eggert & Joan Dahl. Contact Sally at (408) 264-8580 for more information.

Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 7:00, meeting begins at 8:20. All UA retirees welcome. Call our Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548 for details.

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Our luncheon was held at Theresa's, a very pleasant spot in Jackson, CA hosted by Don & Jo Ann Nesja with 56 members & guests attending.

We welcomed Ron & Barbara Bertacini. Ron is our new Northern CA RUAEA Director, which includes our Chapter. He is taking the place of Bob Cuff. Barbara paid us a compliment for our active spirit. Ron gave us an update on United relations with our legal advisers. There was plenty of conversation on this.

United has put in a bid for the route from Washington D.C. to Shanghai. Several other airlines have bids in too for other starting airports.

Communication from Charlie & Pat Passarell advising us of their upcoming move to Manteca from Modesto. We wish you happiness in your new home & hope you will continue to join us at our monthly luncheons.

It was a pleasure to have Eleanor Johnson with us again. She is Pres. of the Red Hats group in Jamestown. She is doing well, and it shows!

Pres. Guy Hoffman & his wife Nancy have just returned from a trip to AK. We hope to hear more details later.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our Sept. meeting was held on the 11th with 26 members attending.

Our thanks to Rich Bouska who made a beautiful wooden gavel to call order to our meetings. It is hand made (turned on a lathe). Sound much better than the old "fork on the glass"!

By popular request, our next meeting will be the Breakfast Buffet (same time, though).

Found a few fun websites for you all to check out:

- ✈ Currency conversions: www.oanda.com & www.xe.com or www.xe.com/ucc www.startrips.com (Star Alliance & inter-line information)
- ✈ www.timeanddate.com/worldclock - current time in hundred of cities worldwide.

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:15 to 12:00 noon. Lunch & business from 12:00 on. No reservations required.

Calendar:

Nov. 13

Dec. 11 - (Annual Christmas Party also Toys for Tots collection)

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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Submitted by Tom Goodyear

It was a beautiful day in Denver for the Fall luncheon on Sept. 20 with 49 people in attendance at Three Sons Italian Restaurant. Harriet Ahr brought her niece Susan Hatcher & her husband Dick. They are retired Denver school teachers. Laura Coats brought her mother Freda Peckens

from NC. It was good to see Marv & Doris Giggie. Bud & Alice Kauffman drove 100 miles from Canon City, CO to attend. Hope to see them all at the next luncheon.

At the Sept. 22 newsletter mailing, our honored guest was Ron Bertacini, the Northern California & Nevada Region Director of RUAEA. He did not realize how involved the newsletter procedures are for preparing the mailing. Mike & Jaymi Krosky from Blue Sky Printing, the newsletter printers, supplied the goodies for the team. Virgil & Martha Gooselaw's 6-year old granddaughter, Tessah Morris helped with the newsletter by delivering the bundles of newsletters to the retirees who sack the letters in the post office bags. Thanks Tessah for the help.

There were 53 people in attendance on Oct. 4 at the monthly breakfast at the Flight Training Center. Tom Goodyear reported Jo Madden fell, broke her left wrist requiring surgery. Tom visited her the next day, she is in good spirits. If you would like to send a card, her address is: Jo Madden, 910 Grape, Denver, CO 80220. Tom also reported his wife Nancy spent 6 days in the hospital with an infection in her lungs. She is home & doing quite well. First timers at the breakfast were Adrienne Blue, J.C. Butler, Bev Strand & Terry Wilkring. It was good to see Les Bullas. Hope you all come back. The following people returned their 50/50 winnings to the Mile High Chapter of RUAEA: Harriet Ahr, Burton Dietel, Ron Milton (he won twice), Lynn Pettrow (she also won twice), Bev Strand, & Steve Wasuta. Thanks!

Our sympathy to Irma Atanasio on the death of her mother, Martina, who attended our mailing sessions many times. Irma's address: 20920 Kelly Pl., Denver, CO 80249.

Don't forget our Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 5 at the Holiday Inn, 455 South Colorado Blvd. On the South side of the hotel is lower level covered parking, the North side has 2 levels of parking. Elevators are close to the lobby area. Social hour 11:00 a.m., lunch 12:00 noon.

Cost is \$18 P/P. Menu choices are Grilled Salmon Filet -OR- Marinated London Broil. Each choice includes, salad, chef's choice of vegetables, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee or iced tea. Reservations need to be made by Dec. 1. List menu choice on check. If you are bringing a guest, please include their names. Checks payable to RUAEA

Denver Chapter, mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211.

Calendar:

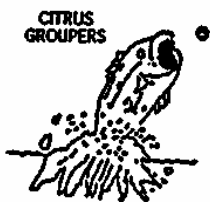
Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

Nov. 1 - Breakfast Meeting

Dec. 5 - Christmas Luncheon – Details in column.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS



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The Citrus Groupers met on Sept. 28 at Frankie's Restaurant with 14 members & guests in attendance. One of our guests was Ray Winterhalter, Director of the FL Region. He brought us up to date on the latest about United, told us some airline jokes. We thanked him & gave him a round of applause.

On Sept. 29 Frank & Maxine Wood celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Ella Nardone had surgery on her shoulder, is recovering at home. Ralph Nardone has had a cataract removed - doing well.

We will not have a meeting in Nov. We will combine the Nov. & Dec. meetings for our yearly Christmas celebration on Dec. 14 at 11:30 at Jo Beck's house. She graciously again invited us into her home. It is suggested that we bring 1 or 2 gifts marked for male or female that will be distributed to a nursing home. Jo's address is 1717 Forest Drive in The Villages.

**THE ORLANDO
REAL McCOYS**

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34 members & 1 guest were in attendance for our Chapter Luncheon at the Golden Corral. The highlight of the day was when Mack Chandler walked in. He received a very warm round of applause. He's still recuperating from his surgery, but promised he would be dancing this time next year. He wants to thank everyone for their Get Well Cards, phone call & especially for their prayers. All I can say is that it feels great to say "MACK IS BACK"!

Our Speaker, Ray M. Winterhalter, FL Regional Director of RUAEA was our guest. He highlighted on many important issues. We appreciate him taking time from his busy schedule to spend an afternoon with us.

Fall Picnic will be Nov. 1 at the East Lake Fish Camp Pavilion located at 3705 Big Bass Road in Kissimmee. It will start at noon, the cost is \$3 P/P which will be for the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sausage & Condiments. Please bring a covered side dish or dessert to share. Join us for an afternoon of fun and prizes. Bring your family & friends!

Have you heard the News? Elaine Tillman is now Elaine Mannella & RETIRED! Everyone is invited to celebrate with her on Nov. 10. Location: Tracie Ruffolo's Home at 23210 Brouwertown Rd., Howey-In-The Hills, FL. Time is 3PM till it's over. The cost is \$10 P/P towards food and gift. Please R.S.V.P. to Tracie at (352) 324-2150. You can either mail her a check or give me your money at our picnic. I do have flyers for the party which has directions to her house & hotel information for those who are coming from out of town.

As Secy., I would like to remind you that the Real McCoy's are looking for members interested in running for office for 2007. We have several members who have in the past been very supportive. Should you wish to be nominated, or if you would like to nominate someone for office, please give me a call.

Calendar:

Dec. 6 - Christmas Party Luncheon - Conway United Methodist Church - 3401 S. Conway Rd. - Orlando

Dec. 9 - 6:30 p.m. - Starlight Theater presents A Starlight Holiday Spectacular - Cost \$36.00

Oct. 12 – 24, 2007 - Sail the Black Sea Discovery on the Avalon Waterways Poetry. For details on these trips please contact: Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA **PELICAN DROP-INS**

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Our 1st luncheon meeting of the new season drew 17 Pelican Drop-Ins & 1 guest. Shirley Jordan was a guest of Harry Walton. Terry Gilkison, our Pres. for the new season, opened the meeting following lunch at the beautiful Sable Springs Golf & Racquet Club.

An explanation of the luncheon menu & cost was covered as a necessary move to maintain the same price as last year. Terry read a "Thank You" card from Bill Burg for our encouragement & support for him on the passing away of Eileen Burg. Sally Sciple said Happy Birthday to the Oct. birthday members. Our thanks go to Wanda Schmoyer for decorating all the tables with lovely hibiscus flowers.

Terry asked the members present if there was interest in a cruise down Charlotte Harbor for lunch at the Cabbage Key Restaurant, the former winter home of Mary Roberts Reinhart. Terry said there was a possibility that the owner of the Kingfisher Fleet of cruise boats could be enticed to speak to our group on the interesting sights along the 20 mile cruise down Charlotte Harbor & the barrier Islands including Cabbage Key. A show of hands of the majority of members present indicated a strong interest in the cruise. Terry will pass the word to Jerry Pryde, our program chairman.

Terry then introduced our speaker, Ray Winterhalter. Ray has been a long time member of the Pelican Drop-Ins & now is also our FL Regional Director of RUAEA. Ray spoke about United's progress in getting out of bankruptcy & recovering profitability. His comparison charts showing how other major airlines were performing was interesting.

Lolita & Fred Bauer are back in Fort Myers after spending 2 months in the mountains of NC visiting with their daughter & all their grandchildren. In a letter from Rex Davenport, he tells us he hopes to be home in FL in Dec.

Calendar:

1st Fri. of the Month

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-April)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (May-Aug.)

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We had 47 members & 5 guests for our picnic held at Anderson Park. All had a good time.

West Coast Luncheon - Mike Marvett updated the info. on the luncheon to be held on Feb. 12, 2007. We invite all retirees, especially the FL area chapters. If interested please contact Ken Wilson at the above address for information. It will be held at Seven Springs C.C. in Pasco County. Golf will be available after lunch if interested. Lunch is \$17 P/P.

Travel - Ken & Deborah Wilson reported on trip to Thailand & Laos. Barbara Riecse on her trip from her home in Livonia, WI to home in New Port Richey. Bob & Harriett Noe traveled to IAD for a 60th anniversary & visit grandchildren. Marge Frazer spent 6 days in a London Hospital due to a fall. Jim & Pat Hottel traveled to VA for reunions.

Sunshine Committee - Terri Breslin sent sympathy cards to John Riecse (passing of father), Barbara Riecse (passing of father Henry Mason age 96), Lynn Dever (passing of nephew). Thinking of you cards to Hank & Edna Canfield. Hank had recent cataract surgery. Both have health problems that keep them from attending our functions. The Canfields are both in their 90's. Also Larry & Shirley Eppard who continue to have health problems. A get well card to Barbara Rice, wife of our Pres., with her chronic back problems.

Rich & Beth Shafer of Oklahoma City were guests of Bill & Jean Linehan.

S.E. Director Ray Winterhalter updated us on

happenings at UA. He asked that everyone look at the website capitol to capitol & send the letter to our congressman to support UA's bid to service IAD-Beijing China. Also that UAL extended the contract for the CEO for 4 years. This was followed by a history lesson.

Calendar:

Dec. 4 - Christmas Lunch at Spartan Manor - 11:30 a.m.

Jan. 8 - Regular meeting at Buddy Freddy's 10:00 AM

Feb. 12 - West Coast Lunch at Seven Springs CC

Mar. 5 - Regular meeting at Buddy Freddy's 10:00 AM



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Our Oct. meeting was a little different than our normal luncheon at Johnny's. Some of us chose the gambling cruise on the Palm Beach Princess, while some of us decided to stretch it further with a 7 day cruise to the Caribbean. Fun was had by all no matter which cruise was selected.

The months' seem to be flying by & so far, South FL has escaped the wrath of another hurricane. Some of the members, unbelievably, are still making repairs from our storms 2 years ago. Hopefully, all the repairs will be completed before the next hurricane.

We are planning our Christmas extravaganza, which will take place on Dec. 5th. More information to follow. While on the subject of Christmas, a blonde (sorry gals) goes to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. She says to the clerk, "may I have 50 Christmas stamps?" The clerk says, "What denomination?" The blonde says, "God helps us. Has it come to this? Give me 6 Catholic, 12 Presbyterians, 10 Lutheran, & 22 Baptist".

Calendar:

Nov. 7 - Meeting at Johnny's Restaurant at 11:30.
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Dec. 5 - Holiday Party at Johnny's at 6:00 pm, in lieu of 11:30 meeting. Additional info to follow.

Jan. 2 - Happy New Year (Would you believe it?)
Meeting at Johnny's Restaurant at 11:30.

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Pinky's Pupu Bar and Grill was the site of the Sept. 28 luncheon. Committee members Laura Chin-Leong & Linda Kauhane together with the Pinky's staff planned & executed a tasty buffet plus a topical, tropical program.

Our guests included Riley Hakoda (HNLSW), Claire Addison (formerly of HNLRR), Lee Duffield son of Sally Duffield (HNLTO), Joe Chess (HNLSS), wife Sonia & daughter Michele McCoy, last but certainly not least - Jo & Howard Payne. Howard, our RUAEA Regional Director updated us on real & rumored news such as medical insurance changes also a possible merger. We always look forward to his annual visit.

Calendar :

Jan. 9 - Steering Committee Meeting

Feb. 22 - Winter

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BOISE GEMS

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Back at JB's, the GEMS (26 of them anyway) met, chatted, ate hearty breakfasts from the restaurant's fabulous buffet, & caught up on the news & gossip. **Dave Adams** drove his tour bus all night to partake of the camaraderie also the biscuits & gravy. **Ursula Herlth** (visiting **Floyd & Ann Rose**, in Horseshoe Bend, ID. [Ursula is Ann's

sister]) came all the way from Frankfurt, Germany. **Bill Jones'** guest was **LuAnn Lyon** who lives in Marsing, ID.

Central Idaho is still fighting smoke & fire. **Joe & Joan Varady** say they can sit on their porch in Garden Valley & take in the nightly show of fire burning up on the forested ridges above them. Although the fire is "contained," the burn inside the perimeter will last until the snow flies. That is the prediction. The Varadys have an order in for about 4 feet of the white stuff, & the earlier the better.

Also smoked was **Denny Snyder** who still manages to fly his Cessna 172 at least once a week, but it is somewhat restricted by all the smoke. Nonetheless, his plane passed its annual inspection, & he is ready to keep flying, smoke or no smoke.

Sharon Kolins & Mom (Marie) went to northern WI for a couple of weeks to visit family. The fall colors were incredible, she added. They drove up to an Indian reservation "Luc Du Flambeau," tried their luck at a casino. Sharon said the slots were not kind to her, but her Mom was lucky.

Louise Duvall stopped at a stop light on Cole & Overland & was hit from the rear by a young woman driver, well along in her pregnancy. Neither was hurt, fortunately, but Louise's Ford Lotus was totaled. Oh, yes, & the young woman delivered her new-born the next day. That explains why **Louise & Wayne** arrived at JB's in a brand-new Ford Explorer XLT.

Eve Estensen, daughter **Mary**, & son **Martin**, vacationed in Venice, Italy, in June. They agreed they'd do it again, given the opportunity, for "Venice was awesome!"

Bud & Pat Peters are on their way to visit Mom in IL, & attend Bud's 50-year high school reunion. They are flying, but bought the 20%-discount tickets, because SA travel is all but impossible. Earlier, they took in the annual get-together with Pat's high school chums in Coeur d'Alene, & Bud devoted 3 days to walking score-keeping duties at the Boise Open.

Bill Heath attended an annual military unit's reunion in Bend, OR, in Sept. Attendance: 30, but only 7 of us (original cadre 600) were members of the 148th Field Artillery Bn. during WWII. The unit was in the Southwest Pacific Theater for the entire 5 years, island hopping all the way to Tokyo. The other attendees were children of the veterans, or grandchildren, plus 2 guests. To a man, they

voted to continue the reunions. Daughters of 3 of the veterans, including my daughter Ellen, offered to arrange & run the event next year.

Bob Smith is recovering at home, but would welcome visitors. His address is 2505 E. Meadow Wood Ct., Meridian, ID 83642. Phone 208 884-8770. **Ned Yundt** suggests that you leave a trail of bread crumbs on the way in, so that you will find your way out again. She even offers her services to guide you in & out.

About the Christmas party & dinner, it will be in the Terrace Room of the Owhyee Plaza Hotel in Boise, Dec. 5. No-host cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 6:45 p.m. Choice of entrée: Roast Prime Rib or Maple Roasted Salmon Filet. Price: \$30.21 P/P includes dinner, desert, tax, & tip. Make checks to **Rick Dempsey**, & send to him at 1171 S. River Flow Way, Eagle, ID 83616, or you can pay at our Nov. meeting. Deadline Nov. 6. Please include your name & phone number, spouse's name, also name of guest(s).

For out of towners who might want to stay overnight, the hotel is offering us the very special room rate of only \$55.95 (double or single occupancy). Make your reservations directly with the Owyhee Plaza Hotel (208 343-4611), & be sure to say you are attending the Boise GEMS UAL Retirees' Holiday Dinner & Celebration. Our hosts are **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**, phone 208 939-1713.

Calendar:

Nov. 6 - 9 a.m. breakfast at JB's in Meridian

Dec. 4 - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

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The 24th Annual Midway Gals and Guys Luncheon held in Sept. at Manzo's Banquet in Des Plaines had an excellent turnout with over 60 members & friends. Marge Daily welcomed every one. A touching invocation was given by Esther Broder-son. Marge Daily invited John Kohel to sing God Bless America in remembrance of our troops.

Yours truly spoke on some ideas to celebrate next year's 25th anniversary in an especially celebratory way. It would be nice to see everyone here today to bring a fellow Midway worker, also to look for some memorabilia for our display next year. A request was made asking for volunteers to help & possibly take over the Midway annual program from Marge Daily. This year our attendees received computer printed name badges. The delicious family style luncheon & friendship of everyone made the day enjoyable. Helen Cauwels birthday was recognized with everyone singing "Happy Birthday".

The volunteer Holiday Gift Giving Program at World Headquarters is currently on hold. Please watch for update information in the Dec. column from Corporate Social Investment at WHQ.

Retraction: NOTE: Last months column stated that the day the Chicago Depository Volunteer Group that meet on the 1st Mon. of the month would be changed to the 1st Wed. of the month. This has been changed back to the 1st Mon. of the month again. Any question or more information, give Ron Pryor a call at (847) 541-5729.

We are looking again for good participation in the Fall Food Collection at the Northsiders Breakfast on Nov. 8. Canned goods, dried goods & paper products are all welcome - will be deeply appreciated by the Food Pantry.

Nov. is the month of Thanksgiving - that time of the year we stop to give thanks for the many blessings & good fortunes bestowed upon us. A big THANK YOU to our military & their families, to our public service personnel: police officers, firefighters also to our friends & fellow retirees for their camaraderie & support in our growing social group - the *Chicago Skyliners*! Finally to our United Retiree families we extend to all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Even though my partner-in-crime wasn't there to help me in the early morning greeting, I was able to handle the large turnout at the Sept. breakfast at Artemis Restaurant. Jo Ann Giannini will not be with us again in Oct. due to surgery on both feet.

20 attended the Southsiders breakfast last month. Agnes & Bob Pearson showed pictures & reported on their trip to Iceland. They told us that Iceland is a volcanic island partly on the North America Plate, partly on the European Plate, heat by geo-thermo energy, land of glaciers, & the Blue

Lagoon.

Our Sunshine Lady, Angie Wauun, called to tell me that she was hospitalized because of back pains. She is home now recuperating & doing therapy. Also it was great seeing her among the many guests that attended the Midway Gals and Guys luncheon. I am sure a card would make her time at home much happier. Angie has a new address: 4515 Johnson Avenue in Western Springs, IL. 60558 and her phone is (708) 246-4997.

Calendar:

Nov. 1 - Chicago Food Depository – Bus departure Training Center at 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 8 - Northside Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Nov. 8 - Our Fall Food Collection at the Northsiders Breakfast. Canned goods, dried goods and paper products are appreciated.

Nov. 28 - Southside Brunch – at Grandma Sally's Pancake House Starting at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Dec. 12 - Annual Skyliners Christmas Luncheon with Entertainment Avalon Banquets – Flyers will be mailed.



LOOP GROUP

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It was anxiety time - I was not sure if any Loop Group would arrive. Imagine my happy surprise when I saw Larry Barr & Eileen (co-worker) then Roe Mallstrom appeared without Lillian, but then Lillian went to Macy's (Fields) to check them out. A few minutes later Cal Linsom came - then Muriel Bergstrom & her husband - so we were ushered to our table. Lunch was choice buffet or menu - \$18 for buffet, separate check if you want. It was a happy lunch - lots of talk. The room was lovely, filled with natural light from the skylight. It was like an English garden, a gorgeous view of Chicago skyline with the twin towers in front of us & the skyline facing us – The Chicago River with its special river traffic was flowing by. Thankfully it was a beautiful day.

Looking forward to greeting you in the next meeting.

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Hello from Indiana where the trees have begun to display a bright & beautiful tapestry of colors. I love this time of year while others only foresee the shoveling of snow & ice. Hey, when you're retired, have nowhere to go other than the usual doctor's appointments, then we have plenty of time to play in the fallen leaves & throw snowballs at one another. Let the fun begin!

In getting into the Christmas spirit, a group of Indy Racers is going on another bus trip Dec. 4 to Newport, KY to "Christmas Las Vegas Style and Chocolate Shopping". A live orchestra, celebrity impersonators, & showgirls, all from the Vegas strip, will entertain us. A transformation from the strip to the atmosphere of Christmas begins with Dance of the Toy Soldiers to Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire plus much more. When the entertainment stops the calories multiply as the bus stops at the Galerie Clearance Center to purchase (& eat) chocolates at a discounted price. I'm not sure if seats are still available, but if you're interested in coming along, you can try calling Sue Thomson, Milestone Travel Club at (317) 254-8945. Be sure to mention the Indy Racers group & Wanda Bryce, our Chapter President. Hopefully, we'll all be able to wear our new "Indy Racers" T Shirts. We will all be way too cute!

The Entertainment Committee has met, over lunch, tossed around ideas for this years Christmas party ... Dec. 16 ... don't forget. Next months newsletter will have more detailed information. If you would like to help, we sure would like to help you help! Not sure if that sentence is legal & correct, but hey, you got the idea!

A shout out to Bob Duffy as he is recovering from by-pass surgery. Bob was having chest pains, his wife, Ruth, got him to emergency. He was immediately transferred to the Heart Center of Indiana, a super hospital. Bob had an allergic reaction to one of the meds in his IV, causing terrible pain,

swelling in his legs & arms, postponing his surgery a few days. Mon. morning, 10/2, Bob underwent his by-pass, came through with flying colors. We spoke with Bob this evening, Oct. 5 - he sounds great ... tired, but great. He said he might go home tomorrow or the next day. It just amazes me at how advanced the medical field has become. Just think back 50 years ago to the present. I guess in another 50 years people will be equally amazed at how barbaric & primitive we all were. Enough of my philosophizing! Bob, we will be looking forward to seeing you in the very near future, until then, we wish you well & a speedy recovery.

A medical update regarding Chris & Jim Gibson ... we ask for your continued prayers & support as they are going through a very rough time. Chris, just keep that strong spirit & faith you possess, not just for yourself but for Jim as well. Chris, you can do this! We all have faith in you.

It's really strange how each month when I begin to write this newsletter I sit for a few minutes with my fingers lightly placed on the keyboard wondering what I have to say. It's kind of like when you first get to know me ... I'm shy for a short moment - then you just can't shut me up. With that in mind, I will end this newsletter ... **maybe!**

Calendar:

The Indy Racers meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd. in Plainfield. Meetings begin at 3:00 but access to our own room is open at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting. We welcome all new members also those just passing through. Hope to see you there!

Nov. 13 – Meeting

Dec. 11 – Meeting

Dec. 16 – Christmas Party



MASSACHUSETTS



NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters Sept. outing was definitely not a meeting. 27 members boarded a bus to Foxwood Casino in CT. The cost of the bus was offset by a chit for lunch & a roll of quarters. All advised the luncheon buffet was the greatest. It was good to see George Mavreles back after a medical hiatus. Helmut Umbley won \$25 on Lotto. Andy & Carol Montalto advised they came home with more money than what they left with. Everyone agreed they had a real good day. The only negative was the bus driver being pulled over for speeding in CT and getting an expensive traffic ticket.

Don Latter evidently got bitten by a deer tick, he came down with Lyme disease. He had serious bone & muscle pain for over 2 months, missed out on a trip to Toronto & our casino trip. He's on the mend though.

Happy anniversary to Liz & Joe Palmer. They also gave away a daughter to marriage.

Membership renewal applications for 2007 will be mailed shortly. Help your secretary, respond ASAP. A reminder, if you change your email or postal address, please advise me.

Calendar:

Dec. 13 - Christmas Party, Angelica's, Middleton MA

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Sept. 7, 23 Escapees gathered at P.F. Chang's Chinese Bistro hosted by Carol Shaffner. The food

& service were excellent as a young man named Nick did a remarkable job of waiting on a bunch of seniors. Lil Burger threatened to take him home with her! We welcomed for the first time this year Marge Nicholas & Shirley Furdak, however, we were saddened to learn Shirley lost her sister, Theresa, to Alzheimer's recently. Love & prayers to Shirley @ 22721 Law St., Dearborn, MI 48124-1088.

Oct 5, 21 Escapees, including special guests; Carol & Bob Faust, gathered at Bahama Breeze, hosted by Gloria Alexander. Gloria surprised all when she showed-up after advising that she would be a host in absentee, as she had completely forgot she signed up last Jan. & planned to leave town that morning. So someone volunteered to take the RSVP's for her. The day before our lunch she decided to leave later in the day. I advised there would be pay back time in the future, however son Sheldon, treated all with wonderful hors d'oeuvre, & all has been forgiven ... We also welcomed our newest Escapee, Judy Krantz (Barnes). Hope she makes us a habit.

Lastly, we were most saddened to learn that Pet Scans & detailed MRI's, showed that John LeRoy's tumor has returned in five places, so an operation is not an option. They have started intervenes with Avastin, a new medication that stops the growth of veins that feed the tumor, then he has an infusion of CPT11, which is stronger than Chemo. This will take about 6 hours, every 2 weeks. This was a real shock to us all, as his blood counts were the best they have been in a year plus he was feeling and looked wonderful. Our Love & Prayers for a speedy recovery to John @ 6911 Edwards Rd., Belleville, MI 48111-1135.

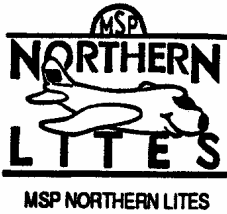
Also our Love & Prayers to Jo Madden, who broke her wrist - now unable to join us at the Loonies Affair. I'm not sure who is more disappointed, Jo or Joan or me.

Calendar:

1st Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

*If you think nobody cares about
you, try missing a couple of
mortgage payments.*

MINNESOTA



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30 of us met for lunch on a beautiful Sept. day. True to form, Minnesota's storied weather always keeps us alert at this time of year. We can have frost in the morning & 80 degrees by 3pm, but then, that's what makes us a tough breed. Around here, we must be flexible so that we can deal with WHATEVER Ma Nature throws our way.

We need to add Janet Meyer & her family to the prayer chain: her Mom has suffered a broken wrist & broken hip in separate falls. We all know that Jan & Dick have a lot on their plates right now.

Gene & Cookie Delvaux are out cruising again, & I don't mean in their '52 Olds. If those two can't be reached, it's usually because they're out floating around on some big water somewhere, having the time of their lives.

If you're interested in the "Happenings" book of things to do at a discount, contact Arlene Kelley @ (218) 879-6171. She can get them for \$30.

Our regional director, Carol Faust, is planning to join us for lunch this month, depending on the load factors out of O'Hare. By Nov., they've usually settled down so it's not so difficult for her to get on a flight. Hopefully.

Once again, there were a crowd of us who joined the Northwoods Loonies for their Autumn gathering. This time we met in Door County, WI for good eats, good fellowship & a great time. Sure is nice of them to include us.

Seems that SOME airlines aren't feeling the pinch; Boeing has a backlog of 1400 orders for aircraft...

Calendar:

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



NEVADA

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 30 attendees at our Sept. meeting for the first time at the Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia Street. The overall comments were positive so we will meet there again in Oct.

At our next meeting we hope to have Patrick Flanagan, son of Pat & Janet Flanagan & candidate for Judge in Washoe County, maybe present to give a brief talk.

Retirees are eligible for a 20% discount on regular UA fares. Present your picture ID to an agent at the ticket counter & mention code fare – S*PMO/EMP20.

We were sorry to hear that Jim Hellmer is hospitalized. A best wishes card will be sent to him on behalf of the membership. Claudia Taylor, whom some of our members worked with & for in the Engine Shop in SFO, is also not well. A card will also be sent to her. Mary Withers is on her cruise.

Our Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Dec. 11. Social hour at 12 noon, with lunch following at 12:30. The membership at today's meeting agreed to once again collect food for the Food Bank at this year's party.

THANK YOU TO JOHN BROWN FOR PRODUCING THE SIERRA ROUNDUP NEWSLETTER FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS.

NEW JERSEY

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The Gardenstaters met on Sept. 27 at The Willows Restaurant. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting welcoming everyone back since the reno-

vations at the restaurant. A moment of silence was held for Larry Clark, deceased Aug. 15, Mario Bummara, deceased Sept. 1 & Kenny McIntyre, deceased Sept. 15. A thank you card was received from the Clark & Bummara family. Since the restaurant had an increase in the cost of the luncheon, several restaurants were checked & none would offer a luncheon for \$15.00. Anyone who would like to check a restaurant, please let Pres. Confer know of results.

A group of 6 attended the memorial service for Flight 93, there are 2 memorials, one is in the place of the actual crash, each name was called out. The flight attendants have a separate memorial & the Newark Flight Attendants are the ones responsible for the memorial in honor of the Pilots & the Flight Attendants on Flight 93. "40 people gave up their lives so we could be free".

Sacramento, CA will be the place for next years RUAEA Convention. Hotel will be \$99.00 per night plus tax. 15 airlines go into Sacramento.

Toys for tots donated the cups on the tables, thanks to Jerry Confer.

Treas.' report was made by John Murphy & the minutes were read by Violet Etler.

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

Sept.13, 26 Buffalo Chips met at LeBella Sicilia for a dinner of Pizza, Chicken Wings, Antipasto, Lasagna, Ziti w/sauce & a choice of Dessert Cannoli or Cheese Cake. Everyone had more than enough to eat, what was left on the buffet table was packed in boxes for use at home on a later date.

Mike Keller was saying his goodbyes, he plans on being in his winter home in Corpus Christi before the snow flies. Sick Call: Joyce Izydorczak, looking exceptionally trim, was moving very well with her cane & foot in a medical boot. She will have surgery in mid Oct. at the Cleveland Clinic, CLE, OH. Norine Andrews fell leaving her house & has a broken ankle. She is recovering at home.

Highlight of the evening was helping Flo Peck

celebrate her 90th birthday. A large birthday cake was added to the dessert table. We all should be able to get around & look as good as Flo. Our next meeting will be Dec. 1st, at the Millenium Hotel (Formerly Sheraton) on Waldon Ave. Cheektowaga. This will be a joint meeting with the working staff at Buffalo. Details will be published about Nov. 1st.



NEW YORK METROS

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Our monthly meeting started after the members finished their coffee & desserts, at the Asian Buffet, in Hicksville.

We had 58 members standing for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & a moment of silence for Mary Butera, who passed on in Sept. Mary worked for United Airlines as a secretary at LaGuardia Airport when she met & married John Butera, an A&P mechanic, later supervisor. "A marriage made in heaven". The Metros send their condolences to John, his children & grandchildren.

Dan Duran celebrates his birthday on Oct. 15th he's _ _ years old. Dan is shy!

Eight couples have anniversaries in Oct. but, 3 of them have over 50 years of togetherness:

- ➔ Joan & Dave Curtin married 52 years on 10/3
- ➔ Rose & Mike Maddi together 54 years on 10/25
- ➔ Pat & Bob Gilson became one 54 years ago on 10/25

Welcome back Yetta Sank & Lou Ricci!

The Arthur Shepherd President's award for this year goes to Rose Totaro for her out standing work for the New York Metros. She stepped up when our dear friend, Martha Mongelli became too ill to continue the 50/50 & our "Sunshine Club". Good choice New York Metros!

Charlie Kaczinski was re-elected as VP & Paul Cohen continues to collect the yearly chapter dues & finances as Treas. for another 2 years.

Sorry to say Cassie's Manelski's nephew Joe Tereshinski, quarterback for the Georgia "Bulldogs" has been injured at his first game.

Charlie Kaczinski informed the chapter that the United Airlines medical facilities at JFK will be closing, there's a good possibility that United is giving up Hangar 19 JFK also. What will happen to United's contract work?

The Metros will start collecting toys for the Marathon School Christmas party at Nov. & Dec. meetings. The METROS along with IAM local lodge 1322 sponsor the annual Christmas party for physically & mentally challenged students.

Please notify Rose Totaro and/or Dee Talochino if you're attending the Metros annual Christmas Party at the Millerridge Inn. \$25 P/P.

Calendar:

Nov. 1 - 12 noon Asian Buffet, Hicksville, N.Y.

Dec. 6 - 12 noon Millerridge Inn, Jericho, N.Y.

Jan. 3, - 12 noon Asian Buffet, Hicksville, N.Y.

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The trip to "The Wilds" slated for Oct. 18 was cancelled due to lack of participation. The next luncheon is scheduled for Nov. 1 at Maya Mexican restaurant.

The holidays are fast approaching. This year has flown by. Remember that our Christmas party will be held on Dec. 6. Send your reservation to Dave/Marie Placko.

We still need a host/hostess for the month of April (2007). If you are willing to volunteer, please contact one of the officers.

Calendar:

Dec. 6 - Christmas Party, Copper Top at Cherokee Hills, Valley City. Dinner served in the Panoramic Banquet Room Upstairs. There is an elevator available. Pre-paid.



*Money isn't everything, but it sure
keeps the kids in touch.*

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Someone told me that once you have a computer your life changes. No more telephone calls (that's not true as my friends will tell you) or penning letters as you rely on e-mail to correspond & set up meetings, dates, etc. I find myself without a computer this month as my new one failed - must be replaced, so this column is being typed the old fashioned way.

It was disappointing to see only 68 at our Sept. meeting. Our northwest weather has been ideal so probably a lot of our members were off taking advantage of the sunny days.

I will report in Dec. the results of the election of new officers for 2007/2008 held at the Oct. meeting.

Our condolences to the family of Lloyd Duncan who died on Aug. 31. He worked as a storekeeper at PDX for over 30 years.

Congratulations to the Dew-er's for sending the most memorabilia to the UAL Historical Foundation last month.

Anniversaries in Sept. were Mary Lou & Chuck Falbo married 55 years and Irma & Harvey Larkin married 56 years. Congratulations!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the devastating accident of George Weseman of SEA as his family & ours have been friends for years. Duane & George formed a friendship when he worked in PDX; I have been in constant contact with his wife Mary. George has many friends in the area, I know that everyone is praying for his recovery.

Joan & Eric Brotherton want everyone to know their health is keeping them from attending our meetings, they miss seeing all of their UAL friends.

For all of you that enjoy making desserts please bring one to our Thanksgiving luncheon & please remember to bring a contribution for the food basket.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Mon/Wed/Fri tel# (503) 249-4142 & 249-

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Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave. Portland OR unless noted otherwise

Nov. 8 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

Dec. 13 - Christmas Dinner

Jan. 10 - TBA

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It has been widely speculated that Robert & Judy Machado have a solid “in” with the local weathercasters. Robert & Judy hosted OUR Club’s annual picnic on Sept. 8, & the day couldn’t have been more perfect. There were 22 in attendance, we were very pleased to welcome RUAEA Northwest Region Director Jack Hooper & his wife, Nancy, from Washougal, WA & past Northwest Director Tom Harvey & his wife, Pat, from Portland, OR. The picnic was held at Tom Pearce Park along the rural banks of the Rogue River. After a delicious lunch catered by an on-site barbecue team, we were all interested to hear Jack’s report on RUAEA national happenings. Everyone enjoyed Jack’s update as well as the Hoopers’ & Harveys’ company, we very much appreciated their making the lengthy drive down to join us. Lori Patch of Start Making A Reader Today also gave an interesting presentation on the statewide SMART program, which provides one-on-one reading mentoring with students in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

On the business side, a slate of officers for 2007 was nominated. Details will follow after elections in Dec. The members also discussed the chapter’s designated charity & various charitable donations.

Marge Calkins will be hosting the Oct. 6 luncheon at a new restaurant in the area, Tacos Locos. Social hour & luncheon will begin at noon.

Calendar:

Nov. 3 - TBA hosted by Doe Pope

Dec. 1 - TBA

Jan. 5 - TBA hosted by Lorraine & David Presley

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The executive committee met at Kathy & Al Edwards to discuss the upcoming season. We decided to make our Oct. meeting a “Welcome back” meeting. Instead of a speaker, we will have a Bingo game with prizes. For the Nov. meeting we will bring items for the Veterans Home. This year we will again be sending packages to some of our military serving in Iraq.

Past Treas. Frank Eggles, gave a report on the trip to the Flight 93 memorial Services on Sept. 10. 2 retirees from SFO, Mary Hill & Amiera Pilgrim joined the Independents, had the privilege of meeting & talking to the pilot’s brother.

Frank reported that the memorial was very touching. There were plaques for the crew & passengers. There were also flowers, photographs & rosary beads. The chain link wall was covered with mementos, shirts, hats, badges, flags, ball caps, angels, patches plus much, much more. Dick DeVinney & Joe Brad attached a United Airlines plate to the wall.

Joe Brad met & spoke with the farmer who watched the plane come down, nose first then flip over. It certainly had an effect on everyone who spoke with a person who had witnessed the crash.

After visiting the memorial, they went to the Chapel, about 15 minutes away. This was very emotional as the shrine housed pictures, histories of passengers & crew. One painting depicted a cloud showing God’s hands reaching out to bring the 4 airplanes into His arms. Outside stands a black marble octagon with an airplane on top. The face of each crew member is etched into the marble with their date of birth. It is surrounded with four marble benches with the passenger names etched into



the marble. Frank & Marge Eggles both agreed that it was a very moving & emotional experience.

2nd Report:

30 retirees came out for the 1st meeting of the fall/winter season. We did not schedule a speaker for this meeting so that everyone could "catch up" after the summer.

Pres. Joe Brad opened the meeting by offering a blessing before lunch. We remembered all those who perished on 9/11 & the retirees we've lost since our last meeting: Joe Romano, Rose Bonino (Vince's wife) & Joe Gavin (Polly's husband).

Other news included Jim & Chris Gallagher moving to Exton, PA, Bill Wick moving to Hatboro, PA. & the retirement of Bill Carman & Jan Serpaco.

Past Pres. Jim Fanto is caring for his wife, Barbara. Barbara is still paralyzed from the waist down. I'm sure they would appreciate a card & your prayers.

Joe Brad & Frank Eggles reviewed the trip to Shanksville. There were 15 people, including 2 members from SFO, that traveled by van to attend the flight 93 services. All proceeds from our 50/50 drawings this year will be sent to help build that memorial.

We played 4 exciting games of Bingo. Winners included: Marge Eggles, Bernie McNamee, Walt Sondheim & Karen Fox.

Nov. meeting will feature a Health Clown as the speaker. Bring canned goods to the Nov. meeting & a parcel for soldiers in Iraq.

Calendar:

Nov. 13 - General meeting, 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn

Oct. 30 - Committee Meeting, 12:30PM at the Edwards'

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Happy Thanksgiving to all. Next we will be singing Christmas carols. 25 members enjoyed a delicious luncheon at the Oct. meeting hosted by

Margie Corrigan. Margie did a great job with the fall decor & door prizes, how great to see Russ Miller (Johnny Carson) all the way from Walnut Creek, CA accompanied by our own John (Black Cloud) Knezevich. Our DEN commuter Mac Crampton flew in for the luncheon. We were certainly pleased to see Tom & Sandy Malley in from Tionesta amid all the construction, along with Harry & Betty Shirley. We welcomed back into the fold Joanie Trombetta who managed to get the day off; the chapter welcomed 1st timer Angellica Angel (Angel) former PITCS & EWRCS.

Loose change was collected for the Shanksville memorial which will be matched by the local chapter. Treatie Karwoski took the food items donated by the members to her local food bank.

Our condolences to Henry (Hank) Cianciosi on the recent loss of his brother, cards can be sent to 3724 Dawson St, PIT, PA 15213.

Sorry to report the passing of Stan Sterba former PITMM. Our condolences to Lucille. Cards can be sent to the family at 834 Washington Ave., Apt 402, Carnegie, PA 15106.

Best wishes & prayers to our Past Pres. & official "tour conductor" Lou Kroeck. Lou suffered a stroke, now is recuperating at Hamerville South Rehab. Cards would be welcomed at 1494 Oak Ave., Glenshaw, PA 15116.

Condolences also to our Pres. Barb Seaholm on the passing of her sister, Barb's address 1469 Daleland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

Our best wishes to Jim Doolan who is recuperating from heart valve surgery.

Calendar:

Dec. 8 - Christmas Luncheon & Election of officers.

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24 members & guests traveled to the Garden Restaurant at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo for our meeting on Sept. 21. The old Terminal Station for

the railroad has been converted into the main lobby of the hotel. Our hosts, Cecil & Rachel Adkins welcomed us to lunch with a "special treat" of Moon Pies which are made in Chattanooga. Nancy Krop was back with us after her stay in the hospital. We were also happy to see 90 year old Eleanor Taber & her daughter. In our prayers are Terry Taylor who has recently been diagnosed with lymphoma, Phyllis Dale, Jim Jesky who is in a wheelchair & not able to come to our meetings & Ron Madsen from UAL's Training Center. We decided our charitable donations this year would be \$50 to the Knox County United Way & \$50 to the Loudon County United Way. Cecil & several of our members told amusing stories about flying into Chattanooga & being stationed here. Cecil then gave us highlights of things to see while we are here. Betty Shipe's friend Bill Snyder who is the organist at the Tennessee Theater, he will give us a tour of the renovated theater after our Nov. luncheon and meeting. The Adkins provided door prizes with a Grand Prize of a bottle of wine from Clarksville, TN. They have also invited us to take a road trip next Sept. to Clarksville for our meeting. Everyone is reminded that Nov. is dues month. The signup sheet for our 2007 meetings will also be available at this meeting.

Calendar:

Nov. 16 - 12:30 EST. Betty Shipe (865-922-3858) is our host. We will tour the Tennessee Theater. Lunch location to be determined.

Dec. 21 - 9:30 EST, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Jan. 18 - 12:30 EST. Lunch to be hosted by Jackye & Don Jeacock (865-995-9367). Meeting theme will be "Antiques". Further details to be announced.

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On Sept. 20, 17 chapter



members met at the Murray Heritage Center for coffee & donuts. It rained, but the retirees who came to the Center enjoyed each other's company, according to note-taker Sandy Cantonwine who stepped in for the regular correspondent who was conventioning at the Clipped Wings DEN Convention at the Brown Palace.

Sandy's notes show that the group welcomed Mike Brown (a.k.a. "Santa Claus"); Clair Anderson; Doug Roberts; Pete Loyola; Aletha Cannon with daughter Shirlene - & a new visitor: Bob Killian. Welcome, Bob! We hope you will come more often; it's fun to reminisce about the Olden, Golden Times we all had with United!

Chapter Pres. Doug Peterson reminded us to mark the Dec. 6 for our potluck Christmas lunch at Lila Maughan's condo community center. Lila did not attend the last meeting; it is hoped she is well.

Chester "Chet" Woolley died on 8/27/2006 at the age of 91. His wife Vi is in very frail health. Sandy Cantonwine & the Murdocks were at Chet's viewing. -- Kay Nelson mentioned that Byron "Bud" Nelson is now residing at a healthcare center where she is spending most of her time with him, grateful for the facility personnel's able help. Recently, Wes Ebert of Graham, WA, called the chapter secy. to get the Nelson's tel.#: Wes had worked many years with Bud. It's always rewarding to learn that our national newsletter can bring again former coworkers together - if only by telephone!

Bernadean "Tiger" Weiss had promised to visit our chapter after she had moved from CA to UT, however, without a car to take her to our meeting, we never met her. A few weeks ago, she fell & broke her ankle; while it was healing, she kept in touch with the chapter secy. to whom she related recently that she would be moving to OK. We are sorry we never got to know Bernadean.

As usual, Frank Murdock's Alaska trip was very enjoyable; he caught a small mess of fish; however, the salmon run was not as plentiful as it had been in previous years.

As mentioned earlier in the report, Sandy Cantonwine was nice enough to gather chapter news items for this report. Thank you, Sandy!

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Calendar:

Nov. 15 - Coffee - 10am, Murray Heritage Ctr.

Dec. 6 - Potluck Christmas lunch, 12noon - Cornerstone Comm. Ctr., S. Jordan.

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The Blue Ridge Chapter met for their annual picnic Sept. 15 with 15 present at Stuarts Draft Park. We thank Margaret & Jim Sarsfield for hosting our picnic & making all arrangements for the park use, food & giving us good directions. It was wonderful of them & enjoyed by all.

We were glad to have Catherine Calvert's sister & husband, Ruth & Robert Bandy as guests. We had a very nice meal with dishes from everyone, drinks & desserts & a lovely pleasant day for our picnic.

We were sorry the Milton Westovers were unable to join us due to the loss of their daughter in an accident. We extend our sympathies to the family. Cards were sent.

During the meeting Bob Carter gave us more details he learned about the life insurance for retirees as it affects most of us. Bob also shared some of his pictures of his son's inventions which have been so successful they will be on the market soon. The Carters are very proud of him indeed!

Our Activities Chairman, John Rice, is working on plans for our Dec. Christmas meeting which will be announced later. It was decided to discontinue meetings from Dec. to April 2007 due to the weather since we had several cancellations last winter.

Calendar:

Dec. - Meeting to be announced.



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After 3 months of no meetings, the Seagulls opened their new season with 15 members including guest - daughter of Pat Gieger & Robbie Williams. Allen Wright was welcomed back after not attending for awhile. Bill Lawrence was sent get-well card. He has been moved to assisted living home.

A memorial mass for past member Claire Karlson was given this past summer. Vi Hildebrand opened the meeting with events that happened this past summer. Hosting the luncheon was Vi with floral displays won by Bobbie Williams, Dick Temple & Mario Quaglietta. Jokes told by passing around new cartoon showing naked passenger obeying new boarding restrictions.

Next month's luncheon promises to be a large one because of long time members attendance. Bob & Barbara Collins will host.

We meet the 3rd Thurs. of every month except June-July-Aug. If interested to attend, please contact Vi Hildebrand at (757) 482-3445.

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The 1st luncheon of the RUAEA year boasted over 90 members & guests in attendance.

Pres. David Cox announced that he would not run for office again. David has Leukemia; while the prognosis is positive, his energy & time are both being zapped by the prescribed treatments. So, the big question in our unit right now is "Who will succeed David as Pres.?" It is a big job, David has done it so well for so long that everyone is hesitant to take on such a huge commitment. David started with a big advantage: Tina. (There are a few members that have expressed interest in being

David's successor, but only if Tina is part of the deal.)

This reporter was not in attendance. Jennifer (retired DCASW) & her husband Ron Florence, my husband, Dan Per-Lee, & I were touring Ireland. Ireland is such a beautiful country. We were in Dublin for 2 nights, Killarney for 7 nights, Shannon for 1 night. We flew United from IAD to LHR. We left on Sept 12, which was a bad move. No one wanted to fly on Sept 11, so EVERYONE was there on the 12th. An Interliner's worst nightmare: We flew COACH to LHR. LHR & IAD both are nightmares right now. The security is stringent; the lines are L-O-N-G. We flew Aer Lingus from LHR to Dublin; our return was from Shannon to LHR. The tickets on Aer Lingus were only \$34 - round trip.... The taxes, however, were higher. A round trip ticket to Ireland came to \$142. The people in Ireland are wonderful. If you like your food relatively bland (which I do) the food is wonderful. Fresh fish is the main draw next to the stews of potatoes & lamb. The countryside is beautiful. The country has become very prosperous though & the Euro is stronger than the dollar, so there were no "deals." One goes to Ireland these days because one loves Ireland.

Dutch (Ramp SVC IAD) & Kerrie Schneider (Credit Union IAD) were not at the meeting either. You must be tired of hearing about these two (They are ALWAYS traveling.) They planned to go to Bermuda but went to the Bahamas instead because of the hurricanes that were blowing in that direction. They had a great holiday.

Sadly, The Loungers must inform you of the loss of Jessma Hoerdeggen (retired reservations). On Aug 19, Jessma passed away. Her husband, Sepp, had her buried in Dillgen, Germany. Sepp's address is 2504 Childs Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308.

Bud Bowers is on the mend after a very serious surgery for a brain tumor. He is home now, the prognosis is very good. His address is 1104 Granby Court Reston, VA 20191.

Cards will be welcomed by Don Farry who has recently moved to 2033 Duck Haven Ave SW, Supply, NC 28462. Don was a very active member of the loungers until his health started to fail him & he moved to NC. He has just recently had some very serious surgery.

Jan Hooe would love to hear good wishes while

she recuperates from breast cancer. Her address is 6112 Rivanna Dr., Springfield, VA 22150. She is now undergoing chemotherapy & radiation.

George Paul seems to be doing better but his back problems persist. His address is 6637 Spring Valley Dr., Alexandria, VA 22312.

Our hearts also go to Sheila Mitchell. I do not have her address at this writing but if you wish to send her a card just contact me at my address or email. Sheila has taken a few really bad falls; they have placed her overall health at serious risk.

Calendar:

Dulles Loungers meeting at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA the 1st Wed. of the month.

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



John O. Mayer, 1173 Granada Ave., Casper, WY 82601

We were at a car show at Pleasanton, CA, 25 miles east of SFO. It was a Good Guys Street Rod event.

There was a vintage UAL support truck from the late 1930s, all fixed up & looking just great (1937 Chevy). The Maintenance employees had found it in UA old hangar before it was torn down, they restored it on their own time & money. I wish I'd gotten their names. What I was wondering if the newsletter might put some of the Bay Area retirees on a project to do a small article for the publication.

I'm enclosing a picture for you as I think you folks will enjoy seeing it as I did.



P.S. Several retired employees said the truck was an ice truck to keep DC-3's cool in Reno.

Marlene & Mel Manning, 547 S. Cincinnati Ave., Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215

Time to thank you once again for keeping us up-to-date with UAL et al. It's hard to realize that Mel has been retired for 10 years. After 43 years with UAL he retired June of '96, then was diagnosed with 'AD' in 2000. We are lucky – it is the "slow moving" kind so he can still drive & take care of himself. What's missing is memories of yesterday.

We attend several meetings a year with the Independents in Philadelphia but we live in South New Jersey.

We look forward to the newsletter - its personal information & recommendations. Keep it coming.

H. Darby Hench, 6240 Wilson Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Happy My 65th (Ouch) to everyone! Many thanks to all for all your wonderful work. Believe me, it is truly appreciated. Hopefully this brief note finds everyone safe, happy & healthy.

Muriel Bergsma, 2809 N. Dutch Circle, McHenry, IL 60050

This has been another busy year in the Bergsma household. Ken underwent spinal surgery in March, now is “reinforced” with approximately 6” of titanium rod & 8 screws in his back. He isn’t aging as gracefully as he has hoped, but is a very fortunate man with very little, if any discomfort. He’s now getting ready for the winter ski season ahead, with the blessings of his neurosurgeon. God has truly blessed us.

Didn’t make the entire Washington RUAEA Convention this year, but made the last 3 days – the most important being Sat. when I won the 50/50 drawing for a grand prize of \$315. I ALMOST feel guilty, since this is the second 50/50 drawing I have won at a convention, however, the guilt didn’t force me to return the money!

We look forward to next year’s convention in Sacramento. Accolades to Jo Madden & her staff for their excellent & demanding job. This means of keeping apprised of our “family” members is much appreciated.

Jerry Schultz, 5425 Keswick Ct., Avon, IN 46123

I am beginning my 4th year of retirement. I started my career with United in Kansas City in Customer Service in 1976 when United was expanding operations at smaller stations. With the change to spoke & hub flying in the early ‘70s, operations in KC were down-sized; I transferred to the purchasing dept. in SFO. In 1994 I moved to Indianapolis as a buyer when the maintenance base was opened, retired in 2003 after it was closed.

Since retiring I keep busy by volunteering my time & “talents” to several organizations. During the building season I work with a group of retirees building Habitat houses. I volunteer at the local “soup kitchen” & at my church on various maintenance projects. I also work on my “honey do” list, work out at the local fitness gym 3 times a week, read & try to work in an afternoon nap!

Thanks to the staff for all of your efforts to put together the Newsletter. I enjoy reading about the many folks that I have known & worked with dur-

ing my career at United.

Thank you for a job well done.

Charley L. Grant, PO Box 434, Sedalia, CO 80135

Almost forgot even with the “Red Reminder”. We certainly enjoy your hard work.

I’m doing pretty good after having a heart attack which was a blessing in disguise, as at that time they found I had lung cancer.

Had a great time at the convention & looking forward to Sacramento.

Dolores Steger, 818 Maplewood Ave., Kent, WA 98030

Went to Washington DC convention – enjoyed the tours provided. The accommodations were great. Foods were outstanding.

Enjoy your monthly newsletter.

JoAnn A. Mochinal, 2985 Franklin Oaks Drive, Oak Hill, VA 20171

Thanks so much for another fine year of newsletter & for the hard work you all do. I greatly enjoy being able to keep up with our company because of your kind efforts.

Geri Wimshurst, 22757 Sheridan, Dearborn, MI 48128

Retirement is wonderful - I miss all the fabulous people, but nothing else. I love the freedom, of doing whatever I wish, whenever the opportunity arises! Friends, family, grandchildren, travel & hobbies now fill my days.

I enjoy receiving the newsletter & hearing about my United family. If it wasn’t, for the wonderful volunteers, we would all, be in the dark, regarding our company. Thank you, for all your hard work & dedication. My best wishes to all of you.

Tarina F. Murray, 7619 S. Vitoria Ave., Inglewood, CA 90305

My how time flies. We had a very busy summer. It started with a family reunion in Cincinnati for 5 days. Came home only to change luggage, off to Orlando, cruise the Bahamas, then a few days in Miami. Next we went to Jamaica. We flew home for a few days then off to Palm Springs. By this time my husband said he had enough so we canceled the camping trip to Yosemite. Instead my

granddaughter & I went to Raleigh, NC. Last week my husband Charles & I drove to Monterey for the Jazz festival. I am looking forward to the trip with the Re-Laxers to Palm Springs in Oct. also another cruise with my husband in Nov. Thank goodness I'm retired & have my flight benefits. I hardly ever have problems standing by for flights.

Bernard "Bud" Simon, 836 Burns Court, Pacifica, CA 94044-2908

Although my DOB is in July & I am a Life Member, I have waited to contribute until now, because I didn't have anything about which to write.

As member of the "Marine Bombers" I went to Quantico, VA on Sept. 18 to attend a reunion of mostly WWII & Korea veterans at the Crossroads Inn on the US Marine Base. Among the people I met was Charley Kaczinski, former Marine & RUAEA member from JFK. We reminisced about the old days at United, the people we knew including Lou Schroeder & Frank Hagany. Charley & George Hume, who died this year, were 2 of the most competent aircraft mechanics of any airline. As trouble shooters they were sent on emergencies everywhere, occasionally their tool boxes bumped full fare passengers from a flight.

At the reunion we were scheduled to go into Washington DC to ride the "red trolley" & see all the salient places, but the 7:00 AM commuter train broke down between stations so we finally arrived back at the base in a bus at 2:15 PM. Most of us were put in the "SILENT" railroad car which 80 to 100 people rode & were not allowed to talk or even whisper! Can you imagine what it was like when the lights & air conditioner went off while the car was standing still? For the first couple of hours you could have heard a pin drop. It was the eerie railroad!

Things got better although some of the events were cancelled as assigned personnel got their orders & moved out. We got to inspect the Helicopters - but not the one for the president which sits alone in a large hangar guarded by several Marines. The FBI academy shares a portion of Quantico base; we were given an escorted tour of the facilities. With a fine banquet at the officers club we ended an interesting & pleasant reunion.

Bill E. Bennett, 2171 W. Williams Ave., PMB 223, Fallon, NV 89406-2612

A BIG-BIG thank you for publishing the names of "un-cashed checks" regarding medical program rebated in the Sept. Newsletter. I checked the list - found my name, called & was told a check had been mailed to me - at a very old address. I didn't even realize I had money coming! So a stop payment was made on the original check. I have since received a replacement check. A real appreciated service of RUAEA.

Have sort of gotten back into an old hobby of slide shows - used to be tape/slide shows with 35mm slides & taped narration, now do it on the computer - burn on DVD. Am working with our local museum on a series of short educational shows for them. Their script & their narration - I just put it together. Enjoying doing something productive again. Also have been scanning some of my 35mm slides also re-recording old shows on DVD.

Ron & Barbara Bertacini, 1656 Krpan Drive, Roseville, CA 95747

Well it is time to renew another year for both Barbara & me. Retirement has been good & very busy. Our first convention was 10 years ago in PHX which was great. We have attended all of the conventions since then - enjoyed each one. It is always good to see co-workers & friends from the past. Over those years we have enjoyed the tours & entertainment at each convention. Now we have the opportunity to be directly involved in the planning of the next convention. Little did I know 10 years ago that I would now be heading the planning group for the 2007 Convention in Sacramento. We have a great team in place, they are coming up with ideas to make this a memorable convention.

RUAEA has been a wonderful organization to belong to ... The monthly newsletter keeps getting better each month, thanks to a dedicated staff. Also the website with its new enhancements is better than ever. For those folks without computer access you are missing out on a lot of good information that can help you through your retirement years. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible in SAC during the May 27 through June 2 Convention 2007 ...

Donna Klobe, 4058 Alla Road, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Thank you again for your dedication to the

newsletter.

We had a wonderful visit, meeting new people on your staff & seeing those of you that we know.

I am secretly envious of you in producing our newsletter. In high school I was Associate Editor of our school newspaper - loved it! I would really love to be part of your team. The commute is a little long!

Your operation is very impressive, we are truly grateful to all.

S. P. Rice, Jr., 4137 Mill Creek Road, Haymarket, VA 20169

Greeting from Haymarket, Virginia!

Can't believe another year has passed. It has been 13 years 7 months since I retired. All this time I've looked forward each month for news provided by you great folks in DEN. Thanks, Jo, to you and the staff for all the work & dedication it takes to produce the newsletter.

Harris Freihon, 1060 Johnson Ave., San Diego, CA 92103

My memory must be getting weak because I forgot to send my yearly check. I've been retired 19 years. We still enjoy sailing our boat except we like getting these young folks to go sailing with us as long as they help with the chores. The times we would go off for a long sailing trip is now limited to a lot of day sailing. Kathleen is still teaching at the university but that will end in 2 years. It's very interesting how one changes with age. Your body is showing signs but your mind refuses to accept that you're no longer the young charger. You attend some function - think some of these folks are looking old & then you look in the mirror, realize "I am one".

Ernestine F. Manzo, 303 Henry St., Fairview, NJ 07022

Thanks for the "red stamp" reminder. Also, Kudos to Board members on the great work in putting together the newsletter. It keeps us "united" in what is happening to members all around the country.

Valerie Alexander, 131 Madison Ave., Masetown, PA 15461-2529

How time seems to fly, after retirement!

When we are working - the years and days - go

so slowly - and we are constantly counting the years till the big day arrives (retirement).

Now we wonder where the time & days have gone - can't believe it's over 10 years for me!

Jean R. Fraher, 420 E. Oakwood Dr., Barrington, IL 60010

Sorry I missed my birthday month. Busy doing some art fairs.

Had a great painting trip to Italy last Oct. 6.

I do enjoy the newsletter. Thanks for all your hard work.

Barbara Fiske, 1353 Taft Ct., Loveland, CO 80537

Just a note to say Hi & let you know I have moved to Loveland. The mailing were almost always on "Share Colorado" distribution weeks.

Finally retired after 17 years. Sure miss seeing everyone. I know what a job it was to get that newsletter out. Wonderful people to work with & fun.

I'll be in WYO for the buffalo roundup in Nov.

Chris McCarthy, 6969 Petersen Rd., Petaluma, CA 94952-9733

Hi to all retirees & RUAEA staff - while celebrating upcoming 81st birthday by changing brake pads on my car, got to thinking "Aren't I getting a little old for this?" Guess not! Still able to remember to thank you guys & to pay my dues to a great newsletter group.

I am also guessing that "old aircraft mechanics never die"; but that they would just rust away without the "WD-40" of great UAL memories. It has been a great (but sometimes bumpy) flight thus far.

Happy flying to all, see you in Sacramento.

Yvonne (Bonnie) Blair, 1040 Cuesta Dr., Mountain View, CA 94040

Appreciate all your efforts to inform us Retirees & Spouses of the updates on UAL.

Lost my husband, Tom Blair - SFO, 1948-1984, last year - 1/05, still really miss him. Also, in May '05, our youngest daughter was diagnosed with cancer, so I was busy with her & family. Those X-Ray treatments & chemo are awful! She now was given the OK to go back to teaching. Thank God & modern improvements.

I'm now getting back into the swing of things.

Looking forward to more trips as I do enjoy seeing the world & its many people.

Did love the email from Linda Fredrick in the March '06 newsletter. Found it very uplifting & inspiring. We were always proud of being part of United Airlines.

Frank A. Minnick, 642 Ventura Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403

Received your newsletter reminding me to send in my dues. When I get that red stamp it also tells me I'm a year older.

Been retired now for 12½ yrs. & have enjoyed every minute of it.

Don't know if you have been informed or not but a good friend of mine who worked at United for 30 yrs. passed away April 14, 2006. His name is Marlin Merrel. I have not seen his name in the Obituary. He worked for Capital in Washington, D.C. & SFO.

Keep up the good work as I look forward to receiving your newsletter.

Lloyd G. Norton, 2551 Cryer St., Hayward, CA 94545

The Red Stamp got me.

I have now been retired for 25 years. Worked for 35. Going to get my moneys worth out of retirement.

Juanita & I are still in good health. Have slowed down, don't travel much any more.

We still live in the home that we bought in 1958. It's worth more now. Still have the home we built in Arnold, CA. Don't use it as much as we used to.

We enjoy the newsletter although find less & less names that I know.

Anne Jones, 3445 Clay St., San Francisco, CA 94118

Here's another one - Oh Boy! I'm calling it 27 this time. The years get better.

Going to India in Nov. on Air India - am paying full freights but I want to get there with the group.

Thanks for all the great work you do.

P.S. Great JFK reunion last April.

Jan Jamison, 2921 Espana Court, Fairfax, VA 22031

My determination to beat that ominous red

stamp was undermined somewhat by procrastination. Here's my donation & hope it's not too late to miss a publication.

After a career spanning 42+ years in several department - Operations, Sales, Public Relations, Government Affairs, Inflight, Reservations & City Ticket Office in the NY & DC area also DTW (excludes 8 weeks at the Flight Kitchen in BOS helping to fulfill contracts during a UA strike, DEN Inflight crew desk following another strike), you can imagine my path crossed with many prior to retiring in 2002. It's so good to read the newsletter & see names I recognize all over the country. I encourage the correspondents to include more - not necessarily just sick lists.

Having said that, I missed the convention here in DC due to my own chemo treatment schedule. I'm doing well, having nearly completed 7 months of it. I hope to regain a more normal life come Oct. or so. Tip: Don't put off that colonoscopy - I had no symptoms!

Thanks to all the RUAEA staff & correspondents. You do a great job of keeping us informed & connected.

Joseph M. Scott, 6313 Grants Dr., N.E., Rio Grande, NM 87144

We are living in NM now, but will be changing address in the near future. Our house is being built, when finished will send new address.

We do want to receive the newsletter. Both Emily & I are doing just fine. Health pretty good.

Joe Svendsen, 5181 Sumac Ridge Dr., Yorba Linda, CA 92886

I guess it's that time again. The years seem to go faster & faster. Had my big 80th - still in good health. Have been doing some traveling now & then. Since I have a metal hip I give them (fits) at the Security check. I guess they are just doing their job. Hey some news, I am now a Great Grandpa. My granddaughter had a boy. Her husband is a Captain for Great Lakes Airlines. Also my grandson is a co-pilot for Great Lakes Airlines, they are based in DEN, so just can't get away from going back to DEN.

Thanks to all the folders & stuffers.

Lynn Kalweit, 1260 Larchmont Dr., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-4652

I don't have a computer, but I prefer the paper copy. I take it along in the car when my husband & I do our errands - read him parts of interest bit by bit, day by day, till we reach the end. (He's doing the driving, of course!) That way we can both discuss & enjoy the news.

Keep up the good work.

Jim Gerrity, 707 Slemmons Dr., Columbus, OH 43235

You people get better with age! Your work & dedication to keep the retirees informed is a five (5) star performance. As a care-giver to my wife of 57 years (Alzheimer's), our travel plans stopped a number of years ago, however, I still have a love affair with United & the many professional associates I encounter during approximately forty (40) years with a wonderful company.

Keeping us together, hopefully will communicate to the current employees how the foundation of this great company was built.

Helen M. Stinnett, P.O. Box 21765, Keizer, OR 97307-1765

My son Russell & I continued to visit the US Capitals by going to Madison, WI this spring. In Sept. we went to the "Land of Lincoln" in Springfield, IL, driving from there to Indianapolis, IN.

All of our trips were very enjoyable with no complaints regarding service, time arrival, etc.

Louise Appy, 1409 Walnut Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Still enjoying the newsletter, though recognizing fewer & fewer names. Could it be my fading memories? Will surely miss seeing Bob Griffin's cheery face around. We worked in same office at LAX 1950's!

Harry D. Caldwell, 100 Jacquier Court, Placerville, CA 95667

Enjoy the newsletter & the contribution made by all retirees. Thanks to all you folks in DEN & Officers who keep it going.

Jean & I really appreciate the travel privileges; use them often. It amazes me to no end how our present employers accommodate so many people, still show kindness & respect to retirees.

Just recently took my Granddaughter to Carlsbad, CA (SAC-LAX-CLD-LAX-SFO-SCA). We

left SAC at 9:35 a.m. & were back to SAC at 4:30 p.m. (same day). Unbelievable, agents, airplanes, pilots all just great.

Also, attended the Convention in Washington & a trip to CO for Jean's family reunion this year.

Enjoyed exchanging notes with Martha Sauerwine & Charlotte (Archer) Schultz from the ole DEN SP group. Hope to get together with those old "Geezers", Bob Gruitch & Dick Orleans soon.

Jean & I are very busy with the Buckboard Bunch Band. Housing Emergency Lodging Program (H.E.L.P.), SHARE Food Closet, Salvation Army, Church, etc.

Charles & Carolyn Simons, 423 N. MacArthur Dr., Palatine, IL 60074

My birthday is here (the red stamp can't be far behind), an auspicious year it is for us. Having reached the three-quarter century mark, 15 years of retirement & our 46th wedding anniversary, I can say that life is great with no regrets. After looking at downsizing to a condo for a number of years, we have made the decision to stay in our current home of 43 years.

The only bad year was 2004 when I had radiation seeds implanted for prostate cancer; Carolyn was in a major auto accident in GA, spending 21 days in the hospital & rehab center for back injuries. United helped by providing emergency transportation for which we are much appreciative.

Last Oct. we were on a 16 day cruise from SFO to Ft. Lauderdale through the Panama Canal to celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary. Fortunately we just missed the hurricane that hit FL the following week. In my early retirement years we enjoyed many one day & weekend trips to nearby cities, as well as longer trips overseas. For many years I was traveling 60-75 days a year, however, with air travel today, it's no fun anymore as many other people have found. We are thinking of taking the train from Toronto to Vancouver. This should be somewhat similar to the Australian Sydney to Perth 66 hour train trip we took years back. Also, giving some thought next summer of buying a bus pass & tour the USA. In any case, unless we are going somewhere for a couple weeks, we don't feel like going by air.

We have been involved for one or two days a week for the last 10 years at Roosevelt University Institute for Continued Learning. I just completed

coordinating a summer Classic Film Course also another one based on Nobel Peace Prize winners. Carolyn helped coordinate a Baseball Class, one on the funny blokes & ladies of British Comedy & an Oriental Brush Painting Class. I spend one afternoon each week at the O'Hare USO providing food & helping members of the military.

Many thanks to all those wonderful people who put out the Newsletter as well as all the Officers, past & present who give much of their time to our organization. Also, thanks to the volunteers of the local Chicago Skyliners for all their effort at maintaining a vibrant Chapter.

Betty H. Hopkins, 1514 North Patton Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Whoops! These birthdays creep up on us - but guess it's not late. I really enjoy the newsletter, would hate to miss it. There are so many great & informative letters. It is wonderful that you & your crew get it altogether for us.

Just had my 82nd birthday, I'm so fortunate to be in good health, enjoying golf twice a week, exercise class, bridge, canasta & just having a great time during my almost 20 years of retirement. Hard to believe it's been that many years. So glad United has come out of bankruptcy & things are looking up for the future.

Joseph E. Pero, 348 Orchard Grove Drive, Camden, DE 19934-4936

Always look forward to the next issue of the newsletter to keep up with what's happening inside UAL as well as those fellow retirees who "were" the airline.

Regards to all fellow retirees who might still remember me. Keep doing what you're doing, it's great.

Duane (Buck) M. Buckmaster, 17 Morningview Circle, Lake Oswego, OR 97035

To relieve a guilt attack I'm enclosing a few shekels for the mailing fund. When I bought into the life membership deal I really didn't expect to live this long.

A few highlights & lowlights from my 85th year soon ending:

I became a great grandfather, courtesy of granddaughter Kim & her husband. Luke Alexander Mason was born in Berlin where his parents live &

work. This boy is brilliant, obviously. It took him no time at all to learn to cry in German. He's a true citizen of the world, born in Germany with an English father & an American mother.

My longtime dream of catching a steelhead on a fly was realized when, fishing the Deschutes River, I had 3 strikes in one morning, landed 1 fish, a nice nine pounder. It did everything a steelhead is supposed to do, spectacular jumps, long fast runs. It really made my day.

I learned to kayak, great fun. See, you can teach an old dog new tricks. I have learned several new tricks, would tell you about them if I could only remember what they were.

Ran head on into Parkinson's Disease, which will now be an ongoing challenge. No one promised that this would be easy, right! Good doctors have been blessings.

Finally found it necessary to terminate my partnership in Handy Granddads, LLC. It was fun while it lasted. Our byline was "We'll do it yesterday ---- if we remember."

That's about it. Good to see names of old co-workers in a part of the newsletter other than the obits. (George Sainer, Herman Kline, John Champion among others).

Wish I would attend old timers reunion of ORDCS & OPB. These fine people taught me a lot about how to be a manager. If I'd been a better listener I could have learned a lot more than I did.

Dick Trout, 830 Garden Way, Ashland, OR 97520

It's great to get the Newsletter every month & to read about what's going on with some old friends - to find that so many of them are still around. It sits right by my Barca Lounger where I can reflect on the good ol' UAL years, before an afternoon nap. Been retired 19 years, after 9 years in SFO Passenger Service & 22 years in the computer division. Had two tours each of SFO, DEN & EXO, now am back in my home state of OR, which will not surprise any of my friends.

It's odd, but I can't recall one letter ever in the Newsletter from a CCS person. Probably one reason why my (in progress) memoirs only deal with the unusual, silly & fun incidents in SFOTR. It's where the good memories are - of course I was also a bit younger then!

Because of the Newsletter information, I'm

looking forward to finally attending an RUAEA convention, in SMF (SAC); since we're reminded to send auction items, will send many of my small exotic wood items. At 75 years I've pretty much stopped woodworking & attending craft fairs. Haven't flown at all in many years ('taint what it used to be), but can drive to Sacramento in just 6 hours.

The articles on the Historical Foundation are finally getting me moving to send in some of my memorabilia. A favorite is a 1st Day of Air Mail Service (United) envelope from ALW (we had stopped flying to Walla Walla when I joined United but it was still in our ticket-counter Cardineer).

Lots of UAL retirees here in the Rogue River Valley, but ... talk about surprises: my backdoor neighbor in Crystal Lake, IL was a brand new pilot (1966) who, unplanned by either of us, now lives about 3 blocks from me. Wow!

Keep up all the Great RUAEA work; it's really appreciated!

John A. Campbell, 4253 Linwood Dr., San Jose, CA 95124

12 years since retirement & my only contact with UAL was through a letter from Harold Condon to RUAEA. My only hobby is senior softball. We have played all over the country, some our teams have been to Japan, Europe & New Zealand. The team I play for won National Championships in 1997 & 2000, but we are growing old. I'm now with a 75+ team, but as we get older there are fewer & fewer teams to compete against.

I would encourage all RUAEA members (men & women) to participate. Our San Jose Club (Vintage Sr. Softball) has over 250 seniors (50-85), we have games or batting practice every day & some evenings. These clubs are all over the country & we have a great time.

Enclosed is an extra check for mailing costs.

John F. Domalik, 8619 Millstream Dr., Richmond, VA 23228-1795

I want to thank you so very much for a wonderful & informative newsletter. I retired from Air Freight at IAD in 1993 and have had a great retirement working for a local hospital. I wish to say hello to my fellow employees wherever they may be.

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