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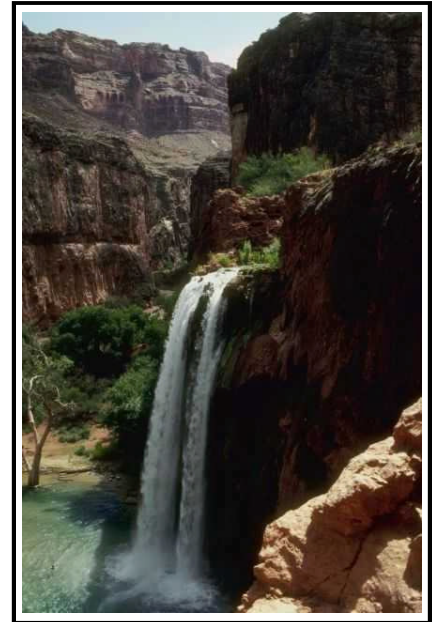
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**May 17 - 24, 2009  
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Phoenix, Arizona**

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Where: **"Valley of the Sun" - Phoenix, Arizona**  
When: **May 17 - 24, 2009**  
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RUAEA's National Convention 2009 will be hosted by RUAEA Chapter Re-Uniteds of Phoenix. They cordially invite you to experience the "***Natural Wonders of Arizona.***" Enjoy a major city experience, set against a breathtaking backdrop of the Sonoran Desert.

With more than 300 days of sunshine each year, "***The Valley of the Sun***" offers a vast variety of experiences ranging from world-class resorts, spas, shopping, and golf courses to a tempting array of restaurants and a variety of nightlife. The area boasts fantastic museums, art galleries, exciting sports events, Old West and Native American History, hiking and other outdoor activities.

Information regarding tours to the many exciting areas of interest, attractions and events will be outlined in the upcoming RUAEA Newsletters. "***The Valley of the Sun***" awaits you!

The Hyatt Regency Phoenix at the Civic Center will be our home away from home during the convention. The Hyatt is a First Class property located in the heart of downtown Phoenix. The hotel offers 700 beautifully appointed guest rooms decorated with attractive modern furniture. Each room offers a full array of amenities, such as coffee/tea makers with complimentary coffee, electric hair dryers, irons and ironing boards. Additional amenities include a bar/lounge, fitness center, gift shop, outdoor pool and restaurant.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, reserve your room by going to the link below:

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Ron Robertson**

In last month's issue of the Newsletter, I wrote to you detailing my visit with **Glenn Tilton** and other United Airlines senior officers. As I stated then, **Ron Bertacini, Marlin Lade, Ed Tolle** and I were all very positive about the outcome of that meeting. We came away with a sense of mutual support and commitment in accomplishing RUAEA's stated objectives.

It was only a few days later, on August 1, that the A-14 Program (BP6A passes for active employees) was announced, without any chance of input from the retirees. At that point, we seemed to be back to square one. I can assure you, that after that announcement, for some of us, August was a very long month. One of the bright spots however, has been my contact and working relationship with **Marc Ugol**, United's Senior Vice President/Human Resources. Marc and I communicated often during this period, looking for the solution to an ill-advised program. **Lynn Hughitt**, Vice President of Compensation and Benefits also played an active role in seeking a resolution to the issue.

As most of you know by now, the issue is resolved and we were successful in our stance that the program be modified to honor past travel commitments to retirees and keep seniority intact.

We are also pleased to see the following announcement by **Pete McDonald** indicating the achievement of operational goals, which we all applaud, and the modifications to the incentive program.

In the future, we will continue to meet with the company on a scheduled quarterly basis. **Ed Tolle** and **Mort Wax** will also continue to be active members of the Travel Committee. They will bring to the table comments and concerns of retirees as they meet with United representatives and representatives from other groups.

In summary, I think we have a win-win situation: United has a program to increase operating performance for a very competitive goal by rewarding employees with an extra bonus - and RETIREES retain their historic pass benefits. I especially appreciate your support, patience and understanding as we worked through this issue.

**Ron Robertson**  
**President - RUAEA**

### **United Achieves A-14 Goal for August** **by United's Chief Administrative Office Pete McDonald**

We are pleased to report that our Arrival 14 performance for August came in at 72.9%, exceeding the 72.6% target for the month. These results, which were up more than 4 points from July and 5.8 points year over year, represent a great start toward our goal of moving into the top tier of the DOT-reported statistics by the end of 2008.

Improving our reliability performance is critically important to all of us at United as it is a primary driver of customer satisfaction while also helping us to reduce significant delay and cancellation costs. Of course, one of the other key outcomes of meeting our Arrival 14 goal is that our operations clearly ran more smoothly, greatly enhancing the day-to-day experiences for all of you.

While we had established the new A-14 Recognition Program at the beginning of the month with two BP6A travel segment passes as the incentive award, we have decided to adjust that structure based on feedback we received from many employees and retirees over seniority concerns and the impact the BP6A passes could have on some individuals' historical ability to fly space available. Therefore, for August and the remaining four months of this year when we make goal, all employees will receive four (4) service charge-waived BP8 passes per month.

It is important to note that the original intent of utilizing BP6A passes as part of this important recognition program was to provide the most relevant and cost-effective incentive possible for employees to deliver on our goals. When we informed our union leaders of the idea, there was no specific feedback at that time. After the

program was launched, however, we received many comments – both positive and negative – but the concerns expressed by our most senior employees and retirees have been considerable. We met with the Travel Committee, which is comprised of our union representatives and retirees, in mid-August, and the unanimous request was for the company to reconsider the choice of award.

We respect these opinions and recognized that an adjustment in the actual incentive award was necessary and proper. As we look to design additional incentives aligned to our other core performance imperatives going forward, we will continue to solicit the input of our unions and other stakeholders.

In addition to the previously announced capacity that will begin coming out of the schedule in early September, we are taking several additional steps to further support our collective efforts to improve reliability. Among these actions include adding ground time – for an average of 62 to 63 minutes for domestic mainline systemwide – as well as adding gate rest time, spare aircraft and looking closely at peaking levels throughout the fall.

With these investments and a concerted effort across all teams that have a direct impact on Arrival 14, we should all feel confident that we will continue to see tangible and measurable results – fundamental improvements that will translate into long-term success for our airline.

### **ASK THE DOCTOR – Let The Buyer Beware**

In most forms of media today, we hear and/or see an individual describe the wonderful, amazing, and pleasurable result he/she achieved from a medication or treatment. The individual is usually smiling and obviously happy with the result and, of course, urges us (the listeners) to try it and get the same result. The testimonial always concludes with a disclaimer from an announcer that contains warnings and admonitions to ask your doctor if this is suitable for you. The announcer delivers the disclaimer in a monotone and generally speaks very rapidly. I am sure we are all familiar with this type of advertising. Are they real? Are they accurate?

In my opinion, a caveat would be to say if the offer sounds too good to be true, then it is. The advertiser is counting on an emotional reaction to the testimonial. The listener will identify with the individual onscreen and proceed to ask (maybe even demand) the same thing from a medical provider. Please, reflect on the testimonial in a more rational manner. The success of any treatment or medication is the result of a complicated testing process involving laboratory animals, human volunteers, and peer review. This process means hundreds, perhaps thousands, of individuals taking the treatment or medication and the results tabulated. The investigators perform biostatistical analyses of the results and then make recommendations. The larger the sample size, the better. There is no place for testimonials in this scenario.

Even by taking all appropriate precautions, errors still occur. Sometimes, the errors are unavoidable. Sometimes, the developer of the treatment or medication is too hasty or greedy to maintain a completely unbiased perspective. Thalidomide and Vioxx come to mind. However, in the vast number of situations, the recommended treatment/medication is safe for general use. Then, comes the hardest part of all.

Individual medical providers become aware of the treatment/medication and have to decide if a particular patient sitting on the examination table should get it. That is a difficult and complicated decision. The provider has received glowing reports from the manufacturer's representative and the patient has heard or seen the testimonial. The issue is whether to recommend the treatment. The pressure is on. The manufacturer wants the provider to give the treatment, and the patient may actually demand the treatment based on the commercial. But is it appropriate?

Each of us is different. We are unique. One person's medicine may be another person's poison. That is the dilemma for the providers. It is always the dilemma. The positive result projected in ONE testimonial is not necessarily the outcome each time. The provider must always weigh the pros and cons for his/her patient. Only then, does the provider make the correct decision. It is the mandate of the patient to follow the recommendation to the letter for the best possible outcome. Even the correct decision to give the treatment at that time does not result in an immediate positive outcome. Full compliance by the patient will most likely result in recovery over an appropriate time.

Of course, while complying with our provider's plan of treatment, a friend or family member will inevitably offer their own recommendation. Be wary of a friend or family member. That testimonial issue again. I recommend firm resistance to these "suggestions". Comply with your provider's plan and adhere to his/her recommendations. That is my advice about medical care to get the best outcome.

We are the "buyer" of medical care that best suits our needs. Yes, we should inform ourselves with information that will help us achieve and sustain good health for the long term. But, we must also guard against

the hype of advertising and testimonials. Sometimes a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Present your questions to your provider, listen to his/her responses, form a team with him/her, and comply with the plan that will lead to your goal of good health.

At a time when medical care is making headlines in the political arena, we must be cautious, informed, alert, and persistent. Be aware of all the opportunities to stabilize your health. Informed patients paired with conscientious providers make an unbeatable combination. Such teams will always provide the best possible defense against illness and injury. This team will provide the best way to help the buyer to beware.

*(This column was debuted in the April 2008 RUAEA Newsletter and is a bi-monthly featured article. If you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to [askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net](mailto:askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net)).*

### **UNITED LAUNCHES "ENROLLED FRIEND" TRAVEL PROGRAM**

United has enhanced travel privileges for employees and retirees who have no spouse or qualified domestic partner; they can now enroll one person in the Enrolled Friend Program for a rolling 12-month period.

This travel program applies to unlimited non-revenue, space-available travel on United and United Express (UAX) flights, and the enrolled friend travel on the same seniority basis as a spouse or a domestic partner. Service charges for the enrolled friend's travel are the same as for a qualified domestic partner. In addition, enrolled friends are eligible to travel on Employer Discount 20 tickets on United and UAX flights.

*"We recognize the importance of pleasure travel to our employees, and we are pleased to offer this new travel program,"* says Marc Ugol, SVP-Human Resources. *"While we and the industry are facing challenging times, we recognize the importance of enhancing the travel experience for employees and retirees as we expand their travel privileges."*

The enrolled friend travels on the same boarding priority as the employee/retiree and is eligible for interline travel if reciprocal agreements exist on the chosen carriers. The enrolled friend program only applies to travel privileges, not to health and welfare benefits.

Eligible employees and retirees will receive a mailing that includes a letter announcing the program and frequently asked questions. Eligible retirees will be able to enroll a friend using a Family Information Form posted on [www.ualretirees.com](http://www.ualretirees.com); the form will also be mailed to retirees with the announcement letter.

In addition, on SkyNet on the Travel page, you can get both the frequently asked questions and how to enroll a friend using a Family Information Form.

### **FIRST ASIAN IPTE FLIGHT TAKES TO THE SKIES**

United's first flight to Asia featuring an aircraft reconfigured with the new lie-flat premium cabin seats and enhanced in-flight entertainment system took off last Thursday from San Francisco to Hong Kong, and then on to Singapore.

United Flight 869 from San Francisco departed Thursday for the 13 hour and 48 minute flight to Hong Kong and the B747 continued on as United Flight 895 to Singapore. The plane will primarily fly between San Francisco, Hong Kong and Singapore.

*"Trans-Pacific travel just got even better for our customers, who will now have more ways to relax on long flights,"* says Graham Atkinson, EVP and chief customer officer. *"This flight marks another milestone in United's continuing commitment to invest in products and services that provide our customers with a more enjoyable travel experience."*

In November 2007, United was the first major U.S. carrier to introduce lie-flat business class seats. For more information about the International Premium Travel Experience, visit [suitedreams.united.com](http://suitedreams.united.com).

### **UNITED TESTS FOOD CHOICES IN BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

United is launching a trial during the fourth quarter of food options for both business and economy class.

As part of the trial, on domestic flights with three cabins of service, United will be offering United Business customers complimentary fresh sandwiches, salads, breakfast, snack boxes or snacks, depending on the length of flight and time of departure. The products will be the same as the Buy on Board sandwiches and salads offered in United Economy. Business-class customers will continue to enjoy complimentary beverages, including beer, wine and cocktails. Meals will still be served on United's p.s. transcontinental flights.

*“Our industry is changing and we need to tailor products and services to what customers value and provide them with more choice,”* said Graham Atkinson, executive vice president and chief customer officer. *“We are listening to our customers as we test new options in both the business and economy cabins.”*

For trans-Atlantic flights originating out of and returning to the company’s Washington Dulles hub, United will on a trial basis, be offering economy customers fresh Buy on Board options, including sandwiches, salads and snack boxes. There are no changes under way for international business or first-class customers. At the end of the year, United will evaluate the results of the trial and determine next steps.

Here’s an outline of the service changes during the test period:

International, United Economy: For flights between IAD and AMS, BRU, CDG, FCO, FRA, LHR, MUC and ZRH, complimentary meal service will be replaced with Buy on Board options. Meal offerings remain the same in all other markets.

Options include snack boxes as well as fresh wraps and salads. The four snack box choices will be freshened with new items, and new sandwich and salad items introduced. The new options will be available on October 1.

Domestic, United Business: Standard meal service will be replaced with a variety of complimentary offerings.

- ✎ On flights between two and three hours, customers choose from candy, chips, cookies or nut mix.
- ✎ On flights between three and five hours, customers can choose from among four snack boxes.
- ✎ For flights longer than five hours, sandwiches, salads, breakfast, if applicable, and snack boxes will be available.

In addition, for domestic United Economy: Starting on September 2, an enhanced snack offering with options of candy, chips, cookies and nut mix will be available to buy for three dollars.

- ✎ These a la carte options take the place of complimentary biscotti and pretzels for flights between two and three hours.
- ✎ Tests confirmed that customers are willing to pay for snacks of higher value.
- ✎ United will continue to test fresh sandwiches and salads for flights between three and five hours.

Effective October 1, prices for snack boxes will be increased to six dollars and prices for fresh food will be nine dollars. The prices are in line with United’s competitors’ offerings.

Customers are being advised of these changes through [united.com](http://united.com) and targeted Mileage Plus communications, by reservations service and sales representatives, and through normal gate advisements.

### **NEW SCHEDULE CHANGES INCLUDE SOME ADDITIONAL ROUTES**

The fall schedule is in effect this week. It reflects previously announced changes and also includes a new international route from LAX:

- ( United begins serving Melbourne (MEL) from LAX on a seasonal basis, with flights beginning December 15 and operating through Jan. 30, 2009. During this period, United will not operate our Sydney (SYD)-MEL tag flight.
- ( LAX-Philadelphia (PHL) service will remain year-round rather than converting to seasonal as previously announced.
- ( On September 2, United began serving Saskatoon, SK, Canada, from Denver. United Express partner SkyWest will operate two daily roundtrips.
- ( Service between ORD and Mexico City (MEX) has been restored on a seasonal basis and is scheduled to operate between Dec. 18, 2008, and Jan. 5, 2009, and again between June and August 2009.
- ( United has re-instituted the NRT-TPE route, which complements our current code share flight with ANA.

You can find a complete list of schedule changes and effective dates in SkyNet’s Taking Action section.

### **TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB**

Call your credit card company to see what they would provide for you if your card is lost or stolen, or you forgot it at home. Customer Service numbers are on the back of the card. When you are traveling, this information may be helpful, if you have a health emergency, need a hotel, your billfold/wallet is lost or stolen, etc. Please check NOW to see what they can help you with before it happens.



Also a good idea is to make a copy of all your credit cards and put the toll free numbers on that copy. Make a copy for home and one to keep in your suitcase (similar to losing a passport), so that if you do lose your wallet, you have the credit card numbers and the phone numbers to let them know if they are lost or stolen. If you are uncomfortable about taking them with you, give them to a family member or friend who can call the credit card companies for you, if they are lost or stolen.

Don't wait until you lose it and then try to figure this out!

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### **TRAVEL DESK TIPS**

Basically, the Travel Desks are to assist those without computers to list and to assist those that are traveling to have a source of help when needed. The folks that man the travel desks are eager to help when they can. But they are limited on what they can do. We have to remember the Travel Desks aid in the process of NRSA travel, not PS or revenue ticketed/travel. The following is a brief synopsis of how they can help and how they cannot help.

Travel Desk CAN:

- ✓ Check loads on United Airlines and United Express
- ✓ List NRSA employees and retirees on United Airlines and United Express
- ✓ Suggest alternate routes/connections between city pairs on United Airlines and United Express
- ✓ Supply information regarding what carriers fly where

Travel Desk CANNOT:

- ⊗ Make positive space listing or reservations on United Airlines and United Express
- ⊗ Check loads on other airlines
- ⊗ List employees and retirees on other airlines
- ⊗ Obtain reduced fair tickets on United Airlines and United Express or other airlines
- ⊗ Order letters of employment verification
- ⊗ Obtain passenger manifest information
- ⊗ Handle questions regarding insurance rules

In addition, some of the Travel Desks have people with the expertise to help with SkyNet procedures. They will try to assist you with your travel needs in whatever way they can, but we have to remember they are limited as to what they can do for us. Therefore if they tell you they cannot help with a specific problem or refer you to SkyNet or the Benefits Service Center, it's because that is where you need to go to get the answer to your particular problem.

The next time you use one of our Travel Desks, be sure to give a hearty "THANK YOU" as the person who served you is a retiree who has volunteered to help make your travel pleasant. They are the "Live voice" at the other end of the line.

**Note:** UAL Retirees Benefit Center (1-888-825-0188) can provide information regarding interline travel.

Additional information is available on SkyNet at <https://united.intranet.ual.com>

**Jack Hooper**  
**Director Northwest Region**

### **RULES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES TO THE NEWSLETTER**

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. 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!

**Chapter Correspondents:** If you have not received a copy of the Newsletter guidelines (dated 6/2008) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA 2008 Convention in Pittsburgh, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter Correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager.* If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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## LOCAL NEWS

### ARIZONA



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The first meeting for the 2009 RUAEA Convention was held on Tuesday, Sept 9. Most of the committee chairs have been filled. I have sent our Azures members a copy of the various committees and am waiting for their responses in helping to make the 2009 Convention successful. At this writing, I hope the Azures have planned to fill the rest of the chairs.

The Azures' members were sent a copy of the 2008/2009 luncheon schedule. The Board has made a few changes from the "usual" in regards to banquet facilities and activities ... also, some entertainment. We hope members will enjoy the changes and join the fun! The "extra" amount over \$20/person for the luncheons will be picked up by the chapter to keep costs per member down. Dues will remain \$5.00 per member. Our "white elephant" money-making event has been moved to February, to accommodate our entertainment scheduled for January.

A very, very happy belated birthday to **Eleanor Patterson** who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 25. **Vivian Klick** reports that she had a fabulous time in Las Vegas with her twin daughters celebrating her birthday. By the way, did anyone find out what her special birthday number was? Just kidding! They saw "Cher" in concert with beautiful gowns and "Mama Mia". I haven't heard from **Sherri Muoio**, but I suppose, her and Susie's trip to Alaska was breathtaking. **Sally Illingworth** has volunteered to be the "callers" lead, replacing **Mary Toeppen** who is stepping down after a doing fabulous job for the past couple of years. A special thanks to Mary.

Attendance at Coco's for breakfast has been pretty low ... however, with gas prices down somewhat and the temperatures a little lower, maybe we'll get more of a turnout. We were cooling down in the "wild west" of Arizona; however, that lasted about two weeks, and then up to 112 degrees again.

#### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98<sup>th</sup> & Bell Road

**Oct. 14** - Breakfast at Coco's

**Oct. 28** - Breakfast at Coco's

**Oct. 11** - Beardsley Park picnic - S.C.W.

**Nov. 8** - Luke A.F.B. luncheon (Turkey with fixings)

**Dec.13** - Briarwood C.C. (Christmas w/entertainment)

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Now that fall has arrived, we will be having our monthly luncheons besides continuing with the monthly breakfasts at Crackers. We hope many of you will come to our get-togethers each month, to see many of your fellow Re-Uniteds members and find out what's happening with our chapter. We've been busy planning the schedule for the months ahead.

The big news is the RUAEA Convention which will be held here in Phoenix next May 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. We need to get involved to make it a great Convention for everyone.

VP **Peg Homfeldt** was in charge of the August 22<sup>nd</sup> breakfast at Crackers as **Jim & Rita Zarek** were away. We were glad to see **Ed Dawes** there. His wife, **Loretta**, is undergoing rehab for a spinal surgery she had in July. We also welcomed back **Don & Janet Burns** who are rejoining our chapter. We're always glad to see more faces at our get-togethers.

We've had some sad news also. **Lois Martin**, who was a special person in **Bob Irwin**'s life, had a stroke on August 3, 2008 and passed away August 15<sup>th</sup>. Burial was held in Federal Way, Washington. Bob's address is 8233 E. Naranja, Mesa, AZ 85208. **Jack Kundit** died on August 21 from cancer. The funeral was held in Illinois. His wife, **Veronica**, lives at 9618 E. Irwin Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209-7064. Our deepest sympathy to all the families.

**Peg Homfeldt**, our VP, fell at her home the day after the breakfast, and broke two bones in her right wrist. We wish her a speedy recovery. Her address is 7947 E. Natal, Mesa, AZ 85209-6165.

Please continue to collect items for the Fantasy Flight in December. We need bears, trucks, Barbie dolls, mittens and socks for both boys and girls, and stadium blankets. Also save your soap and shampoo and lotions from hotels, which will be used as stocking stuffers. Bring them to any of our meetings for **Peg Homfeldt**.

October birthdays are: **Taffy Kamensky** (10/1), **Joe Johnson** (10/5), **Carol Ward** (10/6), **Donna Pedone**, **Betty & Arnie Schaetzke** (10/10), **Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/12), **Homer Warthen** (10/19), **Bob Hallden** (10/25), and **Beverly Gerden** (10/27). We wish you all a Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries in October are: **Loretta & Ed Dawes** (10/17/69), **Christine & Bill Rang** (10/18/81), **Dorothy & James Pappas** (10/19/57), **Agnes & Homer Warthen** (10/19/63), **Dot & Pete Kuspis** (10/21/50), **Kathy & Jim Brigante** (10/24/64), **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck** (10/25/58) and **Nancy & Graham Snediker** (10/25/2005). Congratulations to all!

Hope to see everyone at our meetings. We welcome RUAEA members who would like to join us at any of our breakfasts or luncheons. Contact the names listed below for further information.

### **Calendar:**

Breakfasts on the fourth Friday of each month starting at 9:00 AM at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt**, (480) 396-3317 - [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) or **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 - [jzarek1@msn.com](mailto:jzarek1@msn.com), by the Wednesday before the breakfast, if you plan on attending.

**Oct. 9** – Oktoberfest Luncheon at the Bavarian Point, 4815 E. Main Street, Mesa, AZ, phone (480) 830-0999, starting at 11:00 a.m. for cocktails. Individual orders taken from the menu, with separate checks. Make reservations with **Hank Falk** on or before Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact him at [hbfalk@juno.com](mailto:hbfalk@juno.com) or by phone at (480) 893-1226.

**Oct. 24** - Breakfast starting at 9:00 a.m. at Crackers. Contact **Peg Homfeldt** or **Jim Zarek** by Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Nov.** - Luncheon meeting at the Scottsdale Community College Culinary School. More info later. **Jim & Kathy Brigante** are handling this luncheon.

**Nov.21** - Breakfast at Crackers (moved up one week due to the Holiday).





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The Pine Top Country Club was our meeting place for the August 21<sup>st</sup> get-together. This has become a yearly tradition, meeting in the White Mountains and escaping if only briefly from the hot climate in the Tucson area. Our host was **Howard Hunter** who once again has made this a memorable event for the 18 Roadrunners who made the trip.

We all met at the home of **George & Dot Morris** for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres prior to the dinner. Eight of us, all staying at the same motel agreed to follow **Roger Callihan** to the events only to realize that Roger got a little confused with the directions. We did finally arrive and settled in for a wonderful time.

The next day, Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we all traveled to Nutrioso where we met at **Gordon & Dora Starr's** Cabin for a terrific brunch. Roger didn't get lost this time.

Roadrunner President **Bill Royle** gave a big thank you from all of us to Howard, George & Dot and Gordon & Dora for making these arrangements and providing a good time for all.

We had expected a few more people but due to some illnesses, some had to cancel their plans. **Mary Howard** is still fighting her back and neck pain but after talking to her, she said she will be at the luncheon in September come hell or high water. Also on the illness list is **Ann Wood** who had a pace maker implanted just before our events. I talked to **Ray Wood** and he said that Ann was doing fine after a one night stay in the hospital.

For those who may have missed the notice, **Hank Belzer** passed away near the end of July and memorial services were held in Tucson as well as Illinois. He was a good friend and will be sorely missed by all of us.

Our September luncheon will be at the "Terrace Café and Bar" located at the River Park Inn on frontage road just past St Mary's and Congress. Our host's will be **Bill & Mary Howard**.

### Calendar:

**Sept. 18 - Mary & Bill Howard**

**Oct. 16 - To be announced**

**Nov. 20 - Pat & Rich DiLallo**

**Dec. 11 - Oro Valley Country Club - Beverly Goodlow**

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Our meeting was held at Mulligan's restaurant in Avila Beach. Since we were the hosts, we were able to arrange a very nice lunch that everyone enjoyed. We had a choice of Salmon, Beef Stroganoff, or Chicken. The employees did a great job in serving all of us promptly. We could not have been treated better.

We had 21 at our August meeting. When the notice was sent out about where and when we would be meeting, we didn't seem to get as many responses as usual. Since some of our members travel a good distance, I thought it might be the gas prices. However we did have a great turnout, but missed **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**. Eleanor was hospitalized for about a week. She said that she was feeling better, but did not feel up to going to the luncheon since she has to take care of Jack. We all hope you get well soon. **Betty Rupp** and **Rosina Harvey** did not make our meeting, but I found out they had other commitments and luckily no health problems.

**Nina Powers** was “iffy” due to recent surgery that limited her driving any distance, but **Bill & Dana Noyes** were able to bring her. The Noyes were out of town and they weren’t sure if they would be able to attend, but they got back in time.

We were very happy to have Nina with us and on the mend.

**Peter Schaefer** will be having back surgery and by the time this is in the Newsletter, he should be home and recuperating. It is scheduled to be extensive surgery, our prayers and concerns go out to him and his wife **Joan**. As for Joan, she told us of her experience trying to get home from London. The flights she tried for were booked so she decided to go to anywhere in the U.S. She was finally able to get a flight to ORD, but that is when the weather got worse. The Cub’s ball park was evacuated due to thunderstorms and wind. She had quite an experience.

**Bob Wagner** said that his wife **Pat** just had a knee replacement. Even though she was home, she had Bob come and give us her progress. Bob said that it is slow going, but the surgery went well. We will be looking forward to seeing her soon.

It is always good to see **Ken Bake** and **Stella**. **Bob & Marcia Stanger** brought Bob’s mother, Isabelle, and she is one remarkable lady. Being in her 90’s, she has no trouble flying and Bob said that he wished he was treated as well as she has been by the airline personnel.

President **John Stilwell**, commented on the pass policy that placed the retirees down a notch on the standby list. RUAEA is still pursuing this policy with management.

Our next meeting will be on October 15<sup>th</sup>, co-hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes** and **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**. Due to the distance several of our members travel, and given that the next meeting will probably be in Santa Barbara, **Bob Stanger** suggested we get our group together and take a train from Grover Beach. It would be an all-day affair, but this is one of the most scenic rides on the West Coast. The train goes through Vandenberg AFB, very close to the rocket launch sites. This is the closest anyone can get to see this facility, since this is an active AFB. The train also goes along the shoreline of the Pacific Ocean which has the most beautiful views. **John Stilwell** will be looking into this for schedules and prices. As usual, any RUAEA member who plans on visiting the Central Coast, would be most welcome to join us, but please let us know.

Did you know that in a deck of cards, the only king without a mustache is the King of Hearts? Now go look it up, I just did.

#### Calendar:

**Oct. 15** – Hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes** and **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**.

**Dec. 17** - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

#### BRAZEN RAISINS

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**Millie & Charlie Barnett** hosted the Brazen Raisins’ September 2008 meeting at the usual haunts, Pacific Seafood Restaurant in Fresno.

Special guest was **Peggy Oakshott**’s 13-month-old great grandson, Alex. **Bud & Jean Garcia** honored us with one of their infrequent visits. **Donna Nessling** announced that **John & Eloise Fisher** had moved to Laton, CA.

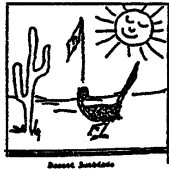
**Ron Bertacini** had emailed **Don Nessling** about attending the Brazen Raisins’ November meeting.

**Dick Shryock** announced that the Brazen Raisins’ October meeting would be at Nile and Lincoln Jones’s resort in Madera and it would be a potluck lunch.

**Peggy Oakshott** informed us that if anyone is flying on a companion ticket and gets stranded and needs a regular airline ticket to get home, there is a 24-hour travel agency in Fresno that can get tickets. President **Don Nessling** gave some information about **Millie Barnett**’s stewardess days and presented her with a folder containing stewardess pictures and information. **Gil Gilbert** gave an update on **Pat**’s illness and stated that she is receiving special care where they live; he also brought some UAL items for members to take home.

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In August, we found the Desert Sunbirds once again at PF Chang's in Rancho Mirage. Close to 40 desert rats came for the wonderful family-style meal and many took home goodies as well. Each person received a party favor for coming to the event and **Bill & Donna Eads** were happy to be the host this month. As usual, Bill shared a joke with the group at the end of the meal.

Our newest member, **Barbara Azbill**, came and brought more new members. Ken, as a new member, won the 50/50 club and **Rose Ricke** won the Birthday lunch. Also, we celebrated **Ron & Joan Tate's** 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary and **Gil & Marianne Patterson** celebrated 33 years. Good job! With many members out and about, there was not much to report to the newsletter.

In September, we will meet at the Palm Desert Greens Country Club hosted by **Chuck Lamas**. September is Chuck's birthday month so good luck on the pool. In October, **Fred & Jan Kellerhals** are the hosts and the site is to be announced in September.

## **SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**



## **THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**

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Thank you to **Angie Dellinger** for taking the minutes at our last meeting due to my husband's medical issues.

The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on August 27 at the Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley. This was hosted by **Bob & Margie Fulkerson**. We had a total of 52 Gold Diggers and two guests. The guests were **Carla Moss** and **Bunny Melby**, guests of the **Sinclairs**. President **Bob Fulkerson** welcomed those attending. The Gold Diggers thanked Bob and Margie for hosting.

### Officer's Reports:

V.P. **Francis Domaratus** – Not present. **Alice McPeak** gave the report. Next meeting will be September 24<sup>th</sup> at the China Buffet in Citrus Heights hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**. In October, the luncheon will be at the Elks Club in Roseville hosted by **Len & LaVerne Haubl** and **Sydney & Sherrill Morgan**.

Treasurer: Not present. **Forester Sinclair** is taking Judi's place today. He gave our Chapter's balance.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** – Happily, no get well or sympathy cards were sent this month. It was brought to our attention today that past President of Gold Diggers, **Jack Klaugh**, passed away.

RUAEA Vice President **Ron Bertacini** reported there is a Travel Advisory Committee at United which has representatives from the various work groups and a RUAEA representative on it. They discuss travel policy on a regular basis. They met on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and a great deal of discussion was about the new incentive program with BP6A passes awarded to all employees if certain on-time goals are met. This program along with other travel policies may be changed and we are awaiting an announcement regarding these issues. I also mentioned that United has had a long history of not having a very good on-time record and the program may not be very successful.

**Forester Sinclair** asked about how members that receive their newsletter via the internet would be advised about renewal. The procedure is that they will be advised about renewal when they access the newsletter via the internet during the month they should renew.

**Jack Raynor** told us about the UAL Maintenance get-together in Carson Valley. Fifty people attended. There were many RV's. A good time was had by all. Next year they would like to reach out to more people.

We concluded with our raffle.

Calendar:

**September** – China Buffet in Citrus Height

**October** - Elks Club, Roseville

**November** - No Meeting due to Thanksgiving

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70 members and guests gathered at Armstrong State park for our annual barbeque and picnic. President **Judy DeFord** welcomed all and thanked our hostess **Verda Burr** and her son Bart and members who assisted: **Barney Hagen, Norm & Ann Burnett** and **Ron & Joanne Huhn**.

Vice-President **Oscar Chambers** introduced our guests: **Ed Von Bostel** (Naomi Tolf), **Sherrie Quock** (Diana Quinn), **Tony & James Stilman** (Matt & Norma Stilman), **Prudy Wilcox** (Ted Bell), **Wayne Rogers** (Harry Rogers), **Bart Burr** (Verda Burr), **Clem Shannahen**, **Lee & Gigi Trevelyan** (Clare & Barney Hagen), **Susie Cameron** (Maddy McKinnis), **Angle & Ken Soul**, **Rosie & J. C. Speight**, **Maurine Bennett** (Heino & Inara Witt) and **Cor & Nely Kemp** (Nick & Maria van Kruining).

Treasurer **Ted Bell** gave us a great financial report. The July minutes were approved.

President DeFord put out a call for one more member to serve on our charity committee. **Zepha O'Kelly** was kind to offer her assistance.

We have some new addresses you may want to keep for your own records: **Tom Costa**, Apt. 2305, 169000 Lexington Blvd., Sugarland TX 77479. **Les & Joyce Carey**, 29 Bridger Mountain Rd., Clancy, MT 59634 and the phone number there is (406) 422-4182. **Elsie Kuhl** has a new e-mail address: [elsiekuhl@gmail.com](mailto:elsiekuhl@gmail.com).

Our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced our birthday winner was **Fred Langkusch**. There were 3 anniversaries: **Ron & Joanne Huhn** (52 years), **Dan & Judy DeFord** (48 years) and **Sal & Pat Ortega** (45 years).

Our hosts for next month will be **Dan & Judy DeFord**. Please join us in Oakmont at the Quail Inn. This will be a Hawaiian Theme, so get out the shirts and muumuus or dresses.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: (Courtesy of Jay Leno) *"You ever notice Congress doesn't even call it a vacation? A recess. You ever notice the only people that get recess are juries, Congress and kindergarten?"*

Our very popular raffle was held and winners received wine, truffles and a windmill crafted by **Ron Huhn**. **Dan & Judy DeFord** were the lucky winners of the windmill.

Calendar:

**October 9** - La Gare, Santa Rosa, **Charles & Bernice Anderson**

**November 13** - Josef's, Santa Rosa, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**

**December 11** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by 2008 Officers

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Presumably many of our members are on the go - after all, it's still summer. **Dick Pendleton** advised he isn't going to be in town for our Oct. 16 tour - have a great trip, Dick. Same with **Joe Preston** who has bought a parking tag for this month's trip to Scotland for his annual visit. **JoAnn Briggs** advised not to look for her - she won't be there! She and a grandson went to Hawaii for 5 days during which time she was hoping to welcome another grandbaby into the family. She returned on 9/4 to get ready for her 9/7 four-day Mexico cruise. After

that, she'll be around town until 10/18 for a cruise out of NYC. Can anyone beat her record for frequent cruiser?

Speaking of traveling ... many thanks are due to the folks who helped resolve the "BP6A issue," including RUAEA President **Ron Robertson**. Their efforts appear to have successfully resolved the dilemma for senior employees and for retirees. AND big thanks to UA for the new "Enrolled Friend" program from those of us who have no eligible dependents or domestic partners with whom to share travel privileges. Gosh, don't you think we'll have "best friends" pop up all of a sudden?

Then there's the related travel question of LAX PARKING for our travels.

So far there has been no change in parking fees for LAX, although the airport management is talking about doing that. For those of you who are able to go to the parking lot office to buy your tags, the office has changed their hours again. No more Saturday hours - they are open 7:30am to 5:30 pm, Mon. through Fri. only. I can still buy tags for you all on Thursdays and mail them off on Fridays.

Thanks to reports from Donna K. and Jim F., we do have some news of our big LAX family.

We may have missed giving the new address in SEA of **Ed Clay**. He is dealing with the problem of glaucoma, but otherwise doing ok in his new home at 933 111<sup>th</sup> Av. N.E., #317, Bellevue, WA 98004.

One sunny day when I was outside trimming flowers from the geraniums, I heard a voice from the distant (24 years ago) past calling my name from across the street! What a terrific surprise to see my friend from our El Segundo days, **Barbara Harrison**! She is visiting a friend here in Leisure World before going on to explore possibilities of moving into one of the PSP area locales. After her days in El Segundo, she went on to bigger and better things at WHQ, then to SFO and ended up taking an early retirement just a short while ago. Her immediate plans are to relocate to the desert and look for an interesting job there. Best of luck, Barbara, and keep in touch!!

The sad notes: **Irv Mc Intyre** passed away June 18 at age 93. Irv was a favorite supervisor from the 1001 Wilshire days. He was very kind and friendly, always had a smile and a good word for everyone and took excellent care of his employees. He was living with his wife Betty's daughter in BFL at the time of his death. Incidentally, Betty is still living, but is totally unable to communicate due to advanced Alzheimer's disease. Many of you will want to send a note to her daughter, Kristy Schaeffer, 3719 Canadian St., Bakersfield, CA 93304.

**Liz Cruise**, another LAXRR'er, who ended her career in SEARR where she had transferred to be nearer family, passed away at the end of May. Condolences can be sent to her son, Stephen Myer, 25074-A Lake Fenwick Rd., Kent WA 98032.

**Lois Kritztein**, another friend from the days of LAXRR, died on July 2 at her son's home in IL. You can drop him a note: Scott Kritztein, 5885 Longest Dr., South Beloit, IL 61080-9260, (815) 986-7787.

**John West**, another friend from LAXRR and NYCRR, passed on July 7. He had been living in Mesa AZ. Unfortunately, we have no details for you about his family.

We finally heard that the Christmas party will be at the Proud Bird restaurant at LAX. I have been to Christmas affairs there and can report that they were very well done. Hope to see you there. For out-of-towners, the Proud Bird is within a very short (1 or 2 mi.) distance of LAX-Century Blvd. hotels and El Segundo hotels. No final word yet about the Fantasy Flight, except if we are able to do it - sorry, no airplane ride this year, and location of the party has not been announced as yet.

TOURS: The Oct. 16 tour to LAS and the Tuacahn Theater in UT is still available. For those of you who get the N/L by email, give me a call ASAP. We have a deadline coming very soon!

This week I'll start working on a cruise - small ship type like river boats and the like. Keep tuned, flyers will be done as soon as details done.

#### Calendar:

**Oct. 2** – Buffet Luncheon at the Proud Bird Restaurant

**Oct. 11** - LAXRR Reunion at the Hacienda in El Segundo

**Oct 16-18** - Tour to LAS and UTAH

**Dec. 4** - Christmas Luncheon at the Proud Bird.

**Feb. 5** - Luncheon, location TBA

## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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With summer just a pleasant memory, now it's time to make hearty soups and to get out those pumpkin recipes you found last year but never had time to make. I'm wondering: am I the only one who loves fruitcake?

Still wonderfully celebrating after all these years are wedding anniversary couples: **Al & Lillian Christian** with 58 years, **John & Leona Clothakis**, a close second with 54 years. Congratulations you 4-forever-young youngsters!

We've had an unusually heavy load of "sickies" this past month: **Elmer Errichson**, both **Milt & Marie Cavalli**, **Robert Davenport**, **Phyllis Maloney** and **Ken Wahl**. (Prayers and good thoughts, please, folks.) It is unfortunate that I must report **James (Jim) Thivierge** has suffered a terminal illness. At the time of this writing, he is at home ... 260 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403. Both **Jim** & wife **Beverly** could use your prayers.

Gone from our sight but not God's are: **Lowell Maloney** (spouse of **Phyllis**), and **Wright Thompson** (husband of **Virginia**). **Phyllis** can receive cards at 729 - 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403. You may write **Virginia** at 485 Woodside Road, #2222, Redwood City, CA 94061. Our condolences, Dear Ones.

**Jerry Hill**, Mainliner Club representative, reported on an upcoming 2-day Reno trip by motor coach October 19 - 21. You will stay at **Circus Circus** and visit both the **Silver Legacy** (casino) and **Boom Town**. The meeting place to catch your ride will be the Local #1781 Union Hall, 1511 Rollins Road, Burlingame. To make a reservation, contact **Robert Chavez**, telephone (650) 634-4158, cell phone (650) 799-7577 or FAX (650) 634-5446.

Attendance was excellent at our August 25<sup>th</sup> General meeting ... guess why! "**Nadia and the Beledi Dancers**" made a return visit ... that's "belly dancers," y'all. (They say it's excellent exercise but I'm having trouble keeping my bones and other parts where they are right now, thank you.) Remember, NO general meetings in September or December.

Close to home and fast coming up on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Domestic Tour Coordinator **Betty Garner** has two fantastic trips scheduled. (1) Titled, "**Christmas in the City - Movie Location Tour & Dinner.**" You will have a chance to play tourist and ride around our "City By The Bay" in a deluxe motor coach with a step-on guide. Beginning at the **St. Francis Hotel**, you will learn the history and see **San Francisco** neighborhoods where many wonderful movies were made with some of the greatest names in movie and television history. You will also be treated to location clips and behind-the-scenes stories and anecdotes concerning the production of various films and television series. At the conclusion of this afternoon tour, dining will be strictly a pleasure at the **Pier 39 Fog Harbor Restaurant**. The menu will offer you a choice of "Grilled Steak" or "Shrimp/Crab-Stuffed Salmon," both served with clam chowder or green salad, "smashed" potatoes, seasonal veggies, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. (The tour price already includes gratuities for both the coach driver and the restaurant.) Departure time is 12:30 p.m. from the Park & Ride coach stop under Highway 92 (19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Fashion Island Boulevard), returning at approximately 8 p.m. For this tour, **Garner** will need to receive your payment no later than October 31 (Halloween!). (2) Always on the move, **Garner** is presently working on that March 22, 2009 Holland America 15-day cruise, round trip, **San Diego to the Islands of Aloha!** Practice your hula steps and get out your **Hawaiian** clothing in preparation for this great trip! Please telephone **Garner** at (650) 355-4195 or email [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com) of your interest. Mahalo!

**James & Helen Goodwine** once again came up with a generous donation for our charity raffle: two baseball game tickets to see the SF Giants play against Arizona on September 10<sup>th</sup> ... our deepest appreciation to you!

An honored guest at our August 25<sup>th</sup> General meeting was hard-working Western Division RUAEA Director, **Roger Casterline**. Visiting many of our 6 Western Division Chapters, he has yet to visit the **Hawaii** chapter. Several of our members "graciously" volunteered to take his place at that one! When brave **Roger** made himself available for questions, most of our members were silent, for good reason: frustration, helplessness, disappointment. Being one of us, **Roger** appeared to sense our innermost yet quiet tears regarding our newly assigned **BP6B** rating by UAL allowing goal-oriented active employees flying standby to board the




aircraft before us. This is, my friends, regardless of their length of service as compared to our (retiree) date of hire. Is this a bribe to do an honest day's work?

### **Personally Speaking:**

Everybody has a check-off list of things to do before leaving on vacation, something besides notifying your neighbors of your absence. You may already do all that is necessary, so bear with me. I've had a few requests to share this, so here is **my** "security ritual". (1) I call our **local police department** and request a "vacation drive by" while I'm gone. They ask if someone will be coming into my house during that time and ask for her or his name and telephone number. Also, they want to know if I have upstairs and downstairs automatic timers for my lights and what are the programmed times of operation. In addition, I inform them that I am protected by a security company. (2) I notify my **credit card company** and tell them where I'll be and for how long so that they don't refuse to honor my charge card when I present it in another city (or country). (3) I **stop my mail** and agree to pick it up upon my return. This is E-Z to do online or you can get a little postcard (free) to accomplish this from your local post office or even from your mailman. (4) I put sections of **plastic PVC pipe** in the tracks of my sliding patio doors and sliding windows. I found I could buy a long piece of PVC pipe at the local hardware store and cut it into desired lengths with my coping saw. I can do this all by myself, one of my rare mechanical moments. (5) I give my son my **car keys** and the **keys** to my **back gate**. If my car is going to remain in my driveway, I remove the automatic garage door opener from inside the car, along with my vehicle registration paper and proof of insurance. (6) Last but not least, if I'm **leaving the country**, I register with the **U.S. Department of State Travel Registration**: <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. Again, E-Z to do online. You'll have to answer a few questions including who you want (relatives/friends?) to be given this information should it become necessary. This time I'm heading for a 2-week cruise with a tour group, Moscow to St. Petersburg up the Volga River. I received confirmation of my email registration almost immediately, along with this note: *"This information is only accessible to authorized U.S. Department of State embassy and consular personnel in the event that emergency assistance needs to be provided to U.S. citizens who are traveling abroad."* Now I can leave home and **really** relax and enjoy myself. Happy Trails to you, too!

### **Calendar:**

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (except for September and December), 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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Visitors in August were **Damian & Nicole**, grandchildren of **Ann & Keith Olthoff**. Also **Jennifer & James Ayers**, daughter and son-in-law of **Geneva Schaller**. On August 8, **Chester Gibbs**, brother of **Margie Klaus** came together with his brother-in-law, **Alex**.

A major anniversary this month was **Billie & Sam Cramb's**—their 50<sup>th</sup>. Also, **Ruie & Ben Bradley** celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup>. Having a major birthday was **Gerald Frisch** who turned 80 (and doesn't look a day over 65).

On August 1, our breakfast had a Hawaiian theme - **David Saso** brought in some historic display items from United Airline's early flights to Hawaii. Some of the people came in Hawaiian attire, and there were leis for all of us to wear. Dave gave a very informative talk on the history of pleasure travel to Hawaii as well as United's own part in Hawaii's tourism. Thank you to **Cheri & Ben Scales** who also brought some memorabilia from that period.

On August 8, **Larry Jorgensen** spoke about attending the Experimental Aircraft Air Show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

**Marian Swanson** is doing very well, and is now home. **Rosemary Reichert** is doing well after skin cancer surgery. **Ruby Starkovich** is doing much better, hoping to make it to our next luncheon in September. **Deloris**

& **Don Burda** went to Oregon and when they came back, Don developed pneumonia. He is now at Manor Care and slowly improving.

#### 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. **Tony Urso**, (408) 264-8580 for details.

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My gosh, another month has passed and before we know it, and by the time you read this, Fall and Winter will be here. But for now, we are still enjoying beautiful days, very hot, blue sky, and long summer days.

We all gathered in Manteca on August 14<sup>th</sup> for a luncheon meeting at Kelley Brothers Brewing Company. There were 32 members present and as always, the food on the buffet table was very good and the company was great.

Our luncheon was hosted by **Rudy & Elma Reyna** and they did a great job. They awarded many lucky raffle winners with beautiful gifts of wine and potted plants.

We did have two guests, two lovely young ladies, **Sofie** and **Siena Sheldon**, who were **Hans & Regina Weber**'s granddaughters. And we all want to give Hans a big thank you; he brought a huge box of home grown peaches and nectarines from his ranch for all of us to share and they were yummy.

**George & Gloria Gemberling** took a trip to Lake Tahoe on August 11<sup>th</sup> to attend the Reno Sierra Roundup Chapter picnic. **Al & Betty Svares** and **Willie Reynolds** were also at the picnic. George said they all had a great time and hopefully they will attend again next summer.

On August 22, 23, and 24, Jack and I went to Minden, Nevada to attend the Sixth Annual UAL Retiree Mechanics Reunion and what a wonderful time we had. Jack and I have been fortunate to be able to attend each year and every year more and more people join us and the party gets bigger and better.

Several members from our chapter came to Minden. **Bob & Sandy Brooks**, **Ken & Jo Silva** and **Dennis & Betty Dergan**. It was just wonderful to see everyone. The wine was flowing, the beer was cold, and food was great.

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, **Larry & Tamara Nagley** opened their home to about 45 people from the Minden reunion and hosted a delicious brunch in their beautiful home. And it was a great place to meet and say "good-bye until we meet again."

The Reunion in Minden was hosted by **Jack & Marge Raynor** and **Larry & Tamara Nagley** and they did such a great job making all the arrangements and taking care of everything. Hopefully, next year more of you UAL Retirees will join us. Everyone is welcome and the more the merrier.

We always meet the second Thursday of each month in various locations. New retirees are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call me at (209) 984-5672 or President **Bob Brooks**, at (209) 772-9814. Please come and join us - we would love to see all of you.

#### CALENDAR

**Oct. 9** – Jenny's Restaurant in Ceres, hosted by **Bob & Charlene Wood**

**Nov.13** - East Sonora Conference Center, hosted by **Don & Joyce Temple** and **Jack & Rosie Walls**

**Dec. 11** - Christmas Party at the East Sonora Conference Center in Sonora, hosted by the Officers



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Our August meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> with 30 members & guest in attendance. We took a vacation in July, so it was great to all be back together again.

We welcomed **Roger Casterline**, RUAEA Western Direction and his guest, **Donna**. Hope to see them again soon.

**Tom Costa** is leaving us! He is one of the original members of our chapter (10 years ago) and has been our stalwart treasurer from the beginning. His daughter Beth and son-in-law Bob were with him for this farewell. He will be relocating to Texas to be closer to family. His new address is: The Terrace - Apt 2305, 16900 Lexington Blvd, Sugar Land, Texas 77479. I know he would love to hear from his friends. We will certainly miss him, but wish him well in this new chapter of his life.

The 50/50 was won by **Hoagie Harguth** and **Roger Casterline** won the pie from Marie Callender's.

Golden Gate Field racetrack has contacted us about arranging a group to go to the horse races. The racing dates are September 17 - December 21. We would like to know if you would be interested. Quite a few of our members indicated interest at this meeting. We are thinking of possibly organizing something for the month of October. We will have more details at our next meeting.

*2<sup>nd</sup> report submitted by **Howard Payne***

We had a small but noisy group of 20 who enjoyed lunch together on a beautiful Fall day. **Lynn Hales** was welcomed back after an absence of several months and the **Bouskas** had returned from a lengthy cruise and tour of Alaska. Our long time treasurer **Tom Costa** has relocated to Sugar Land Texas to be near two of his daughters, and will be missed as a founding member of our group. Our regular cashier and greeter, **Diane Griego** was enjoying Hawaii and her duties were assumed by **Marilyn Harguth**. Marilyn was rewarded for filling in by winning the 50-50.

Rather than our regular luncheon in October we are planning on an outing to Golden Gate Fields, for a day at the races and lunch in the Turf Club.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00AM to 12:00PM, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We encourage you to all come and bring your significant others.

### Calendar:

**October 13** - Meeting

**November 10** - Meeting

**December 8** - Annual Christmas Party and Toys for Tots collection

## **CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS**

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At the July 31 meeting of the California Northstaters in Redding, California, **John Zoboli**, spoke about the latest news from United. After a great lunch, the 50/50 raffle was won by one of the guests at the meeting.

Most important was the planning of the next meeting which will be in Chico at Bidwell Park, on September 25 at 11:30am. We are having a BBQ along with our meeting at the One Mile Rec. Area. The members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. The Chapter will furnish hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings. Should be a great time, so if you are new to the Northstaters, come join us.

## COLORADO



### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The September Mile Highers breakfast was held on September 6<sup>th</sup> at United's Training Center with 55 members in attendance. It was a day that felt like autumn. **Jim Borell** came, traveling all the way from Burns, WY which is near Cheyenne. **Bob Sannwald** whom we have not seen for over 15 months was there too. Also present were **Bob & Irene Davey** and **Les & Joan Bullas**. Come back and join us again soon! **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw's** daughter **Dianne Adkins** and two of **Tom & Nancy Goodyear's** grandchildren, **Lauren** and **Sam Goodyear** also joined us.

The following people returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Vic Antreatta, Bob Davey, Buron Dietel, Walt Hanson, Marylou Hoffman, Ken Larson, Cas Spokas** (who won 3 times) and **Van VanFleet**. A big thanks goes to everyone. Speaking of winners, **Jim Spate** won a nice tee-shirt from the Pittsburgh convention.

Tom reported that **Jerry Fredricks** suffered a serious bicycle accident and at the present, he is unable to speak and he has a feeding tube. His wife Linda has rented a wheelchair van for his needs. **Ron Krajewski** is recovering from surgery for a weakening aorta. **Walt Bumberger** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery.

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, 51 retirees and guests met at Blossom's for the Mile Highers annual indoor summer picnic. The temperature was in the 90's. Thank goodness for air conditioning. First timers were **Phyllis Jack, Bill & Judy Robertson**, and **Flo Lesser** who was a guest of **Fred Schafer**. A special welcome to **Bonnie Ceperley, Bill & Ladene Chambers, Lois Dick, Margaret Ann Foy, Del & Charlottee Frey** and **Connie Lynch**. **Joan Colavita** and **Harriet Ahr** won drawings 3 times each. Thanks **Laura Coats** for making the arrangements. It was a huge success.

Don't forget the Fall Luncheon: **October 15<sup>th</sup>** at the *Old Neighborhood Restaurant*, 7923 Allison Way, Arvada, CO 80005 (Phone 303-425-1962). Social hour is 11-12 and lunch is at noon. The menu is a choice of: 1. *Shrimp Stir Fry*; 2. *Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo*; 3. *French Onion Prime Rib Sandwich (this one you have to eat with a fork and knife)*. All meals come with fresh baked bread and muffins, non-alcoholic beverage, and ice cream, sherbet, or chocolate mousse. Price is \$13.95 per person which includes tax and gratuity. Send your checks payable to: RUAEA Denver Chapter. Mail to **Harriet Ahr** at 4576 Hooker Street, Denver, CO 80211-1354, phone (303) 477-2918. Please indicate your choice of entrée on the check. The deadline is **October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**.

#### Calendar:

**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. each month, 9:00 AM** at 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!

**October 4** – Breakfast meeting at TK.

**October 15** – Fall Luncheon, details in column.

**December 10** - Christmas Luncheon, location to be announced in the next issue.

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We held our regular meeting on August 18. Many old friends were there for a late breakfast. It was also the first day of school here and very hot. **Del Hall** is now suffering from a burst blood vessel in his eye and is in need of surgery. Good luck to Del!

**Rick Broome** has had a recent death in the family and all should keep **Rick & Billie** in their thoughts. **Noria & Warren Gerig** are off to Utah for a driving vacation. Recent rains (the driest July on record) have improved **Merle Winterton's** wheat crop so there still could be a good harvest!

Our meetings are held the third Monday at 08:30 at The Village Inn on Harrison Road at Circle and I-25. We are asking for all Southern Colorado retirees to contact us at [UALCS35@Q.com](mailto:UALCS35@Q.com).

### Calendar:

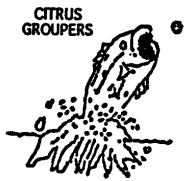
**October 20** – Regular meeting

**Christmas Party** – Need a host

**New Years Party** – Need a host

## **FLORIDA**

### **CITRUS GROUPERS**



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The Citrus Groupers, Inverness did not meet during the summer. We are looking forward to welcoming members back on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM at Ruby Tuesdays in Inverness, 2235 Highway 44W (located, next to Lowes).

Our October meeting will be held at the "New" Golden Corral in the Villages on Route 466 on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:30AM.

### Calendar:

**Sept. 25** – 11:30 – Ruby Tuesdays

**Oct. 23** – 11:30 – "New" Golden Corral in the Villages

### **SAND"DABS"**

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I got a call from President **Dick Coughlin** to say he cancelled our Sept. meeting as we're having some hurricane activity going on here and we're not sure how safe it would be for people to come out to a meeting with high winds and rain expected from the TV reports.

Earlier, hurricane FAY came by and took her old sweet time and dumped a lot of rain on Florida. It seemed to rain for about five days and many areas and homes were flooded. GUSTAV mostly passed us by here on the east coast, but HANNA was promising to come up the east coast with strong winds and rain as she was a category #3 storm. Dick thought it's best not to take a chance on everyone driving.

So far my electricity went out three times. The first was when I was writing my "biography" that my kids insist I do for them. It was spooky rummaging around in the dark to get the candles out and get some light to move around. The second time it went out, I thought I wouldn't get to hear and see the main speakers at the Republican convention, but it finally came back on for the last two speakers. It went out again during the night, so when I got up I had to fix all the clocks again. IKE and JOSEPHINE are hanging out together in the Atlantic and we don't know what they'll be up to yet, but IKE appears to be another strong storm

These storms manage to make a mess in my yard. Fortunately, I have found some younger people who do that kind of clean-up for \$\$\$\$. I can't do any yard work anymore since my knee replacement surgery.

The coming November election is going to be a very interesting one and whoever wins, it will be historic in several ways.

So, we'll be looking forward for all the Sand"DABS" getting together again in October. It will be interesting to hear everyone's tales on their hurricane experience.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *"How odd of God, whose mercy is supposedly infinite, to put an extra day in presidential election years, as though to prolong the punishment."* - George Will

Calendar:

**Oct. 2** - 11:30 – Red Lobster

**Nov. 6** - 11:30 – Red Lobster

**Dec. 5** - FRIDAY - 11:30 - Halifax Yacht Club



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President **Rich Llewellyn** welcomed 22 members to the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting – a small but mighty group! The State of Florida has been drenched and flooded by the slow-moving Hurricane Gustav and to quote the Orlando Sentinel, Gustav is being followed by his three friends - Hannah, Ike, and Josephine - and we may well be affected by them all over the next 2 weeks. 'Tis the Season!

President Rich also gave a powerful plug FOR getting the shingles vaccine as soon as you are able. Regardless of cost – you DO NOT want to suffer with shingles. Ever.

Continued prayers, encouraging cards, and well wishes are asked for **Dave Adam, Lee Cahoon, Mert Lawry, and Al Mollet**. **Matt McNeill** is still on the long road to recovery, but is doing better, per wife **Mary**. And we learned that **Montague Martin** suffered a heart attack August 27<sup>th</sup>. As of today, he is resting comfortably per his wife, Iris.

August birthday wishes to **Matt McNeill, Angel Montalvo, Char LeGrand** and **Barbara Halterman**. Anniversary Congrats to **Matt & Mary McNeill** on 48 Years Together!

Our Favorite Dinner Night at Tony Roma's on August 20<sup>th</sup> had a soggy start, but a good time was had by the **Haltermans, LeGrands, and Llewellyns**.

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

**October 1** – Luncheon meeting

**November 5** – Luncheon meeting

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Night:

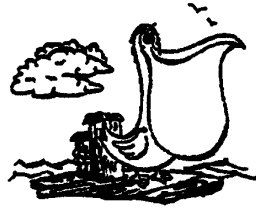
**October 15** – Mimi's Café at the corner of John Young Parkway and Osceola Pkwy. Meet there at 4:30pm for good food and great company

**November 19** – The New High Tide Harry's at the Eastlake Fish Camp. Meet at 4:30pm at this brand new location off BoggyCreek Road



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We had our final breakfast of the summer season with 11 members in a private dinning room at Perkins Restaurant in North Ft. Myers. The first Friday in October will be the start of our monthly speaker meetings in the private dining room at beautiful Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club.

There was some discussion about the three hurricanes approaching Florida. **Tom McNabb, John Dainus** and **Joan Gilkison** were talking about their daily laps in the pool. John Dainus' left hand was bitten by some insect in the pool. He said his hand blew up the size of a "boxing glove." John went to his doctor and was sent to ER. John was given a shot and in 4 days his hand was back to normal.

**Mel & Linda Volz** were there and Mel gave us the information that the retirees now are boarded ahead of the incentive program employees. **Rosemary Blake** was excited about the birth of her first grandchild. **Marilyn McNabb** had been in the hospital for more than a week and will soon be scheduled for colon surgery.

**Sally Sciple** and her Girl Scouts are scheduled to have their reunion the end of the month. **Nancy Kopp** and **Nancy Dainus** were also there. After 2 weeks in the hospital, **Terry Gilkison** was also there and looking very good.

**Calendar:**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

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

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

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After a long and lazy hot summer, we were back in full force, looking forward to another year of exciting happenings.

Our meeting on September 2 was attended by 13 members. Believe it or not, **Jane & Frank Wise** were in attendance and would you believe they didn't win the progressive drawing. They only win when they aren't in attendance, but we would much rather have them with us. **Bobbie Vitel**, however, did win the 50/50 and **Maureen Carragher** won the progressive drawing but unfortunately, neither she nor **Michael** attended our meeting, so the money keeps building.

We were all telling stories regarding the latest massive rains and the flooding in the area. **Al & Janice Popek** had water in their garage. They now feel that they not only have waterfront property but water-back property as well and they never were on the water before the latest storm. Fortunately, the water has receded to normal so there goes the waterfront property! **Diane & Paul Liebisch's** boat dock was completely submerged! **Mari Hirjak** had water half way up her driveway but thank goodness all water problems are a thing of the past as we speak. We are keeping our eyes on the next three hurricanes brewing in the Atlantic; hopefully, they will not affect us in any way.

**Jane & Frank Wise, Janice & Al Popek** and **Millie Rossi** attended the ceremony on September 1 at PBI Airport for the last day of service. It was a beautiful ceremony and a very sad day for those who worked there. The reception was catered by Two Jay's of W. Palm Beach, a great place to have breakfast, lunch or dinner. If

you have the opportunity to visit, be sure to go there, you won't regret having done so. They also have a Stuart location on US 1 also known as Federal Highway.

**Al Popek** advised everyone to make sure all letters for Southwest and Jet Blue are in their possession if you need to travel. He also made known the fact that Southwest, Jet Blue and Spirit are cutting service back at PBI and FLL. Also, Southwest and Jet Blue are cutting back MCO service. All in all, a total of five Airlines have left or will leave PBI. United's first flight out of PBI was in 1960. Sad days for the East Coast of Florida! Just think in 1979, there were 9 flights out of PBI, but that only lasted one year.

Everyone had the opportunity to see and read the beautiful card sent to us by **Tom Goodyear** on the service for **Jo Madden**, and his thank you to us for the generous donation to the UAL Historical Foundation in her memory.

After a leisurely lunch and lots of chatter, we looked forward to next month when we will start thinking and planning our Christmas Party. Would you believe it's that time already?

**Mari Hirjak** gave us the address for her husband, **Michael**, who is currently in an assisted living residence. Cards are always welcome.

Hope to see more of you out there at our next meeting. Hope **Dale Whitaker** is progressing quickly back to normal from his stroke. We think about you Dale.

Happy Birthday to the following members that celebrated another year in September: **Judy Frage** 9/5 - **Diane Uebisch** 9/5 - **Diane Brodis** 9/6 - **Mari Hirjak** 9/12 - **M. Jane Kerr** 9/16 - **Marge Nehls** 9/27. Just remember it's just a number!

Please note: Because Election Day is Tuesday November 4, our meeting will be a day earlier on Monday November 3. Don't forget to vote.

#### Calendar

**October 7** - R.J. Gators 11:30 AM Meeting/Luncheon

**November 3** - R.J. Gators 11:30 AM Meeting/Luncheon – *Note Date Change!*

**December 2** - R.J. Gators 11:30 AM Meeting/Luncheon

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Twenty nine flyers and three guests were in attendance at The Speedi Pig Barbecue Restaurant on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 Noon in Fayetteville, GA sponsored by **Bill & Judy Elk**. Our guests were, **Chloe Shelley**, **Don & Marge Shelley**'s sweet little granddaughter; **Ruth Rumin** from Pittsburgh, **Don & Mary Lou Sullivan**'s sister, **Sandra Cook**, **Bruce & Mary Brodersen**'s sister who is visiting with them. We had a nice size meeting room, just right for our numbers, and the food was very good. A couple of flyers already requested to come back again next year.

President **Sandy Lis** conducted a business meeting: Sandy reported that she and **Jane Brown** were out and about checking out different restaurants for future meetings. Sandy says it's pretty nice work in all! RUAEA Southeast Regional Director **Bruce Brodersen** reported on the travel pass, flight reductions and station closings, and how it will affect our travel in Atlanta. Bruce says he will have more details after the Board meeting in October. In the meantime there were a lot of stories discussed by members on recent travel experiences.

It was great to see **Wormie Bowling** out and about once again, after some difficult eye surgery. We understand she will undergo more surgery at a later date. We wish her well next time around. **Ray Owen** will be going in next month for rotator-cuff surgery on his right shoulder. Hope everything goes well for him. Ray also gave an update on **Bill Carlson**. Bill will be moving to assisted living after September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have a new address and updated information for Bill as soon as we get it.

We were sorry to hear that **Jone Manley**'s husband, **Bill**, had to undergo some very serious and complicated cerebral surgery this month and is now recuperating slowly but steadily. All the Flyers send their thoughts and prayers to Bill and Jone for a speedy recovery. On a sadder note: **Sandy Lis**' brother, **LaVerne Farr** of

Taylorsville, GA suddenly and unexpectedly passed away last month. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Sandy and Laverne's family. We will be making a Memorial Donation in LaVerne's name to the Promise Place. **Fred Cron** is back and enthusiastic as ever, assisted by **Bogi Wallace**. They conducted our 50/50 drawing. **Jane Brown** drew Fred's number, but Fred disqualified himself, being the drawing conductor, and then Jane drew **Barney Knotts'** number, who graciously donated his winnings to the Promise Place.

Calendar:

**October 1** - Lunch at the China Wok Buffet in McDonough, GA, 12:00 noon, hosted by **Ron & Marge Heider**.

**September 18** - Place TBA

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Everybody is on vacation, including me. But aren't we glad that Sarah Louise Heath Palin, born in Sandpoint, Idaho, has been picked to be John McCain's running mate? Her slogan is "WE CAN DO IT!" Have a nice summer, all.

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Every chapter has its bragging rights, but I dare any one to claim a centenarian in their circle. That's 100 years old this October 7<sup>th</sup>! He logged 1,000 hours, some at the Mt. Prospect Library and their Historical Society; received the John McNamara award, and was named a Paul Harris Fellow of the Sunrise Rotary Club. He spent countless volunteer hours for Trinity United Methodist Church and the Mt. Prospect Library Foundation. All this was over and above his 31 years in the United Airlines Comptrollers office. It's Mr. **Harold Weary**, known to us as Hal. Congratulations to our guest of honor at our Fall Luncheon. Oh yes, he's an original Chicago Skyliner.

Jim Sommerfield attended his 45<sup>th</sup> Fenton High School reunion and had three fun-filled days featuring a shoreline cruise on Lake Michigan, a ride on the giant Ferris wheel at Navy Pier, a great dinner dance on Saturday night, which was topped off by a fabulous champagne toast breakfast on Sunday.

**Dan Wagner** took the Rocky Mountaineer ten-day train trip from Vancouver to Calgary. He highly recommended the fantastic trip and service.

**Irene Miller** went to Fort Lauderdale for three birthdays. Her son, her grandson, and the first birthday for her great grandson. I get the feeling there are all boys in the family.

**Helen Calais** attended a wedding in Seattle the last week in June and had no problems traveling. A miracle!

**Carol & Bob Faust** just returned from a month in Colorado. Carol climbed her first "Fourteener" last year. That's 14 as in thousand feet up. To keep tradition going, the 70 year-old Carol and her son, Tim, climbed 14,265 this year. Bob was busy dreaming of all the fun to be had joining the Loonies in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, from Oct. 7 to 10, 2008. Plans include visits to the House on the Rock, Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin plus other trips listed in the Northwoods Loonies column this issue. You have the choice to go, go, go or eat, eat or just lay back and relax with all the other Loonies of which you have now become.

I would advise **Pat Guerin** to call 1-888-825-0188 regarding her question on 6A boarding priority. As I gathered, 8A is for international and 6B is for United Express. However, I think seniority may weigh in also.

**Marge Daily** had eye surgery, and we're all praying it was a success to restore the sight in one eye. Only time will tell.

Only two anniversaries for September: **Catherine & Robert O'Connor** at 51 and **Esther & Al Broderson** at 55.

There were 24 present at the Southsiders' breakfast, but the great news was that **Lydia & Ernie Codilis**, **Darlene Wenk**, and **Carmen Chavez** were feeling well enough to join us. Carmen's husband, **Javier**, celebrated by winning the raffle THREE times. **Bill Brookins** won only once. **Dennis Zachara** also surprised us after an absence.

**Rudy Maki** won a free two-night stay at the Casa Blanca Hotel in Mesquite, Nevada, at one of the Vegas Airline parties. Since it was expiring at the end of August, he went down to experience the "dry heat."

On a sad note, I received notice that recent retiree **Linda Schnell**, lead for Flight Attendants Payroll, died August 13, 2008. Her twin sister, Lana, retired the same day as Linda from Accounts Payable. Condolences to the Schnell Family, 785 Carlton Dr., Elgin, Illinois 60120.

Bulletin just in: If you would like to send greetings to Hal, address Hal Weary, c/o Carol Faust, 1025 Bradford Lane, Schaumburg, Illinois 60193. She will present cards to Hal at the fall luncheon.

Calendar:

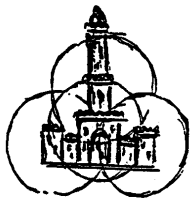
Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**October 28 & November 25**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**October 8 & November 12**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**October 7**).

**Oct. 14** - Fall Luncheon - Meridian Banquet Hall.

**Dec. 9** - Christmas Luncheon – Avalon.



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There is no luncheon scheduled for October so we hope to see everyone at the next one on November 19<sup>th</sup>. For those who take the Metra train that arrives at the Ogilvie Transportation Center (old Northwestern Station), there is good transportation to the hotel. Exit the station on Madison Street and go to the NE corner of Canal & Madison and take either the #157 bus (Streeterville) or the #124 (Navy Pier) bus. These buses go down Wacker Drive and there is a stop on State Street which is right across from the Renaissance Hotel.

To return to the Ogilvie Station, go to Madison Street and take buses 157, 124, 20 going west. They will all stop at the train station.

Calendar:

**October** – No luncheon scheduled

**November 19** – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m. (Please email or call me before noon of November 18th to confirm your attendance.)

## INDIANA

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This month in addition to our regular meeting, Indy Racers are looking forward to a social outing at Beef and Boards on October 29. Beef and Boards is a local dinner theatre where we will enjoy “The Sound of Music.” Thanks, **Elly Barnett** for following up. We have considered for quite some time additional activities to do as a group. It was two years ago that approximately six of us traveled to a local casino, and all had a great time. Like many, we have good intentions but plans fail to materialize. My “*I’ll procrastinate tomorrow*” bumper sticker fits, but then that’s part of the “fun” of being retired, no pressure!

**Gail Allen** had a surprise party for hubby **Warren** to celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and many of us attended. **Ron & Cheri Innis** had to occupy Warren, away from his house, as guests arrived. We saw **Tom & Dotty Lapke** at the Allens. They have been busy visiting family and taking the opportunity to travel. Hawaii is Dotty’s home state with family still there. **Bob & Ruth Duffy** were also in attendance, glad to see them also.

Welcome back to our meeting **Ed Loftus**, **Terry Martin** and **Ray & Hannalore Brabo**. Ed has recouped from surgery. Ray and Hannalore said their trip out west was “interesting” but it was good to be back home.

An open invitation is extended to all United retirees in the area or those just passing through. For directions, call the phone number given. The restaurant’s room is open to us from 2:00 P.M. at which time we enjoy the buffet. The actual meeting starts at 3 P.M. In **November**, because of a special promo the restaurant offers to vets, we must be out of the room by 4PM but normally we can stay later, many eat dinner.

Please remember in your prayers: **Chris Gibson** and **Lilea Theiss**.

Happy October birthday to: **Ron Innis**!

### Calendar:

**October 13** – Regular meeting 3:00 P.M. at Golden Corral, Plainfield, IN

**November 10** - Regular meeting 3:00 P.M. at Golden Corral, Plainfield, IN

## MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor’Easters didn’t hold a September meeting, so again little news. It has been so wet and humid in NH, that a full box of envelopes used for monthly mailings had stuck closed. Couldn’t waste them, so fellow Nor’Easters, please don’t think that you’re getting second hand or used envelopes in my last mailing.

A correction to last month’s offering. I stated that the **DeStefanos** brought four grandchildren to the picnic, when actually it was the **DePippos** who brought four and the **DeStefanos** brought two grandchildren. Easy to see my confusion, or is it that old age again!

**Ron & Joyce Heisler** were given a surprise 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party by their children, held at the Andover Inn. They were totally surprised and honored with 78 family members and friends attending their gala event.

**Bob Wilson** is home from hospital and rehab. He said reading the Newsletter keeps him up on Nor’Easters, his fellow retirees and hopes he can attend the Christmas luncheon. Thanks to **Helen**’s assistance, Bob is slowly getting around. Needless to say, after five months, he’s glad to be back in his own home.

Our own **Jean Kalabokis**, formerly ORDPE, passed away in August. Unable to get around, Jean hadn’t rejoined our chapter the past several years. **Laura Hancock**, still employed at BOSGQ, also passed away

battling a long bout with cancer. Although not retired, nor an active member, she attended several of our functions. She was well known by all the BOS retirees and planned on becoming a Nor'Easter upon retirement. Both ladies will be missed.

October birthdays will be celebrated by **Pat Austin, Ed Burke & William Swift**.

October anniversaries are **Tony & Delores Berardi** - 52 years, **Jack & Nancy Casey** - 27 years, **Bill & Marie Dwyer** - 40 years, and **Jim & Sue Yip** - 42 years.

Fellow chapter members, I plan on sending out the 2009 chapter renewal applications earlier than usual. Please return them promptly. Last year, several members and snow birds didn't respond until April & May and required additional mailings. Your early response seriously helps with record keeping. Also, have you considered your own nomination for chapter officer for 2009? We'd love to see several candidates vying for the various positions. You can make it happen! Imagine, our own Presidential runoff.

Last item: *A fine is a tax for doing something wrong. A tax is a fine for doing something well!*

Calendar:

**December 10** - Christmas Luncheon, Danversport Yacht Club

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September 4, 19 Escapees gathered at Papa Vino's in Troy hosted by **Patty Gates** and **Barb Miller**. It was good seeing **Gay Givens, Gloria Knott Shurman** and **Joe Dougherty**, who have not been around since Spring and hopefully they will make us more of a habit.

My dreams finally came true, THANKS to RUAEA and UAL when I read we can now choose a travel partner as an eligible on our pass privileges, if we have no eligibles. It has been 19 years since I have been longing for this. Of course, sister Joan also thanks you. I know this may not affect many, but to those that have lost their loved one and have no eligibles, it means so very much. I may even start traveling more. Also, thanks to RUAEA for resolving and protecting our BP6B privileges as retirees.

Lastly, Love and Prayers to all our hurting RUAEA members, especially those in the most need.

Calendar:

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

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After all the extreme heat we have had, it couldn't have been nicer at the Fish & Game at Lake Manawa in the Bluffs. We had 47 enjoy the cookout by **Larry, Keith & Tony** and our thanks to **Sharon, Jan & Jackie** for the desserts.

**Vera Thomsen** passed away August 14 and her service was held on August 16. As reported before, she had suffered heart failure and then was diagnosed with colon cancer. At her service, it was mentioned that her first husband was **Edwin Thomsen** and they had 7 children and were married 29 years before he died. Then she married his brother, **Howard Thomsen**, and they were married 29 years. She always said she never had to



change her name on her Driver's License. Vera had 16 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren. Our sincere sympathies to her family.

We were happy to have **Andra Biebl**, Manager of UAL at Eppley, and **Terry Haynie** join us for lunch. Andra spoke about what was going on at United and also thanked those who helped assist the veterans after the Wheelchair Games in getting them through security and to their proper gate. She also said the Veterans Administration did a fantastic job in making sure everything ran as smoothly as it could.

Keith received a "thank you" from Abbie Crawford of the Iowa Cookie Crumbs. In it, she mentioned that since January 2007, they have sent over 103,000 cookies to our soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who are bravely serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. She also sent Keith e-mails from a couple of appreciative service men. Following are just a couple of remarks included in those e-mails:

*"Thank you not only for the cookies but for the letters. Your support to our men and women is an act for which I could never fully express the gratitude that lies within my heart. So, from a simply lil' Air Force shop far away from home ... thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"* SMSgt Eric E. Herriman. He put on a P.S. *"The old Sgt. got left out on the cookies. I found the letters, but no cookies! I got some butt chewin' to do."*

*"Your cookies and mail made me think of home and all the wonderful things our country has to offer. I am approaching 27 years of service and I see the end of my career coming soon. It is 117 degrees here in the desert and gets up to 120 to 130 in July and August. I would like to do 6 months in Afghanistan and then let the young men and women take over. Thank you Abbie for the support and the cookies."* Major Paul A. Boak

#### Calendar:

**Oct. 7** – Bohemian - Hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

**Nov. 4** - Old Country Buffet – No Host Necessary

**Dec. 2** – Anthony's Christmas Dinner – Hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

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Thanks to **Eleanor Vasko** for taking notes at the August 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon/meeting; 30 members were in attendance. An off-key (but sincere) Happy Birthday was sung to **Ingeborg Levy** and **James Spencer**. An appreciation certificate and monetary gift was presented to Jean DeLano, catering manager at Arizona Charlie's. She is a lovely gal, and has been so helpful and generous in making our luncheons special. Thanks, Jean; we appreciate you.

Discussions were held on possible speakers for future meetings regarding Blindness and Eyes for Seniors; also speakers on Identity Theft. The Toys for Tots was also discussed for our December meeting. Everyone enjoyed seeing **Winnie Stone** after her surgery and loss of her husband. We've missed **Elizabeth Sabroso**; who is suffering from painful arthritis. Best wishes and prayers to **Lois Fox** who is having her other hip replaced. It's absolutely amazing what can be done to our bodies these days. As some old-timer said (can't remember who) *"if I'd known I was going to live so long, I would've taken much better care of myself."* We don't even think of getting old in our young and fearless years!

**Lillian Wiper** and **Marge Gibson** send their regards. Lillian is living in Camus, WA, and Marge has moved into an assisted living in Henderson. I've received a couple of very nice notes from **Ruby Dezman** (in Daly City, CA) inquiring about Marge. Marge Gibson's new address is 1555 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway, Henderson, NV 89102 and her phone number is (702) 361-2416. (Ruby, I will answer your note soon). **Ted Milk** and friends took a motorcycle trip (back in May) traveling on old Route 66 from LAS to Santa Monica, CA; then on to CHI and DTW, and back to LAS. I'll bet that was fun at that time of year.

I forgot to mention about the May UAL retiree golf tournament in Mesquite; it was nice to see DENCs retirees **Teri Davis**, **Fred Diaz** and others (that I've forgotten names - senior moment!) Sorry that I missed seeing **Stan Kapron**.

August in Ely, NV brought the annual horse races; and who do we run into but **Bob & Marlene Morwick**

(LASMM)! They were enjoying time in Ely, then on to their timeshare in Kauai. From there, back east for a cruise from NYC, up the Atlantic coast for "leaf peeping" time, and north to Nova Scotia. I am sure they're having a wonderful time! October 14<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting at Arizona Charlie's. That brings election time for new Officers for our Chapter. We always look forward to bringing in new members, and new Officers. We appreciate everyone who volunteers their time and ideas. RUAEA is a great group, and I hope we continue our camaraderie and friendships for a long time.

Calendar:

**October 14** – Meeting at Arizona Charlie's.



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There were approximately 64 attendees at our August picnic at Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe including about 10 or so from the Sacramento Gold Diggers, 3 from San Joaquin, 1 Goldengater and 2 from PHX. We also had many guests. RUAEA Executive Vice President **Ron Bertacini** and his wife **Barbara** were also in attendance. It was also nice to see **Jo Cuff** from SMF make the trip up.

The weather was beautiful and the company was great. Thank you to everyone for bringing such delicious food to share – everything was wonderful. As always, the many & varied desserts stole the show.

Thanks to our chefs – **Duncan Scaife** and **Joe Robinson**. Thanks also to the many Sierra Roundup members that were on hand early to help out. Once again, thanks for volunteering & doing such a great job!

Thanks also to **Kathy Robinson** for helping to gather everything together. Thanks also to **Mary** for saving so much extra, re-useable supplies and storing them at her house.

The 50/50 winner was **Inez Compton**. Congratulations! We had on hand many donated gifts which were won by: **Veronica Withers**, guest; **Ethan Gillooly**, Reno; **Roberta Wagoner**, Reno; **Fred Alesek**, guest – three times!; **Regina Korwek**, guest; **Donna Perkins**, Reno; **Jim Meek**, Reno; **Bob Fulkerson**, Gold Diggers; **Duncan Scaife**, Reno; **John Brown**, Reno; **Ruth Stammniz**, Gold Diggers; **Pat Nettles**, Reno; **Donna Aldrich**, Reno; **Margaret Kramer**, Gold Diggers; and **Willie Reynolds**, San Joaquin. Please forgive me if I got your name spelled wrong – too much sun or something!

That was fun – hope to see you all again next year!

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The meeting was called to order at 12:10, with **John Klos** leading the Pledge of Allegiance and then continued with a moment of silence for our other members who had passed on in life or were unable to attend due to medical issues or those who were out traveling. Then the minutes of the August Meeting were read.

Today was another new start for the Metros. We returned to our previous restaurant, *The Milleridge Inn*, after an absence of about 2 years. It was probably a good move to come back here after seeing all the faces that were gone for a while. We had 59 people in attendance. **Nell Napolitano** was there, thanks to a ride from a couple of her friends. It was good to see that **Lenny Pascale**, who had bypass surgery a month ago, was able to attend along with **Frank Thompson**, **Bob Piechnik** and **Rudy Wolf**. In talking to Lenny, he still has some health issues to be resolved. VP, **Charlie Kaczinski**, who was hospitalized last week for an infection in his leg, was able to attend thanks to his neighbor, Ed Vasta for driving him. Charlie says the hospital reminded him a

little of United. When someone inquired about him in the hospital, the hospital did not have him registered; no room number and he had a hard time getting a good meal.

**Joe Totaro** reminded everyone that at the next three meetings, donations are being accepted for the Christmas Party to be held at the Marathon School as is done every year. Our Secretary, **Rose Schneider** and her better half, **Julie**, were out to a reunion of a military outfit with their good friend, **Roy Portelli**.

Our senior birthday person this month was **Diana Arena**, and our longest married couple this month were **Ruth & Elliot Olenick**, celebrating 60 years of matrimony.

Again, a reminder of the upcoming meetings in October and November, where there will be nominations accepted for the office of Vice President and Treasurer. We will also ask for names to be put in nomination for the Arthur Shepherd's President Award. Ballots will be distributed at the November meeting to vote for those offices and the award.

#### Calendar:

**Oct. 1** – 12 noon, Millerridge Inn, Jericho, NY.

**Nov. 5** – 12 noon, Millerridge Inn, in Jericho, NY

**Dec. 3** – 12 noon, Millerridge Inn, in Jericho, NY. It's our Christmas Banquet

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*Submitted by Sharon Minelli.*

The September meeting was held at the Sweetwater Café on a beautiful day and hosted by members **Pat Hendy** and **Ann Fiedler**. President **Carol Hacker** opened the meeting with thoughts of good will for our country, our families, and our friends. After **Dave Placko** gave a short thanksgiving, we showed our appreciation to our hosts by a round of applause.

**Don & Kathy Elster** celebrated their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary in September, so did **John & Carrie Kercel** who celebrated their 19<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations to both. We also had six members who celebrated their birthdays during the months of August and September but they did not want to share the number of years.

The whole membership is offering up thoughts and prayers to **Sharon** (Secretary) & **Bernie Garrah** to help them and their family during the difficult times they are facing. The chapter sent flowers to their home, hopefully to be delivered during the time that our meeting was in session. "Thinking of you" cards for Sharon and her family will be greatly appreciated.

The chapter suffered some losses over the summer months. Lifetime members **Marilyn Gschwend**, **Jim Samples** and **Gil Terry**, all left us this year.

Checks for the October meeting are to be mailed to **Nancy Carter**, who is taking over for the **Garrahs**. It will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Old Oak Bible Church. Any checks already mailed in will be forwarded to Nancy. A financial advisor will make a small presentation at the meeting.

Membership is dwindling so Carol has asked the group to give the Officers some suggestions on how to motivate more interest in the Buckeyes. **John & Dolly** (Treasurer) **Taucher** will be taking over the February meeting in 2009. It will be dedicated to **Marilyn Gschwend** as this was the month she always hosted. We still need hosts for March/April/June/September/October/November/ and December. Contact any of the officers if you are interested in hosting a meeting at your favorite venue.

Taylor was a lucky name at our meeting. The 50/50 of \$38 each went to **Vic Taylor** and **Earl Taylor**, not related but sitting at the same table!

Carol then introduced to the membership **Jim Simon**, RUAEA Midwest Director, who has taken over the duties of **Carol Faust**. He gave a informal talk about the concerns of the retirees such as the PBGC and boarding priorities. He promises to communicate with the Buckeyes in a timely manner. There is a Board meeting the first part of October where they will address issues of communication to the retirees, making sure the retiree group is represented as they have been in the past and not overlooked when policies are being decided

upon that affect the retirees such as the BP6A passes, and making a more pronounced effort to advise all retirees that RUAEA is one organization and the local chapters are its branches, each one has to be joined.

Jim closed with "Hope for the best, prepare for the worse, but appreciate what you have."

Calendar:

**Oct. 1** - Old Oak Bible Church in Middleburg Hts., gather at Noon & luncheon served at 12:30PM, prepaid.

**Nov. 5** - Williams ON-THE-LAKE in Medina, doors open at Noon with luncheon to follow at 12:30pm, prepaid.

**Dec. 3** - Annual Christmas Party at Coppertop at Cherokee Hills in Valley City, Doors open at Noon, prepaid.

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I can't believe it is almost time to get out the heavy sweaters, rain boots, umbrellas and all the paraphernalia you need to get ready for the winter ahead. Our beautiful summer was over much too quickly.

VP **Charlie Stemper** presided over the August meeting. The speaker was Morgan Holm from Oregon Public Broadcasting. I wasn't able to attend (vacationing in Maui) but I understand the 81 members enjoyed his presentation.

Winners at the meeting were as follows: Door prize: a guest of **Narsi Castro, Jerry Smith** who gave his winning lunch ticket to Narsi; Birthday: **Steve Borbely**; Anniversary: **Tom & Shirley Walker** and 50/50: **Chuck Falbo**.

I called **Merle Pitman**, Chair of our Sunshine Committee and he had not heard from anyone this month, so our members must be doing something right to stay so healthy or illnesses are not being reported. Please remember to call **Merle** or **Lois** (503) 635-5341 if you know of anyone that should be receiving an acknowledgment from the chapter.

The October meeting will be election of officers and ice cream social. In November, **Jack Hooper** would like to honor our veterans in some way and if you have suggestion on how this could be done, please give him a call (360) 835-7767.

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 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

**October 8** - Ice Cream Social and Election of Officers

**November 12** - Thanksgiving Luncheon

**December 10** - Christmas Luncheon/Party



## **OUR CLUB**

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September 5 was a perfect day for the annual OUR Club picnic and quarterly business meeting. Twenty-three of us gathered at the home of **Steve & Cyndi Austin** in Rogue River, Oregon and enjoyed the **Austins'** warm hospitality, their beautiful home, the company of fellow OUR Club members and a delicious catered barbecue. **Judy Machado** also graciously contributed a green salad to round out everyone's plate, and hosts **Jim & Jane Frincke** provided drinks and dessert.

OUR Club very much appreciates that RUAEA Northwest Region Director, **Jack Hooper** and his wife, **Nancy**, take the time and effort to visit our chapter annually. As in each year Jack has held office, they again came down from Washington State to join us for the picnic. We enjoyed their company and were very interested in Jack's updates about RUAEA National, the convention, PBGC information and the good news that United had just changed the active employee on-time incentive passes from BP6A to BP8. **Jane Frincke** joined Jack in thanking United's retirees, individually and collectively, and RUAEA for successfully campaigning to bring about the boarding status change on the incentive passes.

Other guests we were pleased to welcome were **Judy Machado's** mother and brother, who were visiting from Sacramento, and **Mary Crees'** friend, Linda.

We missed **Alberta & Russ Randall** who were across the pond visiting family and friends in Alberta's native England. At a pre-arranged time we lifted our glasses to Alberta and Russ and knew they were doing the same away around the globe.

**Jane Frincke** gave a heartfelt tribute to our late and loved member, **Herb Crees**, and asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

**Laurie Jordan** was the winner of the 50/50 and **Neal & Sonnia Appleton, Steve & Cyndi Austin, Lowell & Norma Ross, Peggy Wilson** and a guest won the drawings for the table flowers.

**Alberta & Russ Randall** will be hosting the October 3 luncheon at noon at Hunan Gardens in Grants Pass.

**Jane Frincke** closed the meeting with a heads up regarding upcoming monthly luncheons and events, including the election of next year's officers in December.

### Calendar:

**October 3** - Hunan Gardens - **Alberta & Russ Randall**

**November 7** - TBA - **Bob & Ida Rogers**

**December 5** - Holiday Party - The Brewery, Grants Pass - **Alberta & Russ Randall**

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

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Well it was good to see the 34 attendees that turned out for our Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was our first meeting after our summer break. President **Joe Brad** opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe asked that we remember **Ben Haines** in our prayers. Please include **Frank Egges** also as he missed our meeting due to illness. It was really good to see **Walt Sonderman** and **Jim Fanto** again. They are officially off the sick list now. Both look wonderful.

Treasurer **Tom Lyons** gave an update on the BP6A pass program. He also reminded us of the upcoming golf tournament at the Pax Hollow Country Club on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. Arrive by 8:00AM to play at 9:00AM. The cost

is \$65.00 per person and lunch is at **Ken Medrow's** house in Media following the tournament. **Jim Fanto** won the free lunch.

Our speaker today was extremely interesting. Steve Miller is a handsome young man who is an ex-Navy flier who had been stationed in Guam and the South Pacific. We also got to meet his lovely wife, Lisa. Steve spoke very softly and sometimes was emotional but you could have heard a pin drop in the room.

He was flying for USAir on September 11, 2001. His flight was scheduled to take off from BOS at 8:00AM. He was headed for EWR on a shuttle flight. You may recall that is about the same time as United flight 175 and American's flight 11 were taking off. His very moving story of his eye witness account of seeing the Trade Center that fateful morning held our group spellbound.

A personal note was included that his family and friends knew that he was scheduled to leave BOS at 8:00AM for New York. Neighbors came over to be with his wife and children. They all were concerned that it was his airplane that hit the World Trade Center. Since the phone system was down, he was unable to contact anyone at home until hours later when he was driving toward his Air National Guard Unit.

His USAir flight was instructed to land in LGA. Steve recalled that they thought the first hit into the Twin Towers might have been an accident, but quickly realized when they saw and heard of the second hit, that America was being attacked on our own soil.

Since Steve is a pilot in the Air National Guard, he knew he had to report to his unit. His harrowing tale of trying to get out of New York City, to get to his fighter squadron was amazing. After showing a guard his military and pilots license, he ended up driving in the incoming traffic lane on the Verrazano Bridge at over 100 MPH. The bridge was backed up for over 2 miles getting out of the city. Fortunately, the bridge was closed to incoming traffic so no one was coming the other way.

Only 12 of his fellow Guardsmen were able to get to the unit so quickly and their F-16s were loaded with ordinance. They all were assigned flying schedules. Steve tried to describe his feelings of flying over his house, over his wife and children and his neighbors in an F-16 loaded with missiles. He was called back into active duty and spent 4 more years flying jets.

Steve remarked that when he was on active duty, the family lives with the notion that you could be killed in the line of duty. It was never considered that he could be killed by the enemy while flying commercial aircraft.

When his tour was up, he made a decision to go to law school. He now has a successful law practice and is a Major, still flying for the Guard.



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Go Steelers! Another year of good ole hand to hand combat. High school football and Pro should be in full swing by the time you read this.

Congratulations to two newly retirees - **Cathy Cavello Matteson** and **Leland Smith**. Welcome to the fold and good luck to you both. Cathy was feted at a day long party and I was amazed I recognized at least 5 people.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to **Doris Abbas** who was recently hospitalized after having serious foot surgery. **Mitch** is doing his best to nurse her back to chasing him around. Get well soon, Doris, we all look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon. Get well wishes can be sent to Doris at 590 Montgomery Ave., Washington, PA 15301. Phone (724) 228-2893.

The Pit-Stoppers voted at our last outing to forgo our annual Christmas Luncheon this year and combine our holiday meet with the Pittsburgh Interline Club. President **Vic Ference** has applications for anyone wishing to join the club. The affair will be a dinner at the Montour Country Club. We will have further information as the date gets firmed. The board decided that we would honor our two new retirees at our Valentines Day luncheon.

Treasurer **Barb Seaholm** will breathe a sigh of relief once the audit team has the final audit on the '08 Convention this month.

Calendar:

**Oct. 17** – Fall Luncheon at Peter's Place – Bridgeville, PA, hosted by **Ken Wolfe**.

## TENNESSEE

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Shoney's was the location of our bi-monthly breakfast. Eleven of us enjoyed catching up with the news from our fellow Rocky Toppers. **Dorothy Goodette** had out-patient eye surgery at the beginning of the month. She feels good but has to go back for her follow up visit. **Jerry & Mary Lou Barr** have sold their home in Tellico Village and will be moving north of Seattle in October. They are in the midst of packing and deciding which of their antique collections to keep and which items to sell as they are downsizing to a condominium.

We all are wondering where another summer has flown to. It seems just yesterday that summer began. The **Emmels** will host our September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. After a discussion, it was decided that it will be at the Golden Corral on Clinton Hwy. (Rt. 25E).

#### Calendar:

**October 16** - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**November 20** - We still need hosts for our last meeting of the year. Call the **Emmels** and volunteer today!

**December 18** - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd.

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#### *Submitted by **Kip Lufkin***

On Sept. 2, the SLC Retiree group met at the Murray Heritage Center at 9:30AM ... some were a little late because they are getting old and didn't remember that the time isn't 10:00AM any more.

We were informed that our friend and fellow retiree, **Sandy Cantonwine** passed away this morning. His great smile and good nature will be missed by all. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to his family. **Clair Anderson** and his wife, Sandy's daughter, **Judy** were at the gathering this morning. We appreciate their loyalty. Funeral service information is pending.

We were glad to see **Lorraine Olson** at today's gathering after her absence. Thanks to Clair and Judy for picking up the donuts, **Betty Davis** and **Lila Maughan** for the cookies. I think they believe in the old saying "Sweets for the Sweet" ... well maybe not. Thanks to **Frank & Brigitte** for the coffee and all they do to make our little outing great.

We discussed the meeting place for coffee time for November and moved it back one day because of election day. We will meet at Murray Heritage Center on Wednesday, November 05 at 9:30AM. It just so happens that they are giving FLU SHOTS on that day so you can combine the fun events.

December is coming at us rapidly. It was voted to have the luncheon catered so that we could spend our social time doing just that ... socializing ... instead of working on food preparation. Mark your calendar for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be sending a flyer for all to sign up.

**Bill Ottman** has recently moved to St. George, UT but he has advised us of the death of Ret. **Robert Odekirk**, who passed away in August, 2008. We miss Bill being with us. For those of you who wish to keep tabs on him, his address is as follows: 1165 Indian Hills Dr. #228, St. George, UT 84770.

Calendar:

**Oct. 7** - Lunch - 2PM - Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC

**Nov. 5** - Coffee 9:30AM, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S. SLC

**Dec. 2** - Christmas Lunch - Noon, Cornerstone Comm. Ctr., 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr. S., Jordan

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



Former SEARR employees, **Mychal Boiser** and **Maryum Sayyam**, own and operate the Kona Kai Coffee Company coffee and deli house in old downtown Kent. They're located at 124 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South and feature Hawaiian coffee, chocolates and cookies, as well as Hawaiian summer tea and sandwiches. On Friday nights they have live music.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, our annual picnic was held at the beautiful home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman** in Kent. Sixty-seven members and guests enjoyed the nice weather, good food and comfortable surroundings. **Theo Sluys** provided pleasant music on his accordion to make the day all the more enjoyable. **Hank Gosselin**, RUAEA National Vice President of Conventions, spoke to our group, and **Ken Storey** told about the trip to China, he and his wife, **Judy** took in May. President **John Haferbecker** showed everyone a certificate of appreciation made out to **Lyle & Joanna Myers**, former long-time members who moved to Roswell, GA at the beginning of July. We all gave Lyle and Joanna a round of applause and John indicated he would mail the certificate to the Myers thanking them for all they had done for our chapter.

We were pleased that RUAEA past national president **Jim Fauber** and his wife, **Bonnie**, were able to join us this year. Also present as a guest of **Dolores Steger** was **Collette Cox**, who drove up from Mossy Rock to be with us. Collette and her husband, **Ron**, had hosted our picnics for many years at their home when they lived in Kent. And even further back, Collette's late grandparents, **Chef Ernie Mauer** and his wife, **Minnie**, used to host the picnics at their home in Kent.

During the picnic, we discussed United's new on-time arrival incentive program awarding BP6A travel-segment passes to active employees each month goals are met. Holders of these passes will be boarded ahead of retirees, as we are assigned BP6B and BP6C boarding priority. **Ron Robertson**, RUAEA national president, in a letter indicated that he and the officers were not provided the opportunity to provide input or comment on this program, but are now evaluating their course of action. **Dave Rippentrop**, retired from SEACS, responded from the group that in his long career he had seen this happen before and wasn't too concerned about it. He reminded us that the active employees now have the responsibility for helping make United successful and deserve some reward for doing so. Also, he said that from his experience a lot of the passes will probably go unused. ***Note:** Just as this column was being submitted, United changed the program and replaced the BP6A passes with BP8 passes due to many concerns expressed by employees and retirees, including RUAEA leadership, over the negative impact the program would have on boarding by seniority.*

There are many that deserve thanks for helping with the picnic by setting up, tending bar, taking pictures, contributing food and assisting with serving it: **Jerry & Irene Opperman, Ann Fleming, Adelaide Haferbecker, Maury Erben, Marlene Nelson, Dee O'Donnell and Vi Lou Gray**. And many attendees helped with cleaning up afterward.

The door prize winners were: **Dolores Steger, Carol Lucarelli, Don Hanson, Al Hess, Phyllis Bowman, Adelaide Haferbecker, Ed Liesse and Jim Fauber**. The winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Jo Ann Bernovich**. **Ken Storey** assisted with the drawings.

In last month's column, we reported that **Jill Kintner** of Kirkland, daughter of retired SEACS employee, **Jan Kintner**, was preparing to compete in the Olympics Bicycle Motocross competition – or BMX as it is known. We are happy to report that Jill won a bronze medal for the U.S. even though she had injured her knee in practice and had to wear a brace during the race. In the men's competition, U.S. riders won the silver and bronze medals, with a Latvian cyclist winning the gold. On the women's side, two French riders won gold and silver and Jill won the bronze. So overall, the U.S. won half of the medals awarded in BMX competition. This



is the first year BMX was included as a sport in the Olympics. Jill received a lot of publicity during the Olympics, photos and articles about her appeared in both daily Seattle newspapers and in USA Today. She and Jan have also appeared in local television interviews. Then right after Labor Day, Jill joined over 100 U.S. Olympic Team medalists who were flown to Chicago from around the world by United to tape the season premiere of the Oprah Winfrey Show. There were so many enthusiastic supporters that the event evolved into a rally in Chicago's Millennium Park, which holds up to 11,000 people.

We sadly learned of the passing on August 24<sup>th</sup> of retired SEARR employee **Jody Johnson**. She is survived by her husband, **Ken**, also retired from SEARR and daughter **Kim**. We have also recently learned of the May passing of two other retirees: **Ruth Merkle** of SEARR and **Elmer Oetken** of SEACG. Elmer used to enjoy talking about his famous nephew, **Dave Kingman**, a home-run hitting major league baseball player who played for seven different teams in the '70s and '80s.

#### Calendar:

**October 14** – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**November 11** – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**December** – No Meeting

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#### THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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September already! After a beautiful fun-filled summer, the Loungers are excited about another year of sharing lunch and activities.

On September 3, the Loungers Board (President **Linda Scriven**, VP **Mari McColl**, Treasurer **Judy Dunlap**, Membership Chair **Frank Contento**, and Webmaster **Bud Reed**) had a meeting to discuss and plan our upcoming "season." Our first luncheon of the year was held on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Our first planned activity for our group took place on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, in order to commemorate that tragic day and to pay our respects. We went as a group to Shanksville, PA to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> annual commemoration ceremony and visited the crash site.

Secretary **Peg Blanchett** notified us that she must step down from her post because of work and other commitments. We have so appreciated the contributions that Peg has made and will definitely miss her help. For now, I (MM) will once again be writing the RUAEA Newsletter articles, and **Kerrie Schneider** is resuming the writing of the local newsletter (even though Kerrie has gone from no grandchildren to two beautiful grandsons in a matter of months). Kerrie and her husband, **Dutch**, are giving full-time-grand parenting to their new arrivals while their children pursue their careers. It seems to be a beautiful arrangement for all concerned!

During the summer, **Lucy Chatelain** hosted the luncheons for our group at the Red Lobster in Manassas, VA. She had a very good turnout each month and everyone appreciated Lucy's arrangements to give continuity to our gatherings.

I am happy to give you the news that **McKenzie Rice** (daughter of **Keith Rice**, IADCG, and granddaughter of **Preston Rice**, IADJL) is finally home from the hospital. Her leukemia is in remission and she was able to attend her first day of high school. **Preston Rice** had a car accident, which resulted in broken ribs, bruised spleen and other injuries. He is also home from the hospital now and McKenzie is one of his favorite visitors.

**Harry St. John** (IADCG) was diagnosed with mesothelioma this summer. He is staying with his daughter in NJ for now and undergoing treatment at the Stockton Family Alternative Treatment Center. Cards may be sent to 4017 Amberjack Dr, Hermando Beach, FL 34607-3606, they will be forwarded to him.

**Ray Knazik** (IADCG) and **Hank Heuser** (IADCG) both suffered heart problems over the summer but with medication for the former and surgery for the latter, we hope and pray that they will both return to good health soon.

The Loungers grieve the loss of **Carl Olson** (DCACS) and **Nedjo Ellsworth** (IADCS). Condolences are sent to their families and also to Capt. **John Quinn** (DCAFO) for the loss of his wife Barbara.

Please visit our Loungers' website at [www.dullesloungers.com](http://www.dullesloungers.com) - Let us know what you think of Bud's work. Until next month, fly safe

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Hello to all!

In the last article in July, I did mention I was taking a break until September. Well, it's September already, and here is a short report on Clipped Wings®.

Our convention in Pasadena will take place on September 24<sup>th</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup> at The Westin Pasadena. Lots of fun for all of us is in store. These ladies from the LAX Chapter have been working hard for two years with the help of the SAN and OCC Chapters.

Along with lots of fun, there will be elections of new officers for the 2008-10 term, by-laws, and other important decisions to be made.

It has been a privilege to be a part of your organization for the past year and half. Thank you.

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**FOLSOM, Willard S.**, SFORR 06/06/08

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**HODGES, Ricky D.**, ORDMM, 06/18/08

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**JENSEN, Bert W.**, LAXFO 06/28/08

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PINZENSCHAM, Donald L., DENMM 06/05/08  
POGUE, William E., SFOFO 06/09/08  
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## LETTERS

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

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### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

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

### **Joe B. Harris, PO Box 554, Alameda, CA 94501**

I am writing about an outstanding man by the name of **Emilio Joseph** who has been a retiree now, from United Airlines, since December 2003. When I met him in 1964, he was a licensed A&P mechanic, a Commercial pilot and Instructor. I worked with Emilio at United Airlines and I admire him to this day, as a Co-worker, Instructor, Inspector, and as a wonderful human being. He reads, writes and speaks both English and Spanish. He also has his commercial pilot license, instrument multi-engine license, and an instructor rating license. Being able to read, write, and speak both English and Spanish, made him more valuable because he could communicate with more people. Emilio Joseph was born in Panama City, Panama; he came to the United States in 1961 to attend A&P School. In addition to that, he also went to pilot school, in Los Angeles, California, before arriving in San Francisco to work for United Airlines in the jet engine shop.

He started to work for United in 1964, as a mechanic, and became a jet engine parts inspector. Later, he worked on the airplanes, and then became an A&P aircraft inspector in Oakland, California. Emilio worked in San Francisco, in the jet shop for more than 28 years, and in Oakland for 10 years. On one occasion, Emilio was hired to go to Kansas City, Missouri to pick up a new plane, for a flying school in San Carlos, California. He made all the necessary airplane connections to Kansas City so that he could fly the plane to San Carlos. After take-off from the Kansas City airport, he turned off the boost pump and the engine became rough. Immediately, he said he turned the boost pump switch back on and the engine smoothed out. Then he said he pulled the carburetor heat on and there was no ice; the engine was all clear except when the boost pump was off, the engine was rough. So he said that he turned back and landed the new airplane. He taxied it up to the vendor, but everyone had gone. He searched around and found an emergency phone number. He dialed that number and someone came to check on the new airplane engine. They found a fuel line loose. The fuel line was changed, and after that everything worked okay. He refueled the airplane and was off again to California. Every three hours he said he had to come down for fuel until arriving at San Carlos Airport, slightly late and at night due to the fuel-line overhaul but safe, with the plane in excellent condition. It took three landings for refuel. The whole trip took over twelve hours of flying time from Missouri to California, not counting stops for refueling.

Emilio said that several times he applied to become a pilot for United Airlines and each time he said he was turned down. However, one fellow that he taught how to fly became a United Airline pilot. United would hire people he taught, but did not hire him as a pilot.

Emilio Joseph is retired now. He is happy about his United Airlines experience as a mechanic, instructor, and inspector. He tells me that those years with United were the best years of his life. Flying was always the excellent driving motive to work so hard and go to school.

Emilio and his wife Deloris are well suited to enjoy retired life in sunny Oakland, California and beautiful Lake Don Pedro in La Grange California. Emilio's memories of airplanes, flying and working for United Airlines could fill up two lifetimes.

I hope this brief biography I have written about Emilio will be included in one of your upcoming Newsletters. If there are any questions, or if you want further information about Emilio, please contact him at (510) 482-9635.

#### **Melvin L. Fisher, 4137 West 97<sup>th</sup> Pl., Oaklawn, IL 60453**

To show you how fast time fly, we still meet at the VFW Hall on every third month on a Friday for a fish fry, all retirees. By golly, there used to be three tables that were full, now we are down to one table of men. It shows you how fast life goes by.

Time marches on, it's always enjoyable to read the RUAEA Newsletter once a month and reminisce the fond memories of happier days that are behind us. Thank you for the hard and wonderful work you all do to put the RUAEA Newsletter together.

May God bless you all.

#### **Frank Gugliuzza, 2209 Utopian Dr. E. Apt. 321, Clearwater, FL 33763, FrankieG30@verizon.net**

Just a note to let you know, that everything is OK with the wife and me. It is hard to believe it has been 19 years since I retired from United anyways.

After I retired and we moved to Clearwater, FL, I could not just stay home. So I am now in my 19<sup>th</sup> year at Marriott Suites on Sand Key in Clearwater. I am a part time concierge, and just can't stop serving people. If anyone comes to the Clearwater area and you have time stop in to see me. It would be great to see you.

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

Every time I receive a copy of the newsletter, I think what wonderful people have created this very informative letter and I thank them very much. Having been retired 20+ years, I still recognize some names and old friends. Upon retiring, my wife and I sailed out of SFO and turned left heading south, 2 years later we returned to the USA and decided not to go any further than SAN where we are today. Sailing is wonderful, but honestly, it is a young person's activity.

We still sail but on a very limited basis due to my having a bunch of surgeries on my legs. I am training my grandkids to do some sailing but I find sometimes they would rather play on their hand-held's than anything else.

To my friends, it is a great joy to see your names in the newsletter, keep it up until we reach 100.

**Loretta Vass, 648 Bridgeside Dr., Avon Lake, OH 44012-2772**

I started with UAL January 1963. I remember with great fondness, "the good old days," working the Executive Flights EWR-ORD-EWR on the Caravelle. Was that really me working cross country in those 3" heels, dark brown hair, and 105 pounds? I sure had fun.

**Stan Halterman, 5344 Chiswick Cir., Orlando, FL 32812**

Barb and I have been seeing the world since we retired.

I put together trips for the seniors in the Orlando area; so we must escort the groups.

November 23-30, 2008, we are going on a Caribbean Cruise. On July 11-25, 2009, we are going to Scandinavia and Russia. If anyone would like flyers, take a look at Orlando Real McCoy's Newsletter.

We are really enjoying our retirement.

**Bill Gottman, 15 Freedom Way, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250**

Attention old MLI & JAX I.C.S's! We would love to hear from you. My health is not so good, so unable to travel. Our email address is [kaygottman@comcast.net](mailto:kaygottman@comcast.net). Phone is (904) 249-1444.

We'd also like to thank all the RUAEA officers for helping us keep informed and in touch. It's much appreciated.

**Richard Kennedy, 1201 Broadway Apt# 2314, Millbrae, CA 94030**

Alice and I have returned to California after 22 years in Hawaii. We want to thank all personnel of the newsletter for the constant arrival of our "Newsletter", which we peruse from cover to cover.

As an old "Chapter Chairman" I hope that the Orchid Islander Chapter is still in existence. I have not heard from anyone there in some time.

We had an acre with lots of good things growing, but time and health crept up and we had to leave. We now belong to the Golden Gaters here and enjoy the people and the meetings.

We don't travel far from the apartment. Our daughter, son-in-law and the grandchildren keep us "moving."

My daughter, Kathryn and I attended an interesting show at Aircraft Museum in San Carlos. Helicopter pilots from all over come and put on a show at the airport demonstrating the value of the aircraft. One special helicopter pilot flew the aircraft upside down. There were demonstrations of lifesaving and versatility of the aircraft. There were about 35 aircraft that attended.

**Marylyn Camphouse, 1653 Hollingsworth Dr., Mountain View, CA 94040**

I enjoy getting the newsletter, although not many names are familiar. My husband, Lee was with United for 43 years before he retired in 1983. He passed away in 2004.

My son, Jim is a pilot on 747s that fly to China and that section of the world. So we are still a flying family.

**George Dobison, 95 W. Hodge Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459-3470**

All remains well in the Florida Panhandle. We do not travel a lot anymore. But with Denise in Detroit with Northwest and Dan in Cal flying for American, we are able to travel where we want to get and they come here. We manage to see family and friends and get to know our grandchildren.

We are blessed with good health. We love to get the airline news each month and thank those who keep us in touch with UAL.

Happiness and good health to all!

**Colin Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd., Clermont, FL 34711**

To celebrate the birthdays of oldest son and myself, I zipped up to NYC via IAD, and then UAX to White Plains, NY. That route enables one to avoid both ORD and LGA. I was taken to a concert in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx to hear the NY Symphony Orchestra. With the last notes still in the air, began an astonishing fireworks, with oohs and aahs, I've ever seen.

My son had some work to do in the Red Hook area of Brooklyn and so my daughter-in-law and I wandered around the old area behind the long gone boat docks. The streets are still cobblestone and the area visibly ran down. A European company has built a large boxlike store and they've turned over six acres of waterfront property and dry docks into a nicely landscaped park next to the store. A water taxi brings City customers over from Wall St. A sad looking old man offered us a sad looking cat. "*I can't take any more strays,*" he said. "*I've got eleven cats already.*" Also rode up to Guilford on the Connecticut coast where son ties up his 18 foot sail boat. No power. Leaving the dock, a bit tricky on a falling tide, our keel caught someone's rope. I was on the



tiller and we came to a stop. My son jumped overboard and disengaged the rope. Unfortunately he forgot that his cell phone was on his belt-end of cell phone. We sailed out about 12 miles into Long Island Sound where, sadly, the Wind God went to sleep and we drifted closer and closer to a two-bell buoy denoting the area was all rocks. The boat has one oar for such an occasion and we paddled with energy. However, the tide kept pushing us towards that ever clanging bell buoy. That's when the Wind God woke up, and we were away at about eight knots. That's the most time I've ever been on the tiller and I learned with an aching arm that in wind it's hard work holding your heading. Driving back to NYC, we saw a female turkey with two chicks trying to cross the Merritt Park Freeway - fat chance. And it answers the old question, "*Why did the turkey cross the road?*" I saw the answer. The turkey doesn't know any better, no other reason. It finally gave up "on foot" and flew across, leaving her two chicks. Dumb turkey, alas, the chicks were road kill.

Warning: A mistake with a credit card. A lady I know in NYC has the misfortune to have a conniving, married and divorced daughter. Over the years, the daughter borrowed a lot of money from her widowed mother and repaid nothing. Recently the daughter called her mother asking for an urgent loan of \$400 to "solve a problem." Mother said she didn't carry that much money, but agreed after a lot of pleading and arguing to loan the daughter her credit card. Daughter said, "I promise you'll have it back today and it's only for \$400 which I'll repay." Later, when the credit card statement came - surprise! The mother owed \$11,000.

Sitting in the living room reading the NY Times, I was interrupted by a boy playing with my youngest grandson. He came down the stairs like a herd of elephants, rushed over to me and said, "*Will you teach me to play poker?*" "*How old are you?*" "*Seven,*" he replied. "*No,*" I replied and I wonder where he's headed.

I was taken to have dinner with a family a few miles up the Hudson River and, no joke, their three children don't go to bed till 2AM and got up after midday. Maybe we should all go to Mars?

On the White Plains-IAD flight, a heavily jeweled lady sitting next to me began to gasp for air. Oh no. At 16,000 feet we were in the clouds with no visibility. She gasped, "*I can't breathe inside a cloud.*" It was no good trying to explain this; so I pushed the call button. The flight attendant handed her a barf bag which she pushed away. With the attendant watching, I went through the gold bangles on her wrist and checked her pulse. Sixty-ish. Normal. She smiled and breathing normally asked, "*Are you a doctor?*" I almost said, "*No but I did stay at a - Inn fast night,*" but I didn't. We were then below the clouds and the crisis was over. (I was first aid certified by Red Cross.)

Does anyone recall what ORD stands for? Orchard Field Airport. Until the next trip, onwards, fellow pilgrims.

#### **Eugene Vongonten, P.O. Box 230644, Centreville, VA 20120**

I am into the 16<sup>th</sup> year of retirement, going strong, with fair to good health. Only bad happening this past year, I lost my twin brother in MIA to cancer.

Sorry to hear about Jo Madden's passing; she was a great lady. Keep up the good work on the retirement newsletter.

BUFOO (1956-59), ATLCS (1959-63), IADCM (1964-87 - These were the best years.), DCAFO/IADFO/IADFO (1988-1993).

#### **Norma Klaas, 2008 Knight Ave., Petaluma, CA 94954, normaklaas@sbcglobal.net**

Unfortunately, Steve has pancreatic cancer and is now in a hospital bed at home and being cared for by Hospice of Petaluma, myself and our girls.

He is still alert, loves visitors and loves to talk, as anyone who remembers him knows that he is a talker. He is comfortable and has a sense of humor and a good outlook.

If anyone wants to send an e-mail, you can send it to the above email address. He would enjoy any news and prayers.

We both enjoy reading the newsletter.

#### **Marti Mott, 7212 61<sup>st</sup> Street Ct. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335-6688**

To the Newsletter folks;

I would like to add my thanks to you all for the job you do in keeping all of us informed about the happenings at United as well as providing the news from all the chapters. Since so many of us have moved around the country, it is fun to see a familiar name pop up now and then in another city. And having the bold print does make them easier to spot. I am sending you a change of address and my dues at the same time since my birthday is coming up the end of September. I never can seem to beat the red stamp reminder since my



birthday is so late in the month and I don't even begin to think of it till mid-month. I may not have this off in time, but at least I tried.

I have been retired since April 2003 and the time has just passed me by. Would you believe I haven't been on an airplane since then? And from a lot of the stories I hear about flying today, am not sure I care to. But we have been so busy finishing up and moving into our "retirement/dream" home that I haven't had the need to travel yet. This house has been a work in progress for more years than I care to mention, but there have been stumbling blocks along the way. My main reason for retiring was due to my husband's health problems and the need to have the time off for his care, but there were several other reasons as well that I could probably count on all of my fingers. For one thing, the job was no longer enjoyable, the passengers seemed to have forgotten 911, and the company was making promises that were not kept. But I don't regret my decision and my husband is doing quite well now. And we are in our new home.

My career with United began in late 1963 at PITSW and it was a great domicile for a new "stewardess." I regret that I could not attend the Convention there this year, but I did get some layovers there before I retired. I appreciated the write-up about **Rachel Woodings** and do recall all the tireless work she did for the Stewardess & Steward Division of ALPA which was our union at the time. And does anyone know **Mary Walleck** (sp?). I have always wondered where she went after PITSW closed. She was very kind to this "newbie" and I have thought of her often. I left PIT to transfer to LAXSW in 1965 and my career went through LAXRR, SFOSW and SEASW from which I retired. I have great memories of all the years and can look back fondly, but I sure do like being retired! And I say a big HELLO to anyone out there who remembers me. Take care of yourselves!

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

Thanks so much to the newsletter for printing my notes in recent issues regarding my posting of what I call SFO Memories pictures on Picassa. I have received several very nice comments on the pictures from and regarding folks I haven't heard about since I retired, which I enjoyed very much. From these comments I have been able to add several names to the pictures posted.

I will make the big 80 this September. Can't figure out how that happened - maybe that's what these aches and such are telling me. Oh well, still getting around OK, and enjoying the online version of the RUAEA Newsletter. I also note the "Letter from the President/Vice President" are very informative and appreciated. Thanks!.

**Ron Baker, 624 S. Walnut Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60005**

Pat & I are doing fine. She still does her Hallmark thing and I do a lot of volunteering and we both enjoy our golf. This was one of the few times that she came away from Frank Callahan's Mesquite Outing, empty handed, it was a great time, anyway.

Thank you all for your efforts in doing what you do to keep everyone up to date.

**Mary Frank, PO Box 998, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240**

Greetings from the California Desert.

Thanks for this wonderful newsletter. I am not the retired member but the retired spouse of Tom Frank. He enjoyed his retirement and the Desert Sunbirds in Palm Springs for 17 years. I can't believe it has been 7 years since his passing, but his memory lives on.

I am living here in Mission Lakes in Desert Hot Springs, where Tom wanted to live only because he could play golf every day, and he did. It is beautiful here in Mission Lakes, especially standing on the inside, looking out when the temperatures are in the triple digits as they have been in July and August.

All of you do a fantastic job with the newsletter, keeping the members informed. I do recognize names every once in a while, I always look.

I use the retirement desk in Seattle when I fly on a pass. They are such a nice group of people who work those desks. But, what can I say, all United people are great. You can tell by the tone of the letters sent.

**Duane Gentner, 10643 Clarkeville Way, Parker, CO 80134-9189**

As always, Carole and I look forward to your monthly chronicle detailing what's going on at United Airlines and how various happenings affect us retirees. I love seeing names of old friends and co-workers. You folks do a great job!

We two passed the 50 years of marriage mark last February, and are well into our second 50 years. That second 50 should be a piece of cake. We devote two mornings each week to being amazed by our 22 month-old

granddaughter, Kyrah, with whom we try to keep up. Sheer joy and exhaustion! Wouldn't trade it - or her - for anything.

Other than that, we're anxiously awaiting the conclusion of the Presidential race. Just can't wait for all those benefits and improvements they are promising us.

Our best to all of you and to all of your faithful readers.

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

Our plans and trip to the annual RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh this past year was cut short due to my father-in-law's sudden health emergency. We left Pittsburgh with heavy hearts and disappointment with leaving the Convention early. However, when an elderly parent (96 years old) unexpectedly falls ill, you know where you belong. In spite of the doctor's prognosis of a month to live, Frank has amazed everyone with his determination to live. Although he's very frail, we feel the Almighty is not ready to take him just yet.

On a cheery note, if all goes well and I continue to behave myself, my husband may just renew our marital contract on Sept. 10 when we will celebrate 25 years of marital bliss or should I say challenges survived.

Once again, we look forward to our return to Green Valley for a month the latter part of October/early November and then a return in March until June. Since the 2009 Convention will be held in Phoenix next year, we feel we'll extend our "winter" stay.

Life is great and God has bestowed many blessings upon us with good health and wonderful family and friends. We enjoy all the RUAEA events that enable us to be with our retired United friends.

Thank you for all the hard work that keeps us in touch with one another. You are truly one of our blessings that allow us to remain united with United alumni.

**Elmer Koldoff, 103 Sea Island Dr., Peachtree City, GA. 30260, snowmanatl@bellsouth.net**

Retirement is great - almost 10 years now and still going pretty strong. Had a hip replaced June 7 but was dancing by September. I should have done it years ago. The hip was damaged when I was struck by lighting back in '94 but I continued to ignore it. Got so bad it was hurting down to my ankle. The truth is, I was afraid to have it done. What a fool. Now I highly recommend it for anyone with hip problems.

After 9 years, I am still the Maintenance Officer for the Dixie Wing of the Commemorative Air Force in Peachtree City, GA. It's getting to be quite a job now with six aircraft in flying status and one undergoing restoration. I had to develop all the procedures for the Annual and periodic inspections for each aircraft. Even came up with a form like the old 1338 job card to document non-routine work. (Old time mechanics will remember this). Now have an inspection program going, so all work is double checked and signed off on the job card so nothing is left to chance. Work is under the direction and supervision of an A&P Mechanic, usually the respective Crew Chief. We have a P-51, SBD Dauntless Dive Bomber (only 3 still flying), C-45, PT-26, LT-6 and an Aeronca. It took over 5 years to completely restore our LT-6 and just over a year for the Aeronca. Just finished them up last year and it proved to be quite an experience dealing with the FAA for Certification of our LT-6. But the FAA was very impressed with the maintenance procedures and quality of work they saw, typical Government, always in groups of 2 or 3. The LT-6 won Best of Show at Fun and Sun in Florida this year. It makes one feel proud to have a part in it.

Our restoration project is a P-63 King Cobra. We got this airplane 10 years ago in bushels and boxes after it was salvaged from a flood. Now the wings are just about restored and the fuselage is ready for electrical and plumbing. Just got an oven to heat treat the parts we are fabricating. Still need a lot of parts and working with contacts as far away as Russia to obtain them. It's funny that we gave Russia these aircraft during WWII and now they want an arm and a leg just to get some parts back. I usually spend 3 days a week at the airport. Things are sure different from the old days at United. If I need a part, such as a tail strut for the SBD, or a Merlin V-12 for the P-51, it is not a simple matter to just give a part number to Stores and have them find it. Research and many phone calls are the norm. We now have a small museum with WWII artifacts, which attracts many visitors and school classes. Check out our Web site at [www.dixiwing.org](http://www.dixiwing.org) and if in the area, stop in to see our facility.

Sure glad I accepted the transfer to ATL. I've been here 19 years and at the most, 7 snow days during this time. Coming from Chicago, it seems strange when schools here are cancelled and businesses are closed with a little snow flurries in the forecast. But they are not prepared for any accumulation of snow in the South. What a place for a Snowman to retire.

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***UAHF Pursues Archive Collection at United Airlines***

The United Airlines Historical Foundation's mission is "Preserve the Past, Inspire the Future." Living up to its responsibilities, the Foundation's Board of Directors' representatives are currently seeking to meet with officials at United to discuss UAHF's proposal of March 19, 2008 to acquire and manage the archive collection. This collection consists of documents and memorabilia tracing the history of United Airlines from 1926 to 2005.

We would like to provide the background of how this collection came to be. In the mid-1960s, plans were approved by the UAL board of directors to build a United museum on the grounds of Executive Office (EXO) in suburban Chicago. The museum was to be named after William A. (Pat) Patterson who served as President of United from 1934-1966, leading the company out of its pioneering past to become the world's biggest airline.

United employee Adrian Delfino was selected to head the project and he began collecting memorabilia from early airmail pilots, mechanics, and former employees of United's four predecessor airlines (Boeing, National and Pacific Air Transport and Varney Airlines) in addition to United active and retired employees. The collection was extensive.

UAL President William A. Patterson stepped down in 1966 and George Keck assumed the role of President. The company experienced losses and the museum project was cancelled. Some of the memorabilia was displayed in the lobby for a brief period of time at EXO but most of it was stored in a locked room in the basement of EXO where it remained until 1995 in a state of disarray.

The museum concept was resurrected by strong employee interest in 1995 and United paid for the construction of a mini-museum that was located in the large entry lobby of the Executive Suite and also extended to adjacent hallways.

An archive program was also created and staffed with one United employee who recruited over 15 volunteers in the Chicago area from RUAEA and Clipped Wings. Retired UAL historian Adrian Delfino served as a consultant on many projects. All the memorabilia that was inherited as well as new acquisitions were numbered and logged in a database. Special care was given to protect all of the objects in temperature controlled conditions. A traveling history exhibit was also funded which made the rounds to about five U.S. airports per year during a five year period. The traveling history exhibit was recently moved from Chicago to Denver and is located in the United Airlines Flight Training Center (DENTK) cafeteria. A history website was developed at [www.united.com](http://www.united.com) as well as an oral history program. Utilizing the resources of the archives, the Age of Flight book was published in celebration of United's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In 2005, one year before United Airlines exited bankruptcy, the archive program was eliminated. In 2006, the World Headquarters (WHQ) corporate museum was dismantled. The artifacts were once again placed in storage in the basement of WHQ as they were prior to 1995.

Since the 1970s, UAHF has mounted displays of its own memorabilia at DENTK (United Airlines Flight Training Center) and it is there that the Foundation shares an office with RUAEA. The UAHF is continuing to mount displays and works in harmony with the United management team at DENTK. They have offered the Foundation sufficient space to store the Chicago area Operations Center (formerly EXO/WHQ) archive collection according to prescribed standards. It is this collection that the Foundation is now seeking to acquire.

The UAHF's position is to bring the remainder of the archival collection into the hands of the Foundation as it has a vested long term interest in the United history, memorabilia and archives. The collection is comprised of the good faith donations from employees and retirees. The Foundation is a 501c3 tax exempt not for profit organizations and has the capability to shelter and assume ownership of the archive collection via a "Deed of Gift" transfer.

RUAEA entered an informal alliance with UAHF in 2005. Since then, the RUPA Retired Pilots, AFA-CWA Retired Members Chapters of Flight Attendants and an IAM group in SFO have also joined the alliance - now, over 17,000 retirees share a desire to preserve United's rich history. The late William A. Patterson's daughter Pat Patterson Dudley and his son William A. Patterson, Jr., recently wrote to the president of United Airlines to support the transfer of the archives at United to the UAHF. In addition, the Foundation has reached out to unions representing workers at United Airlines and their response resulted in a joint letter of support to the UAL Corp. Board of Directors from the Union presidents.

The Foundation is now in a position to utilize the resources of our alliance coalition groups to further our goals to bring the archives at United under the Foundation's care and ownership. To learn more about this issue and what support is needed, please visit our website at [www.UAHF.org](http://www.UAHF.org).

**Gerald Kennedy, 15718 Laburnum Ave., Flushing, NY 11355-2309**

Can't beat that Newsletter! I will be 88 years old in August. I am slowing down quite a bit. I don't see too many names I recognize, but I have many good memories.

Thanks for all the hard work.



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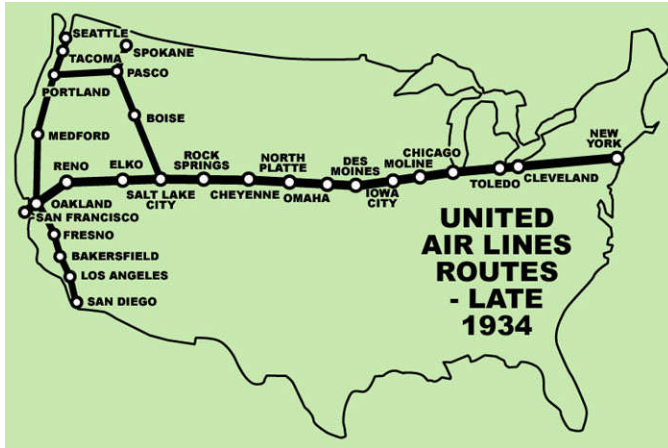
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Joe Ripley was able to get United Airlines off the ground, free of debt and with \$4,000,000 in working capital. The airline division had one-third of the assets of the United Aircraft and Transportation holding company but received more than half of the money.

Ripley also urged Rentschler and other heads of the holding company to name Pat Patterson as Philip Johnson's successor as president of United Airlines. On April 13, 1934 Patterson assumed the presidency of the newly incorporated Delaware Company, United Air Lines Transportation Company.

United bid-for and won-back all of its former routes except the Chicago-Dallas route where Braniff Airlines underbid United. United continued to fly the Chicago-Kansas City segment as a passenger and cargo route.

The Air Mail Act added two more hoops-to-jump-through. In addition to the U.S. Post Office, the airlines now had to deal with the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Department of Commerce.

The ICC cut United's average return on air mail from 38 cents to 31 cents per plane mile and also put a 300 pound-per-plane limit on what the Post Office could pay. As a result United had to fly many 300 pound bags of mail for free. This loss of income

led to the May 12, 1934 cancellation of the Chicago-Kansas City route.

A last-minute clause in the Air Mail Act forbid any carrier from holding air mail contracts for more than one Primary route and two Secondary routes.

United's Transcontinental route was designated a Primary route as was its Pacific Coast route. United could not keep the old PAT route unless it was split-off into a separate company and was completely independent of United. Faced with protests from Pacific Coast cities, Congress relented and designated it a Secondary route.

By Marvin Berryman DENTK, (Ret.).



Aug. 20, 2008, DENTK celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. See Marvin's "DENTK 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" photos using the following link:

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