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***Come Join Special
Times!***



Welcome aboard to ***UNITED AT THE POINT*** - Let's go RUAEA – Let's GO! Fasten up your seat belts and direct your attention with family and friends for the **2008 RUAEA Convention May 18 – 24, 2008**. Plan on arriving in Pittsburgh for the kickoff of ***UNITED AT THE POINT*** - the first ever convention by **RUAEA in Pittsburgh**, at the charming and grandeur Omni William Penn Hotel! We did it again after 22 years, **Pittsburgh** is rated **"most livable!"**; and it is an honor to be the **No. 1 city in America** by **PLACES RATED ALMANAC**, the almanac's 25th anniversary edition! However, it's time to party! Break out the Iron City, pierogies, and Kielbasa! We understand that Dean Martin will be appearing at the gala event at the Friendship dinner on Friday night. It's also **Pittsburgh's 250th anniversary!** Just imagine what wonderful happenings will take place this year in Pittsburgh! We are in the planning stage for many great tours! The **Pittsburgh Chapter of RUAEA** is dedicated to Score Big and often with our fellow **RUAEA** members who will be visiting and enjoying our planned events.

Some of you may be interested in baseball and attending the **PIRATES'** game at the **PNC Park**, which is also voted one of the most beautiful Baseball Stadiums! There are 69 suites with their own concourse level, club setting at both the field and mezzanine levels with their own lounges, an outfield barbecue run by former Pirate Manny Sanguillen, an outdoor river terrace and river walk. Highly recommended to tour **PNC Park**, or (pending **PIRATES'S** schedule) attend a game. If no game is scheduled, be sure to take the tour to **PNC Park** and the scenic sites of the downtown skyline and riverfront, pedestrian, and riverboat access.

One of the main tours will be to **Flight 93 National Memorial**, outside the Somerset County village of **Shankesville**. Upon arrival at the temporary Memorial, there is an American flag several hundred yards away on a chain link fence. A continuous breeze blows across the open ground at the site that keeps the flag pole clanking near the plane impact site. *Volunteers, many who are residents or live nearby, stand ready to answer questions about their own personal experiences on that day.* As described by a Captain, from the LA Fire Department, ***"A Common Field One Day - A Field of Honor Forever."*** We will tour Fallingwaters, Que Creek, lunch, and other attractions (approximately one hour or so driving time from Pittsburgh).

Arts & Crafts' Raffle will be a part of Pittsburgh's **RUAEA's Convention 2008**. Please consider donating your crafts so that they may be exhibited in the Arts & Crafts Room. For further information, contact **Chair, Arts & Crafts - Gwen & Dave Detwiler** at (724) 626-9558. Please forward all Arts and Crafts to: **284 Kelley Road, Connelville, PA 15425** or email - davydee2@gmail.com.

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GENERAL NEWS

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FRIENDS PLUS DISCOUNT PROMOTION EXTENDED THROUGH OCTOBER 2008

Friends Plus - the promotion that offers a 10% discount on select United Economy fares, for your friends and family members - is being extended through October 2008.

The promotion is available on United, United Express and Ted and applies to bookings made between Oct. 4, 2007 and Oct. 31, 2008 for travel between Nov. 1, 2007 and Oct. 31, 2008.

Each employee is assigned an e-certificate number that can be forwarded to five separate individuals. Each recipient may apply the discount to fares for up to four passengers (traveling on the same itinerary). To locate your e-certificate numbers, and for booking instructions, terms and conditions, visit the "My Coupons" section of SkyNet/Weblist.

UA TODAY - A NEW COLUMN IN SKYNET

In Sept. 2007, United launched its new employee publication UA Today.

***Note:** This publication is also available to retirees by accessing SkyNet, it contains information of interests to retirees.*

Published bimonthly, UA Today will include stories about how our employees are working hard to build a stronger, more competitive company; our performance compared to competitors; what our customers are telling us about our product and services; and important employee achievements and milestones.

Enjoy the first issue, and please provide your feedback to us at UAToday@united.com.

UNITED ANNOUNCES NEW SERVICES BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND FRANKFURT

In response to increased customer demand for more frequent flights to Europe, and supporting our goal of strengthening our international network, United Airlines announced that we will offer new daily passenger and cargo service between Los Angeles (LAX) and Frankfurt (FRA).

Service to FRA will begin on December 15, 2007 and service from FRA on December 16, 2007. Flights are currently opened for sale.

This addition represents our eighth daily flight to FRA, and the new service from LAX means we now serve Frankfurt from all four of our international gateways.

FIRST NEW HIRE PILOT CLASS STARTED

Twenty new hire pilots have begun training at the Denver Flight Training Center. Approximately 100 pilots will be hired and begin training in 2007, to accommodate increases in United's international flying, ensure appropriate staffing levels and provide more options for schedule flexibility.

United's six-week, scenario-based training requires these first officer candidates to be trained as a crew. Individually, candidates need to demonstrate at various checkpoints throughout the training that they have mastered the same skills required of line pilots by the FAA. The last two weeks of training involve extensive time in the simulators at our world-class training facility.

"Our new employees show a real commitment to safety, leadership and customer service," says Senior Vice President - Flight Operations, Sean Donohue. "Once they successfully complete training, we will welcome them in joining some of the best trained pilots in the world and look forward to seeing them on the flight deck later this year."

Six members of the first new hire class of pilots since 2001 are children of United employees and 14 others were referred by United employees as part of the online application process. Other members of the first class interned with United or were pilots for other airlines and the U.S. military.

CREW'S CONCERN TAKES EDGE OFF SUMMER TRAVEL DELAY

One of United's best customers, 1K Ari Stone, sent Customer Relations a letter and photos about excellent service he received from United this summer:

"I was a passenger in first class on United Flight 1291 from Austin to Denver. As we approached DIA, the airport ceased runway operations due to wind shear and bad weather. Our captain informed the passengers of the situation and kept us abreast of developments every 5-10 minutes.

After about 30 minutes, our pilot requested an alternate landing in Cheyenne, WY, as we were running low on fuel and there was no ETA as to when DIA would reopen or we'd be able to land. Upon landing in Cheyenne, the flight attendants immediately put in a movie, when news from Denver came back that we could be on the ground for more than an hour. At the same time, the pilot said he had just ordered pizzas for the entire plane.

Well, after about 45 minutes, we had not been cleared for takeoff, but, sure enough, about 30 Dominos pizzas were delivered to the tarmac and carried onto our plane, which flight attendants began distributing to all of the passengers. My fellow passengers and I took pictures and marveled at what was going on.

I have been a 1K flier now for about 8 years and I have never heard of something like this happening on a delayed or re-routed flight for any airline. We ended up taking off shortly after eating our delicious pizza and arrived in Denver two-and-a-half hours late. Many of the passengers had missed their connections and probably had to stay the night in Denver, but they walked off the plane with smiles on their faces and hugging and thanking the flight crew of Captain Charlie Dadoun, First Officer John Kane and Flight Attendants Cathleen Cooney, Lance Jones and Nancy Aguirre.

My assumption is this act of graciousness cost United a couple hundred dollars, but based on comments from my fellow passengers, it may have helped earn some customers for life. I and the other two 1K passengers sitting next to me were all quite impressed. Again, thank you to the crew of United Flight 1291."

YEAR-ROUND MAINLINE SERVICE RETURNS TO JACKSONVILLE; UNITED TO RESUME GROUND HANDLING FLIGHTS

With year-round mainline service between Jacksonville, FL (JAX) and Chicago (ORD) beginning October 28, United will resume ground handling of all JAX flights in late November. As a result, United will end its contract relationship with Delta Global Services (DGS) in JAX, and will offer recall to furloughed JAX employees over the next few months.

JAX customers have been served exclusively by United Express since July 2001. With the addition of three flights from JAX to ORD in October, JAX will begin offering mainline service year-round. Resuming ground handling will help us more fully serve these flights.

This most recent conversion to year-round mainline service further demonstrates how United Express service can increase a market's demand for mainline flights over time.

"We are delighted to welcome United employees back to Jacksonville, the third station in as many months that we have converted back to year-round mainline service", says Jeff Helfrick, regional manager Airport Operations and Cargo. We look forward to once again meeting the air and cargo needs of our Jacksonville customers.

Over the next few months, United will conduct the recall process to fill available ground handling positions at JAX. United and the IAM will work together throughout the recall process. Employees should contact their supervisor or IAM representative with any questions regarding the recall process or their eligibility.

DGS employees will be welcome to view and apply for open JAX positions once the recall process is complete.

UNITED DISCONTINUES SERVICE BETWEEN HONOLULU AND OSAKA

As part of the company's efforts to reduce costs and optimize its network, United will discontinue point-to-point service between Honolulu, Hawaii (HNL) and Osaka, Japan (KIX) as of Sept. 30, 2007. United remains committed to Japan, and the cessation of this service does not affect our commitment to serving KIX via San Francisco (SFO).

United discontinued booking flights on this route in April. Customers who had booked flights on this route for travel after September 30, were rebooked on other flights or airlines, or received refunds.

Employees were advised of the change in the spring; however, United does not foresee any significant staffing changes as a result.

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

Travel in another country with different currency can pose a number of options and COSTS ... and problems. Some advanced planning is called for. Some points for your consideration:

1. I suggest you take two different Credit Cards such as a "Visa" and "Master Card" or "American Express" which is widely known and great for transportation and hotels. The Visa and Master Card seem to work better for shopping and restaurants. I do not recommend department store or brand name cards as they may not be recognized in a foreign country. It's wise to use your credit cards for everything you can since the rate of exchange will normally be better. **Note:** Check with the card companies you plan to use for the best conversion/exchange rate. Conversion or exchange fees do vary and you might as well take advantage of the best rate. You will pay an exchange fee whether you use cash or card. But typically the card rate is less. The last time I checked, Capitol One had the best rate. They wave all fees. Others charge up to 3%. So, do some investigating. You may also consider having a major company debit card with you.
2. At departure, be sure to have enough foreign currency with you, to handle your personal needs, like getting you from the airport to the hotel and etc. Some banks have stopped selling foreign currencies, so you will have to do some pre-planning. Most major airports have exchange booths, but you will pay a higher rate there. So, it's best to get foreign currency at a major bank, before you leave.
3. When shopping, it is wise to use your Credit Card rather than cash - The credit card companies have mass usage that get better rates. Avoid attempts by foreign merchants to convert your purchases from dollars on the spot - they may add 3 to 5 % more than what your credit card companies get.
4. ATM – Withdrawing funds from an ATM is probably the easiest and least costly way to obtain immediate cash, once in the foreign country, but it can be costly. The foreign banks do not always specify the cost of the transaction, as is done in the states. If you are going to use an ATM, I suggest you find one away from the tourist traps, as you'll probably incur a lesser charge. **Note:** Bank of America (maybe others) charges \$5 per foreign ATM withdrawal plus a 1% fee. Bank of America waives this charge if you use one of their affiliate banks - Scotiabank, Barclays, BNP in France, Deutsche Bank in Germany. Call your bank and ask for affiliates in the countries you will be visiting. Also, before you leave, ask your bank or credit union to raise the amount you can withdraw each time. If your limit is \$200, ask for \$400, at least temporarily.
5. It's wise to carry a backup card linked to another account i.e., bank and or credit union. This is your ace in the hole, if one system should go down in a country that doesn't have the redundant financial systems we enjoy in this country. Having some Traveler Checks is also a nice back up, if the power goes out in some far off island or small country and you need cash in a hurry. Do everything you can to keep from using a credit card to obtain foreign cash, unless there is an emergency. You will pay high fees plus interest on the advance. Use that check or debit card for foreign cash from an ATM.
6. One last thing: The object is not to have a lot of foreign currency, when you leave that foreign country. Converting back to the Yankee Dollar is expensive, so don't buy more foreign currency than you need. That's why Traveler Checks (US Dollars) are a good option for taking cash because what is left over won't cost anything to deposit back into your account.

Advanced planning for your financial needs will help you to have a good time on your foreign trip. Remember, it never hurts to ask questions and do some shopping around. You will probably save some money and have more to spend on gifts for your grandchildren.

Happy Travels!!

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NEW RUAEA CHAPTER IN CHICO, CA

Friday, September 28, Barbara & I drove to Chico, California, to meet with prospective members for a new RUAEA chapter. **Merritt Odor** and his wife **Klaren** from Chico, **Richard Skelly** and his wife **Raejean** from

Redding, **Ron Carpenter** from Orland, **Katie Innocenti** from Chico, and **Charlotte Puryear, Dick Hooning & Bill Simonton** all from Paradise, came to discuss with us a possible chapter for the Chico, Redding, Paradise, Oroville, Corning & Magalia areas of Northern California. After a few hours of reminiscing about our years with United, all agreed that they would love to have a RUAEA chapter in their area. **Merritt Odo**r came forward to be the President of the chapter. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 30, at which time they would decide on the name for the chapter, other officers and the day of each month that the chapter would meet.

Their various areas of employment included Engine Maintenance, Mechanic Foreman, Reservations, Customer Service, Accounting and Payroll, Control Center and Flight Operations. It was a fun time, meeting one another and a most productive lunch meeting.

I want to update you on the progress with our other new California chapter, The Hangtown Miners, in the Placerville ~ El Dorado Hills area which started with 23 members. At the recent lunch meeting Oct. 1, there were 47 attendees. This chapter will grow fast as I am sure the Chico area chapter will do as well.

Anyone interested in attending future meetings for these two new chapters may contact **Jeanette D'Amico** jmdamico@sbcglobal.net for The Hangtown Miners and **Merritt Odo**r moko1830@spcglobal.net for the Chico/Paradise group. I can be reached by email at bertacini@surewest.net and/or telephone (916) 788 0468.

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RUAEA HAS A TRAVEL SECTION IN THE RUAEA WEBSITE

There is a Travel Section in the RUAEA website on Level 2, that is available to all RUAEA members. If you have a good travel site, with information about lodging, tours, cruises and activities, that will be of interest to retirees, share it with everyone by using the Travel Section.

Any RUAEA member may post travel information to the site by submitting the request to **Jim Sommerfield** or **Ed Majewski**, our Web managers, for approval. Once approved and formatted for the web, it will be posted by our Web Master. The Travel link is monitored and kept current on an ongoing basis by the Web managers and the ones who requested the posting.

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Newsletter Manager

FROM THE DENVER OFFICE

Obituaries: If you have read the notice at the beginning of the Obituary Column, you see that United no longer sends RUAEA the official death notices of **retirees** or **spouses**. We have been accepting notices for the Newsletter and publishing them in addition to the current Employee/Retiree Obituary listing in SkyNet.

We have had some problems with the accuracy of submitted information which requires a new standard to be established regarding the method in which we accept information for an obituary (retiree or spouse). Therefore, the policy of the Denver Office is: *Death notices sent to the Denver Office for publication in the Newsletter Obituary Column will be accepted only from a family member or personal representative in writing.* The information sent concerning the deceased must include:

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

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and there is a question regarding clarity, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by e-mail (preferred), fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone!

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

Letters for the "Letters" column: We continue to encourage the membership to send in letters for the Letters column. If possible, please send your letters to us via email or send the letter typed on a white piece of paper so we can scan it into a word document. Send it, "Attn. Letters Column", in the subject line. By sending the letters to us in a digital format (email) or typed, we don't have to manually retype them. But, if you are unable to send your submission to us other than hand written, we will gladly accept it but it needs to be legible/readable. The "Letters" section is popular as it is a means of letting our friends know what is happening with us.

Also, if you have an e-mail address and want it posted along with your name and address, include it. Many have expressed a desire to have the email address included.

Note: If you sent a letter and you don't see it in the next Newsletter, it is because we received it after the cutoff date (listed in the Newsletter Correspondents column) for material to the Denver Office. Or, it may be because of space constraints in the current Newsletter. If this is the case, it should be printed in the next Newsletter.

REMEMEBER WHEN CONTACTING THE DENVER OFFICE, ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR FILE NUMBER.

Newsletter Manager
Virgil Gooselaw

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

All correspondence for the Newsletter is due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column", obituary listings, and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. There is one exception to the above deadline: *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day**, if the report is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Reports may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list the Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

If you have not received a copy of the new guidelines (dated 6/1/2007) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA



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The Azure board met at **Laura & Jim Ehas'** house Sept. 22, to discuss plans for 2007/2008. They are very excited about the luncheon meetings, speakers and entertainment planned each month throughout the year. Plus,

they're working on plans for hosting the All-Arizona luncheon in Casa Grande. Interest and signup sheets will be available at Beardsley Park picnic Oct. 13 for the Casa Grande luncheon with possible bus transportation (or, carpooling). Because the Azures are hosting the luncheon, we want good representation. Actually, the highlight of our board meeting was the wonderful lunch Laura served afterwards. Yummy!

Azure Info: **Sherry Muoio** is doing very well after surgery and therapy on her knee. The **Paulsons** and **Butkiewicz**s joined the **Liltz**s for the second time at "hamburger night" at Eagles Nest Restaurant in Pebblecreek. Can't resist a great burger and good conversation! A special note to L.B. Neale for watering the Liltz's trees in Illinois since they were so busy moving to their new home in Goodyear, AZ. Thanks, good friend! **Joan Aaronson** is working on healing a fracture in her left foot. We wish her a speedy recovery.

If there are any retirees out there in the West or Northwest Valleys of Phoenix area that are interested in "getting active" in a club or just "remembering" the "good ole" working days at UAL, please call or write me for information. You are always welcome at our breakfasts and luncheons.

Remember to contact **Mary Toeppen** at (623) 214-1504 before 4pm the Mon. before the breakfasts. Regulars should contact Mary, if you are not attending.

Something Extra: Two lions broke loose in the zoo and were eating a clown. One lion said to the other, "Does this taste funny to you?" - Author Unknown.

Calendar:

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

Nov. 6

Nov. 20

Nov. 10 - Luke A.F.B with guest speaker & "Thanksgiving" lunch.

Dec. 8 - Briarwood C.C. with guest singers and Holiday cheer.

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Our Sept. breakfast meeting was held on the 28th at Crackers. Eleven members were in attendance. We welcomed a new member, **Christine Rang**, who immigrated to the United States from Poland in 1972. She began working with United in 1978 at ORD and retired during the bankruptcy downsizing in 2003. Glad to have you with us. Hope to see you again soon!

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Doris Ailshie** and **Donna Pedone**.

Peg Homfeldt talked about the Fantasy Flight to be held on Dec. 7th. The committee has been meeting to plan this year's event. We will be hosting about 120 homeless children, who are in 1st through 3rd grades. They attend the Thomas J. Pappas School in the Phoenix area. We still need more Teddy Bears, Barbie Doll Kits for the girls and Big Wheel Trucks for the boys. Also needed are socks and gloves for ages 5-8, that will be included in the gift bags. Every child receives a large gift bag. Be sure and bring the needed items to the next meeting, or contact **Peg Homfeldt** if you have any questions.

The Phoenix Airport Customer Service agents, Pilots, and Flight Attendants work hard on putting this event together each year and are very appreciative of all the help they get from our Re-United group.

It was reported that **Kit Kouchis'** former husband, **Steve**, passed away Sept. 8th after a short battle with cancer. The funeral was held in Illinois. Please accept our sympathy.

Calendar:

Breakfasts will continue on the fourth Friday of each month at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Hank Falk** (480)-893-1226 or **Jim Zarek** at (480)-288-6695 by the Wednesday before the breakfast.

Nov. - TBA

Dec. 11 - Annual Christmas party at Palo Verde Clubhouse in Sun Lakes. More information later from the **Fauber's**.

Jan. 16 - Luncheon at the Granview Steak House at the Painted Mountain Golf Resort in Mesa. **Stephen Jacoby** from our Alliant Credit Union will give us a presentation on "Identify Theft". Hosted by **Rita Zarek, Linda Koltz, and Peg Homfeldt.**



TALL PINES

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First of all, I would like to thank **Earle & Jeannie Risdon** for taking care of the newsletter for me last month. They did a wonderful job and I appreciate it very much.

After two meetings this summer at our beautiful parks in Prescott, we returned to Coco's on Sept. 25th and had 17 UAL retirees attending.

It's always good to see all of our great members - two members whom we hadn't seen for a while were **Tony Geraci** and **Bill Owens**. **Tony** and his wife **Suzanne** will be returning to California for six months and **Bill** who has recently retired from Sears and his wife **Linda**, hopefully will be using their RV to do some traveling.

Jeannie Risdon passed out notices about our Christmas Party (that time of year again) to be held on Dec. 5th at the Hassayampa Inn, menus will be available at our next meeting which will be Oct. 23rd.

Calendar:

Nov. - No meeting due to Thanksgiving

Dec. 5 - Hassayampa Inn - 5:00 PM Cocktails - 6:00 Dinner

Jan. 22- Coco's - 11:00 AM

TUCSON

ROADRUNNERS

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A passel of Roadrunners had a great lunch at Chad's Steakhouse for our Sept. meeting, hosted by **Pat & Rich DiLallo**. The fall season is off to a great start. We'll keep it going with our Oct. lunch on the 18th with **Shirley & Ron Robertson** as our hosts. We will meet at the Saddlebrooke Country Club Agave Room at 11:00. Lunch will be served at noon.

On our Sick List: **Mary Garrahan** was walking her little dachshund when the little rascal circled the leash around her legs a couple of times and gave a tug. She fell, broke a hip and was in the hospital six days. She is now home. **Beverly Goodlow** also had surgery and is now home, planning our Dec. meeting.

Some sad news: **Howard Hunter** had to have both his dogs put down.

Calendar:

Nov. 15 – Luncheon at Mimi's Café at the Tucson Mall on Oracle & Wetmore hosted by **Bonnie & Bill Royle**.

Dec. 6 - Annual Christmas luncheon at the Oro Valley Country Club hosted by **Beverly Goodlow**. **Donna Kuehn** is looking into getting a family as our project for our Christmas giving. More details later.

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS



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We did not meet during Sept. but our next meeting will be in Oct. I usually have little or not much news to report, however I hope the Central Coasters will bear with me this time. They tell me that they want me to write whatever I want and I always take this opportunity as their correspondent.

I just read the Newsletter of Sept. 2007 and the letter written by **William Lowry** of Port Orange, FL which brought back so many CAP memories. I was a brand-x after being transferred to SFO. I will always be grateful to UAL for that move. I worked with so many friends in SFOMB, that made my job so easy. After being retired 20 years, I don't recognize any new retirees, but I'm beginning to see more on the obituary list.

William Lowry mentioned the fact that he married **Brownie Gormly** who was a stewardess at that time. I know I met her on several occasions when she flew into MDW. Being the Chief Radio Operator at the time, there wasn't many crew members I didn't get to know, by communicating on the radio or filing their flight plans and giving them the latest weather reports and ATC clearances. Mr. Lowry also mentioned names such as **Doc Reid**, **Althea O'Hanlon**, **Jim Salvasser**, and **Slim Carmichael's** wrecking crew. I got to know them at one time or another and these are names out of the past. Only Ex-CAP employees might remember these names and I was privileged to know them. He also mentioned the Tobacco Road run which I had forgotten about. I never rode on that flight even though I traveled quite a bit on other CAP routes. Thank you for helping me remember the "good old days".

I hope all of you are as happy as I am with the new Newsletter. Picking out names is very easy and hard to miss.

There was a notice about "Park and Fly" at SFO, stating that the Red Roof Inn had such a package for one night's lodging and you could leave your car for \$9 a day. They no longer have this available, but the El Rancho still does and you can leave your car for 14 days with one nights' lodging. I will be using this package in Oct. so I'll report back and tell you my experience.

Did you ever wonder where the distress signal "Mayday" originated from? It comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning "help me", and is pronounced "mayday".

Calendar:

Dec. 12 - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' Oct. was hosted by **Nile & Lincoln Jones** at their resort just outside Madera, CA. It was a potluck lunch, and, boy, can those Brazen Raisin ladies cook! **Jean Starnes** made one of her infrequent visits with her granddaughter Emma. Guests were UAL retiree **John Fisher** & wife **Eloise**, hopefully new Brazen Raisin members. President **Jack Hartman** called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and promptly adjourned at 12:25 - this was no meeting - it was a party!



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Once again, the Desert Sunbirds enjoyed the wonderful buffet at the Morango Casino in Sept. The price and food was great. You just have to avoid the One Arm Bandits.

We are happy to report that **Gwen Craven** is at home after over 30 days in the hospital. Doing better but still a long way to go. Other health news is that our oldest pilot, **George Lantz**, has had a pacemaker implanted and hopefully that will perk him up. George flew helicopters for United in the old days before Pat Patterson. A few missing-in-action Sunbirds include the **Penningtons**, off to Oregon, the **Eads** to Reno for the Tailhook convention, **Dede Utzinger** to Maui, the **Clappers** to Ohio & the **Pattersons** to Hawaii & Germany.

Our winners for Sept. were **Ray Silvestri** for the Birthday lunch & guests of **Chuck Lamas**, the **Damianias** for the 50/50 pool. Always great to win a few extra dollars to spend in the casino. FYI, the **Silvestris** are off to Branson to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

The fires in Big Bear missed the **Lergs** again. The areas around them had to be evacuated. So happy they dodged the bullet & we hope their luck continues.

Calendar:

Nov. - Site announced at the Oct. meeting. Also, next year's hosts will be decided.

THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers Sept. 26th meeting was held at the Lake Wildwood clubhouse at Lake Wildwood, hosted by **Stephanie & Ken Norton**, with 60 attending. Chapter President **Jean Turley Sinclair** welcomed those attending and thanked the **Nortons** for making the arrangements which included lovely fall tablecloths and table decorations.

After a wonderful lunch, **Jean** introduced Lisa McClelland from Guide Dogs and several in her group with their puppies to speak about raising Guide Dog puppies. They get their puppies when they are eight weeks old and the club meets about four times a month. They have a general meeting and go over 4H business and training skills. We learned a lot about what the puppies have to go through to eventually be a guide dog for the blind.

After the presentation, **Jean Turley Sinclair** presided over the business meeting. Jean asked if anyone cared to address the group; hearing none, she went to Officers Reports.

Officers Report:

VP **Bob Fulkerson**: We have our hosts for the rest of the year. We have the next meeting at the Luau Gardens in Sacramento; Dec. meeting will be at the Alta Sierra Country Club hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**. Next year, in Jan., we have **Harold & Colleen Esola**, (place to be determined), Feb. – **Forester & Jean Sinclair** and **Marvin & Jean Becker**; tentative in March, we have the **Figueras**; April we have **Nortons & Kings**; July is **Sandstedts**; we still have June, Aug., Sept., Oct. and Dec. open. He followed with a joke.

Treas. **Judie King** gave our chapter's balance. There was a motion to give a donation to the Guide Dogs. It was seconded and passed.

Secy. **Colleen Esola** reported the anniversaries for the month of Sept. Those married over 50 years are as follows: **Romero** - 60 years; **Cech** - 59 years. Jean led in singing the anniversary song.

Sunshine **Ron Bertacini** filled in for the **Domaratius** and reported that **Dick Sandstedt** had extensive surgery and is at home and doing well. He will begin chemo treatment soon; **Shirley Drumheller** had a 4-way

bypass early last week. She should be home and Vic reported she is doing well; **Larry Commeau**, a long time member, passed away recently. No living relatives.

RUAEA Director for Northern California & Nevada **Ron**, gave a brief overview of United's PFC charges, route additions and deletions, ESOP class action suit, UA Today publication.

He talked about new officers for RUAEA and if anyone is interested in serving to please see **Bob Cuff**.

Forester Sinclair recommended a tour of the Guide Dog facility in San Rafael, CA. If you want additional information, please go to www.guidedogs.com.

Calendar:

Oct. 31 - Luau Gardens, Sacramento

Dec. 5 - (Christmas luncheon) at Alta Sierra Country Club, Grass Valley



THE HANGTOWN MINERS

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The Hangtown Miners had their 1st meeting on Oct. 1st at Fat's Restaurant in Folsom. There were 51 members & 5 guests present. **Alice & Jon Somplack** did an excellent job as hosts. We were served delicious Chinese food, family style. Alice had decorated the tables with ceramic Jack-O-Lanterns, which were awarded to someone at each table.

Pres. **Harry Caldwell** called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming and the **Somplacks** for doing such a bang-up job at finding a place and hosting. Harry commented that he had the easy job and then turned it over to the officers for their report.

VP **Rosemary Heier** stated that the Nov. 5th luncheon/meeting would be held at Fifty Grand Restaurant in Pollock Pines. The Dec. luncheon/meeting will be held at the Grange Hall in Placerville and will be potluck with the meats being furnished by the chapter. There will be a Toys for Tots donation collection. Rosemary asked for volunteers to host the 2008 luncheon/meetings, she said she had a list of places and would be willing to work with whoever volunteered.

Secy. **Jeanette D'Amico** asked that all applications be completed and returned to her. Members were asked that they advise Jeanette of any phone number, email & home address changes, so she can pass them on to everyone via the newsletter. Jeanette also asked for contributions to The Hangtown Miners Newsletter such as trips, family additions, tour information, etc.

Treas. **Dick Czapkay** reported on the balance in our treasury. We had a very successful raffle after the meeting that boosted the amount in the account.

Sunshine Person **Irv Wolfram** stated that **Shirley Drumheller** had quadruple bypass surgery and was home doing well. **Jean Caldwell** had an emergency Appendectomy in Sept. and had experienced some complications but she was at the luncheon/meeting.

RUAEA No.CA/NV Region Director, **Ron Bertacini**, congratulated The Hangtown Miners on their first meeting. He told us we may have been an inspiration to a group of retirees in the Chico area, as they met and had a good time together and are forming their own chapter. Ron reported that there had been articles in the Chicago papers stating that United was looking into selling most of their assets. The Board of Directors stated that they were reviewing the company's assets but they had no intention of selling routes, aircraft or land. There is something new on SkyNet. Right above WebList you will see UAToday. This will bring you a bi-monthly newsletter which is similar to the old *Shield* or *Friendly Times*. This newsletter is available only through SkyNet and will not be mailed. Ron also suggested checking out Employee Discount on the SkyNet home page, as many of the discounts apply to retirees as well as employees.

Harry had all of those celebrating a birthday recently or in the near future to indicate so and we sang to all with birthdays and anniversaries.

Rosemary and Harry conducted a fun-filled and efficient raffle. The members had contributed many wonderful prizes and almost everyone went home with something.

Anyone interested in joining the Hangtown Miners should contact Secy. **Jeanette D'Amico** at (530) 676-7368 or jmdamico@sbcglobal.net.

Calendar:

Nov. 5 - Fifty Grand Restaurant, Pollock Pines Hosted by the **Caldwells**

Dec. 3 - Placerville Grange, Placerville hosted by the **Heiers** and **D'Amicos**

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Submitted by Judy DeFord

Pres. **Patrick Cadden** welcomed 40 members and guests to the Quail Inn at Oakmont, where the view of the golf course and of the surrounding hills is always beautiful. He thanked **George & Lois Schwind**, for hosting the luncheon today. We enjoyed a lunch with a choice of Sautéed Breast of Chicken, Grilled Salmon, or Portobello Mushroom Cannelloni served with salad, side dishes and Ice Cream Sundae.

VP **Judy DeFord** introduced the guests: **Judy Roque**, Guest of **Diana Quinn**; **Maurine Bennett** and **Ken & Angie Saul**, guests of **Inara & Heino Witt**; **Prudy Wilcox**, guest of **Ted Bell** and **Bob Schwind**, guest of **Lois & George Schwind**.

I had checked with Tina Williams of the Quail Inn, regarding the availability of the "Preferred Customers Menu" for 2008. She said a revised menu would be offered to those groups meeting at the Quail Inn at least 5 times during the year and the room rental fee would also be waived. A discussion will be held at the Oct. luncheon.

Treas. **Oscar Chambers** reported that we are in great financial shape.

Sept. Birthdays & Anniversaries were announced by Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr**. Anniversaries of note were **George & Lois Schwind**, 58 years; **Vic & Elaine Kristen**, 64 years and **Don & Deloris Burda**, 51 years. **Ann Burnett** was the Sept. birthday lunch winner. Verda has recently sent a Get Well card to **Howard Payne** and a We Miss You card to the **Koenig's**. **Bernice Anderson** and **Clare Hagen** are nearing the end of their scheduled treatments and are doing fine. They thank everyone for their calls & letters. We were all sorry to hear of the passing of **Patty Smith**, former RER member and member of the South Bay organization.

Ron Huhn spoke about the current conditions at SFO Maintenance Base and about the outsourcing of work. Ron had been asked by Pres. Patrick to head the nominating committee, for selection of Officers for 2008. Before Ron could put a committee together, he had volunteers for the four positions. They are:

- (President – Judy DeFord
- (Vice President – Oscar Chambers
- (Treasurer - Ted Bell
- (Secretary - Joan Olsson

The confirmation vote will be held in Nov. The Oct. luncheon will be held at the Quail Inn hosted by **Matt & Norma Stilman**.

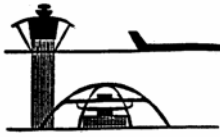
Quote of the day: *THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS LEGACIES. AT LEAST, THERE IS A LEGACY, BUT I'LL NEVER SEE IT.* George W. Bush, 1/31/01

The drawing was held with **Brandon Maus** calling out the numbers and winnings being distributed by **Matty Matschinegg**, **George Schwind** & **Norm Burnett**.

Calendar:

Nov. 8 - Josef's, Santa Rosa - **Brandon & Pat Maus**

Dec. 13 – Quail Inn, Oakmont - The Officers



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It seems that the news I get comes to me just a day or so after I have sent in the ReLAXers column to RUAEA. SOOO if you have news to be included - new stuff or updates on some of our members who are under the weather - keep the date of the 7th in mind. That is the newsletter deadline date. Keep me informed, PLEASE.

On 9/9, I heard from PSP that **Gwen Craven** returned home after 43 days in the hospital. Four weeks of physical therapy for her muscles was ordered - should be complete by now. Needless to say, she was very weak and thin, but determined to get back to normal. She sent her thanks to all for your love and concern.

Jim Ferrance reports that **Debra Mason**, a long time LAXRR agent, had some corrective surgery due to problems with an earlier gastric bypass. She has recovered and is back at home caring for her 90 year old dad, who was scheduled for gall bladder surgery.

On 9/8, I got an email that **Linda Duncan** was quite ill in ICU with heart and kidney failure, but a following email on 9/11 advised that she is holding her own. Linda was originally in LAXCS, then moved to LASCS in '77, retiring there in about 2000. It has been hard for the LAS and PSP folks there to get information to us as her husband, Al, has Alzheimer's. Perhaps the LAS folks will be able to give us more info.

Best wishes & positive thoughts for Debra and for Linda from their LAX friends.

An answer to many inquiries - **Ed Clay**'s address. He skipped town very quietly and quickly, and many friends missed saying goodbye. So send you warmest regards to him at 933 111th Ave. N.E., Apt. #317, Bellevue, WA 98004. We miss you, Ed, try to come for a visit.

Many of the LAX folks remember **Bobbie Teeter** from her days at LAXPE which included interviewing duties in the LAXRR office. Sadly, she passed away from cardiac problems on Sept. 21. Per her request, no services were held, and she has no next of kin. I am sure condolences will be appreciated by her long time companion and friend, **Marv Moffie** at 801 2nd St., Apt 413, Santa Monica, CA 90403-1038.

And, another sad note - as you know our friend, former LAXCS agent, **Barbara "Goodie" Harsell** was ill for a very long time. She is now out of her misery having passed away in Sept. She had no next of kin and per her request, there were no services. Her friends were very attentive for years, especially **Jackie Hills** and **Marion Barnett**.

Some of you will remember a member who still sends in her dues to ReLAXers although she moved to Oregon some time ago - **Nadine Buntjer**. Nadine & husband, **Willie** joined the ReLAXers touring bunch several times. On Sept. 18, Willie died and was buried here, in Gardena. Per friends, Nadine is thinking of maybe returning to the L.A. area. But for the present, condolences can be sent to her at 2359 Stillwater Ct., Medford, OR 97501.

Speaking of traveling with the ReLAXers group - our trip to Grand Canyon West to visit and walk on the Sky Bridge was a *huge* success. We went to Laughlin (the closest decent hotels), had some gambling time in the evening, then off in the morning for the big adventure. The trip from Laughlin is long - partly by very dusty, very bumpy road with twists and turns and dips through arroyos - but it was worth every jolt! It is SO awesome to stand on that clear glass and look straight down *4000 feet* to the canyon floor. And don't listen to the naysayers. There are no cracks in the glass. The glass is NOT scratched. I'd go again in a minute! So pay attention next time we mention a tour coming up. We have good times. And you missed one this time. Incidentally, Grand Canyon West is served by Spirit Airlines - a real airport and real commuter planes. Discounts? I don't know.

We did miss some of our long time "regulars". One in particular about whom many folks inquire often - **Lois Bowns**. Our ReLAXers group has done over 90 tours since **Esther Bryant** started them in the early 80s. Lois went with me 83 times (plus a couple of tours during the HLW convention in '05) and with Esther two or more that I recall. But her health prevents her travel now and we do miss her wonderful enthusiastic reaction to everything she saw.

News from the USO at LAX group. The facility is now a 365/24/7 operation. **Betty Houck**, **Jo Ann Briggs** and family, and **Barb Smith** (that's me!) do our thing during day shifts, plus there are 13 UA flight attendants who are very welcome additions, by holding down the 2AM to 6AM shifts. All military folks with

active, reserve, retiree or dependent ID are welcome. We're between Terminal 1 and 2, and across the street (World Way) from them. Map available. Visit anytime. Sandwiches, sodas and Girl Scout cookies always available. (Donations always welcome.) And, do you know -- there is a USO at ONT and one at PSP airports.

Another good ReLAXers buffet luncheon at the Proud Bird Restaurant at LAX was held on 10/4. This was a week earlier than usual, which might be a good idea for all year. The early date gives time to report the meetings without a month's delay.

A lot of business was covered, including information about this year's Fantasy Flight. It will be on Dec. 1, and will be set up in the rotunda in Satellite 7. The children will be boarded on a 747, and (if we get the fuel funding), actually flown out over the ocean and fed Big Macs on board. If we don't get enough for that amount of fuel, they will be taxied in the 747, while they enjoy lunch. After landing, they deplane at one of the 70s gates to the Santa's Village in T7 where they all get a gift from Santa. It's a very rewarding experience and enjoyed by the kids. The volunteers who run it work VERY hard and go home as happy as the kids and probably twice as exhausted. I am looking forward to it with anticipation and a bit of dread.

Calendar:

Oct. 27 - LAXRR Reunion the Hacienda (See Oct. Newsletter)

Dec. 6 - Christmas luncheon - Queen Mary.

GOLDEN GATERS

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Sept. featured our annual picnic at Flood Park in Menlo Park. The only "general meeting" the 120 of us had this month, was with a delicious steak & all the fixings. Big "Thank You" to 1st VP/Picnic Chairman **Bob Taiclet** & his band of merry helpers. The food was great, the games were fun & the company was "practically perfect in every way" as Mary Poppins might have said.

The 2008 RUAEA Arts & Crafts Chairpersons **David & Gwen Detwiler** are obviously enthusiastic and already in high gear. Some of us have recently received beautifully decorated letters requesting donations for next year's fun fest in Pittsburgh, PA. Way to go, people!

Long time chapter member & one of our early history makers **Percy Wood**, former VP of the SFO Maintenance Base, has lost his beautiful wife **Mary**. She was born in Oakland, CA. Their marriage lasted 65 years. Sympathy cards may be sent to 5650 Winged Foot Drive, Stuart, FL 34997. Donations may be made in **Mary's** memory to the **Mariner Sands Chapel Fund**, 6500 SE Congressional Way, Stuart, FL 34997, or to **Jesus House of Hope**, 2484 SE Bonita Street, Stuart, FL 34997.

Charity Coordinator **Laura Hansen** reminds you of our participation in the program "**Read Across America**". Only new books can be accepted. Please bring your donations to our Oct. 22 or Nov. 26 general meetings. They will be distributed to less fortunate children around Christmas time. Another reminder: Check out those "Dollar" stores springing up all over for great book bargains. Further questions? Write **Laura** at 808 Laurel, Apt. #310, San Mateo, CA 94401.

Since publication of our Sept. column, this Correspondent has received a number of emails from RUAEA members regarding pricing of the *shingles (Herpes Zoster)* vaccination which is recommended for all seniors by the Department of Health & Human Services Center for Disease Control & Prevention. You've written that some secondary insurance policies cover the shot; some do not & advise shopping around for the best price. Another member reported that her husband's insurance covered the pharmacy's price for the shingles vaccine but did not cover the doctor's services. Her own insurance didn't cover either. (Mine cost \$170. I didn't know you could shop around!)

Our very enthusiastic Domestic Travel Coordinator **Betty Garner** has a choice of 2 great round trip cruises out of San Francisco just for you! First is a Celebrity Mercury *West Coast Cruise, San Francisco to Astoria, Oregon, Seattle, WA, Vancouver B.C. & Victoria B.C.* The dates are Mar. 29 - Apr. 5, 2008. Her other hot ticket is a Princess Dawn *Inside Passage trip, San Francisco to Alaska* visiting Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord & Victoria B.C. Dates are June 16 - 26, 2008. Contact **Betty** at garnerbee@yahoo.com or telephone (650) 355-4195.

Our deliciously energetic International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has **3** terrific tours waiting for you. Limited cabin space is still available on the Princess Cruise Line heading for *Auckland, New Zealand – Sydney, Australia*. Dates are Jan. 21 - Feb. 2, 2008. Not ready for kangaroo country? Then practice your French, S'il vous plait for the *Burgundy Area French Barge* trip. 3 cabins remain for this unusual & very beautiful adventure. You will be treated well by an onboard gourmet chef with local wines & cheeses at each stop. All daily shore excursions are included. A flyer can be emailed to you immediately with further details. Dates are Apr. 26 - May 2, 2008. For her 3rd enticement, **Ginger** is planning a late August or early September 2008 *South African Safari Including Victoria Falls*. Information will be out shortly, so call or email now to get on the "Interest List". For the latest available data on these & other proposed trips email gingersfo@aol.com or call (650) 224-1865.

Now back to the real world. Please remember local members, we will **not** have a December general meeting. However, we're pleased to announce that our Oct. 22 meeting will feature expert **Mr. Reid Dennis** who will speak on the fascinating subject of "*Amelia Earhart's Flight*." Our Nov. 26 general meeting brings back our favorites: **Tibor Horvath & Yelena Savchenko** on the violin & piano, respectively. All in all, they always bring us a combination of beautiful music, humor & entertainment.

Calendar:

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



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We had a good turnout at our Sept. 13 fall luncheon, held this year at Michael's Shoreline. We were happy to see many people who are not always able to come to our meetings. **Velma Childs**, Charter Member was there; also **Wily Jones** and **Rose Asea**, **Frank & Kathryn Mazzola**, **Darlene & Gary Ikea**, **Mary Lou** and **Al Rogers**, **Mildred Nelson**, **Roy & Jean Rushton** from Rocklin; **Josephine & Jerry Alvarado**, and **Donna & Clive Stafford** from Manteca.

It was a beautiful fall day. The food and the view were excellent. Thanks again to the people that worked on this - **George & Ella Sousa**, our hosts; **Genevieve O'Brien**, **Cheri Scales**, and **Alex Klaus**, our photographer. Both **Alex** and **Tony Urso** deserve extra thanks for always being there at all our functions to help in any way they can.

The big prize was won by **Jim Shelton** who got the stuffed animal handmade and donated by **Ella Sousa**. However, Jim did have to take a bit of teasing by the men when he left, clutching his stuffed animal.

We missed seeing **Garver & Wilma Sandy** this year. Garver had some trouble with his tooth, but is doing better after the extraction. **Ben Scales** had a hernia operation.

We understand **Howard Payne**, our former Western Director, had a six-way bypass operation. We are happy he came through it well, and all of us wish him the best.

As reported in our last newsletter, longtime member **Patty Smith** passed away on Sept. 2. Patty will be very much missed for her happy, upbeat personality and her smile.

Calendar:

Mark your calendars now for our Christmas luncheon on Dec. 5. All UA retirees welcome. Details will be forthcoming. The ladies Christmas luncheon will be on Dec. 13. Call **Joan Dahl** (408) 996-2161 for information.

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. **Stan Kolman** (408) 736-1775 for details.

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First of all, I have to apologize for giving you incorrect information about **Ruth Dixon** in my last article. She relocated to Carson City, Nevada NOT southern California. Ruth recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. Happy Belated Birthday, Ruth. Again, thank you for your participation and assistance over the years. Ruth Dixon's new address is: c/o Sierra Place, 1111 W. College Parkway #306, Carson City, NV 89703.

The San Joaquiners group gathered at the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs on Sept. 13, with 33 members and guests in attendance. The luncheon was hosted by **Bob & Joy Blair**, we all enjoyed the delicious food.

There were several raffle prizes of beautiful birdhouses, hand-made by **Bob Blair** along with potted plants. I was keeping my fingers crossed in hopes of being one of the lucky birdhouse winners, but no such luck! Maybe next time!

There were several guests in attendance. Darren Brooks, son of **Sandy & Bob Brooks**; Jerry Davis, a neighbor of **Bob & Joy Blair**, and **Austin Hart**, a UAL retiree who lives in Valley Springs and saw the RUAEA sign out front. He came in, joined our luncheon and joined our Chapter. Good for us!

Ron Bertacini, RUAEA Director Northern California/Nevada, was a guest speaker at the meeting. He gave us a report on the RUAEA Convention which was held in May in Sacramento. He said he had hoped to see more retirees there. Next year's convention will be held in Pittsburgh, PA from May 18th thru May 24th, so mark your calendars! Ron also gave a report on the change in the travel policy for employees and retirees, effective Nov. 1st. He also said the date for payment of RUAEA member dues will be changed. Thank you, Ron for sharing this information with all of us.

We want to report the passing of a member and good friend, **Jon Snyder**. Jon was a retired SFOSH Lead. He passed away at his home in Valley Springs on Sept. 18th. He will be missed and remembered by his UAL friends.

The San Joaquiners meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month. We would like to extend an invitation to any UAL Retiree to come and join us for lunch and chat with old friends.

Calendar:

Nov. 8 - A Catered luncheon to be held at the Masonic Hall in Escalon. Hosted by **Hans & Regina Weber** and **Theresa Hallenberger**.

Dec. 13 - East Sonora Conference Center, Sonora. Christmas luncheon hosted by the officers of the San Joaquiners' Chapter

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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Submitted by Tom Goodyear

The Mile Highers had their fall luncheon on Sept. 26 at The Old Neighborhood Restaurant in Arvada, CO with 53 retirees & friends in attendance. Good to have **Betty Penner** join us. **Adele Fishler** brought her good friend **Lynn Heuer**.

The Oct. breakfast for the Mile Highers was held on Oct. 6 at United Air Lines Flight Training Center (TK) in the Cafeteria with 53 retirees & friends in attendance. First timers were **Donna & Jerry Seago**. They had been living in Texas and returned to Denver. They purchased a condo in Heather Gardens. Donna worked in many departments at UAL in Denver, even the old OPB. It was great to have **Eunice Langton**, the former **Eunice David**, wife of the late **Jack David**. Eunice came from her home on the Lake of the Ozarks, MO to visit

her children. Good having **Adrienne Blue** with us, come back and see us. Tom Goodyear thanked **Elaine Fluegel** and **Oma Green** for a wonderful Fall Luncheon.

The following returned their 50/50 winnings to the Mile Highers: **Victor Andreatta, Charlie Hassler, Mary Lou Hoffman, Paul Miller, Larry Rehfeld** and **Lola Wallace**.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 5 at Holiday Inn Select, "Colorado Room". 455 S. Colorado Blvd. (Elevator available from Parking Areas.)

Cash Bar, same as last year. Prices: Beer - \$3.75, Wine per glass - \$3.75, Mixed Drinks - \$4.00. Social Hour - 11:00AM, lunch served at 12:00 Noon. \$19.00 P/P.

*Menu Choice: **Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin or Chicken Cordon Bleu**. Includes salad, chef's choice of fresh vegetable, rice or potato, roll, butter and dessert. Regular or decaffeinated coffee, hot tea and preset ice tea on each table.*

Reservations no later than Nov. 28. Check payable to "RUAEA Denver Chapter". Write menu choice on check. If bringing a guest(s), include name(s). Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone (303) 477-2918.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. 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!

Dec. 5 - Holiday Luncheon

FLORIDA

SAND"DABS"

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Pres. **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting of the Sand"DABS" gathered at the Red Lobster. I forgot to count, but I'm sure there were close to 20 of us, and a noisy bunch we were. I wondered if we were having old-age hearing problems and that's why everyone was talking so loudly.

The members not attending were either working (what?), busy, away or at a funeral, RV traveling, visiting doctors, or not well enough to make the meeting. We especially wish **Martha Priehs** a complete recovery from her bout with a bad case of shingles, and **Jane Kress** with some eye problems.

Pres. Dick heard from **Joan Brandonisio**, a former member. We were happy to learn she is doing well and is now cancer free. She & hubby are busy and involved in the activities at The Villages and are enjoying their life there.

Birthday celebrants present were **Nancy Thomas** and **John Stottle**. They enjoyed our rendition of "Happy Birthday" which seemed to be almost on key this time. They got to blow out the candle on our calorie-free "cake". Anniversary celebrants present were **Lowell & Ann Johnson**, 50 years.

Nancy Thomas was chosen to pick the winning ticket for our "huge" 50/50 drawing. She picked Pres. Dick's ticket! His first words were "don't tell Frieda". So, I'm sure you'll all keep this quiet from her. Our Treas. was absent so there was no report. We all finally received our new Chapter roster, so Dick earned a gold star for that.

Pres. Dick gave us updates on new travel policies and other information he had, which will be based on date of hire. He also gave us information on some other things happening or about to happen in the airline industry. Interesting.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: The best advice about getting old is don't be in a hurry about it.

2nd Report:

How does one write an article for a meeting they didn't attend? Well, that's what I will attempt to do. Thanks to **Lillian Moddle** for taking down information for me. She & Steve delivered it to my home the same

day. Thanks! Perhaps they all thought I was a fly on the wall and could see what was going on. I was home nursing an "operation" on an ingrown toe nail portion that was removed.

There were 18 Sand"DABS" present at the Red Lobster to celebrate our Anniversary of 11 years as a RUAEA Chapter. Charter members present were **Jane Kress, Martha Priehs, and Larry Horton**. Long-time member present was **Charlotte Heesacker** and hubby **Bernie**. Guests were **Robert & Deborah Taylor** from San Diego, CA. Members away were **Marion & Rick Johnson** on a 14 day cruise, and members coming back to FL soon from their cottage in WI are **Karen & Bud Gammill**.

I don't know who was present celebrating an Oct. birthday or Wedding Anniversaries. Company Anniversary celebrants were **Lowell Johnson** - 47 yrs. & **Steve Moddle** - 42 yrs. After the 50/50 drawing, there was several drawings for decorative pumpkins. Winners were **Frieda Coughlin, Larry & Janet Horton** and **Al & Irene Warner**.

Treas. Penny Logan, reported we are still in the black and slowly growing enough that we will be able to give some money away at Christmas. Our Christmas meeting will be held at the Red Lobster Dec. 6. Instead of our traditional Grab Bag, it was suggested we all bring in a new toy unwrapped for needy children to be given to Toys for Tots for distribution. Everyone was in agreement with that.

Nominations for 2008 officers will be the same slate: Pres. **Dick Coughlin**, VP **Steve Moddle**, Correspondent **Bobbie Rieck**, Treas. **Penny Logan**.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Do you ever feel like you are traveling at 33 RPM in an iPod world?

Calendar:

Nov. 1 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

Dec. 6 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



THE ORLANDO

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Pres. Paul Brown welcomed 37 members & guests to our Oct. luncheon meeting. Paul informed those present of the fact that both Mileage Plus and the SFO Maintenance Base are on UAL's "For Sale" list. We were all reminded that the United of today and the United we were privileged to be hired by and the "family" we worked for many years ago, are not one and the same. That and other factors are affecting the number of retirees we see at the monthly meetings at every station. So, let's each of us find a "family" member and BRING THEM TO LUNCH! They'll be glad you did!

MCO retiree **Jane Houston** lost her husband, **Jack**, to a sudden illness on Sept. 9th. We were all shocked and saddened at his passing and remember happier times including past Mainliner Christmas Parties held at the Caribe Royale, Jack's hotel.

The Favorite Restaurant Dinner, which is normally held mid-month, should resume again in Jan. 2008. The busy holiday season is upon us! Celebrate and Enjoy!

Calendar:

1st Wed. of the Month - Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral on Semoran Blvd (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm *** NEW TIME ***.

Dec. 5 - Christmas Luncheon at the Conway United Methodist Church

May 23 - June 4, 2008 - 12 Night Alaska Land & Cruise aboard Carnival Spirit. For details contact Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773

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There were 24 members and one guest at the first luncheon meeting of the season for the Pelican Drop-Ins. **Shirley Jordan** was the guest of **Harry Walton**. **Wanda Schmoyer**, our hibiscus lady, decorated the tables with beautiful hibiscus blossoms. It was good to see **Lew & Carol Brubaker**. They both had missed all of last year's meetings due to health problems.

Florida Regional Director **Ray Winterhalter**, spoke to us about the recent convention and possible future plans for UAL. Pres. **Terry Gilkison**, then called the meeting to order. The candidates for Chapter Officers were introduced and elected to govern us during the coming year. Our officers are **Bill Burg** - EXOKF, President, **Sally Sciple**, Vice-President and **Sandy Pryde & Nancy Kopp** - MIAFA, correspondents. **Mel Volz** - EXOFS, Treasurer and **Jerry Pryde** - WHQKA, our speaker coordinator, will both serve another year.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (June-Sept.)

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VP **Bob Taylor** opened the meeting at Anderson Park at 10:20 a.m. with 41 members in attendance.

We have the following birthdays for the month of Oct.: **Terri Breslin** - Oct. 10, **Carolyn Lodge** - Oct. 13, **Bill Taggart** Oct. - 14 and **Bill Linehan** - Oct. 24.

The Oct. anniversaries are 30 years for **Tom & Patty Brown**, 45 years for **Dave & Carolyn Lodge** and 47 years for **Donald & Connie Kuehn**.

Terri Breslin reported that she just returned from a Memorial Service for **Harriet Noe** and a sympathy card was sent to **Robert Noe**. A get well wish was sent to **Dick Riedl**.

Terri Breslin reported on the Christmas Luncheon.

Mike Marvett reported on the West Coast Luncheon.

Beverly Alderdice reported on the picnic.

Jim Hottel passed out material and there was a discussion on the new travel changes and charges.

Calendar

Nov. 5 - Regular meeting 10:00 a.m. at Buddy Freddy's with a speaker, Jeff Gray from the Pasco County Sheriff's Department.

Dec. 3 - Christmas Luncheon at Spartan Manor - 11:00 a.m. Cocktails and 12:00 lunch. Entertainment by the Hudson Middle School Jazz Group.

March 17, 2008 - West Coast Luncheon at Seven Springs Country Club. More details to follow.

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Well, getting down to business, we had a guest speaker representing an “Affordable Nationwide Dental Plan”, which was well received by the members in attendance.

We also made final plans for our Christmas party to be held at RJ Gators on Dec. 11 at 6 pm. At the party, we will also take up a collection for “Toys for Tots”, which is a successful project. Our luncheon meeting on Dec. 11 will not be held because of the Christmas party.

If anyone would like to attend our Christmas party or any of our meetings, please contact me or drop me a line. We love to welcome new attendees.

Please note, we meet the 2nd Tues. of each month at RJ Gators on US 1, Port St. Lucie at 11:30 am, please join us for lunch.

Calendar:

Nov. 13 - 11:30 AM - RJ Gators, Port St. Lucie

Dec. 11 – 6 PM - Christmas Party, RJ Gators, Port St. Lucie

Jan. 8 - 11:30 AM - RJ Gators, Port St. Lucie



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FLL Flyers met on Oct. 1 at Panera Bread in Ft. Lauderdale. We had two new people attend, **Carol Miles**, MIASW and **Jim Morehead** from MIAFO. We had our meeting at 6 PM to accommodate people that still are working, so we did get a few more attendees.

7 people were in attendance but many of the regulars did not attend. We had a special presentation from Jim Holderby from Send Out Cards. Jim is a business associate of Beverly.

Beverly announced that she will not be able to continue to organize this group because of the time commitment it is taking. She is trying to sell her condo so she can move back to San Francisco. She's also working on getting her business off the ground, looking for a temporary job and other commitments with her church, she is also serving on the Board of Directors of her Condo, and is organizing various Networking groups. She asked for volunteers to continue this group, but no one stepped up to the plate. An email has been sent out to all other members who were not in attendance. If anyone decides to change their mind, this group can always be re-activated.

It was an honor to start this group in April of this year, and see it unfold. We made many new connections and learned from each other.

My hope is that it will resurface with more participants someday.

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Twenty six flyers & two guests were in attendance at **Ray & Mary Owen's** Home in McDonough, GA for our lunch, on Oct. 3. The guests were Chloe Shelly, **Don & Marge's** granddaughter and 8 month old Alexandra Thompson, **Richard & Diayne's** granddaughter. In lieu of a picnic this year, our own Grill Master, **Ray Owen** smoked and cooked a large ham, pork ribs, chicken wings, and the best Brunswick stew one ever tasted. Also Ray makes his own barbeque sauce from scratch. Drinks were also provided, and every one brought a covered dish or dessert. No one went home hungry.

It was good to see **Bill Doherty** there, and of course ever faithful **Bill Carlson**. Bill has to drive a very long way from where he lives in Marietta, but hardly ever misses a meeting. Pres. **Sandy Lis** held a short business meeting, and reported we received a thank you letter from the Promise Place, for our donations of food and household supplies, so they can continue their work with the families in the shelter until they are able to get on their feet. Sandy took a vote on what our menu would be for our Christmas lunch at the Village Café, in Fayetteville, GA this year. **Elmer Koldoff** reminded us of The Great Georgia Air Show, sponsored by the Commemorative Air Force of GA at Falcon Field, Peachtree City, on Oct. 13, 14, this year. We are very happy to report that **Doug Goforth**, after having gone through some very serious heart surgery, is at home doing well, and resting at this time. Doug is in good spirits and looking forward to seeing every one soon. Also **Bill Bowling** is doing well after knee surgery, still a little sore, but getting around nicely. **Wormie Bowling** is finally getting over a long bout of respiratory problems. We wish them all a very warm and speedy recovery and hope to see them out and about soon.

It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of **Harriet Jones** on Sept. 27. Harriet, the wife of **Bobby Jones** - ATLFF Ret, fought a long hard battle with cancer. Harriet was a retired nurse, and was a very active member of the Dixie Flyers. We will all miss her greatly. Our hearts and prayers go out to Bobby & family. Bobby has requested that in lieu of cards and flowers, that a donation be made to The Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation, in Harriet's name.

Calendar:

Nov. - Partners II Pizza, Peachtree, City GA, sponsored by **Marylou & Andy Ryabik**.

Dec. - Christmas Lunch, The Village Café, Fayetteville GA.

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Forty-seven Menehunes, family and friends returned to Pinky's Pupū Bar and Grill for another round of fun, friendship and really good food. **Kehaulani Kelly** was the coordinator and she was ably assisted by **Sally Duffield**.

After social hour and buffet, we settled down to take care of business, the first order of which was to sing "Happy Birthday" to **Bill Kuntz** (HNLMM). Bill is 83 years young.

Howard Lackey, RUAEA Regional Director for Southern California, spoke to us about some of the accomplishments of the National Directors on behalf of retirees. Of course, the most popular one was the waiving of pass charges for coach travel effective Nov. 1st. He also brought greetings from **Gordon Starr** (formerly of HNLCS) – many of us fondly remember Gordon.

Alison Akard, our Alliant representative, had set up a table early and spoke to many of the members about Credit Union issues prior to lunch. Now it was time to raffle one of the beautiful gift baskets she generously brings. The winner? **Sally Duffield**.

Calendar:

Jan. 10, 2008 – Steering Committee Meeting, 999 Wilder Avenue Activity Room

Feb. 21, 2008 – If we get a volunteer coordinator(s)

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BOISE GEMS

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Idaho My Idaho. The state is in osmosis, going from a hot summer to having the most wild fires, to our first snowfall. The good news is that the fires are all out, & we have had our first snow in the ski areas. In the valleys, sweet onions are drying in the sun. Then come the potatoes, followed by sugar beets, followed by some of the best horseradish found anywhere. His garden has kept **Ozzie Hagen** busy for the past couple of months. Now he is harvesting the fruits of his labors & sharing them with us. He has discovered how to dehydrate whole green beans, as well as small tomatoes. “Root vegetables all did well,” he said, “yielding 100 pounds of potatoes, & a year’s supply of white onions.”

At our breakfast meeting Oct. 1, we updated each other on what has happened - besides not buying green bananas, or in my case all-day suckers. Good to see **Wayne & Louise Duvall** out & about. Wonderful to welcome **Martha Stokes** who came all the way from Idaho Falls to be with us. All the regulars were there: **Ned Yundt, Walt & Wilma Anderson, Lil Jolly, Denny Snyder** (grounded by weather), **Marlene Croghan, Sharon Kollins, Gloria Trotter, & Dave Adams** who was kicked out of the house by wife **Carol**, so she could pack for their trip to Kansas City. Must not forget **Marilyn Taylor**, who was visited by her daughter **Sharon**. If I forgot anyone, complain. It won’t do you any good, but next time maybe I will remember you.

Then there were **Bud & Pat Peters**, who took to the road to Lake Tahoe in Aug. to attend a friend’s daughter’s wedding at the Edgewood Golf Club right on the lake. Beautiful weather, scenery, & bride, they tell us. Next, they drove down the Sierras to Pollock Pines, CA where Pat had her annual get-together with her three high school chums. They gave her a surprise birthday party while there. How old is she? We don’t talk about that, although men don’t seem to mind revealing their ages. Bud worked the Nationwide Tour’s Boise Open golf tournament again. He reported, “The gentlemen I walked the four rounds with, all did very well – no temper tantrums this year. How is it that the pro’s make a game I struggle with look so easy.”

From taters to high tea? Only in Idaho. **Joe Varady & Rick Dempsey** attended a high tea in Boise in Sept. (persuaded by their wives). It was put on by the Daughters of the British Empire – Crown Jewels Chapter. “Joe & Rick actually behaved themselves reasonably well,” suggested **Shirley Dempsey**.

Charles & Shirley Perkins have halted their travels for the time being, & are “just hanging out, trying to behave ourselves,” they said. “Nice to be back in the valley again ... shopping, shopping!”

Coming events? **Rick Dempsey** said we’d be having lunch at the Cracker Barrel at 1 pm. on Oct. 17. All are invited. Even if you didn’t sign up on the sign-up sheet he passed around, come anyway. Remember the old S&H Green Stamp slogan: *The family that licks together, sticks together.*

Memorabilia, what to do with it. If any of you have UAL or wartime memorabilia that you’d like to see preserved in perpetuity, we suggest you send them to: **Sue Paul**, Warhawk Air Museum, 201 Municipal Dr., Nampa, ID 83687. The Boise GEMS, have a number of display cases there as part of the legacy of UAL & its retirees, or in some cases, in memory of those persons to whom they belonged. (After all, Boise is the birthplace of UAL). The Warhawk routinely forwards UAL materials that they don’t use on to the UAL Historical Society in Denver. Please include name/address of sender, & name of honoree, if appropriate. This will save you the agony of deciding what goes where, and simplify your mailing/shipping chores. Just a suggestion; the decision is yours.

Calendar:

We meet on the 1st first Mon. of each month, at JB's in Meridian at 9 a.m.

Nov. 5 - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

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

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Once again it's that time of the year when we stop to give thanks for all our blessings and good fortunes. Please remember our military, family, friends and our dedicated public service personnel; to those members and fellow retirees who have enhanced our social group – the *Chicago Skyliners*! And finally to you, our United Retiree families, a very Happy Thanksgiving wish filled with love, happiness and good turkey eating.

Despite the great weather late Sept., the Southside group had only 14 chairs filled. We still collected enough money for three raffles won by **Margaret Schmitt**, **Bill Brookins** and **Javier Chavez**. **Mel Fisher** donated five lotto cards that assured the winners of \$50,000 a year for life. **Ted Guz**, **Javier Chavez**, **Darlene Wank**, **Scottie Ward** and **Esther Broderson** are the five who did not hit the jack pot. Don't know if the full planes are the reasons but car trips are getting popular. **Carmen & Javier Chavez** went to sister state Iowa, taking in the Riverside Casino and the Amanda Colonies. They saw blankets and hams created but didn't mention if they bought either. Now that **Carlyle Brandt** has been given a clean bill of health, he and Mary went to another sister state Wisconsin. There are many small interesting towns in Door County. We should hear details about the Australian trip of **Agnes & Bob Pearson** next month.

Taking this time and looking back, I would like to personally thank all who submitted articles and wrote important information and letters for our column. It was with the help of my friend **Joann Giannini**, a former co-worker who is creative in writings concepts. She helps to make the reports inspiring and uplifting for the RUAEA newsletter column. In addition to assisting in the many of the news articles that we receive from World Headquarters, she conceived the idea of the monthly greeting our breakfast group at Artemis with smiles and continues distributing of the name badges. Joann and I have devoted extensive times to making this news column informative and special for all the readers of this publication. I am grateful for everything Joann has done in this endeavor. A note of thanks goes to **John Desmond** who also has jumped in helping out with the distribution of badges and hanging up the guests coats.

The 25th annual luncheon of the MDW Gals and Guys was held on Sept. 26. A great time was had by all 73 attendees. Our special guest, former VP **Jim Hartigan**, gave a brief history of all that's happened at UA over the years, which everyone enjoyed. Thanks again, Jim. Since our group has no dues, the hat was passed around to cover postage and other expenses for the lunch. **Jacque & Carol** want to thank everyone for their generosity. We'll be back again next year - Wed., Sept. 24. Mark your calendars!

We will be holding our last Food Collection at the Northsiders Breakfast for this year in Nov., that will be donated to a local Food Pantry. We can once again show our care during the upcoming holidays, sharing our thankfulness by donating food to those who need help.

The Department of Children and Family Services at World Headquarters is working on information for our retiree volunteers, that will be helping at the Holiday Giving Project in Dec.

I just received information about **Kay Flynn**, who had surgery and is now home from the hospital recuperating. Kay is one of our many guests that attends the morning breakfast group on the Northside. I am sure we could brighten her days with some warm get well wishes. Her address is: 1915 Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL. 60104.

It's time again for the annual Skyliners dues for next year. You can send your payment any time between now and Jan. to keep your name on the 2008 mailing list. This payment of \$5.00 should be mailed to the treasurer, **John Koehl**, 2 Pepperell-on-Asbury, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Checks are made payable to "Chicago Skyliners" and you should indicate your file number somewhere on the check. This payment for dues is ONLY for the Chicago Skyliners Chapter. The annual RUAEA dues are payable the month of your renewal month and mailed to Denver office in the amount of \$20.00. Our Chicago Chapter dues is only \$5.00.

Questions concerning New Applications or membership renewal, kindly call **Phyllis Kordecki** at (847) 717-6120. Also, if you know of anyone planning retirement or a retiree that would like to join, you can refer them to Phyllis Kordecki, our VP. It would also be a nice gesture, to invite them to one of our breakfasts or upcoming luncheons as your guest. During this year, many of our members have done this at our morning group. The guest will be happy to see associates of their past and often make new friends. New retirees are always welcomed to join in and become members.

Calendar:

Nov 6 - Monthly Chicago Food Depository Volunteer Program.

Nov 14 - Come & join in with the retirees and friends for breakfast. The Northsiders Group begins at 9:00 a.m. at Artemis Restaurant in Mt. Prospect, IL. Family & friends of the Retirees are always welcomed to join in.

Nov 14 - The Fall Food Collection at the Northsiders Breakfast. Canned goods, dried goods and paper products are needed.

Nov 29 - Southsiders Group for Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. at Grandma Sally's Pancake House in Bridgeview, IL.

Dec 11 - *Winter Holiday Luncheon*

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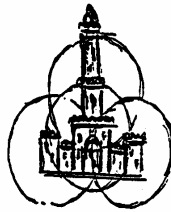
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The warm sun of the "Summer of 2007" was shining on the Loop Group, gathered at the Renaissance Hotel on Sept. 19. An added bonus was the view outside the hotel of the crew filming the new Batman movie on Wacker Drive.

On Sept. 26, the celebration of the 25th Annual Luncheon of the United Midway Gals and Guys took place at Manzo's in Des Plaines, with excellent arrangements by **Jacque Sontheimer** and **Carol Faust**. **Jim Hartigan**, former Vice President of United Air Lines, gave a fascinating talk about his career and presented his special insight into our company's history and the significant events of the past several decades.

We extend our congratulations to **Pat & John Schaefer** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Sept. Their address is 434 Noble Faire Drive, Sun City, FL 33573.

We reached a consensus regarding the Nov. meeting. Our regular scheduled date is Nov. 21st. which falls on the day before Thanksgiving. Therefore, the Loop Group will take a holiday hiatus and our next gathering will be on Jan. 16, 2008 at 11:30 am at the Renaissance Hotel, Great Street Restaurant. This is our usual schedule of meeting on the 3rd Wed. of odd number months.

Calendar:

Nov. 21 - Regular Luncheon Cancelled due to Thanksgiving holiday

Jan. 16, 2008 - Luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (That Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 am

March 19, 2008 - Same as above

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Driving home after having dinner with friends tonight, I noticed all the houses lit up with glittering orange Halloween lights and life-sized scary creatures on front lawns. It really hit me ... it's a whopping 86° outside

and this is **NOT** Halloween weather! I should be cuddled up in my favorite chair, watching my favorite TV program, with a cup of hot chocolate cradled in my hand. Instead, after watching our weather station, we learn we can expect another week of this dry hot weather. Enough is enough! Bring on the cold!

Sept.'s meeting brought us a new visitor, **Bill Carson**. It is always so nice to meet a new individual and we extend our welcome to Bill and any others who might care to join us. Really, we don't bite! Maybe just a tiny nibble now and then, but nothing life threatening! Also present were **Carol Faust** and her husband **Bob**. We all enjoy their visits so much and we extended to them our invitations to the Indy Racer's Christmas party, Dec. 15th as well as a night lodging at the Innis residence. We hope they will accept both offers. Speaking of Christmas, **Ray Brabbo** spoke with the Marines regarding our annual contribution to Toys 4 Tots. This season we will be donating unwrapped toys at the Nov. 12th meeting since our Dec. meeting will be cancelled and replaced with our Christmas party. One more item to think about ... we need volunteers to help put the Christmas party together. Planning needs to begin now, as Dec. will creep up on us quickly. There is so much planning and so many tasks to be done. Please consider throwing your name in the hat ... it's lots of fun as well as hard work, and it's time for new persons to put in their time.

The Indy Racers would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of **Etuk Ignacious** (hope I spelled that properly) and **James Watkins** who both passed away. We send our condolences, thoughts and prayers.

As always, we welcome all new members and those just passing through. The Indy Racers meet the 2nd Mon. 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. Hope to see you there!

Calendar:

Nov. 12 - Meeting at the Golden Corral

Dec. 15 - Christmas Party at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville

MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters Sept. Luncheon was held at Issac's Restaurant on the water front, in Plymouth MA. Forty members and guest, Bruno, brother-in-law of **Oscar Bauerle** attended. It was good to see **George Mavreles**, **Charlie Staula** and **Jim & Sue Yip** attend, whom we don't see enough of. **Joe Duda**'s son, Fred, usually attends with him, but this time we also got to meet his daughter, Abbie.

We continually get suggestions to hold more meetings south of Boston by members of the South Shore. Yet, when we do, we get a rather poor turnout from members of that area. However, the regulars and North Shore members attend, despite the distance. Considering it's over a two hour ride for me from the woods of NH, where are you, South Shore members?

Elaine Vanderwal won the top prize in the 50/50. The next two numbers called were hers also. She only accepted one prize, but wished she could be this lucky at the casinos. **Joe Duda** won 2nd prize and our absolute all time, almost constant winner of the free lunch was **Bill Shailor**. Way to go Bill!

Bill said his dog, Tula, A Bijon, is the star of a DVD filming at his residence, the Herrick House. Tula, the house mascot, will be promoting the adult residency. **Helmut Umbley**'s wife finally retired. Helmut's fear is with Pat home all the time, she'll be usurping his territory. Maybe she'll start attending meetings! **Paul & Mary Ward** are already bragging that they will soon be Naples, FL snow birds, avoiding winter completely.

Bill & Marie Dwyer celebrated their anniversary in Oct. Dayle & I spent our anniversary driving in a Z3 convertible, up the costal roads of MA, NH & ME. There are some beautiful, very expensive homes along the New England coast. Hope some of my fellow RUAEA members get to visit this area, see these great sights and our extreme fall foliage colors. You can't beat New England in the fall.

Much to his surprise, **Ed Aldorisio** was recently installed in his high school's athletic hall of fame for his football prowess for the year 1959.

Jane & Jack Regan just returned from the Dominican Republic. Advise it was a great trip, but extremely hot and humid for us Northerners. They suggest going in Nov. or Dec.

Our own, **Dick Mangino** was asked to speak at a rehab meeting at a local hospital, about adjusting to life as a quad amputee. He let attendees feel and operate an electric arm with a devise that he designed and wears most of the time. He also re-learned to ski again, with skies attached to his prosthetics. Dick has written books, paints and plays the guitar. There's no holding down an X-UALer!

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Hope you don't know any Turkeys!

Calendar:

Dec. 12 - Christmas Party, Angelica's functions, Middleton, MA

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GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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25 Escapees gathered at Station 885, Oct. 4, hosted by **Gay Givens**. It had been exactly 5 years to the month that we last met at 885 and the staff were happy to see us again and even remembered us. They claimed they missed us, believe it or not. We all welcomed back **Romanita Jenkins**, who has been having problems walking due to much pain in her knees and hip. Also **Charm Nicol** looked radiant after her scary attack with a kidney infection that turned into a blood infection, ending her up in the hospital for a week. Charm is certainly an inspiration for us all. She continues to bounce back from her many handicaps always with a big smile and ready to conquer anything. Keep in your prayers all our hurting Escapees. Charm says they really work.

Many THANKS to **Rhea Jay** for taking on the job of planning for our Christmas Charity this year. Rhea chose the Salvation Army, which was quickly approved by all. We will adopt a family or two to be decided at our next meeting.

Many Escapees are planning to attend the Loonies affair in TVC Oct 16-18. Hope the fall colors are at their peak to greet us.

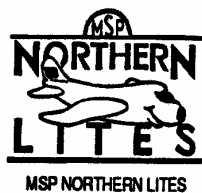
Calendar:

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

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Our Sept. meeting brought 26 of us together for food & fellowship. Those who weren't able to attend were missed. You may have felt your ears burning.

Pres. **Lee Storlie** passed around an article about a memorial plaque to the citizens of Sioux City, Iowa commemorating their response to the emergency of Flight 232, which made a crash landing there May 24, 1991. None of us will ever forget that day, especially those who helped work the disaster.

News of some of our colleagues:

Rusty Christopherson, widow of **Fred “Chris” Christopherson** (who worked with us for many years in the Reservations office) has moved from their home in Finlayson, MN to Coon Rapids, a Twin Cities suburb, to be nearer her children.

JoAnn Eichacker is finding relief from pain after back surgery. Now if she can only get her gall bladder to straighten up & fly right.

Wes Briest is once again ambulatory, after 2 years of complications from knee surgery. Maybe we’ll get to see him & **Bette** at lunch soon.

Bonnie Gunderson, wife of **Auldin**, is battling cancer again. Prayers & good wishes are the order of the day.

Betty Osborne, widow of **Russ “Ozzie” Osborne**, suffered a stroke while visiting family in Kansas. Prayers for her are also needed.

Janet Meyer was the liaison between UAL & the **Tom Burnett** family after Flight 93 went down on 9/11. On the 6th anniversary of that day, Jan attended a memorial service along with congressional representatives & the mayors of both Twin Cities. Tom attended Oak Grove Elementary School. The children there have been instrumental in promoting programs, which stress giving back to the community. The Burnett family has a real problem with the design of the 9/11 Memorial, which includes Islamic symbols. Since the tragedy was caused by people espousing radical Islam, they feel the inclusion of those symbols is definitely inappropriate.

The group voted to send a donation to a young mother of 6 who was flooded out in So. MN this summer & also lost a family member in the I-35 bridge collapse in Minneapolis. We feel that giving charitable dollars close to home is more meaningful than giving them to charities that employ big fundraising organizations.

Although a river cruise didn’t take the place of our Oct. meeting, 15 of our members took the paddleboat out of Stillwater, MN for a 2-hour cruise on the scenic St. Croix River. The St. Croix is a border river between MN & WI which has been designated a national wild & scenic waterway, and it definitely lives up to its name. The weather chose not to cooperate that day, but the pictures show that they all seemed to have a good time anyway. **Gene Delvaux** was the official (or unofficial) photographer for the day & he took some great pictures.

We have the passing of **JoAnn Eichacker**’s father to report. His last few years were hard ones, and **Chuck** & **JoAnn** have had some rough rows to hoe. Condolences may be sent to them at 10751 So. Ocean Blvd., #B13, Jensen Beach, FL 34957.

Calendar:

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

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What a picture perfect day for our outing at Chalco Hills with 45 attending. Couldn’t have been more beautiful. Thanks to **Keith & Jan Cornish** for hosting.

Sandy Bender had cataract surgery on Sept. 4, wherein they put in a crystal lens (right now only California has those types of lens) that is attached to the muscle of her eye. She had the other eye done on Sept. 24. I just heard from her (9/15) and she said it wasn’t as miraculous as she would have hoped, but that was the bad eye. Doctor seems to think her right eye will be just fine after the implant. She feels she has the best of eye doctors at UCLA.

Margaret Degen passed away Sept. 19. Private family services were held.

Ruth Jeppersen said **Karlo** was going to be 90 on Sept. 20. She also said that he did not have to have dialysis treatments since May 4 – what good news for Karlo. They think it was some of his medications causing his kidneys to fail.

Paul Steuri is home after having knee surgery on Sept. 10. **Marilyn Weak** had knee surgery on Oct. 1.

I had a call from **Sydney Greenstreet** advising me they had moved from San Mateo, CA to 175 E. Calderwood Dr., Meridian, ID 83642, phone (208) 585-7480. Meridian is about ½ hour west of Boise.

Calendar:

Nov 6 - Sons of Italy, Hosted by **Gary Procopio**

Dec 4 – Anthony's Christmas Party 5:00 PM, Hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

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There were 23 attendees at our Sept. meeting, including guests **Ken & Judy Nieberg** from Fremont, CA. Ken had worked as a mechanic at the MOC. They were guests of **Lynda & Herb Klemm**.

RUAEA has a travel section on their website that can be utilized by retirees to post tours they are hosting – or to find out what is available if they want to travel with a group.

We were glad to hear that **Lloyd Stephens** is doing well after his recent surgery.

Our Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Dec. 10th at the 19th Hole. Social hour starts at 12 noon, with lunch following at 12:30. Specific information will go out in Nov. about the menu and cost.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Jim Wagner**. Sept. birthdays were celebrated by: **John Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Ray Knutson, Al Wiese, Jeff Nimori, and John Zoboli**.

Ann Batty had brochures about a 9/11 memorial to the flight crews being built in Texas. The group is seeking donations. We handed out some brochures to interested members and have a small supply left, if you would like more information.

NEW JERSEY

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The Gardenstaters met on Sept. 26 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. Pres. **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a salute to the flag, and then a moment of silence was held in remembrance of 757 Captain **Ed. Borkovski** who had passed away.

A letter was received from UAL about the new traveling regulations. Everyone should have received it. Boarding passes can be gotten through the internet for those who have computers. Travel by Bob, from RUAEA explains everything.

Those that have computers received from **Vi Etler** "The Memorial of Flight 93", pictures of those officers that were on Flight 93.

Everyone that attended the Hunterdon Playhouse, enjoyed the show of Jerry Pace who is a singer, comedian and imitated many of the former singers. He was excellent. I couldn't stop dancing in my seat.

Pictures from the Annual Picnic were distributed. You can see we had a good time.

Election of officers for the year 2008 is coming up, those that would like to be an officer, please volunteer.

The picture of the DC6 that was donated by **Jerry Confer** was won by **John Murphy** and \$42.00 was donated to the memorial of Flight 93. **Marty Etler** really wanted that picture so Murphy gave it to him and it will be donated back next year. He worked on many of the DC6's.

Treas. **John Murphy** gave the treasurer's report and **Violet Etler** forgot the last minutes, so they weren't read.

The scare crow on the table will go to the person who has the closest birthday to today and the cup with goodies from the "Toys for Tots" goes to the person whose birthday is closest to Nov. 12. We will be starting to collect toys for the "Toys for Tots" at the next meeting (only new items).

Calendar:

Oct. 31 - Halloween day, three prizes will be given for the best costumes.

Dec. 12 - Meeting

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

Sept. 18th, 24 members got together for an outstanding dinner at Eckl's Beef Restaurant in Orchard Park, NY. Entrées consisted of Steak, Pork Chops or Yellow Pike. The surprise, in spite of Eckl's being one of the top steak houses in western NY, the top menu choice was Yellow Pike. It almost melted in your mouth.

Cheryl Pelkey was back after her recent successful knee surgery. **Mike Keller** sent his regrets but he had an unexpected quadruple bypass operation, is doing fine and back home.

Long time stranger, **Bruce Klossner** was welcomed back. It was great he could take time from his busy schedule while making his fall move from northern Ontario, to Alden, NY and in a few days back to Florida for the winter. Really good to see you, come back soon.

The next dinner is planned as the Christmas Party with the working group at United in early Dec. They do all the planning and everyone will be advised the details in Nov.

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We were a cozy group of 15 on Oct 2nd upstairs at San Martin Restaurant. Some of us had just returned from romping the world. **Jeanne Leo** from Italy; **Alice O'Hagan** from the West Coast and **Betty Williams** from Shanghai layover with a Flight Attendant friend.

Foremost on the agenda was planning the holiday party, which will be held Dec. 11th – this is the 2nd Tues. of the month, due to earlier religious services. There is a \$10 charge for members who have paid their annual dues – \$20 for those who have not yet paid dues. Guests will pay \$15 each. These charges are for the special Tapas and Sangria, that our host Ramon so beautifully arranges. This party is always well attended, so it is important that everyone RSVP as early as possible, to **Jeanne Leo** or **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788.

We are sorry to report the passing of **Edie Jones**, who was one of our original members. Edie spent her career with UAL at NYC Reservations. She became ill quite a few years ago and spent her last years in Atlanta. We had no more information on any family.

We were happy to see **Diane Goldberg**. She is now commuting from NYC to Belgium.

Alice O'Hagan reports she will travel to Rome to hear her sister **Dona deGeorge** and Cassie Marielsk sing in their Diocesan Choir in various churches in the Vatican area at Christmas time. Hopefully Pope Benedict will appear.

Calendar:

Dec. 11 - San Martin Holiday Luncheon 12 Noon - RSVP Jeanne Leo. Note: Call Jeanne for clarification of the RSVP line.

NEW YORK METROS

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The attending members appear to be pleased with the new venue for our monthly meetings. Many thanks to Pres. **Jim Richardson** for his insistence, on trying the many restaurants on Long Island for the right formula of price, location and atmosphere, to please the majority of the Metro Chapter.

The chapter's custom of starting the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the sick and deceased members of The New York Metros was led by Jim.

Many Happy returns to **Dan Duran** who celebrates his birthday on Oct. 15th. We hope to see Dan at the Christmas luncheon in Dec.

Our FIFTY AND OVER CLUB: **Geraldine & Pete Korsch** on Oct. 26 will be married 50 years; **Joan & Dave Curtin** on Oct. 3rd - 53 years of togetherness; **Pat & Bob Gilson** married 55 years on Oct. 25th. We'd love to see Bob & Pat at the Christmas luncheon too.

Lee Ricci advised the chapter that **Lou** was hospitalized and is now in rehab. A phone call will cheer his spirits, (631) 293-5997.

The Metros send their greetings to **Edythe Dollis** (718) 366-3765 and **Ingrid Schultz** (845) 878-2773.

The coming Nov. meeting has several issues to be discussed and voted on by the chapter. The offices of Pres. and Secy. are up for election. Change to chapter by-laws and elimination of the Jan. meetings. The recipient of the Arthur Shepherd President's award has to be chosen. Plus, the John Pucillo award has to be selected by past recipients. Your vote is very important. Please come and voice your opinion.

Before I forget, we had 52 members & guests attending the October meeting. **Ed Vasta** and **Bernie Verrone** were guests of VP **Charles Kaczinski**. After winning most of last months 50/50, Ed decided to join the Metros as an Associate member. Ed is retired from Grumman Aviation and is active as a Sacristan at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Huntington. Welcome Ed & Bernie!

Calendar:

Nov. 7 - 12 noon - Per Un Angelo, Wantagh

Dec. 5 - 12 pm Christmas Luncheon Millerridge Inn, Jericho

Jan. 2, 2008 - 12noon – To be announced

Feb. 8, 2008 - 12noon – Per Un Angelo

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On Oct 3rd, 71 Buckeyes and 2 guests met for a luncheon buffet at Old Oak Bible Church, located in Middleburg Heights. This was the first time our Chapter has held a luncheon there. I heard such great comments about the delicious food and the spacious accommodations, that I have booked it for next Oct. When I got home, I had a message from a chapter member telling me what a great time she had and how much she enjoyed the food. Thanks for your support.

The members and guests were able to mingle for a while before **Dave Placko** said a prayer before the buffet started. Dave, we appreciate and thank you for beginning each luncheon with a prayer.

Pres. **Carol Hacker** graciously gave us some background info. regarding Helms Hall where the luncheon was held. The hall was built through the generosity of Marjorie & Don Helms and their children. It was dedicated on Thanksgiving Eve of 2005.

She also recommended that when we had a chance, to wander outside and visit the Brian Squire Memorial Garden. This garden contains 5 benches that represent the 5 military branches with bronze name tablets, listing all military personnel from Ohio that gave their lives in Iraq in the yrs. 2002-2006.

Our guests were Midwest Region Director **Carol Faust** along with her husband, **Bob**. She will be leaving her position as Midwest Region Director of RUAEA in May of 2008. We will be sorry to see her leave, as we have enjoyed getting to know them both. Hurry back. You're always welcome any time.

Congratulations to **Joe & Shirley Moses** who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this month. **Bob & Florence Alexander** celebrating 51 years of married life this month. How wonderful & congratulations! They are such pleasant people. It is people like these that make our chapter special.

Remember the Annual Christmas Party is being held at MarCal's Restaurant & Lounge in Middleburg Hts. Remember to send your money by Nov. 20th to **Dave or Marie Placko**.

Some of our chapter members are experiencing health problems at this time & they need your prayers. Also, please remember to keep our troops in your prayers.

Calendar:

Nov. 7 - Mapleside Farms & Restaurant, Brunswick. 12:00 noon, prepaid.

Dec. 5 - Annual Christmas Party at MarCal's Restaurant & Lounge, Middleburg, Hts. 11:00am, prepaid.

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There were 70 members at our Sept. meeting. The winner of the door prize was **Bruce DeFord, Harold Miller** - birthday, **Jack & Nancy Hooper** - anniversary and **Cliff Blare** - 50/50. In case you have not been to a meeting lately, the door prize is a free lunch at the next meeting you attend.

It is with much sadness, we wish **Lila Blough** goodbye, as she moves to Minnesota to live with her daughter. A going away card was passed around at the last meeting. Her new address is 2221 South Shore Blvd, White Bear, MN, 55110 c/o Bonnie Handy.

The Sunshine Committee informed me that **Bill French** had cataract surgery and they sent out "Thinking of You" cards to **Fran Rauschkolb, Jim Riddelle, Sue Rommel**, and **Dorothy Shanley**. Please remember to let **Lois or Merle Pitman** at (503) 635-5341 know when you hear one of our members is ill or needs a card of cheer.

If you like to make desserts, please bring one to the Thanksgiving luncheon this month. It is always a treat to sample some delicious pies, cakes and cookies.

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

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave. Portland OR, 11AM - Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

Nov. 14 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

Dec. 12 - Christmas Luncheon

Jan. 9, 2008 - TBA

OUR CLUB

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Only a few OUR Club members were able to attend the Oct. lunch meeting at Elmer's Restaurant in Grants Pass. It was one of those months of traveling and houseguests and unexpected diversions. After making the luncheon arrangements, even **Jim & Jane Frincke**, had to "ghost-host" the luncheon because of out-of-state company.

We'll regroup in usual numbers next month when **Jim & Elaine Ellis** host the Nov. 2 luncheon at 11:30 a.m., at The Train Depot in Grants Pass. RSVPs should be made to **Jane Frincke**.

It's with get-up-and-shout joy that we're able to report that **Walt Wilson's** most recent check-up was encouraging and his health is holding steady. That news is worthy of huge Atta-Boys to Walt and his wife, **Peggy Wilson**. Well wishes also to **Alberta Randall**, who recently had eye surgery. We hope the humor, wit and twinkle will soon be back in her eyes.

Bob & Jackie Johnson, longtime OUR Club members and Medford residents, are getting settled in their new home up north in Wilsonville, OR. They hope to attend the Dew-er's meetings before long. We all miss Bob and Jackie but are pleased to be able to keep them in the RUAEA family.

Calendar:

Nov.2 - TBA – Details in column

Dec. 7 - TBA - **Alberta & Russ Randall**

Jan. 4, 2008 - TBA

PENNSYLVANIA

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We saw some new faces and some people who have been absent for a while at our meeting today. We would like to welcome **Lee Moses, John & Mary Smagalla, Roger DeBlaso, Jim Willoby, and John Klumph**. Good to see **Ben Messer** again also.

Our presenter this month was Dan White. He was accompanied by his wife, Cindy, and an associate, John Fleming. Dan went over some important information about taking your distribution from an IRA, 401K or any of the tax deferred retirement plans. This was especially interesting to those of us just turning 70½. He gave us some great tips on preserving and distributing our accumulated wealth (his specialty). Dan was particularly informative about beneficiaries and tax implications. Additionally, we were updated on the recent changes to naming a beneficiary for your IRA/401K.

Memorial fund Chairman, **Frank Egges**, gave a report of the contributions we've made to Flight 93 Memorial Fund. Frank asked to have his report included in our newsletter. Since the Memorial for Flight 93 is very important to us, I have included his request:

*Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Shanksville plans to erect a Family Pavilion in the grove of trees behind the Memorial Chapel. There will be a plate giving proper recognition to the United Airlines Retirees. The Independents, retirees from PHL have donated \$2000.00 to date, towards the Memorial. This addition will cost \$10,000.00, which is beyond our means. WE INTEND TO ASK RUAEA FOR HELP ON THIS PROJECT. Hopefully we'll be successful. In the meantime, should you wish to contribute, make checks payable to: **Chapel 93 Memorial** and mail to **Box 134 Shanksville, PA 15560**. Please advise **Frank Egges**, the Chairman, of your donation. Frank J. Egges - B307 3405 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square PA 19073 or feggles@verzion.net. Thank you in advance.*

Trudy Krzemienski, from PIT is planning to come and meet with our executive committee in Nov. to discuss the upcoming convention. We are really looking forward to convening in Pittsburgh in 2008.

For our Nov. meeting, we will ask everyone to bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry. Our Dec. meeting will be a sit down luncheon/Christmas party. This year we will again auction off arts and crafts. It was very successful last year, so Independents, start to think about your project for this year.

Calendar:

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

Nov. 19 - Committee Meeting, 12:30PM at the **Edwards**



PITTSBURGH
PIT-STOPPERS

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Happy Thanksgiving to all! – Wow, where did the year fly by? Unfortunately, the Oct. Pit Stoppers luncheon will have to be covered in next issue since the date is Oct. 19th - Don't think Virgil will let me slide until then.

The Pit-Stoppers are in full swing planning some great tours and events for the upcoming convention. The response from our members has been great, to say the least. It was standing room only at the last meeting in Sept. **Gwen & Dave Detwiler**, co-chairs for the Arts and Crafts live in Connellsville, which amounts to a 100 mile trip for every meeting. Start marking your calendars early.

Our chapter was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of our “Polka King” **Andy Oravec**. Andy was a former mechanic in PIT and an avid polka lover. His death was very sudden and it was just several months ago that he lost his wife. He will certainly be missed by all.

Our condolences go to former PIT mechanic **Mike Klucinec**. Mike retired as a lead mechanic from ORD. Our thoughts and prayers are with the **Joe Pokorny** family at this time. Joe Sr. retired from Pit where he served as an RSM. On Dec 12th, 2005, Joe Jr., a state trooper was murdered in the line of duty. Presently, the trial for the accused murderer is being conducted in Pit. Needless to say, it has been a very trying time for Joe and his family. Please keep him in your prayers.

Once again, see yunz in the Burgh.

Calendar:

Dec. 9 - Christmas Luncheon - Embassy suites – Hosted by **Paul & Betty Musko**

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Not much news this month. Our Sept. trip to Clarksville was cancelled. Our hostess **Rachel Adkins** has recently been diagnosed with cancer and will be going to Nashville for treatment. Please keep Rachel in your thoughts and prayers. **Betty Shipe** was still having problems with her legs and was waiting for the results of her MRI. Nov. will be our bi-yearly election of officers. We will also have the sign up sheet to host our 2008 business meetings/luncheons.

Calendar:

Nov. 15 - Hosts **Barb & Mike Chapin** (865-675-3511). Location to be announced.

Dec. 20 – 9:30 ET 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. 17, 2008 - Hosts and Location to be announced.

UTAH



THE SALT LAKERS

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On Sept. 19, 13 chapter members met at the Murray Heritage Ctr. for coffee & “Mrs. Fields” cookies, brought by **Betty Davis**. These delicious morsels were donated to our group by owners of the local “Sweet Things” Shop. An appropriate thank-you note will be written to **Susan Brimmade/Cindy McDonald**. Thank you, Betty!

We missed our regulars: **Aletha Cannon; Hank/Mary Bons; Darlene Cantonwine; Doug Peterson; Tony/Dorothy Brown; Shirley Ottman** – to mention but a few. It is hoped that **Dorothy Brown** is back home and feeling fine again.

Sandy Cantonwine reported that he made calls to chapter members, who had not been able to visit our get-togethers for a while: **Bev Farrington** (Bud's widow) is coming along all right at her home; **Lila Straley** (Joe's widow) suffered a health setback & is being taken care of at her home by her family.

Shirley Scown (Norm's widow) introduced her son **Mike** to our group, and they promised to come more often.

Doug Roberts joined us, and so did **Lila Maughan**. Both have health problems that occasionally keep them away. We were glad to welcome them.

This correspondent was promoted to “general coffeemaker” due to the fact that **Frank Murdock** was still happily rocking upon the Ketchikan/Alaska seas, fishing for salmon. He's expected back within a few days with lots of fish!

On a sad note: **Mary H. Blackhurst** died on 9/19/2007. **Sandy Cantonwine**, ever alert, advised this correspondent of Mary's newspaper obit, and our e-mail-connected SLC membership was immediately told of her demise. This gave them the opportunity to express their sorrow to Mary's family via the SLTrib Obituary “guestbook website.” A little chapter history: In 1978, Mary was determined to form a RUAEA chapter of SLC retirees, and she was able to get a group together over a few luncheons and one picnic. However, her considerable efforts did not take roots, until another set of UAL retirees stirred up enough permanent interest for the project in Oct. 1984. Mary gave this correspondent some of her UAL memorabilia (her own typed 1953 list of SLC AP employees, bus. tel. #s, local dept. info – as well as a few old UAL “Shield” Mags). Many UALers knew Mary – she'll be well remembered by them!

Calendar:

Nov. 21 - Coffee Time 10am, Murray Heritage Ctr.

Dec. 5 – Christmas Lunch – 12noon, Cornerstone Comm. Ctr., 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr., South Jordan.

WASHINGTON

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Our annual picnic was held Aug. 14 at the beautiful home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman** in Kent; the 55 members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal catered by CaveMan Kitchens of Kent. Everyone had plenty of food to eat and there was enough to take home afterward. **Maury Erben** was our affable bartender who made sure we had plenty of liquids on this sunny day. Door prize winners were **Donna Neumeyer, Barb Rudzinski,**

Mary Weseman, Phyllis Bowman, Theo Sluys, Vern Bozarth, Howard Clark, Fern Lockhart and Virginia Miles. The winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Adelaide Haferbecker.** It was a good day to relax and enjoy each other's company.

For the Sept. 11th meeting, 50 of us were back in familiar surroundings at the Fairwood Country Club. Following another fine luncheon, **Bob Brumfield** facilitated the meeting since President **John Haferbecker** was out of town. **Jo Ann Bernovich** talked about her recent trip to Russia and **Ken Story** spoke about the trip he and **Judy** took to Europe. Also, during the meeting, a moment of silence was observed in memory of the victims of 9/11.

Dona Westpfahl took surplus books from our book exchange to give to the soldiers at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, as they are always on the lookout for new reading material. Many of these soldiers are getting ready to ship out, and these books are always good reading on those long overseas flights. **Don Hanson** was celebrating his 85th birthday on the day of our meeting, so we all wished him a Happy Birthday.

Bob reviewed with the members the difficulties he had trying to fly standby to Denver in August and then in trying to return. He finally did make it, but it wasn't easy.

Those who won door prizes were **Judy Story, Carol Christensen, Fern Lockhart, Don Hanson, Helen Stanger, John Paulson, Ken Wagner** and **Jim Hafterson.** The 50/50 winner was **Bob Paul.**

Charlotte Rousso is recovering from hip replacement surgery; so she and **Ed** were unable to attend this meeting. Charlotte is doing well and we hope to see them both back at our Oct. meeting.

Mal Andresen passed way Sept. 13th, just two weeks after his 90th birthday. Mal was retired approximately 30 years from United, having worked in Cheyenne, several departments in Seattle and retiring as a supervisor from SEAAH. He played several musical instruments, including the violin. He performed with the Seattle Symphony starting at age 17. During his U.S. Army service in WWII, he sold war bonds with movie and comedy stars that he came to know, including Jack Benny and Rochester. Mal left behind his brother Sheldon, two sons, Larry & Don, and their families, and his long-time companion, Eleanor Schellbach. His wife Lucille pre-deceased him.

The volunteers who staff the Seattle Travel Desk were invited to a "Thank You" luncheon Sept. 28 at Sizzlers near Southcenter, to honor their many hours of unpaid service, helping United retirees with their travel plans all during the year. The dedicated good work done by these skilled retirees for the benefit of other retirees systemwide is very much appreciated. It is evidenced by the many thank you cards and letters received at the Travel Desk throughout the year.

Seattle Customer Service retirees recently held their quarterly breakfast meeting at the Black Bear restaurant in Federal Way. Twenty-five retired agents and their guests attended. The persons traveling the farthest for the meeting were **Maurie & Margaret Major** from Athol in northern Idaho. The facilitators for the Customer Service retiree group are **Al Drake** and **Bob Brumfield.**

On Oct. 12 & 13 a group of former JFKCS (also once known as IDLPG and IDLTR) agents from the 1960s held a reunion in the Washington, D.C. area. Seven or eight retired agents from the Seattle area were planning to attend. These reunions are held every two years.

Sue Crane and **Cris LeGassey** have announced that the next SEARR reunion will be held at the Kona Kitchen, in the Northgate area of Seattle on Nov. 10. It's the same location as the previous reunions. More details will be forthcoming in an E-vite, but to find out more about the menu and location of the restaurant, check www.konakitchen.com.



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A year goes by so quickly. Hope yours has been a good one. Hopefully we can get together before the Christmas Party which is being held at Chic-a-Ria on Dec. 2nd. It is being hosted by none other than **Les & Vera Graham.** They will let you know the time, when they call to remind you. Remember to bring a gift for each person attending for the gift exchange.

Les with his 1945 seniority didn't let us down. On his trip back from Omaha in Sept. he treated Vera to a very nice hotel room. They couldn't get on a flight. This happens to them frequently so plan your trip when Les is staying home!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in December.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Over 100 members and guests attended our Sept. luncheon. Many of us had not seen each other since before the summer, so there was much to discuss. We are happy to announce that our membership is now over 200 and representative of all Departments from UAL.

Our guest speaker, Susan Gilbert, from Prince William County (Manassas) Senior Center, told about the activities and services offered by the county. She also passed out brochures. Brochures from the Senior Center in Loudoun County, were also made available.

It was announced that again this year, The Dulles Loungers will sponsor charitable donations to S.E.R.V.E. S.E.R.V.E is a shelter for victims of domestic abuse. Our speaker in Nov. will be Jan Hawkins from that organization. Our donations will be taken to them in Dec. by the **Schneiders**.

David Cox was in the hospital last week with pneumonia but is now home. He is still being treated for leukemia. **Rachel Woodings** is still in the hospital with Stage 4 Colon cancer.

Al Ingressia passed away. Condolences can be sent to **Helen Ingrassia** at 98 Hampton Circle, Bluffton, SC 29910

Linda Scriven announced that she and **Camilla Warner**, will not be at the luncheon in Sept. because they are going on a cruise from Seattle to Sydney. She also asked that others share any good news that they had. **Kerrie & Dutch Schneider** will be taking a two week cruise to Alaska. **Judy Dunlap** and **Gloria Odendhal** will be taking a cruise from New England to Halifax for a week. Kerrie also announced to the group that the reason I was not in attendance was because of the birth of my grandson, Adam. We also heard from **Rick Koski**, **Howard Kleeb** and **Bob Morris**. The three of them are driving school busses for Loudoun County's special sessions. They are having a good time doing it!

Please visit our website at www.dullesloungers.com. **Bud Reed** is doing a great job of keeping it up-to-date and interesting. Check it out!

Until next time ... Fly safe

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

The current SkyNet Obituary listing is not available this month.

LETTERS

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

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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.)

Uel Soward, 5071 Scherbel Road, Black Earth, WI 53515 – 9506, Uelus@aol.com

I have the time, the skill & the equipment to let all my friends in RUAEA know that along with surviving a broken hip last Dec., I recently used the local emergency services in Madison because I had severe pain in my abdomen. A wizard cut a three-inch incision in my lower abdomen, then used a laser to cure a ruptured intestine. After my sodium ran low, I went to a wedding, took a group of pictures which turned out OK but I do not remember going to that wedding! My sodium level is now OK and I feel fine. All my friends from RUAEA will be welcome to have lunch with me at prestigious Morels Restaurant (8 miles from here) on May 1, 2010. Two MD's are waiting to watch me blow out 100 candles.

I live in the woods in Wisconsin. In winter, the deer come to peek through the window of my shop to see if possibly they might find a warm place out of the snow.

That's twenty miles east of Madison, Dane County, and the dirt is the blackest of any place on this planet - and the crops show how rich it really is. I had lived in California for 66 consecutive years before coming here on the invitation of my oldest grandson and his wife to come live with them in a new home he created by computer which has doors to accommodate wheelchairs. I was in a wheelchair for a little while after I broke my right hip. Now, I negotiate quickly into everything but my shop which is in the basement. That's where I create fancy bird houses & sturdy bat houses. Bats are our friends. Each of them can consume its weight in mosquitoes in one night. Wisconsin has more lakes than Minnesota! If we didn't have bats, we'd be up to our ear lobes in mosquitoes! I use nylon netting (quarter-inch mesh) for them to sleep on. The nylon is fastened to plywood panels inside their home by stainless steel fasteners. Bats & birds don't like rust in their living quarters.

I may be elderly, but I am still an avid book reader. When a local library was being re-built, I bought a brick for a hundred dollars. On the brick is this "A LAFF A DAY". The librarian ordered the brick layers to put my brick in the center of a group in front of the new building. She likes my philosophy. So does my MD. I told her, early on, "A laugh a day, and good music that you enjoy, are two of the best medicines in the world." A thought just struck me! When I was employed at SFOMB, I was president of the Mainliner Camera Club and known to everyone as BUD SOWARD. The only people who knew my name as Uel were the ladies who made out my checks. I got extra checks from time to time when management appreciated my efforts in the Suggestion Program. One of my "secrets" was the use of a drafting machine and a typewriter. I am writing to you on the best Dell system I could find three years ago. Now, they are better - and cheaper! This is being written at 5:23 AM. At 5:30 AM I will shave, dress for church and have breakfast with Diane, my grand-daughter-in-law. Now, you know a lot more about me, I'd like to hear from you!

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

Many thanks to the dedicated retirees & volunteers who put out the Newsletter each month. Without their efforts, we would certainly be uninformed and lose contact with fellow retirees.

The Buckboard Bunch Band was honored to entertain at the Convention Country Western Night and thank the Sacramento Gold Diggers for inviting us to perform.

We just returned from the Sand Harbor Nevada picnic hosted by the Reno Sierra Roundup Group. Lake Tahoe was beautiful and the hospitality by the Reno Group was even better. Thanks to the Reno Group for inviting the Gold Diggers to their little piece of heaven.

Jean & I are still busy with H.E.L.P (Housing Emergency Lodging Program) for folks in distress, the SHARE Food Closet, Church and, of course, the Buckboard Bunch Country Western Band.

Thanks again for the great job you folks do keeping us in touch.

Jackie Wagner, 1017 Bayhill Ave., Naperville, IL 60565

Thanks to all who are involved in putting the monthly newsletter together.

I would like to send a special shout out to "Travel Tips by Bob", Bob Brumfield. I had some questions regarding companion passes and I emailed Bob for some help. He answered my questions quickly and in full detail. Thank you, Bob.

For the first time, I am on time. For those who know me, this is a rarity.

Marie Blackwell, 39 Kinderkamack Rd., Westwood, NJ 07675

I can't believe it will be 3 years since I retired from EWRCS. One of our current agents, **Suely Nistorenko**, organized a reunion of active and retirees from Newark on Sept. 15th and it was a wonderful event. Over 40 of us gathered for a luncheon at a local restaurant near the airport, all prearranged by Suely. **Patty Miakawa**, flew in from London, where she and her husband are living. **Linda Hayes** and her husband, **Andre** (both former agents) flew up from Tampa, as did **Kelly Leary**, who came up from Ft. Meyers. **Jo Robbins & Lee** also came in from Pennsylvania. It was a wonderful mix of both active and retirees, so we all caught up on our lives. Suely's hard work surely paid off. We all hope she will continue being our event planner.

P.S. I am still working full time at a car dealership near home and enjoying a less-stressful job.

Bill Ryan, 760 Woodstock Ln., Los Altos, CA 94022

I am 91 years old and have been retired for 26 years. I don't find many familiar names in the RUAEA newsletter. But I enjoy reading and looking at it every month. It brings back good memories for me.

George Richter, 464 N Benton St., Palatine, IL 60067-3547

I turned 75 in October. How time flies when you are having fun. It is nice to see all the activities that people are doing in their retirement. I am still playing short stop, for my senior softball team. We went to St. George, Utah in October for a softball tournament. In July, I won the 50, 100, 200 meter dashes in the Senior Olympics. I hope everyone has a good autumn season

Jessie Brock, 2751 Regency Oaks Blvd. Apt. S 311, Clearwater, FL 33759-1550

Did anyone see the article in the August 28th Wall Street Journal, about United pilot, **Denny Flanagan**? Too bad the people who could do good, don't have the United workers (including retirees) in mind. The last sentence quoting a passenger reads, *"If other folks in the airline industry had the same attitude, it would go a long way to mitigating some of the negative stuff that has come about in the last 4 or 5 years."* Amen to that!

Thanks a bunch. Keep up the good work. We really appreciate all the hard work you all do to keep us informed.

Dorothy Kopec, 22939 Adolph Ave., Torrance, CA 90505-3545

Thanks so much for a reminder. I love the "Grand Job" you do, keeping our United Family together. I am an associate member, wife of Al Kopec. I can hardly believe that he will be deceased for 5 years on January 7, 2008. But I have had plenty of signs that he is still with me when I need him. I find a penny face-up and things are taken care of.

I had a bad accident in November 2006. The insurance company wanted to total my 2000 LaSabre. Al knew I loved that car. He stepped in and the car was repaired for about \$10,000 and all is well. The garage man told me I had an angel on my shoulder. You better believe I did! **Albert A. Kopec**, the love of my life.

Paul Wagner, 665 Walnut Dr., Melbourne, FL 32935

How about that, I missed the deadline on an annual fee, guess I am getting old. But I feel that I have a lot of company. Peg and I enjoy the newsletter. Thanks so much.

I am glad United is surviving and sorry so many people were hurt in the process. I hope for better days in the future for all of us.

A big "Hello" to all our friends from Peg Wagner and the "Dutchman", retiree from MINCS.

Geryl Levelle, 11436 SE 208th St. Spc 135, Kent, WA 98031-4135

I enjoy the most fantastic newsletter of any company I know of, Thanks.

Your recent picture of a Ryan Airplane in the Historical Foundation section of the newsletter, brought back memories for me. My husband, Herb Levelle, soloed in it in May of 1943. He was in flight school of the Army Air Corps in Visalia, CA.

J. Nichols, 614 Pawnee Ln., Naperville, IL 60563

Another year has "flown by". I look forward to RUAEA to keep me grounded. Great job to the "Travel Desk". Thank you, thank you, most of all to the members who write in and tell us about what is going on in their lives. There is a life after retirement!

Elizabeth J. Page, 581 Dibrell Rd., Pelham, NC 27311

Another year has passed and I turned 86 in September; time flies. Thank you for your time and effort in publishing the newsletter.

I still live by myself; haven't found a man yet. Ha Ha. I still drive to all my doctor's appointments.

I go to the Oregon Hill Nutrition Site, four days a week for lunch and bingo.

I like to read about all the activities of other members.

Charles & Anne Becker, 405 Vicksburg Ave., Kerrville, TX 78028-2779

We have had 24 years of retirement and Charlie's 89th birthday. We don't travel at all now because of his Parkinson's. Our daughter lives in Kerrville and our son lives in San Antonio. They are a big help.

We are unable to attend the conventions, but we read all about the happenings and keep up with the news in the newsletter.

Our son again, rented a condo in South Padre Island and drove us there for a great vacation.

We are so glad for all the traveling we enjoyed when we first retired. We took numerous cruises to Alaska, Europe, the Caribbean, Canada, and Bermuda. All of our trips continued to Hawaii until 2005.

Thank you for all the work you do to keep us informed.

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

Sorry to be late. They didn't deliver mail in the hospital.

I am having a bit of trouble with my right leg. After 20, yes 20 operations on the leg, the skin finally refused to accept any more stitches. The next operation will be to remove a muscle from my left side and graft it onto the bad skin, so new skin can grow. New surgical procedures seem to cover every contingency. Hopefully I can have a new knee installed, this will be number 5. All of this mess is the result of infections that I got while in the hospital. The newest antibiotics are having a problem curing.

Jack Hersh, 212 Beverley Dr., San Carlos, CA 94070 - jherschconsult@att.net

People today ask me if I knew so and so from the Maintenance Base. Usually I don't know the person they are talking about. I then realize I have been retired twenty six years and the person they are talking about probably came to the Base after I retired and they themselves have probably retired.

I was out of the country when **Earl (Butch) Raymond** passed away. It saddened me when I learned about it and wasn't able to attend the service. He gave me the opportunity to do things that United had never done before. I learned a lot from him, which put me in good stead after I retired and started a new career in consulting and expert witness work. Very few people knew that he had a big heart and a great sense of humor.

In the 1970s and 1980s, another wonderful personality, **Herb Holmes** was the spark plug of the Swing Shift Maintenance Check Crew in the B29 (Bat Cave) hangar. You could hear Herb all over the hangar encouraging everybody to get the airplane finished and out the door on the shift it was to be completed. Herb was promoted to Foreman after I retired, a well deserved promotion. Herb retired a few years ago and was still the spark plug. He arranged lunch meetings annually with members of that Swing Shift Bat Cave Maintenance Check Crew.

Unfortunately, Herb has been stricken with a very rare illness, a Spinal Stroke, which leaves him paralyzed from his chest down. He still has that positive attitude and is quick with that great big smile. I know Herb would appreciate cards or letters from his fellow mechanics during those days when we were a close knit team. His address:

Herb Holmes
4835 Mauna Loa Park Drive
Fremont, CA 94538

I would like to give a great big pat on the back to the Newsletter crew. Your efforts are appreciated more than mere words can tell. THANKS.

Robert Bruns, 1000 Garlands Lane #1140, Barrington, IL 60010

Another year older, I turned 80 on September 20th.

We took one big trip in April to England on the Queen Mary II. Unfortunately, we sailed just after the big storm along the East coast. The crossing was rough for the first 4 days.

The Orient Express from South Hampton to London had a minor derailment resulting in a midnight arrival at Victoria Station in London.

After we arrived at our hotel, we were advised that a Thailand crew had not checked out, so they sent us "around the corner" to another hotel. As it turned out it was approximately 2 miles away. This cut our London sight seeing, by one day. We got on the first LHR/ORD flight, we stood by for. It was 100% full and we had the worst coach meal I have ever had. Oh, the joys of NRSA travel.

Mary Lou Hymes, C/O D. Hymes, 4 Oak St., P.O. Box 282, Iota, PA 16946

August 5 came and went this year and I never realized it was my 70th birthday.

My news is short this year. I keep in contact with **Gary Evans** at Rochester. My friends disappear, retire, die, are living way far away, or are walking around Wal-Mart pushing a cart to lean on.

I am in control of my diabetes, diet, family problems and other physical maladies. When my mother died in 2006, I inherited another house, van, garage and camp; my two sisters are busy avoiding me. My dog of 21 years died, and I dodge anyone who tries to give me a new dog.

I need a companion, friend, new cook for breakfast, to make a peanut butter or BLT for lunch and eat out for supper. I also need a driver, and to spend 6 months in warmer weather. Ha!

My phone is open to all my friends and co-workers 24 hours a day. That is why I am nicknamed "Motor Mouth Around Home".

Harald Zerbock, 900 East Bay Dr. NE A 406, Olympia, WA 98506

How time flies when one is having fun. Fifteen years already since this rat left the sinking ship. Life has been good to me, except the loss of my wife in 1995.

I have flitted about the world, made a number of great fiends, mostly ladies that I met sailing. I maintain contact with many friends and former colleagues, who keep abreast of my antics, via this great publication. Email is a good tool that lets us stay in touch.

At 77, I can't skip rope anymore; travel is still good to and from Europe, in 1st class. Domestically, coach will do. It is possible with my 1953 seniority. I have taken only 3 trips to Europe so far; Paris is planned for October. My right eye is blind, the left one has had a cataract removed and is 20/20 vision again.

The summer here has been nice and moderate. I managed to get a lot of sailing done on my little boat. The family, kids and grandchildren from 6-29 years old, are all well.

I am still working the travel desk at SEA; this allows me to meet lots of retirees.

Keep well. Hal Zerbock, the horrible Hun, HaraldZer@msn.com

Willard Willison, 6860 N Mangas Dr., Chino Valley, AZ 86323-8100

Thanks for all your hard work. We look forward to our newsletter each month. We read it cover to cover.

After retiring in 2002, and the bankruptcy, I found it necessary to go back to work to supplement the retirement money we lost. Now I am 62 and will be able to receive social security; so will try to retire again. Wish us some good luck for a change.

We do have our good health, so we should not complain.

Hello to all of our friends in Denver and San Francisco.

Bob Moir, 35 Rosemont Ave. 102-B, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-2717

I hope many United's retirees have read the book "When Flying Was Fun". I can't tell you how glad I am that you brought it to my attention. It brought back many fond memories of my 45 years with United, and I could relate to many of the incidents. It has been a long time since I have enjoyed some truly funny laughs.

John Steckel, 6 Homestead View, Washington, MO 63090-4641

Here I am again and doing my memoirs. The first 30 years were living in the San Francisco Bay area during the depression and the building of the Golden Gate Bridge. I also served in Burma, India and China with the Flying Tigers 1941-1945. The next 60 years are in Hilda's diaries. I have had a lot of interesting experiences and have been to a lot of exotic places. I consider myself very fortunate. So far I have had no big disasters. I've gotten a lot that I wished for and some that I did not. I would do it all over again, with no changes.

The only thing that saddens me is the direction in which our country is heading. I recommend reading the book, "Hard Landing", by Thomas Pettinger, Jr.

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The "Red Barn" - Boeing Headquarters - June 1917. Military guards are due to war manufacturing.

During WWI the Boeing Airplane Company accepted a government contract to build 50 Curtiss-designed HS-2L flying boats for the U.S. Navy.

Following the November 1918 Armistice, military spending was drastically cut. The Navy canceled half of Boeing's HS-2L order and hundreds of war-surplus aircraft flooded the civilian market.

With the entire aircraft industry faltering and attempting to retain his employees, Bill Boeing reverted to non-aircraft activities such as power-boat building, furniture and cabinet manufacturing.

In 1919, having had a moderate success with the Model C aircraft, Boeing began developing a new series of small flying boats. The result was the B-1 (Model 6) and BB-1 (Model 7). Neither the B-1 or BB-1 went beyond the prototype stage until 1927 (following Lindbergh's flight). Also developed in 1919 was the BB-L6 (Model 8) a land-plane with a front-mounted 214 h.p. Hall-Scott L-6 engine.



In 1920 the Boeing Airplane Co. lost \$300,000. Then it received a military contract to modernize a large number of the wartime Liberty-engined De Havilland DH-4 aircraft (shown). This contract probably saved the company.

By Marvin Berryman from "Boeing, Planemaker to the World" by Robert Redding & Bill Yenne. The DH-4 drawing is from the "Old Airplanes" album at: <http://community.webshots.com/user/dawson30>.

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