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United at the Point



Welcome to Pittsburgh – **2008 RUEA Convention on May 18 – 24, 2008.** Pittsburgh will be celebrating its **250th anniversary (Imagine that!)** and promises to be a great time. **“Let’s go RUEA – Let’s go!** Some of you may know since we have many die-hard fans and our football team’s song is **“Let’s go Steelers - Let’s GO”** – you will have many interesting & pleasant places to vacation. With abundant cultural options, plenty of boutiques to dining in cozy bistros, and so many fine places for sight seeing. The former steel city not only is picturesque which is built on green hills filled with museums, great restaurants, and interesting neighborhoods but it is filled with education and medical facilities which give us plenty of health-care options. What makes it more interesting is Pittsburgh has been voted **“BEST CITY FOR RETIREES”** by *Kiplinger*; it was also named **“AMERICA’S MOST LIVABLE CITY”** by *RAND MCNALLY’S PLACES RATED ALMANAC*!

“LET’S GO RUEA – LET’S GO” to the heart of downtown to the **Omni William Penn Hotel**. Guests from around the world have visited this charming Historic Landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is walking distance to Pittsburgh cultural center, shopping, entertainment, and sporting venues. Elegant for the 21st Century traveler with charm and grandeur known as the Grande Dame of Pittsburgh; it is also known for the charming guest quarters and award-winning cuisine, 36 meeting rooms & exquisite banquet space. It has been lavishly restored to its original grandeur.

Come join **UNITED AT THE POINT**. It is Pittsburgh’s very first convention ever by RUEA and it promises to be a fantastic and unforgettable celebration! Pittsburgh no longer has steel mills, coke furnaces, and molten steel lighting up the skies, and, hard as it may seem no smog nor soot ... It is now a cultural center & a high tech center. Pittsburgh has more than 13 miles of waterfront green space, one of the largest assortments of riverfront parks & trails in the United States. It boasts of 14 blocks of cultural center and is graced by six theaters, two of which are the Heinz Hall and the Benedum, both restored back to the Golden Era of Vaudeville and early motion picture days. There are approximately 215 restaurants located within the downtown area and, not to mention, many more within the outer areas of Pittsburgh. It’s a new Pittsburgh, modern & awesome, and you will experience the excitement. Come join us at **“UNITED AT THE POINT.”**

The **Arts and Crafts’ Raffle** will be a part of **Pittsburgh’s RUEA Convention 2008**. Please consider donating your arts & crafts so that they may be exhibited in the Arts & Crafts Room by all of the retirees. We are looking forward to your talented contributions for Pittsburgh’s Convention! For further information, please contact Arts & Crafts Chair, **Gwen & Dave Detwiler** at (724) 626-9558. Please forward all Arts and Crafts to: 284 Kelley Road, Connellsville, PA 15425.

Please contact us if there are any specific visiting sites you may be interested in having on your itinerary here in PIT!

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GENERAL NEWS

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - October 2007

In my July/August letter, I reported to you on enhancements and potential enhancements to United's travel program. I told you of two more carriers that had been added to the ZED fare structure and of changes made to the interline pass request procedure, for those retiring from foreign domiciles who are residents in the U.S. Included in this Newsletter, and, I might add, published over a week ago on our RUAEA Website and on SkyNet, I refer you to announcements of additional carriers added to the ZED structure and overall changes to Employee Travel policies. I think you will agree, that the changes made will make our pleasure travel less stressful. That is not to say that we, United retirees, are not interested in pursuing further enhancements to the program. We intend to continue to provide a voice for issues raised by our members concerning the travel program and any other benefits which concern us.

Now, for the commercial. The company has looked to four of United's unions AND RUAEA for input on how their constituents feel about several of the company policies. While each of the unions represents their retirees as well as their active employees, only RUAEA provides a voice solely for the retiree community. Our voice, responding to the comments received from you, our members, has its impact because of our large membership total, currently around 8,700. While large, the total is only some 20-25% of the total retiree population. The leverage we demonstrate to the company is greater or less depending upon our membership total. I know I am preaching to the choir --- almost all of you reading this are already members. However, many of your friends and former associates are not RUAEA members. It is in their interests, and yours, that they become RUAEA members and enable us to retain the leverage we currently have to make our views known to the company. Yes, our annual dues of \$20 go to the publication of our Newsletter and to our annual Convention, but it is the fact that payment proclaims membership in our vital organization which is more important. Ask your friends and former associates to consider membership. Applications can be found via links on the RUAEA Website, on SkyNet and by request to our Denver office.

Mort Wax
President



EMPLOYEE TRAVEL POLICY CHANGES BY **LINDA LISTER**

We have reviewed the employee & retiree travel policies to ensure that the overall travel program is market competitive & aligns with our business and employee program strategy. As a result of this review, travel policy has been revised to leverage program design, delivery & technology to create the greatest value to employees & retirees.

We recognize the importance of pleasure travel programs to all employees and retirees. Feedback from you and employees was given careful consideration in our review process. Our objective is to improve and align the customer and employee travel experience.

Effective November 1, 2007, we will make the following travel policy changes:

- ➔ We will no longer assess domestic and international Economy Class service charges on United Airlines and Ted for travel eligible employees and retirees of United Airlines, United Express and Mileage Plus, Inc. We will continue to waive Economy Class service charges for travel on United Express. Applicable transportation taxes and fees will continue to apply.
- ➔ We'll continue to award service-charge waived flight segments when we meet our established goals under the Performance Incentive Travel Program, and we will extend the usage period from one year to two years, to allow employees more time to take advantage of the awards.
 - Any Performance Incentive segments that remain in an employee's "bank" as of 11/1/07 will expire two years after the date of issuance. Employees can click on the My Coupons tab in WebList to view their current available segments.
 - Employees who list themselves in United First or United Business using Performance Incentive segments - but who are ultimately seated in service charge-waived United Economy - will have their Performance Incentive segments returned to their "bank" of unused segments.
- ➔ United will change the pleasure travel service charge methodology (excluding companion) on United Airlines, Ted and United Express to the Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) service charge methodology, which is currently used on some interline carriers.

United Airlines will discount ZED at a level to maintain current pricing on most mainline United Airlines and Ted flight segments, as recognition that travel is on own carrier as follows:

 - Domestic Premium Class Travel: 65% Dis-

count – 35% of ZED

- International Premium Cabin Travel: 50% Discount – 50% of ZED
- First Class, Business Class: ZED Business Low Fare Level will be used
- First Suite (Sleeperette) Cabin on 3-class aircraft: ZED Business Medium Fare Level will be used.
- ➔ Hawaii pricing which has traditionally been priced separately from domestic will be merged into the one domestic pricing entity.
- ➔ United will assess service fees in the First Class cabin on United Express to align premium cabin pricing between mainline and express.
- ➔ In the first quarter of 2008, United employees, retirees and their travel eligibles will board United Express flights based on company hire date or years and months of active service, according to United pleasure travel policy. This will replace the current boarding at BP-8c, same day, time of check-in policy.
- ➔ United Express employees will retain the right to have priority boarding on their company's own aircraft, before a United traveler. For example, when the aircraft is operated by SkyWest, the boarding priority would be the SkyWest traveler, the United traveler, and then other UAX partner travelers. Further information regarding this change is forthcoming.

The pricing of companion travel is being reviewed and any changes or program enhancements will be communicated in the near future.

Employees and retirees will be notified of these changes in a detailed letter which will be sent to their home address beginning in Sept. Apollo employee travel profiles, the travel page and WebList service charge calculator in SkyNet will be updated soon with this information.

We have listened to employees and to you. We believe that these program changes are positive ones that reflect our commitment and significant investment in employees.

As always, please feel free to contact me at (847) 700-5811 with any questions, or if you wish to discuss.

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UNITED AIRLINES

UNITED ANNOUNCES NEW ZED AGREEMENT WITH US AIRWAYS

Beginning Aug. 27, United employees and retirees can take advantage of expanded interline travel privileges with US Airways, the fifth largest airline in the United States.

A member of Star Alliance, US Airways connects to 240 destinations in North America, Central America, the Caribbean, Hawaii and Europe.

For more information about the new and existing fare agreements between United and other worldwide carriers, visit SkyNet at Travel, Interline Travel Privilege, Individual Carrier Agreements. Carrier eligibility requirements and restrictions are continually updated.

UNITED & ANA SHARE INFORMATION, BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AT MANAGEMENT EXCHANGE IN JAPAN

United and ANA, one of our key Star Alliance partners in the Pacific, held a “meeting of the minds” in July to foster better understanding of issues that affect our airlines. The objectives of the exchange were to promote learning and build relationships between employees of both companies, to create “best practices” at every level of the organizations.

Seven United employees, representing Airport Operations, Customer Experience and Revenue Management, participated in the event, which was held at ANA headquarters in Tokyo. Flights and visits to Narita, Haneda, Itami and Kansai airports also provided in-depth observation of ANA operations.

The exchange included discussions with their counterparts at ANA, an opportunity to view projects and processes, interactions with senior management, as well as cultural experiences.

“The exchange’s success is a tribute to the quality of ANA’s approach to doing business and the strength of our partnership,” said David Johnson, managing director, Alliances and International Affairs.

As a follow-up to this continuing exchange, ANA will be sending a group of employees for a similar program at our corporate headquarters this October.

SUITE DREAMS BEGIN ON UNITED STARTING OCTOBER 29

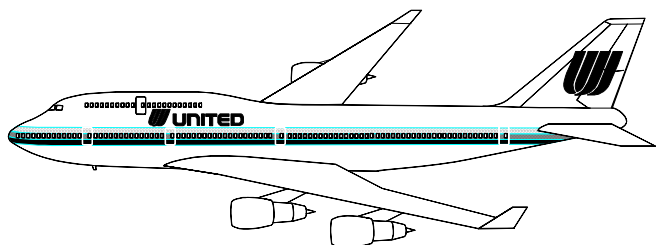
United’s first international aircraft to complete the company’s multi-million dollar product enhancement is scheduled to take flight on Oct. 29, 2007, from Washington Dulles to Frankfurt.

With the inaugural Washington-Frankfurt flight, United will earn the distinction of becoming the first U.S. carrier to offer 180-degree, lie-flat beds in business

class on overseas flights.

"The inaugural flight promises to be an exciting occasion for our customers and employees alike," says Graham Atkinson, Executive VP & Chief Customer Officer. "The investments we're making in our international aircraft will give our employees, a product they can be proud of and the tools they need to more easily deliver the high standard of personal service, our top customers expect. We know employees have been looking forward to refreshed cabins for quite some time, and we are delighted to be able to introduce a product that puts us on a footing to compete with the world's best international carriers."

- The first of the 97 international aircraft that will be modified is a Boeing 767, which after its inaugural flight is scheduled to alternate flying between Washington-Frankfurt and Washington-Zurich. Following the 767 will be a B747 that is scheduled to begin flying in mid-December and a B777 that is scheduled to fly in early February.
- After these three aircrafts are modified, the roll-out schedule will accelerate and run in parallel by aircraft type through fall 2009, with approximately one reconfigured aircraft per week joining the fleet.
- As part of United's international wide body aircraft investment, we will also refresh the premium cabin restrooms, and in the economy cabin, we will add new seat cushions, replace the carpeting and upgrade the inflight entertainment system with digital servers and new LCD screens.
- The new international premium cabins are part of United's strategy of providing customers with distinct products and services that they expect and value, with a particular focus on serving more frequent business travelers. United remains the first and only U.S. airline to offer customers 180-degree, lie-flat seats in first and business class cabins on all international wide body aircraft and a choice of four different seating sections - United First, United Business, Economy Plus and United Economy.
- Employees can learn more about all the product amenities and the status of the rollout on SkyNet's International Premium Travel Experience site or by visiting suitedreams.united.com.



PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL PREMIUM TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

The results are in, and people are talking about United's new international premium travel experience.

Videos will be distributed to all stations starting next week, with two-and-a-half minutes of highlights and clips, from the overwhelmingly positive media coverage.

- There were almost 100 print and online articles devoted to the new international United business class seat in the first week after the July 23rd announcement.
- More than 100 broadcasts featured the seat, and there were 114 radio airings.
- Click on SkyNet's International Premium Travel Experience banner on the home page, to watch the video and see how the seat reclines to a 180-degree fully lie-flat bed, as well as a photo of the NASDAQ board in Times Square featuring the new product.

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

I know we are all pleased with the recent enhancements to the Pass Policy. It's great to get our free passes back! And thanks to all concerned for keeping this before the company, especially Mort Wax and Ed Tolle ... a job well done!

See the pass policy changes in this Newsletter and on the web at www.ruaea.org.

This Travel Tips by Bob will be a little shorter than usual, but it has some very important information. It speaks to something we all have been informed of and must comply with. Company travel benefits afforded employees and retirees are to be used only within the guidelines specified in company regulations. If you don't know what they are, I strongly recommend that you go to the SkyNet website and access the Travel section and review the pass travel regulations.

The reason, it is timely to mention this, is because I have recently had conversations with some who were unaware of the policy that prohibits the business use, sale or barter of Companion passes. The policy is stated in "Companion Travel Guide" located in the Travel section. The policy is stated below:

Reminder

The travel sponsor providing travel privileges to a companion is responsible for the companion's actions both on the ground and in the air - even if they are not traveling together. Therefore, the dishonest use of companion travel privileges, the sale, barter or transfer of companion travel privileges, inappropriate behavior and or attire of the companion while traveling could

result in revocation of all travel privileges, as well as termination of employment if the travel sponsor is an employee.

Companions should contact the travel sponsor with questions about companion travel, company policy and procedures. Companion travel may be used only for pleasure and is not to be used for business, including self-employment, consulting or commuting to or from work. The Company reserves the right to amend, delete, or modify policies and provisions with or without notice.

Simply stated, passes are for pleasure. Be sure and keep it that way and assure you keep your passes.

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NEW RUEA CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENT

I am pleased to announce the forming of a new chapter of United Airlines Retirees in the Placerville, Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills, CA area. The inaugural meeting took place on Monday, August 27, 2007, at Denny's in Placerville. There are 23 charter members and they have decided on the chapter name of **The Hangtown Miners**. They plan to meet the 1st Monday of each month, unless that happens to be a holiday in which case the meeting day will be the second Monday of the month. They have decided on dues of \$10.00 per family per year. The officers are:

President – **Harry Caldwell**
Vice President – **Rosemary Heier**
Secretary – **Jeanette D'Amico**
Treasurer – **Dick Czapkey**
Sunshine – **Irv Wolfram**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2007 and hosted by **Jon & Alice Somplack**. The meeting place is to be determined.

Anyone interested in joining can contact Jeanette D'Amico at jmdamico@sbcglobal.net or (530) 676-7368.

Barbara and I were happy to be a part of this special occasion.

Ron Bertacini
Director Northern California/Nevada

FROM THE DENVER OFFICE

One more posting regarding the renewal notification system on the labels: The traditional "Red Stamp" is no longer used, since the labeling of the Newsletter is now done by a vendor. The label box now has a fancy border to catch your eye with the wording, in red **"CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR RENEWAL IN-**

FORMATION". This is simply a prompt, to look and see if either of the following scenarios with associated messages is present. If they are, it's time to send in your renewal.

1. For *Current Membership Expiration Month* - The wording on the labels will be:
It's Time to renew your Membership.
Disregard this message if your dues are already paid.
2. For *Month Following Expiration* - The wording on the labels will be:
Your membership will expire unless your dues are received.
Please submit your dues payment at this time.
Disregard this notice if your dues are already paid.

Names in the Newsletter: The last few months we have been **bolding** names in the Newsletter. The response to this has been positive. We try to be accurate and bold when we should, please understand if we overlook some, it is not intentional.

Letters for the "Letters" column: If possible, please send your letters to us via email or send the letter typed on a white piece of paper so we can scan it into a word document. Send it, "Attn. Letters Column", in the subject line. By sending the letters to us in a digital format (email) or typed, we don't have to manually retype them. But, if you are unable to send your submission to us other than hand written, we will gladly accept it. The "Letters" section is popular as it is a means of letting our friends know what is happening with us. Also, if you have an e-mail address and want it posted along with your name and address, include it. Many have expressed a desire to have the email address included.

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

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

Virgil Gooselaw - Newsletter Manager

*"It's never too late to be who
you might have been"*

George Eliot (Writer)

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

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

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

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

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

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

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LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA



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The 1st meeting of our 2007/2008 schedule will be Oct. 13 at Beardsley Park SCW. The "call team" will be contacting members soon for reservations & monies. Atlasta Catering will be offering chicken, BBQ beef, baked beans, potato salad, corn on the cob, beverages & desserts. All for \$10 P/P! Then, in Nov., we will have our luncheon at Luke A.F.B. for a Thanksgiving-type menu. We are planning a featured speaker from Promenade Travel, which should be very interesting.

A little travel trivia: **Vivian Klick** visited her sister & family in Chicago the second week in Aug. On the Liltz' return trip from Chicago, August 22, they were joined by **Don Bergstrom** at gate B22 at ORD who was returning from visiting his daughter & her family. A couple rooms painted and the grass cut ... is there any end? The Liltz' were having three Cleveland Pear trees planted at their house in Huntley, IL. **L.B. Neal** reports they're still standing, even after all the rain and winds in the area. They also visited with **Mary & Don Toeppen** while there. Your author also ran into **Pat & Ken Paulson** and **Pat & Ziggy Butkiewicz** enjoying their burgers at "Hamburger Night" at Pebblecreek.

The family of **Chuck Sharp** are close by his side during his very serious illness. We should continue our prayers on his & his family's behalf.

The August breakfasts had an average of 20 attendees. Hopefully, we can get more attendees when the weather is a little cooler and visitors & vacations are less frequent. Remember to contact **Mary Toeppen** at (623) 214-1504 before 4pm on the Mon. before the breakfasts. Regulars should contact Mary if you are not attending.

What's important: The questions you ask or the questions you get? What does that mean?

Calendar:

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

Oct. 8

Oct. 22

Oct. 13 - 1st MEETING of the season at Beardsley Park SCW.

Nov. 10 - Luke A.F.B with guest speaker

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Our breakfast meetings have been continuing at Crackers in Mesa this summer. Our last one was Aug. 24th, where twelve members attended in spite of the heat. We welcomed **Ron Paluch** and **Shirley Claggett** from Seattle, who were here for a short time. **El & Doris Ailshie** were back from their motor trip, which included El's 60th class reunion. Fifteen out of 21 in his class were there. **Tom & Ann Carroll** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 12th.

We have several members celebrating high school class reunions: **Jim & Rita Zarek** will be celebrating their 50th on Sept. 29 in Milwaukee, WI; **Hank Falk** will celebrate his 50th in Oct. in Oakland, CA, and **Pete Kuspis** will attend his 60th class reunion in Oct.

We just received word that **George Voss** died on Sept. 6th, while vacationing with his family in Atlanta, GA. **George & Sybil** were planning on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 8th with their family in Georgia. Sybil will be returning to Sun Lakes in Oct., with a memorial to be held in SFO in Nov.

The Oktoberfest Luncheon, which originally was scheduled for Wed., Oct. 10th, has been changed to Thurs., Oct. 11 at Zur Kate, 4814 E. Main St. in Mesa. Happy Hour will start at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch ordered off the menu, with individual bills. Zur Kate Restaurant is located on the south side of Main Street, between Greenfield & Higley. Reservations must be made by Tues., Oct. 9th to **Hank Falk** at (480) 893-1226 or by email at hfhfalk@juno.com.

Our annual Christmas party will be held at Palo Verde Clubhouse in Sun Lakes, AZ on Tues., Dec. 11th. More information will be forthcoming from **Bonnie & Jim Fauber**. Be sure and save that date on your calendar. Happy Fall!

Calendar:

Oct. 11 - Oktoberfest Luncheon - Details in column.
Dec. 11 - Christmas Party.



TALL PINES

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Earle Risdon is filling in for **Ann Tomasic** this month, because Ann & Joe flew back to Ohio and Penn-

sylvania for a family visit. One of their stops was to see their son, Mark, who lives in Cleveland. He is quite an accomplished dancer, and is retiring, so they wanted to see his last performance.

We had a picture perfect day for our August "Brown Bag" picnic lunch, at Goldwater Lake. Unfortunately, there were only a few members in attendance. We had a great time under the tall pines.

We still miss **Vi & Don Larson**, but we do keep in touch. They are fine and very happy to be settled in their lovely new home in Florida.

I am happy to report that everyone in our little group is well, and we are anxiously awaiting fall. This has been the hottest summer on record in Prescott.

Calendar:

Sept. 25 - Coco's 11:00 AM

Oct. 23 - Coco's 11:00 AM

Nov. - No meeting

Dec. 5 - Christmas Dinner at the Hassayampa Inn.

TUCSON

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Our Pinetop trip was great fun. Twenty two Roadrunners made the trip to the White Mountains. The cocktail party given by **Dot & George Morris** was the perfect start to the great two day getaway. Dinner at the Pinetop Country Club was a French gourmet delight. Luncheon the next day at Beata, the German restaurant in Nutrioso, (we think it's the only restaurant in Nutrioso) presented a nice array of German food, topped off by a delectable German pancake. Afterwards, the gang went across the road and through the trees to **Dora & Gordon Starr's** cabin for a sociable afternoon, which included some bawdy tales by our professional storyteller **Sybil Collins**.

We are happy to welcome **Muriel & Ken Bergsma** as new members of the Roadrunners. Muriel & Ken are snowbirds who will live in Green Valley, AZ, and in the summer in McHenry, IL.

There are two deaths to report. **Alice Belzer** says the RUA EA Newsletter reported that **Len Herring** passed away May 31, 2007. As far as we know, Len had no family. **Donna Kuehn** received a note from **Mary Cook**, telling that **Jim Cook** passed away July 25th. Our condolences to Mary and family.

On our sick list, **Alice Belzer** had her left knee replace on Sept. 5, but expects to be up and running for our Sept. 20 luncheon.

Calendar:

Sept. 20 - Pat & Rich DiLallo are hosting our lunch at Chad's Steakhouse, 3001 N. Swan at Ft. Lowell.

Oct. 18 - Shirley & Ron Robertson will host our Oct. lunch at the Saddlebrooke Country Club, Agave Room. Cost is \$15 P/P, all inclusive.

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Our Aug. 15th chapter meeting was held at Mulligan's Restaurant at the Avila Beach Resort Golf Course. There were 25 in attendance and our lunch was enjoyed by everyone.

It was good to see **Wayne & Jean Foster** with us this month. Jean had a foot injury on their last cruise. She did say it was no fault of the cruise line and it appeared that she is healing very well.

Our guest speaker was Klaasje (pronounced Klausha) Naime, who is the San Luis Obispo Airport manager. She gave us an update on the improvements that our local airport is going through. This includes a new terminal, control tower, and ramp space. The airport is in the process of extending the runway which will add larger and more frequent airline traffic to the area. Delta has a flight from SBP to SLC which has increased the passenger loads to where there was a record boarding at SBP for the month of July. She said that SBP is a self-sustaining operation with much of the operating expenses coming from the car parking fees. About a week later, the local newspaper ran an article written by her, saying that she is pursuing several airlines to add flights to PDX, SEA, and DEN. The population in the Central Coast has increased enough that these additional routes would be welcomed. She has said that she would look forward to being invited again next year.

Pres. **John Stilwell** was out of town so VP **Mike Zoldak** filled in for him. Our guests were **Isabel Stanger** and **Kathy Shurtleff's** mother-in-law **Beth Shurtleff**. As usual, **Jack Cunningham** had to have the last word and naturally it was a story with good taste and humor. I would be remiss in not saying that we have had our regulars attending almost every meeting. We owe them so much since they travel some distance to be with us. They are: **Rosina Harvey, Betty Rupp, & Nina Powers**. It was good to see **Jim McCall** also.

I hope everyone that gets the Newsletter by mail,

noticed the improved format. The suggestion to hi-lite the names of the retirees in the articles is one of the changes and makes it so much easier to pick out names. Virgil Gooselaw mentioned several changes that were coming during the convention and you can see it has already started. Thanks to the Newsletter staff for their efforts and timely changes.

Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors? The term comes with a 10% discount.

Calendar:

Oct. 24 - Hosted by **Kathy Shurtleff** at the Chumash Casino

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

BRAZEN RAISINS

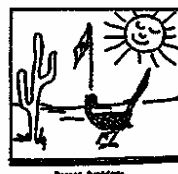
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The Brazen Raisins' Sept. meeting was hosted by **Donna & Don Nessling**. The meeting started out with disheartening news: Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling** talked to **Helen Follansbee** and learned that **Curt** is not up to having visitors and seems to be suffering from depression; **Donna** herself is not in the best of health and is awaiting the results of some heart tests.

On the brighter side, RUAEA Director **Ron Bertacini** visited and reported on changes in retiree flight benefits. **Elida & Reuben Rivas** had driven to Yellowstone Park, had a great time, saw Custer's Deadwood Memorial and some leftover women of ill repute, but Reuben said he had slept through that!

DESERT SUNBIRDS



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On a hot Aug. afternoon, 30 Desert Sunbirds gathered at the PF Chang's for a great family style luncheon. As usual, most of us were able to take a leftover bag home with us. Many of the members have been out of the desert for an escape to cooler climates. For example, **Roberta Craig** was in the Bay Area, **Mary Frank** off to Washington, and **Bill & Donna Eads** enjoyed the balmy breezes of Hawaii.

We received good news for our member, **Gwen Craven**, who had been in ICU, is slowly improving. Celebrating anniversaries this month were **Gil & Marianne Patterson** - 32 years and **Ron & Joan Tate** -

51 years. The Aug. Birthday winner was **Rose Ricke**. Finally, our own fearless leader, **Elaine Aggson** won the 50/50 money for her first time ever!

Calendar:

Sept. 12 - 11:30 Casino Morongo in Cabazon. Contact **Joyce Bossier**, (951) 925-1008 or jbossio@version.net

Oct. 10 - 11:30 @ Murphy's. Details to follow.

THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers Aug. 29th meeting at Giovanni's Restaurant in Colfax was hosted by **Velma Stough** with 51 attending. Pres. **Jean Turley Sinclair** welcomed those attending and thanked Velma for making the arrangements, which included lovely floral tea cups as centerpieces on each table and a most informative speaker, Helen Wayland from the Colfax Area Historical Society with an educational & entertaining presentation. Helen has lived in Colfax since 1955 with her husband. They owned the Colfax Pharmacy for 40 years which was open seven days a week. They closed the Pharmacy as no one else wanted to spend that amount of time at the business. Originally, the area was home to over 10,000 Native Americans. The women had to do a great deal of work like carry the children, all the equipment and gather some 2000 pounds of acorns per person every year as they moved from place to place. When gold was discovered, it was the greatest migration of all time. There were those from various areas all over the world that settled in the area. Colfax was and still is a railroad town. It was first called Camp 20 during the building of the railroad. Our 49ers worked extremely hard under very difficult circumstances. Colfax was established in 1865 after the Speaker of the House was Schuyler Colfax, during President Abraham Lincoln administration. He was sent to California to encourage the building of the railroad. It took him two months to get to California via stagecoach. He was convinced that no-one should have to put up with the stagecoach travel for that long. The Chinese came to work on the railroad and were instrumental in its completion. They were not allowed to have any property or to bring their wives or family. They followed their culture and dress. The city of Colfax burned down three times but fortunately was rebuilt each time. Helen gave several other stories of interest about Colfax.

After the presentation, lunch was served, followed by **Jean Turley Sinclair** and the business meeting. Jean asked if anyone cared to address the group. **Harold Esola** announced that it was time to consider new officers for 2008. After a short discussion it was decided that there were candidates for all offices. If anyone is interested in any position in the future, please let one of the current officers know. **Stephanie Norton** spoke about the Sept. 26 meeting to be held at Lake Wildwood. **Bob Cuff** displayed a copy of the instructions on what to do if you have an identity theft. **Jean Becker** wanted to thank **John Zoboli** and the Reno Round Up for inviting the Gold Diggers to the wonderful July picnic at Sand Harbor State Park at Lake Tahoe which they hosted. All agreed that it was a fantastic event. VP **Bob Fulkerson** reminded all about the Oct. 31st meeting at the Luau Gardens Royal Buffet in Sacramento hosted by **Glenn & Alice McPeak** and the Dec. 5 Holiday Social to be held at the Alta Sierra Country Club hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**.

Treas. **Judie King** gave our chapter's balance and the RUAEA Newsletter correspondent, **Barbara Bertacini** said that she has enjoyed sending in the monthly report to the RUAEA Newsletter. She will not be able to do this for a while as she is taking care of her daughter's three month old baby girl on Tues., Wed. and Thurs., starting Sept. 4. Barbara is sorry that she will not be able to attend the Gold Diggers meetings on the last Wed. of each month. Secy. **Colleen Esola** offered to write the article for the RUAEA & Chapter Newsletters for the remaining months of 2007. She also reported anniversaries for those married over 50 years as the following: The **Eggerts** 51, the **Meeks** 57, the **Figueras** 51, the **Lockwoods** 62 and the **Stamnitz** 51. Congratulations to all. Sunshine **Francis Domaratus** reported that **Vern Allen** is under hospice care and can not take calls but would enjoy cards. His address is 100 Stirling Court, Roseville, CA 95661.

RUAEA Director for Northern Calif. & Nevada **Ron Bertacini**, reviewed current information regarding United, the possible sale of part of the maintenance operations and the sale of United's interest in AIRINC. He mentioned a note from **Norm Kirby** about the Open House at the Maintenance Base in October. He then reviewed the new pass policy from United beginning in Nov. At that time, there will no longer be a charge for economy travel, departure charges will still apply, and also beginning Jan. 1, travel on United Express will be by your seniority versus the current scheme of day of departure as your seniority date.

In closing, Ron was happy to tell about a new chapter of United Airlines Retirees in the Placerville, Cameron Park & El Dorado Hills, CA area. The chapter forming meeting took place on Mon., August 27 at Denny's in Placerville with 23 charter members. **Hang-**

town Miners will be the chapter name and a logo will be decided at the next meeting which will be Mon., Oct. 1. The location for the meeting has not been decided as yet. The chapter plans to meet the first Mon. of each month, unless that happens to be a holiday in which case the meeting day will be moved to the second Mon. of the month. They have decided on dues of \$10 per family per year. The officers for the Hangtown Miners are:

- ➔ Pres. **Harry Caldwell**, 100 Jacquier Court, Placerville, CA 95667, 530-621-1130, jean-cal@yahoo.com
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Anyone interested in joining or having more information, please contact Jeanette D'Amico.



On Aug. 27th at Denny's Restaurant in Placerville, the Hangtown Miners were born. The Hangtown Miners are members of the Sacramento Gold Diggers who live in El Dorado County and along the Highway 50 Corridor East & South of Sacramento. It had become increasingly difficult for some to travel to the Gold Diggers' meetings as most of their meeting/luncheons were held in the Grass Valley, Nevada City and Auburn areas.

Harry Caldwell organized the get together with the help of Ron Bertacini, RUAEA N. CA/NV Region Director.

The officers that were nominated or volunteered and then elected are:

- ➔ Pres. - **Harry Caldwell**
- ➔ VP - **Rosemary Heier**
- ➔ Secy. - **Jeanette D'Amico**
- ➔ Treas. - **Dick Czapkay**
- ➔ Sunshine - **Irv Wolfram**
- ➔ Roster - **Jack Raynor**

It was decided that we would have meetings monthly. The group voted & decided that the meetings

would be held the 1st Mon. of the month. The first meeting will be held on Oct. 1st and **Jon & Alice Somplack** volunteered to be hosts.

Thom Biro volunteered to design a logo for the Hangtown Miners.

The amount of the dues was decided upon. A raffle will be held at the meetings to supplement our income. The VP will conduct the raffle and the raffle prizes will be donated by the members. The objective of the group is to get to know one another, enjoy each other's company and have lots of fun.

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

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PEOPLE NEWS:

With it's being the time when many folks are off touring or visiting, it seems the only news we get is about another friend passing on. Those of us from the days of LAXTO's hey-days (at least from when I moved here in '55), remember well one of our favorite supervisors **Warren Roper**. It was with great sadness that I read last month of the death of "Rope's" wife, **Virginia**. Besides working with Rope, I had the pleasure of having them join the ReLAXers on a couple of our tours. I understand that Rope is moving. I do not have the date or place as yet, but I am sure notes/cards can be sent to the former address and will be forwarded - 3264 S. Oneida Way, Denver, CO 80224.

Another passing was that of **Doris Atkinson**, wife of **Jack Atkinson** (retired from LAXSS). Doris died on Aug. 20 and the services were on Sep.5. I am sure he'll be happy to hear from retiree and employee friends who weren't able to attend the services for her. Write Jack at 6702 Locklenna Ln., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, (310)-541-3523.

I also heard that **Kerry Dreyer's** wife, **Pat** passed away in Aug. of lung cancer after a long & difficult illness. Kerry's address is 41755 Lakeshore Bv. Aguanga, CA 92536.

The friends of these gentlemen send sincerest condolences for their sad & difficult losses.

Better news, as of Aug. 29, is that **Gwen Craven** has been moved to acute rehab at Desert Regional Hospital in the PSP area. She has recovered from all of her organ failures, but still had one infection as of the above date. She will undergo intense therapy to get her mus-

cles working again. **Scoobie** relays that **Gwen** has been touched by all your outpouring of love and concern for her. So keep it up, you-all and let's get her on her feet again!

COMINGS AND GOINGS:

We had our annual steak fry on Aug. 9 at the El Segundo Park. *Wonderful* huge steaks as usual. And a special treat this year - grilled "appetizers" of fantastic halibut & salmon caught by **Dee Wright** on his fishing trip to Canada (or was it Alaska? - I forget!). As always, a good turnout, but not quite as many as usual - aren't you sorry you missed it? I guess many folks were away on trips at this point this year. And if they were on trips they didn't report in to me before departure. THANK YOU to the crew that brought some of the goodies, organized, set up, served, cooked and cleaned up - congratulations for a wonderful feast again!

Our Laughlin/Grand Canyon Glass Bridge tour is about ready to go - 41 passengers made the price go down a nice amount and we will be handing out gambling bucks on the bus. Our tour operator prices the tours according to numbers of passengers. Since you never know in advance how things will go when planning a tour, you have to price high to begin with, then give everyone a "gift" of money back, if there are enough to bump the trip into the lower priced category. Makes it more work for me and a bit of a gamble for those booking early, but has proven to be the best method, so far. And it is an incentive for early bookers to get their friends to book.

Reminder - LAXRR Reunion Oct. 27, Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo. Call **Jim Ferrance** (310) 837-4695 for details.

Calendar:

Sept. 17-19 - Tour from L.A. to Laughlin and Grand Canyon West, Glass "Sky Bridge".

Oct. 4 - Date change from 2nd Thurs - Luncheon at Proud Bird Restaurant at LAX area.

Oct. 27 - LAXRR Reunion, see above for details.

Dec. 6 - Christmas luncheon - Queen Mary - bring gifts for kids from tots to teens.



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You've all been expecting it & now it's here! Time to show us how you really feel about our organization, with its monthly meetings, potlucks & entertainment. We have 490 members out there somewhere. Some of

you cannot attend our gatherings because you live out of the area or maybe have even left California. Other members are physically unable to attend. This we understand & appreciate your joining us with your heart if not in physical presence.

And here it comes: Where are the rest of you? Past chapter Pres. **Walter Bartkowiak** recently reminded us that he keeps seeing the same "old" faces on the Executive Board & Committees. Sometimes the officers & chairmen have to play "musical chairs" each new year & just swap positions like we did in 2007. Tch tch! We are all retirees. None of us are 21 anymore. We definitely do not have an age advantage on you nor are we free of many of the same aches & pains that you are experiencing. So where are you now, that it's time for the *Nominating Committee*, to find new blood for the Executive Board or for one of the Committees? Actually, we're a fairly decent bunch who would be pleased as punch to show you the ropes for as long as you need or want it. The benefits are that you get to meet & really know more of our retiree members. Also, you will "get in on the in-stuff" that's going on with UAL retirees, both locally & nationally. If you value our organization even a little bit & would miss it if it no longer existed, puhleeze put on those angel wings & give **Walt** a call at (650) 345-2523, or **Ginger Dahlberg** (650) 224-1865, or **Bernie Schneider** (650) 322-9596. OK, now I'll get off my soapbox!

So, you thought you knew everything about fraud perpetrated on those of us over 50? So did I until our Aug. meeting brought a program entitled "*Seniors Against Investment Fraud*" (SAIF). The eloquent & ever so patient Mr. **Aaron Straus**, a trained senior volunteer, gave us an hour's worth of detailed information concerning investment fraud, predatory lending, & how to avoid being victimized.

(1) Afterwards, we were each presented with a 16-page newsletter titled "*Seniors & The Law*" funded by the Foundation of the State Bar of California. This covered various legal subjects giving basic answers, advice, helpful instructions, and where to go to get help. Year 2006 copies of "*Seniors & the Law*" may be obtained by emailing seniors@calbar.ca.gov or write Office of Media & Information Services, The State Bar of California, 180 Howard St., San Francisco, CA 94105-1639.

(2) A second publication that we received was an informative easy-to-read 16-page booklet on relevant legal subjects, even covering basic questions about reverse mortgages. The publication climaxes with 4 pages of resource guides listing significant agencies & their responsibilities, together with telephone numbers & websites. The booklet is supplied by the *California*

Department of Corporations, toll free number 1-866-275-2677, website www.corp.ca.gov. Mr. **Straus** is available for speaking engagements. He may be contacted online at aaron.straus@flysfso.com or by writing P.O. Box 8097, San Francisco, CA 94128.

Incidentally, this correspondent has come up with a suggestion you may care to hear. With Halloween approaching & little ghosts & goblins coming to our doors for treats, don't you be tricked. Be aware that this is also an excellent time for adult strangers to "case" your house & its contents. Just for that one night & as I pass out the balloons (no candy, thank you), I've learned to keep my ceiling light low & to even turn out the lights in my china closet & curio cabinet. It's quite easy for a thief to look over a costumed youngster's head to see just what items you have, that might be worth coming back for later, especially if you live alone.

Now, to induce you to catch our next meeting on Oct. 22, Mr. **Reid Dennis** will present a marvelously interesting narrative on *Amelia Earhart's* flight, relating many things we never knew. The Nov. 26 meeting brings us an early Christmas present: The return of the very entertaining violin & piano duo whom we all love, **Tibor Horvath & Yelena Savchenko**.

One of our oldest members has gone to be with the angels, **John Edgar (Ed) Arnold**, age 97. We've noted that he always kept his membership up to date! Our newest members are husband & wife team **John & Gail Ellis, Gertrude (Trudy) Blank** and **Frances Zachos**. Welcome!

Our Aug. meeting brought 3 wedding anniversaries to light: 53 years for **John & Leona Clothakis**, 57 years for **Felix & Beatrice Menconi**, and another 57 years for **Al & Lillian Christian**. An anniversary gift that **Al** gave us at that meeting was an extraordinarily thoughtful & beautiful prayer, just before our potluck lunch. In these days when some people want to remove the words, "*In God We Trust*" from everything, they obviously never had to contend with our **Al**!

Laura Hansen, Charity Coordinator, is still collecting donations of new books for the Christmas project, "*Read Across America*", to be distributed at Christmas-time to less fortunate children. Do note the recent appearance of "Dollar Stores" everywhere, i.e. every item for a dollar. They have great bargains for younger readers. Please give your books to **Laura** during the Oct. or Nov. meetings. (We do not have a Dec. meeting.)

Surprise! Surprise! Whose faces did we see in the Summer 2007 IAM Union "Trade Winds" newspaper, in color no less, than members **Mary Gloria Landrum, Emily O'Toole, Bernice Trullinger** and **Barbara Underhill**. OK ladies, do we all remember the slogan, "The best man for the job is a woman!"

Member and SFO Airport Volunteer **Ernie Bloom**

recently brought our members 28-page inserts from the San Francisco Examiner newspaper captioned "*SFO, The Bay Area's Airport of Choice Since 1927*". Reading the history and changes made in the last 80 years has been most interesting. Thank you, **Ernie**.

Be thinking about a favorite charity of yours that you would like us to send our yearly donation to. We change charities every year & there are usually 5 or 6 of them. Now is the time to act. Contact **Laura Hansen** with your choice, please.

Our International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** reports her *New Zealand – Australia* cruise Jan. 21 – Feb. 2, 2008 now has reduced prices for obstructed view cabins. In addition, if you want a truly memorable *Cruise on a French Barge* which offers fabulous cuisine, Apr. 26 – May 2, 2008, contact **Ginger** right now. And don't forget her *South African Safari* tour planned for Aug. or Sept. 2008. This promises to be a fabulous adventure. Email gingersfo@aol.com or telephone (650) 224-1865.

Domestic Travel Coordinator **Betty Garner** is offering an SF round trip *West Coast Wine Cruise* with stops at Astoria, OR, Seattle, WA, Vancouver B.C. & Victoria, B.C. Dates are Mar. 29 – Apr. 5, 2008. Prosit, everybody! If you can't make that one, also presently available is a June 16 - 26, 2008 *Inside Passage Cruise, San Francisco to Alaska*, with visits to Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord & Victoria B.C. Anyone want to see an iceberg "calve?" Email **Betty** at garnerbee@yahoo.com or telephone (650) 355-4195.

Calendar:

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

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It was good to see **Lois White, Mary Anne Lock** and **Barbara Brown** back at our Aug. 3 meeting.

On Aug. 10 we had with us **Gabby O'Neill & Mark O'Neill**, delightful grandchildren of **Dave Sasso**.

Alice Shelton, is half-way through her radiation and doing well; is coming to our fall luncheon. **Dee Kolman** had her last chemo, is still recovering. We are hoping Dee can put this all behind her soon, and be back with us. **Don Burda** spent five days in the hospital with

pneumonia, is still recovering.

Genevieve O'Brien tripped on a hazard on the city street and fell, face first. She received a big cut on her forehead but feels fortunate to have survived the fall without broken bones or other major injuries.

At our Aug. 31 meeting, **Alex Klaus** talked about his most recent trip, UA SFO to Frankfurt - all female pilots, all male flight attendants. (We've come a long way baby)!

As I was getting ready to send this newsletter we received word that member **Patty Smith**, wife of UA retiree **George Smith**, passed away from cancer on Sept. 2. We are all saddened by the news. She will always be remembered for her enthusiasm and warmth. Our deepest condolences to George and the rest of Patty's family.

Calendar:

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



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Many thanks to **Ruth Dixon** for her contributions as the RUAEA Correspondent for the San Joaquin Chapter. Due to health reasons, Ruth is moving to southern CA to be closer to family members. We all appreciate and thank her for her effort over the years.

Our July meeting was held on July 12th at Pinecrest Lake and was hosted by **Dick & Nancy Buddington**. This is the annual "Buddington Burger Bash" and was attended by 27 members & guests. **Jack Walls'** brother Bob and his wife Peggy were visiting from Alabama and they joined the group and had a great time.

The weather was absolutely perfect at Pinecrest Lake as was the food. The Buddingtons provided the burgers & buns and the rest of us brought a dish to share. Our tables & chairs were set up by the beautiful Pinecrest Lake for our luncheon and meeting.

The Aug. meeting was held on Aug. 9th at the Lockeford Springs Golf Course, hosted by **Jean & Fred Verbaere**. We had a wonderful buffet luncheon which was enjoyed by all. There were 30 members in attendance & 1 guest, **Bill Reynolds**, a UAL Retiree, and he expressed interest in joining our group.

A 50/50 drawing was held, also a drawing for gifts

of wine & potted plants were awarded to the lucky winners.

It was mentioned that **Doug Daniels** was recuperating from his third back surgery and was doing well. We later got the news that Doug's wife **Dorothy** passed away on Aug. 8th. She was a lovely woman; we will all miss her.

Hans Weber mentioned that he and his wife were trying to catch a UAL flight out of Chicago to anywhere on the west coast. All flights were oversold. He asked about buying a one-way ticket and the cost was out of sight; over \$1,000 per person. He said if he had his passport, he could have flown to Vancouver, Canada and then to San Francisco. So this is something we should all keep in mind as we travel during the busy summer season.

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

Calendar:

Oct. 11 - Sonora Convention Center in Sonora. Hosted by **Don & Joyce Temple** and **Jack & Rosie Walls**.
Nov. 8 - Location to be announced at a later date. Hosted by **Hans & Regina Weber** and **Theresa Hal-lenberger**.

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Our Sept. meeting was held on the 10th with 24 members & guests in attendance. As you all must know by now, **Howard Payne** had bypass and valve replacement surgery. He is recuperating well (albeit slowly). We were so glad that his intrepid wife, **Jo**, was present and handled the 50/50 drawing.

Vilma Patrick won the 50/50 and **Vivien Fox** won the pie by Marie Callender's. It must be a reward for her return after an absence from our meetings! We were also glad to see **Russ Miller** back with us. The **Morrisons** and the **Chorbis** were unable to attend for health reasons, but hope to be back next month.

We were all pleased by the letter from Linda Lister, dated, August 27, outlining the new travel policies (particularly since it included we retirees).

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00, then lunch and business from 12:00 on.

We have a diverse group from all job classifications

and invite all retirees and their significant others to come.

Calendar:

Oct. 8

Nov. 12

Dec. 10 - (Annual Christmas party & Toys for Tots)

Jan. 14

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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Submitted by Tom Goodyear

The Mile Higher's first Sat. breakfast was held on Sept. 1st at the United Flight Training Center with 60 people attending.

Tom Goodyear told everyone that **Linda Fredrick** is recovering from cancer. If you want to send Linda a card, her address is: 10861 Tennyson Court, Westminster, CO 80031.

Tom gave a briefing on the new Employee and Retiree Travel Policy. This change is effective Nov. 1st, 2007. He said that we should soon be receiving a letter from the company on the new Travel Policy.

He also reported that the Chicago Tribune had an article on Aug. 23rd stating that United may "shed" the MOC in SFO. United has hired McKinsey and Co. to draw up strategy options for maintenance, repair, and overhaul operations.

First timers at the breakfast were **Ginger Spate**, Jim's wife. It was also good to see **Elizabeth Eaton** and **Ray & Arlene Hutchinson**. **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** brought their two daughters and three grandchildren to join them.

The following people returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **J.C. Butler**, **Charlie Hassler**, **Tom Goodyear**, **Don Pinzensham**, and **C. Spokes**. **John Barry** won twice and returned both of his winnings.

Jeanette Clanton, Denver Branch Manager, and Brenda Mares, Community Relations Associate of the Alliant Credit Union spoke to the group about how much the credit union appreciates the retiree's business.

Calendar:

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

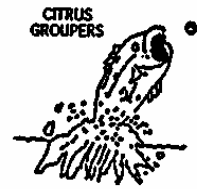
Sept. 26 - Fall Luncheon

Oct. 3 - Breakfast Meeting

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The Citrus Groupers met on Aug. 23 at the Pasta Fare in Belleview with 23 members & guests attending. The **Cantillos** just came back from a wedding in Chicago. Soon they are leaving on a cruise of the Rhine & Moselle rivers which will take them to Germany & France. At the beginning of last June, a friend & I went on a tour of Scotland. It's a beautiful country with great scenery and many castles. Unlike most of our fellow travelers, I kind of liked haggis.

Jo Beck did not attend the meeting as she was away at a wedding. The **Dickensons** are back after spending the summer in Michigan. **Elein Leis** is back from Las Vegas. The **Wimmers** traveled to Illinois & Wisconsin visiting family, while there, they met UAL retiree **Ron Artmen** & wife **Pat**.

Calendar:

Sept. 27 - 11.30 AM at Ruby Tuesday, 2235 Hwy.44 in Inverness, next to Lowe's.

Oct. - 11.30 at the International Buffet, 2258 Citrus Blvd. (Hwy 27) next to Wal-Mart in Leesburg.



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At the Sept. 5th luncheon meeting, Pres. **Paul Brown** welcomed 30 members & 1 guest, **John Whittaker**. He'd dropped his wife off at the airport and ran into yours truly who invited him to our luncheon! Think he enjoyed seeing many familiar faces, and we added his email to our ever-growing list of retirees.

Paul read an email he'd received from RUAEA regarding telemarketers accessing our cell phone numbers. FROM YOUR CELL PHONE, call 1-888-382-1222 to be removed from their lists. This should be good for 5 years. Great information to have.

Orlin & Bonnie Taylor will celebrate 54 years of marriage on Sept. 26th! We all wish them many more wonderful years together!

Each month we pick a favorite dinner location and

choose a restaurant to meet for an early (4:30pm) dinner mid-month. Our group will be meeting Thurs., Sept. 20 at Miller's Ale House at Waterford Lakes off Alafaya Trail between Lake Underhill and SR 50 (Colonial Dr) – we'd love to see you there!

Calendar:

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

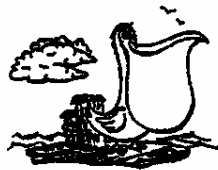
Oct. 3 - Meeting

Dec. 1 - Hudson Christmas Show (includes Deluxe Coach, Dinner, Play) \$56 P/P. For details contact – Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773

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The next meeting of the Pelican Drop-Ins will be the first meeting of the season. We will meet again at beautiful Sable Springs Golf & Racquet Club in North Fort Myers on Oct. 5th for lunch.

Jack Clay recently had colon surgery - no cancer. He was in the hospital 11 days. **Dick & Ruth Barros** are off to Cape Cod via Beaufort, Washington DC, Connecticut, and other places in between. **John & Nancy Dainus** are going to Nancy's 50th year high school reunion in Michigan in Sept. **Mel & Linda Volz** are back from Michigan but Mel will be returning to his home in Michigan to tile his large basement floor. **Wanda Schmoyer** is going to San Jose to visit her daughter & grandson. We were happy to see **CR & Regina Hanshaw** at breakfast. CR gave up his golf game to come to breakfast - the real reason is, he had gastric surgery and is not quite up to golf yet. He looks great! **Marilyn McNabb** installed a program in her computer and it took her 4 days of work to get everything working again. Marilyn is our computer expert and can fix anything that has to do with computers. The **Gilkisons** had just returned from their 15 night cruise from Los Angeles to the Hawaiian Islands and back to LAX. It was a wonderful cruise.

One of our long time members, **John Belluso**, recently passed away. John was past President of the Pelican Drop-Ins. When John was no longer able to participate, his wife, **Carrie** took over as Pres. She was Pres. until last year and also did all of the programs for our group. The **McNabbs, Jimmy Stokes, Harry Good, &**

Ray Winterhalter from our chapter attended the service for John.

Calendar:

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

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

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Pres. **Bob Lindstrom** opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a welcome to the 25 members in attendance and especially to our visitor **John Fiala**, retired mechanic from Illinois.

We have three birthdays for the month of Sept.: **Flo Revillac 9/11, Mary Judd 9/19 & Jan Lindstrom 9/26**. There were no anniversaries.

Jon Wilkinson gave a report on future travel plans to Hawaii and will report upon his return. **Jim Hottel** will have a handout in Oct. on the new travel information effective Nov. 1st.

Pres. **Lindstrom** stated that **Mike Marvett**, Chairman of the West Coast Luncheon, has reserved the date of March 17, 2008 at Seven Springs Country Club. The cost will be approximately \$17 P/P. Details to follow. Bob gave us further reports regarding UAL news.

Beverly Alderdice reminded everyone that the next meeting would be a picnic at Anderson Park at 10:00 and will be catered by Pit Boss. Cut off date for reservations is September 24, 2007 as there will be no walk-ins.

Terri Breslin reported that a get well card was sent to **Beverly Alderdice**, a thinking of you card to **Harriet Noe** and Terri reported that **Jennie Santacroce** is improving. Terri also thanked everyone for all the get well wishes sent to her.

Calendar

Oct. 1 - 10:00 Picnic at Anderson Park. Reservations by Sept. 24th.

Nov. 5 - Regular meeting 10:00 a.m. at Buddy Freddy's.

Dec. 3 - Christmas Luncheon 11:00 - Cocktails 12:00 Luncheon at Spartan Manor.

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The summer is almost over and we are thankful for no storms to date. We hope everyone enjoyed the past few months.

Our deepest regrets to **Diane Liebisch** whose mother passed away in early Aug., while **Diane & Paul** and their two grandchildren were vacationing in San Francisco.

Our meeting on Sept. 11 was attended by 13 members. After a short greeting with each other, we had a moment of silence in remembrance of all those who died and the survivors whose lives were changed forever on 9/11.

After our summer respite, we exchange memories of all the trips and also exchanged some funny stories connected with those trips. Some members just enjoyed staying home.

We discussed the news of a United pilot by the name of Capt. Flannigan, who was voted the best pilot in the country, who recently appeared on the Today Show. There was also a story about him in the Wall St. Journal.

We voted to have our yearly dues up one dollar to \$6 and it was the first increase in 13 years, this making the best bargain in Florida.

We will be discussing our Christmas party at the next meeting so stay tuned.

If you live in the Treasure Coast area, come join us, we are a lively group. We meet at RJ Gators on US 1 in Port St. Lucie the 2nd Tues. of the month at 11:30 AM.

On a final note, the joke of the month: *A guy stood over his tee shot for what seemed to be an eternity, looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed, all while driving his partner absolutely nuts. Finally, his exasperated partner says "What the heck is taking you so long. Hit the ball already!" The golfer answers "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse and I want to make this." Partner replies "Will you give me a break! You don't stand a snowball's chance of hitting her from here!"*

Calendar:

Oct. 9 - 11:30 AM - RJ Gators, Port St. Lucie

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

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



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FLL Flyers met on Sept. 10 at the Flaming Pit in Pompano Beach. We joined the Flight Attendants, who have their Buffet Lunch get together every month on the 2nd Mon. at 12:00, at this location. You can contact **Wanda Huber** at whuber954@yahoo.com or Shar-la3027@aol.com, if you are a Flight Attendant and have an interest in joining this dynamic group of ladies. The Pilots will also resume their lunches at the Flaming Pit next month. Contact moreheadjames@aol.com for more info for the pilots.

We are planning a MIAFO/MIASW reunion in the next few months in the Ft. Lauderdale area for all current and retired MIAFO and MIASW people in Ft. Lauderdale or possibly the Flaming Pit in Pompano where we met for lunch. Please email me at bevull@aol.com if you have an interest in attending by Nov. 1.

There were 7 regular FLL FLYERS at the luncheon. We shared info about pass travel, one lady, **Diane Brodis**, ladydi947@hotmail.com literally just got off a cruise that morning, and she & her hubby joined us. She goes on about 4-6 cruises a year, so she is the GO TO girl, for the best places to find the best prices for cruises.

We also had **Donnie Blalack** join us who retired from MIAMM and is working at Broward Community College in the Aviation Department. Another Flight Attendant **Lynn L'Hommendue** works at Steinmart 1 day a week.

Beverly announced that she had met a lady who has a company that trains people for a job as a Corporate flight attendant. Age is not an issue. She met this lady who put on classes in Ft. Lauderdale once a month, 10 to a class. Mention Beverly's name if you book the class and you can save \$100 on the course. You will have to get out and market yourself for a job after you take the class. The web site is: www.beyondandabove.net. It is very informative. **Mary Lou Gallagher** is the owner and was a FA in her previous life.

Beverly also recommends the Ameriplan for savings on Dental, Vision, Prescription and Chiropractic. Go to the web site www.usamaverick.com for more info and to sign up on line. You can use the services immediately. Be sure to check to see your doctor or dentist honors the plan. Eileen Burns is the contact for this

dental plan at 877-599-5026 if you have questions. Please mention that you are a UAL retiree.

Calendar:

Oct. 1 - 6:00 PM at Panera Bread, 1762 N. Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale. We are trying to accommodate those retirees who still are working and cannot join us at our lunch time meetings.

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DIXIE FLYERS

Twenty eight flyers and two guests were in attendance at Golden's "on the corner" Restaurant, in Fayetteville GA. on Sept. 5, hosted by **Sam & Eva Mace**. Our two guests were Alexandria Thompson & Ezra Thompson, **Richard & Diayne Thompson's** grandchildren. Both had been there at previous lunches and every one took turns holding Alexandria, and enjoying Ezra, who were enjoying the attention. Both are pleasant and very well behaved children. Our room was not as isolated as we were used to and noise from the other areas of the restaurant made it a little harder to hear. The food was cafeteria style and very good. It was good to see **Ron & Marge Heider** there after his recent surgery & recovery. We were sorry to hear that **Irma Bowling**, has been under the weather for quite a while. **Bill Bowling** is scheduled for knee surgery Sept. 21. **Doug Goforth** will be undergoing some very serious arterial chest surgery Sept 25. Kerry Belcher, **Don & Marylou Sullivan's** daughter is presently receiving treatment in Arizona, and will be returning home to Georgia around the middle of the month. Reports are she is doing much better and coming along well. **Jeanne Barber** also will be going in for shoulder surgery this month. Our hearts & prayers to all for successful surgeries, treatments and a speedy recovery.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **Dee Dunn**, ATLRR on Aug. 21, Dee was one of the original Dixie Flyers and will be missed by many. Victor Kumar, son of **Paul Kumar**, ATLRR, ATLCS, passed on Aug. 23. Victor was in his late 30's. Also **Esther Morris**, ATLRR passed on Aug. 24 at Emory University Hospital. Esther was a native Atlantan. All our hearts & prayers to their families & friends.

A short business meeting was held by **Sandy Lis**, and report by **Bruce Brodersen** on the new pass policies effective Nov 1. Our 50/50 was held by ever so

faithful **Fred Cron**, assisted by **Doug Goforth**. **Gene Barber** drew the winning ticket held by **Marylou Sullivan** who was the lucky recipient of the prize.

Calendar:

Oct. 3 – Lunch, Cookout at **Ray & Mary Owen's** home, 12 Noon - McDonough, GA

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BOISE GEMS

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Labor Day 2007. The GEMS met as usual at JB's in Meridian. It was a beautiful morning, no traffic on I-84. After the hottest July on record (for Boise anyway) & triple-digit temperatures one day after another, temperatures in the 80s are a welcome relief. It was a small turnout, because with the holiday, most of our group is out enjoying the fishing, camping, hiking, biking, rafting, boating, swimming, water-skiing, or simply unwinding, in any one of a thousand different hot springs scattered across the state.

Ossie Hagen thoughtfully brought a trunk full of produce fresh from his garden to share with others. If his several different kinds of tomatoes & cucumbers are any indication, it is a great year for various vine-ripened products, including melons & grapes. This means the Sunnyslope vintners, such as the Ste. Chappelle Winery, will have a bountiful crop, with some great wines to follow. (The potatoes come later.)

Marlene Croghan attended the Meadow Valley Old Car Show & Barbecue. She said her son took First Place in the Classic Ford Division, with his 1947 Ford. "The barbecue was sensational," she quickly added.

After a busy summer of three weddings and a birthday party, **Rick & Shirley Dempsey** are looking for a quiet fall. Shirley's nephew, Gavin, was married in Calistoga, CA, on Aug 17. Their next trip is planned for Yellowstone National Park & Jackson Hole, WY.

Al Cox is home after surgery & rehab, & is even able to drive, although his doctor did say, don't brake too hard.

David & Carol Adams, also Carol's mother, enjoyed a leisurely motor-home trip to the PDX area. The days with their daughter, son-in-law & three grandchildren went by much too fast. They said, "We were glad to be a part of Krista's 14th birthday celebration. To top it off, the weather was perfect."

Your faithful newsletter reporter will be attending the 58th Annual Reunion of the 148th Field Artillery

(WWII) in Bend, OR, on Sept. 13-16. Bill said, "Our ranks are thinning now, but the kids, grandkids, and family members make it memorable. As for the old guys, their stories get better every year."

Calendar:

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

Oct. 1 - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian (space confirmed).

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

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Now that the warm and hot summer days have slipped away and the cool weather is going to be with us for awhile, we can look forward to making plans for the holidays. They will be here before we know it. It's hard to believe that time just slips away, while we as retirees are enjoying the Life of Riley.

The Northerlies had an enjoyable breakfast and for her third visit, Brianna Vlach who is the 10 year old grand daughter of **Ginny & Frank Vlach**, came to visit our jolly group. Ginny said that she is their youngest and seems to be growing up too fast. Ginny says she calls often to see how they are doing. She enjoys our retiree luncheon and likes **Mary Szabo** and the group around the table. She even assisted at Artemis, as a Hostess collecting the name badges giving big smiles to everyone.

Once again United was a key sponsor for the 6th annual Eric & Kathy Children's Memorial telethon held at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital in Sept. The volunteer program is headed by Amy Labandelo of Corporate Social Investment Services at World Headquarters who recruits employees & retirees from United. Among the United retirees who participated in the telethon were **Angie Halama** and yours truly.

Among the twenty six attendees at the Aug. Southside breakfast, **Scottie (Ed) Ward** escorted a darling six year old - Lily Darvila. Another guest was **Irene Buszkiewicz** and surprise visitor **Marion Levine**. Previous shut-ins who were lulled out by the beautiful weather were **Florence Constance**, **Mel Fisher**, **Lavonne Halach** and **Virginia Hilkens**.

Mel Fisher, **Carmen Chavez**, **Leona Gasiorowski** and **Mary Brandt** won the money raffles. **Carmen** and **Leona** plus **Tom Hurley**, **Javier Chavez** and **Scottie**

won the Lotto cards donated by **Mel Fisher**. **Margaret Schmitt** won the Gold Digger wagon filled with gold nuggets that graced the table at the Sacramento convention.

The chapter was happy to hear **Carlyle Brandt** was given a clean bill of health. He will have to give up all activity with birds to avoid a relapse. We have a TV celebrity in our midst in **Ken Bergsma**. I tried to catch his commercial but he was constantly being pre-empted by news flashes. I will have to find out what product he was promoting when I ask for his autograph.

I found the following information important and compelling to share to those of you using cell phones. A lady had her hand bag stolen which contained her mobile phone, credit cards, etc. So she called her husband, from a pay phone telling him what had happened. Her husband said that he received her text message asking about their PIN bank account numbers so he replied. When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The pick-pocket had actually used the stolen hand phone to text "hubby" in her telephone contact list and got hold of the PIN number. Within 20 minutes, he had withdrawn all the money from the bank account. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, sweetheart, Dad, Mom etc ... And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked thru text messaging, CONFIRM by calling back. It is also a good practice to call back and confirm any text messages you receive about going places to meet "family & friends", who text you. Reconfirm your text messages.

I know that the final days of the \$50,000 Grants Program is underway. Yearly, the United Individual Volunteer Grant Awards is open for nominations that also include the retirees. In the past, United has taken great pride in promoting volunteer efforts and supporting corporate value -- Commitment to Community Service. Through this Grants Program, now in its 11th year, United has awarded Grants totaling more than 550,000 dollars to individuals who have made outstanding volunteer contributions to their communities. Requirements of eligible employees or retirees must have volunteered for a U.S. charitable organization or an international charitable organization and have volunteered a minimum of 40 hours during the past year in 2006. United will be awarding 45 individual Grant Awards of \$1,000, randomly drawn from all eligible applicants. In addition, one \$5,000 Chairman's Award for Excellence will be presented to the individual who demonstrated the greatest commitment, compassion and energy to a charitable organization. The Award winners will be held this month at World Headquarters hosted by Chairman Glenn Tilton and other officers. To date, approximately 500 non-profit organizations have benefited from the

Grants Program. "United is proud to recognize and reward individuals who have made outstanding volunteer contributions," said Sonya Jackson, Managing Director - Corporate Social Investment. "Through the Individual Grant Awards, we are able to support our individuals who are helping to build stronger communities."

Volunteers answered telephone pledges, during a 36-hours radio broadcast that included heartbreaking interviews with many families of children, who have received medical assistance from the hospital. It was great seeing these smiling little toddlers with their parents and how so much love being given to these struggling children.

During the program, a generous family whose child is a patient at CMH vowed to donate \$15,000 when the radio broadcast received 150 pledge commitments within a one-hour session. A joy of excitement was demonstrated from the telephone gallery when this goal was reached. It was good to see and hear how people gave during a time of need for many families. This made me feel good that we could help in a small way.

This Radiothon raised over \$1.5M and since its inception, the Eric & Kathy telethon has raised over \$20M for Children's Memorial Hospital. Congratulations to Children's Memorial Hospital, who now have a generous bump in their budget to further help care for Chicago's needy and ailing kids.

More information on the Holiday Children Giving program sponsored through DCFS for tots will appear in our next monthly Skyline report. The monthly trips to the Chicago Food Depository, packing bulk foods for the needy continues the 2nd Tues. of each month. Plan some time and join in a group of people who like helping others through out the year.

If you like writing articles and newsworthy information and being part of the Skyliners, a chapter of RUAEA, and are interested or know of some one who may be interested, please contact the Skyliner Pres., **Bob Jacobson**, for more details about being part of a great group of people.

In Nov., the Northsiders are planning to have the year's end Food Collection for the holiday season that will be donated to a local Food Pantry. We can again show our care during the holiday by sharing our thankfulness and donating food to those who need help. Assorted canned goods, paper products and dried goods will be appreciated. There are many needy families who would be glad to receive these items.

Calendar:

Oct. 2 – Monthly Chicago Food Depository Volunteer Program

Oct. 9 – Skyliners FALL Luncheon - 11:30 at Meridian on Algonquin Rd.

Oct. 10 – Breakfast with the Northsiders Group – 9:00

a.m. Artemis Restaurant - Golf & Busse Roads, Mt. Prospect, IL.

Oct 13 - ORDCS 20th Annual Old-timers Reunion - 6:00 PM Giuseppes La Cantina Restaurant, 1062 Lee Street Des Plaines, IL (847) 824-4230 ... Unlimited pizza, salad, garlic rolls, beer, wine, soda pop & ice cream ... \$25 P/P ... RSVP by Sat. Oct. 6 to Connie Russo, mich4mitch@aol.com, (847) 956-0764 (Home), (708) 822-0891 (Cell). Mail check to 500 Stonehaven Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-3538 ... EVERY-ONE IS INVITED.

Oct. 30 – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Nov. 14 - Fall Food Collection at the Northsiders Breakfast - Canned goods, dried goods needed

Dec. 11 - Annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon - Avalon Banquets - Details on Flyers to be mailed

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This year is just flying by, soon summer will be over and I'll be back to complaining about the cold and snow. Indianapolis has had very high temperatures this summer and yards are looking bad & plants are withered. We haven't had the amount of rain as previous years and it sure would be nice to get a steady rainfall ... just for a day! I'm not wishing for the rainfall that Houston, OKC, or some of these other places that flooded, I'm just asking for a little bit of the wet stuff.

Now then, back to business. During our last meeting, we discussed going to a Mystery Murder Dinner. The cost would be \$38 P/P on weeknights. It sounds like fun but with my luck, I would be the murdered victim and have no lines. Anyway, we need at least 20 people to commit, so think about it and let me know if you're interested in being a murderer without serving prison time.

VP **Wanda Bryce** spoke with **Carol Faust** and said there would be a good possibility that she would be at our Sept. meeting along with **Mort Wax**. We're looking forward to your visit. It's always nice to have new information first hand.

Our condolences & prayers to **June Wilson** and family on the passing of her husband **Ralph**. Ralph was a sweet and likeable man and he will be greatly missed. June is recovering from a bout with cancer when Ralph was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Personally, I

am so glad to know he didn't have to suffer long.

There isn't much more to report, as our Aug. meeting attendance was so low. I would like to remind all that our Oct. meeting will be held on Tues., Oct. 9th, at the Eagles Lodge in Plainfield beginning at 2:00 PM. You can order and eat lunch prior to meeting time. This is a one-time deal to see how it works out. We might decide to make a change. For further info, call **Dave Rihel** at (317) 837-1345 or me at (317) 745-3332.

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

Calendar:

Oct. 9 - Trial meeting at the Eagle's Lodge at 2:00

Nov. 12 - Meeting

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The Nor'Easters Aug. picnic, as others before, proved to be a fun event. This was our first gathering at Harold Parker State Forest, easy to get to and truly a great spot. Also, an added perk, anyone over 65 doesn't have to pay the park entry fee. This will be a place to consider for next year's picnic. Although we had a smaller than normal crowd, we all had a great time. Our white elephant auction has proven so popular; it brought in more cash than the 50/50. We even had non Nor'Easter park-goers bidding. Our auctioneer/comedian, **Don Simard** does an outstanding job. And, our member turned cook, **Bruce Eddy**, provided us with an enjoyable variety of goodies. Thanks Bruce!

Our guests were: **Tod Shakley**, **Lew & Sylvia's** son, an ex UALer employed at MHT, PHX & BOS, **Marge Leclair's** granddaughter, Amy, has attended every picnic since she was 7 years old and really enjoys it. Edith Centoni, **Norma Better's** 93 year old mother, who definitely doesn't look her age, also attended. Yours truly, finally won a 50/50 along with **John Dellelo**. Free lunches were won by **Marge LeClair** and **Bill Rodenhizer**. It looked like everyone won at the auction.

Bill & Judy Rodenhizer have a new granddaughter born on Aug. 18. **Don & Joan Simard** celebrated their

44th anniversary on Sept. 7. **Andy Montalto**, who swore he would never own a computer, finally came out of the dark ages and bought one. He & Carol will be sending e-mails as soon as they learn how to use it. **Bill Shailor's** son, Jonathan, who has been conducting classical plays with prisoners at the Racine, WI Correctional Facility, is now writing a book on how the program works at reformation. Bill's proud! I got to talk with **Charlie Staula** and **Bob Wilson** and received a note from **Mary Beth McDermet**. All asked to say "Hi" to all their fellow Nor'Easters.

I got several e-mails stating that **Dennis Riley**, (BOSCG/BOSFF) a past Nor'Easter member who moved to Arizona, passed away Aug. 26. Don't know if he was a member of one of the Arizona chapters.

Calendar:

Oct. - Continental Restaurant, Saugus MA

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

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19 Escapees & 1 guest met at Subu's Leather Bottle Sept. 6th, in Farmington Hills, hosted by **Gwen & Rick Schwendenmann**. We all welcomed our newest escapee **Marguerite Venn** plus **Carol Breneau** who retired in Jan. this year, came to check us out, and liked us enough to join the Escapees, officially ... Also **Bev Roberts**, who joined us in person for the first time ever as she was able to break away from her grandma sitting duties. **Marlene Heaney** also brought her hubby for the first time. It was great seeing so many new faces and hope they all make us a habit.

Midwest Director **Carol Faust** and hubby, **Bob** also joined us. Carol talked about the changes in UA's non-rev travel policy beginning Nov. 1st and the ESOP class action suit against UAL. She says we might be getting a couple dollars back, maybe enough to buy lunch. She made a motion to fire the correspondent who quickly seconded the motion. This suggestion was made by an anonymous person on the way to the meeting but received no volunteers for the job, so decided to send this report once more. We all thanked Carol for her great job as our Midwest Director and will be sad to see her leave come May 2008. I think RUAEA should change their by-laws and allow more than a two year term if the

director is so efficient. Is anyone listening? Carol is looking for someone to replace her so if interested let her know. Hey! Maybe a correspondent's job should only be two years.

I am happy to report no new bad news that I've heard this month but keep in your prayers all our loved ones for continued recovery especially, **Maxine Raymond, Joanne Maas, Debbie LeFebvre** and **Curt Gaffor**.

Calendar:

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

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Thanks to **Marilyn Weak** for taking notes at the last meeting. Even though it was extremely hot and humid, there were 45 who enjoyed the great cookout by **Larry Farrell, Tony Sortino** and **Keith Cornish**. It's too bad it was so hot, as the Fish & Game location has a great view of the lake. In attendance were **Bill Boner, Van VanHouten** and **Gary Fisher**. Gary worked on the ramp from 1966 to 1972.

Dottie Lewis phoned and said she was in Methodist Hospital in Des Moines on the 7th due to congestive heart failure. She was back home on Friday the 9th. She was so happy, as the doctor had told her she didn't need to have a new pacemaker or a defibrillator. He said the pacemaker was doing its job. Right now, she doesn't know when the kidney will have to be removed – it could be a few weeks or months.

Barb & Clair Soseman celebrated their 49th anniversary on Aug. 9. Belated congratulations. Barb had surgery on her right ear for what the doctor called cholesteatoma which is a hole in the ear drum & a tumor behind it. This entailed an incision from the top of the ear along the back clear down to the bottom of the ear.

I had a note from **Jake Hutchinson** and he is still having trouble with his eyes, but is able to drive and play a few holes of golf. He works at Sam's Club 3 days a week doing product demos.

Ralph Bredow has now moved in with his wife, **Ardith**, at the Gretna Community Living Center, Room 208, 700 S. Hwy 6, Gretna, NE 68028. Ardith suffered a stroke a few years ago and has been at this facility. He doesn't need nursing care, just lonely and wanted to be with his wife.

Calendar:

Oct. 2 - Jack & Mary's, Hosted by **Bob & Carolyn Kraft**

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

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Well, the Garden Staters held their annual picnic in Merrill Park in Colonia. It was a great day and 68 people attended. People whom we haven't seen in quite a while, were there with families. There were plenty of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and all sorts of salads; besides, many of the members wives baked goodies you could die for. Believe me, nobody left hungry.

John Deily had won a picture of a DC 6B United Plane at the Washington D.C. reunion & raffled it off. He donated the money to the Flight 93 memorial. There were many door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Because we weren't allowed to sit and talk, we played games and many walked away with prizes. The RUAEA people would be proud, as all the officers and volunteers (including me) wore the RUAEA polo shirts, just so you knew who we were. The sun shined on many happy people.

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A great showing for the Sept. luncheon! Fifty-seven members and one guest attended the Per Un Angelo Restaurant, our meeting place for this coming Oct. & Nov.

Pres. **Jim Richardson** started the meeting with a moment of silence for the sick & deceased members of The N.Y. Metros. Jim mentioned the death of **Ken Mullane & Marisa Licata**, former co-workers at JFKCS & LGACS.

Birthday greetings to **John Modugno** who is 80 years old on Sept. 6. **Charlie Kaczinski** will be 84 years on the 19. **Diana Arena** 87 years on the 20.

"100 years!"

Congratulations! **Mary & Frank Ferrara**, they will be married 51 years on Sept 30. **Laura & John Muller** said their "I DO'S" 52 years ago on Sept. 3rd and **Ruth & Eliot Olenick** exchanged vows under the "Chupah" 59 years ago on the 25th.

Before I go any further, the chapter wants to thank **Ed Pozzi**, **John Klos**, VP **Charlie Kaczinski** and past-president **Joe Totaro** for the outstanding job they performed for the summer picnics. A short wait for the sausage, hot dogs and burgers. The food was cooked to perfection. "ATTA BOY LETTER IN YOUR FILES".

Our Nov. meeting will be an important one and your attendance will be appreciated. Once again, Jim Richardson will ask for your vote about some issues concerning the N.Y Metros. Here's your chance to vote whether or not you like the 2 picnic idea which, as of this meeting, he plans to carry over to 2008. Did you like the "NO JANUARY MEETING" idea that we tried this year? Here's your chance to vote whether or not to continue with that idea for 2008. There are some other ideas Jim has dancing around in his head that he wants to bring forward for your vote. Please come to the November meeting.

Congratulations **Ed Vasta**, guest of **Charlie Kaczinski**, for winning 4 of the 5 raffles at the meeting. We have never had any one person win so many times. Ed is Charlie's B.F.F. (Best Friend Forever).

The membership has voted as to where the Christmas Luncheon will be held. The majority voted on the Millerridge Inn over the Schooner in Freeport and Per Un Angelo in Wantagh.

A special hello to **Diane Arena**, **Mabel Bittar**, **Dan Duran** and **Edythe Dollis**, long time members of the New York Metros who for one reason or another are unable to attend the monthly meetings. We miss you and hope you will be able to attend our Christmas Luncheon. Perhaps a relative or friend can drive you to the Millerridge Inn?

Calendar:

Oct. 3 - 12 noon - Per Un Angelo, Wantagh

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

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



NORTHWOOD

NORTHWOOD LOONIES



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Reservations are rolling in for the fall meeting. The dates are Oct. 16-17-18. The location is the Traverse Bay Lodge, 460 Munson Ave. TVC, MI 49686. Phone (231) 947-5436. Fifteen rooms reserved and the hotel promises to honor requests above that number if they have rooms available. Call the above number for your reservations at \$59.00 per night, for a minimum of two nights. Rates are \$79.00 for less than two nights. First night's dinner will be at the restaurant next door so you won't have to drive after an all day trip.

Looking forward to seeing all members of the group plus several new members attending for the first time.

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On Sept. 5th, 71 Buckeyes & one guest met for a Brunch Buffet for the first time, at The Grand Pacific Hotel in Olmsted Falls. **Joyce Knapp** was the guest of **Beth Grunewald**. Glad you were able to attend. Three lovely ladies hosted this event. Thank you **Anne Fiedler**, **Pat Hendy** & **Reta Hammer**. We all concurred that the food was delicious and the atmosphere was very refreshing. Thanks again for your dedication in hosting this event.

Pres. **Carol Hacker** opened the brunch with some interesting facts, regarding The Grand Pacific Hotel. It was built between 1830 and 1840. The first proprietor was Thomas Brown. Square dances were held on the third floor for several years. In the years to follow, the hotel had many proprietors and names. The Grand Pacific Wedding Chapel is located right down the street. You may have your wedding or reception in the majestically restored 1851 church. This is listed on the National Registry of Historical Districts. This is such a quaint little town. Many Buckeyes wandered through this quaint little town after the brunch. If you have free time, I definitely would put this on your list of places to

see.

Dave Placko opened with a prayer before the brunch. Thank you, Dave, it was greatly appreciated.

I was surprised that **Vince & Norma Malena** were not in attendance at our brunch. I was even more surprised to learn that Vince was released from the hospital on the day of our brunch. I spoke with him and learned that he had a stress test on 9/4 and was kept in the hospital until the next day when he had one stent put in his artery. He had a blockage of 95% in one artery. He is diabetic and had no symptoms what so ever. He definitely had the angels watching over him. He is taking it easy per the Dr.'s request. If you would like to send him a card, his address is: 2894 Vandemark Rd., Litchfield, OH 44253-9513. We hope to see you & Norma next month.

Sharon Minelli is hosting the Nov. 7th event at Mapleside Farms & Restaurant in Brunswick. We are counting on a beautiful "FALL" day. Remember that reservations must be in by Oct. 20.

I haven't heard of any other health problems at this time.

Calendar:

Oct. 3 - Old Oak Bible Church in Middleburg Hts. Gather at 11:30am & luncheon served at 2:30pm, prepaid.

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

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

OREGON



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On Sept. 5th, a group of us "set sail" on the Portland Spirit Luncheon Cruise up the Willamette River. It was a lovely day and a fun time to meet in a smaller setting. Those attending were **Rosalie Betschart, Bob & Dee Boetler, Bill & Ronda Densmore, Joe & Priscilla Giammalva, Barbara Heidegger, Jack & Nancy Hooper, Dan & Judy Jones, Jerry & Annette Knott, Craig Strand, June Strand** (Craig's mom) and **JoAnne Bryce** (a friend of Craig).

I am sorry to report that **Robert Bitney** died Aug. 12th. He retired from air freight in Portland and had previously lived in Omaha, NE. Our condolences to his wife Glenda and family.

At the Oct. 10th meeting, there will be an election for two directors on the Dew-er's Board of Directors. Please contact **Jack Hooper** (360-835-7767) if you are interested or know of someone who would like to run for one of the positions. An added incentive to come to the meeting will be an ice cream social afterwards. What a nice way to end a meeting.

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

Calendar:

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

Oct. 10 - Elections & Ice Cream Social

Nov. 14 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

Dec. 12 - Christmas Luncheon

OUR CLUB

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Following one of the most pleasantly moderate summers in recent memory, OUR Club gathered at Tom Pearce Park near Grants Pass on Sept. 7, for its annual picnic. Each year we treat ourselves to an on-site barbecue and all the fixings, cooked by Red Wagon BBQ. This year both Red Wagon and the weather outdid themselves for us.

We were all smiles to welcome Northwest Region Director **Jack Hooper** and his wife, **Nancy**, who drove from the Portland area to join us for the picnic. Jack gave an informative and interesting update on RUAEA national, the Nov. 1 changes in NRSA travel, and the United Airlines Historical Foundation. We were delighted that Jack & Nancy came down to share the latest national news as well as their company.

We also welcomed guest **Don Moore** who retired from SFOPD and is now living and building homes in the Illinois Valley southwest of Grants Pass. **Laurie Jordan** brought her houseguests, Verna & Paula, who were visiting from Massachusetts. During our business meeting we nominated officers for 2008 in preparation for the Dec. election.

I recounted a recent and somewhat bizarre incident. I received a telephone call from a total stranger in central Oregon who stated he & his wife (neither of them United employees) had longtime access to companion passes through a relative who was a United retiree. That

relative had passed on and the man was calling to ask if my husband and I would “give” them our annual allotment of companion passes. After picking up my jaw from the floor, the man’s request was, of course, refused. Just in case, I thought I’d pass along this story to all RUAEA members.

We missed two of our longtime members, **Yvonne Vigil** and **Barbara Hickox**. Yvonne is coping with a back injury which will, sad to say, require several more months of mending time. We’re pleased to report that Barbara is making progress after suffering a severe stroke in July. **Yvonne & Lon Vigil** and **Barbara & her late husband, Bob**, were among the earliest members of OUR Club. Our thoughts and best wishes are with these two special ladies.

Calendar:

Oct. 5 - TBA - **Jim & Jane Frincke**

Nov. 2 - TBA - **Jim & Elaine Ellis**

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

PENNSYLVANIA

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A Color Guard from the Marine Corp League of Upper Darby, Secane, PA opened the meeting by presenting & striking the Colors. Pres. **Joe Brad** led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a prayer remembering those who lost their lives Sept. 11.

27 retirees came to our luncheon. Thanks to **Dennis O’Neill**, we saw **Marie Matters** after a long absence. He discovered her walking around in his neighborhood and offered to bring her to our meeting. Welcome back Marie.

Ralph & Dottie Baker chose to celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary with us at the meeting today, Sept 10th. They reminisced about the days when we could get on a flight and sometimes even get First Class! For one of their anniversaries, Ralph asked his wife where she would like to have their anniversary dinner. She said, “Seattle”. So they hopped on our non-stop flight and went to Seattle to celebrate. Ahhhh, those were the good old days.

Joe reminded everyone that we cut down the number of meetings. We will not meet in the cold or hot weather months, Jan., Feb., Jul., or Aug. **Dee Burrs** handed out the tickets to those going to the Nov. 9th Christmas show in Lancaster, PA. Since we booked

early, we got reduced rates and secured pretty good reserved seats.

Past Pres. **Bernie McNamee**, announced our next convention would be in Pittsburgh, PA. We are looking into a getting a bus and planning a stopover on the way home, at the site of flight 93 in Shensville, PA.

Joe Brad brought us up to date on what is happening at United Airlines. He mentioned the new pass policy (no charge for domestic economy), the Sweet Dreams seats planned for International Business Class, and the ESOP settlement.

The price of our luncheon was raised \$2.00 starting this month. No 50/50 tickets were sold today.

Since we had no speaker scheduled, we had some extra time to visit with our friends & former colleagues.

Calendar:

Sept. 17 - Committee Meeting, 12:30PM at the Edwards’

Nov. 8 - General Meeting, 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn

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Happy Trick or Treat to all – didn’t know if I would get a column in this month. I am just 3 days out of the hospital after a colon-resection, but Virgil cracked the whip and here goes.

Thanks to all of you for the well wishes and visits.

Our sympathy to **Lee & David Snuffer** on the passing of David’s mother, cards can be sent to the Snuffers at 837 N. Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Our Publicity Co-chair **Betty Musko** is recuperating from a broken foot. Seems she couldn’t run from Paul fast enough. Kudos to **Paul & Betty** on the excellent convention coverage in this month’s newsletter.

The pre-convention committee met on Aug. 22nd at the Omni William Penn presided by VP of Conventions **Hank Gosselin**. 19 Pit-Stoppers attended a very informative session. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19th, same place at 10:30 AM.

Now that the pass policy has been reinstated in part, it’s just another incentive to join RUAEA and remain United. Remember, the larger the group, the louder the voice.

The Oct. luncheon will be covered next month.

Mark your calendars and see Yunz in Pittsburgh.



TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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Aug. 16 was our bi-monthly breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant. We had 14 members & guests out on another 90+ degree day. It was good to see **Jo Ann Swalom** with her daughter. Everyone enjoyed visiting with each other. We are looking forward to our visit in Sept. to Clarksville, TN. It sounds like a fun trip. Lunch at Blackhorse Brewery, a guided tour of The Custom House Museum, a short driving tour of town and ending with a mini-tour and tasting at Beachaven Winery. Several of us plan on staying overnight. Further details next month!

Calendar:

Oct. 20 - 9:30 EDT - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Nov. 15 - Hosts **Barb & Mike Chapin** (865-675-3511). Location to be announced. We will have election of officers at this meeting.

Dec. 20 - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

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On **Aug. 15**, 34 chapter members met at the Sugar House Pk. potluck picnic. The get-together of old friends & former coworkers was delightful & the menu reminded us more of a "*food fair*", than a mere picnic. Thanks, everyone! Also a hearty thank-you to **Betty Davis & Lila Maughan** for handling the menu selection duties.

Frank Murdock, 1½ yrs. short of 90, has decided to go on his 35th Alaskan salmon fishing trip. In 1972, a widely dispersed group of enthusiastic UAL fishermen invited him to join them and, while - sadly - many of them have gone on to the Great Fishing Pond Beyond, Frank has never "*missed a beat*" catching the Big Ones! He & his son are looking forward to their Sept. trip to Ketchikan, to teach a group of 10 younger fishing nov-

ices the "*ropes of a good catch*."

We welcomed **Bob/Marge Ringer**'s daughter **Jackie** who dropped in after visiting her mother at a local assisted-care home. Jackie is a current F/A, domiciled in SFO; she was greeted by many picnickers who were glad to renew an old friendship.

Darlene Cantonwine's nephew **Brent Jacobson**, once with UAL now working for DAL, came to visit. **Kaye Nelson** brought **Edith Paul**, both of Bountiful. **Carl/Lorraine** ventured in from Layton during heavy highway rush hour traffic. We were also glad to say "*Hi!*" to **Eldon/Doris Rasband**.

Some of our valued regulars came to the picnic even though the heat was taking a toll on them: **Bill/Shirley Ottman** and **Sandy/Darlene Cantonwine**. A later tel. check reassured us that all was well after they had returned home. Recently widowed **Grant Beutler**, when contacted, told Frank Murdock that he could not join us because he was obligated to honor another commitment.

Local NL Editor **Art Scott** took pictures, to be incorporated into the existing chapter "*memory book*" that was started in the mid-1980s. We missed Art's friend **Carol**, a regular summer picnic visitor, presently visiting her out-of-town relatives.

Calendar:

Oct. 17 - Lunch 2pm - Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC.

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

VIRGINIA

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

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On Aug. 23, the Blue Ridge Chapter met at T-Bone Jack's in Waynesboro, VA with 17 in attendance. They were able to go on three tours of the six we signed up for since three were cancelled. They enjoyed themselves very much but were disappointed the whales were gone before their tour.

Our Chapter was very interested in a discussion on the IAM agreements with United regarding the current payments of Medical for the IAM members. Bob explained some of the facts he learned from his research.

Pres. **Gene Calvert** asked for a vote on the Oct. meeting place that resulted in a choice of returning to T-Bone Jack's. Activity Chairman **John Rice** has desig-

nated Oct. 18 for the next meeting. Dues were collected for the treasury expenses.

Calendar:

Oct. 18 - Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Sept. already! The Dulles Loungers are looking forward to getting together for the first official luncheon of the year. It has been a wonderful summer with many travel plans for many of our members. We are still waiting to see pictures from **Linda Scriven**'s trip to Beijing. What an exciting trip that must have been!

Lucy Chatelaine was wonderful to host luncheons in June & Aug. at the Red Lobster in Manassas for those who were not vacationing.

In July, we had an outing to Charlestown Racetrack in Charlestown, WV. It was well attended and great fun. **Lyn Craven** & her husband joined the Dulles Loungers in Charlestown. One week later, they went back and won \$4,400! Congratulations!

And now, back to the monthly luncheons on the 2nd Wed. of every month at the Golden Corral in Manassas. Our upcoming luncheon will be on Sept 12th. Our speakers for this meeting will be the Directors of the Senior Centers from the three surrounding counties. The senior centers have many activities for the 55 and older group and many opportunities for volunteer work.

In Oct. we will have nominations for Lounger's officers, and the election will be held at our meeting in Nov. In Dec., we will have the installation of our new officers. We will welcome in the New Year with a fresh local board of directors.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Al Ingrassia** (IADC). Condolences can be sent to **Helen Ingrassia** (IADCS) at 98 Hampton Circle Bluffton, SC 29910.

David Cox continues to receive treatment at the Lombardi Cancer Center. Prayers & cards are welcome: 8902 Sudley Rd Manassas, VA 20110. He, & his wife Tina, remain positive and cheerful. They are an inspiration to us all.

Judy Carroll (IADRR) has had her surgery postponed so as to begin the chemotherapy. Cards may be sent to 214 Veronica Court, Charlestown, WV 25414.

Rachel Woodings (DCASW) has been diagnosed with stage 4 Colon Cancer. Her address is 3601 Sleepy

Hollow Rd., Falls Church, VA 22041-1019. Even if you don't know Rachel, you know the "legend." Send her a "Rachel" story. She will be happy to hear from you. (And get a "kick" out of those stories.)

I am sure that by now, you have all heard the wonderful news about our NRSA travel. We can now pass ride in economy for FREE, and the price of our business and first class tickets will be lowered. (Departure taxes will still be our responsibility).

Fly Safely.

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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OBITUARIES

Correction:

*In the August 2007 RUAEA Newsletter under "Obituaries", the two entries for "Retiree **BRAUN**" and "Retiree **MAERTZ**" were incorrect. Following is the correct information. Please accept our apology.*

Retiree - **BRAUN, Orville P.**, on 2/28/07, ORD, husband of Betty, 40 Claremont St. 328D, Kalispell, MT 59901

Retiree - **MAERTZ, George**, on 6/27/07, JFK, husband of Ann, 1840 Grant Ave., East Meadow, NY 11554

Note: Due to a logistical relocation of the World Headquarters Department that usually notified us of the Obituaries, we did not receive all of them. As soon as this contact is reestablished, we will resume the list.

Retiree- **CHURCH, Martin James**, SFO, on 6/13/07, husband of Ethel, 1705 Cox Road, Aptos, CA 95003

The following list of retirees was retrieved from the current SkyNet list; therefore, no survivor's name & address are available:

AMOS, Richard J., ORDMM 07/09/07

ANDREWS, William T., SFOFO 07/02/07

ATKINSON, James H., BNAOZ 07/26/07

BOARDMAN, Audrey M., SFOSH 07/12/07

BOTTORFF, Gerald L., LAXFO 07/14/07

BOWER JR., Chester F., IADCS 07/07/07

BOYD, Myrna E., OPBCM 06/19/07

BUFF, Albert L., ORDFO 07/09/07

BURNS, Albert E., LAXFO 07/02/07

BURTON, Walter N., RDUSZ 07/07/07

CARLSON, Delwin E., LAXTR 07/05/07

CARROLL, John W., ORDTR 07/26/07

CHURCH, M. J., SFOEG 06/13/07

CONLOW, Leslie E., OAKUM 07/20/07

COOK, Jimmy D., ORDFO 07/25/07

DIORIO JR., Frank L., DENTK 07/19/07

ETUK, Ignatius I., INDEG 05/07/07

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FRANK, Neil F., DENFF 07/01/07

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 GAGNON, George A., JFKFO 07/12/07
 GAUL, Marian L., TPAOZ 07/10/07
 GEDEON, Katherine M., ORDHK 07/15/07
 GRAY, G. Edward, DENCS 07/15/07
 GUINN, Robert A., SFODC 07/02/07
 HAYNES, Jo Ann E., SEAFH 07/11/07
 HUGGINS, Mary A., MIAHH 07/10/07
 JACKSON, Charles E., SFOFF 07/12/07
 JAMES, Leslie M., DENPV 07/28/07
 JONES, Victor A., SFOFO 07/19/07
 KINTER, Donald H., OAKUM 07/13/07
 KORZENIOWSKI, Marie C., CLETR 07/16/07
 KROP, Nancy J., CHIRR 07/16/07
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 MATLACK JR., Walter L., JFKFO 06/09/07
 MAYFIELD, Carl E., DENTK 07/26/07
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 PIKE, Barbara J., IADRR 07/23/07
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In Loving
Memory

LETTERS

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

Tom & Somphan Adams, Judith Albanese, Rolf Batzer, Millie & Don Carl, Chuck Carr, C.P. Chidester, Shirley Claggett, Pamela Dahle, Lorraine E. De Bartolo, Carolyn Dillon, Jacob Elliott, A.L. Fiedler, Myron Gavula, Mary Gebicke, Ester J. Horompoly, Mary Lou Hulsey, Russ Jobst, Gordon W. Jones, John E. Kennebeck, Gerry Kennedy, Herman Kline, Catherine Kouchis, Nanette Krippene Langan, Bernie McManus, Rudy Maki, Judy Macklin, Bill Manion, Gordon Olson, E. Ann Pepper, Joe Pero, Mary Rees, John Riecsc, Sharon L. Ringer, Robert Smith, John Sullivan, Marge Tanaka, Eva Torres, Ruth Verplanck, Donna Wade, Tracy Wiedemann, Rosemarie Wilson, Anna Wozniak, Arlene Crane.

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

Ruth Horn, 11 Upper Ridgeway Ave., Fairfax, CA 94930-1284

Thanks for the articles on Bill Stout (Nov-Dec 2006). My dad trained as an aeronautical engineer, worked for **Bill Stout** in the development of the 8 Scarab cars and the motor home. His picture is in the book, "**So Away I Went**". He is pulling out the side of the motor home.

Those were some of the most exciting days of my dad's life as he drove the Scarab, with the motor home behind, cross country from Detroit to Los Angeles in the 1930's. Throughout his life, he was in touch with some of the people he worked with, at that interesting job. After he retired, they often phoned each other to recall the stories of their wonderful early careers with Stout.

James Closser, 127 Chad Dr., Cottage Grove, OR 97424-9746

I enjoy the newsletter and look forward to receiving it each month.

My wife, Betty, and I are doing fine here in Cottage Grove, OR. We enjoy the area and living close to the golf course.

William West, 148 Culebra Ln., Moss Beach, CA 94038

I want to say "thanks" to all of you who put out the

newsletter each month. Through it, I have been able to contact a few of the people I once worked with and also keep up with the current status of others.

Valerie Nahodyl, 70 Market Ln., Levittown, NY 11756-4110

Thanks for the great job you do on the Newsletter every month. And, I love the new format instead of the individual pages. Many times I would find pages missing – no more!

Mike Farkas, 172 Avenida Majorca Unit B, Laguna Woods, Ca 92637-4161

Just finished a wonderful childhood dream. Three glorious weeks touring China. Please, do not pinch me and wake me up, as I am still dreaming. Beijing, Wo-han, 3 Gorges, Chongking, Xian, Li River, Gullin, (favorite city) Yangshou, Hang Shou, Sozhou, (Grand Canal) Shanghai and then home. I could have stayed three more weeks!

I took over 1000 pictures, my wife **Connie**, made an album of 300 plus pictures. I am keeping the rest for another album.

Thanks to all of you for doing such a great job with the Newsletter.

John Houser, 4252 Memorial Hwy, Dallas, PA 18612-9158

I look forward to getting the Newsletter, it keeps me up on what is happening at UAL.

I am in assisted living and get along just fine. Still keep in touch the people from PHLMM. **C Taylor, Q Jordan, B Pomante, D (Father) Wray** and the other good people from PHLMM who are scattered around the country. The sad passing of **James (Chris) Columbus**; our group keeps getting smaller.

You people are doing a great job.

Richard (PHLOO) & Judy Campbell, PO Box 8167 Wilmington, DE 19803

We always look forward to hearing what everyone is up to. We were thankful to have the opportunity in the last newsletter to share with you about Judy's brother, Keith and the rededication of the Fort Sam Houston Library to the **KEITH A CAMPBELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY**. You may read more by going to: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/kacampbell.htm>.

Additionally, Judy has been quite busy and I'm very proud of how she continues to perpetuate the memory of her brother and his brothers'. I would like to encourage you to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund web site to learn about the historical Memorial Center, which will be built *underground* in Washington, DC. HBO has a 10 minute movie on this website, where Gen. Colin Powell will introduce you and Judy, along with

others, will share more.

You may access this movie one of two ways:

1. <http://www.tvworldwide.com/showclip.cfm?ID=8579&clip=2>
2. <http://www.vvmf.org/>
 - Click on Memorial Center News on the right side
 - Click on "HBO Produced Short Film"
 - Listen as Gen. Colin Powell introduces you to this historical project

Please remember our soldiers past, present and future. Thank you!

Myriam Tashima, 24210 Western Ave. Unit G, Harbor City, CA 90710

Thanks for the reminder!

I have been in Buenos Aires for the past 6 months taking care of my ailing mother. She passed away in May.

Charles S. Klaas, Jr., 2008 Knight Ave., Petaluma, CA 94954

We enjoy the newsletter and appreciate all the work that is put into it. It is very informative. I enjoy reading all the letters and all the travel tips.

I am taking care of my health and proud to say, I have lost a lot of weight. I go to the gym every day and work out, and my diabetes is under control. My wife enjoys it when I go to the gym, because I have found a lot of good friends there that put up with my love of talking. If you remember me, you will understand.

We haven't done much traveling since going to Texas to visit our daughter's family in November of 2005. That was when my wife fell down 11 steps at their home. Luckily she didn't break any bones, but has some discomfort still, and hesitates to fly space available. Hope some day soon we will travel again.

We have lived in Petaluma for 29 years and love the weather here.

I would like to know if anyone has been in touch with **Dan Mooney**, who worked with us at SFOOV. He did live in Milpitas, CA; but I believe he moved back east somewhere.

Wayne Sableman, 2822 S. Ivan Way, Denver, CO 80227

You can have a wonderful time on your 97th birthday, if your grandson picks you up and takes you to the baseball game, with a 10 to 2 victory over San Diego.

I feel fine and am in looking forward to our next convention in Pittsburgh. It is one of my favorite cities.

Thanks for keeping us so well informed.



Geraldine Hills, 21235 Brush Lake Dr., Crest Hill, IL 60403

You do an excellent job of keeping the members informed. I look forward to it each month.

I was very pleased to see the article on the dress code. When one has worked for the company so long, they are still representing it and they should dress appropriately.

I am concerned about the future receiving of the newsletter, as I do not have a computer and don't expect to get one.

You do an excellent job of keeping the members informed, I look forward to it each month.

Geri Wimshurst, 22757 Sheridan, Dearborn, MI 48128

Thank you, to everyone who has helped in producing this informative newsletter. I do look forward to receiving it, and searching for familiar names from the past.

This year has been a good one. I spent most of the winter in Florida (Clearwater and Naples). Then I flew to Paris and Venice in May with **Georgia Kingsley** and **Janice' Rowland**, (UAL buddies from DTWRR). We were lucky enough to get first class, ORD-CDG, and also FRA-IAD. It was like the "good old days". Great service, wonderful food and a delightful experience overall. If only domestic air travel could be elevated from the cattle-car level! Maybe someday the people in charge will change their focus, from the bottom line, to making air travel pleasurable again.

A big hello, to all my fellow UAL retirees. I hope you are enjoying your retirement as much as I am.

Eugene Von Gonton, P.O. Box 230644, Centerville, VA 20120.

I am into my 15th year of retirement. I have good health, good senses, and good mobility. The big 75th birthday is coming up on 8/19. People always say to me, "How are you doing?" I always reply, "I've beat the odds of social security and retirement". Seems as though, our wonderful country and businesses, do not want to pay either to their employees these days. But our executives, wow, they make 50 times more than 25 years ago. Poor Pat, he would roll over in his grave if he knew what was going on. I'll leave it at that. We can't change things.

Everyone keep up the good work at keeping us informed. By the way, I do not have a computer, don't watch TV, quit being a Republican and I am now an Independent.



Lucy Chatelain, 7208 Van Ness Ct., Mc Lean, VA 22101

I love the new look for the newsletter! It looks very slick and professional! Congratulations on your fine work! I was sorry to miss Convention. I had too many financial disasters at home so I had to stay and cope with them. Tree blown down and the consequences afterwards ... all expensive.

See you in Pittsburgh!

J. C. Sedell, 2180 Poplar Dr., Apt. 204, Medford, OR 97504-4602

I retired from UAL on April 29, 1978, in Eugene, OR, after working for 37 years with UAL. It was a wonderful period of time spent throughout my career. We experienced many changes, both in aircraft and route restructuring, the advent of pressurized planes and the jets that followed.

I met many nice employees and we all took pride in our work.

My health has been good with just the usual ailments that come with age. I was diagnosed with cancer, survived and came through in due course.

Since retiring, I have traveled over 1.5 million miles.

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

Howdy good people at RUAEA. Thank you for a real swell "Newsletter".

I am entering my 22nd year of retirement. So far it has been great, most of all; Now, I am a teenager in reverse, just 15 more years to make it to 100.

I had a chance to visit my daughter in Milwaukee, WI. She drove me to northern IL, to visit my sister who is 95 years old. We also visited my son and his family in southern IL. It was a great visit.

Betty Hopkins, 1514 N. Patton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-3618

Hi to all of you hard workers.

It is hard to believe that it has been 20 years since my retirement; it has been a fun time. I have been fortunate to have good health and to be able to enjoy it.

I still golf two times a week, volunteer at the hospital one day, exercise at the Senior Center, play bridge and canasta, am still in my own home, and am a Red Hatter. How lucky can a gal be?

I enjoy the newsletter and getting the up dates on all the news from UAL.

Harold W. Condon, 9170 Cupertino Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95624-2157

What a pleasure it is to be still on hand after celebrating my 89th birthday, to receive the monthly news-

letter, to read.

Since I have been retired for 24 years, I only find a few names that I recognize, except in the Obituary columns. That brings no joy to my heart. So many good people have passed.

Now to the purpose of this note! Find my check for next years dues. I hope that when the next one comes due, I can write another check to carry it on. Thanks, for the good work of keeping us close to the goings on of United Airlines. The "extra care" Airline.

L. R. Christlieb, 301 7th St., Mead, CO 80542

I guess it is only fitting that I am doing this on my "actual" birthday. I am doing fine with my cancer. The doctors told me to come back again in 2 months. It was enjoyable for me to make it to a couple of the monthly breakfasts. One I was able to see W. Tucker, who now lives in Mesa, AZ; and the other I was able to see Ed Eson, formerly from AZ, but now living in Greeley. Thanks very much to those of you do the Newsletter. Keep up the good work.

Frances Haaze, 6933 Grand Tree Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621-8368

I m a tad late; getting older is a tiring process and I am losing speed. I am as old as my husband Bill now. We both get around good. I have had some parts replaced but all in all, things aren't that bad.

I really enjoy the newsletter. It is a relief from reading directions on how to work digital cameras, camcorders and putting VHS onto DVD. Thanks for all the information.

M. S. Andersen, 6242 Palatine Ave. N, Seattle, WA 98102-5353

Greetings to all of you. I hope all are well and happy.

I am still doing regular walking and exercising. I still enjoy good live music. FYI, I just turned 90 years of age on August 30th. I hope to see a few more.

Regards and thanks for the excellent news.

Duke Kennedy, 1201 Broadway, Apt. 2314, Millbrae, CA 94303

As you can see, Alice & I have moved. It was not my choice; but circumstances caused us to move from Hawaii, after 22 years in Hawaiian Paradise Park. Our age & health took over, like everyone else; we are getting older by the minute.

We were glad old friends on the mainland and our children are closer now.

We are very appreciative of the task performed by the Staff & everyone else, involved with the newsletter.

I am pleased to see, as a founder, a message and articles about the United Airlines Historical Foundation.

John Champion, 169-1 Penny Lane Naples, FL 34112

Our travel this past year has only been between RSW and ORD with one exception, a trip to SBA to visit our Daughter Liz.

Betty-Anne & I are enjoying our Florida Life and for the most part staying healthy & happy. I was fortunate to receive the "French Legion of Honor" at a big ceremony here in Naples on the Anniversary of "D-Day", June 6, 2007, honoring American Service Men for our help during WWII.

The Consul General Mr. Philippe Vinogradoff presented the cross to 32 American Veterans.

We both enjoy reading the newsletter. Thanks.

Ben F. Reed, 773 Oakmeade Dr., Vacaville, CA 95687-5223

Here it is again, 17th year of retirement and we are staying around home now, Ramona fell and is now in a walker, but she gets around pretty good. But, no more road trips.

Sorry I missed the tour group that came to the Doolittle museum at Travis AFB. I was told you would be there at 1 o'clock so I came out and as normal the management had the wrong time so I missed you. See bad management is everywhere.

I have moved on to my 75th birthday on the 19th of August, so will see you next year, all have fun.

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

Please find my enclosed annual dues ... thanks for reminding me that I will soon be another year older and completing my 9th year of retirement! I am really impressed with the new printing format and finish of the Newsletter. I am sure that our members will appreciate it as well. Once again, I must express my sincerest appreciation for the outstanding efforts and performance of the newsletter staff and really enjoy reading my monthly copy from cover to cover.

I have started a new profession this year as a licensed financial advisor catering to the needs of senior citizens in learning how to protect our assets, avoid probate, transferring our wealth, increasing our earnings and a number of other concerns that are most beneficial to us as retirees. I am licensed in the state of Wisconsin and am happy to speak with any of our members who reside here or nearby in an effort to help them with their financial plans and desires.

As always, I enjoy my bonds with the Northern Lites and Northwoods Loonies chapters at our meetings and get-togethers. It seems that my United family continues to grow in retirement more so than during my 33 years of employment with the airline.

Thanks again for the great job you all do in keeping us informed and together. Phone: (715) 859-6735, EMail: jimmyinc@citizens-tel.net.

Muriel Bergsma, 2809 N. Dutch Circle, McHenry, IL 60051-2699

Another year has passed and more adventures in the lives of the Bergsmas. This past year, while vacationing in Green Valley, AZ visiting friends, we unexpectedly purchased a town home. Needless to say, we were so impressed with the area that when temptation presented itself, we succumbed. Our plans are to spend approximately 3 months of the winter season in the land of sunshine and maintain our legal residence here in Illinois.

My better half, Ken, was asked to do a TV commercial for the Neurological & Orthopedic Institute of Chicago, based on the success of a neck problem he suffered from back in 2004. Subsequent to that, this medical group did operate very successfully on the lumbar area of his back in March 2006. Again, good fortune reigned and he has been water skiing this past summer. The commercial for the institute is aired periodically on CBS television (Channel 2) in the Chicago land area. I guess you could say I'm sleeping with a celebrity these days!

Attended the Sacramento RUAEA Convention this year, but unlike previous conventions, I didn't win at any of the 50/50 drawings. We joined our friends **Don & Lynn Tutt** in taking the Lake Tahoe tour for a most enjoyable river cruise/luncheon. The convention was great!

We look forward to the 2008 Pittsburgh convention.

Many thanks for all the hard work in producing the RUAEA Newsletter. You are the glue that binds us together.

Duane L. Gentner, 10643 Clarkeville Way, Parker, CO 80134-9189

Another year has flown by, so it's time to send in that annual check. Since last year's note, Carole & I have been blessed with our first grandchild - Kyrah Bella Gentner, born September 21, 2006 to our son and daughter-in law, Chris & Melissa Gentner. Happily, they live only 9 miles from us, so we see her, and them, almost every day. In fact, we are almost daily volunteer sitters. Kyrah was born the same day as my mother's funeral, which took place in Michigan. Mom was 101 years, two months old. We lost one lady in the family and gained another.

Virtually, there has been no travel for us this year. We're just sticking close to home for the most part. Of course, our beautiful granddaughter has nothing to do with that. Our best, to all of you who keep the newsletter coming. We look forward to its arrival online each month.



Johannes Van Reenen, 2803 SE Balboa Dr., Vancouver, WA 98683

I am in my 25th year of retirement and I must say, I enjoy it very much. Fortunately, I am in good health for which I am very thankful. Due to family circumstances, we had to sell our motor home. Now instead, we do some traveling. A few months ago, we went to Australia to visit a friend who was there with her sailboat.

We are planning a week long trip to Whistler, BC, with our two daughters, and their families. It doesn't happen too often that we are all together. One of our daughters is living in Arlington, VA. We are looking forward to a cruise of 64 days with Holland America Line. I am sure we will have a good time.

I do wish to thank the staff of the Newsletter, for the tremendous job they are doing. We really do appreciate it very much

Clarence Haggstrom, PO Box 128, Merrimac, WI 53561-0128.

Sorry to be late. I read the Newsletters completely every month. I don't get to any airports very often.

I turned 81 yrs. old in July. My health is marginal and living with diabetes is tough.

Hello, to all of the guys from ORDOO. Drop a line if you can. I will be retired 18 years this year.

Jean Landrieu, PO Box 329, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660

It is Sept. again, time for dues. This year the gang from NYCRR-NYCSSL is missing another member. Miss Edie, **Edith Viletta Jones**, died earlier this month of Alzheimer's and cancer. She will truly be missed. She was our instructor in 1959 with Capital Airlines. What a gem! She had a southern accent so thick; you could spread it on grits.

Thank you all for the wonderful newsletter.

Lloyd Norton, 2551 Cryer St., Hayward, CA 94545-3019

Another year has passed and we are still here. I guess about 30 years in the Inspection business made me tough enough to live under Social Security and all of the other bureaucracy.

I worked for 35 years and have been retired for 26 years, so I've had a Fair Deal.

Juanita & I are both in fair health and getting along OK. A little slow but in no hurry to get anywhere.

Thanks for the newsletter, although the names of the people I used to see are getting fewer and fewer.

Until next year.



Emmett B. Landrum, 141 Yorkshire court, San Bruno, CA 94066

It is time to send my dues for the next year. My birthday is coming up as usual on Sept 1. Going to be 82! Wish it was reversed! No, I don't! I would not want to go through it all again. I have enjoyed this trip!

I am still working on airplanes. I have two of them to keep flying and am helping build a 1930's type, American Pilgrim. I have taken a wrecked one apart to be used for parts, to copy for the new one. Some day the new one will fly. Hope I will be around to see it! The fuselage is a good way along. I get a few hours of flying on the ones I maintain.

Again, for the 8th year, I am helping restore a 1944 Destroyer Escort, the USS SLATER DE 766. It is located on the Hudson River at Albany, NY. Each May, a group of OLD sailors from Michigan, have journeyed across country to work on this ship. We give the local guys a week of vacation. They are a great bunch of guys. We eat, sleep, work and stand watches at night. This ship has a history that many ships do not have. It was in the Greek Navy from 1947 to 1993, when our organization, DESA, had it brought to N.Y. In 1997, the ship was moved to Albany at the invite of the Albany mayor. While I am working on the ship, Gloria visits our son, Jeff and his wife Bobbi, in Middletown, CT.

Under Greek ownership, it was in two movies. One movie is well known, "THE GUNS OF NAVARONE". It is shown picking up the soldiers after they had spiked the German coastal guns, which had been keeping the Allied convoys from getting to Malta. It was the AE-TOS 01 in the Greek Navy.

On Sept. 2nd, with the help of UAL, we will fly to Albany to attend the DESA Convention. We hope to see my Michigan friends and some of my shipmates from the USS BEBAS DE 10.

We haven't taken any over seas trips this year. We have been too busy; I am still at the Oakland Aviation Museum. (New name) Maybe next year!

I want to THANK all you folks for the NEWSLETTER. I look forward to reading it and the letters from some old friends whom I have worked with but have lost track of them. In fact, on Aug.17, I attended the funeral of **John Sullivan**, who retired from SFOMM. Many of your readers will know the name, as he worked on the Non Routine crew, at the Service Center with me, for many years.

Hope to be writing to you again this time next year!
eb1ragl@gmail.com

Pat D'Angelo, 18 Trafalgar Square, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Thanks for a great job. Thanks again, to the Support Team for helping me with my e-mail problem.

Robert Byrd, 318 Louisburg St., San Francisco, CA 94112-3108

A little late this year. I am planning to be out of state next month.

With a little luck, I hope to be biking the Weiser River, OR, and the Coeur d Alene, ID rail trails, on my 86th birthday.

Thanks very much for the hard work you all do on the great newsletter.

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

Red is the color, it is time to renew! This is a bit of an anniversary for me. It has been 20 years of retirement for me this Sept. How did that happen? Just recently, I enjoyed looking at pictures of my retirement party. "Let me see, now who, does that face belong to?" This past June, it was 50 years since I joined the United Team. Oh, how things have changed in that time. I just saw the notice that retirees can fly at least, economy (didn't we call that "coach" at one time?) free again. It makes me think I should get on an airplane again. Oh, wait a minute, there are those load factors these days, and the security hassle. Guess I will wait a bit. I am enjoying the scanning of my old 35mm slides of past trips and making slide shows out of them. I posted some on, You Tube. But I didn't get much action out of them, who cares I had fun doing it! If interested, look for "fallonbill". I still enjoy reading the newsletter online. It is a lot easier than all that paper. I must be getting old; I don't recognize any "new member" names any more! But I can still find a familiar name occasionally in the "letters" section, which I enjoy.

Chris McGoughran, 2723 N. Junipero Ave., Palm Springs, CA 92262-1829

Greetings from the desert. I retired in Jan. 2003 from SFORR. In July 2006, after 40 years in San Francisco, I sold my house of 25 years and moved to Palm Springs. I like a warm dry climate and hate cold and damp. I love it here. Does get up to about 115° in the summer, but it's not unbearable and 70's in the winter and 350+ days of sunshine a year is great.

There are no parking meters in the city and all parking lots and garages are free! Most major streets have 40-50 mph limits and hardly any traffic. I just had my "Medicare" birthday on Sep 5. Don't feel it or look it though. No bags, no wrinkles and still have my auburn hair. Come visit us here in the desert in the fall or winter. You won't need an umbrella or jacket. Only lightweight clothes and sunglasses.



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Hubbard was an Army Pilot Instructor in San Diego during WWI, then an experimental pilot at Boeing from 1917 to 1920.

In 1919, following the first international airmail flight, he began operating a private contract airmail service between Seattle & Victoria, BC. For the next five years he flew under the name of "Seattle-Victoria Air Mail Line", carrying between 25,000 and 50,000

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