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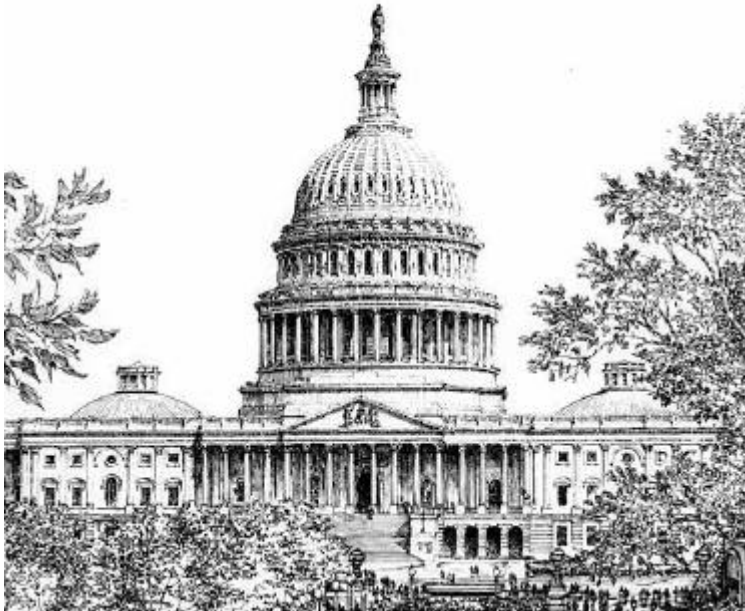
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FROM THE SHORES OF THE PACIFIC TO THE BANKS OF THE POTOMAC

PRESENTING 'A CAPITAL EVENT' RUAEA CONVENTION 2006 MAY 21 - 29

Welcome to Crystal Gateway Marriott in Crystal City, Virginia overlooking the Nations Capital. The hotel offers 700 guest rooms with in-room coffee makers, iron & ironing board, hair dryer, am/fm alarm clock radio, individual climate controls, cable TV, plus many other amenities.

The Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel is 7 minutes from Reagan National Airport. There is a hotel courtesy shuttle bus operating every 15 minutes between the hours of 6 am & 11 pm.

Many of the Nations monuments are within sight of the hotel & the Metro transit system is easily accessible from the hotel lower level. The Crystal Gateway Marriott offers 4 restaurants & lounges, an indoor/outdoor pool, a state of the art health club with aerobic bicycles, Universal equipment & free weights. Tennis & racquetball are available, jogging/bike paths are nearby.

For those members wishing to visit the White House, it is recommended that you contacted your legislator after the first of the year to obtain free tickets.

Watch for more information in future RUAEA newsletters.

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GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month's Newsletter included an article written by Dave Smith, Pres. of the Portland DEW-ERS Chapter. As Jo editorialized, it was "a great trip through memory lane." Dave's reflections really highlighted the reason RUAEA was established 30 years ago - to continue the relationships & camaraderie with the people we worked, our friends, associates & reminisce about our good times. The monthly newsletter, the annual convention plus the activities of the local chapters have been the "glue" that keeps us together.

Dave commented that, "The airline industry is changing." Not only our industry but all businesses & industries, both domestic & international, are changing. Our country is changing. The world in which we live is changing. (I keep saying that we grew up & worked in the best of times.) I read an article a month or so ago about social & service organizations. AARP - especially the local chapters, the Elks, VFW, American Legion & others are experiencing declining membership. People join & participate in AARP for the benefits - discounts, insurance offerings, etc.- not the social aspects. Consequently, formerly flourishing local chapters are dissolving.

We have carefully looked at RUAEA over the past couple of years. We have maintained a strong status quo, primarily from committed membership. We had a membership of about 9,000 out of about 36,000 retired employees. Many retirees told me they have not joined because they are not interested in joining a social organization. A bit over two years ago the members of RUAEA decided to expand the mission of RUAEA to include being a proactive voice of retiree interests, issues & causes.

We established RUAEA representation in WHQ. We meet regularly with principals in the company - including Glenn Tilton - re retiree matters. We assist individual retirees in resolving issues they are having difficulty with. RUAEA is not a legal representative or a "union" for retirees, however, RUAEA is a "voice" representing retirees

in matters of importance to retirees, including benefits & policies. As we develop our relationships and build our creditability we are becoming more effective.

When we sent a letter to all United retirees informing them of RUAEA's expanded role, 4,000 additional retirees joined RUAEA over the past 9 months. This is evidence of your interest in retaining who we are, what we have done in the past, expanding who we are, what we do, in the interest & benefit of retirees. I am interested to hear from you in two areas:

- One, I am interested in increasing the value of your membership in RUAEA. What would you like to see RUAEA do - or do more of - that you would value? Discuss this with your fellow retirees, your local chapters, your Regional Director, any RUAEA officer. Drop us a note. Let us know what you are thinking.
- Two. Every month Jo selects a representative set of letters from members & publishes them in the Newsletter. I find these very informative & interesting. Occasionally someone, like Dave Smith, will write an article of general interest. I invite you to write an article for the Newsletter that you deem of general interest to our membership & submit it to Jo.

We hope to be hearing from you.

Marlin Lade
President - RUAEA

New Flights Launch Dec. 15

Beginning Dec. 15, 2005, United is adding flights to 8 beach destinations in Mexico & the Caribbean, including brand-new service between Washington, D.C. & Nassau, Bahamas -- the second largest destination in the Caribbean as measured by daily passengers traveling each way.

The new service to Nassau increases the number of beach destinations UAL offers our customers in the Washington, D.C., area. This new service is in line with United's ongoing effort to bolster our international service & represents a second consecutive year of significant growth to popular Mexican & Caribbean leisure destinations.

Along with United's new service between D.C. & Nassau, we will offer new roundtrip service

between:

- Washington, D.C. & Montego Bay; Punta Cana; & St. Maarten;
- Denver & Cozumel, Mexico;
- Chicago & Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

United adds route to Vail from SFO

United Airlines has added non-stop roundtrip Sat. air service from SFO to CO ski resort country.

United will fly into Vail/Eagle County Airport with 757 aircraft, beginning Dec. 17, running through April 1, 2006.

Travel Reminder: Just List for One Flight

Retirees are required to list themselves, their travel eligibles & companions for only one flight to the same destination on the same day. Multiple listings to the same destination are not necessary, since standby lists are automatically transferred from flight to flight.

Multiple listings have significant financial implications, especially on international flights, where multiple meal counts result in the boarding of unnecessary & costly food & beverages. It is important to cancel any unnecessary flight listings or bookings.

United Airlines Historical Foundation

The United Airlines Historical Foundation, dates back to the 1960s, when the late Captain Bill Arnott gained approval from United Airlines to display his growing collection of memorabilia in the halls of United's Denver Flight Training Center (DENTK). For years it was a solo effort, but in 1993, a group of co-workers joined Bill to form the United Airlines Historical Foundation and have it recognized as a not-for-profit, IRS 501 (c) 3 organization.

Today the extensive valuable collection of pilot & flight operations artifacts at DENTK continues to be maintained and enhanced by a dedicated team of Foundation volunteers.

Although United Airlines lends its name and cooperative support, UAHF is a fully independent organization governed by its own Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of active and retired employees; includes representatives from

the Pilot, Flight Attendant, Management, Customer Service, Maintenance & Air Freight groups. Many Board members are also members of United's three primary retiree associations: Retired United Airlines Employees Assn. (RUAEA), Retired United Pilots Assn. (RUPA), Clipped Wings, an organization of both active and retired flight attendants.

The Foundation's primary objectives are to preserve the rich history and heritage of United Airlines and to encourage future generations to seek careers in the exciting field of aviation.

United Airlines Historical Foundation Announces the "Return of the Swallow"

On Oct. 1 & 2, UAHF will repeat last year's successful event at Aurora Municipal Airport, however, a second day has been added to fulfill the overwhelming 2004 response.

Passengers will experience the thrill of riding in an open cockpit Varney Air Mail Swallow biplane. The 15 to 20 minute flight re-captures the pioneering April 6, 1926 inaugural air mail flight of one of United's predecessor companies.

Reservations can be made at www.uahf.org.

Friends Plus Gives Family, Friends and Potential Customers More Reasons to Fly United

Employees may now register on SkyNet for Friends Plus electronic certificates, which offer a 15% discount off selected United Economy fares on United, United Express & Ted, giving their friends and family an added incentive to fly United.

This year, the certificates are fully online, bringing cost savings to the company & making it easier to share the discounts with others.

To register for the e-certificates, United employees & retirees should go from the SkyNet homepage to 'Travel', then 'Friends Plus Discount Certificates' under 'Travel Benefits'. Electronic certificates will be available to United Express & Mileage Plus, Inc. (MPI) employees at a later date.

Employees must have an email address to register for the program & will be sent an e-certificate via e-mail after registering.

Each certificate may be sent to 4 separate individuals; each individual may use the certificate

for up to four passengers traveling on the same United itinerary. All itineraries must be booked via united.com, except for itineraries booked by residents of certain countries, as noted in the program's terms and conditions. Reservations offices should not be contacted except by those employees from the "exception countries" listed on SkyNet.

This year's program again provides great value for travelers, as the discount may be taken off any published fare booked in Q, V, W, S & T classes, and no minimum fare is required.

The program also benefits the company's bottom line - if each United, United Express & MPI employee & retiree gets just one person who would've flown on a competitor to change their plans and fly on United, United Express or Ted, there is potential to generate up to 42 million dollars in additional revenue.

Alliant Credit Union: Update your PBGC Deposit, ADP Debit Information

By now, you have probably received the mailing from Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) informing you that they have assumed responsibility for your United Airlines' pension plan.

You can rest assured knowing that the United Airlines' pension department has confirmed that PBGC has acquired the direct deposit information from pension providers Met-Life, Northern Trust, and Connecticut General.

Here's the good news for you: if you currently have your United Airlines' pension(s) electronically deposited to your Alliant account, there will be *no change* in the way your funds are deposited to your account. Beginning on Oct. 1, 2005, your pension will *continue* to be electronically deposited via ACH into your specified account.

If you do *not* have your United pension deposited electronically into your Alliant account (s)—and wish to do so—you'll need to call the PBGC Contact Center toll-free at 800-400-7242 (M-F, 8am-7pm ET). When you call, you should have the following information handy:

- Institution name: Alliant Credit Union
- ABA routing number: 271081528
- Your personal 10-digit Alliant member account

number

- Where you want your funds *deposited*: Alliant savings or Alliant checking account

To make the process of establishing direct deposit of your pension checks even easier, Alliant has posted the PBGC Electronic Direct Deposit form (Form 710) on our web site at www.alliantcreditunion.org/ruaea. Alliant has also provided some additional information on the safety and security of your funds.

To learn more about PBGC, you may call their customer contact center toll-free at 800-400-7242, or you can visit their web site at www.pbgc.gov.

Alliant Credit Union thanks you for your membership and support, and wants you to know that we're here to assist you with any changes you may experience with your United pension deposits. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact an Alliant Member Services Representative at 800-328-1935 (M-F, 7 am-7 pm CT).

Know Your Officers, Directors, Staff

Ron Robertson, Director Arizona Region was employed by United Airlines 1/17/66 as a Management Trainee in Customer Service Dept., Omaha, NE & retired 11/30/00 as General Manager of Mileage Plus Dept. in Tucson. During his career Ron received two UA Awards of Merit, San Diego Airline Managers' Association Award, Taiwan International Airlines Association Award, & Taiwan American Chamber of Commerce Award.

Ron served as President of the Tucson Roadrunner Chapt. of RUAEA. Volunteer involvement includes: Board of Directors Friends of Western Art, Chairman FWA Artist of the year 2004 Annual Fundraiser, Board of Directors - Los Arroyos HOA - Past VP & Treasurer. His leisure activities are community service, golf & travel.

Ron states - "In a career that included 17 assignments, 13 moves in approximately 35 years, I was blessed with meeting & working with many representatives of United. I most appreciate the unique opportunities I received & have always been thankful for the experiences. Some of the memorable stops along the journey included SEACS/OZ manager, SEARR Regional Mgr., LAXRR/TO Regional Mgr., SMFSZ City Mgr. & TUSZM - Gen. Mgr."

Welcome to the RUAEA Board of Directors,

Ron; we are very happy to have you on the Board.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for Nov. are due in DEN by Thurs. Oct. 6, Dec. reports by 11/4, Jan. reports by 12/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by US Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

LOCAL NEWS

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It was great seeing Mel Hofer at the Aug. 30 breakfast. It's been a while - we missed you! If you are attending the breakfast meetings please call Pat at 623 935-9235 before 5 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. If you are on the regular's list (you know who you are) you only need to call when you won't be there. Got it, any questions call Pat or Sherry.

Please welcome Sally Illingworth for taking the position of Treasurer. We will need someone to volunteer to be our Travel coordinator. Contact our Pres. Jim Bechtold if you are interested. We will continue to accept recommendations, ideas, etc. as to where we may travel on short jaunts around the area. These trips will be in addition to our normal monthly meetings.

On a personal note, thank you all for your cards & calls. My surgery went well; I will be up and about in the near future, thanks, Sherry.

A complete schedule of events for 2005-2006 is being distributed at the breakfast meetings, also via US Mail. We are beginning to collect dues for this same period - \$5.00 p/p. Checks are to be made out to the AZURES & mailed to Sally Illingworth,

12522 Prospect, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

"We don't know who we are until we see what we can do." Martha Grimes.

We send our sincere sympathy to all you who have been impacted by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Please open your hearts & wallets for our families & friends.

Calendar

Coco's breakfast meetings:

Oct. 11 - Azures - Coco's

Fall/Winter Luncheons:

Oct. 8 - Beardsley Park Ramada #10

Nov. 12 - Luke AFB Luncheon

Dec. 10 - Briarwood Country Club

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PHOENIX METRO



24 Re-United members met for breakfast at Ollie's Omelettes on Aug. 17.

New members, Don & Janet Burns were welcomed. 1st Prize of the 50/50 raffle was won by lucky George Voss, Ron Pedone won 2nd prize.

Short discussion was held on the All Arizona Luncheon to be held in March.

Calendar:

Oct. 3 - Luncheon - Na Zdrowie Restaurant in Chandler



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Our hats are off to Nikki Krause for providing her home for our Aug. 23 meeting & potluck. Nikki has a large beautiful patio which accommodated a good turnout of UAL retirees. The food, as usual, was delicious - conversation was great; a good time was had by all. The Tall Pines extends a warm welcome to new member Alan Massu, purser for UAL, recently retired from SFO. Hope to see Alan & all of you retirees who

could not make this very good gathering at our Oct. 25 meeting at the Lone Spur Restaurant, 11:00 AM, on the square in beautiful downtown Prescott. We will be discussing our annual Christmas Party on Dec. 6 at the Hassayampa Inn, menu choices will be available at that time.

Also, a big "thank you" to Frank Stout for coming through once again in our Sept. newsletter due to my absence because of knee surgery.

Calendar:

Oct. 25 - Lone Spur Restaurant - 11:00 AM

Nov. - No Meeting

Dec. 6 - Hassayampa Inn - Christmas Party

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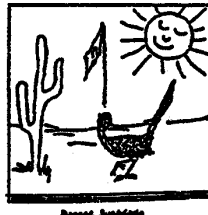
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The Aug. luncheon for the Central Coasters was held at Mulligan's Restaurant at the Avila Beach Golf Club with 24 members in attendance. Al & Marilyn Rybar were hosts. Due to a family emergency, Bob & Marcia Stanger helped with the last minute details. We thank both couples for a wonderful time in a beautiful setting. Al & Marilyn were able to attend the luncheon; Al was glad to have the opportunity to reminisce with our newest member, Art Jacobs. Both men had worked together in the 50's at MDW before transferring to other stations. Now they are both retired & living on the Central Coast. We were glad to have Bob & Pat Wagner back with us after their sojourn in the Midwest for the past few months. Esther Bartlett is making a good recovery from her recent knee replacement surgery; we were happy to have her back with us, too.

There has been a change in plans for the Oct. luncheon which will be hosted by Kathy Shurtleff (805) 384-0500. The Halloween luncheon/party will be held Oct. 19 at the Chumash Casino in Santa Ynez. Details will be in the flyer. Please note the change in location.

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Maureen Williams is on an Alaska cruise, so missed being with us. I understand she won the cruise. Mike Baillardo is (was) working his magic on a cruise ship.

Dick Gorman & Lynn Morrow were with us after being absent a time or two. Chuck Lamas brought a neighbor but I didn't get the name. Also, it was good to have Patsy Kolar back with us. Fred Kellerhals won the Aug. birthday lunch, Chuck Lamas won the 50/50. George Lantz left very happy after having 4 desserts!

The Osgoods are very busy around their home as we have it up for sale. Plan on moving to a retirement complex where we get 2 meals/day. I can handle cheese & crackers for lunch. Now the challenge is to keep this place "show quality" for the time needed.

THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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GOLD DIGGERS



June luncheon was held at the beautiful Sierra View Country Club with 88 members & guests in attendance.

Pres. Colleen Esola thanked Fernando & Ana Campos for hosting the luncheon.

New member, Paul Schwafel, gave a short resume of his employment with United. Paul's wife, Katie is still working at SFOMG. I received a letter from Gus London that stated that he joined the Gold Diggers in Feb. & was not recognized in the next newsletter. Sorry Gus. His employment at United covered SAN, DEN, BOS, IDL, SFO, JFK & LAXSR.

July luncheon was held at the Cattlebaron's in Penryn with 101 members & 1 guest in attendance. We thank Glenn & Alice Mc Peak for hosting the

luncheon.

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Anniversaries this month:

Wayne & Zelpha O'Kelly - 66 Yrs.
Charles & Margaret Dinsmoor - 64 Yrs.
Levi & Lucy Jensen - 59 Yrs.
Ty & Alberta Knighten - 55 Yrs.
Tom & Betty Obert - 50 Yrs.

Calendar:

Sponsors for luncheon:

Oct. - Dennis & Else Carr

Nov. - No Luncheon

Dec. - Beale Air Force Base

We have sponsors for Jan. through April.



Redwood
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Retirees

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The Aug. meeting, our traditional picnic, was attended by 85 members/guest. Pres. Carey thanked host Verda Burr & her assistants, daughter Deborah Houston & son Bart Burr for an excellent job.

VP Norm Burnett introduced the guests; Treas. Oscar Chambers reports that we are in good shape financially.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr announced the anniversaries & birthdays for Aug. Tom Costa was the Birthday Luncheon winner. Verda sent a card to Jack Trites who is recovering from heart surgery.

Thought For The Month:

HAPPINESS IS NOTHING MORE THAN
GOOD HEALTH & A BAD MEMORY.

Calendar:

Oct. 13 – Quail Inn - Oakmont - Matty & Marge Matschinegg

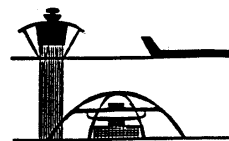
Nov. 10 - Josef's - Santa Rosa - Brandon & Pat Maus

Dec. 8 - Quail Inn - Oakmont - 2005 Officers

Jan. & Feb. 2006 - Pick a meeting month & tell Norm now, give the new VP a head start on scheduling hosts.

Re-LAX-ers

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THE picnic – our famous steak fry in El Segundo was a huge success, as usual. We had the maximum allowed attendees (per the city's rules) of 125. It was great to see (at his first time at a ReLAXers function), Rubin Knight, not long ago retired from psgr. svc/inflight but, most recently, movie star! He was a stand-in on NYPD Blue, with a speaking part in the last episode, so with its finish, he finally has more free time. He tells us he will continue to do movie/TV work, but in a less demanding role so hopes to see more of us

Health reports from the group – several of them this month: Harry Takaki advises he will be having his last chemo treatment for prostate cancer. He says he feels fine – he looked good at the picnic & the prognosis for his full recovery is excellent. Frankie Tshirhart was at the picnic, but eating blah stuff (I hope she took our advice & took her steak home to freeze for later on.) After her latest bout with diverticulitis she thought she was going to be able to avoid surgery, but unfortunately that didn't happen. She went in for removal of the bad

section of her intestine on Sept. 6. Send cards to 1678 W. Chateau Pl., Anaheim, CA 92802. By the time you read this, she should be recovered enough to enjoy funny cards, because, remember, "it only hurts when I laugh". Also, on the "poorly" list of late is Marie Nichols. With a lot of help from her friends, she was able to attend the picnic, but still is a bit shaky. Here's hoping she'll be friskier by the next luncheon, or at least by Christmas. A couple of folks were separated from their gall bladders in the past few weeks – Cindi Edson (our second in command computer person at the convention) & Tom Easley, one of our favorite passengers on the convention tours (while Phyllis helped hold down the reception desk every day). The usually energetic Connie White had to miss the picnic & is very limited in activity, including not driving due to a spinal disc problem. She is receiving treatment which hopefully will erase the bleeping thing, but is not having fun in the meantime. Jack & JoyAnn Moore missed the picnic. Jack had recovered from earlier surgeries, then had to have an infected molar extracted the day before the picnic. He didn't feel he'd be up to steak the next day – wonder why?

The rest of us send our positive thoughts & prayers to all of you. We hope that good health returns very soon.

In the July issue we reported that Anne Pohlman had to go to a nursing home; Ed was hoping he'd be able to bring her home. Sadly, Anne, passed away July 24. All of the Res., Sales & Ticketing folks in LAX remember Anne so well & are sorry to hear this sad news. Ed's address – 431 S. Burnside Ave. #7E, L.A., CA 90036. Condolences are also extended to Marie & George Whitman on the loss of their son, Tommy, who was only 48 years old.

Traveling members – Jo Ann Briggs is on another cruise. And, I (with several others) almost went on one which was at an unbelievable bargain (about \$50/day rate on the Marco Polo – my favorite) but ran into a couple of minor glitches – the main one being that travel friend, Lu Friel sent in her passport for renewal in July & it is still in the vast gov't limbo. The best they can tell her is that she'll get it Sep. 4; the ship leaves port – Stockholm – on the 4th. Good idea while it lasted. The cruise listing was in the web site of Interline Value Vacations (remember, they did the cruise for the convention for us) so we shall keep an eye on

them for future deals like that! More travel plans – Hal & Donna Klobe will be going to Penn, where his large family lives. They'll visit family & will add to the trip an excursion to Niagara Falls where they plan to stay for a few days along with the Easleys & the Labrows.

This is the time of year for traveling, so good luck on getting on those really full airplanes. But don't give up altogether – everyone I have talked to lately who's traveled has been boarded, mostly in F class. AND, speaking of stand-by travel – I found out I was mis-informed about interline travel via Jet Blue (by that J.B. agent at LGB) A couple of UA folks advise me that J.B. is listed under the interline agreements in Apollo & in UA Reg's. I don't know why I didn't check there! The ticketing & pricing is similar to the one with Southwest. If you can't find it in SkyNet, I'd suggest you call the PDX or SEA retiree travel desk folks for help.

For LAX travelers -- I'm still happy to help those who need parking tags for the LAX Airport employee/retiree parking lots. Closer in lot D is \$30, further out lot E is \$15 (for 1 month in & out). Plus, add \$2 for each mailing I do for you. I can send details & a map if you need it. When requesting a tag, be sure to advise me of exact travel date; it's a good idea to call or email to be sure I'll be in town to get the tag to you on time.

Calendar:

Oct. 13 - Luncheon – Sportsman's Lodge in the valley

Dec. 1 – Christmas luncheon party on the Queen Mary.



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San Diego

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I am delighted to let you all know that our Oct. luncheon will be held at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant on Oct 13 at 11:30 a.m. It will be a Luncheon Buffet. Many excellent food choices including a beef carving station & a ham carving station are available, as well as fish, salads, vegetables, dessert, coffee & tea.

Fliers were mailed beginning of Sept. but mark your calendars now.

Calendar:

Oct. 13 - 11:30 am. Luncheon Buffet at 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant. Flier has been mailed.

Dec 2 - 11:30 am. Annual Christmas Party at Tom Hans Lighthouse. Flier to be mailed.

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We had 122 members & guests at our Aug. 22 meeting. Shirley Dickinson & Jo Milligan were our greeters today and welcomed everyone as they came in.

Carol Walter introduced our guests & announced that Al & Lillian Christian celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this month.

We were honored to have Clipped Wings (Flight Attendants) National President Candi Symes & their Fund Raising Chairperson, Jackie Haws with us today. They spoke briefly about their project to honor parents of Special Olympics Athletes at the International Games. To raise money they are selling scarves & ties with either a design of flight attendants uniforms going back many years, or airplanes that UAL has flown over the years. UAL donated 2 tickets, to anyplace they fly, for a drawing for the parents.

Helen Cain showed us a blouse she had hand painted that she will donate for our Nov. charity drawing. Harriet Kunze who has been our Charity Coordinator for many, many years announced that she is "retiring" from this office at the end of the year. Walter Bartkowiak reminded us that volunteers are needed for this office & others. Volunteers are always needed & welcomed to keep our group going. One of our volunteer members is Shirley Campbell, our local newsletter editor. She is responsible for getting a newsletter out every quarter; she does a great job. Betty Bliss, Eloise Bailey, Jane Bingham & Margaret Reelfs see that they are ready to be mailed.

Get Well/Thinking of You cards were sent to

Joe Vaccaro who was in the hospital also to Virginia Schmidt who had heart surgery. We wish them both a swift recovery. I am sorry to report that Glenn Jorgensen passed away May 30. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Marjorie at 152 Laurel Av., Millbrae, CA 94030. Jeanne Garcia (747 Sycamore Av., San Bruno, CA 94066) called to tell me that her husband Hilario passed away Aug. 3. We lost Reuben "Jack" Pearson Aug. 7. His wife, Cheryl, can be reached at 70 Broadway #6, Millbrae, CA 94030.

I received an email from Paul Ashby who would like to hear from some of his former coworkers. He & his wife now live in an assisted living complex in a suburb near Tulsa, OK. If you know Paul his email address is akb7ytf@juno.com or call him at 918-455-4871. He would love to hear from you.

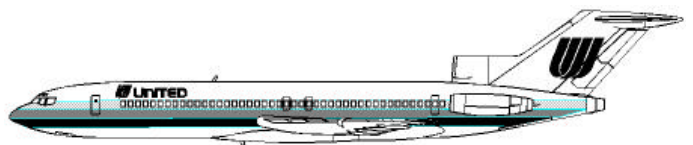
2nd Co-Vice President, Tony Hutt introduced our entertainment – "The Rhythm Tappers", a 6-woman tap dance team – a very enjoyable program. Our Oct. 24 meeting we will again be privileged to be entertained by the singers & dancers of Broadway By The Bay's "Highlighters".

Travel info.: Ginger Dahlberg has scheduled a Branson Missouri trip for Dec. 6 – 11. She is looking into a VietNam trip for next year & a possible 7 – day San Juan Islands cruise for next summer. If you are interested call Ginger at 650-224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com. Betty Garner still has inside cabins available on her Mexican Riviera cruise, Oct. 1 – 11, leaving from SFO. Give Betty a call at 650 355-4195, email garnerbee@yahoo.com.

Calendar:

Singles Club: 1st Mon. ea. mo., Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce – 650-593-7328.

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



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It was good to see the Burdas back at our Aug. 19 meeting, & to hear that they will be attending our fall luncheon.

Several of our members have been ill. Bill Copely had a pacemaker put in, but was at our Aug. 12 meeting.

Vi Mattscheck was back in the hospital, is now home. We welcomed her back at our Aug. 26 meeting.

Joe Purdy is in a care center. Joanne Currier is still in hospice & very ill. Let's keep all of them in our prayers.

Sad news, our past Pres., Steve White passed away Sept. 5. Cards may be sent to Irene White, 38492 Mary Terrace, Fremont, CA 94538.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual ladies' luncheon to be held on Dec. 8 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mountain View. It will be hosted by Marion Gaevert & Ruie Bradley. Mail checks for \$22 to Marion at 730 Melon Ct., Sunnyvale, CA. 94087.

Calendar:

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. mornings at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts 7:00 am, meeting convenes 8:20 am. We welcome all retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548, for more information.

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This month was the last Hurrah for the gourmet "eat-outs" at Doug & Dorothy Daniels lovely home in Sonora; a goodly crowd was there to partake of

the get-together. Now it will be a trip to Italy for the Daniels (she has connections there). It seems as though more & more of the members are traveling this year - learning more of the ropes of getting out into the world.

Bob Brooks took over the presidential duties for Guy Hoffman while he & Nancy are away. Bob did a fine job! Jack & Rosie Walls are in the wishful thinking stage, deep in fixing up their "fixer-upper" in Jamestown. What a satisfying project that is. Then it will be time for their trip to Italy.

Our young guest, Kari, was accompanied by her Grandparents, Horace & Marjorie Kirk.

A Memorial service for our long time member, John "Pat" Patterson was held at the Amphitheater at Pinecrest Lake. Just the right place as he had spent many hours there in multi activities. His 3 sons, with the help of family & friends, did an excellent job of planning & putting on this Memorial. We will always remember the times he was there bright & early to hold the tables for our annual July picnic meeting. He also was a hamburger server at this event.

Our next luncheon will be held at the La Contenta Golf & Country Club in Valley Springs hosted by Jon & Carole Foucrault.

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We're back! We took a vacation for the month of July. Our Aug. meeting was held on the 8th with 36 people in attendance (two days after the newsletter deadline, so we will be playing catch-up for a while).

It was nice to see Tom Cunningham's wife, Barbara. Now that she has retired, we hope to see her each meeting. Marilyn & Hoagy Harguth were back with both of Hoagy's new knees working perfectly! We welcomed a new attendee, Merle Fernandez, SFORR.

Our Sept. meeting featured the breakfast buffet which was brought back by popular demand. This will not be each time, just every so often to have

variety.

Treas., Tom Costa reports our Treasury is in good order, even after the Picnic!

For you computer geeks, check out: ID90.COM ... very interesting.

Our Sunshine Lady, Vilma Patrick, reminds you to let her know about anyone needing a card or call.

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:15 to 12:00. Lunch and business matters from 12:00 on. No need for reservations.

Calendar:

Oct. 10 - Monthly meeting

Nov. 14 - Monthly meeting

Dec. 12 - Annual Christmas party and Toys for Tots collection.

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Tom Goodyear reported 43 retirees attended the Sept Mile Higher's breakfast at Park Hill Golf Course. It was fun watching the golfers trying for a hole in one.

We had 3 retirees that we had not seen in a long time: Don Osborn, John Sausen, & Duncan McLean. Hope to see you folks and many more next month.

Teena Davis & Charles Hassler returned their 50/50 winnings to the Mile High Chapter. Thank you very much.

Tom also reported on the upcoming fall luncheon.

Please don't forget your pop cans. Remember this is the way we make a little money.

Christmas Luncheon, Holiday Inn Select, Denver Cherry Creek, 455 South Colorado Blvd. Dec. 6. Social hour 11:00 - 12 Noon, cash bar.

All lunches include fresh garden salad, vegetables, potatoes, roll & butter, dessert, decaffeinated & regular coffee, preset ice tea. Menu choices (prices all inclusive):

- *Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin - \$19.50*
- *Grilled Salmon Filet - \$19.50*
- *Baked Ham - \$18.00*
- *Chicken Breast Marsala - \$19.50*

Write menu choice on check, also include guest (s) name(s). Check payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, (303) 477-2918. Cut-off date Nov. 25.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for Santa's Sleigh Ride. Toys should be for children 4 to 8 years old. If toys need batteries, please include.

Calendar:

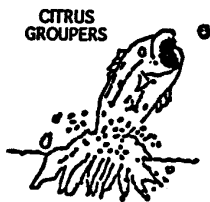
Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Park Hill Golf Course, 35th & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001.

Dec. 6 – Christmas Luncheon - Details in column.

FLORIDA

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The Citrus Groupers met on Aug. 25, at the Pasta Fair in Belleview with 21 members in attendance. We welcomed 2 new members. John & Patricia De Angria. Frank & Maxine Wood are leaving soon to go to a WW2 reunion in Washington DC. The Warners are planning to move to Daytona to a condo overlooking the ocean. Our next meeting will probably be their last with us. We will miss them. Jo Beck will participate in a golf cart parade with 3000 participants. A representative of The Guinness Book Of World Records will be there to verify &, if successful, list the event in the book. Joe & Elaine Cantillos' grandson, Geoffrey George Banser, won the FL State Championship in BMX bike racing. The proud grandparents had to buy new shirts because they popped all buttons.

Our Oct. meeting will take place at Sunny's 750 Mainstreet [Hwy 41] in Inverness at 11:30 am. Our Nov. & Dec. meetings will be combined as our

yearly Christmas party and will take place on Dec. 8 at 11:30 am. Jo Beck has gracefully invited us to have the party at her home, Oak Forrest Drive in the Villages. More details next month.

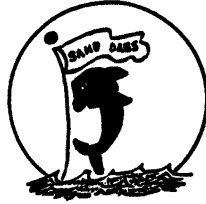
Calendar:

Oct. 27 - Meeting at Sunny's, 750 Mainstreet [Hwy 41] in Inverness, 11:30 am.

Dec. 8 - Nov. & Dec. meetings will be combined as our yearly Christmas meeting - 11:30 am.

SAND"DABS"

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23 Sand"DABS" gathered this 1st day of Sept. for our meeting at the Red Lobster. Prez Dick Coughlin reminded us that it was our Chapter's 9th Anniv. Only a few of the "originals" are still attending. We will miss Jesse Jernigan as he has moved to OK, & Joan Brandonisio who is moving to the Villages near Lady Lake, FL.

It was good to see Bill Lowry back, looking great. Nelson Funkhouser gave up a golf day to be with us - such sacrifice! Dick & Wilma Russell were back as were Frank & Nancy Thomas & Bill Oliver who is feeling much better. John Rieck kept us entertained with his infectious laugh. Anniv. celebrants were Jane & Andy Kress, 59 years together. Bill Lowry is celebrating his 56 year company Anniv.

At joke time Dick had a list of things from a "Do You Remember?" list which brought back some nostalgia & laughs. Also he had us do a funny test: When sitting, lift your right foot off the floor, make clock-wise circles. While doing this, draw a #6 in the air with your right hand. Guess what? Your foot will change direction. Interesting. Why not try it?

Our Prez gave us the information he had about the company. Not too much improvement, if any. When Frieda gave the Treas. report, there was a discussion about sending money to the hurricane victims via the Rescue & Relief Fund WESH-TV will be having tomorrow. This money will go to the Red Cross. We voted to give \$300 from our Treas. plus we passed the "hat" & collected over

\$100 more to add to it. This money goes with our prayers that it will do some good for someone. It came from the heart.

It was decided to have a lawyer who could come to our meeting who can discuss with us the importance of getting our papers in order, making sure we have a will, durable power of attorney, a living will & a health care power of attorney. Dick will follow through on that. It was decided to have our Christmas meeting at Halifax River Yacht Club. If interested, bring a grab-bag gift costing no more than \$10.

Dick Russell gave a little pitch for the Barbershop singing group he belongs to. Any men who are interested are welcomed to join the group & have some fun singing. Their Christmas concert will be Dec. 11 at Seabreeze High School. It should be some fun entertainment.

Thought for today: *Talk is cheap because the supply exceeds the demand.*

Calendar:

Oct. 6 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

Nov. 3 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

Dec. 1 - 11:30 - Halifax River Yacht Club



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Our Former Pres. Ted LeGand opened the Sept. meeting of The Real McCoys with 40 in attendance.

Gloria Armistead, Corresponding Secy., read a "Thank You" note from George Verneu. We were pleased to hear that we have recently acquired 3 new memberships as well as 3 renewals bringing our membership to 53 paid members. Welcome & hooray for The Real McCoys!

Our guests Judy Kenzig, from DENCS; Ted LeGrand, Ted & Char's son & their grandsons, Andrew & Michael.

Tracy Ruffalo from CSR & Elaine Tillman, her sidekick, invited us to be a part of their mixed league bowling team the "Who Cares" which meets on Wed. evenings 6:30, at the AMF Semoran on La

Costa. Cost is \$14 per week. If anyone is interested call (407) 658-0003, which is the Pro Shop, for more information.

The \$34 50/50 was won (once more) by Jeff Olson who thoughtfully donated it to our Charity Fund.

New Business was an update on Betty Davidson's son who was to go into physical therapy this week, however, due to some problems pt has been postponed. Betty will be back in FL on the 15. Please keep her & her family in your prayers.

Stan Halterman trip plans include the following:

- **Oct. 25-28** - 5 day trip to Northern Georgia for Oktoberfest, Cabbage Patch Doll factory & much more. \$46 each. Reservations by Oct. 1 please.
- **Nov. 26** - Hudson Florida Word of Life Production of Christmas in the 40's. Deluxe coach & dinner - \$46.
- **Feb. 15-26** - Cruise West Indies on the AMSC Lirica. Cost starting at \$989.
- **March** - King Tut & Fort Lauderdale Getaway 2 days/one night.

If you have an interest in any or all of the trips listed, call Stan Halterman, (407) 852-6773.

Calendar:

Oct. 5 - 1:00PM, The Golden Corral Restaurant on Semoran Blvd. (Rt. 436); 3 miles North of the airport, 1 mile South of Curry Ford Road.

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Our September breakfast meeting was cancelled because so many of our members were gone for the holiday weekend.

We were sorry to hear that a long time member, Eileen Burg, passed away. On July 25 she had lung surgery. For a few days after the surgery everything seemed to go well but she went into a coma. She was put on a ventilator support system which was

withdrawn. She passed away Aug.18. Cause of death was ARDS (Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome). Eileen worked at both ORDMD & EXOMD. Bill Burg, her spouse, is also a retiree from UAL. She will be dearly missed. Bill can be contacted at: 400 Thames Pkwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068-3689 - (847) 825-2544, eburg1@juno.com.

Jim Stokes has recently been diagnosed with melanoma. At this time he doesn't know his exact treatment. Please keep him in your prayers.

Mary & Fred Miller are former members who have moved to The Villages, FL. I have just received an email telling me that Fred has been diagnosed with Leukemia.

Dick and Ann Miller MIA & RSW: Ann Miller retired from United Airlines as Manager at RSW. She & Dick moved to The Villages, FL.

The NEW RSW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT opened on Sept. 9. We will all miss our small, easy to get around airport but are looking forward to see the AIRPORT TERMINAL OF THE FUTURE. It is a \$438 million complex which has hospital-size elevators, more restrooms, many more seats in waiting areas, shorter walks from ticket counters to gates, and fewer moving sidewalks.

It is twice the size of the one it replaces, & may be the first anywhere specifically designed to anticipate the boomer retirement wave. Thanks to a floor plan that uses "intuitive way finding" logic, signs confirm that you're headed in the right direction rather than present a list of possibly confusing choices. Electronic displays convey the same messages as the public address system for the benefit of those with hearing loss.

Then there are such details as the ledges that run underneath ticket counters, so that travelers in wheelchairs have a comfortable place to write or put travel documents.

Calendar:

Oct. 6 - Marlin Lade will be the guest speaker. Marlin is the current Pres. of RUAEA. I know that everyone will be interested in hearing the latest news about United.

1st Fri. of the Month

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

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.)

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It is difficult writing a newsletter for Sept. because our Sept. meeting (first since June) will take place tomorrow, the day after this newsletter is due. Everyone should have a lot to talk about. It will be good seeing our Stuart Treasure Coast members & hearing about their summer adventures or misadventures as the case may be. Bob & Chris Taylor finally returned to their repaired home – 9 months after our back-to-back hurricanes last Sept. Believe it or not, repairs are still going on with some of the members. Bob has not been doing too well & was operated on the end of Sept. for an aneurysm. Diane Brodis' husband, Ron, has had heart & other health problems but is OK. Gus Dodenhoff is at the Cleveland Clinic having his heart repaired. Our Pres. Allan Popek had a hip replacement on Sept. 29. In our next letter I do hope I will have good news about our members who are not up to par. On a lighter note, the Liebischs & Koerbers had a wonderful trip to the Bavarian Alps the end of Aug. For our Oct. 4 meeting, here is our first trivia question of the season. Remember, you get a free 50/50 ticket for the correct answer. United was the first domestic airline to order jetliners. In Oct. 1955, Patterson ordered 30 of what type of jet aircraft? Bring the answer to our Oct. 4 meeting at Johnny's at 11:30 & be a winner.



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DIXIE FLYERS

Well, by now it's back to school for most of our children, grandchildren & summer is just about over. Gas prices are putting a crimp in our ability to move around freely. The hurricane Katrina has defiantly had an impact on every one here in the Southeast, & in the Atlanta area. For a few days we had spot outages of fuel locally, which changed our daily habits considerably. But let us keep in mind that these things are only minor inconveniences, compared to what the people that lived on the Gulf Coast are going through. Also the devastation to families living around the Atlanta area who have lost their homes & business's from the tornados spawned by Katrina. From all the Flyers hearts and prayers go to those affected. Bear in mind that this is only the beginning of the hurricane season.

Calendar

Oct. - Meeting will be at Jay & Gail Chambers home in Gainesville, GA. This will be the first picnic of the year. Everyone is looking forward to a picnic with hamburgers, hot dogs, and of course our members make the best covered dishes and deserts around.

Nov. - Meeting will be at the Sage Woodfire Tavern in Alpharetta, GA, hosted by Carole Webb, & Marie Sadlowski. Everyone agreed to come back to the Sage, because of the private meeting room & the great food.

Dec. - Meeting has not been decided at this time.

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BOISE GEMS

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Since our regular 1st-Mon. monthly meeting fell on Labor Day, & because the JB's restaurant was unable to serve us because of the volume of business on a holiday, the Boise GEMS took the day off. Consequently, this month's column will be short & sweet, giving Jo & her helpers a "Labor Day" break!

Instead & through the gracious offering of Chuck & Carol Ryerse, 17 of us met at their beautiful home, for a potluck mid-day meal. Their hacienda overlooks the fertile Emmett Valley, where most of our fruit is grown. It is situated on the lower slopes of what is called "Old Freeze Out Hill". The winding road down the hill is naturally named Old Freeze Out Road, their address is 4080 Old Freeze Out Road.

The meal was a variety of delicious dishes prepared by several of our especially fine cooks. The hostess with the mostest was Carol Ryerse, with lots of runner-ups, namely Marlene Croghan, Ann Rose, Lil Jolly, Ned Yundt, Louise Duvall, Marilyn Taylor, Roni Adams, Carol Adams, & Wilma Schell. A great day, great company, a great feed – who could ask for anything more? Most chapter members were out in various parts of ID doing what they normally do on holidays – enjoying the sunshine, mountain air, & the smell of pine, sagebrush, i.e., the great outdoors.

Gary Sargent, who has a daughter living in Boise's River Run residential area was in town. He called on Dave & Margrit Robertson, who live in the same area; all had a nice visit. Gary is retired & lives in New Smyrna Beach, FL.

Betty Archibald is home recovering from a second back operation. We hope she will have a speedy recovery & be back with us soon. Madeline Hanson has moved to 208 E. Carmel, Meridian, ID 83642.

Don't forget, our next meeting on **Oct. 3** will be back at JB's in Meridian at 9 a.m.

Calendar:

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

Oct. 18 - 6 p.m. Dinner at the Sandbar in Marsing.

Become 25% less critical. With each lessening of criticism, you'll experience a corresponding increase in your own level of satisfaction.

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Now that the dog days of summer have passed we look forward to a new season filled with trees turning into beautiful colors, crisp breezes & orange sunsets. It seems only yesterday that the long awaited summer came, now we can look forward & enjoy a new season painted by Mother Nature. Come out, share your vacation memories with others at our monthly gatherings on the 2nd Wed. of each month starting at 9:00 a.m.

Looking back to our last, Northsiders breakfast a good number of faces appeared that were not around for some time. Everyone is welcome. As always we enjoy new participants who share their everyday retirement life stories. One newcomer joined the Northsiders, Ken Lucht, who worked at WHQXO in the printing department for 35 years. Ken retired in Jan. 2005.

In Aug. our retiree volunteers, along with Chicago based United employees, came together to take phone pledges at Children's Memorial Hospital's annual Radiothon. Sponsored by a popular radio station, our volunteers collaborated with the Marathon-team in raising pledges. The money raised during the Radiothon will be used for pediatric research, patient care, education & advocacy. Proudly wearing our logo t-shirts, it was an exciting & rewarding experience taking phone pledges. It was surprising to find out that we played an integral part in helping raise over two million dollars. Thanks to Amy Labandelo of Corporate Social Investments at World Headquarters who made the arrangements and gave outdoor tickets to attend a concert at Ravinia to the volunteers. I know many are planning to return next year.

In Aug. there were 26 in attendance at the Southsiders breakfast, 4 of them were employed at O'Hare who joined us. Florence Constance reported on her trip with National Geographic on the Illinois & Michigan Canal. She passed out a tomato gift for each retiree that morning. Bob &

Agnes Pearson are still raving about their scenic trip to Banff and Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rockies. Added to their pleasure was the "Sno-Coach" trip to the Athabasca Glacier in the Columbia Ice Fields. There activities included riverboat rafting, a gondola trip to the top of Sulphur Mountain & an English tea with scones at the elegant Chateau in Lake Louise.

Helen Collins condition is progressing slowly from her hip operation & remains in Evergreen Park Health Care Center. Those wishing to send get-well wishes to cheer her may send them to 10124 South Kedzie Av., Evergreen Park, IL. 60805.

The O'Hare Group (ORDCS) meet for lunch at the Higgins Char House located at 800 East Higgins Road in Elk Grove Village at noon on the 1st Tues. of every month.

Sat. Oct. 15 from 3p.m. to 8p.m. ORDCS & OPBOP will have their Old-timers Reunion at Giuseppes, 1062 Lee St., Des Plaines, IL. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these social events. Give Connie Russo a call at (847) 956-0764 for more information.

Calendar:

Oct. 12 - Breakfast with the Northsiders Group, 9:00 a.m., Artemis Restaurant, Mt. Prospect, IL.

Oct. 17 - Skyliners Luncheon, Itasca Country Club, Itasca, IL. (Flyers in the mail).

Oct. 19 - Loop Group (3rd. Wed. of every other month) - 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 25 - Southsiders Group for Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m. in Bridgeview, IL.

Nov. 9 - The *Fall Food Collection* at the Northsiders Breakfast. Canned goods, dried goods & paper products are appreciated.

Dec. 6 - *Winter Holiday luncheon* - Avalon Banquets - Flyers to be mailed in Nov. will have more information with registration.

INDIANA



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The Indy Racers were happy to have 26 members attend our Aug. 13 meeting with 4 new members attending. We would like to extend our "welcome aboard" to Joe & Claudette O'Leksy. I need to give a shout out "Hello" to DEN from Fran & Pat Lavelle who attended the past meeting. We were so glad you all could attend & hope to see you at every meeting. Our "get well" thoughts to Tom Lapke who fell out of tree & sustained back injuries. Tom, I have one question for you ... what were you thinking? Climbing a tree? Whatever it was you were doing, do not do it again! The "golden years" bring a whole new set of rules, tree climbing is a "no".

I have a new address for one of our Indy Racers member, Mike Quilter. His new address is: Sunrise Senior Center, Mike Quilter Rm. 221, 2725 Lake Circle Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46268. I know Mike would love to have some communication and visits with his friends.

During the Aug. meeting, we discussed & voted on a change of meeting places. We have decided to move our meetings to The Golden Corral in Plainfield beginning in Oct.

MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters Aug. summer picnic was blessed by Mother Nature, with the best possible weather & the most beautiful scenery she could provide. Once again, 40 members met at the Salem Willows old Girl Scout camp for a multi-variety barbecue, prepared by Don Simard & Bruce Eddy. Our newest member & first timer was Norman Hudon, recently moved from FL back to New England. Amy, the 12 year old granddaughter of Ed & Marge LeClair returned to our fold again. She's hoping for a puppy in her future. I can remember such hopes in a sooo long ago past. It's wonderful to see youth at its best. Lou & Sylvia Shakley's daughter in-law & grandson attended. Their son Todd, recently of MHTOZ evidently saw

the handwriting on the wall & quit United. Sad, huh?

Free lunch winners were Mary Beth McDermet & Bill Dwyer. Ester Smith won the consolation prize. Similar to last year, at the end of our picnic, our VP Don Simard auctioned off every & anything that was left over. Quite an event it was! Don missed his calling! Unfortunately, Don & Joan's son Christopher was in a serious auto accident some months back. He is now stable & on the way to healing.

Mary Beth & Staley McDermet will soon be giving up their Salem, MA home & move to VT. To date, we have been unable to recruit members from VT to the Nor'Easters, (BTV being our only station). At last we will be a true New England chapter with members in the six New England states. Thanks Beth!

Susan DiPippo, the blood drive coordinator for the Massachusetts General Hospital, was honored with an award for services vital to their blood drive program's success. Our chapter donation last month went to the Portland OR retirees reservation office. Their services benefit all UAL retirees & is a worthy cause we can all benefit from.

Our Executive Adviser, George Mavreles, has been under the weather & not present the past several meetings. George, who's norm was to attend every meeting has been sorely missed by all. Hurry back George!

Our newest members are: Susan Bassick, BOSSW, Mary Dacey, BOSFF, & Norman Hudon, IADRR. Welcome to the Nor'Easters.

Calendar:

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

MICHIGAN

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20 Escapees & 1 guest met at Sinbads on the River Sept. 1. We welcomed first timers in this

year of 2005, John & Judith LeRoy, LaCinda McMannus, Bob Short & his granddaughter, Parris.

Sadly we learned that one of our own was severely affected by Katrina. Received the following from Sandi Sloan:

Donnie Bonhart called to share that Joyce Gilmore - retired UAL DTWRR & BPO supporter - has been affected by the disaster in New Orleans. Joyce & 23 of her family members evacuated to Baton Rouge to her sister's home. Included in that number are children ranging in age from infant to 13 years. Everything they had was destroyed. In fact they are today going to apply for food stamps.

Joyce said they need money ASAP. If you can ... please help Joyce & her family. All of us who know Joyce understand that she ALWAYS helped anybody, anywhere, anytime. She always approached new hires to see if they were settled or needed anything. She has fed & clothed many a person. So now that she is in her time of need let's lend a hand.

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When Joyce retired she moved to MSY to be near family. Our love & prayers for Joyce & all the peoples in the south that have suffered so much, due to this frightful disaster. I was most thankful to hear that United has promised that our employees affected would still receive a paycheck, that they had enough to worry about, and UA did not want them to have one more worry. It sure restores my faith and pride in the company I spent so many years serving. Also thanks for the humanitarian efforts that UA showed to the victims of Katrina.

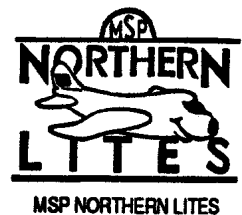
Calendar:

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

MINNESOTA

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Aug. brought 33 members plus Janet Meyer's granddaughter to lunch. We welcomed new members Steve & Ida Mayo. Steve retired from DEN load planning, after having a career like many of us, bouncing around the system in various jobs. They now make their home in Fairmont, MN; we hope to see them regularly.

Lee Storlie has agreed to serve a 3rd year as Pres. of our group, Arlene Kelley will replace Donna Gray as Treas. We thank Donna for her years of service keeping the money straight. At least, we think she has! The RUAEA correspondent-chapter secretary's job is still open for nominations. Our group celebrated it's 15th year as a RUAEA chapter in 2005.

The 50/50 raffle was again a success; Jim Simon suggested that we donate the Treasury's half to the MLS Foundation Walk held on Sept. 24. Several members have lost friends & loved ones to that horrendous disease, so the motion passed easily.

Lee recognized the veterans of World War II on the anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki. Don Wood gave us an eyewitness report of having seen the flash & smoke of the bombing from his seat in a B-24 over Okinawa.

Reports of some of our group who are ailing: Clyde Anderson, Wes Briest, Nel Brawner. A note would be greatly appreciated by them all. Frank Brower has returned to MI to live with his sister. His address is P.O. Box 751, Fowlerville, MI 48836.

Bernie Hazekamp cautioned us about changing our medical insurance to another plan, because if that doesn't work out we **may not** return to Blue Cross of Illinois. Research everything very carefully before making a change.

A reminder that our chapter is hosting the Northwood Loonies autumn get-together Oct. 4-7. Stillwater, MN is a beautiful little community on the St. Croix river, the leaf colors should be spectacular. Antiquing, trolley tour & a river cruise are on the agenda, & of course, GREAT food. It should be a good time!

The Carnival cruise leaving Nov. 27 is also on the agenda. Those interested see below for details.

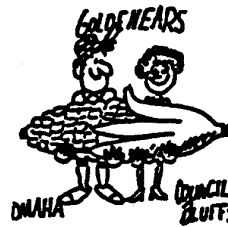
Lunch the 2nd Wed. of every month, 11:15am at The Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 and Robert Street in West St. Paul.

Calendar:

Oct 4-7 - Northwoods Loonies autumn gathering, Stillwater, MN hosted by the Northern Lites. For info, call Jim Simon at (715) 859-6735 or e-mail jimmyinc@citizens-tel.net.

Nov. 27 - Carnival cruise to Belize, Honduras, Cozumel & Grand Cayman. Call Donna Eden at (800) 819-3902 ext. 82340. Mention Gene Delvaux's name for early dinner seating with the group.

NEBRASKA



GOLDEN'EARS

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Thanks to the Farrells, Piersons & Langans for hosting 37 at a great luncheon at Regal Lanes. Food was delicious & the desserts "yummy". We can add Regal Lanes to our list of best places to go. Next year, hopefully, the street construction will be finished & will allow for more parking.

Had a call from Dottie Lewis telling me she has moved. Her new address is 1001 S. Summer St., #21, Creston, IA 50801, phone remains the same (641) 782-4861. Dottie said she was feeling good.

Betty & Hank Marquardt celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 4. Our sincere congratulations to them.

Ev Payton had hip replacement surgery on July 28 & was released from the hospital Aug. 1. I talked to Ev, he said it is tough for him to get around & is having some pain. Nurses, etc. come in each week to help with his rehabilitation. He said at first the doctor told him 4-6 weeks for rehabilitation, but now it is 6-8 weeks. He said "guess I waited too long". Our best wishes to Ev for a speedy & complete recovery.

Calendar:

Oct. 4 - Old Country Buffet

Nov. 1 - To be determined

Dec. 6 - Anthony's - Hosted by Ev & Shirley Payton



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Our meeting was started by our VP George Fox due to the letter of resignation of our Pres. Zelma Kibler & our Treas. Francis Rosenthal.

We started at 12:00 with lunch buffet, continued by introducing the new member, Charles Dombrowsky & his wife Marilyn from DCAMM, they live in Henderson, NV.

Winnie Stone took the Treas. job & had all the banking transfers made with her name as Treas. & George Fox as the other officer as per non profit organization rules.

Chris Czaplewski took the Pres.'s position. Their term ends December 2006.

We appreciate that they accepted these officer positions on such short notice.

All retired United Airlines Employees living in and around the LAS area are invited to attend our bi-monthly luncheon on Oct. 11 at the ELLIS ISLAND HOTEL & CASINO, 11:30 AM. We will be discussing where our future meetings for 2006 will be; your input would be appreciated. You are welcome whether you are a local member or not. Mike Vasko - (702) 898-0561 for more information.

A sad note: Past member & from LASCS Gerry Carroll past away of a massive stroke & complications, the surviving widow is also a LASCS retiree. Ask Chris Czaplewski for more information (702) 346-8877 in Mesquite.

Calendar:

Luncheon Place: The Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89109 - (702) 733-8901

Oct. 11 - Luncheon

Dec. 11 - Luncheon

Feb. 14, 2006 - Luncheon

*Money will buy a fine dog, but only
kindness will make him wag his tail.*



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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Again this year, the weather for our picnic at Sand Harbor was wonderful. We had a turnout of 34, 4 of whom are SMF Gold Diggers.

A big "Thank you" goes to our chefs – Duncan Scaife & Joe Robinson and their assistant – Nancy Scaife. Thanks for volunteering – everyone appreciates your efforts. Thanks also to Mary Withers for making sure we had everything we needed to enjoy our luncheon – from tablecloths to tomatoes. Thanks to the cadre of helpers that sold a lot of 50/50 tickets: Mary, Kathy, Nancy & others.

There was no formal program for the picnic. Bob Cuff, our Regional RUAEA Representative, was in attendance. He spoke briefly about the need for everyone to promptly complete the paper work from the PBG.

The winner of the 50/50 was Joe Robinson – who also won big at one of the casinos on the way to Sand Harbor. Maybe we should have Joe start buying our lottery tickets – he seems to be pretty lucky. Other lucky winners were Bob Cuff & Barry Starkey, who won bottles of wine.

Calendar:

Oct. 17 - Meeting

Nov. 21 - Meeting

Dec. 12 - Christmas Luncheon

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The Gardenstators held their annual picnic Aug. 31 at Merrill Park, Colonia. 65 people attended even though rain was predicted but it turned out to be perfect picnic weather. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers

& all the side dishes were available, many brought home-made desserts as well. Pres. Richard Confer ran some games & Bingo.

Everyone hated to go home. A good time was had by all. John Murphy thanked everyone who attended the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. The food & show was enjoyed by all.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

With summer unofficially over our Sept. meeting at Antuns of Hicksville had the members happy to see the familiar faces of their 2nd families. Joe Totaro started the Meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" & a moment of silence for victims, living & dead, of Hurricane Katrina.

Mary Butera has been in & out of the hospital ... a note or phone call will help boost her spirits. (718) 357-6061.

On a brighter side, Laura & John Muller celebrated their GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY on Sept. 3. The Metros presented them with a bottle of champagne & a certificate. A long honeymoon in FL for the winter sounds like a great idea. Ruth & Elliot Olenick, God Bless them, celebrated their 57th anniversary on Sept. 25. Best wishes for many more years together to both couples & the six other couples with anniversaries in Sept.

Birthday greetings to Charlie Kaczinski turned 82 on the 19 of Sept., Diana Arena was 85 on Sept. 20. A special Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Smith & Dan Mahon both will be 80 on 24th & 18th respectfully.

Jo Calabretta former LGACS & retired SW with the help of Jimmy Richardson retired LGSCS, are organizing a Customer Service reunion for former United CSLGA. Sounds like tons of fun.

Local IAM Lodge 1322 is having a 60th anniversary retirement party sometime in November.

The collection of toys & money for the Marathon School Christmas party will be accepted

at the Oct. meeting.

Nominations for Chapter Pres. & Correspondent Secy. will be at the Oct. meeting. Also, the nominations for the Arthur Shepherd Award.

Dues for 2005 are still being accepted by Paul Cohen.

Calendar:

Oct. 5 - 12 Noon at Antuns of Hicksville

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The Ohio Buckeyes met Sept. 7 at Sweetwater Landing in the Metro Parks. Pat Hendy, Anne Fiedler & Reta Hammer hosted this wonderful event. The number of attendees was 87. These 3 wonderful ladies have been hosting this annual brunch event for some time. Thank you for your dedication in hosting this annual event.

I spoke with Ted Richardson who lives out of town; he & his wife attended this annual event. The Midwest Regional Director for RUAEA, Carol Faust & her husband Bob joined us as well. She hosted a question & answer period.

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Mary Ellen Pekar. Funeral services were on Aug. 12. Our condolences to her husband, Tom, her family & friends. A donation in her memory was made to St. Colette's Stain Glass Window Fund. Please keep them in your thoughts & prayers. Our Pres. Carol Hacker reported that Ronald Mandeville of Motor Coach USA recently passed away. The club did business with his company for many years. A donation in his memory was sent to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Keep Harry Guenther in your prayers, he had back surgery last month. Cards are welcomed. They may be sent to: 30940 Iris Court, Unit 19B, N. Olmsted, OH 44070-6318. Also, Vic Taylor needs your prayers. Cards may be sent to: 305 West 226th St. Fairview Park, OH 44126-2515.

John Taucher was admitted to the Cleveland Clinic on Aug. 23. He had surgery & received 3 stents. He was released on Aug. 24. He is at home & doing well. Cards may be sent to: 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031. Good News! Mark Gatesman is home & is on the road to recovery. Please remember to keep these people in your prayers.

Well folks, it's that time of year again. We are busy making plans for 2006. We need people to host the months of March, April, June, Nov. & quite possibly Dec. The actual planning doesn't take that much time. If you're willing to volunteer, please contact one of the officers.

Calendar:

Nov. 2 - Catered Luncheon at Bain Park Cabin. 21077 North Park Dr., Fairview Park. Pre-paid.

Dec. 7 - Christmas Party, Copper Top Restaurant at Cherokee Hills, Valley City. Dinner served in the Panoramic Banquet Room Upstairs. There is an elevator available. Pre-paid.

OREGON



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Sometimes attendance falls off a little during the summer months but it was good to see 96 members at the Aug. meeting. There was a short business meeting, several announcements were made pertaining to the travel desk & Christmas party.

The travel desk is receiving 4 times the number of calls from outside the PDX area since the 800# was installed. Our thanks to the Nor'Easters for their generous donation to the travel desk, plus we have also received small donations from individuals across the country. Tina Lewis is asking for more volunteers to man the telephones & will be happy to instruct anyone who is interested in helping.

The Christmas party will be an early evening affair at the Refectory. The cost is \$20 per person,

however, if you purchase your ticket for the dinner between Oct. 1 & 31 the cost is \$15. Plans are underway to have transportation available to those who will need transportation. More information will be available via e-mail or your telephone caller in the near future.

Our own Charlie Stemper (PDXCS) is a candidate for Mayor of Vancouver, WA. Lots of luck Charlie.

Congratulations to Jim & Pat Reichert who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 26. They were married in Hillsboro, OR. Jim retired from PDXJL.

This has not been a good month for illnesses. Jim Psoinis fell & ruptured his spleen, was hospitalized for several days. Bruce Blough had his right leg amputated to the pelvic because of a cancerous condition; however he was able to come to the Aug. meeting using a walker. What an inspiration he is to all of us. Bruce is now using a wheel chair & finds it much easier to get around. It was also reported that Katie Barker is suffering from congestive heart failure. I talked to Bob Bills, he is now undergoing physical therapy and hopes to soon be back riding his bike.

Remember, Al Haynes will be our guest speaker at the Oct. meeting. He was the captain of Fl 232 that crashed in Sioux City, IA.

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

Calendar:

Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR unless noted

Oct. 12 - Al Haynes

Nov. 9 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

Dec. 7 - Christmas Party

PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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What a great setting for our Aug. get-together. Those in attendance enjoyed a great picnic luncheon, followed by a wonderful performance by the "Wild Things". Baseball at its finest. I know those of us that drove to the stadium & braved the traffic would do it again. Kudos to Pres. Barb Seaholm for her planning this nite out. Treatie Karwoski missed the gala food spread but managed to get there for the ball game.

Some good news to pass along - Carl Chiocchi is almost back to 100% & getting stronger every day. Also our VP Skip Weiss is recuperating at home, after a bout in the hospital. Both wish to thank all their friends for the many get-well wishes.

Our prayers go to the unfortunate tragedy in loss of life & property caused by Katrina. Time to reflect & count our blessings.

On the national level, things are progressing nicely in the planning for our 2006 convention. As you know by now, the convention will be held in DCA next year. It was great to see the response for volunteers has been heeded by some former UALers from PIT. Marily Marcy has agreed to chair the hospitality & transportation position. PIT volunteers also include Al & Roberta Larimer, along with my better half Bernie on the 50/50 Raffle slot. Treatie Karwoski will assist Marilyn with the hospitality. Nancy & Jack Hooper (PDX) will chair the registration slot. Helen Cauwells will chair the meals/table reservations, Lucy Chatelain is our Publicity Chairperson; Mona McNamee is Decorations honcho & Gus & Jewell Gustozzi will chair the Art Raffle. Our Secy. is Norma Betters. Our General Co-Chair are Hank Gosselin & Bernie McNamee. Any volunteers - contact me at jmjuth@hotmail.com.

Calendar:

Oct. 20 - Johnny Carino's Robinson

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Shoney's Restaurant was the place, Aug. 18

was the date, 9:30 was the new time for our breakfast get-together. We had decided at the last meeting that a slightly earlier start would be good for two reasons - it would allow for a more leisurely breakfast buffet before the staff started converting it to a luncheon menu (11 am), we could get an earlier start on our day's errands and other activities. So far, so good.

There was no meeting, but I know of one person in attendance who had undergone an operation just 16 days earlier. That would be me; I'm doing fine.

It's hard to know how to comment on the events that unfolded in the Gulf coast starting the last few days of Aug. I'm afraid we witnessed a vacuum of leadership that turned a national disaster into a national disgrace. Our hearts go to the hundreds of thousands who had to undergo such trauma & tragedy, including so many in our own United family.

Calendar:

Oct. 20 - New time of 9:30 am EDT, breakfast buffet at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Nov. 10 - 12:30 pm EST, luncheon/meeting at Ramsey's Restaurant in North Knoxville to be hosted by the Shipes (865 922-3858). Please note that this will be on the second Thurs. instead of our usual third Thurs.

Dec. 15 - 9:30 am EST, breakfast buffet at Shoney's Restaurant.

UTAH

THE SALT LAKERS

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On Aug. 17, 41 chapt. members met for a very congenial Sugar House Park potluck picnic. Everyone brought delicious food, more than we could eat - even with second helpings. - Thanks to Sandy Cantonwine, a nice food dish was prepared & taken to shut-in Leoma Williams who appreciated it. She recently turned 93 (7/26).

Everyone deserves a heartfelt thank-you for participating in the good conversation, excellent company, & delicious food - especially Pete/Jackie Loyola's daughter-in-law Lidia provided, gratis, two big roles of table cover from her firm's inventory; Betty Davis' daughter Naene who baked three doz. buns, still hot when Betty arrived at the Lake Terrace. Thank you, every one of you!

We especially enjoyed seeing new prospective chpt. members at the picnic: Bob/Judy Turgeon; Mikey Swenson & hubby Dave; Mont McEwen; and Jerry/Barb Hugentobler. About a year ago, Jerry suffered a stroke, and it was good to see him coming along so well. Welcome to all. Do come more often - it's fun!

We also welcomed Eldon/Doris Rasband & Frank/Sue Christenson; Art Scott brought friend Carol. Our new members Carl/Lorraine Olson seem to feel right "at home" with the group - she won the Nordstrom raffle prize that Pete Loyola obtained. - Mickey Swenson & Judy Turgeon mentioned that they would like to get in touch with their old F/A colleagues Roni Adams & Billy Smart. As soon as e-mail addresses are known, the chpt. sec'y will pass them on to interested parties so that old delightful stories can be swapped.

Our new president Doug Peterson accepted his new chpt. responsibilities; used the membership list to get everyone's e-mail address, for faster handling of important info to the members. Thanks, Doug!

Also thanks to Art Scott who "burned" a CD with all the photos he took with his digital camera. The chpt. sec'y is safekeeping it, for possible future use.

In about a week, George Dalton & his brother will be getting ready for another Alaska fishing trip; while, in early Sept., Frank Murdock will be on a flight to Ketchikan, AK - his 33rd annual trek to get his "mess of salmon". George & Frank reminisced about their past fishing trips together; they also fondly remembered another fisherman, chpt. member Frank Ayrton, who passed away 7/30/05. Frank Ayrton & retired UALer Jim McGuire, now living in FL, were old fishing buddies and part of the original group of 14 UALers who started the AK adventure in 1972. Geo. Dalton brought many doz. of Krispy Kreme donuts, much to the delight of the partygoers who took them home, for later consumption. Thanks,

George!

We missed our regulars Lila Maughan; Doug Roberts; Mary Blackhurst. A call to their homes reassured us that they were doing all right, even though they felt a bit "under the weather". Sandy Cantonwine called Lila Straley who has health problems; he also tried to get in touch with Aletha Cannon - no answer. Thanks, Sandy, for caring!

Correction: Shirley Ottman had a hip replacement (not a knee operation), as stated in earlier reports. We were glad to have them come to the picnic, even though Bill did not feel his usual self that day, health-wise. Sandy's call to Bill Ottman confirmed that Bill was now feeling much better.

Calendar:

Oct. 19 - Jumbo Buffet 2pm - 6930 S. State St., Murray.

Nov. 16 - "Coffee Time 10am" - Murray Heritage Ctr., Murray.

VIRGINIA

BLUE RIDE MOUNTAINS

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We met Aug. 11 at Wintergreen Resort and Golf Club with lunch at the Devil's Grill. It was high in the mountains with spectacular views & scenery on a hot summer day. 16 members & guests were in attendance. We missed some of our members, hope they will be able to join us at our next meeting. We sympathize with Bill & Freda Meadows who have just learned their son has cancer. We hope he will respond to treatment & will be successful. Juanita & Don Gartzke were unable to attend as Don was not well enough. Hope they can attend the Oct. picnic. Plans are being checked out for a place for that plus the menu. Everyone will be notified later. We were so pleased to have Margaret & Jim Sarsfield back with us after their FL trip. They looked great.

We look forward to the next RUAEA

Convention at the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington, VA (2006). Bob & Mary Carter and Tom Melgaard from our group have volunteered to help with the convention. We applaud them.

Pres. Gene Calvert & Catherine shared some of their wonderful garden tomatoes with everyone before we had to head back down the mountain in various directions, home for the day.

Calendar:

Oct. - Picnic - Date and details to be announced.

WASHINGTON

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Lance & I will be missing the next 2 dinners. Thanks to everyone that volunteered to host an event.

The picnic was a huge success! Everyone had a memorable time, the weather & the beauty of being next to the Pend O'reille River leaves a lasting impression on all of us. Thanks again Bob & Edie Clark, for the use of your beautiful home & its surroundings also to Tom & Ruth Sullivan for helping enormously in being such great hosts.

Cal & Kathy Shireman have purchased a camping trailer this year & as we had not seen them since Christmas they are surely enjoying their outings. Cal says he has diabetes so has slimmed down even more from his already slim self. Kathy hasn't retired yet ... but as she owns her own business she can get away more often.

Bill & Lois Stookey joined us at the picnic. They are both still using walking sticks since their car accident but they looked great, are beginning to feel they are on the mend. Jerry & Edna Tefft were 1st timers. Jerry volunteered to host Sept., thank you Jerry!

Willie & Frank Storey enjoyed the day, as did Ed Meadows (his first time there). Ken & Myrtle Stoop were first timers also.

Marlene & Paul Bennett who live in Chewelah,

WA had ridden over on their Harley. Paul was the designated driver. Marlene took the back seat for the 1st time in a long time. Marlene is having a few health problems & hopes to get back in good working condition soon.

Bob Clark is still working on his new toy, his little single engine airplane.

Remember, your 2006 dues are due in Dec., I will be attempting to collect it at the Christmas party. Those that cannot attend may mail it if they would like.

Calendar:

Tom & Mary Sullivan will host Nov.

Les & Vera Graham will be hosting our Christmas Party to be held at the Chic a Ria in North Spokane.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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On Sept. 11, 22 Loungers & friends went by van to Shanksville, PA. This is where United Air Lines Flt 93 crashed into the Allegheny mountains with the help of some brave passengers to prevent the hijackers from flying the plane to Washington, D.C. to crash into a government building. There will be a ceremony at 9:30 am: the time Flt 93 went into the mountain. The U.S. Park Service is taking charge of the site & making a permanent Memorial. The service included the National Anthem, an invocation, reading of the names of the crew & passengers of Flt 93 along with tolling of a bell. The unveiling of the winning model of the chosen design for the permanent memorial will be on display. Speaking will be Tom Ridge former Governor of PA & the first director of Homeland Security also included will be a wreath laying ceremony, & musical selections by a children's choir. (In the next month's RUAEA we will give more details of the trip.)

Fred Bena, Sunshine chairman, has been in FL for the last few months doing Sunshine work for his Sister. Others that need Sunshine should let Fred's assistant, Van Turner, know if there are those in

need. Van's number is (703) 369-3949 or email vanturner@comtekmail.com.

We can directly help some victims of Hurricane Katrina. A member, whose relatives have been left homeless, will have these families arriving in our area soon. The people, (40 plus including children), are coming here with basically only the clothes on their backs. They have an immediate need for clothing & personal toiletry items. The families who will be sheltering them would be grateful for help. Here is your chance to make a difference in somebody's life who really needs all the help we can give. Loungers who would like to donate any of the above items, may bring them to the next two luncheons and they will be distributed to those persons who will truly appreciate their generosity.

The Oct. speaker will give a very informative program on Alzheimer's, which also incorporates a program that helps the heart. She will give out literature, also have a question & answer session.

Calendar:

Oct. 12 - 12:30 Luncheon Speaker Sandra O'Connell

Nov. 9 - 12:30 Luncheon

Dec. 14 - 12:30 Luncheon

NEW MEMBERS

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

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*The less you care about seeking approval,
 the more approval you seem to get.*

LETTERS

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Jack S. Green, 8312 Yarrow Ct., Arvada, CO 80005-2532

Have enjoyed 12½ years of retirement & the reading of our monthly newsletter. Thanks to all who work so hard to keep us in touch with each other. Especially enjoyed the recent article by Dave Smith. It just recalled so many pleasant trips we were able to have in years long ago, also the close friendship we had.

Jean R. Landrieu, PO Box 329, Ridgfield Pk, NJ 07660

I remembered! Before the red stamp. It's been hectic the last month my brother died & I was in

New Orleans for his funeral. I had just arrived back home when Katrina hit. The family is now scattered all over the Southwest - Texas, Arkansas & Kentucky. Luckily all their homes were spared by the flood at least. As for the rest, they still don't know. I'm the youngest of the bunch and it's tough on me.

Naida Knudson, 9350 E. Caley Ave. Apt. 219, Englewood, CO 80111

Thanks to Jo & all the officers of our Association. I know you put in many hours of work to get the newsletter to us every month. I worked in the mail room in DEN for 20½ years with Ray Hutchinson as my supervisor. They were good years.

I still have the scrapbook with the letters & pictures taken at my retirement party in Dec. 1979. I have to admit I can not remember who some of the people in the pictures are.

I still live at Caley Ridge Assisted Living but had to move into a studio so have an address change. *(See address above).*

Dennis M. Hitchcock, 273 Princes Lane, Harwood, MD 20776

For a number of years I edited a monthly newsletter so I know what a chore it is. Thanks for your hard work.

Even though I'm retired from United, I'm still working. The reasons why need no explanation by this time. In a couple of years I hope to be in Prescott, AZ where we have a house & will check in with the RUAEA "Tall Pines" local group when I get there & permanently retire.

Ed Liesse, 104 S. 296th Pl., Federal Way, WA 98003-3626

I thought I'd beat the red on the address label, but this will probably get to you after the labels have been printed. Oh well, at least I got it mailed ahead of time. Use the extra couple of dollars for wherever you need it.

Thanks for the continuing great job of keeping all of us up-to-date on the news. Sure hope the company can make a go of it after getting out of bankruptcy. The competition is getting really tough; the economy doesn't help much with rising prices.

**Leesa Bradley, PO Box 129, West Rupert, VT
05776-0129**

Always great to get news and info. from faithful RUAEA.

Do you have any folks on your mailing list up in my area?

Editor's NOTE: Any RUAEA members in Leesa's area - please contact her.

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

This past year has been as busy as ever. My husband, Ken, joined the ranks of retirement this past Jan. & we are amazed how one day after the other passes so quickly.

I'm ever so busy with my "volunteer" non-official placement business of locating domestic live-in help for the elderly in need of 24-hour care. After I was blessed to have a wonderful Polish caregiver for my mom, I received calls from others in need of help for their parents, or domestics looking for jobs. It's been a very rewarding experience, the demands continue to grow with referrals to contact me. While the intent was never there to get this involved, somehow the need can't be refused.

I was also quite honored to be nominated for & elected to serve as a Board of Director at the annual United Airlines Historical Foundation June 21. I'm sure there's much to learn, I aim to do my very best.

As usual, we enjoyed the annual RUAEA Convention held in Hollywood. Wonderful times spent with both old & new friends.

Have experienced some health issue as it relates to my hip, but am hopeful that the physical therapy will act as a preventive measure for any immediate hip replacement. I tend to blame the problem on that "irritable" Shetland pony I rode back in my college days. Think he should have been booked as a "special attraction" for a rodeo! Oh well, a former co-worker once told me he thought the poor fella couldn't take the load on his spine. Ah, those wonderful working years & all the flattering comments!

Thanks for all you do to keep us well informed & together.

**Joan P. Benoit, 24458 Bashian Dr., Novi, MI
48375-2924**

It's so easy to sit back and let others do all the work, but we are all guilty of that from time to time ... I'm here to tell you that myself and my fellow retirees are thankful for all of you working so hard to keep us informed ...

**Judy Maclin, 13 Briallia Circle, Newmarket, NH
03857**

I've been a RUAEA member for one year now; can't tell you how much I appreciate all the information that comes out through the newsletter, and all the hard work that so many of you are doing to keep us all informed through these difficult times. I particularly appreciate having access to the volunteers on the Travel Desk in PDX & SEA, as in the past, it's been so difficult to get valid flight load information when away from home & without the benefit of one's own computer.

Keep up the good work, & know that you are truly appreciated!

**Marie A. Krakowski, 268 Terrace Drive,
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514**

It has been a sad year - lost many friends recently. Wasn't able to attend the Hollywood convention - regrettable! However, DC sounds great ... have many friends & relatives out that way. Am looking forward to 2006 hoping good health follows me.

To Jo & her staff - a sincere thank you for all the good work.

**Doris Vormestrand, 2500 Alder St. #338, Milton,
WA 98354**

Each month we look forward to the newsletter to read about the health & travels of the other retirees.

We thank United for the many travel opportunities & for all our past benefits.

We wish them a fast recovery, once again be a #1 airline.

Thanks to all of you folks for bringing us the newsletter - It is appreciated.

**Lynn E. Muccilli, 608 Garden Ave.,
Woodbridge, NJ 07095-3834 (732) 636-3797**

I am a retired employee of United Air Lines Sale Force (EWRSS).

I am a member of the Red Hat Society. We have at least 40,000 chapters & over one million

members. A member over 50 is a Red Hatter who must wear red hats with purple outfits, except in your birthday month when you reverse the colors (purple hats & red outfit). Under 50 you are a Pink hat & lilac outfits. They are not quite finished yet.

We have a lot of fun, have conventions, go on trips, have parties, go to concerts, visit fancy homes and are there for each other.

Are there any Red Hatters in the retirees of UAL?

Jim Simon, 2450 10 1/16th Ave., Chetek, WI 54728

Once again another year has passed so it's time to enclose my dues along with my expressions of gratitude & praise for the hard working staff at RUAEA that continues to provide enjoyment, information and comfort to all of us that have served United over the years, also we are able to keep in touch with our fellow retirees through this wonderful monthly newsletter. I can't express how much I enjoy receiving my mailing each month but rest assured I read it from cover to cover. I congratulate the staff for the wonderful work & dedication you do in keeping us informed.

I am completing 7 years of retirement here in the northwood of WI but am planning on relocating in southern OR when my home & property sells. I look forward to making my move back west but will continue to enjoy my time here until that event takes place.

Jim Poore, 1845 Sonoma Drive, Altadena, CA 91001

I know I'm late again, but I've come up with a good excuse. Several weeks ago I took a swan dive into very hard sidewalk & suffered a severe head injury which required brain surgery, a month in the hospital, rehabilitation which is still going on. I'm doing well, but still need full time help to keep me out of trouble. I am expected to recover fully.

Now that's an excuse you don't get every day, but in my case it's true. Thanks for your faith in me for sending a couple of issues beyond my expiration dates.

Thanks for all the hard work to keep the newsletter alive.

Jack Casey, 11 Longley Rd. Unit F3, Shirley, MA 01464

As senior members regularly report, fewer names are recognized as acquaintances in the newsletter; I notice even fewer attending the annual conventions.

New memberships seem to include increasing numbers of retiring flight attendants. That interests me as the best of several positions I held in United was that as Manager of Stewardess Service at JFKSW, appointed to the position by my boss & friend, Regional Manager of Passenger Service, Sam McDermott. It was a pleasure to read the many names of my acquaintances reported by Bill Heath to have relayed their best wishes to Dave Robertson. I'd like Dave to know that I add my greeting & best wishes, as I was privileged to know him. Not all contact is lost with old friends, as through the years I've heard from Ross Carter, Jay Mittelstead, Jim Gerrity, Gary Sargent, Iris Peterson, Bud Nelson; BDLOZ friends I occasionally join for breakfast; every two or three years Jean Leo & Marge Siegel convene a reunion of SW members from as far back as the 40's in NYC, at which it's my pleasure to meet again with some dozens of former coworkers.

Also there's the reunion I'll always remember of a couple years ago when I met for lunch in SEA with former fellow agent retirees of SEA Passenger Service, Al Drake, Bill Mohr, Darell Harlow, Ron Ringwood, Vern Seaburg & Mary Samples last seen in the mid-fifties.

Good work all of you in DEN do in keeping us informed; thanks for that.

Ken Norton, 17518 Long Branch Ct., Penn Valley, CA 95946-9564

Have been retired for 12½ years.

Belonging to RUAEA has been a lot of fun. We attended the convention in LAX; we had a great time.

Also we enjoy our monthly luncheons with the Goldiggers.

Harris Freihon, 1060 Johnson Av., San Diego, CA 92103-2316

It's been 18 years of retirement still I miss some of the old friends but email helps. We just returned from a trip to FL, I asked some of the flight crews if they remembered Capital Air Lines. Never heard of it was the reply. Guess I'm finally getting old! Still playing with boats, am in process of rebuilding

a great 40 years old Columbia 36 & having fun. My wonderful wife, Kathleen, sails with me. We are looking forward to a trip to the Galapagos Isles in Oct.

Art Swiatek, 4955 Bermuda Dunes, Banning, CA 92220

Don't mind writing this check - still the best "bang-for-a-buck" left in this world. Your monthly newsletter seems to be the only "bright spot" with all this gloom & doom in the world also at the gas pump - sure glad my commute days are behind me. Keep up the super job you're doing.

Joe B. Harris, P.O. Box 554, Alameda, CA 94501-9654

I particularly enjoy the monthly newsletter. Although I do not like to travel any place much any more, I very much enjoy companionship & the daily news. I just stay home or visit the senior citizen center to play pool, cards & dominoes. The senior center also has a very good lunch for seniors; cost is \$2.25 per day.

I have bad eyesight nowadays, as my eyes are failing me very fast. I was 18 years as an inspector at the United Airlines engine shop & was required to use high-power magnifying glasses. The long-time eyestrain at work caused eyesight deterioration. At this time, I cannot pass the minimum medical eye-test requirement for the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, I ride the bus every place I have to go. Also, my hearing is going bad, that is why I ask people not to call for important conversations on the phone; people can fax me instead (Fax# 510-523-9436).

Bill A. Hays, 183 Barbara Ln., Montreal, MO 65591-8163

Since Aug. marks 23 years since I retired from DENFN & became a life member of RUAEA it is time for a check for the postage fund (enclosed with file number!).

In July while in the DEN area "baby sitting" my daughter's 5 cats when she & her husband went on their annual trip for their wedding anniversary, I was privileged to attend the DEN Chapter's annual picnic. It was a very enjoyable event; saw many friends & coworkers.

I also want to express my thanks for the newsletter. Being too old a dog to learn new tricks,

I am computer illiterate & need the hard copy. When you live way off line in the Ozarks it is the only source of company info. Thanks to all.

John Sedell, Royal Oak Apt. 204, 2180 Poplar Dr., Medford, OR 97504

Certainly enjoy reading the monthly newsletter.

I'm doing fine for an 86 yr old, have many happy memories of the past. It was a great career for me.

Jean Dobison, 95 W. Hodge Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Our thanks to those great people who put out our newsletter - which we love to receive.

We are doing fine here in the FL panhandle - have weathered this last year of hurricanes with only minor damage & our health is good.

Marie Kocovar, 1209 Georgia Trace Av., Valrico, FL 33594

Thank you, RUAEA, for keeping everyone informed on the pension situation.

In April I moved from the Chicago area to Valrico, FL, a community S.E. of TPA. With the unpacking completed, I'm looking forward to doing some fun activities, having company & traveling again.

Cal & Dottie Alderman, 7000 62nd Ave., N. Apt. 226, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

We are so blessed & pleased to have The Newsletter each month. It keeps us informed & advised of all the good things we need. Glad to hear that Harriet Ahr is still in there pitching, I worked with her husband Bob many moons ago in DENJL. We had so many friends in DEN, SFO & MPLS, would like to say hello to all of them.

Dottie & I are doing fairly well health wise & do a fair amount of traveling. We live in a Senior Complex in Brooklyn Park, MN, we surely do enjoy it, such a big family, always something to do. Keep up the good work that you have been doing. It really hurts me to see UAL going the way it is, but I'm sure they will recover.

George A. Sainer, 6712 Del Prado Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76133-5314

Thanks a whole bunch for the wonderful newsletter you publish.

Entering my 19th year of retirement, what a blast!

Family weddings coming along this Oct. in IL - looking forward to attending, seeing family, & friends is always a good time.

Been a good year outside a short hospital stay.

Lois & Herm Kline, 6440 Ravenglass Way, Sarasota, FL 34241

Thanks again to the people at RUAEA for keeping us advised. From Dec. 2004 & 4 additional months my health was not the best. I had a heart pacemaker removed & a cardioverter-defibrillator implanted. Things went well for 12 days until my heart rejected the wires of the defibrillator which caused an infection. During this episode I fell in the bathroom, fractured 3 ribs. As time went on the ribs were not healing properly - another infection & 2 incidents of collapsed lungs. I celebrated my 80th birthday on Aug. 24, 2005 - Lois & I keep the doctors busy.

We do not travel much anymore; when we do we purchased full-fare tickets. The good old days of NRSA travel have become difficult. As of Oct. 1, 2005, I will begin my 19th year of retirement.

May all of you enjoy health & happiness in the future!

Naomi Tolf, 1510A Kent Ave., Montrose, CO 81401-5376

Sorry I missed Hollywood, but family & moving was all I could handle.

I am in the process of moving permanently into a town house at above address.

Look forward to being kept advised of how United is doing - you are our only true sources.

Jacob Elliott, 854 E. Whitecloud Ln., Hernado, FL 34442

I turned 60 in July. Been so darn busy with doctors. Cancer came back on me this spring. I am now in a battle going through chemo & radiation at the same time. Tough - but so am I.

A "Hi" to all my buddies in DEN. Miss you all but love FL. Moved into a lovely new home last Oct. & enjoy it. Am currently the Director of a Family History Center in Le Canto, FL & enjoy doing that.

My email is jrewebtyro@yahoo.com. Phone # (352) 860-1752. Have lots of room & would love

visitors to the nature coast of FL.

Jim Rudolph, 64201 E. Echo Canyon Ct., SaddleBrooke, Tucson, AZ 85739

Remembered my dues this year, thank goodness, because this newsletter has been a great help in these stressful times. My wife has stepped up her Real Estate business down here in order to ease the situation at the airlines. While she concentrates on Resale & Rental contrasts I have been using my ORDPV techniques to help her on the mechanical side of home inspections & rental home repairs. SaddleBrooke has just grown in leaps & bounds in Southern AZ, in size as well as prices. Glad we bought when I first retired.

Still going back to Chicagoland to help grandchildren & one great grandchild in their home acquisitions in the summer months. All our friends are always invited to call, stop by, visit or e-mail anytime they like for a rest. So feel free gcr1950@robsoncom.net.

Orrin (OJ) & Glenna Rose Jorgensen, 5781 Rose Court, Newark, California 94560

Although I have been "retired" from United for a couple of years, I feel like a youngster when I read & enjoy the outstanding NEWSLETTER. I see names of friends, associates & acquaintants whom I admired throughout my career. Co-workers who joined United in the 1960's & made significant contributions to the company. Competent women & men of talent & character. I now enjoy a second career, with our large family our younger children in college still enjoy the flight benefits.

Our youngest daughter will be spending the next 18 months in Madagascar. We will meet her there at the end & travel home with her. We would appreciate any information from your readers that may have traveled to Madagascar.

I am amazed & impressed at the effort that is made by the RUAEA organization. Thank you for all the work.

Juergen & Helga Brunke, 8820 S. E. - 130th Loop, Summerfield, FL 34491

We are closing the circle by going back to the East Coast to live. Our moves, partially sponsored by Company request, exposed us to many states of our great land. NY, CA, CO, HWI & now FL. Looking forward to end this Gypsy-like wandering,

with two new hips implanted, playing a little golf again & take in some fresh air on a deck of a cruise ship.

Thank you so very much for handling our Newsletter affairs. This monthly information "Life Line" is always welcome.

Doris Shilliday, 12 Coveview Dr., S. Yarmouth, MA 02664

Thank you for the Birthday greeting. My husband, George, is not well & a lot of my time is spent taking care of him. We also send our sincerest thank you for all your hard work in getting the Newsletter to us each month.

George worked for 38 years at both NY airports & it is good to read about those who are still in the NY area.

Suzanne Hughes, 20108 N. 110th Ave., Sun City, AZ 85373-3329

I did not get the red stamp, however I should have remembered. I so enjoy the information provided to me through the newsletter & all the chapter updates. I am sure we all appreciate your representation, & initiatives taken during the negotiations with United in regard to benefit & policy changes.

Thank you for supporting our family of Retirees.

Dottie M. Kopec, 22939 Adolph Avenue, Torrance, CA 90505-3545

My husband, Albert Kopec, worked for United Airlines for 35 years. Between both of us, we knew so many wonderful people there. I am sure Al is still watching out for us all from "above". He was always ready with a Polish joke; there was no stopping him when we got a Polish Pope!

I thoroughly enjoy reading the "BEST" association newsletter that I have ever seen. The whole RUAEA "team" responsible for this communication gets A+ from a retired teacher. You have definitely reached success status.

For all you do for us, may you receive special amenities back, "three fold"!

Charles & Dolores Carr, 11446 E. Arkansas Ave., Aurora, CO 80012

Chuck sure enjoys the Newsletter. He's doing so well since his stroke in Feb. 2004. He's

volunteering at Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital where he spent over 6 weeks recovering.

We never thought he'd live, much less be around to help others. God has been good to us. We will celebrate our 50th in June 2006.

Emmett Landrum, 141 Yorkshire Ct, San Bruno, CA 94066-3728

Another year, another birthday. The big 80!

Greetings to all my OLD friends from LGAMM & SFOMM that I have worked with since 1952. Happy to say, I still get to see many at our local UAL Retirees & IAM meetings in the Bay area.

Gloria & I are still working at the Western Aerospace Museum at Oakland Airport on Saturdays, when we are not traveling. I am still working with the World Airways pilot that owns many of the Museum planes. Right now I am taking a Wright 1820 engine apart at Gness Field in Marin County that was on a Pilgrim aircraft that crashed in Alaska in the 50's. This engine will go on a museum plane after I get all the good parts off. We will build a good flyable engine for the NEW Pilgrim being built in Montana. I have interesting work to keep me YOUNG! Also, a Belanca Pacemaker is being built in Washington state for us to make into a flyable plane. I have been working with this pilot since 1997 when he asked me to help him with his Lockheed L-10. The other planes have taken our time. Our landing gear flew around the world in Linda Finch's Lockheed L-10 in 1997. I recently worked on her plane to get more pressure to the brakes before my friends flew it to New Mexico where the new owner lives.

In May, Gloria & I flew to Hartford where our son, Jeff, picked us up. He took me to Albany, NY where I work on restoring a Destroyer Escort like I served on in the South Pacific in 1943-44. I spent a week living on the ship while Gloria stayed with Jeff in Middletown, CT. It was the 6th year we made that trip. This ship was in the movie "THE GUNS OF NAVARONE" when the Greek Navy had it. We acquired it in 1993 & had it towed to NY.

In Aug. Gloria & I attended the reunion of the Bon Homme Richard CV31, my second WW2 ship, in Tupelo, MS. Before we left home, I put my Porsche 944 in the shop to have new timing belts installed. When we got home there were calls on the answering machine to bring my spare keys to the shop. Seems someone had climbed over the

fence at the shop & broke into 3 autos. They stole everything in my car including the keys. At least they left my radio. A Volvo had the dash ruined to get the radio out. I drove my 2003 Focus ZX3 with the key. I was asked if I would take a lady home who had just left her car for work, as she lived close to my house. On the way I saw white smoke & a stink coming out the exhaust. But the car was running OK, so I kept it going. At home I called the Ford dealer to have the Focus looked at. The mechanic at the Ford dealer called to tell me he was stumped as he could not find what was wrong. It ran good but it still smoked & stunk! 10 minutes later he called again to tell me that small pieces of dog biscuits were coming out of the exhaust & for me to come over. When I got there he was running the car & showed me the area of 5ft. by 30ft. The pavement was covered with dog biscuits. I drove the car home & left it out of my garage as it still stunk. I deodorized the car & put a mousetrap in the garage. Caught a mouse that night. Somehow it had stuffed dog food up the tail pipe while in Tupelo. Don't know how it could have jumped up & into the tail pipe, but it did! I had been driving that auto for a week before we left.

The trip to Tupelo via ORD to Memphis was good except the trip home via DEN. Was stuck there overnight as every flight went out FULL.

This year, my son Jeff & Patrick hosted Gloria & my 50th Anniversary and held it at the Air Museum with 135 friends & relatives on June 19th, Fathers Day. Then Pat took me for my birthday to San Jose to the CART race held on the streets of San Jose. This has been a very GOOD year.

In Oct. Gloria & I will cruise from SFO down the Mexican coast to Cabo with UAL Retirees group. 11 days of fun & food! Keep up the good work. Really enjoy the newsletter.

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Thank you for the Newsletter. Always look forward to the General News page from the Pres.

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Keep up the good work. It is an important task & you all have done an excellent job!

Each day I feel & think how lucky I am to have my health, my family & my friends.

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