



Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER



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GENERAL NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A website meeting was held on July 14 in DEN. Participants were Jim Fauber, Marlin Lade, Mel Conine, Dean Moberg, plus the website managers Jim Sommerfield & Bob Kalicki. Spectrum Data was represented by Susan Perschke & Knute Moe.

We made very good progress in the future development of the RUAEA website. The main objective was to make sure the DEN offices & Spectrum are on the same page - sharing information.

1. Overlay will send current membership data from RUAEA to Spectrum.
2. Overlay will send information that Spectrum has received to our DEN office. Spectrum to investigate a reminder to retirees, using the web when their membership is due. This is on their birthday.

We agreed to keep a rolling 13 months of newsletters available on the web.

The newsletter will become available on the web the day after Spectrum receives the file from RUAEA. Retirees using the web could access the newsletter as early as the 15th of the month rather than wait until the 1st of the next month.

Very important - In order to access the newsletter section on the web you must be registered online. Current website registration requirement:

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE MADE ONLINE AT THE WEBSITE.

Those members who previously mailed in registration requests will now need to re-register online. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

For those members who have already registered online, your registration is complete.

Online Web Registration Instructions:

In the URL box type in www.RUAEA.org.

Click onto Newsletter.

Proceed to Registration Page (non-registered users).

Type in the requested information (all required fields must be filled in.)

Bookmark the website if able to.

Once registered, after September 30, you will no longer receive a printed copy of the newsletter.

In this very busy time in our lives, let us pause, thank God for the men & women of our armed services, pray for our leaders at United and the recovery. God Bless America.

Jim Fauber, RUAEA President

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

In Jan. Jim Fauber & I met with Glenn Tilton to discuss the relationship between United Airlines & its retirees. In our efforts to build this relationship we focused on three items: improved formal communications between United Airlines & its retirees; establish a process in which retirees can give input to the company on matters that affect them; and explore ways in which retirees can actively support United Airlines in its recovery. Mr. Tilton wholeheartedly endorsed and supported these efforts. We recapped this at the convention in May & provided demos for retirees to utilize technology to access information currently available. At the convention Mr. Tilton invited us to meet with him again to review the status of our progress & take steps to move these efforts forward.

Jim Fauber, Ed Tolle & I met with Mr. Tilton on July 22. With his support we are moving forward to enhancing information that is specifically targeted & focused on retirees. This will include both our website and Skynet. We are exploring establishing links between our website & Skynet to be supportive and complimentary in providing complete information. I mentioned at the convention that our goal is to provide retirees with accurate, timely & complete information about United Airlines & retiree benefits. (See Jim Fauber's related item in this newsletter about our - RUAEA's website.

Ed Tolle is getting information on the "Idea Center" which is designed for employees & retirees to provide input, comments & suggestions to the company on matters that are important to United Airlines. In addition, Jim, Ed & I are exploring ongoing and long-term processes for retirees to provide inputs to the company on matters mutually important to the company and retirees.

Finally, we explored with Mr. Tilton how retirees can actively become involved and support United in its recovery plans. We are working out the details of the first steps. We will utilize our website to communicate these opportunities to you & recap them in the monthly newsletter. We will work with your Regional Directors & appropriate local chapters in implementing these efforts.

With the scope & importance of these efforts - both to our retirees & to United Airlines - we are

moving deliberately and thoroughly. We want to make sure that what we are doing is effective & efficient. We would like to see things happen faster, but we want to make sure that what we are doing is the right thing. I can assure you this has total support of your RUAEA officers, also of the top management of United Airlines. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Have you used "easy check in" yet? It works great, gets you through security and to the gates very fast. Try it and when you travel, don't forget to thank all of the United employees that you come in contact with for the wonderful job they are doing in keeping United on track in the recovery.

Marlin Lade
Executive Vice President

W A N T E D! RUAEA VOLUNTEERS

With the RUAEA membership soon to reach 10,000, there must be people who are willing to participate in the guidance of our great organization. **Remember:** RUAEA would not exist without the many enthusiastic people giving of their time.

Take a moment to look at the back page of your RUAEA Newsletter. Every person named there is a volunteer! To this are added the great many who serve in the respective chapters, as well as those who, for many months, prepare for the annual conventions. Mention should also be made of the DEN area retirees who come in every month to assemble & prepare the Newsletter for mailing.

If you are willing to be a volunteer at the national level, it is very easy to apply: Contact the RUAEA Director in your region & advise him/her of your interest in becoming involved. They will forward to you a biographical form to be completed & returned to them. Your willingness to serve would be greatly appreciated by RUAEA in its need for future leadership. The growth of our organization will require that we prepare ourselves for the great challenges we will face in the years to come.

Thank you for your willingness to serve RUAEA.

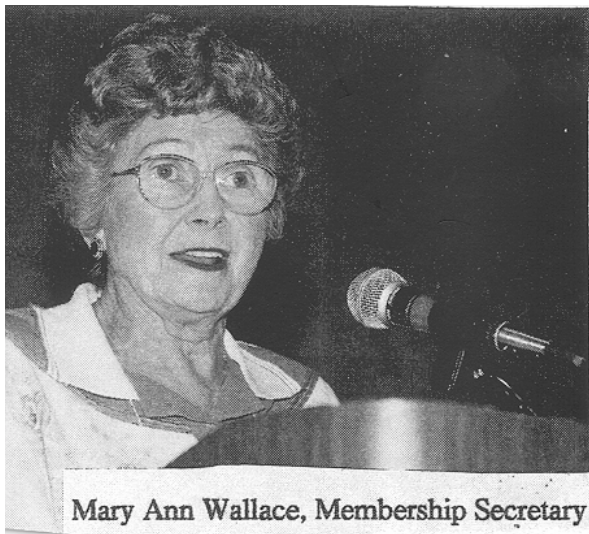
Frank Murdock - Alice Belzer - Tom Goodyear
RUAEA Nominating Committee

**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR
RETIREE PASS TRAVEL CHARGE
INQUIRIES**

For a more convenient way to resolve any inquiries regarding retiree pass travel charges, United has implemented a new e-mail address: employee-pass-invoiced@ual.com. When sending your e-mail, be sure to include your file number in the subject line. Your note should indicate the flight number, date of travel, origin/destination cities, and the concern you have regarding the service charges.

In order to expedite the process, pass travel invoices will be generated twice per month. Be advised that it is possible to take up to two months for write your own tickets to be processed.

Additionally, United is currently exploring ways for retirees to pay for their pass travel service charges online by credit cards. You will be notified once this convenient payment method is finalized.



MARY ANN WALLACE RESIGNS

Membership Secretary, Mary Ann Wallace, resigned from RUAEA effective Aug. 1, 2003 because of health reasons. She started her "career" with RUAEA in Sept. 1981 when she was elected Membership Secretary, served two years, was off two years, re-elected for another two years. After that time Membership Secretaries were appointed by the RUAEA President each year. Her service to RUAEA lasted for a total of 13 years.

Mary Ann has done an excellent job for our organization. We thank her for her dedication and untiring service all these years. She will be missed very much.

P.S. Just in case any of you would like to drop a note to Mary Ann - her address is: 8030 E. Girard Av., #501, Denver, CO 80231-4423

**UNITED ADJUSTS SCHEDULE
TO SEASONAL TRAVEL DEMAND**

Sept. marks the start of United's fall seasonal schedule change, which includes resuming some international service, increasing select U.S. flying & decreasing summer seasonal flying added in June.

Sept. 1 will resume all suspended, daily, non-stop service to Pacific markets except between Hong Kong & Singapore, which will resume daily service on Oct. 26 & SFO - Taipei, which had been replaced by one-stop service through Tokyo,

The following U.S. domestic schedule changes at hubs will be made:

- CHICAGO - Cancellation of seasonal Anchorage service, as well as single frequency reductions to Boston, Buffalo, Las Vegas, Orlando, Oakland, Portland, Philadelphia & Vancouver. This year marks the first year United will fly year-round nonstop service from Chicago to Calgary, which started in 2002 as a summer-only service.
- DENVER - Seasonal frequency reductions to Anchorage, Reno, San Diego, Seattle, San Jose, Sacramento & Vancouver.
- WEST COAST - Transcontinental frequency reduction between SFO & BOS; SFO & Baltimore; LAX & Orlando. Seasonal frequency reduction between SFO & both Anchorage & Vancouver.
- HAWAII - Seasonal reduction between Kona & SFO & between Maui & both LAX & SFO. These services will be reinstated for the peak winter season.

NRSA TRAVEL REMINDERS

Customer service representatives are asking for help from non-revenue, space-available (NRSA) travelers. With record load factors, they're doing

their best to board flights & get them out on time. Their job has become harder with the time they spend discussing NRSA travel policies with employees, retirees & eligibles or companions. They're asking NRSA travelers to help them by:

- Following standby & dress-code policies. We're getting comments from many CSRs who repeatedly need to explain United's dress code to companions. We need employees & retirees to explain the policies & risks involved with standby travel - especially the dress code.

Details on NRSA travel policies are available on SkyNet. From the home page main menu, click: Travel.

ATTENTION ALL LAXers

It was reported erroneously in the July issue that the LAXRR reunion being held on Sept. 27 would be at the Sportsmen Lodge. As reported in the June issue, it will be held at the Hacienda Hotel near LAX.

Invitations will be going out shortly. It's not too late to be put on the mailing list. Please send me a note with your address & e-mail address if you have one.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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ATTENTION ALL PAST HAMPTON ROADS AREA EMPLOYEES AND ALL RETIREES IN THE AREA (ORF & PHL)

The Tidewater Seagulls chapter of RUAEA is having a great celebration. If you ever worked at the ORF or PHF stations, Reservations, CTO, JAMTO or any other facility or location in the Hampton Roads area, you are invited - don't miss this great opportunity to be re-united with those you knew & worked with in the past.

If you are retired from UAL & live in Northeastern North Carolina or Eastern Virginia, you are invited. This is a family function; what's a picnic without kids to enjoy it? So, bring the

children, grandchildren & the family. Ed Geiger was manager at ORF for many years; one of the many ways he thanked his employees was with an annual picnic. After he retired he carried on this tradition until his death. His wife, Pat, is still very active in RUAEA & suggested that the Seagulls have another picnic for all the UAL employees that ever worked in the area. This is to celebrate the good years of having worked for UAL before ORF & PHF became UAX.

The celebration will be Sept. 27, at the Ruritan Club in Chesapeake. To get there take I-64 to Chesapeake, go south on State Highway I-90 (Exit 85). Go a short distance, turn right on Dominion Blvd. Continue on Dominion to Shillelagh, turn left ¼ mile. The Ruritan Club is on the right. There is plenty of parking on either side of the club building. We plan to eat at 1:00 PM. The price is \$10 adult, \$5 for youths under 12 years, free for those under 2. We need your reservation in advance so we will know how many to prepare for. In addition to North Carolina-style pork BBQ, there will be hamburgers & hot dogs. Please make check payable to our Treas., Claire Karlson & mail check, full name of everyone attending to Claire, 1228 Glyndon Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 21464. You will not receive tickets, but a numbered name tags will be awaiting you at the door. As we are a non-profit organization, any profit after expenses will be given as door prizes. The number on your name tag will be used in the drawing. **Please have your check in the mail so Claire will receive it on or before Sept. 13.**

We need your help in getting this information to anyone you know of that may be interested. We have addresses of those that worked ORF on closing day. Pass this info on to everyone you know so they can get their reservations made & a check to Claire.

The Seagulls are looking forward to seeing you.

Connie McManus, President, Seagulls
Robert Riggs, Celebration Chairman

Know your Officers/Directors/Staff

TOM GOODYEAR, Mountain Region Director, was employed by United Airlines 6/2/53 as an Inner-office Mailman in OPBOP in Denver and retired 2/28/93 as a Zone Controller-DENOO.

He was one of those lucky persons who spent his entire career in one station. Tom was President of the Denver Mainliner Club & Chairman of United's All Sell Program in DEN.

After retirement he became involved in RUAEA activities; is President of the Mile Highers chapter, also is an important member of the Mailing Team.

He was Mtn. Region Director 1999-2001, also a volunteer for United Airlines Historical Society and was General Chairman of RUAEA's 2002 convention held in DEN. On top of all this, he is an Elder in his church.

Leisure activities are: restoring automobiles, gardening, walking, watching baseball & football; of course, traveling.

Tom & wife Nancy have 3 children (2 boys, 1 girl), 8 grandchildren, (6 girls, 2 boys).

Happy to have you on RUAEA Board of Directors for the "second time around"!

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS: Chapter reports for Oct. are due in DEN by Fri., Sept. 5, Nov. reports by 10/6, Dec. reports by 11/6. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX number is 303-780-5667 - Attention Jo Madden. If reports are more than one page, list chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to: Jo Madden, RUAEA Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delays; we cannot extend deadlines.

LOCAL NEWS

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Many of the regular attendees at our breakfasts must have fled the hot weather as only 14 attended the last 2 breakfasts. Pat Paulson reported on the July 4 party at Harry Fraser's house. About 40 people attended the party, reported that the hospitality was super & the fireworks show was great. Chuck Sharpe was one of the attendees and

was doing great after surgery.

Among the missing at the breakfasts was Madelon Cook who was admitted to Boswell Hospital for radiation. She since has returned home and needs some cheering up so remember her with a phone call, visit or card. Her address is 15003 Aloha Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85378, phone number is 546-9082. Madelon is a very special lady and can use your prayers at this time.

The Azures got a special invitation from the Prescott Tall Pines for their annual "Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch Picnic & White Elephant Auction on Tues., Sept. 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Goldwater Lake, Prescott. No charge!! Is that possible? They even provide dessert. RSVP by 9/2 to (928) 776-9192 or (928) 772-3178. Bob Lutzinger will have the directions to the park. Sounds great!

Last month I reported about my experience with companion tickets - what a firestorm among people all over the system. Almost identical experiences! I think if we all would let UAL world headquarters know they might start to listen to us. It is too bad our great company looks at their hardworking employees & retirees like this.

Again, if anyone has anything to share, please e-mail me.

TALL PINES

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One by one & two by two they dribbled in for our July luncheon meeting. Finally 13 showed up including 3 guests. Visiting were Manual & Louise Vitek from the SFO area. Manual retired from SFOMB. Louise brought her mother, Hazel Melhart, who lives in the Prescott area. She is a super lady!

Vi Larson was our Meeting Facilitator & informed us that the Ramada at Goldwater Lake has been reserved for our annual Picnic & White Elephant Sale on Sept. 9. Flyers have been sent to all AZ chapters. Vi also related that plans are underway for our Christmas Party/Dinner. Details will be available soon.

For those who are wondering about Earle Risdon, his surgery was rescheduled for early Aug. Apparently there was some infection that had to be

healed prior to the procedure. Please send well wishes to: Earle Risdon, 428 River Oaks Rd., Prescott, AZ 86301. Earle will appreciate hearing from his friends throughout the "system".

Calendar

Sep. 9 - Annual "Bring Your Own Brown Bag" Picnic at Goldwater Lake, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Contact Vi Larson (928) 776-9192 for directions or information.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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We have heard all good things from our members who attended the May Convention in CHI so, belatedly, thank you CHI from the Tucson Roadrunners.

June & July, those of us sticking around for this nice hot weather, enjoyed a cool afternoon at the Thunder Canyon Brewery.

On Aug. 21 & 22 many of our members made the annual trek up the mountain to Pinetop & Alpine, enjoyed a nice dinner together, some gambling & a great brunch. It's nice to have friends in high places, because it is a little cooler up there.

As Sept. rolls around, our members will start drifting back into town so we will kick off the 2003-2004 season with a lunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch.

We have one couple this month that celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on Aug. 28; Jeanne & Rod Gilstrap were married in 1949. I know their friends join the Roadrunners in congratulating this young couple.

CALIFORNIA

Pismo Beach

CENTRAL COASTERS

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Bill & Dana Noyes, (805) 964-9057, will be the hosts of the Oct. 15 Central Coasters luncheon at the Elephant Bar & Grill in Goleta. Details will be in flyer.

For chapter info, contact Pres., Al Rybar (805) 595-2532.



BRAZEN RAISINS - FRESNO

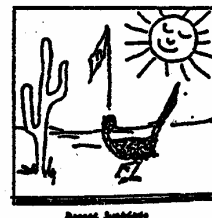
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Elida & Reuben Rivas hosted the Brazen Raisins' July meeting. Pres. Bud Garcia reported on remarks by United CEO Glenn Tilton at the RUAEA Convention. Other news about United was discussed, and there appears to be "light at the end of the tunnel". Then, the inevitable humor!

Palm Springs Area

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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We only had 20 people at our July 9 luncheon in Big Bear City, which included 4 guests: Mary Jane Sheely with Mary Butler; Elizabeth Horvath, 85 year young mother of Louie Horvath, plus James Chavez, also guest of Louis; Evelyn O'Brien with Ron & Melinda Lerg. Each year we've had fewer in attendance. Many will not drive the mountain road; some cannot handle the 8000 ft. elevation, some say it's too far. Also, many are out of town. The heat has really hit this week.

Mary Franks had to return to Washington state due to the imminent arrival of another grandbaby. Roberta Craig was in San Francisco Bay Area for her 70th birthday bash. Merle Pool & Clem Ellington E-mail frequently. Clem had recently spent 4 days in the hospital with pneumonia - this time at least it wasn't double variety. Gil & Marianne Patterson are enjoying their summer home in Avon, CT, plan to drive back to the desert in Oct. Gil is happy he's finally able to play tennis after so much rain. Lynn Morrow & Dave Podonar were off doing things with their "play" cars.

Ron & Elaine Aggson celebrate 51 years of marriage on July 19; John & Miriam Osgood celebrate 56 on Aug. 30. Bill & Ruth Dixon each have Aug. birthdays, but I'm not going back to the

record book to tell you their ages. I know Bill is in his low 90s (hope I'm remembering correctly).

We (the Osgoods) sponsored the Aug. meeting. One of the chapter's two Christmas charity donations goes to the Hemet Restart Shelter. We've arranged a tour of their facility which should enlighten us on all the things they do to help the truly needy homeless.

Merle Pool won the free birthday lunch. They threatened to not let Joyce Bossio play if she won again!

Calendar

Sep. 10 - 11:30 a.m., Maria's Mexican/American Restaurant in Beaumont hosted by the Tischlers (909) 845-6282.

Oct. 8 - 11:30 a.m., will be hosted by Lynda Davis at Mission Lakes, CC, in Desert Hot Springs, (760) 251-8844



SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The July Luncheon Meeting of the Sacramento Gold Diggers was held at the Auburn Valley Country Club in Auburn on July 30. George & Laurie Jordan were the hosts. The 80 Gold Diggers in attendance were treated to a beautiful view & delightful lunch.

Pres. Forester Sinclair introduced new member, Thomas Carman. Tom gave a resume of his years with United Airlines. Tom's career began in CLE as an R&E Mechanic in 1978. A few years later he moved to CHI where he worked under Jim Guyette. After years of working the graveyard shift, Tom heard he could work days at SFO. In 1986 he moved his family to Fairfield, worked at the SFO Maintenance Base until he retired a few months ago.

V.P. Ron Bertacini thanked Ken & Stephanie Norton for filling in for him & Barbara last month. Ron & Barbara and Dorothy & Darryll Stroud went to Dublin for the Special Olympics World Summer Games. They were part of the Clipped Wings volunteer group. Their group was comprised of 152

volunteers & was the largest single volunteer group. The volunteers worked at the Olympic Village where the athletes came to be involved in activities or listen to entertainment when they were not participating in the events. Shortly after their return to CA they were off to Omaha to a ceremony to honor Lillian Keil, the most decorated woman in U.S. Military history & a United Stewardess.

Treas. Judie King reported that the Gold Diggers are doing quite well financially. The raffles held at our luncheon/meeting contribute to our financial well-being. Any new members who needed badges were to contact Judie.

Sunshine Lady, Marge Raynor, was in SD for a family reunion so Forester delivered her report. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Pat Renke who had passed away in June. Shirley Drumheller was sent a sympathy card on the loss of her mother. A get-well card was sent to Glenn McPeak, who was recovering from cataract surgery. Jo Lamphiere was sent a get-well card as she was not feeling well. Ed Lamphiere had a coronary "event" & was transported to Sutter Auburn Faith. At the time the nature of the "event" hadn't been determined.

Bob Cuff, RUAEA Northern California/Nevada Director gave a brief report on a few matters. He reported that the RUAEA Newsletter was now on the website & encouraged all who are on the Internet to try it. He spoke about his success with obtaining interline travel tickets. It took 3 days from the time of his call until he received the tickets from the United Airlines Pass Bureau. He also spoke about invoicing for companion tickets, the outsourcing of the Benefit Service Center at ADT, also the good rapport of RUAEA officers with Glenn Tilton.

Shirley Drumheller said she & Vic had recently traveled, used E-Ticket, said it was incredibly easy. Even though you need a credit card it does not go on your credit card bill, it is merely used as an identification tool. It issues the "DM" card & you are ready to go to the gate.

Alice McPeak asked for volunteers to help at the Auburn Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

After Forester told a couple of jokes, Ron & Barbara Bertacini conducted the raffle. Many lovely prizes were donated & claimed by the lucky

holders of the winning tickets.

Aug. anniversaries were Al & Geneva Lockwood - 58 years, Jim & Ethel Meek - 53 years, Ed & JoAnne Lamphere - 50 years, and P.W. & Viola Howey - 57 years.

Calendar

Sep. 24 - Barbeque at Drumhellers' Ranch in Vacaville hosted by Vic & Shirley Drumheller.

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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The July luncheon was held at The Quail Inn in Oakmont with 78 members & guests present. The tables were decorated with a July 4 theme to honor that day. Pres. Patrick Cadden thanked the hosts, Gover & Janice Blackburn and co-hosts Charley & Bernice Anderson. The minutes of the last meeting were approved with 1 correction. I forgot to include George & Pat Smith in acknowledgment of their 50th anniversary. Congratulations; I do apologize.

V.P. Ron Huhn introduced the guests: Edie Olson, guest of Pete Bilsich; Jane Mead, guest of Mel Grow; Clem Shanahan & Lee Trevelyan, guests of Clare & Barney Hagen; Pat England, guest of William & Vera Helldorfer; Mr. & Mrs. Gianarini and Joan Hoefell, guests of Matti Matschinegg; & Howard Payne, guest of Tom Costas.

Treas. Nick Van Kruining reported that the accounts are in good order. Christmas is coming & the goose is a little skinny. Let's fill the Charity Box.

Ginger Dahlberg handed out some brochures for future cruises. She reported on the news that United may come out of bankruptcy sooner than previously planned. The test time for getting the newsletter on line has been extended to Sept. 30. You can now sign up on line if you want to get the electronic RUAEA newsletter. Easy Check-in is just that. List for travel normally & proceed to the airport. Use your travel card or a credit card at the Easy Check-in kiosk to get your DM card, check your bags & you're done. If a wheelchair or any other special services are required, use the normal procedure, Skycap, etc. You can practice the Easy

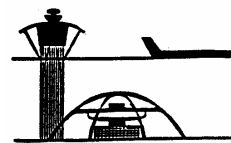
Check-in procedure on the Skynet website.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr had 7 birthdays to announce; winner of the free lunch was Pat Leahy. Talk about faithful married couples. There were 5 anniversaries for a total of 261 years, averaging 52 years. Hearty congratulations to you all. Nick & Maria Van Kruining celebrated their 50th anniversary & received a bottle of wine.

Cards have been sent to Amy Rogers, welcome back; Howard Dickinson, surgery; Linda Sather, eye surgery; & to Ruth Loy, on the accidental death of her son.

Thought for the month: *No one can be right all the time...but it helps to be right some of the time.*

We enjoyed the collection of wine & candy, plus the festive centerpieces.



ReLAXers - Los Angeles

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Rowe Prideaux missed the June luncheon a/c had a fall & cracked a knee-cap.

Phil & Barbara Muelrath missed the June meeting as Phil had a slight "set-back" that morning so they felt it wise to stay home.

Hank Pietrzak had out-patient surgery last month, was doing fine when last reported.

Kin & Barbara Cohagan have decided that having gone through Barbara's long siege of frustrating illnesses it is better to be close to family, so are moving to SAN. Hope she'll feel up to a jaunt up the 405 to join us from time to time.

Bill Kneisel had cataract surgery last month, says he is very relieved with the latest surgery techniques which leave the patient with little post-operative discomfort & inconvenience.

And we are saddened to have to report some obits: Millie Sneed, our very dear friend & club member, passed away in her sleep on July 19 after a very long battle with cancer. She was a very strong, brave person & would come to as many events as she could possibly manage. We will all miss her so very much. Condolences can be sent to her husband, Frank at 1440 N. Central Av., Glendale, CA 91202 (818-242-4214).

Ed Wiseman passed away on April 1. Although

he had missed meetings of late, I am sure you will remember Ed as the one who brought us huge bunches of fragrant eastern lilacs every spring. You can contact his daughter, Elizabeth Houston, P.O. Box 190, Acton, CA 93510.

Donna Drews died on July 9 at the much too early age of 67. She retired early (about 10 years ago) from LAXRR. She decided to have a second career switching from working for a big corporation to a small company, and was employed for 9 years at a fine travel agency in Irvine -- a job which she told me about 6 weeks ago she "really loved". She was looking forward to buying a condo at one of our Leisure Worlds, then work about 3 more years. Early in July she became ill with severe intestinal flu. Within 2 days she died in her sleep, apparently from heart failure brought on by the severity of her illness. Condolences can be sent to Robert Drews, 18700 Florida St., #403, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Health notes for all of us in the greater LA area:

Mammograms & Osteoporosis tests are given by LAXMD every two months. They are available for employees, retirees, friends & relatives! Mammo's are \$65, Osteo tests \$35. Next date is Tues., Sept. 23 at LAXMD. Make appointment (no walk-ins) with Joan, 310-342-8069.

Prostate Cancer Treatment - from an e-mail from Bob Woodger who asks that the info be passed on for our retired men. He is undergoing prostate cancer treatment at Loma Linda Univ. Med. Center which is known as probably the best facility for this treatment. He heard about it from a retired captain, who successfully underwent the treatment. Bob also mentioned that his HMO picked up the entire cost. He says to share this e-mail with anyone for further info -- BOBWOODGER@aol.com.

Calendar

Sep. 27 - LAXRR/LAXTO party at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo. Overnight rate special \$45 (plus low hotel tax), 800-421-5900/310-615-0015. (ASU guide pg. 177). Be sure to request airline rate; be prepared to show airline ID at check-in. If you ever worked in LAXRR/LAXTO (go back to the beginning of time!) you are welcome. Contact Linda Robbins 818-763-5749/fax818-769-2939 or Jim Ferrance at resrat@aol.com. See page 2 of June Newsletter.

Oct. 9 - Luncheon. Notices will be sent early Sept.

Dec. 4 - Queen Mary Christmas luncheon. Notices will be sent late Oct. or early Nov.

Thoughts for the day:

How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?

Never forget: Change is good but dollars are better.

ReSans

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Marian Owens very graciously volunteered to be the new Pres. of ReSans. Our slate of officers is:

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|--------------------|--------|
| Marian Owens - | Pres. |
| Judy White - | Treas. |
| Carolyn Hastings - | Sec'y |

Our new Executive Committee met on July 14. Pres. Marian Owens hosted this meeting in her lovely home. A delicious lunch was very much enjoyed. Thank you, Marian. It was decided to have a Halloween Lunch at the Fireside Restaurant in Oct. (Date & further information will be forthcoming).

Our Christmas Party is already on the schedule for Dec. 5 at Tom Ham's Restaurant on beautiful Mission Bay. It will be a buffet. We will have volunteers at the serving table to assist folks who may find it difficult to carry a plate to their table. Our White Elephant Sale is again planned, also the 50/50 raffle.

Bill Lindsay worked very hard on the outing to see the San Diego Padres play the Chicago Cubs. As we go to press, the game, potluck & tailgate party will be reported on next month. All ReSans members should have received Bill's flyer. If not, please contact me at the e-mail address shown above.

Anyone interested in future travel with other United retirees are invited to forward their e-mail address to CarolynH777@aol.com. You will only receive mail on travel with other retirees from me a couple of times a year. Your name will be deleted as soon as you are no longer interested. A cruise

with other retirees is being planned; we would appreciate input from those folks who may be interested in the marvelous relaxation of cruising.

Calendar

Oct. Meeting - (date to be announced) - Halloween at Fireside Restaurant, Escondido.

Dec. 5 - Christmas at Tom Ham's on the Bay

Apr. 2004 - Spring Fling



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There were 166 members & guests at our July meeting. Carol & Gene Walter were absent but last year's Membership Secretary, Mary Winkler, read Carol's report. Carol sent out 19 invitations to join our group. In June we received 7 new members. They were Sue Felicio, David & Helen Homsher, Scott Hull, William & Joan Snow and Bob Stine. Visitors were Marge & Sandy Ames, Ted McNamara, Otto Matter and John & Connie Gigney. In July we had 2 visitors, Carol Guptail & Annette West.

July was a big anniversary month for us. Those who are celebrating over 50 years of marriage were Betty & Auburey Bliss with 55 years, Ellsworth & Jean Crowell with 56 years. We had 3 couples who have been married over 60 years: Virginia & Wright Thompson have been together for 63 years, Milt & Marie Cavalli for 65 years and Guy & Dorothy Ackley topped the list with 67 years. Congratulations to all. We also recognized Ed Arnold who celebrated his 93rd birthday this month.

I sent get well & thinking of you cards to Eva Cousins (110 Acacia, San Bruno, CA 94066) who fell and bruised her ribs and Bob Bauer who is not well. He now lives at 2125 No. Olive Ave., Apt D9, Turlek, CA 95382. I also heard that Evelyn Busby (1633 S. Norfolk, San Mateo, CA 94401) is still not well. We miss not having them with us.

Our program topic for the July meeting was "Fraud and Identity Theft" with guest speaker Toni Nava from Wells Fargo Bank. Before Toni started

her talk she went around the room asking several people their names & where they were born. One person refused to answer -- that was the right answer. If a person has your name & birthplace they can get your birth certificate and be on their way to stealing your identity. Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the country with 26% of Californians having some form of identity theft. It takes a minimum of 800 hrs. to clear up an identity theft.

Ms. Nava also pointed out that you should not carry your credit cards, driver's license & check book in one billfold; never carry your Social Security card or Medicare card with you. It is best to mail bills inside the post office. Never mail them from your mailbox as anyone could come by and pick them up. Checks can be altered, before you know it, they are bouncing. If your residence has a community mailbox be sure your box has a lock on it and is in a secure place. Privacy notices to you from insurance companies, banks & credit cards, etc., should be filled out saying you do not want your private information released. Internet companies must now provide you with a privacy notice. When opening new accounts it is best not to give your mother's maiden name, date of birth or the last 4 digits of your social security number. Ask for a special pass code.

You can check your credit rating by calling Equifax at 800-685-1111 (www.equifax.com), Experian at 888-397-3742 (www.experian.com) or Trans Union at 800-888-4213 (www.tue.com). It was suggested we do this every 6 months to a year for a fee of \$10 to \$15. If you become a victim of ID theft you should contact the above credit bureaus and all the creditors involved. File police report, contact the Federal Trade Commission at 877-IDTHEFT and keep a record of all your contacts. Don't forget to buy a paper shredder to shred anything with private information.

Toni Nava also spoke on fraud. Be careful of contests. If you get a call that you have "WON", then they ask you to send them money for taxes, handling fees, etc., don't do it. If you have to pay money to get your prize it is phony. I don't have room to write everything that Ms. Nava said, but it was all very interesting and an informative program.

Travel info - Ginger has some good trips coming up. If you want information call her at 650-

345-5548 or e-mail her at gingersfo@aol.com. Shirley Dickinson is taking a sabbatical after 17 years as a tour escort. She deserves the rest, but we will miss her trips.

Calendar

Sep. 22 -Annual Picnic at Flood Park. No general meeting that day. 124 tickets have been sold so far. Our picnics have always been fun with games, good food & a chance to visit.

Singles Club - 1st Mon. ea. mo., Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce, 650-593-7328
Retirees General Meeting - 4th Mon. ea. mo., business meeting 11:30 a.m at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA SFO/SJC SOUTH BAY

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Our Fall Luncheon is set for Sept. 17 at Florillas in Santa Clara. Hostess is Lois Rodriguez. Hope to see everyone there.

We have a new member, Jerry Carlson. Welcome to the group, Jerry.

Ella Sousa, our President's wife, is back with us after her surgery. Joan Dahl is still recuperating from knee surgery she had in July. Hurry back; we miss you. John Starkovich, our friend & a long time member of RUAEA passed away 8/5. More news later. Stan Kolman has been under the weather with shingles. We know that isn't any fun. We miss you, Stan. Take care.

Jean & Fred Parkins have a new address: 1340 Pomeroy Ave., #407, Santa Clara, CA 95051. Our friend, Marie Rutledge has moved to FL to be with her daughters. Bob & Ruie Bradley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 4. Wish you many more years of happiness.

Marion Gaevent & LaDonna Eggert are planning a bus trip.

Calendar

Weekly breakfast meeting each Fri morning at Holder's Country Inn, 998 DeAnza Blvd., San Jose,

CA, 7:30 a.m., meeting at 8:25 a.m. For more information contact Pres. George Sousa (408) 245-0498.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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We are again hitting the 50 mark attendance this time at our Pine Crest picnic, Nancy & Dick Buddington doing the honors, tending to the barbecuing (with help from Elma Reyna, taking in the money at 50 cents per burger). Also great potluck from the members. Guests: the Dixons' niece Kay & daughters Casey & Courtney up from Woodland Hills.

Now I must apologize for a senior moment in name errors in our June report. Correct names: Betty Lou Sonderman & Bill & Ruth Dixon. Surely I couldn't have made that mistake!

Art & Jean Moore are back from their winter stay in Apache Junction, renewing friendships & landmarks. Saw Evelyn Price at the end of the meeting; she is ready for another cruise, but just now she is going to settle for the BIG shopping tour in MN.

Bob & Sandy Brooks tell us that according to his family history (at a cost of \$300 but worth it) since he is 5th cousin to Garth! Guy Hoffman brought along a few pictures of foremen & lead men in the maintenance crew in 1950. Very interesting - some you may recognize, some you may not.

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Denver Mile Highers held the annual picnic INSIDE as the temperature outside was over 100! Inside was air conditioned, no ants, flies or sand. There was plenty of barbequed beef, hot dogs & the rest of picnic food. 90 retirees were in attendance; 1st timers were: Jan & Jim Laffen, Connie Lynch & Ron Siemsen. Thanks to Laura Coats for chairing the event & also for the great selection of door prizes.

60 persons attended our monthly breakfast on Aug. 6. First-timers were: Richard Jackson, Don Osborn & Ted Gielas. Joan Adams, retired UALer from Green Valley, AZ, also joined us.

The following retirees returned their 50/50 winning to RUAEA for the mailing fund: Gil Rohde, Richard Jackson, Paul Weibel and Ted Gielas.

Save Oct. 8 for a fall luncheon at DeCicco's Italian Restaurant, 5660 Old Wadsworth in Arvada. Menu choices: Spaghetti - \$18, Lasagna, \$20, Chicken Bono - \$20, salad, bread, Italian dessert, coffee or tea, tax & tip included. Cash bar 11:00 a.m., lunch 12:00. Checks payable to RUAEA - Mile Highers Denver Chapter; mail to: Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, phone 303-477-2918. Deadline - Oct. 1.

Chuck Bates is in a nursing home - could really use some "cheering up" cards or notes. Address: Mt. Vista Health Center, 4800 Abor St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80038

Dores Bennett recently had back surgery, also would enjoy hearing from her RUAEA friends. Send cards or notes to her home address: 14251 E. Marina Dr., Aurora, CO 80014-3762.

Calendar

Breakfast 1st Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m., Aurora Elks Club, 11759 E. 14th Av., Aurora, CO. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, #303-696-7001.

Oct. 8 - Fall Luncheon

Dec. 8 - Christmas Luncheon

FLORIDA

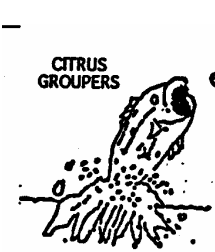
CITRUS GROUPERS

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On July 24, the Citrus Groupers met at Bentley's, with 23 members & guests attending. Among the guests were Fred & Sally Fahy. Fred retired from Newark, now is living in GA, but scouting for a place to live in our area. We hope they join us soon. We also welcomed 4 members from the Real McCoys of Orlando. It is nice when members of neighboring groups visit each other. We all should do it more often.

Calendar

Sep. 25 - meeting at Tierra del Sol, 806 San Marino Dr. in The Villages.



SW FLORIDA

PELICAN DROP-INS

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23 Pelican Drop-Ins enjoyed breakfast together at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers on July 11. It was a good meeting; however, we learned of many health problems for our members. Rita Sawyer entered a home for Alzheimer's almost 9 months ago. Buz is only 5 minutes away from the Home; after lunch he takes her home & later brings her back to the facility. Buz also has a problem with bone spurs in his heels; no one has been able to correct the problem. Bill Purcell is working on daycare arrangements for Jean, who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. We had news that George Paull had a mild heart attack on June 11. Marilyn McNabb had a pacemaker inserted & was readmitted to the hospital for a blood clot in the lung. She was just discharged, so she & Tom were able to make the breakfast meeting.

Terry Gilkison was scheduled to have a stent put in a clogged artery on July 11, but when the cardiologist observed the artery, he decided the

drugs had opened the artery sufficiently, so Terry did not need a stent.

Rumor has it that John Dahl, United Station Manager at RSW, will be leaving for a new position at TPA. John was a good friend to our group & always gave us annual updates as to what was happening at UAL. He will really be missed.

On Aug. 1, 22 Pelican Drop-Ins & 2 guests enjoyed breakfast at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers. Jim & Theresa Ison were guests of John & Nancy Dainus. Jim retired from RSW and had worked for United for 45 years. We had a very enthusiastic group with lots of visiting plus enjoying each other's company. Marilyn McNabb started the discussion & announcements with a funny airline joke. Terry Gilkison announced that he had forms for the Florida Newsletter that Dick Riedl publishes. If anyone is interested in subscribing, please contact Terry.

Lucille Doneghan announced that there will be a reunion of all former food service employees from United Airlines. The reunion will be held at the WHQ Training Center on Oct. 10 & 11.

It was good to see Bonnie & Curtis Sawyer. Bonnie is recovering from a stroke, now looking fantastic.

In Sept. we will again meet at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers, but our Oct. meeting will begin the winter season with lunch at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club. We hope to have the Station Manager of RSW as our guest speaker. Hopefully, she will be able to keep us up-to-date on recent happenings at RSW & UAL.

Calendar

1st Fri. of the month, luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf & Racquet Club (Oct-April). Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.). For more information call or e-mail: Marilyn McNabb (239) 482-3882 (Fort Myers) - UALMKE@aol.com; Joan Gilkison (941) 637-9367 (Punta Gorda) - jgilkison@comcast.net; Carrie Belluso (239) 481-1450 (Fort Myers) - Tutupapa@aol.com.

All your life the one thing you wished you had more of was time. Now that you have it, you probably are busier than ever.

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We had another great turnout, approximately 57 members & guests. We really missed Gloria & Richard Armistead. Richard fell & broke both heels. Get well soon. The oil painting donated by Bobbie Gay went to the highest bidder, Iris Martin. Proceeds from the sale are being donated to the Children's Home in Bob Gay's name.

We welcomed 2 new members, Glenn Blalik & John Nelson. Minutes of the previous meeting as well as the treasurer's report were read & approved. Pres. Rich Llewellyn reported that in addition to the things being donated by individuals, the Children's Home was in need of book bags & lunch boxes. Motion was made & passed to send a check for \$250.00 to cover the cost.

We had 3 birthdays: Shelby Michels, Dorothy Cahoon & Sharon Ringer; one anniversary, Paul & Joanne Levell.



TAMPA BAY

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Pres. Jon Wilkinson opened the 7/7 meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 29 present; many members are back home for the summer or vacationing. Just wait until it gets cold up North, then you will see many flying back to sunny FL. Our Sec'y, Denise Allen is out of town, so I was asked to step back into my old 12-year position. I thought they had had enough of me. You are lucky as it's just temporary.

Jon Wilkinson reserved Anderson Park, Shelter 4, for Oct. 6 for a picnic/meeting. Guests are welcome but there will be a \$5.00 each guest charge. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Sept. chapter meeting. Bring your own beverage. There

was discussion whether our chapter should buy a LARGE thermos for coffee for our picnics.

The Dec. 8 Christmas Party is being held at Sparton Manor Restaurant. There will be a new update in the Oct. Newsletter. Hope to see you all there!

There are several volunteer speakers for future meetings. It will be announced later who, when & the subject they will be speaking on.

Mike Rice is still working on a new Membership List for Tampa Bay. Mike is collecting our \$5.00 dues that was recently voted in. This is not the same \$5.00 we pay for the FL Newsletter. He is adding our names to the Membership List as we pay our dues.

Oh Yes!! Don't forget the "Annual West Coast FL Luncheon" being held Jan. 19, 2004 at Pappas Restaurant in Tarpon Springs. There will be a speaker, hopefully from UAL. There will be 2 bartenders, so we don't expect the big line-up we had last year. Lunch will be a choice of Prime Rib, Chicken or Lamb, \$15 p/p, seating is 1st come, 1st seated. If you have a group wishing to sit together, please come early together. More details later, but come and check out the Sponge Dock area & the beaches of Tampa Bay. See you all there. Friends are welcome!

Jon Wilkinson opened the Aug. 4 meeting at Buddy Freddie's at which 36 were in attendance. The floor was immediately turned over to Joe Pippen, author of "Ask An Attorney" whose weekly program by the same name is aired on 570 & 910 AM every Sat. morning from 8 to 9 p.m. Joe spoke to us about the advantages of Estate Planning vs. doing nothing or just having a will. He has offices in Largo, Polk, Pasco & Hillsborough counties.

Edith Polito then read the minutes from the July meeting after which Jon Wilkinson mentioned that the speaker at the Oct. picnic would be talking about American Protective Services. Dick Riedl stopped Jon to ask why we had to have a speaker at the picnic. A vote was taken concerning having a speaker at the picnic. The Riedl group won & the speaker will be rescheduled for the Feb. meeting.

Steve Becklund was then introduced as a visitor. He will also be the speaker at the Sept. meeting concerning Senior Citizen Savvy.

The picnic will be held Oct. 6 at Anderson

Park, Shelter 4, at 10 a.m., ¼ barbeque chicken, baked beans, potato salad & coleslaw w/roll will be catered by Pit Boss, desserts will be by Debbie.

Terri Breslin informed us that all details of the Christmas Luncheon were in the June Newsletter & would be in the Oct. one again.

Sadie has signed the final papers with Pappas Restaurant for the Jan. West Coast Luncheon. Edith Polito mentioned about coming early to the luncheon to save a table for your group. Sadie also suggested inviting heads from other groups to attend our meetings & we would reciprocate at their meetings to see what we are all doing and to promote better feelings & attendance at special occasions between the organizations. Dick & Sue Riedl will invite these people to our picnic. Kathy Schaarschmidt said she thought at one time it had been suggested to have a picnic for all the chapters. Bev thanked Mary Martin for doing the flyers for the picnic & Sue for the coffee pot that now belongs to the chapter for the picnics.

Lillian Sawyer gave the treasurer's report after which Terri Breslin, the Sunshine Lady, sent one card last month to Bev Alderdice who had psytica. Bev is a little better and was at the meeting.

Terri will send a card to Penny Goldrick's family for their loss of Penny to brain cancer a few days ago. Many probably know her from TPACSR. Anyone may send cards to James Goldrick, her husband, at 1836 Douglas Dr., Dunedin, FL 34698.

Edith Polito will contact all chapter heads to attend one or more of our meetings. Terri Breslin announced that Kathy Cornwell will be the Nov. speaker. She is a victim's advocate for the Area Agency on Aging for Pasco & Pinellas County and she will address Identity Theft.

Calendar

Sep. 1 - monthly meeting at Buddy Freddy's, Hwy 19 in Holiday at 10 a.m.

Oct. 6 - picnic at Anderson Park, Shelter 4, Holiday at 10 a.m.

THE VILLAGES

AIRLINE RETIREES

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The July meeting "Hawaiian Night" held poolside at Saddlebrook with a potluck was a nice change. Music was provided by Jan Kelly. Some chose to swim while others just enjoyed the food & music. No formal meeting was held. VNN, The Villages television station, came and did a shoot of the activities to be shown on the local station here "Around the Villages" off and on all day Sat.

We are planning our annual picnic to be held Sept. 28 at 9:00 a.m. til ??? at Lake Geneva. The park has canoeing, swimming pool, table tennis, inside dining, etc. To eat there will be hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, fruits, beverages, desserts etc. Cost of ticket to be announced later. Guests (Villagers & non-Villagers) are welcome since this will be held outside The Villages. If you are in the area or will be in the area at this time give us a call; we will be happy to give you further details. Please come and join us. The weather here is hot (around 90 degrees) and humid with thunder showers nearly every day.

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Waterfront Café at Aloha Market Place was the meeting location for Honolulu Menehunes' June luncheon, hosted by Connie Smith. Teddy Adorable reported 96 guests attended for salad bar & Oriental buffet, with indoor and lanai seating. Patricia Thomson answered questions, collected pre-payment checks, and everyone seemed pleased on this beautiful day.

Carol Remillard honored outgoing Steering Committee members: F.J. Kam, Rita Seaman, Annette Zib, Peggy Buchwach & Jane Boynton, who hosted our yearly committee meetings at her home.

New Steering Committee: Sally Duffield & Carmen Salazar, co-chairmen; Rose Miller, Sec'y; Pat Thomson, Treas. - all welcomed aboard by Carol Remillard.

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BOISE GEMS

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My thanks to readers who contacted me to see if I was still among the living, because I failed to submit a column last month. My sincere apologies to fellow GEMS & Jo Madden, for having let them down. The deadline simply sneaked up & whizzed past me before I realized it. Have no excuses, although I do confess to having frequent senior moments. If we have a younger volunteer who would like to take over, I'll support the nomination.

How hot was it in July? We had 18 days of triple-digit temps. It was so hot that our city fathers decided to change the name of our little city from Boise, ID to Boise, AZ. Our meeting on July 7 was again chuck-a-block (43 attendees), putting more pressure on finding a new & larger meeting place. We are looking but haven't yet found a suitable restaurant; ideas welcome.

Bud read a letter from Lucy Spear expressing her appreciation to our group as a whole & to specific members - namely Bill Jones, Holbrook Maslen, & Bud Peters - for their support during Al's fight with ALS. They called on Al regularly, & he liked the UAL-talk.

Our collection jar for another UAL display case at the Warhawk Air Museum now totals \$277. We are over half way to the \$400 price tag. Bud expressed his confidence that we would reach our goal by year's end. Roni Adams, who acts as tour guide for the museum, gave us a report on its Mustang Invitational on June 28. A goodly number of GEMS & guests attended the event at the Nampa Airport. One was retiree Denny Synder. Denny flew in one of the P51s. When asked "How was it?" he replied, "It was so much fun, it has to be illegal." Two new volunteers to the Warhawk committee are Sharon Kolins & Denny Snyder.

Also flown in was a beautiful ¾ size P51, a T28 trainer & an FM2 Navy Wildcat. One of the pilots was Tom Kemp, who flew his P40 during the

filming of the movie "Pearl Harbor". Throughout the day, five P51s & one of the museum's P40s took to the skies. The P40 was flown by John Curtis Paul, son of the museum's founders.

Ed Works offered the idea of the GEMS supporting its own website, offering a way to use an existing Yahoo group site for our purposes. Better than 80% of the members have PCs with access to the Internet. Talk it up, & let Bud know your feelings & druthers. If the interest is there, we will pursue it.

33 GEMS took the tour of the new BOI Airport terminal. It is all that it was claimed to be & more. It brings that facility into the 21st century.

Bud welcomed our newest members: Kathi Lee, a retired F/A, & Jeff & "B.B." Hill. Jeff is a recently retired F/O, & B.B. is a retired F/A. Kathi resides in Middleton with husband Dale. Jeff & B.B. live in Star. Bud also welcomed back Richard & Doreen Hardy, who have decided ID is for them. They bought a nice home in Donnelly, ID. If anyone would like addresses, please contact me.

Our annual Memorial Picnic (remembering deceased members & spouses) was attended by 37 members. The place, weather, food, memorial service & the memories were priceless. Much thanks to Carol Adams for the reading of the names & appropriate prayer, & to Carol Reyerse for keeping up the memorial plaque so nicely. Bill & Martha Stokes drove over from Idaho Falls (257 miles) just to be with us. Later he wrote Bud to say how much they enjoyed the picnic, mentioning that they had attended the air show in Arco, ID, featuring the famed Blue Angels. Bill said it was a great show, quite a deal for a small rural Idaho town.

Bud & Pat Peters, Walt & Wilma Anderson, & Joe & Joan Varady made a trial run to the Starlight Mountain Theater. All thought it was a great evening & recommended it for those interested in attending the showing of "South Pacific". 47 members & guests are booked for Dave Adams' bus ride, dinner in Horseshoe Bend & the musical in Garden Valley. Kudos to Wilma Anderson for the arrangements. Coming up in Sept. is a group dinner at the Café Ole in the 8th St. Marketplace in BOI, date yet to be determined. As for our Christmas banquet, you can mark your calendars now: Dec. 8 at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel, also in BOI.

"Staying fit in the golden years" was the subject of an article featuring retired UAL Capt. Charles Law & wife Shirley, as published in *The Idaho Statesman*. They both work out each M-W-F morning at the Senior Center in Eagle, & are pictured doing just that. Charley, 83, walks each of those days, while Shirley keeps fit tap dancing, a lifelong ambition that she finally achieved in her 70s. He is often the only man taking part, so reminds the others: "Ladies watch your language - there's a gentleman present." Anyone still using passes knows that UAL flights are mostly full. "Ned" Yundt knows it well. Trying to get to Sioux Falls, SD, for her grandson's wedding, she got as far as DIA, but was unable to get to SFD in time. Deciding to return home, she stood by for DIA-BOI flights for two days & a night. Sleeping at airport was no picnic, but finally she got on a flight to SFO & thence to BOI. The only redeeming part of her trip was that she discovered McDonald's at DIA was selling coffee to seniors for only 27 cents a cup.

Three of our retired captains met in Nampa to watch the P51s come & go. Out on the tarmac, Bob Smith exclaims, "Windy, isn't it?" Holbrook Maslen answers, "No, it's Thurs." Bill Jones adds, "So am I - let's go get a beer."

Calendar

Sep. 1 - 9:30 a.m., meeting & breakfast at Perkin's on Franklin

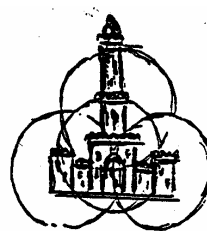
Sep. ? - dinner at Café Ole

Dec. 8 - Christmas party & banquet

ILLINOIS

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SMILES & MORE

SMILES.....what a nice welcome to greet familiar smiles again. Also saying "Hello" to Marge Nelson, Muriel Bergsma, Phyllis Capuzello, Mary Gray, Marge Daily, Beverly Connor, Helen & Tony Stefanos, Lillian & Roe Mallstrom, Stephanie Simpson. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive. Luncheon was excellent as always. Yes, United's crisis was brought up. What can you say: finger's crossed that somehow, someday this will

be resolved. Marge Daily who represents the MDW GIRLS LUNCHEON telling us in advance plans are being readied for the luncheon in Sept. Mailings will be sent with information.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Sept.

Calendar

Sep 17 - French Quarter, Palmer House

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We received the following letter early in July from Fred Fraudfinder, 10833 S. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60655: "Fern & I just returned from a most exhilarating trip - climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. Much of the challenge was space available travel to the airport in Tanzania. The climb itself to 19, 341 ft. was especially demanding in that we took the more difficult Marangu Route. We are planning to try Mt. McKinley in the fall."

He forced me to find out that the first two places are in Africa; the last is in the State of Washington. If any readers are hikers, write to him.

We welcomed back Fred & Marilyn Grindol to our July breakfast. Fred returned after major surgery. If you would like to send a card or note, their address is 2407 Fulle St., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Phone number (847) 259-1489. They would like to hear from you.

Notes from new retirees: John Goddin (847) 255-6473 , just completed first week of retirement. Penny Logan (847) 623-3382, retired from WHQWS (Cargo Sales Call Center) April 1, 2003. Brenoa Vosnos (847) 272-2581, Vicki Glanx (847) 272-7876.

David Lundquist had a bad tumble & is sporting a big black eye and bruises down his face. Wife LaVerne says that she didn't do it.

Jean & Hank Mueller (847) 253-5405 took the train ride between Durango & Silverton, CO. "Mountainous beauty is beyond description."

Al Dietrich (847) 963-9443 took the Grand Circle Tour from Amsterdam to Vienna on the Rhine, Rhone & Danube Rivers, starting 7-9 and ending on 7-24.

Attendees at the Southside Brunch numbered

24. Among them was first-time attendee Kay Dames who reported about her working at the Palmer House Ticket Office. Check this out by calling her #(708) 458-0315.

We wish to report the death of Jim Maxted. He was a long-time UAL employee. He served as Pres. of the Skyliners, was Chairman of the 1990 Chicago Convention, & member of our Planning Committee. For years, he & wife Mary were the artists providing us with our beautiful nametags. He also served as Midwest Director. Condolences may be sent to Mary at 209 Parkchester Rd., Elk Grove, IL 60007.

Calendar

Southside Brunch - Last Tues. of the month, 10:00 a.m., Grandma Sally's Pancake House, 8500 S. Harlem, Bridgeview, IL.

Northside Breakfast - 2nd Wed. of the month, 9:00 a.m., Artemis Restaurant, Golf Rd. & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL

Oct. 15 - Fall Luncheon, Ripples Restaurant

MASSACHUSETTS



Boston

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters' July 15 luncheon had an unexpected twist. Nandee's restaurant burned down a week before our meeting. George & Tony, VP & Treas. landed Spinelli's in Lynnfield with short notice. It was like getting a first class upgrade. 44 members got to enjoy the upgrade at no extra cost. First time attendees were Mike Provenzano and Don & Joan Simard. Also present, not seen for a long time, Tyrone (Woody) Withrow, John Lagadinos, Don Latter & Paul & Pat Newcomb. Needless to say, the food was good and space excellent.

Our newest members: Gerda Biglin - JFKSW, Jean Diskin - BOSFF, George Hegerich - BOSFF, John Holman - BOSCG, Mary Beth McDermet - BOSFF, William Swift - LAXTJ & Patricia Stearns - MHTOZ. Swift was a member of the SAN chapter in the late 80s. Welcome to the

Nor'Easters!

Thanks to Jane Regan & her guest, Carol Delaney, for selling raffle tickets. We had enough for two \$50 winners. Ron Heisler & Paul Newcomb. See Paul, you have to come more often.

Looks like the Nor'Easters will be losing Steve Bilodeau soon. He & Paddy have sold their house and are moving to the Gulf Coast of FL. One FL chapter's gain will be our loss.

Bob Siebold had a major heart attack, now recovering at home. I'm sure he would like to hear from all his friends: 6 Seward Rd., Stoneham, MA 02180.

After a real wet spring, summer has finally come to New England; not a minute too soon. I just hope it stays a while. Summer in NE is as good as HWI in Feb. I hope all you fellow retirees get a chance to spend some time here this season. The sun does seem extra hot to me though. It's either global warming or old age.

Calendar

Oct. 7 - Luncheon, Leaning Tower, Route 1 south, Saugus, MA

Dec. 9 - Christmas Party - Jimmy's Allenhurst, Route 114, Danvers, MA

MICHIGAN

Detroit, Michigan

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Sorry to confess someone missed the Aug. report...oops!

12 Escapees & 2 guests, Bob & Bo Petry, kin of Marie & Joan, gathered at Grosse Pointe Farm's Park July 18. Our host Suzi Hicks ordered a perfect day, scrumptious vittles & great fellowship. We also welcomed first-timer Julie Felix in this great life.

Heard from: Patty Gates, new retiree & soon to be first-time grandma. She is looking forward to joining us soon. I also heard from 2 former DTWRR names from the past: Joanne Maass from SEA & Sharon Wagner from ATL areas. Joanne read about us in the RUAEA NL. Both want to join

us Escapees & receive our local Escapee NL. Thanks again to Jo & staff for keeping us all United - making it possible to renew old friendships from the past.

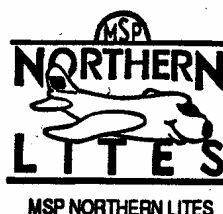
Sadly I must report a couple of our loved ones have left this world for new adventures. Linda Pistor's mom & Ann Watson's husband, Dwight. We were lucky to have Dwight & Ann share our table at the banquet in CHI, also at the Loonies for some last cherished memories. Love and prayers to the families. Linda Pistor, 29906 John Hawk, Garden City, MI 48135, and Ann Watson, P.O. Box 224, Lostant, IL 61334.

Also our love and prayers for continued recovery to Maidie Oleynik. Paul's wife, Betty Martinez, Dee Hegle, Nel Brawner & Marie Cook.

Calendar

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

MINNESOTA



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Our annual picnic was held on a rainy, dreary (again!) day in July at the Glattlys' in Willow River, MN. The weather notwithstanding, 45 stalwart Northern Lites wended their way to the north woods. Amazingly, the garage once again held everyone as they ate, drank & visited. It was way too wet to do any of the outside activities that had been planned. This is the 3rd year in a row that we've had crummy weather. Maybe we should hold it in Jan.? Everyone would know for sure what to expect of the weather then!

We are saddened to report the death of Dick Mullaney, 36-year veteran of United's sales force. Condolences may be sent to Lois Mullaney, 4905 Morehead Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

Not too much traveling by our members lately; the fine-weather season in the upper Midwest is short enough that we all stay close to home to enjoy it while it lasts. Gardens, boating, fishing & "heading to the lake" are the activities that drive

people in this area. Midsummer festivals are held all over the state, even the smallest villages (like Willow River) hold one. The fire wagons from all the surrounding towns are in the local parades; activities such as queen pageants, bake sales, tractor pulls & cribbage tournaments are held for the entire weekend. These events are well-attended by all because it's summer (otherwise known locally as "road repair season").

Since we were "picnic-ing" in July, there was no business meeting, just funny-business!

Calendar

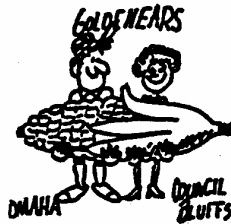
Lunch at Old Country Buffet, Burnsville, every 2nd Wed. at 11:30 a.m.

NEBRASKA

Omaha

GOLDEN'EARS

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We had 44 attend our luncheon at Piccolo Pete's. Those in attendance who haven't joined us for a while were Dick Chizek, Peggy Mangiamelli, Georgia Egr, Margaret Degen, Lorraine Stanfield, and Paul & Humby Steuri. Thanks to Tony & Jackie Sortino for hosting.

Sandy Booth is in Life Care Center taking rehabilitation as she lost the use of her legs. Hopefully, she will make great progress & be home in no time.

Our own Andy Vassios made the newspaper. He entered the golf tournament called the Omaha Publinks which is sponsored by the Omaha World-Herald newspaper. Andy came in 2nd in the Master's Division which is for men 65 & over. He had to play 5 different pairings to get there; we are very proud of him. Way to go Andy!! I'm sure he is glad it wasn't as hot as it is now.

Carolyn Kraft had total knee replacement on July 22. We wish her a full & speedy recovery.

Paul & Humby Steuri celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 27. I'm sure they would appreciate a card from you on their special occasion. Paul & Humby Steuri, 17112 Chalet Dr., Omaha, NE 68123.

Calendar

Sep. 9 - Greek Islands, hosted by Elaine Boner

Oct. 7 - Upstream Brewing Co., hosted by Larry & Peggy Weare

Nov. 4 - Bohemian Café, hosted by Tom & Rose Langan

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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"Someone You Should Know" Submitted by Jerry Mierkort:

Lily Iwamoto was born & raised in Orange County, CA. After completing high school, she attended a design school near home, married & had her first child Daniel. Then the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 radically changed Lilly's life forever. She & her husband's family were relocated to internment camps near Bishop, CA in April 1942. Their home & all possessions, except what they could carry were left behind. All Japanese-Americans had to pledge their allegiance to either the U.S. or Japan. They were then moved to one camp or another depending on their stated allegiance. This was an extremely difficult time for all Japanese families as many 1st generation parents continued to have strong feelings about their native land while many parents & their children felt as strongly about the U.S. As a result, Lily & her parents were separated; she never saw her father again as he returned to Japan near the end of the war. Lily & her family resided in barrack-type buildings in a desert environment until the end of 1945. Lily had her 2nd child, a daughter, Jeannie while living in the camp. During this period, they had zero contact with the outside world, i.e., no newspapers, no radio, etc. So while they knew that America was at war, they had no idea of how we were doing. In asking Lily how she coped with this situation, she said they accepted these measures as a necessary action the U.S. had to take at that time in history.

When the war ended, Lily & her children returned to southern CA, taking work as she could

find it to support them. Given her bilingual & secretarial skills, Lily finally landed a job with the LAPD, working with them for the next 7 years. She shared many interesting stories about those years including stories about one of her best friends, detective sergeant Charlie Stoker.

For health reasons, she moved to PHX for 2 years. During that time, she decided that she wanted to work for an airline, so she returned to the LA area & enrolled in Airline School. Upon completion, she interviewed & was hired by United in Aug. 1955. Lily spent the next 29 years in LAXRR handling a variety of assignments including the "Japan Desk" for a number of years. She retired in 1984, continued to live in the LA area assisting her daughter with her Word Processing business until 1991 when they moved to LAS.

From 1937 until 1991 (except for the war years), Lily wrote a human interest column for the California Daily News, a bilingual newspaper serving the Japanese American community. Her columns included stories on travel, people she met, places she saw, how these people & places impacted her life. She has traveled extensively in Europe, Africa, Egypt, Israel, Australia, Hong Kong & Japan. Her first trip to Japan occurred while she was in high school. Her last trip was in May of this year with her son & his wife. When asked how many times she visited Japan. Lily laughingly responded, "They were too numerous to count."

As previously mentioned, Lily moved to LAS in 1991. When asked what she does to occupy her time, she said "the casinos of course"!!!, with a smile in her voice. She enjoys reading, attending shows & escorting visitors around town.

One last story...after the war, Lily worked temporarily as a domestic for film star, Gloria Stuart. We know Ms. Stuart as "Rose" the grandmother in the movie Titanic. Ms. Stuart had frequent dinner guests at her home, 2 of the most frequent being Humphrey Bogart & Lauren Bacall. One evening, when arriving for dinner, Mr. Bogart asked Ms. Stuart who was cooking tonight. Ms. Stuart responded, Lily, to which Mr. Bogart replied "Thank God." That comment "Thank God" really captures & summarizes Lily's life. We are grateful that we have been able to share in a very small portion of it. As for Lily, she expects to enjoy many more years of the LAS experience that will

undoubtedly add to her amazing life story. She is a delightful, fun-loving lady and is truly "Someone You Should Know."

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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Our Sierra Roundup meeting was held at the Red Lobster on July 17 with 37 in attendance, John Brown, acting Pres. held the meeting when we were informed about Sara Nimori's passing the previous day, July 16, 2003. We were saddened to hear the news as Sara was so vital, kind & spirited. We will miss her dearly. There was no information regarding services, but will advise should we hear anything more. A sympathy card was passed around for all to sign which was sent to Jeff, her husband.

Clifford Pitts was introduced as a new visitor who retired from LAX about 3 years ago. He flew to Australia & other points. Welcome, Clifford.

NEW JERSEY



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The regular meeting of the NJ Gardenstators was held July 30 at Snuffy's Restaurant, Scotch Plains, NJ. Meeting was opened at 2:15 pm. by V.P. John Deily in the absence of Pres. Richard Confer, due to the death of his sister. Guests were Bill & Marion Hafer. New members that attended were Jack Regenye, Bill Flowers & wife Carolyn, Alex Ascilikiewicz & Phil Vozzo. Violet Etler read the minutes which were accepted as read. Because of her E-mail address in RUAEA, Violet has received E-mails from former United employees form EWR. John Murphy gave the Treas.'s report. John will accept checks from anyone who wants to attend the Charlie Prose show at Hunterdon Playhouse on Sept. 10 or can mail them to him.

Marty Etler received a telephone call from John

Jacoby, 2nd in charge at Newark Liberty Airport. The principal from Barringer High School in Newark approached him about setting up a course in aviation. John asked if the United Retirees would be interested in teaching & helping out with the course. It was suggested that they be invited to the Sept. meeting so that additional information could be received.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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Our veterans of the Korean War led the Metros with "The Pledge of Allegiance" and a moment of silence for Ben Lyons, who passed away July 31. Ben worked with United Airlines as an Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor at JFK. He was Pres. of the Metros from 1988 to 1989. Ben received the "John Pucillo Award" in 1989 for his outstanding contributions to the Metros. Also, he was an active Director after he left office. Ben leaves his wife Ann "Peg" of 54 years, 4 daughters & 1 son, 9 grandkids & 1 great grandchild. Our condolences to Peg & the Lyons family.

76 members, new members & guests attended the Aug. meeting at the Millerridge Inn.

Per Charlie Kaczinski, our annual picnic at Wantagh Park was a huge success. 54 members & guests attended. Patricia Musynski was a guest of her father. Joe Bobby Lee finally brought his lovely wife, May & Cecil Dixon made a late appearance. Even the weather was in our favor. Paul Cohen & Charlie Kaczinski did a great job with purchasing and cooking the food. Thank you guys! You can organize next year's picnic, especially if we receive a refund which we did this year.

The chapter received thank you notes from Martha Mongelli, Julie Schneider & Frank Lopinto for the fruit baskets they received after their stay in the hospital.

Birthday greetings to Gladys Diehm, 88 years young on Aug. 3.

With the passing of Joe Zito & Ben Lyons, 2 Director seats had to be filled. Joe Musynski &

Jack Dowling were given the honors. Good choice.

New United Airlines retirees introduced themselves to the RUAEA Metro Chapter as new members. Welcome all.

Do not forget our sick & disabled: Martha Mongelli 516-797-7725, Frank Lopinto 516-822-6050.

Calendar

Sep. 3 - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

Oct. 1 - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The Loonies plan their fall get-together for Wed., Thur. & Fri., Oct. 15, 16 & 17 at Traverse City, MI, a fun town in a lovely setting. Hosts for the event are the Haydens, the Buechins & Diane Good. When we get our act together we will mail out information to all former Loonie attendees. If you would like to join the group, give Don a call.

OHIO

BUCKEYES

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Our monthly meeting was not held until Aug. 13 which was after the deadline for this article. This was the 10th Annual Northfield Night. It was held at Northfield Race Track. We had 105 spirited people anticipating a great time. The gates opened around 5:45 p.m., the evening began at 6:00 p.m. starting with a buffet, followed with races at 7:00 p.m.

Calendar

Sep. 10 - Annual Brunch at Sweetwater Landing Marina. Total seating capacity is 95 (pre-paid)

Oct. 8 - Nido Italia Restaurant on Mayfield Rd., Little Italy (pre-paid)

Nov. 5 - Marcal's of Middleburg Hts. (pre-paid)
Dec. 10 - Annual Christmas Party at Piper's Three Restaurant. Please note the date - this is the 2nd Wed. of the month (pre-paid)

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ERS

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You couldn't have asked for a better day for our picnic. The weather was sensational, food was delicious, decorations were great as always. The setting was nice because it was close to the river. There were 134 to make it the largest turnout the Dew-ers have had for a picnic. Guests coming from SEA were Ed Brown, Hank Gosselin, Dee O'Donnell, Ken & Barbara Rudzinski & Ken Storey. We welcomed Barbara Peo-Rowe as a new member.

John & Anita Donaldson were co-chairs for the picnic; the following were their committee members: Len & Jeri Blodgett, Steve & Margaret Borbely, Chuck Falbo (chief cook but not "bottle washer"), Jane Futrell, Jack & Cora Harper, Paul Russell, Bill Shaw, Charlie Stemper, George & Pat Taylor and Tom & Shirley Walker. Thanks to all of you for making this year's picnic one of the best.

Carol Haggard passed away July 10. Her daughter, Nancy Horst had been bringing her to the meetings after Carol's car accident last year. Our condolences to Nancy, her brother Lynn & the rest of their families. Let's hope that Nancy will continue to come once in a while to one of our luncheons.

It is always nice to have a short report on illness. 2 people had surgery last month. They were Jack Cox, cataract, & Ophelia Nunley, knee.

Fall is not too far away, so if you are planning to attend the Mt. Hood Railroad trip on Oct. 22, be certain to sign up at the next meeting or call Jack Hooper at (360) 835-7767.

The travel desk is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mon/Wed/Fri (503-249-4142 & 4143). Anyone with UAL can avail themselves of these services. The staff is always willing to assist with information & listings.

Calendar

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

Sep. 10

Oct. 8

Nov 12 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers

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Have we had enough rain or what? Well we won't have to worry about the drought this year. Although a lot of cook-outs have been washed out - the annual PIT picnic was a go! I was unable to attend this year due to 2 unexpected deaths in the family.

Pres. Ted Zyzak & wife Bernie did a great job organizing their first big gathering. Ted wants to thank his officers Fred Riedel & Bill Redfern along with his committee for all their help. Ted advised that 79 people attended. Great turnout along with out-of-towners Bob Frye & Frank Wise, along with their wives. There were prizes galore including a \$50 gift from our good friends Bill & Mac Crampton who were unable to attend. I'm sure Mac & Bill would love to hear from all their friends: Cramptons - 13566 Asbury Dr., Aurora, CO 80014, phone #303-755-3346.

Our good friend & treas. Jo Kuehn has been doing her usual great job of getting the fliers out in the mail & keeping tabs on the treasury while a little under the weather. We miss you Jo - hurry back!

An update on our former correspondent JoAnn Schneider - Jo has moved in with her niece - mail can be sent c/o Cindy Fromme, 154 Langham Dr., Hookstown, PA 15050, phone #724-573-0307.

Just a correction on my bio-typo on Aliquippa, PA (home of Mike Ditka & Ty Law & Tony Dorsett.)

Speaking of retirement - you know you're getting old when - I read that Cheryl Pelke (BUC) retired. Cheryl is the daughter of a former supervisor, Dick Wentz. Dick used to bring his

“little Cheryl” into the office - Wow - “tempus fugit”.

Couldn't help but notice the huge number of new members in the last newsletter. Congratulations to all of them. A special congratulations to our own Lee Snuffer who recently joined our ranks. Best to you & David. Lee was our sales rep. & did a bang-up job keeping PIT on the UA map! Cards can be sent to Lee Snuffer, 837 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Our condolences to Mark Zadrozny whose mom, Millie, passed away recently. Millie was the wife of Pete Zadrozny, better known as the PIO in PIT.

Calendar

Oct. 10 - Day at the Races

Dec. 5 - Annual New Retirees Dinner, Beaver Lakes Country Club

Dec. 18 - Christmas Luncheon - Peter's Place

Dec. 19 - Bernie & Jeri's Annual Open House

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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(Submitted by Jerry Barr)



Fall Creek Falls State Park has more than 20,000 scenic acres sprawled across the rugged Cumberland Plateau. With its many amenities & panoramic setting, it's little wonder that Southern Living magazine readers voted it the best state park in the southeast. The centerpiece of this natural beauty is Fall Creek Falls itself, which at 256 feet is the highest waterfall east of the Mississippi River.

37 Rocky Tops & guests traveled to this scenic wonderland on July 17 for a buffet luncheon meeting at the convention center, which overlooks the wrap-around lake. Hosts were John & Mary Bunish and Cecil & Rachael Adkins, all of whom went to great lengths to pull off an impressive patriotic theme. After lunch a film & presentation by the park's naturalist gave us a better appreciation of the multitude of options available to visitors, whether just passing through or staying for days.

The group was privileged to meet 5 1st time visitors with United ties. Linda & Don McMeans were married earlier this year, now make their home in Crab Orchard. Linda worked 38 years as flight attendant & had recently retired from MIA SW. Richard & Margie Vinson have lived in Lebanon since Richard completed 39 years in Customer Service. His last duty station was ORL. Curt Valentine started & finished his CS career, which spanned 10 stations, in TYS. Curt & his wife, Mildred, who is still working and was not able to attend, make their home in Mt. Juliet. 2 other non-United guests, Elmer & Dorothy Brooks, joined us as friends of the Bunishes.

It was great to see Art & Marilyn Christensen after a long absence. Marilyn is now doing much better; the Fall Creek Falls trip was one of her few outings in over a year. Dave Leonhard, who recently lost Evelyn, was unable to attend but forwarded his treasurer's report to us. Mary Lou also read a nice e-mail from Louise Norman, who retired from ORDCS, a few months ago, indicated that family illnesses will preclude her from attending our functions for awhile yet. We'll be ready when you are, Louise.

For those of us who are not in a position to subscribe to the Chicago Tribune, the internet version of chicagotribune.com is a good source of information. The 4-part series on United in July made for rather grim reading, but there continues to be some hopeful signs, such as the 82% load factor in June & the fact that our Pacific operation is cranking up again as the SARS scare diminishes.

With Fall Creek Falls a good distance to drive for most of us, a number of people spent some extra time there. The Kreps camped for 2 or 3 days before the meeting & 5 couples (Barr, Emmels, Ferrells, Rines & Shipes) stayed overnight at the lodge afterwards. It's hard to see a good thing come to an end.

Calendar

Sep. 18 - 12:30 p.m. EDT, picnic lunch to be hosted by the Ferrells (423-745-9390) probably at Cardin's Landing in Tellico Plains.

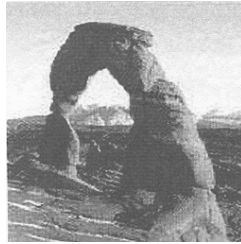
Oct. 16 - 10 a.m., EDT, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel in Farragut, Exit 373 from I40-75 on Campbell Station Road.

Nov. 20 - 11:30 p.m. CST, holiday lunch to be hosted by the Anthonys (931-484-0036), tentatively scheduled for a B&B in Rugby.

UTAH

THE SALT LAKERS

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On July 16, 21 chapter members met for coffee & donuts. The Aug. 20 picnic was discussed.

Tom Woolley's wife Annette died on June 30 after having celebrated her 96th birthday a few days previous. Our sympathies to daughter Bonnie Bohn & family, as well as to the Woolley family. Brother Chet Woolley (also a UAL retiree) & wife Vy are still enjoying life.

Shirley Scown was off to a convention in Canada where she will exchange great stories with good friends, as hubby Norm told us. Darlene Cantonwine stayed home, for health reasons - but hubby Sandy & son-in-law/retiree Clair Anderson joined the group. Bill Ottman brought wife Shirley who is recuperating after a recent hip operation. We missed Maria Apperson who usually comes in from Evanston, WY; it is hoped all is well with her.

Chapter pres. Grant Beutler advised of RUAEA's ongoing work to produce a secured website, accessible to paid-up members (www.RUAEA.org). Stay tuned...

DEN retiree Tom Goodyear reproduced for us the official RUAEA CHI Convention video. Unfortunately, the original take was not as clear as might be hoped, with the sound being lost during taping in Arlington Heights halfway through the keynote speaker's address. SLC conventioners had hoped to again listen to very interesting highpoints of UAL CEO Glenn Tilton's speech made to the assembled RUAEA Banquet crowd - a group so large that additional banquet tables needed to be set up in an adjoining room. Thanks, Tom!

Roni Adams, BOI resident & paid-up SLC chapter member, dropped us a line to tell that she & hubby Chic are doing fine. His health is improving with new medication, while she is busy with volunteer work at various places (Warhawk Museum; BIOAP Info Desk). Roni is also in the process of establishing a BOI Clipped Wings chapter with 27 retired F/As in her area. Good luck, Roni!

Frank Ayrton dropped in & brought two terrific baseball hats with a big "RUAEA": emblem - real beauties! Thanks, Frank!

Frank Murdock & wife are looking forward to another Alaskan salmon fishing trip in mid-August.

Website www.chicagotribune.com/United should be of special interest to active & retired employees who are always trying to keep up with the news: A 4-part article outlined UAL's history of the past 25 years - the good, the bad & the in-between.

Down Memory Lane: In the *United Air Lines News of April 1956*, under the headline "Climbing Higher" a list of 150 employees' names is given. The accompanying script reads: "*Promote from within*" is a long-standing United policy; 90% of all supervisors have come up through the ranks. This list shows employees promoted in March 1956.

Calendar

Sep. 17 - Coffee, Murray Heritage Center

Oct. 15 - Lunch, 2 p.m., Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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No activity for our group in July. People are enjoying this beautiful sunshine & weather - probably the longest dry & hot spell I can remember since PDXRR merged into SEARR Nov. 1, 1975. Enjoyed watching the Blue Angels, the bi-planes & the latest fighter jet Aug. 3 with Dick Waterous, Ed & Charlotte Rouso and Helen Stanger on Mercer Island. They put on a breath-taking show.

If all goes well for Justin, the Roussos' 16-year-old grandson, they may miss convention next year in SEA. Good chance they'll be in Greece for the Special Olympics. Justin will qualify if he shaves 20 seconds off his swimming. He is the brightest, most charming, energetic young person you'd every meet. Adding numerous awards and activities, honors will be a plus for college plus his high school GPA.

Charlotte & Ed have gone Dungeness crabbing & fishing for 3 days in the San Juan Islands with 2 other couples & 2 boats. They were back to set up & partake with our Aug. 12 picnic at the home of Collette Cox (Minnie & Ernie Mauer's granddaughter; Ernie was one of the last chefs that UAL employed.)

We are taking reservations for our Sept. 9 Annual Luncheon. This is a 2-hour cruise aboard the Royal Argosy ship in Elliott Bay.

Plans & committees are already forming for convention next year. Hank Gosselin (General Chairman) & Ken Rudzinski (Tours) are putting pieces of the puzzle together. I've already had a call from Cloyd Pfaffman, former CLERR & SEARR, and his wife Charlene saying they will be here.

Enjoyed the PDX picnic in Battleground, WA at Lewisville Park. They had planned 120, but reservations took it to 148. 5 of us SEA Slickers attended, plus the Joe Mortensons who have left SEA area, now residing in Vancouver, WA. Saw Tina Lewis (PDX Travel Mgr.), Carol Layten, Inga Pempet, Carol DeFord. Maybe next year a few more of our old PDXRR will venture out to this great park.

Some members left us in June and July: Patricia Springer, SEARR, widow of Rollie Springer, died June 10. Bob Heriot, SEACS, passed away in July. Quentin Chan, SEAMM, brother of Frank Chan, SEACS, passed away July 19, Ken Hooper, SEAFF, passed away in July. Buck Lemoine passed away July 20.

Calendar

Sep. 9 - Annual Luncheon Cruise aboard Royal Argosy ship, board 11:30 a.m, sail 12:00 noon.

Sep. 12 - Golf Tournament at Madrona Links in Gig Harbor

Oct. 7 - Monthly luncheon at Yankee Dinner in Ballard

Nov. 11 - Monthly luncheon at Golden Steer in Kent.

LILAC CITY FLYERS

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Our July get-together was hosted at the beautiful home of Ken & Myrtle Stoop at Shelly Lake in the Spokane Valley. It was a very small turnout, but for those of us that attended, it was a blast. The weather was great, the food even better. It had been a while since we had seen Bill & Lois Stookey from Hayden Lake. They enjoyed themselves immensely, as did the rest of us.

It has been a rather hectic month. There were a number of illnesses & recoveries from injuries which seems to fit with the name "Retiree", that resembles most of us.

Ed Meadows is back home after his extended stay in MSP after he had a mishap with his knee. He is getting better day by day. Gary & Shelia Davis are moving to AZ as soon as their place at Sasheen Lake sells. They have already purchased their new residence in the land of sunshine.

I was trying to be athletic & missed the bottom step of the ladder I was trying to conquer. I landed on my hip and the heel of my right hand, very unladylike. Lance hollered to me "Are you okay?" My answer was "I'm still breathing." Other than a bruise on my hand & my hip, I fortunately didn't hurt myself. The bruises are all gone and life goes on. It is good that I have lost 27 pounds & Lance has lost 41 since March 15. It made the fall a lot lighter!

The Anders did not get to make their trip the end of July. Lee passed out, fell & broke 2 ribs, fractured another. Chris was going to fly to SEA with Ali to attend the wedding of her nephew. She was very disappointed they did not make it to Spokane. There's always next year. Now he is undergoing tests to see why he passed out. He is becoming a medical miracle.

After the recent passing of Earl Miller, Pauline once again was put to the test of going through another daughter's surgery with newly detected cancer. Pauline, you are in our prayers.

Les & Vera Graham have been caring for an ill relative at their home. Vera is an RN & is a highly recommended caregiver. Vera, it is appreciated.

Lance & I attended a family reunion at Lake Stephens, WA in the Everett area. I had never met the majority of my cousins & one of my brothers of my newfound family of 7 years. My brother flew in from Providence, RI, as did his son from FL. The rest of the family all were within driving distance. My mom had a great time seeing many of her seldom seen grandchildren & great grandchildren. I

feel fortunate to have found my family after so many years have passed. Lance & I enjoy them a lot.

You will get a call when the next event will be. We hope to see everyone then. RUAEA's website has been working occasionally.

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On July 9 a small group of Dulles Loungers gathered for lunch at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. Many of our members are away on extended trips; we wish them Happy Travel & Good Luck trying to board a United flight! We understand that load factors are up; that is an encouraging sign to all of us.

Our chapter pres. David Cox was absent due to a painful back condition; however, after a proper diagnosis & treatment, we understand he has been restored to good health. Well done, David! We look forward to seeing a large crowd at the luncheon on Sept. 10 & hearing about some wonderful trips.

Calendar

Sep 10 - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Manassas, VA

Oct. 8 - 12:30 p.m. Golden Corral, Manassas, VA

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

Art Shattock, 610 Arboleda Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024

What with the influx of newly retired employees over the past few months, the time seems right to mention the Seniority List to the uninformed. The List is made up of RUAEA members who have voluntarily submitted their names & date of hire. It's quite simple to be included; the only cost involved is the price of a stamp. If the postage fee doesn't fit into your budget you can forward your name, address & date of hire via e-mail to: WAShattock@aol.com. However, if you would like a printed copy of the List, send a check made out to me in the amount of \$3.50 -- it will be on its way post-haste.

Maggie Harrington, 6760 S. Yoder Rd., Yoder, CO 80864

Just a quick note to let you know that I've moved from a cozy little subdivision home near DIA to beautiful (!), downtown (??) Yoder, CO, which in case you've never heard of it, is about 40 miles due east of Colorado Springs.

'Tis a nice place, a little bit "out there" though: I'm on 40 acres of land & have started my own "he-haw lifestyle" with llamas, donkeys horses, goats, rabbits &, of course, my 10 Corgi dogs. I can't wait to get my bib overalls, my straw hat,

corncob pipe & my kicking boots!

I'd like to include my e-mail address so that my friends from IADCS can contact me: emceeh@direcway.com. My new mailing address is noted above. I sure don't want to miss getting my RUAEA newsletter!

Robert Barden, 2620 2nd Ave., Unit 6C, San Diego, CA 92103-6544

I am happy to enclose my 2003/04 dues for your excellent newsletter. What would retirees do without this wonderful source of info.

I am distressed for the penalties for non-payment of retirees travel service charges. The article sounded so severe, final, with no recourse. Was this intended for deliberate non-payment or delayed payment?

I recently returned from a cruise BKK ROM using UA SEA BKK. The ship was delayed & itinerary changed several times en route due to the war & SARS.

Those passengers visiting the TAJ (I didn't) all returned with colds & stomach disorders. I eventually caught bronchitis, confined to my cabin for 3 days. The heat of the desert combined with the cool air on the ship made many ill. Staff said the cold was intentional to avoid spreading germs.

We were delayed again in Rome. I was booked at ROM JFK SAN. On arrival JFK AA would not board me on SAN flight because of coughing. Paramedics checked me; I had a slight fever. Off to the hospital where I was in isolation 10 days while testing for SARS.

When I finally arrived home after 50 plus days my pass charge invoice was waiting. There was an error on the charge. By the time I resolved that I could have lost my travel benefit.

Thanks to all for the very much appreciated newsletter.

L. Barbara Butow, 42442 Belmont Glen Place, Ashburn, VA 20148

Thank you for the great newsletters. Enclosed is my dues check to keep them coming! July is not only my birthday month, but also the time to celebrate my husband's retirement from the friendly skies. I will finally have my best friend in retirement with me.

The second reason for this letter is to let you know that we have a change of address. Now that

Dave is retired we no longer need to be close to ORD or WHQ and are moving to VA. New address is above. Ashburn is just west of the Dulles Airport.

I plan to introduce myself to the Dulles Loungers & look forward to meeting some new VA friends.

Marty Farian, 36518 Bedelio Terr. Fremont, CA 94536-4712

Thanks for hanging in there during these difficult times & producing these informative newsletters. It's really great to see the names of those I spent so many years with and how well most are doing.

I retired at Oakland (OAKED) on 9/16/02 after spending most of my career (40+ years) at SFO in the Turbine Shop & Training Dept. (SFOED). I hope the future is good to all, especially UAL!!

Kim Sieren, 1419 W. 179th St., #22, Gardena, CA 90248-3771

Hi - I received my Happy Birthday "red stamp", so enclosed is my check to keep this wonderful newsletter coming. I enjoy reading it & keeping up-to-date on the future of UAL.

I'm recovering from right rotator-cuff surgery, but was able to make it to the ReLAXers luncheon on 6/18/03 at the LA Ports of Call. I was able to bring along a F/A friend, Dianne Muir, who is filling out her retirement papers now. I'm sure will be joining the ReLAXers. We both had a wonderful time.

Suzie Campbell, President DEN Chapter Clipped Wings

Thanks for the dues reminder. Upon returning from Dublin, Ireland volunteering to work the worldwide Special Olympics, I had time to enjoy the July newsletter. Keep up the great work.

John & Ruth Schnittker, 1116 S. Douglas Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Thanks for all your hard work in getting this newsletter out.

We had a great time at the convention in CHI. John saw many old friends & former co-workers. The committee did a great job & well appreciated.

Susie Segar Stanley, 3985 Holly St., Dumfries, VA 22026-2439

I thank all the hard workers who keep all of us retired people up-to-date on what goes on at UAL. Great job.

Jo, it was so nice to meet you at Dave & Tina's pig roast in June at Manassas, VA. What a great day, and, oh yes. Dave & Tina, thanks again for the great food & hospitality.

I've been retired from IADSW since 1-1-88. Keep busy doing all my house and yard work plus trying to keep up with my wonderful sons, Winston & Gerald and their families. I have a great life.

Dick Hopkins, 1410 Philmar Ln., Vista, CA 92083

Another red stamp reminder from you good folks as this 5th year of retirement passes just as quickly as the first four! You'd think I've had more than enough time to complete remodeling our retirement home, but made one fatal error. Completed a rather sizable deck before the final main bath project & then found myself with an almost daily decision of whether to enjoy the fine deck & beautiful view or tackle what for me is the most challenging do-it-yourself project - plumbing! Well, my count may not be exact but not unreasonable to suggest the deck has won out each day over the past 12 months.

I suspect such decisions are the excuse of retirement - providing one is in good health. Let each day unfold gracefully & pressure free & see which way the wind's blowing. Right now it's right across my deck chair & the bath is beginning to look like a long-shot but will keep you posted.

Judy Stapleton Meyer, 928 So. Peak View Dr., Castle Rock, CO 80109

We just returned from our annual "Fourth of July" trek to our cabin on a lake in MN - our third year to drive rather than standby for a flight to MSP from DEN near a holiday. Those who have tried the standby route between DEN & MSP will understand. The newsletter was waiting for us, with the red stamp on it. So here's my dues & a little extra.

It has been 2 years of retirement for me & 7 years for my husband. All of the turmoil at United this past two years has supported my decision to "leave a little early", but now many of my friends are joining me in retirement. Unfortunately not all had the positive decision to make that I did. I still

hope we will be able to keep in touch

I am interested in taking advantage of the Internet option & was glad to read about the trial basis. My e-mail address is judym747@aol.com. I would like to take the trial newsletter & continue to get the printed letter for a couple of months, just to see if I like it that way.

George W. Gemberling, P.O. Box 674, Copperopolis, CA 95228 bahling@caltel.com

Another year has passed, time for remitting of annual dues. I appreciate the red stamp on my latest copy of the Newsletter.

Our local chapter, The San Joaquiners, has been increasing its membership during the start of this year. With all the retirements that are taking place, we hope to gain more members the rest of the year.

We are entering the dog days of summer up here in the foothills of CA, where the average temperature hovers around 100 degrees, so any work you want to do should be done early in the morning or inside the house where the air conditioner keeps things in perspective.

Thanks for the good work you're doing for all of us retirees; it's the only information we receive about what's happening at United.

Cliff Chaney, 904 E. Lizzie Lane, Saint George, UT 84790

It was 25 years ago, July 2, 1978. I set the parking brakes on 747-10UA at SFO ending a 36 ½ year career. Of the most fun a person can have with his clothes on, having the opportunity of flying the line at UAL.

Thank you dear people for providing the epistle for we the retirees to remind anyone reading the RUAEA news what a wonderful time we did have.

I also would like to relate one experience; this is one of many.

Just 60 years ago when we were flying the Pacific operations. This part of our airline that stretched from SFO to Brisbane, Australia. Flying converted B24s the C-87 by our crews, one of who was Jimmy Johnson.

What a wonderful individual he was. A great talker. My, my! Since I am a great listener, I had him talking from SFO to Brisbane. He also allowed me to fly a great deal.

We were taking off at night, from one of the Melensian Islands. The runways were cut out of

coconut plantations; steel mesh was put down; that was the runway. The palm trees were quite high. The winds on the ground were not always consistent to the winds above the trees. This particular night, and it seems that we were always departing or landing at night, with a rainstorm, either at the field or approaching the field. This takeoff, Jimmy said, "Cliff you had better make it, as it is night & raining." Right, sure Jimmy, happy to. Down the runway we went. No V1, rotate V2. This was to come later. We went down the runway, until I looked and felt that was all the runway we had, lifted the nose, off we went. When we reached the altitude that was above tree level, we entered a wind shift. Jimmy said, "Keep her flying, Cliff." So as smoothly as I could I arrested the downward descent, until we were able to accelerate out of the effect of the wind.

I, 60 years later, still feel a great deal of affection for the early pilots, who taught me so much. Sam Stevens taught me to taxi a DC-3. Jim Going taught me to navigate, always with a map in my lap. The flight plan marked out plainly. I still teach this to my students. Know where you are, situational awareness. Otis Kline taught me how to be precise. Can still hear him. Mr. Chaney, you are 50 feet off your altitude. R.T. Freng, all around gentleman, so many wonderful & gifted aviators, that taught me a great deal flying, and how to conduct myself at all times.

Thanks again for all the work you put in on the Newsletter.

Robert C. Davenport, 3964 Brookline Way, Redwood City, CA 94062

Enjoy the newsletter. Thanks so much for keeping all us retirees up-to-date. I am doing well, have been retired for 25 years. Still keeping busy, lots of honey-do's, don't know how I had time for a job.

Keep the newsletter coming.

John Sedell, 300 Luman Rd., #153, Phoenix, OR 97535-9747

In 1941 I was working in Monterey with one other agent plus the Manager. Our service consisted of 4 daily flights with the equipment being Boeing 247, a 10 passenger airplane. They operated between LAX & SFO with another stop at SBA. A lot of movie people traveled to the Del Monte Hotel

in MRY from LAX. We got acquainted with many of them. One in particular I will never forget was William Powell, who always helped us load the airplane after we checked him in. He said he needed the exercise. Gene Raymond did the same thing.

There were periods of weather delays or cancellations at times with Salinas as the alternate. One time in driving over there to work the trip our car broke down. We parked on the side of the road & immediately started to hitchhike. With our uniforms on we had a ride in no time. Must have looked a little odd with U.S. Airmail bags & 2 persons in uniform doing this.

I feel United will eventually come out of bankruptcy, especially with all the good people involved.

Thanks for the Newsletter which I really enjoy. Your efforts are certainly appreciated.

E.K. Williams, 18140 Airmont Rd., Round Hill, VA 20141-2526

E.K. Williams - UAL'66-97, DCA, SFO, ORD, CLE, ORD, DCA, ORD, JFK, DCA, HNL. Change, change, change...That would make a good song, huh? Some of the younger folks that I worked with will remember me saying in '86, that they should "just hang in there, change will come." Union leadership changes, management changes, administrations change & the economy changes. Since I began "throwing bags" in '56 there has been a constant cycle. It is my prayer that this is another of the cycles, the industry and, most of all, United Airlines will make it to the upside of the cycle.

Just like the weather, things do change. We have had several years of drought; now we are 7 inches of rain ahead for the year. It is just now the month of June & we are overwhelmed by water. Hmmm, maybe it is not quite as mysterious for those of us who are labeled elders as it is for those who have seen fewer seasons. Mercy, mercy elder rumination does get deep doesn't it?

Fished Yakutat, Hatteras & the Shenandoah with good friends. Hunted in the Appalachians with good friends, rode the Rocky Mountaineer round trip through the Canadian Rockies with my "bestest friend of all". Had breakfasts & lunches with DCA retirees, afternoons with the Social Security Poker Society (sometime friends). To quote my first ever

employer, the Welcome Wagon Lady in Pulaski, VA, "Aren't people fun?" Thanks to all of you for a good year.

Judy Spelts, P.O. Box 2544, Evergreen, CO 80437

Sold our house in Evergreen. Going to travel for about 5-6 months (RV) then settle down. Thanks so much for the newsletter.

Laura Hansen, 808 Laurel Ave., #310, San Mateo, CA 94401-4130

What would we do without the RUAEA newsletter to keep us informed on the news of United which we are always anxious to receive? Many thanks to you, Jo, and your staff for a great newsletter & dedication you put forth each month. It's always interesting to read of activities of the chapters & retirees' letter.

I have been retired for 20 years, which have been very good. They have included traveling (thanks to UAL), volunteering different places, being with family & friends plus many other enjoyable things. My health is good after a bout with cancer 6 years ago. What a lot of things to be thankful for!

Dotti Maxwell, P.O. Box 22, Helen, GA 30545-0022

Another birthday - 86 now & I'm still working & feeling well! Sorry to be tardy with my dues, but I was away for a few days celebrating. I appreciate all your efforts to keep us informed.

Ray O'Shea, 19 Sutherland Ct., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130

Just a note to say Hi ye-all. Many thanks for the Association Newsletter. July holds my birthday, the BIG 80! Didn't make the CHI convention but will try for the 2004 SEA party. We hope & pray for UAL to come back from Chapter 11, a strong airline, with our pensions & fringes in tact.

J. Lukasik, 253 N. Stewart Ave., Lombard, IL 60148-2026

Another outstanding year of salmon/halibut fishing just concluded (my 13th). Aug. 15-19 party of 12 each returned home with 176 lbs. of filleted fish. Believe it. Sportsman's Cove Lodge is Alaska's best kept secret.

Mary Ann Wallace, 8030 E. Girard Ave., #501, Denver, CO 80231

Many thanks to everyone for the cards, notes and telephone calls during my health problems this past year. Sorry I didn't get to the convention in CHI. Was looking forward to seeing friends I worked with at EXO during the 60s & 70s. I moved to an independent retirement community in southeast Denver several months ago. My telephone number is (303) 755-0904. Hello to all.

Michael R. O'Keefe, P.O. Box 90572, Los Angeles, CA 90009-0572

Hail to the reader!

Now that I've been retired for 6 months, it's time to look back & think about what happened over the last 36 years at United Airlines. Certainly, there were numerous changes over that length of time. Conversely, numerous things never changed at all, so it really was a mixed bag of events. I was unfortunate to be witness to the airline industry's degeneration into a "Greyhound bus with wings" type of operation that began with deregulation. I can only imagine what the industry will look like in a few years. At least I won't be there to see it happen. My only relief now is to watch old episodes of Hawaii Five-O to revisit what United Airlines looked like when it was still operating in a civilized manner.

The best years at United Airlines were the years of the Shuttle by United operation which started on 10/1/94 & operated through 11/1/02. The shuttle operation really was what I had hoped working for the airlines would be like in the first place. Instead of the numerous departments fighting with other on a daily basis, they actually got to know each other, learned something about each other's jobs & helped each other out. That's not to say the shuttle was perfect; it certainly was not. But it was a major improvement over what they were doing on the mainline operation. But after the shuttle was scuttled, working the flight line was never the same.

Anyway, it's good to be retired; I really don't miss working on the airplanes at all. I miss the interesting people I worked with over the years at United Airlines. Thanks to everyone I worked with over the years for memories to last a lifetime.

Herb Gardner, 4314 Gull Cove, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

Shirley (& Frank) Fiorentino stopped by for a visit in late May. Neither has aged in the 8 years since I last saw them. North Carolina living obviously is agreeing with them.

Bill Oliver, whom I never knew while at UA, is a neighbor just a half a block down the street.

Thanks so very much for the good work you folks do for all of us.

Helen May Cain, 163 Francisco Dr., South San Francisco, CA 94080-5931

To my table partners at the great May 2003 CHI Convention, I'd like to contact you, George & Nancy Hooper of Washougal, WA, and Bette & Wesley Briest of Eagen, MN. We had such a fun time. Now I have photos to send you but no street addresses. Please get in touch. See you again in beautiful SEA at the 2004 Convention? I lived there for 11 years so already have my raincoat packed (sorry, Seattleites)!

Ron Reihel, 4520 Castle Lane, Broomfield, CO 8002

It's great to reach another birthday year. I retired as a Captain in Los Angeles (LAXFO) but spent much of my United career as an instructor at TK on the B-747.

About 9 months after retiring I found out that I have acute lymphoblastic leukemia. I'm waiting for a bone marrow transplant at this time. I really feel great considering, except when I think about how the company handles the ESOP. Since I flew with Eastern almost 20 years, I had a late start with UAL. Most of my retirement from UAL (B Fund) was put into the ESOP, which sounded OK then, but now is nothing. Maybe the company could issue new stock to us when they come out of bankruptcy since we have no chance to earn or make anything up.

Eldon Miller, 4255 E. Sacaton, Phoenix, AZ 85044-1925

Appreciate the great job all of you do in getting out the newsletter. After 46 years at good ole UAL. 7-21-44 to 8-1-90, retired 13 years and have a part-time job at our local golf course. It's great as I have free golf.

My wife Jane & I will celebrate 55 years of wedded bliss with a cruise to the Mexican Riviera in Sept. I started my employment in DSM and in 1959 helped open CMH. In 1980 helped open PHX, great experiences.

Our 3 sons all work for different airlines - Delta, CVG; America West, PHX; US Airways, MCI. I have the pass situation covered. Still have a problem getting on flights as they are full most of the time.

We spent June & July in Vancouver, WA helping our daughter get ready for her move to MCO Patrick AFB. Her husband is a Lt. Col. In Air Force and a C130 pilot in Iraq, so she was stuck with making all the arrangements. Since I have the summer off from golf course, due to heat, not many golfers. I was glad to leave the 115 temp. in PHX.

Lorene Senn, 401 Burnt Cedar CT., Roseville, CA 95747

Thank you for publishing a great newsletter. I'm concerned about what is happening to UAL, hope & pray all will turn out well.

My daughter, Mary Ann, & I enjoyed a wonderful cruise (the end of May) to the Scandinavian countries & Russia. Then in mid-July I traveled with Ginger Dahlberg & UAL retirees from the Bay Area to British Columbia, a wonderful tour.

George & Jean Dabison, 95 W. Hodge Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, FL 52459

This month we begin our 10th year here in the Panhandle. It is still a special place, but I think the rest of the world found our secret! It is a beautiful, fun vacation spot so many people enjoy.

Thank you for the Newsletter keeping us informed about UAL. I also enjoy the social news. It is much appreciated.

Peg & Fred Frazier, McBrite Manor, 2825 Wieneke Rd., #64, Saginaw, MI 48603

We have moved again, and we're getting tired of it! But it seemed practical to be nearer one of our children. Our daughter left Hot Springs Village for Miss. We decided, though it will be cold, that Saginaw, MI outweighed MS!. Our son has been here many years & is taking care of our affairs anyway.

We enjoy the newsletter. Our best to you all.

Lee Swan, Swan-Mitchell Triangle Ranch, 242 County Road 1271, Alvord, TX 76225-7512

Hi, you'all. What a great convention. I can't remember when I had more fun. Old faces, great memories. Thanks!

Thanks for keeping us posted on UAL. You do a great job.

Alec G. Bateman, #326 4000 Douglas St., Victoria, BC, V8X 5K5, Canada

After 23 years of receiving the newsletter in Saanichton, BC, I reluctantly have to change my address to the one given above. Who would have thought when we started, that in that period of time, our beloved newsletter would have progressed from little more than one page to over 40. Is that Progress? or isn't it!

Over the years, our company has seen its ups & downs. I still think it is one of the best companies in the world, both to work for & to fly with

Over the years I am sure that many of us will remember that familiar refrain, FLY the Friendly Skies of United! Well, I am sure, we wouldn't lose much if we brought that old refrain back to the public! It would stir a lot of memories.

Thank you for providing us with such a medium to share our thoughts, such as the newsletter; our number of readers had nowhere to go but UP.

Wayne Sableman, 2822 S. Ivan Way, Denver, CO 80227-3834

A late "thank you" for your kind words when I fractured my hip. It's better now although the experience left my right leg $\frac{3}{4}$ inch shorter than my left leg. My surgeon suggested he operate again & stretching the bones so the legs would be equal in length. This idea I promptly rejected.

Am still blessed with good health & my friends are rooting for me to reach 100. As Bob Hope would say, "Thanks for the Memories".

Ed and Anne Titus, 4717-D SW 317th Ln., Fed. Way, WA 98023-2069

There are enough of us retirees now to start our own planet! Thanks so much for herding us together.

Gil & Phyllis Terry, 3040 Idyllbrook Ln., Erie, PA 16506

Dues time again! I guess when you get older the years seem shorter! This is my 89th birthday and 24 years retired. Did have a setback this April, fell & broke my hip. So spent a week in hospital & a month in rehab. I am home now doing fairly well as long as I do what my favorite nurse, Phyllis, tells me!

We both enjoy the newsletter and look forward to reading it each month.

Dan Mooney, 881 Pitts Rd., Sumter, SC 29154
dmooney02@aol.com

Congratulations are once again in order for everyone helping to put this excellent newsletter out to us. I have been retired five years already. If retirement gets dull to any of you, try volunteering with the Guardian Ad Litem Program in your area. The program volunteers are trained & court appointed as the voice of the children. Heartbreaking at times, but it's also very fulfilling when all turns well for the children. I would also recommend raising a grandchild, never a dull moment. A five-year-old will not keep you young, but will definitely keep you busy.

I still miss the people I worked with at SFOOV. I do NOT miss getting up early or fighting the San Francisco Bay Area traffic. Traffic in Sumter, SC is 6 cars waiting for a signal light. I still keep in touch with some of the oldies but goodies and thank RUAEA for publishing e-mail addresses, allowing each of us to do so. I also keep in touch with some of those SPECIAL people. The ones still working & allowing us to enjoy our benefits. I read where people fear the demise of United Airlines; my answer to each of you is: "Have faith. We will rise again." This is a time to ponder the mistakes & plan the future.

Mary B. Gebicke, 904 Hickory Cir., La Plata,
MD 20646-3213

Thank you for all the information I get from the Newsletter. Being a widow since 1988, I still feel part of the "United Family"

George Edwards, 635 N. Drury Ln., Arlington
Heights, IL 60004

Thank you for all your efforts in the Newsletter. It's now 16 years of retirement for us. Never really envisioned how enjoyable this life could be.

We no longer spend winters in TUS, preferring

instead the comfort & convenience of our own home.

Please say "hello" to Mary Ann Wallace & wish her well for us.

Duane Gentner, 10643 Clarkville Way, Parker,
CO 80134-9189

Always enjoy reading the monthly newsletter. Haven't tried getting it via the internet yet, but plan to do so.

It's been almost 8 years since retiring & almost 3 years since concluding my consulting work at DENTK. Carole & I took a great HWI cruise is April on the NCL Norwegian Star; however, the day and a half day trip each way down to & back from Fanning Island, Kiribati provided us with 18-foot waves. Everyone walked like they had just shut down the bar. Also took a nice driving trip to South Dakota to see Mt. Rushmore & the Crazy Horse project. Left a little of our money in Deadwood. Been to MI a couple of times to see my 98-year-old mother (who still lives at home) & the rest of the family.,

Life outside of United is good. Just hope life inside United gets a lot better soon.

Paula Moody, 3367 White Eagle Dr., Naperville,
IL 60564

I've been retired for 2 years. I don't know how I got everything done at home when I was working.

Had major back surgery (spinal fusion) on May 4; each day I am getting stronger. As I am an avid golfer it's going to be a long summer of inactivity.

Was excited to hear about the upcoming retiree website. My thanks to all who work on the newsletter; it has been very informative.

Elaine Ptak, 9674 Moonlit Sky Ave., Las Vegas,
NV 89147 ronelaine@yahoo.com

Well, it's birthday time again. 6 years retired and enjoying every day. We golf year round & travel quite a bit. This year hope to go on another Viking River cruise, plus some driving trips. I keep busy with my secretary position in our local RUAEA in Las Vegas plus women's newcomers club. I thank everyone involved in keeping our RUAEA Newsletter going. I realize all the hard work that goes into this newsletter. It is a great way to keep in touch with friends that live in many

different areas. I hope & pray United gets back on top where we belong!

**Frank Williar, 115 Oak Meadow Dr.,
Bridgewater, VA 22812-3530**

You do good work in publishing the newsletter month after month. I appreciate the General News, always enjoy reading the Local News, especially from the chapters that indicate guests are welcome to their monthly meetings. We may need to start touring the country more some day!

**T. Fred Jervis, 1-19171 Mitchell Rd., Pitt
Meadows BC V3Y 2G3**

This past year has been not too good for my wife. We managed to spend a month with our daughter & family in Ireland for Christmas.

Certainly look forward to getting the newsletter every month. Many thanks to Jo Madden & her staff for your excellent work.

**Virginia Swenson, 26088 145th St., New
Richland, MN 56072**

We went on a cruise over Christmas from HWI to Fanning Island; lots of fun. Then in March we went on a mission trip to India for "Bibles for the World". We went to the NE part of India, 30 miles from Burma.

Thanks for the Newsletter. Nice to stay in touch.

**David J. Walkinshaw, 358 Lower LaVista Ct.,
NW, Salem, OR 97304-4701**

To the RUAEA administrative team, I give my thanks. Have been retired 18 years and so impressed with all that you do to keep us informed. Usually make the convention, but Esther is having some problems at this time but improving daily. Again, my thanks & hope to see all of you next year.

**Roosevelt White, 3699 Staunton Dr.,
Youngstown, OH 44505**

Thanks for all the news. After 11 years of retirement, I'm still around. When I first moved here, I knew United had pulled out, but United Express was still here; now they have left. Sit here between CLE & Pit! Choices, choices! Hello to all, especially those who remember from LAX-JL.

**David Shea, 3754 Compton Lane, San Jose, CA
95130**

A special thanks for such a wonderful and informative newsletter. Those familiar names scattered across the country bring back years of memories at least once a month as the newsletter gets read.

**Hiroko Kikuchi Wright, Box 209, Erwinna, PA
18920**

This is my 8th year of retirement. My husband & I enjoy country life in eastern PA. I volunteer at a Fire House & the Civic Association. Also singing with our chorus club.

I look forward to a Salzburg-Venice music history tour in June with our Club.

The newsletters connect us together. Thank you for your great work. Also I'd like to mention how grateful we are to Dale Harper's dedication.

**Lee Messina, 735 Surrey Dr. Streamwood, IL
60107-2168**

I do love getting the Newsletter; the May issue had my name & phone number as well as my friend's, Polly Wildermoth. So, "thanks" to Elroy Schmitt, as I received a phone call yesterday from a very old UAL friend, Eve Pionke, who now lives in AR. She saw Polly's & my phone number in the Newsletter & got in touch; however, Polly's phone number was printed wrong. I would like to correct it for her. Polly Wildermoth's phone # is: 630-539-8052.

My retirement life has been busy. In Dec. my newest grandson arrived. I will have another grandchild in July. I will go to Akron again in June for a "Sutton" family reunion.

**Bert & Marian Swanson, 611 Madrone Ave.,
Sunnyvale, CA 94085**

Won't be late this time. Thanks for all your hard work. Been retired for 22 years this month. Goes very fast when you are having fun. Our trips have been curtailed due to some surgeries, but still average 2 days a week for golf and outings with RUAEA friends.

**Paul J. Lemise, Sr., 2788 Greenbridge Ct.
Schaumburg, IL 60194-4992**

It only seems like yesterday since I retired but it has already been 10 ½ years. That's how quickly time flies when you are enjoying yourself.

Kudos to all of you who make the newsletter

possible. The information you disseminate is very timely & pertinent. Many retirees compliment you on all your endeavors; however, I am sure that words of encouragement are always appreciated.

Charlotte Wendling-Flagg, 202 Stonemill Ln., Oswego, IL 60543

Thanks for all your hard work & devoted efforts for keeping the people of United in touch. It brings back memories to see a name from the past in print. The 45 years of work in reservations & now 3 years in retirement, went by sooo fast.

May United, like our great country, be on the path to a better world.

Willard L. Olson, 667 W. Hawthorne, Minden, NE 68959

Sending my new address (above) because after retiring 16 years ago, Ethel & I are moving back to NE. I began working for United 6-27-55 and will leave CA 6-27-03. It's been a good 48 years, 7 years plane overhaul, 24 years radio and 1 year retirement.

Keep up the good work on the excellent Newsletter.

Mary Semon, 450 D Ave., Coronado, CA 92118-1760

Thank you for the wonderful Newsletter. I truly look forward to receiving it. I just celebrated a birthday & although I did not have a red stamp, I'm sending you my dues + postage.

Bob Ahrens, 3914 Christine Dr., Belmont, CA 94002

Check-in time & another year added to our lives on earth. Health is still holding up for my wife & me. If I can get my wife up to speed, we plan a Fall Foliage cruise on the Mississippi Queen from St. Paul to St. Louis in Sept.

I still work as a volunteer 4 days a week at our local Senior Center serving the noonday meal. My hope is UAL can return to a profitable airline soon.

Jake Hutchinson, 4036 So. Rifle Way, Aurora, CO 80013

Thank goodness I'm still around to send my yearly dues again! I enjoy & appreciate the RUAEA newsletter. Thanks to each of you dedicated folks who make it so easy for the rest of

us!

If I may, I'd like to take this opportunity to say "hello" to those great associates with whom I had the privilege of working with during my 35 year tenure with UA....SFO, OAK, DEN, MKC, DSM, ABE, PHL, NYC, OPB, OMA. Fond memories... 1950-1985!

I'm not sure why, but I've continued to work since I retired. I tried selling real estate, luggage, men's clothing. For the past 7 years, I've been associated with the Community College of Aurora. I'm gratified to have volunteered many hours of service to United Way during my retirement years.

While having had the set back of losing my lovely wife, Jackie, two years ago, I'm fortunate to be in good health & blessed to be able to share great family time (now 12 grandkids!).

Harold D. Beal, 821 7th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94402

As the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun", and that's just what my wife, June Lee (SFOQA) & I have been doing in our leisure years. We share our time with many United retirees who live in our area, with whom we have cherished friendships which originated during our "working" days at United. We consider ourselves a United family.

We cannot begin to express the appreciation we have for the people who put together the RUAEA Newsletter. We look forward to receiving it every month. It is a wonderful way to "keep up" with our many retired friends, also with "howitgoz" with our airline today!

We truly hope to be able to attend a RUAEA Convention. Your report on the one held in CHI made us feel unfortunate for not being there, but maybe next time.

Lloyd Whitlow, Anthem Country Club, 38 Isleworth Dr., Henderson, NV 89052-6464

Another year of retirement (22 years), still going strong. We are taking advantage of our passes & other perks.

In Aug. 2002 we took a 14-day cruise on the Silverseas, Silver Shadow to the North Cape of Norway. Then over Christmas & New Year's we took a 20-day cruise in the Caribbean on the Dawn Princess (this cruise line is not equal in any way to Silverseas or Radisson). In May we flew to Cape

Town, South Africa where we spent a week prior to boarding the Radisson Seven Seas Mariner for a 22-day cruise ending in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, a great cruise line & wonderful ship.

Frank Bullis, 601 NW 110th Way, Vancouver, WA 98685

Sorry I'm late again. Time sure flies as the years go by. Do really enjoy getting the Newsletter & seeing names from years gone by. Had a great reunion last month with CS Agents from 60s & 70s in LAX. Over 200 attended in L.A. Keep up the great work.

Andy Vassios, 17475 Frances St., #2002, Omaha, NE 68130

Thanks Jo for all that you & the others do to keep us United & informed. Always enjoy seeing the names of former friends & employees.

Melvin L. Fisher, 4137 W. 97th Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453-3482

I haven't too much to say, only all of your staff have been doing a wonderful job. I couldn't make the CHI Convention; I was in OAK, just came back the 3rd week of June.

Oscar E. Haugen, 822 Cairn Dr., Nampa, ID 83651

Thanks so much for the interesting Newsletter. We really enjoy getting it. We are moving over to ID to be closer to our daughters. New address above.

Gerry Bernert, 3116 E. Lake Shore Dr., Wonder Lake, IL 60097

Time flies way too fast! Another year, another time for dues. Thanks for the "Red Stamp". Need that great reminder.

All of you do such a fantastic job of keeping us informed & linked together to share our terrific memories, the times we have shared together over so many years. Great times, great friends.

Ellen F. Cribben, 73 Winters St., Bronx, NY 10464

Thank you for the monthly newsletters. Even though I am only a widowed spouse, I still have the feeling of being a part of your wonderful family. My husband Fred J. Cribben retired from JFK NY Security Div.

Merle E. Pool, 69525 Dillon Rd., Sp. 26, Desert Hot Springs, CA

That time of year again; these birthdays sneak up on you. No traveling this year. Arthritis finally destroyed my knees. So had the left one replaced Jan. 30 & the right one replaced June 9. Just like your car, if a part wears out, get a new part. Only thing is the new one won't work like the old one did before it wore out. Still in therapy, but looking forward to dancing at one of my granddaughter's wedding.

Gene Wagner, 1465 Village Dr., Arlington Hts., IL 60004-4678

I really enjoy the newsletter & all you do for us retirees.

I've had a busy year since last year's convention. A wonderful 15-day cruise in Scandinavia in July & Aug., including 2 days in Leningrad & 3 days in Copenhagen. Then in March/April this year cruised from Ft. Lauderdale through the Panama Canal to SAN.

Spent New Year's Eve in Chicago's Symphony Hall listening to Count Basie Orchestra, enjoyed a jazz festival in Decatur, IL

Here's wishing the best for United. Looking forward to May 2004 in SEA.

Judith Griggs, 2005 Deertrail St., Deer Park, TX 77536-4356

Your dedication to the organization is appreciated. You do so much to keep us feel connected to what was a major part of our lives for so long.

With so many widows & widowers, I was wondering if there would be any interest in formulating some sort of group, that one might find companions or groups to travel with? It's just a thought.

Mal Andresen, 6242 Palatine Ave., N., Seattle, WA 98103

I trust you all are enjoying a nice, warm summer. The sun and heat are nice, but I don't seem to stand the heat that I did 40 or 50 years ago. I guess that's one of the penalties one pays to get old (86 years). I'm still enjoying music, even though I don't play anymore.

Thanks to the staff for the great newsletter.

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