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HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD! Your stay in Hollywood at the Renaissance Hotel is destined for fame at a premier luxury property in the movie making capital of the world. Located in the heart of Hollywood, the hotel is the cornerstone of the Hollywood & Highland retail and entertainment complex.

As a setting where film legends are born, famed Hollywood Blvd. stands as the symbol of international glamour. Each year millions of star gazers gather at this bustling thoroughfare to experience the excitement of Hollywood, past and present. Hollywood and Highland sets the stage for the dramatic realization of one of the world's most famous streets.

Hollywood Blvd. is located less than a mile from US Highway 101 and easily accessible above a new Metro subway station located at the Kodak Center. Hollywood and Highland surrounds the newly expanded Chinese Theater where the footprints of many Hollywood legends are preserved, and borders the Hollywood "Walk of Fame" where you can stroll along and find the star of your many favorites. There are also many restaurants along the "Walk of Fame" to curb your hunger.

The centerpiece of Hollywood and Highland is the Kodak Theatre, a world class 3,500 seat Broadway caliber performing arts center which is programmed for a wide variety of shows, comedy acts, concerts and television specials, and is the new home of the Academy Awards presentations.

The complex has a unique mix of retail environments featuring 50 shops, 25 restaurants (with something to tempt every palate and fit your pocketbook as well), 2 night clubs, a 12 lane bowling alley, and includes a US Post Office.

A popular spot is the open air "Babylon Court" where you can meet your friends for morning coffee or breakfast, and have lunch or dinner at one of the terraced restaurants.

All this and more await you when you arrive for the RUAEA Convention 2005, which is scheduled for **May 22-29, 2005**. See you there. **DON'T MISS THIS ONE AS WE PLAN A CONVENTION WORTHY OF AN ACADEMY AWARD!** Bring your camera to record the moments you will experience.

TH-TH-THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!

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GENERAL NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I received a lot of comments about my letter in last month's newsletter - both complimentary/supportive & critical. That's fine. We need to know what you are thinking, also what your concerns are. Unless you give us your thoughts & feedback, we don't know.

Since United filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy, key things that have affected retirees are pass travel, then health insurance and now pension issues. The company has made the decision not to make pension contributions while in bankruptcy. According to the company, the renegotiated bankruptcy financing preempts making pension payments. Beyond that, United has made no further decision regarding the pension plans. Several employee groups & unions are challenging the legality of this. A lot of individuals, groups & the media are speculating all over the map on this. There is a lot of misinformation and incomplete information being circulated. Be cautious and discriminating of what you read, hear & pass on to others.

RUAEA's primary position is for United Airlines to survive, successfully exit bankruptcy & become a viable sustainable company. If United does not survive, all the retiree benefit issues including travel & health insurance is moot. Our pensions will be decided by the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation. We are committed to assist and support the company in whatever ways we can in its recovery.

Secondly, after the company's survival, our concerns are the retirees' interests. United's stated financial needs that affect retirees benefits must be confirmed and be a legitimate necessity for survival. We believe all retirees should be treated equally and consistently. One group should not be given benefits to make concessions at the expense of another group. Legally, each union represents the retirees from the class & craft it represents. An example of this working was the negotiation and coalition of groups in the health insurance issue. We are interested that the concerns and issues of all retirees are heard, communicated & considered when the tough decisions are being made., Remember, RUAEA is the only organization of all retirees regardless of the job or position held.

We are working on getting better in communicating with you through the Newsletter, our Website & our Regional Directors. This is a two-way street. We want to communicate more effectively with you; we are working on ways you can communicate more effectively with us & on better ways to do this. It's through this free exchange that we can better reflect your interests, issues & concerns. My criteria of "good information" is it must be accurate, complete, current & timely.

Our second thrust is to be your "voice" reflecting your interests, issues & concerns with the principals in United who are making the decisions that affect you. As I mentioned, there are legal issues as to who legally represents whom. Our focus is to represent our retirees and provide the kind of input that would influence the decisions being made. We have never been in this role before. This is something that does not happen quickly. We need to earn our credibility. We are working very hard in this area.

A number of your officers, directors & appointees are working on these areas right now. Over the next couple of months we will be implementing some of these strategies. We will keep you informed on these developments. We will be counting on each of you for your support & inputs. Together we retirees can make a difference.

Marlin Lade
President - RUAEA

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM

I've been asked if I would write an article on how to get access to the web newsletter, or how to return to receiving the paper copy of the newsletter. As you know, if you elect to get your newsletter via the web, you will no longer receive a paper copy and vice-versa. This is due to the economics of the newsletter. Also, you "Must" have Adobe Acrobat to read the newsletter on the WEB. It is easy; to acquire & download as there is a link right at the web to get the "FREE" software. If you can't get it to download, contact me at ruaea@aol.com. This is the e-mail address at the office.

Accessing the Web Newsletter

First lets look at the process to get access to the WEB newsletter. First you must send an e-mail to the Membership Secretaries requesting to get access to the web newsletter. The information we need is your name, file number & a statement that you want to receive your newsletter via the web. As a reminder, you must be current with your dues. If not we will let you know. As soon as we receive your current dues we will notify the Web Master that you are now eligible to access the web.

Once you have completed the above, wait for about five days, then go to the website at www.ruaea.org. On the left of the page look for the word Newsletter. Click on this; another screen will appear. If you aren't registered, click in the line to register. Another page will appear; follow the directions as they are spelled out. The Web Master will need your file number, e-mail address & a password so that may become part of your profile.

Once your profile is established, the Web Master will notify you that you have access. Also once a year on your birthday the Web Master will notify you when your dues are due. This will prevent interruption to your access.

Return to receive the Paper Newsletter

If you decide that you no longer wish to receive the newsletter via the web, the following is the process to receive the paper newsletter.

Send an e-mail to the Membership Secretaries, CC'ing the Web Master at Support@RUAEA.ORG stating you wish to receive the paper newsletter. You will receive the next available mailing of the newsletter. Depending on when we receive your request will determine when you will receive the next paper edition. Sending in your request at the beginning of the month will almost assure there will be no interruption to the newsletter. Again, with this change you will not have access to the Newsletter on the WEB.

One last item, our secretaries are only in the office on Mon., Wed. & Fri. Their hours are normally between 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on these days. So if you need to speak to them, these are the days & hours to call.

Howard Tress
Membership & Support Manager

UNITED AIRLINES HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

Sara Dornacker, President of the United Airlines Historical Foundation, was employed Aug. 2, 1967 as a Flight Attendant, progressing to Supervisor of Onboard Services in Washington, D.C., New York City & Cleveland. From there, she moved to Chicago as Safety Manager, then Media Relations Manager, returned to Onboard Services to help with the communications during United's international expansion in the 1990s. 2003, Sara joined the Airport Operations Division where she is the recognition advocate for 21,000 employees at 113 airports around the world. Sara serves on the board of 3 non-profit organizations, including the Soong Ching Ling Foundation of the China Welfare Institute in Shanghai, China. Her involvement in the UAHF came about through her longtime membership in Clipped Wings. She has been directly involved in planning the 40th 50th & 65^h anniversary celebrations

honoring Ellen Church & the “Original Eight” stewardesses. Sara has a strong commitment to preserving & acknowledging United’s past as well as inspiring the youth of today.

UAHF FLIGHTS INTO THE PAST

The weekend of Sept. 25-26 promises to be an exciting and memorable one for the United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF).

September 25

After a two-year effort by the Experimental Aircraft Association and our Foundation, on Saturday, the 25th, a 1926 Swallow Mailplane will take to the air out of the Aurora Regional Airport in Aurora, IL. The Swallow, fully restored and all decked out in the colors of United’s original predecessor, Varney Air Lines, will make several lift-offs carrying its pilot and a single passenger on an open-air tour of the Chicago suburbs.

Further, former United pilot, Captain Clay Lacy of Van Nuys, CA, will be on hand with his beautifully restored DC-3, which sports the UAL colors of the early 1950s & a modern corporate lounge passenger cabin. This aircraft too will offer several flights over the nearby countryside.

September 26

On Sunday, the 26th both aircraft will be flown from Aurora to the Schaumburg, Regional Airport in Schaumburg, IL where they will be featured in static display from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Schaumburg’s annual Family Aviation Day event. UAHF will also present a large historical display, former United flight attendants in vintage uniforms, active & retired United pilots who will share their flying experiences with attendees. Additionally, the Foundation will make available a selection of branded items for sale. We are still exploring other features to add to our exhibit.

If you are in the Chicago area, we cordially invite you to visit with us the weekend of Sept. 25 & 26. Chances are you will be greeted by friends from RUAEA, who have volunteered to help host the events. UAHF truly appreciates RUAEA’s participation & support.

As this newsletter goes to press, a number of details are still being coordinated, including scheduled take-offs, flight availability, air fares, etc. These specifics will be announced shortly. For more information, we encourage you to access our web page at www.uahf.org or through United Airlines Skynet, where United Airlines Historical Foundation is listed under “Quick Hits”.

NONSTOP DENVER-PITTSBURGH SERVICE

Oct. 4, United will begin service between DEN & PIT with 2 daily nonstop flights.

We serve more domestic cities from DEN than any other carrier; launching PIT service reinforces our commitment to the DEN area.

The new route will be flown with 737-300s. Flights from DEN depart 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; flights from PIT depart 9:00 a.m. & 5:45 p.m.

NONSTOP CHICAGO-SHANGHAI SERVICE

On Oct. 31, United will begin new daily, nonstop flights between Chicago O’Hare International Airport & Shanghai Pudong International Airport.

United will operate combined passenger & cargo service between CHI & Shanghai using Boeing 777 aircraft configured with 10 United First Suite seats, 45 United Business seats & 198 United Economy class seats, which includes an Economy Plus section.

Flight 835 will depart CHI 12:15 p.m. beginning Oct. 31 & arrive in Shanghai 4:50 p.m. the following day. Beginning Nov. 1, United Flight 836 will depart Shanghai 7:10 p.m. & arrive in CHI 7:05 p.m. the same day. Flight times are subject to change.

SFO-VIETNAM SERVICE VIA HONG KONG

United will begin daily SFO-Ho Chi Minh City service via Hong Kong effective Dec. 9, 2004, following completion of the application process with the government of Vietnam. The first flight will arrive in Ho Chi Minh City on Dec. 10, 2004.

Service will combine passenger & cargo service using Boeing 747-400 aircraft configured with 14 United First Suite seats, 73 United Business seats & 260 United Economy class seats.

United Flight 869 will depart SFO 12:10 p.m. on Dec. 9, arrive in Hong Kong 7:00 p.m. Dec. 10. The continuing flight will depart Hong Kong 8:55 p.m., arrive in Ho Chi Minh City 10:25 p.m. Beginning Dec. 11, United Flight 862 will depart Ho Chi Minh City 6:15 a.m., arrive in Hong Kong 9:40 a.m. The continuing flight will depart Hong Kong 1:05 p.m., arrive in SFO 8:40 a.m. the same day.

CHICAGO-MAUI-KONA SERVICE

Dec. 16, United will begin flying its 2nd nonstop flight from CHI to the Hawaiian Islands with direct service to Maui, continuing service to Kona. This daily roundtrip route will originate at CHI O'Hare, fly nonstop to Maui, travel on to Kona. Then return nonstop to CHI, making it the only nonstop flight from Kona to CHI in the marketplace.

Flight #3, Boeing 777, will depart CHI 10:00 a.m. CST, arriving in Maui 2:51 p.m. local time. The aircraft then will depart Maui 4:00 p.m., arriving in Kona 4:40 p.m. For the flight's last leg, it will depart Kona 6:00 p.m., arrive in CHI 5:54 a.m. the following morning.

United currently provides 23 daily nonstop flights to HWI from LAX, SFO, DEN & CHI. DEN & CHI have been serving HWI since 1947. Also United flies to HNL nonstop from both Tokyo & Oaska.

NEW SERVICE WITH U.S. FALL SCHEDULE

With the fall schedule change, United & United Express will begin additional daily nonstop service to 11 markets, including new service to Myrtle Beach, from CHI & Washington Dulles hubs.

The U.S. fall & winter schedule change includes the following new service.

Oct. 4, from CHI -

- 2 daily nonstop roundtrip mainline flights to Albuquerque, NM
- 2 daily nonstop roundtrip mainline flights to Tucson, AZ
- 1 daily nonstop roundtrip mainline flight to Palm Springs, CA
- 2 daily nonstop roundtrip United Express flights to Edmonton, Canada, operated by SkyWest.

Oct. 4, from Washington Dulles

- 3 daily nonstop roundtrip United Express flights to Memphis, TN, operated by Air Wisconsin
- 3 daily nonstop roundtrip United Express flights to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, PA, operated by Shuttle America
- 2 daily nonstop roundtrip United Express flights to Milwaukee, WI, operated by Air Wisconsin.

Oct. 17, from Washington Dulles

- 2 daily nonstop roundtrip United Express flights to Houston with a 3rd daily flight to begin on Oct. 31. Chautauqua Airlines will operate these flights.

Know Your Officers/Directors/Staff

Mort Wax, Executive Vice President, was employed by United Air Lines 7/23/53 as an Accountant C in Passenger Sales Audit Section/Refund Unit in the Executive Offices, Chicago. Mort held many interesting positions with United, spent his entire career in CHI. He retired 2/13/93 as Manager of Administration in the Catering Dept.

Mort has been very active in RUAEA, served as Chairman of the Audit Committee for 2 years, Treasurer of RUAEA for 4 years, Treasurer of the 2003 CHI Convention.

Volunteer involvement includes Northbrook Civic Foundation, Northbrook Rotary Club, Information Center of Greenview & Northbrook and Chicago Greeters. Retired from the Army Reserve as a Lt. Colonel. Leisure (?) activities: grandchildren, reading & "suffering with the Chicago Cubs".

Mort & his wife, Lorraine really enjoy their grandchildren. We are very happy to welcome Mort to the RUAEA Board of Directors once again.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS: Chapter reports for Oct. are due in DEN on Mon., Sept. 13, Nov. reports by Wed., Oct. 13, Dec. reports by Fri., Nov. 12. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX is #303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. Reports also may be sent by e-mail, ruaea@aol.com. Please 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.

LOCAL NEWS

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We continue to see an average of 20-25 folks at our Coco's breakfast. A guest at our 7/6 breakfast was Pat Crowthers, relative of John & Olive Crowthers, visiting from Anderson, IN. The breakfast schedule for Sept is:

Sept. 14 - Coco's

Sept. 28 - Coco's

For those of you who are NOT on the regulars list and plan to attend the breakfast meetings at Coco's, you must call in advance. Please call Pat Butkiewicz before 5:00 p.m. on the Mon. prior to the breakfast; her number is 623-935-9235.

We miss Joan Aaronson & George Klick at our breakfasts & meeting, but we hear they are both doing well. Harry Fraser is still having back & neck problems; we miss him & wish him well. Tuffet Sharp has been diagnosed with bone cancer, currently undergoing chemotherapy. Zita Wessa was stricken with a heart problem on her summer trip home. We hear she is doing well. Pat Paulson is being treated for skin cancer & doing fine; she continues to maintain her busy schedule & her position as V. P. of the Azures. Chuck Sharp has been diagnosed with colon cancer, is awaiting treatment. Cor Dropp recently had a stent placed in his heart. He was at our last breakfast, looks great. God bless to all our members, especially a special wish for a speedy recovery to those that are ailing.

There appears to be a lot of confusion & fear over all the recent news reports, e-mails & mailings from United on the topics of Medical changes & pension issues. It is very important that we keep our members informed. We get together in friendship and communications. Be sure to join us at our bi-weekly breakfasts to keep those lines of communication open.

If there are any RUAEA members in the West Phoenix area that are not members of our local chapter and want to join the Azures please contact me (Sherry) by e-mail (address above) or by phone(above).

Fear less, hope more;
Whine less, breathe more,
Talk less, say more;
Hate less, love more,
And all good things are yours.

(Swedish Proverb)

Calendar

Oct. 16 - Beardsley Park - picnic

Nov. 13 - Luke AFB - Thanksgiving luncheon

Dec. 11 - Luncheon, Briarwood Country Club

TALL PINES

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We celebrated the 27th of July in a beautiful park setting for our Tall Pines monthly luncheon/picnic. We all had an enjoyable time & missed the members that could not attend.

As mentioned in our Aug. newsletter, our All Arizona Chapter Picnic will be held at Goldwater Lake Park on Sept. 14 (Tues.), 11:00 a.m. The Tall Pines will provide desserts (which are always great), coffee & water. We will be holding our annual "White Elephant Auction" with our illustrious auctioneer Earle Risdon at the helm plus his able assistant, Annie Tomasic. So please all of you members who are planning to attend - start looking into those closets, drawers & should I dare say the "garage" for some goodies. We always have a great time with this event; the proceeds will be presented to some worthy organization. We hope to see a good turnout & promise you a beautiful blue sky - cool breezes & good company!

Calendar

Sep. 14 - All Arizona Chapter Picnic, Goldwater Lake, 11:00 a.m.
Oct. 26 - Plaza Café, 11:00 a.m.

ARKANSAS

"THE NATURALS"

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On Aug. 3, twelve Naturals gathered for dinner at Oyster Bay Restaurant, Treasure Isle Rd., on the river just outside of Hot Springs. Everyone enjoyed the food. We thanked our hosts, Diana & Jim Huffman, for arranging this outing.

We discussed the health care & pension issues. Quite a few Naturals retired before 1985. Those who were still working at that time are facing a reduction in their pension benefit.

June O'Donnell will plan the Oct. meeting - details will be announced ASAP.

CALIFORNIA

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Kathy Shurtleff (805) 384-0500 will host the next luncheon on Oct. 20 at The Big Yellow House in Summerland. Details will be in flyer. Hope to see those of you who haven't been able to attend for awhile. For chapter info, contact Pres.Al Rybar (805) 595-2532

BRAZEN RAISINS

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Gil & Pat Gilbert were scheduled hosts for the Brazen Raisins' Aug. meeting, but Gil was home caring for Pat who had had a knee replacement operation. V.P. Peggy Oakshott presided. Curt Follansbee told stories about PSA vs. United at the Santa Barbara airport & a bomb scare after he took off from the Salinas airport; no bomb was found by 4 FBI agents who inspected the plane after returning to Salinas.

There erupted a lengthy discussion about the authenticity of the London Bridge in AZ; then, even Stonehenge got into the discussion. As might have been expected, a lengthy discussion of the fate of United's medical plan for retirees ensued.

Somehow, the joke session, which usually occurs at the end of the meeting, got interspersed between Curt & London Bridge.

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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For our July meeting we traveled to the mountain town of Nevada City, where we were hosted at the Trolley Junction - Northern Queen Restaurant by Lee & Shirley Francis, assisted by Ken & Stephanie Norton. Beautiful surroundings, good food.

Pres. Ron Bertacini called us to order, thanked the hosts & introduced the guests: Bob Burns was the guest of John Muir, Carlos & Sylvia Barrantes were guests of Ana & Fernanco Campos, Ted Gardner was the guest of James Chorley.

There were 82 people attending.

A new member, Barbara Atkinson, introduced herself. She retired from LAXSW after 39 years as a Flight Attendant.

Ron welcomed back Wayne & Zephra O'Kelly. They had missed several meetings due to medical problems.

Sunshine Chairmen, Francis & Veronica Domaritus had a long report, none of it good. Wayne Howey has been hospitalized with pneumonia since July 4 & has been moved to an assisted living facility. Prayers are asked for a return of strength to "get him out of there". George Jordan is suffering from cancer with complications. The family has a website on which you may follow his progress. It is: <http://magiclamp.net/Georg/>. Mike Stough is not well but is at home.

Don Raichle died on July 24 from a recurrence of Lymphoma. There will not be any services. The Raichles have been Gold Diggers members since the early 1980s. Sylvia was Pres. in 1985. Our thoughts & love to Sylvia & their family.

RUAEA Regional Director, Bob Cuff once again urged us to use the official RUAEA website for news & to ignore rumors.

V.P.s Harold & Colleen Esola conducted the raffle in their usual efficient style. The prizes included pretty potted mums that were table decorations.

Anniversaries: Celebrating more than 50 years in Aug. are: Al & Geneva Lockwood, 59 years; Jim & Ethel Meeks, 54 years.

Calendar

Sep. 29 - The Caldwell Ranch in Placerville. Hosts: Harry & Jean Caldwell

Oct. 27 - Hosts: Dale & Dorothy Volker. Place to be announced.

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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The July meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 8th at Orsi's in Novato. The food and service were excellent. The Hawaiian decorations added to the celebrations.

Pres. Ron Huhn thanked the hosts Oscar & Joan Chambers and co-hosts Pat Leahy & Maddie McKinnis for their hard work. He welcomed members that we had not seen for a while.

Naomi Tolf introduced Evelyn Rowe, guest of Edie Olson & Kay Casteline, guest of Roger Casteline.

Treas. Oscar Chambers reported that our accounts are in good order. A reminder that our balance includes the charity donations.

Andy Citara began a discussion to have at least two luncheons a year, at the Officers' discretion, subsidized by the treasury.

Sunshine Lady, Verda Burr, has returned. There were 14 birthdays. The winner of the luncheon was Verda herself. A card was sent to Wayne & Zepha O'Kelley for their 65th anniversary

George Jordan is under medical treatment. Telephone calls & cards would be appreciated. Nice to see Michel Quinn recovering from his back surgery. Inara & Heinz Witt's new address: 421 Hillside Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409, phone 539-7446.

Howard Payne, Director - Western Region, gave us a brief report on the status of United. The airline is doing well, with high load factors & Ted is doing very well. Because of the high load factors, listing for flights must now be done on line with Web list or through the voice activated system, 1-800-UAL LIST. More information on SkyNet. We can now pay

for pass charges with a credit card, on-line. Press reports you read about the pension plan at United refer to the active employee's plans. Present retirees will see little affect if they are covered by an annuity.

Thought for the Day: You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

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We had our first meeting of the HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD 2005 RUAEA Convention committee at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel on the 3rd. The Dunworths, Betty Houck & I took the Metro-Rail train (blue line-red line) rather than driving as a sort of test run. 90c round trip fare vs. \$6 or \$7 for gas, plus parking from our Seal Beach/Lakewood areas. The trains are fast, run every 10 min. or so. On arrival at the HLW-Highland station, it's only necessary to walk a short block to the hotel. I don't think it took us less time than driving would have (traffic in that area is the pits! (Parking is expensive.) For future convention activity - volunteers who live near any of the Metro-Rail lines should definitely use it. Even those living down further south in OC, take Metro-Link interurban trains or Amtrak to Union Station, L.A. Take the red line from there.

Yesterday (8/12) we had our annual fantastic steak fry at the El Segundo Park with 150 attending. It was a cool day, cool company & hot steaks.

Thanks to Ray Ginocchio, information on IAM retiree members who are also ReLAXers members: Mary Lou Mitchell is making progress in her vision after cataract surgery. Carl Hoyer is having to put up with the steady oxygen supply, but is getting along. Kay Marinoff had a couple of falls, getting therapy.

Peggy Ginocchio has a lot of hip pain, may have to join the bionic age with a hip replacement! Let's give them all a prayerful boost. If you want to send cards, give me, Donna or Jo Ann a call for addresses. Bill Kneisel was walking quite normally without walker or even a cane only 8 weeks after knee surgery. Phil Muelrath & Barbara would like to have attended, but our picnic area is on just enough of a slope to make wheelchair access quite impossible. Phil's doing quite well after his amputation, but isn't able to graduate from the wheelchair as yet.

Next week we are off for the trip to Mesquite & Tuacahn. I was happy to see the LAS column's report on the same trip in Aug. newsletter with the brief description of the theater area & background.

Speaking of trips, I have about 15 different ones plotted out for the HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD convention. It's a real challenge to keep prices down due to fuel cost increases which have affected every tour operation that uses a van, bus or boat. But we are also concentrating on giving the best quality & most interesting trips possible. Begin your convention piggy banks & plan on at least a couple of fun activities. Excellent positions are still available to assist at the hotel, at LAX or BUR or with tour activity. (Did I mention it's volunteer?) Contact Donna Klobe who will be like the puppeteer to keep all the parts going together, (310) 306-7415. Several of the convention committee folks have established separate e-mail addresses for convention inquiries/suggestions only.

Calendar

Sep. 25 - LAXRR Reunion party, Hacienda Hotel 6P-1A (ctc. Linda Robbins 818-763-5749).

Sep. 27-Oct. 1 - LAXTR Reunion Cruise (ctc - Mike Fujimori, 310--390-3007).

Oct. 14 - Luncheon meeting

Dec. 2 - Fabulous Christmas party on the Queen Mary.

Re-Sans

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The first joint picnic of ReSans & Clipped Wings was held Aug. 24 on Mission Bay at the Tecolote Picnic Area next to the Hilton Hotel. A detailed flier was mailed to all members. More information will be furnished on this picnic in our next report. We were delighted to have Marvin Lade & his wife, and Ron & Barbara Bertacini as our guests.

Our annual Halloween party has been rescheduled for Oct. 26 at the Stoneridge Country Club in Poway. A flier with details & directions will be mailed. This change was made possible by the hard work of our Pres. Marian Owens.

Sympathy: Troy Kirkland, Judy White's husband, held a Celebration of Life Service on Aug. 1. A number of ReSans members attended. This was a beautiful service, with many of Judy's friends speaking of their friendship. Judy volunteered her time in so many areas. The service welcomed people from the San Diego Volunteer Police Force, ReSans, Mercy

Hospital's Neonatal & Volunteers Ushers for S.D. Theater events. If anyone is interested in making a contribution, in lieu of flowers, this may be done to the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Recovering: Kit Fogleman is at home now following gallbladder surgery on July 26. Bill Lindsay had hernia surgery in early Aug.

Calendar

Oct. 26 - Halloween Party at Stoneridge Country Club, Poway

Dec. 3 - Christmas party at Tom Ham's Lighthouse

Lindbergh Alumni Groups - First Thurs. of month - Contact Bill Lindsay

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Bob & I were traveling during the last meeting, attending a wedding & visiting family. We want to give a big "thank you" to our Recording Sec'y, Helen Cain, for taking my place & to Ken Wahl for standing in for Bob. I'm using Helen's notes for this July report.

Membership Secretary Carol Walter introduced 3 new members; they were Josephine Roller & A.D., Jr. & Lynne Cline. Congratulations to Milt & Marie Cavalli who celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary this month & to Ed Arnold who had his 94th birthday.

Get well cards were sent to Cliff Sullivan who had a fall, Michaelene Nichols who has been in the hospital, to Shirley Dickinson & Don Reuszer who had been ill. I sent a card to Virginia Thompson who had knee surgery, followed by a heart attack 4 days later. She is now home after spending 18 days in the hospital. I also learned that Jean Lloyd broke her knee following a fall & Tony Hutt was injured recently. I am sorry to report that Helen Jukes passed away in July. Cards can be sent to her husband, Norman, 1501 Vancouver, Burlingame, CA 94010

SFO volunteer, Ernie Bloom reported heavy traffic being experienced in the very early morning departures. SFO is now preparing for the new European-produced Airbus 380. Information varies as to whether the plane has 2 or 3 decks. Seating may be 555 passengers or 700 passengers in an all-economy configuration. Be prepared for heavy traffic (both vehicular & human) in the future.

Ken Wahl reminded the membership that there is a signup sheet for volunteers to the Sept. 27 picnic. Tickets are \$5

The program today was "The P.S. Performance", a group of talented young dancers & vocalist who literally exploded onto the floor, to the great enjoyment of our members.

Greeters for today's meeting were Michael Mewkalo & Charles O'Toole. We had 115 members & guest in attendance.

Travel Info: Travel Coordinator Ginger Dahlberg has a 6-day New Years Eve trip available that will include the Rose Bowl Parade & other highlights. If you are looking for a fun way to spend New Years, give Ginger a call, 650-345-5548 or e-mail gingersfo@aol.com.

Calendar

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

Retirees General Meeting - 4th Mon. 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

Sept. 27 - Picnic, Flood Park, 215 Bay Rd., Menlo Park - bring your own drinks.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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Attendance at our meetings has been good lately; we welcomed back several members we hadn't seen in a while. Keith Olthof, Harry Willever, Bob & Sue Dunlap, Chuck & Barbara Brown, Bill & Rosemary Reichard, Dee Bank.

July we had several visitors: Barry Grenett, UAL retiree; John Stillwell (former president of the IAM local), representing the Central Coast branch; Tom Carlson & Peg Carlson-Bowen (Dee Carlson's son & daughter), and Bob Winsler (friend of Don Burda).

Don & Delores Burda took a 6,040-mile trip to WI. Don is in the National Hall of Fame for Clowns. He went to teach at the clown college, teaches 34 subjects on clowning. Dave & Nancy Walb took a trip to England & Ireland - told us about attending a big, traditional Irish wedding that went on for days.

Our thoughts & best wishes to our members who have been ill, especially Elaine Kristen, with painful back problems; Dwayne Howze, who is now on the list for a lung transplant.

Calendar

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. morning at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m., meeting convenes at 8:20 a.m. We welcome all fellow retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres., Bill Copley (408-725-8420), for more information.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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The ever popular annual picnic held at Pinecrest Lake was attended by 52 members & guests, hosted by Dick & Nancy Buddington. This makes about 20 years running that Nancy has carried out this duty which includes the hamburger detail. No wonder she is so proficient in taking charge of this activity. Among the guests: Rita Harper who works at the Veterinary office in Murphys, incidentally, told us the age of our dog "Pepper"; we weren't sure. John Patterson told us some of the pleasures of life in Wintertime Yuma where they are set up for many senior activities. Bob & Ginger DeMars are enjoying their membership in our San Joaquiners. Jane Silvers is happy to have a quick recovery from double hip surgery and back to "kicking up her heels" on the dance floor, also big activity with their new dog who is teaching them how it must be treated!

Another double hip recovery is happening to Kersten Buckholtz. We enjoyed visiting with her & Bob down from Lodi where they enjoy the condo life. Another guest, Rudy from Ripon, as he introduced himself, with his 2 small grandchildren. The canines seem to be doing well with quite a few United retirees, including the Dixons, dog-sitting for daughter's dog Pepper. All 3 are enjoying being back in the mountains. This does not mean we are all going to the dogs!

UA - EL DIABLOS

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The El Diablos of the East Bay held their Aug. meeting (after a summer break in July) with 37 members & guests. We welcomed 4 new members from SFORR. Tracy Blanchard, Marguerite Keil, Gerry Lim & Dave Marzane, also Bob Saltry from SFOPD.

A lively discussion was held regarding the changes in Medical and Retirement plans!

We're always looking for those of you who can help with positions in our chapter. Next meeting we would like to see if there is anyone who can help with vacation coverage for the Newsletter., Treas., Pres., etc. Thanks.

We had a presentation from some of our members who volunteer. If anyone is interested, please use any of the following:

Vilma Patrick - Senior Citizens Center - Concord - (925) 671-3320 (home 671-9333); Tom Johnson - Amtrak Station Travel Assistance (Martinez Station) - (925) 937-9795; Diane Griego - Crisis Resolution Services - www.crisisresolutionsservices.org - (925) 937-9724; Donna Santana, Executive Director; Marilyn Harguth - Bay Area Crisis Nursery - www.bacn.jkmas.com - (925) 685-6633 - Sandy Hathaway - Director. Also please give blood!! - always needed.

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's Restaurant, 2090 Diamond Blvd. in Concord. Social 11:30-12:00. Lunch orders are taken at 12:00. We start conducting our business matters. No reservations needed, just come. Ed Lewis will send a reminder via e-mail, so make certain you let him know if yours changes.

Calendar

Sep. 13

Oct. 11

Nov. 8

Dec. 13

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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July 22 the Denver Mile Highers held their summer indoor picnic, no ants, flies or mosquitos were present. 75 retirees & guest attended. The food was excellent. Big thanks to Laura Coats & Dixie McCay for their efforts making this indoor picnic a big success.

It was good to see Dave & Lili Pearson from Pagosa Springs, CO, 250 miles from DEN. It was also great to have Jim & Mary Ann Amends join us.

The Aug. 5 breakfast at Park Hill Golf Course welcomed Duncan McLean (retired 5 months) & Rich West who is not a member but requested an application to join RUAEA. Happy to see Ed Eason from Mesa, AZ & Don Osborn from DEN.

Three of the 50/50 winners returned their winnings to the stamp fund: Rich West, Charles Hassler & Duncan McLean. Carol Krieser had back surgery - now recuperating at home - address: 13955 E. Oxford Pl., Aurora, CO 80014.

Howard Fluegel underwent surgery, however, is doing quite well. Address - 8674 W. 84th Circle, Arvada, CO 80005.

Mary Lou Dillner suffered a stroke July 28. Home address - 7455 E. Quincy Av., #208, Denver, CO 80237. Rich Kassal had bypass surgery. Home address - 11302 Mesa Verde Pl., Parker, CO 80138.

Lois Dick also had surgery. Home address - 8685 W. 67th Pl., Arvada, CO 80004-3236.

Imme Barrows had eye surgery - home address 7969 S. Algonquian Ct., Aurora, CO 80016

All of these members certainly could use some "Cheering-up" cards or notes. Our best wishes to each one for a speedy return to good health.

Fall Luncheon - Sept. 29 at The Old Neighborhood Restaurant, 7923 Allison Way, Arvada (2 blocks west of 80th & Wadsworth), Social hour 11:00 a.m. (cash bar), lunch 12 noon. Menu choice: 8 oz. Prime Rib, Chicken Diane - \$16.00 includes salad, bread, chocolate mousse, ice cream or sherbet, tea or coffee.

Shrimp Stir Fry, or Caesar Salad with beef or salmon - \$14.00 - includes bread, chocolate mousse, ice cream, sherbet, tea or coffee. Tax & gratuity included on all entrees. Send checks payable to RUAEA, Denver Chapter, mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone 303-477-2918. Deadline 9/23/04

Calendar

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

Sep. 29 - Luncheon - detail in column

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS

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The Citrus Groupers met on July 22 at Las Lomas Mexican restaurant, in Inverness, with 20 members attending. We had a guest speaker, Mick Morgan, from the American Protective Insurance, who talked about long-term care. Paul Wiczorkowski was back; his foot is healed but will be back to the doctor for possible knee replacement. Jeanne Albright went to visit her daughter & great-grandchild. When I asked her if anything happened during the trip, she said that I could write about her almost drowning. I told her that almost was not good enough to be included in the newsletter, but then I changed my mind considering that she had quite a scare!

Calendar

Sep. 23 - Meeting - International Super Buffet, 2259 N. Citrus Blvd. (Hwy 27), next to Wal-Mart in Leesburg, at 11:30 a.m.

THE ORLANDO

REAL McCOYS

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This month's meeting was called to order by Ted LeGrand in the absence of both Pres. Richard Llewellyn & V.P. Sid Edelman. The group was well over twice the size of last month, with more than 50 members in attendance. Guests included Jackie & Tommy Reid who are Matt McNeil's cousins visiting from England, while Nathan Williams accompanied his grandparents, Gene & JoAnn Hall. We are very pleased to welcome new members Ivory & Queenie Williams and Elias & Joyce Frances to our group. Ivory & Elias were Ramp Servicemen, retired from MCO. Glad to have you with us!

Bill Butchart was at the meeting looking good after his bypass surgery last month. JoAnn Hall happily reported her doctor recently declared her leukemia inactive; she definitely attributes this to all the wonderful people praying for her. We recognized a bunch of birthdays in Aug., among them: Stan Halterman, Sharon Ringer, Howard & Bermil Vassell & Shelby Michels. The Vassells not only celebrated both their birthdays, they also celebrated 9 years of wedded bliss. Congrats & best wishes to all.

Ernie Vosges announced he had put together a committee. A picnic is being planned for the Oct. 6 meeting with details Sept. meeting. So mark your calendars; plan to attend.

Throughout the luncheon the main topic of discussion was UAL's announced plans to terminate the retiree pension plans. Ted shared information he had obtained via the web, as did Gary Mills. It was suggested you call 1-800-638-2432 if you want to find out approximately what amount of your annuity is guaranteed. You can also visit the Pension Board Guarantee website at www.PBGC.com where different plans & formulas are explained. SkyNet also contains updates regarding the current status. It was noted that UAL is required to notify retirees 60 days prior to terminating their pension plans. Needless to say, everyone present expressed deep concern about what the future held in store - none of which seemed positive.

Joe Fitak announced if anyone is interested in attending the Bears vs. Jacksonville game on Dec. 4, a bus leaving Hunter's Creek to the game is being planned with a cost of \$95. Anyone interested call Bob Duszynski, 407-891-6195. Stan Halterman reminded the group about the various activities he has planned. See calendar for more information. We hope by next month our officers will be with us (especially Gloria Armistead so she can write this article).

Calendar

Sep. 8 - 1:00 p.m., monthly luncheon meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Semoran Blvd. (Rt. 436) 3 miles north of Airport, 1 mile south of Curry Ford Rd.

Sep. 23 - Mystery Trip. Leave at 7:45 a.m. \$45 covers transportation, lunch & tour

Oct. 6 - Fall Picnic, details at Sept. meeting

Oct. 31 to Nov. 7 - Branson trip

Dec. 4 - Florida Southern University, Christmas Gala, 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost not available at this time.

If anyone is interested in any of these activities, please contact Stan Halterman, 407-852-6773 or e-mail to Sbhalter1234@cs.com

SW FLORIDA

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17 Pelican Drop-Ins enjoyed breakfast together at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers on Aug. 6. Before we started to eat we had a discussion about benefits & health care plans.

It was good to see Ann & Fred Dillon again at our meeting. His cancer is in remission & looks terrific. Russ & Lois O'Hara have just sold their lovely home in Punta Gorda Isles, are moving into a villa at Heritage Oak Park. This is the same development where Buz Sawyer resides. Mary Miller announced that this breakfast is the last meeting she & Fred would be attending as they are moving to The Villages near Ocala, FL. Fred has recovered, looks great. Ray Winterhalter called to let us know he would not be attending the breakfast as he will be traveling to NY for his daughter's wedding.

Stella & Jim McCaffrey briefly joined us for breakfast. They are new members. Stella started with United at JFK in 1966 in Personnel, retired as an In-flight Supervisor in Miami. They are now living in Lehigh Acres, FL.

Jerry Blair, husband of Linda, passed away last week at Hope Hospice. He was buried in Omaha, NE. Linda's address is 4280 SE 20th Pl., #803, Cape Coral, FL 33904-2407.

Lucy Meiser, a former member of the Pelican Drop-Ins, passed away July 25. Service was held on Aug. 3 at Fort Myers Memorial Cemetery. Several retirees from RSW were in attendance.

Calendar

1st Fri. of the month - luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf & Racquet Club (Oct.-May). 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) - jgilkison1@comcast.net; Carrie Belluso (239) 481-1450 (Fort Myers) - Tutupapa1@aol.com.

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Pres. Mike Rice welcomed our new members. Mike stated that Denise Allen moved & we need a new Secretary. There were discussions about the health & pension plans. The insurance packets have been received with information & price structure.

Terri Breslin stated that she did not have to send any get well cards this month.

Calendar

Sep. 6 - Monthly meeting, 10 a.m., Buddy Freddy's on Hwy. 19 in Holiday
Oct. 4 - Picnic at Anderson Park, 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 6 - Christmas luncheon, Spartan Manor in New Port Richey. More information to come.
Jan. 17, 2005 - West Coast Luncheon at Pappas Restaurant in Tarpon Springs. More information to follow.

THE VILLAGES

AIRLINE RETIREES

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Your reporter has some catching up to do as far as reporting the activities of The Villages Airline Retirees' Chapter. She was off to Brazil assisting, along with 24 others from our church, on a medical boat traveling up the Amazon two days from Manaus, Brazil. I often wondered what you would do if you could not run to the local store at a moment's notice. Well - I found out. Not a store in sight for days on end. Thankfully, they had enough provisions on the boat to accommodate 35 hungry people 3 times a day. It is nice to be back in the good old USA.

The Chapter met in June & heard the beautiful voice of an operatic tenor singing all those songs that captivated the audience from some of the well known operas.

The July meeting was held at Saddlebrook Complex with a guest speaker that provided financial advice concerning senior citizens today. He offered assistance to analyze our insurance, how to select a Medicare Supplement & a long term care plan based on the current Medicare laws.

The Aug. meeting was a travel/outing in lieu of a general meeting. It was a cruise on Dead River aboard the Contessa for a couple of hours with a sit-down lunch.

GEORGIA

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32 Flyers & 5 guests were present for the lunch & meeting at Buckhead Colorado Steak House in Cumming, GA hosted by Jonie Angell Manley. Our guests were: Dan Bower, retired Memphis Station Mgr.; Bill & Barbara Farthing, Bill was Atlanta Reservations Mgr.; Carolyn Short-Mitchell, wife of Dana Mitchell retired, both worked in Atlanta Customer Service & Carolyn also worked as In-flight - Supervisor, Chicago; & Dave Bellavance, retired from ATL Ramp Service. Dave is now our newest member; Carolyn has renewed their membership; Dan Bower has promised to join. The setting was great, so was the food. We were accommodated in a large balcony area with tables arranged banquet style. Each one ordered from the menu of many great selections. Bruce Brodersen briefly talked about the changes in the medical benefits & pensions. In today's news from the Atlanta Journal Constitution there was an article about UAL regarding the fact that they will make no further payments to the pension fund.

It was so good to see Bob & Harriet Jones after a long absence. Jeanne Barber informed us of Rita Merkel's appreciation of all the cards, phone calls & prayers she received from the members after the passing of her husband Frank, retired UAL. It has been hard for Rita to get out, however, said that she would try to attend future meetings as she misses us all. Rita enjoys getting the newsletter & keeping up with what is going on. Bill Carlson said that he continues to improve daily after a knee replacement. He didn't seem to have any problem with the stairs today! We appreciate Bill's faithful attendance.

Calendar

Sep - meeting hosted by Bruce & Mary Brodersen at Tony Carino's Italian Restaurant in Fayetteville, GA

Oct - picnic is being planned at Indian Springs Park, hosted by Gene & Jeanie Barber. The members are planning activities; we will spend the day.

Nov. 3 - meeting hosted by Ron Heider at The Fisherman Restaurant in McDonough

Dec. - meeting, our Christmas lunch, will be hosted by Sam & Eva Mace at the Village Café in Fayetteville.

Jan - we will go North again with our hostesses Marie Sadlowski, Marcia Cutter, Dorislee Guckert & Carolyn Mitchell.

Remember: Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!

HAWAII

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For our July luncheon we met in the little Paniolo town of Pahoa with the wooden sidewalks & ate at Luqine's Mexican restaurant. The tables were dressed up with little American flags to show our patriotism. We welcomed 4 new members, all from the Hilo side of the island. We had our highest attendance with 25 members on hand.

Pres. McMahon asked 3 members to tell us about their careers in the airline industry. It is always so interesting to hear what the retirees did during their many years of service. I think someday we will need to hear from the spouses!

We were told how well we have been doing on collecting our toys; we have filled 3 boxes so far, also that our "potluck luncheon" at the Old Kona Airport in Oct. is going to be our last chance to collect any more toys before turning everything over to HELCO.

The Penningtons had a lucky day; they won 2 raffle gifts & the 50/50 raffle. Other winners of the raffle gifts were Duke Kennedy & Nancy Parry. Our "free lunch" winner was Bill Choy Hee. Mahalo again for the donated raffle items.

We are still looking for retirees who have retired to the "Big Island". Please give us a call at (808) 966-7886 or e-mail us at: djsmiley@ilhawaii.net.

I told some jokes & gave the treasury report. I also mentioned that we have a new Western Region Director, Howard Payne. We are all hoping he will be able to join us someday here on the island.

Calendar

Sep. 16 - Firehouse Restaurant, Hilo

Oct. 21 - Old Kona Airport, Kona

Nov. 18 - Sandlwood, Naniloa Resort, Hilo

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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In the absence of Ron, & Bill Jones (our 1st V.P.) who couldn't make it, Bud Peters opened our Aug. breakfast meeting. Attendance: 26. As long as the coffee is hot, the pancakes cover the plate, & there's plenty of syrup, they're happy.

Wilma Anderson, with her usual talent, arranged a jet-boat trip on the Salmon River in mid-western ID. Joining the Andersons were Bud & Pat Peters, Joe & Joan Varady, two of Pat's high school chums & their husbands from CA, plus friends of Sahron Kolins. After spending a night in Riggins, they drove 26 miles east on a one-lane winding road to the launch site - a 90-minute ride. There they met the boat captain & his first mate (ask Joe about her). They cruised from 10

a.m. to 4:30 p.m., east as far as Mackay Bar in the Frank Church Wilderness Area. Plenty of gorgeous ID scenery & wildlife.

Bud commented on the health insurance package from UAL, said we could expect to receive the sign-on forms this week. One member asked if it would be possible to have someone come & explain the reduced benefits, saying, "You have to be an attorney to understand it!" Bud said he'd discuss it with Ron, to see what we might do to help. Perhaps RUAEA will explain the revised plan in simpler terms in the issue due shortly. One thing is certain, if you sign the Personal Enrollment Form, costs will go up & benefits will go down. But what choice do we have?

Marilyn Taylor is sidelined with blood clots but is being treated with prescription medicines, & is at home. We wish her well.

Don Behrendt said that retired Capt. Ted Pumphrey of Gooding has donated some items of historical interest for the UAL displays at the Warhawk Air Museum in Nampa, for which we're very grateful. He explained that the item intended as a prize for our weekly drawing hadn't arrived, but the winner would get half of the money collected for the Warhawk displays that day. Ann Rose was the lucky winner & gave the money back to Don for the Warhawk cause. She received a nice round of applause.

Shirley Law wasn't with us for the meeting; we understand that she is celebrating a birthday.

Sharon Kolins, knowing the UAL system load factor was close to 90%, wisely bought coach tickets for her & her mother to attend a niece's wedding in Santa Monica, CA. Don Behrandt escorted his daughter & 13-year-old granddaughter on a 4-day tour of Washington, DC. Used the new 757 nonstop service DEN-DCA.

Barbara Shanks spent two months in Oslo, Norway visiting her son. We don't have any of the details yet.

Calendar

Sep. 6 &

Oct. 4 - 9:30 a.m., breakfast at the Holiday Inn on Vista Ave. in Boise.

Aviator Logic: A good simulator check ride is like successful sugery on a cadaver.

ILLINOIS

LOOP GROUP

Chicago

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We welcomed all the Loop Group who came to the July luncheon, because the weather had been lousy. It was good to say Hello to Ted & Anita Jung, also Roe Mallstrom who came without Lillian who had business to attend to. Seeing Mary Szabo being her usual enthusiastic self and Ron Madsen giving information about flights, & greeting Beverly Connor, Mary Gray & Stephanie Simpson. The nicest surprise was the special that the Hilton was offering for 2 months buffet for \$8.00 instead of \$15.00. What a break! The sweetest deal in town. Of course looking forward to seeing all of you in Sept.

Calendar

Sep. 15 - luncheon, Palmer House, French Quarter, 11:30 a.m.

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Our Northsiders breakfasts are a good time to break away from home life & be with old friends. During the summer months our morning breakfast group welcomed many first-timers from World Headquarters, CHIRR & ORD. We welcome everyone, hope you enjoyed your first visit. We'll be looking to see you at the future breakfasts & events. Surprise out-of-state visitors were Tom McManus & his wife Mary Kay from WI & Mary Ann Dimarticanto from AZ.

Wand Tezky who has been in a nursing home was brought to a recent breakfast by her husband Frank & son Thomas. Good to see Tony Acoba at the Aug. breakfast after his emergency room trip in June. Tony & his wife just returned from HWI to attend Tina's 50th high school reunion, also a beautiful rainforest wedding of their niece.

In June our retirees joined in with the United employees, families & friends to demonstrate their commitment to the community by volunteering at an all day event in making Chicago a better place to live. These volunteers painted at 56 Chicagoland schools, 600 class rooms, 5,000 lockers & 200 hallways. In the playgrounds, 70 USA maps and colorful

murals were painted. More than \$700,000 was raised from business corporations to sponsor this & other volunteer programs that "Chicago Cares" throughout the year.

"Thank you" to our Northsiders Breakfast Retiree Group who gave so generously at our Food Pantry Collection. Over 100 pounds canned goods were collected. The Food Pantries advised they are in need of paper products. At our next collection in Nov. maybe we can make it a paper product collection. Canned goods are always welcome.

Retirees and all non-revenue travelers included are now required to use the automated systems including Apollo, Web List & Voice Recognition Unit (VRU), to list for space-available pleasure travel.

In June 160 retirees enjoyed a luncheon & mystery play at the New Stonegate Banquets in Hoffman Estates.

In Aug. there was a luncheon at the Drury Lane Theater of Oak Brook. 100 retirees & guests enjoyed a play.

It's time to celebrate The Midway Days! Come & celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the Midway Days on the 29th of Sept. Everybody is invited, family & friends are welcome. It is planned at Manzo's located at 1571 Elmhurst Road in Des Plaines, IL. Flyers were mailed in Aug. to past attendees. If your address has changed or you never received a flyer & would like to join in, please call Marge Daily, (847) 439-1441 for your reservation.

The Southsiders group continues to have their gatherings at Grandma Sally's Pancake House, 30 members & are looking for more attendees. The Brodersons enjoyed their long trip to the convention in their new van which is well equipped for handicap.

Calendar

Sep. 25 - Swallow Mailplane flies to Schaumburg Regional Airfield (see article from Historical Foundation - this issue)

Sep. 26 - Schaumburg Annual Family Aviation Celebration. Volunteers can sign up to represent United.

Oct. 12 - Oktoberfest at Catillion, 360 Creekside Dr. (1/2 mile West of Rt. 53 in Palatine, IL on Northwest Hwy. Dinner \$25.00. (Flyers will be mailed.)

Nov. 10 - Breakfast at Airtimes, 9:00 a.m., Gold Rd. & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL. (Collection of canned food & paper goods for local Pantry donation).

Dec. 7 - Christmas Holiday Luncheon - Avalon Banquets, Elk Grove Village (Near World Headquarters), cash bar, entertainment, 11:00 a.m., \$20.00.

Rudi Maki was on the non-stop ORD-HNL flight in June. Ribbon cutting for the pre-boarding activities at the gate area was reported to be exciting with the Hawaiian music, dancers & goodies. In HNL the passengers were greeted with leis & entertained by Hawaiian dancers.

The United Archive Department at World Headquarters is seeking volunteers to assist with processing donations, document & textile conservation, record keeping, research & response to mail, e-mail & phone inquiries, general housekeeping & flexibility to move between assignments from week to week. Good typing skills & familiarity with Microsoft computer software desired. Volunteers are asked to work a minimum of 4 hours a day, one day per week. Hours & work days are flexible. A lunch stipend is provided. If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact: Barbara Hanson who is coordinator at (847) 700-4098 any weekday from 8 to 4 p.m.

INDIANA

INDY RACERS

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The July meeting was attended by 38 United retirees & their significant others which took place at the Paragon Restaurant in Indianapolis. Lunch was followed by a question & answer session, conducted by Chris Johnston.

We had Joe & Emily Scott attend for the first time; they found out about the Indy Chapter by reading the monthly National Newsletter.

Several issues came to the attention of the "Board of Directors", including possible changes to UAL's medical coverage & its newly adjusted premiums along with concerns of continue receipt of pensions, which have to be decided by the Bankruptcy Judge. United's new SA Travel Policies have also been discussed.

Mike Matlack volunteered to check out further medical coverage by outside insurance companies, will report on the status.

Charles Theiss informed us that he had taken the logo of the Indy Chapter to a sign company, who will reduce the logo to 1½ inches. The exact price still has to be determined. Charles will present more details at the Aug. 14 meeting.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The cold rainy July 13 day in Onset, Massachusetts didn't dampen the spirits of 55 retirees & guests. This was our second annual Cape Cod Canal cruise. There were retirees from 4 of the 6 New England states & 2 from Washington state. In addition to UAL, there were guests from American, US Air & the original Pan Am. The original three-hour cruise transited the entire Cape Cod Canal from Buzzards Bay to Cape Cod Bay. During the cruise a request was made to the ship's captain for music. He obliged; shortly dancing broke out on the lower deck. It was different from our meetings, but definitely very good.

After the boat returned to the Onset dock, we all proceeded to a nearby restaurant, The Blue Oyster, for our planned luncheon. We may have been a little damp on the outside, but warm & happy on our insides. A good time was had by all.

The above was submitted by our Treasurer, Bill Vanderwal. Yours truly couldn't make this trip. He does a good job!

I just read the new insurance plan, The Medical PPO option from the UAL Benefit Programs. I would rather call it, "The take it all away from you program". Actually, it sounded reasonable, but not knowing the cost (to be announced at a later date), could make it all moot. The company advises that these sacrifices are necessary to help emerge from bankruptcy. I'm sure all of us would do anything to help UAL; financially, we all have at one time or another. My question is, "When the company gets back on it's feet (in this case, it's wings), will our losses be reinstated?" In the past, when UAL regained losses, the workers never got back what we gave up. Yet upper management always seemed to get a raise or bonus. I wonder, is the current upper management required to make any sacrifices? This idea of reinstatement is something RUAEA should pursue, in earnest.

Our Nor'Easter chapter is giving a helping hand to the McLaughlin Foundation of South Paris, Maine, by providing all RUAEA members the opportunity to purchase their 2005 calendar. Why, you may ask? Ms. September is the Nor'Easter's Mercedes Hersom, retired from the Boston Red Carpet Room. Mercedes will pose "au naturel" with photographic integrity, to help raise funds for the foundation. Be advised, this organization does a lot of work with underprivileged children. To order your 2005 calendar or receive additional information, contact Lee Dassler - (207) 743-8820 or e-mail www.Mclaughlingarden.org.

Calendar

Sep. 14 - Fox Woods Casino, via bus to Connecticut

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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22 Escapees & 2 young ones enjoyed a potluck luncheon at Rod & Sharon Jacob's lovely home in White Lake, MI. We were much blessed with perfect weather. Captain Rod took most on a narrated scenic tour of Cedar Island Lake. First-timers enjoyed a view of Jeffrey Pfeiffer's beautiful home. First-timers also got a perfect pontoon ride through the slalom course with our Captain not missing a turn. I'm sure he puts many skiers to shame. We were all surprised when Captain burst out in song, serenading his passengers. Who knew we were going to get entertainment on board; little did we know of our host's talents?

Regretfully, I must report that Bernie McManus reported that Michael Jackson from the airport joined the friendly skies July 29. Due to the fact I was in MSY at the time, I am truly sorry I was not able to get the information to you earlier. Love & prayers to the family.

Lastly, a little bird advised me that Marlene Dallas has decided to join the new retiree troops. Welcome to Marlene.

Calendar

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

MINNESOTA

NORTHERN LITES

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Our July get-together was the annual picnic, hosted this year by Lyle & Sonja Gunderson at their estate in Baldwin, WI. After 3 years of rainy picnics, we were finally blessed with a glorious summer day. Once again, the picnic brought out of the woodwork folks we hadn't seen in a looong time, most notably, Frank & Blanca Ehr. The Gundersons' grandson, Nick, was our chef-du-jour, doing the honors grilling the bratwursts. He was given a gift from the group with which he could buy himself a little reward.

We were saddened to learn of the death of long-time MSP mechanic, Harold Novotny, who passed away June 27. Our condolences to his family.

Fred "Chris" Christopherson was Supervisor for many years in the MSP Reservations office before it was closed & remoted to Chicago. He finished his career there, retired to Finlayson, MN, where he & his wife, Rusty, grew up. At the 4th of July parade, they were honored as Grand Marshals for all the work they do for their church & community. Shortly before the parade, Chris found out that he has to battle colon cancer, had the surgery on the day of our picnic (no wonder they didn't attend!) He's recuperating now, will undergo chemo & radiation soon. He'd welcome a note from his friends. Their address is 6610 Hwy 18, Findlayson, MN 55735.

The chilliest Aug. day on record (which elicited a lot of grouching & grumbling) found us gathering again for lunch. We welcomed Norm Wilkinson of the Northwoods Loonies who was in the area visiting family. He again graciously invited any & all to join them in Pequot Lakes, MN in Oct. for their fall fling. The last few times that this correspondent partook of the Loonies' hospitality, we had a grand ol' time.

Our Oct. 13 outing will be a buffet lunch cruise on the St. Croix River, leaving from Stillwater, MN. The cost is \$16.50 p/p; those interested must call (651) 430-1234 for reservations. The boat will leave the marina 11:30 a.m., to be sure so be there with plenty of time to spare. There will be no refunds. Directions to the dock from the Twin Cities: from the junction of I-35W & Hwy 36 in Roseville, take Hwy 36 east approximately 22 miles to the junction of 36 & Hwy 95, continue north on 36/95 for about a mile to the Stillwater marina.

Calendar

Sept. - Lunch at Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 & Robert St.. in West St. Paul, 2nd Wed. of the month at 11:15 am..

Oct. 13 - Luncheon Buffet cruise on the St. Croix, Stillwater, MN, 11:30 a.m.

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 45 in attendance at Piccolo Pete's. Thanks to Tony & Jacki Sortino for hosting & for the July 4 nut cups. Yum!!

Our sincere sympathy to Ed & Marianne Brown on the death of Ed's brother, Dick.

Jim Casey is recuperating after his second hernia surgery. The first one didn't prove successful so he had to have it done again. We wish Jim a speedy recovery.

Dottie Lewis passed along information on Paul Halligan. He had a severe stroke on July 4, is recovering at home. Cards may be sent to 11419 W. 85 Pl., Arvada, CO 80005. Paul was one of the people in reservations at the airport; they moved to the old WOW Building. When that was closed, he went to DEN. Dottie said he would appreciate receiving cards.

Keith talked to Charlie Millington on July 1, said that Charlie was doing remarkably well. He is nearly through with his radiation; they are looking into the chemo treatments. Charlie is able to drive himself to and from his treatments. Hopefully, things are looking up for him

There was a very interesting interview on Fox News Channel 10 on July 1 with Van Van Houten & his grandson. Van still had his duffle bag from WWII; he gave it to his grandson who took it to Iraq with him. The interview also went into detail & showed all of Van's medals he received in WWII. His duffel bag was really important to Van's grandson. He was only home for a short time & was to return to Iraq taking with him that precious bag. His grandson said it was always with

him. I saw the interview; it was very touching. What a great story. Van must be very proud that both he & his grandson served their country in the Army.

Calendar

Sep. 24 - Chalco Hills Picnic, hosted by Keith & Jan Cornish
Oct. 5 - USA Steak Buffet, hosted by Larry & Sharon Farrell
Nov. 2 - Old Country Buffet
Dec. 8 - Christmas, Anthony's, hosted by Ev & Shirley Payton

NEW YORK

GUY'S AND DOLLS

New York, NY
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'Twas a hot & humid afternoon and a goodly crowd was there! No, there was no face on the barroom floor, just 30 NYC area retirees meeting for lunch & camaraderie upstairs at San Martin's on Aug. 3. Great showing for the middle of the summer in the Big Apple. It was good to welcome some who had returned after a long absence. They were Dee Taylor, Doris Benson, Margie Bair & Diane Goldberg who spent their working days in NYCRR, also Judy Ferruti who graced our city ticket offices for many years. A first-timer was Paulette Haynes, retired from EWRSW. Jeanne Leo had as her guest, nephew Pat Downes who attends the Univ. of Kansas. He was very busy on his first visit to New York taking in all of the sites & was looking forward to the boat trip to the newly reopened Statue of Liberty. It had been closed since 9/11.

Get well wishes to Mercedes Telly, Jean Bartosek & Ann Shaffer. Hope to see you at our next luncheon!

Calendar

Oct. 5 - luncheon at San Martin. Please RSVP Jeanne Leo, 212-753-6128 or Marge Segal, 212-355-1788

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FALL COLORS?? It's a little difficult to think about that while we're enjoying this bright & beautiful summer. The Loonies will be gathering here at "13 Birches", (the Olsons) in the great Northwoods of MN for our semi-annual meeting Oct. 6, 7 & 8. We fully anticipate Mother Nature to be displaying her annual fall color spectacular for all to enjoy. The tourist population will have greatly diminished, the mosquito population will have succumbed to frost, and, if we're lucky, there will not be any snow so we can enjoy some Native American summer. We plan to have good eats, good fellowship, as well as interesting tours of some local enterprises.

We will be mailing more information to all the Northwoods Loonies soon. Everyone is welcome. If we do not have your address, please contact us & we will forward information to you. We look forward to seeing you in Oct.

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We were delighted to see 122 attendees, which included Ohio Buckeyes & their family/or friends at our Annual Northfield Park Night. This was the 11th year at Northfield. This was our biggest turnout ever & had some big winners. This fun event was hosted by Ray & Carol Hacker. A big "Thank You"; a great time was had by all.

Bill Gatesman attended this event & I am happy to report he is doing well. He looks great. Ed & Adeline Kokwalski were in attendance as well. She looks wonderful; & wanted me to say "Thank You" for all your beautiful cards & prayers. John Kercel told me that Michael Mikusevich is recuperating from surgery. He is not a member of our chapter, but would love to hear from UALers. His number is 440-243-0928. Contact me when a member is having health issues, as I am happy to send greeting cards. Nellie Beers had another hip replacement on the 24th of Aug. We wish her well. We all know what happened with the last hip replacement. She was in & out of the hospital, required no pain medication & was back to our monthly meetings in a month.

I am saddened to report the passing of Mary (Pat) Schriener, a former member of our Chapter. She worked 35 years for UAL as a sec'y. Her husband, Bill, is not well. Cards can be sent to: 19426 Thornbridge Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135.

Please remember to return the form that was in your packet to John Taucher. He has received only 45 responses so far. This info. is really important; he wants to bring all our records up-to-date.

As of this writing we still have the month of May, June & Nov. to fill for 2005. If you have never hosted an event, please give it some consideration. If you are interested, contact Carol. Carol thanks all that have come forward for 2005. REMINDER: PLEASE READ WHEN PREPAID EVENT IS DUE. WE ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH DEADLINES.

Calendar

Oct. 6 - Old Schoolhouse Restaurant, 1:00 p.m. Pig Roast, \$17 pre-paid

Nov. 3 - Marcal's of Middleburg Hts., 1:00 p.m. Restaurant opens at 11:30 a.m., \$15 pre-paid

Dec. 8 - Piper's Three, 1:00 p.m. Doors open 12:00 p.m. Note this is the 2nd Wed. of the month \$15 pre-paid. Annual Christmas Party.

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ERS

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The new timeline for reporting the newsletter didn't quite fit into my schedule this month so I will be reporting only the July meeting. In Sept will do catch-up & include Aug. in the Sept. report.

There were 143 members at the picnic in July to enjoy hamburgers & chicken cooked over a hot grill on a hot day by member George Taylor, assisted by Chuck Falbo who grilled his special onions (secret ingredient basil). The usual accompaniments for burgers & the delicious desserts brought by the members made for a wonderful "spread". The weather was perfect & the bottled water was a winner. This year the leftover food was donated to Shepherd's Door PDX Rescue Mission, a shelter for abused & homeless women & children.

V.P. Dave Smith presided over a short business meeting. He was the picnic coordinator, introduced John & Anita Donaldson who were co-chairs of the picnic. He presented them with a gift basket in appreciation for their hard work. He also thanked all of the picnic committee including Jeri & Len Blodgett, Mary Lou Falbo, Jane Futrell, Jack & Cora Harper, Anna Miller, Bill Shaw, Pat Taylor, Tom & Shirley Walker. Also a thank you to Merle & Lois Pitman for storing the picnic equipment from year to year, to Bill Keyes who recommended the venue this year for the picnic at North Clackamas Park, also to Pat Smith for her work on the gift baskets.

Charlie Stemper was in charge of the door prizes; tickets were drawn every ½ hour until 3 p.m. when the two grand prizes tickets were drawn. A guest of Tina Lewis won 4 tickets to the Evergreen Aviation Museum; Tom Walker won the "Night on the Town", tickets to the movies, \$10 & a \$50 gift certificate to the Refectory Restaurant.

It was nice to see Bev & Bob Hokanson at the picnic. They have retired to Moyle Springs, ID but still belong to our chapter. Coming from SEA were Ken Rudinski & Dee O'Donnell.

Several members had surgery last month including Bob Bills, James Reichert, Glen Swanson & Marilyn Woods. Steve Borbely & Jim Sully also had medical problems. Cora Harper had surgery Aug. 9. I know most of them are well on their way to a successful recovery.

In Sept. our speaker will be JoAnne Akely who is the Director of Emergency Services for the American Red Cross, Clark County Chapter. She will discuss emergency preparedness & 72 hour kits that every household should have on hand. Also at the business meeting a slate of members running for office 2005/2006 will be presented with a call for additional nominations from the floor. The offices up for election are open to any member or spouse who belongs to the chapter. It is not necessary to have been retired from UAL. The election will be held at the Oct. meeting along with the ice cream social.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mon/Wed/Fri, phone (503) 249-4142 and 249-4143 to assist you with listing and load information.

Calendar

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

Sep. 8 - Speaker JoAnne Akely on Emergency Services
Oct. 13 - Ice Cream Social & Election of Officer
Nov. 10 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

OUR CLUB

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Our June quarterly meeting got together 16 members for a wonderful lunch at the Bistro Gardens in Crescent City, CA hosted by Bob & Harriet Thibault

With a heavy heart we must report the loss of 2 of our members: Bob Hickox & Ken Pope. Our prayers to the families. Barbara Hickox is doing fantastic, 3 months post-op from a total knee replacement. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next quarterly Sept. meeting.

Calendar

Sep. 10 - Quarterly Original Road House - Medford.
Oct. - M.O. Grants Pass, TBA
Nov. - M.O. Grants Pass, TAB

PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH

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As predicted, our annual picnic was a great success. We had beautiful weather & close to 90 attendees. It was great to see John & Bea Crooks. John wasn't able to stay too long, but really enjoyed seeing all of his friends. Our prayers are with you John. Out-of-town guests included Ted Gielas from DEN, Bob Frye & his wife from MCO, Ken Sperring & his wife from DEN, Glen Farley from New Port Richey, FL, also our "seldom seen" friend Hank Cianciosi - welcome back Hank. The day was capped off with a huge birthday cake celebrating 3 90-year old birthdays: Sam McDernott, Bill "Pappy" DuVall & Horace Pendleton (former U.S. Steel). Sam already reached his and, from what I understand, Pappy will reach his on Sept. 8. Congratulations guys!

Some "local" out-of towners attending were Andy & Mary Ruskindo, David & Gwen Detwiler, Bill & Mary Ann Weifenbach. Good to see Dee Chiocchi looking so well after surgery. Also good to see Ken & Betty McQuistin up & about. The Chapter voted to accept the by-laws drawn up by the Steering Committee. It was also decided that the Capital Picnic bus deal was cancelled due to lack of support.

John & June Schiralli did another great job managing the games & keeping everyone entertained. There were prizes galore. Nice job by Bill & Ruth Redfern & Barb Seaholm. We missed our "uncle" Lou Kroeck & Jayne who had a previous commitment.

Our condolences to the family of Bob Beatty who passed away recently. Bob was a mechanic in PIT. His son Dave also worked for UA in CHI.

Welcome to our new manager Brian Sendal who comes to us from PHL. We look forward to working with Brian.

Going down memory lane - I received an e-mail from John Hildebran who was formerly the manager in ERI, ended up in MIA & then opened the station in FLL - John is living in OK.

Calendar

Oct. 19 - luncheon - J.W. Halls - Hopewell TWP
Dec. 3 - New Retirees Dinner
Dec. ? - Annual Christmas luncheon

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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The Hermitage, just east of Nashville, was purchased before Andrew Jackson became President of U.S. & was his home for the rest of his life. The centerpiece of this spreading estate is the Herimage mansion, a ten-columned two-story house that over the years was transformed into the Greek Revival style. Almost all of the furnishings are original. On July 13, 25 members & guests toured the estate. Our group first had lunch at Monelli's Restaurant, at the estate's entrance. We were joined by Jeskeys' daughter & son-in-law, Barbara & Clayton Sullivan, plus their 3 children, which made for a good educational experience.

Roland Krepes reported on happenings at United. Nancy Krop is doing OK following knee surgery, but didn't make the trip because of the 3-hour drive that would have been required. Members were asked to keep Dave Leonhard in their prayers as he goes through some challenging times. Our thanks to the Adkins for hosting this enjoyable day & to Mary Bunish for adding to the door prizes.

Cal & Maxine Anthony weren't able to join us due to their daughter's declining health. It's sad to report that later, on July 31, Jill Thornhill passed away after a long battle with cancer, at age 46. A memorial garden is being established for Jill at Callaway gardens in Pine Mountain, GA. More information can be obtained from the Anthonys at 118 Morris Lane, Faiorfield Glade, TN 38558. Please keep the Anthonys & Thornhill family in your prayers as they struggle through these difficult times.

Calendar

Sep. 16 - 12:30 p.m. EDT, buffet/luncheon at Ramsey's Restaurant in Knoxville, to be hosted by Tom & Berry Shipe
Oct. 21 - 10 a.m., EDT breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, Exit 373 off I40/75 on Campbell Station Rd., Farragut
Nov. 18 - 12:30 p.m. EST, luncheon to be hosted by Don & Jackye Jeacock, details to follow.

UTAH

THE SALT LAKERS

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July 21, 24 chapter members met at the Jumbo Buffet for a congenial lunch.

We welcomed a few who cannot attend every meeting. Bud/Beverly Farrington; Frank/Susan Christenson; Bill Berg. We missed others: Tony/Dorothy Brown; Sandy/Darlene Cantonwine; Betty Davis; Maria Apperson; Mary Blackhurst.

UAL videos "Soaring Through History" were raffled off to two winners: George Nihipali & Lila Maughan.

As was published in the latest RUAEA Newsletter, the national By-laws have been changed to reflect the general membership's decision to give Associate Members (surviving spouses of UAL retirees) the right to vote in RUAEA's national election. In addition, such Assoc. Members may run as candidates for RUAEA Board positions.

Our chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank our own members, spouses of deceased UAL retirees, for their longtime work & support in providing their time & expertise: local newsletter editor/photog Art Scott; Chapter V.P. Betty Davis; local historian Lila Straley; past chapter pres. Marge Ringer; chapter co-founder Fran Manson - Other surviving spouses have made available UAL memorabilia & photos to the UAL Historical Foundation, DEN (Dick/Mary Groen; Geo./Ellen McDonald; Tom/Annette Woolley.

Calendar

Sep. 15 - Coffee, 10 a.m., Murray Heritage Center
Oct. 20 - Lunch, 2 p.m., Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S 500 W., Bountiful

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Our annual picnic at Colette & Ron Cox's home on 8/10. Nice to see Pat & Tom Harvey, Northwest Region Director from PDX. Judy Higley drove from Lake Chelan. Don & Jeannine Anderson were able to attend; we haven't seen them for awhile. Had hoped James & Marion Hafterson would have attended to show some of their excellent pictures from the Alaska cruise. People brought books to exchange. Those left over are going into our library at the Travel Desk in Cargo Bldg. In Seattle.

We are pleased that our membership is up to 312. A special thank you to Richard Jorgensen for putting together a new directory for 2004. Those attending the picnic received their copy. He also created a web page www.ruasea.org. Happy to report Vi Gray has returned to her home from rehab.

The Travel Desk is enjoying taking more out-of-town calls. We are available Mon/Tue/Wed/Thur from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (206) 433-4218

Calendar

Sep. 14 - monthly luncheon, Yankee Diner in Ballard

Oct. 12 - monthly luncheon at Maxi's, the Top of the Doubletree.

Nov. 9 - monthly luncheon at Best Western Hotel, South Center

LILAC CITY FLYERS

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Our July outing was held at the home of Bob & Edie Clark in Ione. It was also co-hosted by their next door neighbors Tom & Mary Sullivan, our newest members. The 4 of them did an outstanding job, one that won't be duplicated until next time. Bob offered boat rides down the beautiful Pend O'Reille River which was right outside their door. Our thanks to all them.

Our Aug. get-together was held at the beautiful home of Paul & Marlene Bennett in Chewelah. They have a gorgeous view. We are so lucky to live in the Northwest with the mountains, lakes & rivers & so much more in what we call God's Country.

It was a gorgeous day at 5 a.m. the morning of 7/28...I was up having my coffee & reading the paper in my PJs. Lance was going golfing at 5:45 a.m. He said, "Dot, you better get dressed & take me to the hospital. Away we went to the hospital. After testing they admitted him & scheduled a heart cath which showed a blockage in one of his old bypasses in 1996. They suggested more exercise & added Plavix to his list of prescriptions. 8/6 was the first time he was able to golf. He is feeling fine & back to golfing 3 times a week.

Dale Burgess thanks everyone who helped him make it through his recent loss of his wife, Terry. He is planning to go to Poland in Sept. to spend some time with friends & some of Terry's relatives. He will also be visiting friends in Germany. Dale & Terry were world travelers; their friends are worldwide.

It appears the medical situation is beginning to make its changes effective 10/1. After all is said & done, our insurance is still less expensive and has better coverage than 90% of our friends. They all pay more & get a lot less.

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You will be advised of our Sep. get-together as soon as possible.

To all of you that have trial & tribulations in your lives, we send our prayers to help everyone through the hard times.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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On June 12 an enthusiastic crowd of 90 members & guests gathered on the lawn of the home of Pres. & Mrs. David Cox. It was a beautiful early summer day with no threat of rain; we gathered to enjoy the fantastic food, a pig cooked slowly on the spit, plus many tasty chickens, salads & accompaniments to the main dishes. The members provided the desserts -- what a selection awaited us!

We enjoyed fantastic food & a wonderful selection of wines, beer, bottled water & sodas. Many tables with umbrellas and, a new feature this year, two tent-like pavilions to keep the sun off the desserts! Pres. David Cox with support from Tina Cox, had purchased many door prizes; I think everyone took home a door prize. A splendid party, many thanks to our hosts David & Tina Cox. We look forward to 2005!

On July 14 a group of 24 faithful members & guests gathered at the Golden Corral, Manassas, VA for an informal luncheon to "Meet and Greet". Although there was not an official program, it was good to see so many regular members & hear about their travels. We heard from Donn & Val Jones who drove to WI in early June to celebrate Val's mother's 83rd birthday. Another highlight of the trip was the reunion at the Wisconsin Dells High School. This community is approx. 50 miles west of Madison; the reunion was for all former students who had graduated at least 35 year ago! Val was joined by her mother, many uncles, aunts & cousins, all graduates of Wisconsin Dells High School. The crowd numbered at least 300. They had a number of wet days, but Donn & Val enjoyed their stay by visiting family members & more indoor water sports parks!

Another pair of intrepid travelers are Dutch & Kerrie Schneider. We last reported on their travels to China earlier this year! Dutch & Kerrie flew to TX in June, the first stop was to look up Vic Eiffert, retired manager of the Dulles Branch of the Credit Union. We are glad to hear that Vic is enjoying the life of a retiree, playing lots of golf & spending time with his nieces & nephews.

Dutch & Kerrie then drove to College Station, TX, visited the George Bush (#41) Presidential library, which was well worth the visit. The last stop was Ft. Worth to attend a wedding at a cowboy ranch. In spite of the many rain storms, the Schneiders say it was a most enjoyable trip!

Your correspondent made her annual trip to England & managed to figure out the ticketless procedures without getting into serious trouble! Five days in London, five days in Canterbury Kent & perfect weather most of the time. A new museum near Folkestone (about 25 miles from Canterbury towards the coast) warranted an entire day to visit. This is the "Battle of Britain" museum; it contains Spitfires, Hurricanes, Messerschmitts, vehicles, weapons, uniforms, medals & relics from 600 crashed aircraft. We left to have lunch at a local pub "The Cat and Custard Pot", then went back to resume our tour. This museum commemorates Britain's struggle for survival in 1940 in the "greatest air battle of all time". The flights were on time; I enjoyed both business class & first class service!

Calendar

Sep. 8 - 12:30 p.m, Golden Corral, Manassas, VA, regular program resumes.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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Ben F. Reed, 773 Oakmead Dr., Vacaville, CA 95687-5223 BENFREED4TH@AOL.COM

Another year keeping up with the world, Still working the Travis Air Museum 3 days a week. Ramona & I are taking car trips.

I must say that someone has spoken out; three cheers for Richard J. Garrison for what he had to say in the Aug. '04 newsletter. I am thinking the same way, but from what I hear from the guys that are still there, they have let go the worker & kept the non-productive staff & management, as they tried to do a few times before. Can't believe they are farming out most of the maintenance. All the maintenance I have seen over the 31 years I was there & maintenance that was farmed out we had to do over when the aircraft came back.

Enough of that. You guys & gals that get the information do a good job & I thank you.

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

94 & still here. Happy to visit with Jack Casey, Row Prideaux & Jean Tippie during the SEA Convention. Visit too short with such great characters. Also met some new friends. Such kind & considerate people. After misplacing their address we are now trying to call them.

With all our concerns these days, many of us looked forward to a company question & answer session. The fact that this did not materialize was a big disappointment.

My very best to Jo Madden. Hope she is on the road to recovery. We miss her.

Art Swiatek, 4955 Bermuda Dunes, Banning, CA 92220

Looking forward to annual party in Hollywood. Won't have to fly. "Great words of wisdom" in Aug. newsletter from our "Prez" Marlin Lade, but government regulation of the airlines will return as all the "Big Four" are in the same boat - "Sinking Ships". For all whatever reasons, they must be rescued. Otherwise it's Greyhound or Amtrak. America won't settle for these as the only long haul transportation system. I firmly believe United will be a major winner if & when Regulation is reinstated.

Keep up the great work on producing the monthly RUAEA Newsletter. My hat is off to your Editor.

Philip Muelrath, 712 Anderson St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

A big thank you to all of my friends who sent goodwill messages, phone calls, visits, etc., during my recent misfortune. It was a great boost & helped me get through a difficult period. To be remembered by so many friends throughout the system is something very special to me. Thanks again to all of you!

Wally Amling 1650 Leora Ln., Leucadia, CA 92024

I appreciate all of your efforts in putting together this newsletter & keeping me up-to-date on travel info, etc.

Have been retired 21 years this month & have been thoroughly enjoying it. I'm able to play tennis, golf and go surfing in the summer when the water temperature goes to 65°. Margie & I both golf but she's given up on the tennis since she had her hip operation a year ago, but is now pain free.

Mary McCarville, 523 Lake Shore Blvd., Wauconda, IL 60084

I have not yet been able to send my dues in before that red stamp reminder. It has been 6 years since I have retired & I am still trying to play catch up with all that I would like to do. I regrettably missed the convention this year but am certain a great time was had by all that attended. I look forward to hearing about the good times in our next newsletter. What a great service you wonderful people provide us! We would all be left in the dark if it were not for all the important information we receive. I look forward to each issue. Keep those newsletters coming!

Jeanne Clark, 290 W. Oak Glen Dr., Bartlett, IL 60103

I enjoyed my first year as a RUAEA member! My husband Stan & I both enjoy and look forward to the newsletter. We met back in 1963 in Newark when he was a "ticket agent" and I was a "flight attendant". He left in 1965. We were married in 1967. I enjoyed all my years as a flight attendant. We consider ourselves a "United" family. Our oldest son is a pilot, however, not with UAL.

Thank you to all the dedicated people who contribute to making the newsletter happen. Enjoying retirement.

P.S. If there's anyone out there who remembers us, drop us a line at the above address.

Roni Adams, 2012 North 24th St., Boise, ID 83702-0205

The SEA RUAEA Convention is now long past, but it remains a wonderful memory for me. I opted not to "stand by" for UAL flights, instead bought a senior RT ticket on Horizon, giving me flying time of just 1 ½ hours to SEATAC. The free shuttle to the DoubleTree Hotel allowed enough time on the 28th to meet a dear, gracious lady for lunch & a nice long visit. My friend, Briigite Murdock & I stay in touch via e-mail, but a face to face visit with her is magical. On the 29th, I had lunch & a great visit with Billie Smart, whom I hadn't seen since we both worked in SLCRR in the late 1960s.

Also on the 29th I spent some time helping my Clipped Wings Chapter (MAL) sell raffle tickets in the Mainliner room at the hotel, plus meeting new friends from other Clipped Wings Chapters. Once again, I enjoyed the wonderful company of our current MAL Chapter Treasurer, Dorothy Stroud & Clipped Wings National Pres., Barbara Bertacini.

Another great thrill for me was "bumping" into Betty Slaughter. She was my instructor at Cheyenne Stewardess School in 1954. She was strict, a lot of fun; we all loved her. Her married name is Buckingham; she's a member of LAX Clipped Wings Chapter. If you're reading this, Betty, I loved your sense of humor, still think you were "a kick in the pants:!"

My friend, Los Bowns, retiree from LAXRR, & I sailed on the Catamaran Clipper to Victoria, B.C. on the 30th, returned to SEA June 1, headed home after a great visit/tour. She was in the Navy during WW II & was a Japanese code cryptographer. Interesting lady.

The thanks for all this fun goes to my wonderful daughter, Celin, who made this trip possible for me by looking out for her dad while I was gone for 4 nights. As many of you know, my husband of 49

years & UAL retiree with 36 years is battling advanced emphysema & bone cancer; however, Chic still maintains his sense of humor & encourages me to travel, only I don't do it that often.

Judith G. Lucas, 407 St. John Ave., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

I've completed my first year of retirement after 40 years as a flight attendant with UAL. Talk about up and downs! (pun intended). I have experienced so many changes in the airline industry as all of you have, but when I tell young people how it was when I first started flying, the usual comment is "that's archaic". Well, of course it was. It was way back in the 60s. The biggest problem I had was we had to wear girdles & we had girdle checks! I had never worn a girdle in my life. We always had to wear our hat for take off & landing, & when we were off the airplane in public view. We also wore little white gloves. Liquor was complimentary, served in little cruets with color coded lids; First Class passengers had their names or name tags on their seats & their names on little books of matches. Everyone could smoke on the airplane - we even had flight for men only - gave out cigars Yuk! Of course we could not get married, then when we could, we could not be pregnant - both cases instant dismissal. But you know what? Those were the good old days. Flying was fun; passengers were great. They were polite & showed the "stewardess" so much respect & appreciation.

Looking back I realize that I have spent the majority of my life flying. The last 20 years of my career I was flying international trips. I thought once I retired I would probably adapt normal sleeping habits. No - I still like to sleep 10-12 hours, then I want to stay up for the next 20 hours. I'm hoping that eventually I will become normal

I am enjoying retirement. I have yet to take a real vacation. I always said I wanted to spend the first year or two at home, then would start traveling. I'm beginning to feel the urge. Like everybody says - there's so much to do; I'm always so busy -- how did I ever have the time to work. Life is good. And (fingers crossed) United will survive.

Dick DuMosch, 71108 Wynham Pl., Nashville, TN 37221 helgadick@comcast.net

My birthday was June 4 but since I receive my Newslewtter now via my PC I don't get "RED STAMPED" anymore to alert me that the dues are due. It was by accident that I noticed the June issue & realized that this was the month of my birth so I owed RUAEA my annual fee of \$20.00. Maybe you can find a way to alert us. But that might be difficult. I'll try harder next year.

We have been traveling extensively to visit our kids, their families in SEA & COS as well visited our friends of over 35 years in HNL where I once was stationed. Now we are planning a trip to Holland, Germany & Austria if...we ever get on. The flights look rather full for the month of Aug.

Then there was a sad note. My brother who was vacationing in Israel suffered a severe heart attack, consequently died after 7 days in the hospital. That was a shocker & hard to comprehend.

I read in the June issue that someone gave an update about Jo Madden's condition. Was she ill, and if so, is she doing better? You cannot do this to us Jo. We NEED you. Your contribution is invaluable. So if you were ill we hope you get better soon. We love this Newsletter, appreciate you & others that produce this letter.

Now that the ATSB has denied our loan application it is going to be interesting what is going to happen next. With all the cuts and bad news about our benefits it is a trying time in the history of our company. We'll just have to wait & see.

The SEA convention was a huge success as far as my wife & I are concerned. Thanks to everyone who made this possible

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

Thank you staffers. I have an opinion. At 86, I can have an opinion, that we who have matured, enjoy the newsletter with a great deal of insight. At one time I wrote East Winds & West Winds for the United Air Lines News. Different times, different news. Hard to believe 26 years have gone by since setting the parking break at SFO. I didn't really want to retire, but the FAA said I had reached the moment in time that I should. Being of the nature that refused to believe that, flew another 17 years for an air ambulance. Then the insurance people found out how old I was, didn't come and look at me or

fly with me. So then I started instructing full time in 1995. After 9 years going around the patch, felt that I should find another outlet for my skills, so have started an aircraft sales company. I will receive my first aircraft this week. We shall see how it works out. You younger pilots will like the concept. Has two 582 rotaxes for engines. Takes off in 60 feet, lands in 160 feet, cruises 120 MPH, looks like it will be another fine project. As Phyllis says, keeps me off the freeway & out of the pool halls. My very best to all you people that I had the pleasure of working with. John stay away from the snow shovel. Happy landings.

Bill Marsh, 1220 Claremont Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066-2702

I have been "out of work" for 16 years. I have been spending those years doing the usual things around the house, traveling in our trailer, ripping up the roads in our Astin Healey, partying with 15 grandchildren, putting up with those muscle & bone problems that all us 80-year-olds contend with, even had a light stroke a couple of months ago! My speech was impaired for a while, but thankfully it returned in a few days. Helen thought the silence was fabulous.

We do not fly anymore; the intimidation at airport security is a little too much. We do have a family airplane; if anyone would like a ride with son Steve, it can be arranged, without going through security. It is a homebuilt RV-4, with all the goodies, also is very fast.

There must be someone out there who can give me a list of all those wonderful officers in UAL, present or past, who broke this wonderful airline, because I have a long rope & know of a big tree up in the gold country,. All of us grunts gave our best. I do not think we are getting our just dues.

Hello to all and those of you who work so hard to produce the newsletter. Thank you so much!

Ralph Stewart, 720 T. Snyder Ln., Mountain City, IN 37683-4500

I am going to school to earn my certificate for Airframe & Power Plant license, which I hope to put to good use at our local airport. For the past year we have been in the retail aviation fuel business for Johnson County Airport (6A4).

I have been flying my Air Cam between school & the local airport when the weather is good for flying.

In addition to school, we have our hobby farm which keeps us busy. Carol shears our llamas in the spring, then spins their fiber & makes things from it. Along with our Llamas, dogs, cats, goat, horse, birds, the grass keeps me busy.

Charlotte Anderson, 716 Donner St., Las Vegas, NV 89107 -1706

The Convention Committee deserves a big "Thank You" for hosting such a fun week in SEA. We are so fortunate to be able to keep in touch with co-workers & friends during our week together. The hotel was perfect, the meals were outstanding as was the service. Thanks again for the hard work & long hours of preparation.

Max Haberstitch, Lindenstr. 17, 8707 Uetikon a. See, Switzerland

On March 17, I had a left knee replacement operation & an extensive therapy treatment. I can now walk again without pain. Today on a clear, warm & sunny day, I celebrate my 83rd birthday. 10 years have already passed since I retired from SFOEP, 16 years since we returned to our native Switzerland. UAL started daily nonstop flights from IAD to Zurich (ZRH). I hope UA will make it this time after they pulled out some routes 2 years ago. I feel lucky to have worked for 33 years during the best of times at UAL. The deregulation followed by poor leadership really brought this company down.

My best regards to all my former co-workers at SFOEP & the employees in the SFO turbine shop that knew me.

Robert Kapp, 922 Bradford Ln., Schaumburg, IL 60193-2606 RLKKAK67 @AOL.COM

Oops - Sorry I am so late with my RUAEA dues. When golf & gardening comes to the Midwest some things just get lost. Not receiving the paper newsletter via the mail, I didn't have that red stamp

to remind me. Are plans in the works to incorporate a dues reminder for those receiving the newsletter through the RUAEA website?

Thanks again to all you folks who do such a good job of getting the newsletter out to retirees.

Edwin Sande, 14901 E. 11th Ave., Aurora, CO 80011 nr0p@msn.com

7-27-54, my hiring date with UAL 50 years ago this month. In the previous 18 months I returned from Bloody Korea (25th Infantry), moved from SEA to NJ ,got married, moved back to WA & OR, back to NJ, then to LA where I worked for Hughes in the Sidewinder Missile Program. UAL Called asking me to work at SFO and I never looked back. Transferred to SEA (1955) and then to the Flight Training Center in DEN (1963). Celebrated our 51st wedding anniversary in April. We are both in good health for mid-70s. Enjoy the newsletter.

Sylvia B. Allen, 8409 West Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90305 LOWBOWL@aol.com

Obviously I did not pay close enough attention to the RED STAMP on my May issue. I knew it was coming & had planned to beat you to the punch, but with the busy retirement schedule, I forgot. PLEASE DO NOT DELTE ME FROM THE ROSTER. I truly enjoy reading the Newsletter every month.

I am still not that computer savvy & love to read the N/L. I also keep them & often go back to get an address that I did not take the time to communicate to someone at the time.

Many thanks to your staff for keeping us together & on top of the UAL topics.

Howard L. Swinehart, 591 South Claire Dr., Palo Alto, CA 94306-3051

It is very important that we retirees keep informed about the company developments in these difficult times. I've been retired for 10 years & have few contacts with active employees. I've had some health problems in the past year, mild heart attack, prostate cancer, dental problems & others. Thankfully all seems to be under control at the moment. Obviously, our supplemental health insurance has been essential.

On a happy note, I married Dorothy Glass Hall in Jan. 2000. We've had some wonderful trips to England, Scotland, Italy, Provence & Paris. We spend winter & spring at my house in Palo Alto, summer & fall in Dottie's summer home in Wilsboro, NY on Lake Champlain.

Ed (F.E.) & Anne Titus, 4717 SW 317th Lane, Apt. D, Federal Way, WA 98023-2069

Glad to see you're back, Jo Madden, no more goofing off! Thanks for keeping our UA family together at least in the monthly news.

Janis Ward, 30720 Brenda Way, Cathedral City, CA 92234

The last time I wrote to you was June 1995 to announce my marriage to my high school pal Ronald Wilson, unfortunately, Ron passed away from prostate cancer on 5/21/04. We had 9 wonderful years together; those memories help to get me through the sad times. Thanks for your continued good work.

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

After 46 years retired in 1990. Worked in DMS, CMH, PHX & ended up being the No. 1 CSA in UAL. Had a great time working with a great bunch of people. Still working 35 hrs. a week at the Ahwatukee Lakes Golf Course. If in town stop by & play some golf although I am off now till the end of Sept. due to the heat. I let the young kids take over.

Jane & I will be celebrating our 36th anniversary this Sept. and enjoying good health. Travel to PDX, MCI, CVG, CMH. With 60 yrs. seniority, did not get on the last flight to PHX. Flew to LAX & got on Southwest.

Keep up the good work. Really enjoy the newsletter - lots of info - thanks.

John Green, 1240 Mount Hood St., Las Vegas, NV 89110

You people in DEN RUAEA are all that United can be proud of these years. Bill Patterson left a first-class Airline all of us were proud of. George Keck tried to follow Bill's footsteps but the Chief Executive Officers saw fit to follow a different course. After Mr. Keck was fired United went down hill. I could go on with my personal comments but to no avail. I could cry when I think how fast our company went down hill. Stupid things like the IND overhaul base is a good example.

Again, thank you for your courage in trying to maintain UAL as an airline.

Emily Hall, 955 Shoal Dr., San Mateo, CA 94404

I would like to add my appreciation to the wonderful work you all do putting out the newsletter. I've never met Jo Madden but I feel I know her since she visits monthly in my home through the newsletter. Jo, hope you're up and about & feeling better. I cannot say enough praises about retirement. Frosting on the cake after years of working.

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

I surely appreciate your efforts & time consumed in keeping us abreast of things!

I am fortunate in having good health. I just retired after 33 years of service. I live in an Alpine-like village. It is a tourist area.

I noticed the name Loretta Burke in the Contributions column in the July Newsletter. I worked with Loretta at LaGuardia years ago & lost track of her when she transferred to flight attendant. If you print this note, perhaps she will see it and contact me, wherever she is now.

Thanks again; Jo, I hope you are well on the way to recovery.

Gerry Bernert, 8206 Gerson Dr., Wonder Lake, IL 60097-8681

It's always surprising to see that great newsletter with the "Red Stamp" and realize another year has gone by. Another year with the terrific convention in SEA. What a wonderful time! The United people are a great family.

Thanks to every one of you that works so hard getting the newsletter to us & all the important information. You really are to be commended for the job you do. We'll all have a "FUNTASTIC" time next year in Hollywood, CA.

Marge & Jim Donovan, 410 Avila Rd., San Mateo, CA 94402-2822

We enjoy getting our RUAEA newsletter via U.S. Postal Service.

Jim is doctoring for continuing vertigo problems. Some days are worse than others. He would enjoy hearing from his pals at jimmargejim@aol.com.

Thanks for all your hard work on behalf of the retirees.

Joan Aaronson, 15574 W. Piccadilly Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85338

In Nov. we celebrated our 43rd anniversary cruising the Panama Canal, very nice.

Great Christmas in North Carolina with our kids. In Jan. our traveling came to a screeching halt. I fell & broke my elbow, wrist & arm - 3 surgeries - months of P.T. I still can't bend my elbow. My wrist & fingers are not functioning.

Thanks so much for all the get well cards from my UAL friends.

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Jim Doty 1992-1994
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