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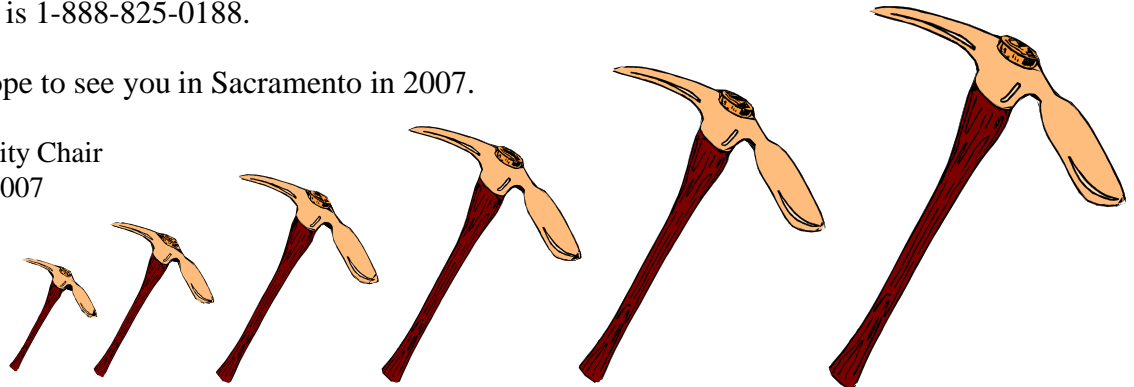
The 2007 RUAEA Convention will be in Sacramento at the Hyatt Regency at Capital Park. The State Capital & Capital Park are just across the street. Old Sacramento is about a dozen blocks to the west on the Sacramento River. There are many attractions in "Old Sac" most notable is the California Railroad Museum. This area was the western terminus of the Pony Express. In future issues we will highlight other points of interest in Sacramento. The surrounding area has a plethora of inviting sites. There are wonderful wineries with not so famous names, old gold mines, many picturesque towns that date back to the Gold Rush days.

So just where is Sacramento? It is located in the upper San Joaquin Valley, 90 northeast of SFO, 383 miles north of LAX & about 120 miles west of Reno & Lake Tahoe. The city dates back to 1839. After the Gold Rush was central to many types of agriculture. Tomato crops, rice paddies along with fruit & nut orchards made up the surrounding area. Sacramento is presently home to approximately 500,000 inhabitants with almost 2 million in the metropolitan area. The Sacramento Visitors and Convention Bureau have a great website, check it out at www.discovergold.org.

Next...how does one get to Sacramento? SMF is served by 13 airlines with about 161 flights daily. United is the number 2 carrier in town with 28 flights; 5 from DEN, 5 from CHI, 1 from Washington Dulles, 5 from LAX & 9 from SFO. Most of the LAX flights & all of the SFO flights are operated by United Express. The other airlines serving Sacramento are Alaska, Aloha, American, America West/USAirways, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Jet Blue, Mexicana, Northwest & Southwest. The 'big guy' in town is Southwest with 80 some flights. All of these airlines with the exception of Southwest & Jet Blue offer retirees 90% discounts on space available travel. Southwest & Jet Blue offer retirees \$25 one-way & \$50 round trip plus taxes. To get interline tickets call the Interline Ticket Center at 1-888-874-1581. Their hours are 7 am to 9 pm central time 7 days a week. For Southwest you will need a letter of introduction from the Benefits Center, their number is 1-888-825-0188.

More next month, hope to see you in Sacramento in 2007.

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GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT 8/6/06

Over the past few weeks, several of our members have asked for answers to a number of questions. Some have come up over the past months, others have come up recently. The following is to let you know the results of the discussions which have taken place on their, and your, behalf.

We have received many questions regarding the distribution of stock & cash from the proceeds of the sale of stock to retirees and/or their beneficiaries. One of the most frequently asked questions is why payroll taxes were deducted from the distributions of cash/stock arising from payment for the unsecured Section 1114 claim from the medical plan revision. In a June 16 meeting Ed Tolle & I had with Frances DeBlasio, United's Director - Restructuring Office, we determined an explanation, if not an answer, to the questions. The company, along with its legal & tax advisors, determined that the sale of stock and distribution of cash to retirees for Section 1114 claims was considered, therefore, would be taxed, as wages. The determination was based on interpretation of the IRS Tax Code, court cases & related precedents. Moreover, United's counsel discussed the rationale behind the taxation of these claims distributions with Section 1114 Coalition Committee's counsel acting as liaison between the Company & the various retiree group constituencies, providing them with various cases & rulings on the subject. The counsel could not object to United's tax treatment of these claims distributions on the basis of the cases & rulings on the subject. Finally, it's important to note, that in accordance with tax law, the company had to pay the employer's portion of FICA on these distributions which was a considerable addition to its own costs. Based on this explanation, I think it best to repeat that if you don't agree with that interpretation you (and your tax advisor) might consider challenging it in your tax filing, not with the company. I know this is not an answer or explanation which will make anyone experiencing the deduction happy. Each individual is going to have to make his/her own decision on how far they want to push this question with the government through their own

advisors.

Questions have also been asked about what cost basis should be used for the calculation of capital gains/losses for those that received stock (for those that received cash in the form of a check, this is not an issue). If or when you sell your stock, your capital gain/loss will need to be determined in order to calculate how much you may owe in taxes. There are multiple ways in which the cost basis can be established, among which are the opening market price on the day of receipt, average market price during the day of receipt, etc. Again, I am going to have to suggest that you discuss the cost basis issue with your tax advisor.

On July 18, again with Ed Tolle, I met with Glenn Tilton, Sara Fields & Randy Rotondo (Director of Human Resources). Ed & I gave Glenn feedback on the Washington convention. Glenn described for us the Continuous Improvement program by which the Company intends to enhance its operations. Ed & I described how difficult it is for retirees to find a Company resource for an answer to their question if an out-of-the-ordinary issue is unable to be handled by either the Benefits Service Center or the Retiree Service Center.

We have also been questioned about the eligibility of some of our recent retirees for cash payment arising from the sale of the convertible notes issued by the Company as part of the Plan of Reorganization to partially offset the retirement benefits that active employees lost when United's pension plans were terminated. Such sale has been approved by each union's leadership, & by United's senior leadership on behalf of Salaried & Management employees. The determination of eligibility & the formula(s) by which the allocations will be accomplished was also determined by the unions & United's senior leadership, as appropriate. Eligible individuals will be notified by the Company of the specifics applicable to their allocation.

As they have become available, I have been collecting the eligibility rules and have received them for SAM & IAM employees. As I get the balance (from wherever) I will post them on the website and publish them in the Newsletter.

Eligibility for SAM employees (from Lynn Hughitt's 7/20 letter) - Those who were active employees as of Dec. 31, 2005 with at least 4 years of continuous service with United at that time.

Eligibility for IAM employees (from the IAM's

Weekly Review e-mail of 7/29) - Those members who have retired since May 1, 2003 or become qualified to retire - reaching the early retirement age of 55 - by the end of the current Agreement, Dec. 31, 2009.

Mort Wax
President

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

This is my first time at Bat for a column in the Newsletter. The topic for today will be Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) fares. Before I get into the details of ZED I would like to take a moment to thank the members who voted for me in the last election. But more important, I would like a special THANK YOU to those members who took the time to vote. Let's plan on a bigger voter turnout next year.

ZONAL EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT (ZED) FARES: Is an interline fare program used by many carriers worldwide for space available travel. The program applies when two carriers each agree to offer ZED fare to each other's employees. ZED fares replace the industry discount ID90/95 fares for interline travel on specific carriers. These fares simplify & significantly reduce pricing for non-revenue space available interline pleasure travel.

The Zed program fare does not affect the eligibility for interline travel. The program only addresses the fare paid, once the eligibility is determined. In addition, ZED tickets are purchased & refunded in exactly the same manner as interline tickets are currently handled.

ZED-eligible carriers:

United currently has ZED agreements with the following carriers: American, Lufthansa, Air Jamaica, Great Lakes, ATA, BMI, LOT, QATAR & Asiana. Other airlines will be added in the future.

ZED pricing is based on the mileage between a point-to-point origin & destination, rather than the percentage of the market fare. ZED fares also offer a larger discount compared to ID fares because surcharges on interline pleasure travel is eliminated, except for government-mandated fees, for example the ZED fare for New York to Buenos Aires is \$82.60 compared to ID90 of \$321.60 - that's a saving of 74%.

ZED fares in some cases could be cheaper than

United pass travel service charges on some routes. Keep in mind that United employees, retirees & their eligibles also companions travel at a higher boarding priority on United flights than interline travel on other airlines.

Complete details of ZED fare & the ZED fares calculator can be found in SKYNET.

Hal Klobe
Executive Vice President



FORD AIR TRANSPORT



The first CAM airmail flight in the U.S., Detroit - Cleveland Feb. 15, 1926, "Aviation" mag. March 1, 1926 - Den. Pub. Lib.

Ford Air Transport, Henry Ford's private freight line, was the first "regularly scheduled U.S. airline".

The airline began daily operations on April 13, 1925, flying between Ford Field, Dearborn, MI and Chicago. Flights were added to Buffalo on April 23, 1925 and to Cleveland in July 1925.

Ford Air Transport used Stout "Pullman" all-metal airplanes (photo). These Liberty-powered planes were designed and built by William Benton Stout of Stout Metal Airplane Company, Inc. of Dearborn. In July 1925, the Stout company became a division of Ford and the Ford Tri-motor was developed, based on the design of the Pullman.

In the first year of operation, Ford Air Transport flew over 1000 flights with a 97 percent completion record to Chicago (649 of 663 flights). Flights to Cleveland had a 99 percent completion record.

Ford received the CAM 6 & 7 contracts and flew the first U. S. CAM airmail flight on CAM 7, Detroit to Cleveland, Feb. 15, 1926 (photo).

Ford Air Transport Service's last flight was in 1932. Ford Field officially closed Oct. 21, 1947 and the (Stout Air Lines) passenger terminal at Ford Field was razed in 1961.

By Marvin Berryman from: "So Away I Went", W. B. Stout 1951; "The Architects of the Aviation", Maurice Holland, Duell, Sloan & Pearce 1951; "The Airline Builders", Time-Life; "Aviation" magazines 1925/26, Den. Pub. Lib. archives
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OPERATIONS CENTER IN ELK GROVE, MOVES CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

United is moving its corporate headquarters to Chicago & creating an Operations Center at Elk Grove. Early 2007, 350 management employees will move to 77 W. Wacker in downtown Chicago; employees from other suburban facilities who support the day-to-day operations will be relocated to the Operations Center.

United expects to consolidate facilities it currently leases in Schaumburg, Chancellory Park & Bryn Mawr into the Operations Center, with employees currently in those buildings moving to the Elk Grove campus.

Corporate functions, such as legal, corporate affairs, planning & finance, are expected to move to CHI.

Under the agreement, United is receiving 5.25 million dollars in tax increment financing from the city of Chicago. United also will receive 1.35 million dollars in grants from the Illinois Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for infrastructure improvements and job training.

DRESS CODE DURING PLEASURE TRAVEL

Being inappropriately dressed for space-available travel can result in denied boarding for employees, retirees, travel eligibles & companions.

Employees, Retirees, their travel eligibles & companions have been turned away at the gate for being inappropriately dressed for non-revenue, space-available travel. The purpose of United's

dress code -- which applies to travelers age 12 & above -- is to ensure that the appearance of NRSA's & their eligible travelers reflects favorably upon customers.

Not allowed in any class of service are flip-flops or thong sandals, shorts, T-shirts, tank tops, mini skirts, bare midriffs, workout attire or jogging suits. Jeans are prohibited for NRSA travelers listed for the first-class cabin. For full dress-code details, go to SkyNet, "Travel," and click "Employee" under "Travel Benefits Summary." Please be aware that other carriers may have even stricter dress codes for space-available travel.

Loose-fitting, knee-length Bermuda shorts are permitted in the coach cabin on flights within the United States, Canada, Mexico & Puerto Rico.

CLIPPED WINGS CONVENTION

The Denver Chapter of Clipped Wings is hosting the 46th National Convention, Sep. 20 - 23 at The Brown Palace Hotel. "The Brown" is very nostalgic for many of us as that is where our Graduation Luncheon was held when the Training Center was located in Cheyenne.

The organization was founded in 1941, has grown to 30 chapters & about 1400 members. We have raised over \$6 million for the developmentally disabled also have been involved with Special Olympics since the first games were held in Chicago's Soldier Field in 1968. This past July there were 120 Clipped Wingers volunteering at the first-ever National Special Olympics games in Ames, Iowa. For more information, contact www.clippedwings.com.

Phyllis Jack
Denver Chapter President

ORDCS MEETING & REUNION

ORDCS meets the 1st Tues. of every month at noon for lunch at TGI Fridays 1695 E Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173 (847) 969-0126. EVERYONE is welcome. Contact Connie Russo if you have any questions (847) 956-0764 at home or (708) 822-0891 cell phone or e-mail mich4mitch@aol.com.

ORDCS & OPB is having an Old-timers Reunion on Sat. Oct 7 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm at

Giuseppe's La Cantina Restaurant, 1062 Lee St., Des Plaines, IL 60016 (847) 824-4230.

RSVP Connie Russo by Sept 30. EVERYONE is welcome. \$20 per person includes unlimited pizza, beer, wine & soda.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for Oct. are due in DEN by Wed. Sept. 6, Nov. report by 10/6, Dec. report by 11/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 – Attention – Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U. S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

LOCAL NEWS

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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings please call Mary Toeppen before 4 PM Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list (you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Mary at 623 214-1504 or Sherry.

The breakfast on July 4 had 21 in attendance, the one on the 18th had only 13 members. The weather was really hot, so I guess a few of you have gone into hibernation. Keep in mind that this fall we want to take a group to the Arizona Broadway Theatre. The theatre is brand new; it has great seating, no bad seats in the house. They end the year starting Nov. 17 with "South Pacific", & "Kiss Me Kate" in Jan.

Not too many activities to report on during the summer, however, we are keeping in touch with our members. Pete Clanton was in the hospital for several weeks. He is suffering from blood clots, Jean Kerman hopes to bring him home soon. Horst Heinig is not doing well. He is now under the care

of hospice; we pray that he is comfortable. We continue to send our prayers & best wishes to these two as well as all our chapter members.

Stay cool another month or two to go!

Gems may be precious, but friendship is priceless!

Calendar:

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

Sept. 12 – Coco's

Sept. 26 – Coco's

Fall/Winter Luncheons

Oct. 14 – Pizza Party at Ramada #7 Beardsley Park SCW

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At our July luncheon at the Thunder Canyon Brewery, 20 Roadrunners enjoyed food, beer, & conversation. We welcomed new members Claire & Jerry Byle. By the time this is published we'll have our Aug. trip to Pinetop, AZ behind us.

Alice's trivia for the month: The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%. (Now get this...) The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.

Calendar:

Sept. 16 - Sybil Collins will host a trip to Desert Diamond Casino in Green Valley for lunch & "gaming". The casino is just off Interstate 19, which is, I believe, the only Interstate with distance signs in metric. If the metric system ever takes over we may have to say:

- A miss is as good as 1.6 kilometers.
- Put your best .03 of a meter forward.
- 28 grams of prevention is worth 453 grams of cure.

Dec. 7 - Christmas luncheon - Oro Valley Country Club.

Feb. - Gaslight Theater (date not known at this time)

March 14 - All Arizona luncheon at The Property in Casa Grande.

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Greetings to all of you from the Natural State!

Our last luncheon meeting was held at Fisher-man's Wharf on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs. We had the pleasure of a visiting guest, retired Captain Matty Matheson who was in route to Breckenridge, CO on his bright yellow Honda Goldwing & pulling an equally bright yellow trailer. Mattie started this trek from his home in the Tampa area & was able to spend a few days with friends, Jim & Linda Nichol. This was about the mid-point in his tour - I'm sure he desperately needed to stretch his legs. I know I sure would! It was fun having him visit.

Our luncheon unfortunately did not have its normal attendance since many are vacationing during the summer months; those present, made the unanimous decision to withhold having further meetings until Sept., when the majority of the membership has returned.

Also discussed, was the possibility of starting an Interline Club since it seems that a number of both retired and working airline people live in Hot Springs & Hot Springs Village. It was decided that we would hold a "Getting to Know You" picnic type meeting in early Oct. Article & picture from our luncheon was placed in the local paper. Follow-ups are planned for early Sept.

We are sorry to let you know that one of our members, Kenneth Skare passed away on July 31 after a three year battle with cancer. He will be missed by his many friends.

Well, the summer has been hot here so I'm headed to the Rocky Mountains, but will be back in time to get things rolling for the fall.

Until then...Linda

God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I'm so far behind, I will never die.

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July has been a rather slow news month for our Chapter. But we will make up for it when we attend our next meeting. I was reminded that John Stilwell visited his sister in Iowa in July when the corn was still knee-high & thunderstorms were a daily experience. This is the type of summer that he grew up with.

When John was at the Washington Convention he made contact with a member of the Denver Newsletter crew that will help him compile a list of retirees in the Central Coast. This can be done by Zip codes within our area. We will then send out letters informing them of our Chapter & encourage them to join. John has taken on this responsibility so we know this will be a benefit to our Chapter.

It looks like another milestone is coming to an end. Not only is Midway Airport closing to UAL operations "again" but the Headquarters is moving to downtown CHI. From the press release it appears that the incentives were too good to pass up.

At our next Chapter meeting we will be having a very special guest speaker. It will be held at Mul-ligan's restaurant at the Avila Beach Golf Course on Aug. 16. The scenery of the golf course & the Bay makes a most relaxing and beautiful sight on the west coast. By the time this is put to print, the meeting will have been over so you will have to wait until next month for details.

Last month's trivia question - What major airline has never had an accident that resulted in a fatality? Answer - Qantas, the Australian carrier.

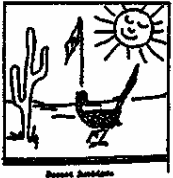
Trivia information - Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Calendar:

Oct. 25 - Meeting

Dec. 20 - Meeting

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DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Submitted by Elaine Aggson

We are saddened by the loss of two of our long time members. Marie Slater passed away July 12 after a very brief battle with cancer. After returning from the convention in Washington, she was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer for which there is no cure or treatment. Marie was a very beloved & loyal member of our group and will be missed by all. Condolences may be sent to her sister, Betty Johnson, 16195 W. Gilson, Goodyear, AZ 85338. We also learned of the death of Shirlee Sitarz. Shirlee & Stan were long time members who rarely missed a meeting. Stan passed away in 1999, a year later Shirlee moved to Glendale to be near her daughter. She continued her membership in the Desert Sunbirds so she could receive the local newsletter.

Liz & Jim Clapper hosted our July meeting at the popular Casino Morongo where 34 members & guests enjoyed the fantastic buffet also a chance to win their fortunes. Ron & Melinda Lerg brought friends Liz & David Neitzke, Frank Zambetti was the guest of Dee Wright. Joyce Bossio's friend Wanda Grimshaw also attended. It was good to see Gwen Craven, Scoobie Wolfe & Vern Behnke after a long absence. Liz Clapper won the birthday lunch and Claire Staples' 50/50 winnings provided her with a gambling stake!

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Our July luncheon was held at The Cattlebaron's Restaurant in Penryn, CA hosted by Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger with 48 members & 2 guests in attendance. The summer heat was in attendance also but it was the last day of a 2 week

100° degree plus stint. A big relief for all of us Northern Californians!

Co-Pres. Harold Esola started the meeting by displaying "Get Well" & "Sympathy cards designed by Sunshine Francis Domaratus, that will be used in the future. They are very attractive with an old "goldminer" logo designed by Francis.

VP Jean Sinclair gave info on the luncheon meeting locations & hosts for the rest of 2006.

Our treasury is in very good shape, (we have to think of ways to spend it!)

Secy./Editor Bob Fulkerson (me) announced the wedding anniversaries for Aug. The 50 year & more are: Bob & Margaret Eggert, 50 ; Dan & Rosemary Figueroa, 50; Al & Geneva Lockwood, 61; Jim & Ethel Meek, 56; Karl & Ruth Stammnitz, 50.

Co-Sunshine Persons, Francis & Veronica Domaratus reported on the illnesses of Margaret Eggert & Jack Fetcher. Margaret is recovering from knee surgery, Jack is in a rehab center, hopefully a short stay toward good health again. They also reported on the passing of Pat Rugh's mother & member Darleen Gray. One other passing was that of Thelma Hubley in March which was not previously reported.

Our RUAEA Representative, Ron Bertacini spoke of United profits for the past fiscal year. In the black at last! He also noted United is carrying loads of 90% full. Ron mentioned United's Headquarters move to downtown CHI. He also spoke of RUAEA's new web site format and the ease of obtaining information. He said, if possible, we should all obtain our RUAEA Newsletters on line, instead of using costly US-mail.

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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The July luncheon was held at Basque Chalet in San Rafael. Hosting were Oscar & Joan Chambers assisted by Maddy McKinnes & Pat Leahy. Pres. Norm Burnett thanked them all for their "Bastille Day" theme & enjoyable menu.

VP Patrick Cadden introduced Jill Schratz,

guest & daughter of Oscar & Joan, also Barbara Gach, who is a new member.

I stood in for Sunshine Lady Verda Burr. The Anniversary milestones are Zepha & Wayne O'Kelly, 67 years; Maura & Albert Wait, 56 years; Maria & Nick Van Kruining, 53 years; and Joan & Fred Langkusch, 56 years. Pat Leahy was the winner of the Birthday Lunch.

The raffle was held with Patrick, Maddy McKinnis & Joan Sheahan doing the honors.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: IF YOU GET TO THINKIN' YOU'RE A PERSON OF SOME INFLUENCE, TRY ORDERIN' SOMEBODY ELSE'S DOG AROUND.

Calendar:

Oct. 12 - TBA - Patrick Cadden and Ron & Joanne Huhn

Nov. 9 - Josef's, Santa Rosa - Brandon & Pat Maus

Dec. 14 - Quail Inn, Oakmont - 2006 Officers

Re-LAX-ers

Los Angeles

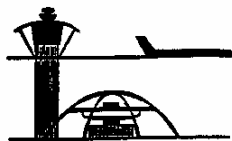
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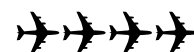


I heard right after sending in last month's column that *Frank Kanemura* passed away early in July. All the LAX folks remember Frankie who drove the tram between the terminal & the hanger for many years. His address to send a note to the family is 736 W.173rd St., Gardena CA 90247. Sincere condolences are extended to his family. I received news about 3 weeks ago of the death of another LAX "old-timer". *Jean Mahrt* died on May 18. She was the first PSR in LAX, worked with Lou Goodspeed & Isabel Angstadt until she left in 1964 to become a teacher. Sales retirees especially will remember working with *Ed Connell*. He died on June 14. No contact information for him, either, I'm sorry to say. Our condolences to his family and closest friends if they receive this newsletter. Sympathies are also extended to *Millie Munson* whose husband passed away on July 12. *Marie Slater* who was ill for some time - died this summer. You can send notes to her daughter, Betty Johnson, 16195 W. Gibson Ln., Goodyear, AZ 85338

Jeri Truex joined the bionic knee club - had the replacement on June 12. She emailed me on July 13 that she was coming along very well. Her email is BJTRUEX@aol.com. *Pete Criscione* is undergoing chemo/radiation treatments which will be completed Aug.17. He then will have surgery. Best of luck, Pete. *Rowe Prideaux* sprained his ankle quite badly so that they had to cancel the convention trip. But he's up & at 'em again - will be at the steak fry on this coming Thurs. *Bob (Pappy) Owens* has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. We know he will be going through very trying treatments; has our sympathy & prayers. Send him cards at 17680 Caminito Balata, San Diego, CA 92128/ 858-451-2926 or email pappyo@peoplepc.com. *Olga Jean Barnes* is recuperating very well from her heart surgery already is busy planning her next trip. She is slightly/sort of considering moving, so we are trying to convince her that our Leisure World community is a neat, convenient, safe, economical & busy place to live. Everyone here that I know says "smartest move I ever made!"

We are all gearing up for the famous ReLAXers Steak Fry in El Segundo next week. All we have to do is put our steak knives in the purse/pocket, get there in time to visit with all our buddies - and, it's a big crowd. A zillion thanks in advance for all the planners and workers who carry this off so well.

Then, don't forget we'll be going to Palm Springs on Halloween (10/31-11/1) to see the Fabulous Follies. We're going by a comfy charter bus, check into the downtown Holiday Inn which is one short block from the theater, about 3 short blocks from the downtown casino. What more can you ask? To make it nicer & more convenient, after going to the matinee we'll head to the Cedar Creek Inn for dinner. That's the same place we ate in when we did PSP at our HLW convention -- good food, good service. In connection with our tours to PSP we like to add one other attraction which this year will be the wonderful Living Desert Museum down the road a piece in Indian Wells. We sent flyers out with meeting notices early in the year. If you've lost yours, call - I'll send another. Remember, friends of all ages are welcome. Bus pickups are at Lot E (B) at LAX (maximum parking cost \$15) & here at Leisure World (free parking). Come join us!



Calendar:

Oct 12 - Luncheon, notices mailed about end of Aug.

Oct.31 - Nov.1 - Trip to PSP.

Dec. 7 -- Christmas Luncheon on the Queen Mary



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List of folks "under the weather":

Bob Owens is not feeling well. Bob has been such a hard worker, assuming posts with RUAEA & other work for our retirees, always with a gracious manner. Marion still serves as Pres. of our ReSans group. Please remember him in your prayers. Please send cards & notes to Bob at 17680 Caminito Balata, San Diego CA 92128.

Peter Criscione is still receiving treatment. We are all cheering for you Pete. Cards and notes may be sent to 453 W El Norte Pkwy #212, Escondido, CA 92026.

Bill Lindsey is recovering at home from back surgery. Ouch, Bill! We wish you a speedy recovery.

Calendar:

Oct. – 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant

Dec. 1 – Christmas Party at Tom Hams Restaurant. Please bring a new child's toy and if you wish a white elephant gift to be placed on our giveaway table.

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We were having some very unusual hot weather for the SFO Bay area, which might explain why our attendance was down to 64 members. We are not used to that kind of heat.

Carol Walter asked if we had any July birth-

days or anniversaries. Betty & Aubrey Bliss celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary, Marie & Milt Cavalli celebrated their 68th.

Evelyn Smith is in a Residential Home Facility. If you would like to send her a card she can be reached at 3375 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95051. Lois Baron had hip replacement surgery, I just heard that Chet Collins had a stroke & is in a care home.

At our Nov. 27 meeting we are having a sandwich lunch with a choice of a turkey or corn beef sandwich. Tickets are \$5 & will be on sale after the Sept. 25 picnic. And we are having a "Contest" to give our chapter a new & catchy name. United Airlines Retirees-SFO Area just seems a little too plain. The prize will be two tickets to our November Luncheon. You can email your ideas to Walter & Vera Kina at ywkina@juno.com. Our Board will judge the entries.

Ralph Trullinger told us of a phone scam that is going around. Someone will call saying they are from Medicare & that you will be dropped. They will tell you that you have to make one payment to be reinstated then they ask for your bank account number. Needless to say you never give your account number or social security number to anyone.

Once again we were fortunate to have Tibor Harvath & Yelena Savchenko for our program. This is the 3rd year they have been with us, we hope to have them again next year. Tibor plays the violin & Yelena the piano - they are great. Not only are they accomplished musicians but Tibor is a good comedian. Next month the "Rhythm Tappers", a ladies dance group, will entertain us.

Travel info.: Ginger Dahlberg still has a few spaces left on her Dec. 6 – 11 "Country Christmas" tour also a few cabins may be available on the Mexican Riviera cruise, Dec. 23 – Jan. 3. There are 2 lower cabins left on the Feb. 13 – 27, 2007 Vietnam River cruise. Contact Ginger: 650-224-1865, gingersfo@aol.com for info.

Betty Garner is planning a "West Coast Wine Cruise" April 27 – May 4, 2007 on the Celebrity Cruise Line's Mercury. The ship sails from SFO with stops in Monterey CA, Astoria OR, Seattle WA, Victoria BC & Vancouver BC. Contact Betty: 650-355-4195, email garner-bee@yahoo.com.

Both Ginger & Betty are open to suggestion for trips that you may like to take.

Calendar:

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

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Our annual picnic, hosted by Sally & Tony Urso, was held on June 15. We had a very good turnout, everyone, as usual, had a good time. Our thanks to Tony & Sally plus all those who helped with this affair.

Otto Schaller was back after his recent illness. The Schaller's daughter, Jennifer came as a guest. Another guest was Howard Payne, Western Director of RUAEA. Howard passed along some very helpful information. Also mentioned Suitcases for Kids program which is underway in the Concord chapter.

Dee Carlson is in the therapy & slowly improving after her recent stroke. George Smith continues with his heart fibrillation. Ella Sosa had angioplasty, had some stints put in. Dwayne Howze is now in a rehab center in Sunnyvale - doing well with his recovery from the second lung transplant.

We are sorry to have lost one of our longest chapter members, Pete Bilsich, who has moved to Santa Rosa to be closer to his nephew. Pete joined in 1983 & has contributed much over the years. Our best wishes to Pete in his new home.

As many of you know, Joanne Currier passed away in June. Our sympathies to Russ & family.

Calendar:

Sept. 12 - 11:00 am at China Styx Restaurant, Sunnyvale, hosted by Stan & Dee Kolman (407) 736-1775

*The next time you feel like sharing
information on how horrible your day has been,
see if you can keep it to yourself instead.*

SAN JOAQUINERS

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What a day! The weather has been very, very hot in CA, record breaking all over the central valley. We welcomed the cooler location at 5500 feet for picnicking at Pinecrest Lake where 40 members & guests gathered for the BBB (Buddington Burger Bash). Our guests were: Charlene Barrette, friend of Ruth Dixon; Blanche Totate, guest of Evelyn Price; Richard & Delores Van Broaklin, guests of Bob & Ginger DuMars; Brittany, granddaughter of Don & Joyce Temple & members to be, Dennis & Betty Dugan. We had a surprise visit from Bobby Roberts - she says she is not spending as much time on the golf course, also she had moved to Antioch to be near a daughter.

Carol & Ruth Swanson tell us they are so lucky to have a nurse daughter living in the Sonora area. Bob & Kirstin Buckholtz motored down from Lodi where they have moved, report they are so happy up there. As for me, Ruth, I am planning for a mini-family reunion for my 92nd birthday in Aug. Some friends & cousins are coming too, hope they can all make it. Back to my potato salad & hamburgers now!

VP Bob Brooks did his usual light hearted job of taking over for Pres. Guy Hoffman, who with his wife, Nancy, are touring Europe.

Today's news - United has favorable news regarding their handling of gasoline & departure problems.

Ruth Dixon

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The Aug. 2 breakfast held at the Flight Training Center Cafeteria was attended by 45 retirees. We bid farewell to Jeanne & Don Sellon - they are

moving to Peoria, AZ, but we welcomed Penny & Ken Darrow who recently moved to the DEN area from Bend, OR.

Good to see Elizabeth Eaton - she thanked everyone for all the cards & notes of sympathy she received after Thurman's death.

The following members returned their 50/50 winnings to the Chapter's treasury: Ken Darrow, Mary Lou Hoffman, Dixie McCay, Ron Milton, Lynn Pettrow & "Van" Van Fleet. Thanks Guys & Gals.

Fall Luncheon - Sept. 20, Three Sons' Italian Restaurant, 2915 W. 44th Av., Denver. Social hour - 11:30 AM (Cash Bar), Luncheon - 12 Noon. \$15.25 P/P. Choice of menu:

- ✈ Spaghetti/Meatballs
- ✈ Chicken Breast With Vegetables
- ✈ Cheese Ravioli (Meatless)

Includes - Minestrone Soup, Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Tea or Soda

Please list menu choice on check. Checks payable to: RUAEA - Denver Chapter. Mail to: Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Reservations must be made by Sept. 15.

Directions to restaurant: I-70 West to Federal Blvd, South on Federal to 44th, turn left. Restaurant is on left side, behind Popeye's. Plenty of parking.

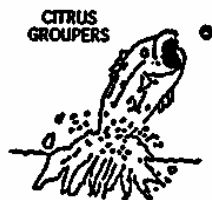
Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans.
Sept. 20 - Fall Luncheon - Details in column.

FLORIDA

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The Citrus Groupers at the International Buffet in Leesburg on July 25 with only 12 members & guest in attendance. Since there were so few members we only had an informal get-together. Mary

Wimmer had back surgery on July 14, will need 6 to 8 weeks to recuperate. Ralph Nardone's brother passed away in Massachusetts. Ralph just came back but was unable to attend the meeting. The Cantillos just came back from Boston where they visited Elain's family.

Calendar:

Sept. 28 - 11:30 am - Frankies 1674 N. Florida Ave. (Hwy 41) in Inverness



SAND"DABS"

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We were a very small group of 11, but a very talkative friendly group that met at the Red Lobster today. Since our Pres. Dick Coughlin was away enjoying a cruise with his wife Frieda, VP Steve Moddle took over conducting our meeting.

We welcomed new members Al & Irene Werner formerly from Ocala now living in Daytona Beach Shores. Al had an interesting career with UAL often moving a bit but ending up in DEN. Even in retirement they moved around a lot finally settling in the Shores.

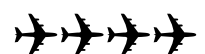
We also welcomed the Moddles' grandson, Nicholas Docabo. He's been spending 2 weeks with grandma & grandpa here having a wonderful time being spoiled by them.

Penny Logan gave a Treas. report. We gave a gift to the Walter Reed Hospital for wounded service personnel. We are still in the black & the treasury grows slowly.

We learned that Nelson Funkhauser was to have a knee replacement surgery, we wish him well in his recovery. At joke time VP Steve had a bunch of funny ones on the subject of old age & the aging process. Lots of laughs.

There was some discussion & information about the company from various people. Mostly folks lamented on how difficult it was to fly SA these days.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine with you.*



Calendar:

Sept. 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

Oct. 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

Nov. 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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The theme for this year is "Getting to Know...". We get together twice a month. The first Wed. of the month is our chapter luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral. At that meeting we pick a different restaurant each month to meet for dinner. We ask that you note our meeting dates in your calendar & join us, so we can "Get to Know" you. We are in the process of planning our fall picnic also our Christmas party. We should have the details available at our next meeting. By the way, we had a great turn-out for our last chapter luncheon meeting on Aug. 2, there were 42 in attendance.

Dee Francis is on the mend from major surgery, we are pleased to hear she is back home. We are thinking of you - hope you feel better soon!

Calendar:

Sept. 6 - 1:00 p.m. - Chapter Luncheon Meeting at the Golden Corral - 2328 S. Semorah Blvd. - Orlando

Sept. 16 - 6:30 p.m. - Nunsense Amen - Cost \$36.00

Nov. 18 - 6:30 p.m. - Singing In The Rain - Cost \$41.00

Dec. 9 - 6:30 p.m., Holiday Spectacular - Cost \$36.00

Oct. 11 to 21 - Spectacular Sights of Scenic Arizona Featuring Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta!

Oct. 13 to 24 - Sail the Black Sea Discovery on the Avalon Waterways Poetry. For Details on the above trips please contact: Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.



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There were 11 members & 1 perspective member, Richard Sanderson, at our last chapter breakfast meeting of the season. Nancy Dainlus had arthroscopic knee surgery during the week. She & John were there for breakfast. Jack & Barbara Clay were also at the breakfast & are soon traveling to DEN for their granddaughter's wedding.

Pres. Terry Gilkison introduced new member Richard Sanderson & asked him to tell a little about himself. Then each member told a little about him/herself so Dick was able to get to know the members present. Rosemary Blake had to cancel at the last minute because of moving to a new address. Mel Volz called & said he and Linda would be in MI for the last part of the summer. Those of us who attended our summer breakfast meetings this year thanked Perkins for the service we received in their private dining room.

Calendar:

1st Fri. of the Month

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

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

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As the Chapter has been on vacation for the

summer, the calendar for the next 3 months is below:

Calendar:

Sept. 5 - Meeting at Johnny's Restaurant, 7180 US 1 (Federal Highway), Port St. Lucie, FL (772)878-2686

Oct. 3 - In lieu of the meeting at Johnny's Palm Beach Princess Gambling/Buffer. More info at the Sept. 5 meeting

Nov. 7 - Meeting at Johnny's Restaurant. Same address as above.

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Combined August-September Chapter Reports

28 Flyers showed up for the lunch at Logan's Road House in McDonough, GA. on July 14. We had the meeting the 2nd Wed. because of the July 4, holiday. The restaurant is unique as it is covered in peanuts, literally, plenty to keep you busy & munching while your food order is in process. A very good room was provided, the menu was wide & varied from sandwiches, salads, to steaks. Loaded potato soup was the popular choice of the day.

Pres. Sandy Lis reported that we are still looking for a suitable central meeting location. One that will be convenient & accessible for all. Gas prices are not getting any cheaper, some members travel a great distance to attend. It was voted to again have the Christmas lunch at The Village Café, in Fayetteville, GA. The annual picnic is scheduled in Oct. for Sweetwater Creek Park in Lithia Springs, GA.

Bruce Brodersen, our new RUAEA Regional Southeast Director, back from the National Convention reported on his trip. Bruce also reported that if you have not received a letter from the PBGC about any adjustments by now, that you were set, & there would be no future changes. If you have received a letter of change, you are set,

you defiantly know it.

28 Flyers & 3 guests showed up for lunch at Norman's Landing Restaurant in Cumming, GA. on Aug. 2 hosted by Jone Manley. Our guests were Stan & Marge Cebula's grand daughter Alea Sasser, Patty Meadows friend, Linda Reese, & Dan Bowers. Good to see Marcia Cutter back. Pres. Sandy Lis held a short business meeting. Jeanne Barber read a letter from Maurice Linehan who is still a faithful member of the Dixie Flyers even though he now lives in VA. Maurice says "hello" to all the Flyers & has not forgotten us. We certainly miss him! You can drop a line to Maurice at 220 Pasture Lane, Yorktown, VA. 23693.

Those still on sick call & undergoing treatment are Harriett Jones, Kerry Sullivan, & Terry Roycroft. Healing thoughts & good wishes are being sent your way from all of us. We are praying for you. Next meeting is at Fire Mountain Restaurant, in Newnan, GA. hosted by Frank & Barbara Russy.

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BOISE GEMS

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The good news is that the west is now out of the heat wave, although the mid-west & eastern states are still suffering triple-digit temperatures. We did have 9 straight days above 100°, but with low humidity, very few people suffered much. By the first of Aug., Boise was 84° for a high, 57° for a low. Normal for that day would be a high of 97° and a low of 73°.

Marlene Croghan is entertaining her daughter & grandchildren who are here from TUC. Marilyn Taylor is leaving shortly to spend 2 weeks with her daughter on the OR coast. Lil Jolly has company from PHX. Good to hear Wilma Schell is driving again after a bout of ear/vertigo problem. Bud & Pat Peteers are planning a trip to Montana.

Among a number of GEMS attending Ned's potluck in lieu of last month's get-together, were newly-settled Bill & Eve Estensen. Bill worked in SFOOV. Their new address is 2639 S. Bearclaw

Wy., Meridian, ID 83642. Phone number (208) 401-1777.

Next month we are again pre-empted at JB's, because of Labor Day. So, instead, we've scheduled a lunch at Casa Mexico, starting at 12 noon, Mon. Sept 4. It is the Casa Mexico restaurant at 10332 Fairview Ave. at Five Mile in Boise. We have reserved the private banquet room, which is to your left as you enter the building.

"Buenos dias."

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With over 2,300 record-setting temperatures nationwide in July, we in the Midwest have also been feeling the heat! Hope everyone kept cool & had opportunities of checking up on our elders. I hope the balance of our summer will be more comfortable & enjoyable.

22 retirees gathered at the south side monthly breakfast welcoming back Virginia Hilken, who attended for the first time in many months. Florence Constance told of her recent Chicago Geographic tour in Chinatown. The most colorful display included the Dragon Races on the Chicago River in which a team of United men from World Headquarters participated.

At the memorial service for Ruth Urbanick in July there were ten UAL retirees among the friends & family. Ruth worked in payroll for many years also did volunteer work at Brookfield Zoo.

A good turnout of retirees & friends attended the July Northsiders breakfast also brought food for the Food Pantry. This Collection was delivered to the Food Pantry in Schaumburg grossing over 125 pounds. Thanks again to everyone who donated food & money. Marge Daily played tour guide to her visiting relatives, taking in sights of Chicago on their way to Ireland.

Our Skyliner Summer Event cookout was attended by over 170 people who enjoyed cocktails at the Schaumburg Golf Club in July. The summer buffet selection & cool drinks were great.

There were 3 newcomers at the Northsiders breakfast: Tom Heidecker who retired in Sept. 99 from OPBOP now lives in Harvard, IL. Don Wagner who retired from WHQKA in June & says he really loves retirement.

The Midway Guys and Gals will be celebrating their 24th Annual Midway Days. If you were a former employee at Midway Airport you are invited to join in the celebration & become a member of The Midway Guys and Gals. Marge Daily, who has headed this event since its beginning, is looking for volunteers who could help out in future functions. It's a great way of meeting new friends also having a good time. The reunion will once again be at Manzo's Banquet Hall, located at 1571 Elmhurst Road in Des Plaines, IL on Sept. 27. Contact Marge Daily (847) 439-1441 for your reservation or information about volunteering in some way. Also report any change in your address so that can mailing list is kept current.

Calendar:

Sept. 13 - Northside Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant at 9:00 a.m., Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Sept. 26 - Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House. Starting at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Sept. 27 – 24th Annual Luncheon - The Midway Guys and Gals - Manzo's Banquet Hall 1571 Elmhurst Road in Des Plaines, IL



LOOP GROUP

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The end - no more Buffet Luncheons at the Palmer House. The new hotel management at the Palmer House as of June 1 was the beginning of the new policy, order from the menu only. I waited for some Loop Group folks to appear, sure enough Mary Gray, Roe & Lillian Mallstrom, Mary Szabo & Norm Pearson, Stephanie Simpson, Shirley Mullen & I walked over to the Renaissance Hotel which is located across the street from the Chicago theater on the SW corner of State & Wacker. We walked in, made our way up to the 2nd floor, entered the restaurant, were greeted by huge skylight,

expanse of window facing the river & the Chicago skyline, a wonderful uninterrupted view of the City before us. The room was like an English garden, very attractive, & Buffet Luncheon was waiting for us. Which, by the way, was delicious, deserts to drool over, service excellent & individual checks, the same \$18.00 as at the Palmer House. Furthermore, Roe Mallstrom was able to inform the supervisor at the Renaissance that United Airlines was to be a neighbor. So looking forward to greeting you all at the new location, same time as before. Mean-time summer is here, enjoy and be well.

Calendar:

Sept. 20 - 11:30 am - Renaissance Hotel - One W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL

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It is so hot here in Indy! How hot is it you ask? It's so hot that my keyboard is smoking - the key-pads are nearly melted! If any of my words are misspelled, it's really not my fault; it's the condition of my melted computer! Seriously, it has been miserably hot & humid, the A/C has been going like crazy. Last summer we used the air for only 3 days. I can hardly wait to see our electric bill for this past month. Oh well, such is life.

July 19, several of our Indy Racers' members went on a bus trip to the Argosy Casino - had a great time. Some of us won ... others of us (me) lost! We had such a great time, even on the bus. First we had breakfast, then we played bingo for prizes. Before we knew it, we were at the casino warmed up for gambling. We all went off in separate directions but met back up at the "all you can eat" buffet. Of course, none of us could miss out on a meal, especially one done in Vegas style, already paid for in our trip cost. Waistbands snugger than before, we returned to the slots & tables. We had two big winners, 1 with \$250, 1 with \$243.00. I was not one of the winners! Winners or not, we

all had a great time - can hardly wait till we plan our next excursion.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned Ray Brabo's 43 stitches in his foot ... he's doing great!

I reported that Jim Gibson had a stroke ... He is doing really well - even went on the Argosy trip along with his wife, Chris, who is battling cancer. Chris is a fighter, continues to do well.

I don't have anything new to report as I missed the last Indy Racer's meeting due to a family emergency. We're all fine, not to worry. I'll also be missing the next meeting as Ron & I will be in OKC with our youngest son, then down to Houston to see our oldest son. Our aged minds & memory on the decline, a senior moment caught us both when we made vacation dates in the middle of August! What were we thinking ... no wait ... were we even thinking at all?

For those of you who do not know, and, for those who do, the following dates, times, and location of our meeting are below:

Calendar:

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

Sept. 11 - Meeting

Oct. 9 - Meeting

MASSACHUSETTS



NOR'EASTERS

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No July meeting. Received a letter from Anne Leader advising Erwin is doing well. She wished they could attend meetings, but Erwin is on dialysis and doesn't get out often. Erwin says "Hi" to all his friends and retired co-workers. Patty Mix, who hasn't been able to attend meetings lately said "Hi to all". Arnold Lasko, retired BOSMM, but not

living in New England also asked to say hello to all his fellow Logan Airport retirees. Ed & Virginia Burke moved from northern Maine to a more southern town. We should be seeing more of Ed at meetings now. At last, after stopping by Mercedes Hersom's new home a dozen times, I finally caught her home.

Our own William (Jack) Cummings passed away on 19 July 06. Our condolences to Peggy. Jack will be missed.

Bill Vandrwal's 94 year old Dad passed away in July also. I'm sure we all know what that's like, we're with you Bill.

MICHIGAN

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July 13 Dollie Sellers & Debbie LeFebvre hosted 14 Escapees & 2 guests at Jacks Waterfront Restaurant at Emerald City Harbor. All enjoyed the beautiful view of the harbor on a most beautiful day.

Aug 3 Sharon & Rod Jacobs opened their beautiful home on Cedar Island Lake in White Lake to 17 Escapees & guest. We were the first group to cruise on their new pontoon boat, just delivered the day before. Despite the overcast & storm threatening weather, we were fortunate with the blessings from heaven being turned off, when we were outside, causing a welcomed relief from the sweltering heat that has engulfed us the past week. We also enjoyed the great entertainment from our host as we were serenaded while we viewed the beautiful homes including that of Geoffrey Feiger along the shore. We also were delighted to have "long time no see", Dee Hegle join us again.

Welcome to Janine Krom our newest Escapee. She is now residing in Naples FL, still recovering from hurricane Wilma, as many of our southern UA families has suffered.

Lastly, Loralie Kennedy lost her battle with esophagus cancer July 20. It seems unfair that someone that never smoked in her life should have

to pass in such a painful way. She left this world on the anniversary of her last trip to Russia, just after her cousins gave her a paper ticket they had clutched it in her hands & told her she could get on her train, which she kept saying she had to get, but had to get the right one. The family requests memorials to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or St Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago Rd. Redford, 48239. Love & prayers to her family C/O Kathy Sedor, 1156 Drexel, Dearborn, MI 48128.

Lastly, John Schick fell on the church steps coming from Loralie's Mass, breaking his foot also 3 ribs. He now has a cast up to his knee, and is in much pain as Uncle Arthur has also invaded his spine. Love & prayers to John at 22621 E. 12 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2505.

Calendar:

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

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July 2006 was the hottest ever recorded in the Twin Cities, but 30 hard-core members plus the Storlies' granddaughter, Brook, showed up for lunch & visiting. Even with today's fuel prices, some of the "farther away" folks were present.

We were saddened to learn of the death of shop mechanic Thomas "Jim" Walker who worked in MSP for a period of time. Those wishing to send condolences to his family may do so by writing to his wife Barbara, 3939 Turquoise Circle, Eagan, MN 55122.

Another of our local friends, retired ORD-based flight attendant Arlene Franzmeier, has a ranch outside the Twin Cities area where she invites disabled children & their families to come to ride horses as part of their therapy. She & her son are doing this all on their own, & naturally have quite high expenses with the upkeep of the ranch &

the horses. Our chapter voted to send her a small donation to help with the costs.

In the "not-so-good-but-not-terrible-either" department, "Mort" Morton is making slow progress & hopes to be able to join us at the annual picnic; Dottie (Mrs. Cal) Alderman had a slight heart attack but is home & doing much better.

We're happy to report that Rosemary Soltis, long-time sales rep, retired in July. Welcome to the local group of graduates! We hope to see her frequently at our gatherings.

Traveling at this time of year with the reduced flying & hugely high load factors has become a situation where one says "is it really worth it to try?" The many crewmembers who commute from the Twin Cities to their domiciles, mostly ORD, are having to be creative in getting to work. In the summertime, they really pay the price for living somewhere other than the city where their job is. Don & Dorothy Wood related their experiences with the PDX travel desk. They got such exemplary service from the retiree manning the phone that they sent an "orchid" letter! They're one of the few success stories in standby travel that we've heard in recent months, having been able to board every flight for which they were listed.

At the June lunch, Nel Brawner had schlepped raffle tickets for prizes in the Mikana, WI annual summer celebration. She & her sister were the Grand Marshals of the parade. Well, wouldn't you know it, 2 of our members who succumbed to her arm-twisting actually WON something! Nel related a bit of the events of the celebration, including the parade float entered by the Birchwood Senior Center. It was one of the Seniors holding some flowers sitting in a casket, & their banner read "We Ain't Dead, YET!" I believe they won the grand prize.

Speaking of small-town celebrations, the annual Willow River Days event was a huge success. The Garden Club entered a float in the parade which was an arbor built out of logs by Rich Glatly. Some of the Club ladies were sitting at a table beneath hanging baskets of flowers suspended from the beams, while others tossed packets of seeds to the crowd. Behind them trailed another small flower-bedecked float holding granddaughters, the "Future Feed & Weed Girls". The feat of putting that heavy log arbor on the trailer was worth the price of admission.

For those who haven't received their 2006 updated regional alumni list, several copies will be available at the monthly lunches.

Calendar:

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

NEBRASKA

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27 enjoyed the food at Faro's. Thanks to Peggy & Casey Casebeer for hosting. Sandy & Ken Bender were there, it appears they will be around for a while longer. They can't seem to find why Ken is having health problems, so will be doing more testing.

Mary Beveridge has been at Methodist Hospital for about 5 weeks. She kept on falling so Jim took her to ER. After about 4 days they found she had a bacteria in her blood called Guillain Barre, which is very rare. They moved her to rehab in the hospital for about 3 weeks. I stopped in to see her, she was the same Mary with a smile on her face.

Had an e-mail from Wes & Mary Wilbur saying they have moved to Grimes, IA which is just northwest of Des Moines a short distance. They had been living in Spirit Lake for many years.

Jim Casey, is under the weather. Jim was in the hospital for 2 days the end of June. He was back in the hospital the end of July for further tests for possible prostate problems. The doctor wanted him to go for a month to see if they couldn't get his bladder smaller so they could start doing their tests. Our best wishes to Jim that everything will be okay.

We received an invitation that NICK IS OFFICIALLY AN OLD FOSSIL! We were all invited to help Nick Nekonchuk celebrate his 80th birthday at an Open House on Sunday, July 30, from 2 to 5 P.M. at Mark's home (his son), 3111 South 159th Street which is located across from Skutt High School.

Calendar:

Sept. 12 – Picnic Chalco Hills, Hosted by Keith & Jan Cornish

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There were 19 members & 2 guests, Bob & Peggy Schissel in attendance at our July meeting.

United News: United has signed an agreement to move its global headquarters from Elk Grove to a building in downtown CHI. About 350 employees will be involved in the move; this is expected to happen in early 2007. The city did offer financial incentives for the move.

John & Pat spent an evening at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento - it is a beautiful facility. This is the site of the 2007 RUAEA convention. It is within walking distance of the Capital building & surrounding grounds. It has a great steak house. Ron Bertacini, our new Regional Director & his wife Barbara, attended the meeting, Ron spoke briefly about RUAEA. Our meeting is his first official visit as N. CA / NV Regional Director. Ron brought extra brochures about the Hyatt Regency (which we will hand out). He encouraged everyone to become RUAEA members & brought along applications. The RUAEA web site has been updated, the first level does not require a password. The next level is general information (requires a password), one is information about benefits & can take you to specific location including PBGC. The next level is the RUAEA newsletter online. Dale Harper puts out a newsletter every day & about every 6 months he sends out a general mailing to anyone on his list. John can request a copy of retirees in No. Nevada, which we have done periodically to do a mailing about the Sierra Roundup. The last mailing was in 2004. The dates for the 2007 convention are slightly adjusted – May 27 to June 2.

Thanks to Duncan Scaife & wife Nancy & Joe Robinson for volunteering to be chefs and Jim

Wagoner to help set up. We are hoping the weather will be cooperative like last year. See you there. If you have not yet paid for the picnic, just bring \$5 & pay Mary that day. Also, please let Mary or me know what you will bring – please, no more potato salad. Thank you.

Janice & Patrick Flanagan extended an invitation to the membership to meet with their son, Patrick, a candidate for Washoe County Judge. The meetings were July 21 & 23.

The winner of the 50/50 was Ethan Gillooly... July birthdays were celebrated by: Louise Smith, Jeanette Bachellor, Duncan Thompson, Lloyd Stephens, and Liz Starkey & Gerry Batty.

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Marge Segal for Jeanne Leo

Dangerously hot on the outside; cooler & friendlier on the inside! That's how I would describe the day of our luncheon Aug. 1. 14 Members attended & enjoyed the camaraderie & food in the restaurant's main room where the AC was working better than in our usual private room.

Up to now we city dwellers have been lucky. Dan Dusan related he was without electrical power 4 days in his Queen's apartment; other areas had gone along for 10 days. Unfortunately this week will probably see more problems from this heat wave. Our best wishes go to the airport personnel working outside. Wow!

Steve Trontakis, retired JFK in-flight supervisor gave us a brief report on his new job as a medical technician at Oerzen Chiropractic Associates. They claim to offer the latest cutting edge technology in non-surgical treatment - DRX2000 - for serious chronic lower back pain, sciatica, etc. The contact for initial consultation with Dr. Oerzen is (516) 352-7111. Steve's e-mail is afon-takis@optonline.net.

Elaine Mower, retired Asst. Mgr of Steward-

esses JFK for many years is receiving hospice care at home. She is taking phone calls at (440) 246-6130. Cards can be sent to 1133 - 11th St., Lorain, OH 44052. We wish her comfort & peace.

Jeanne & Phil Leo vacationing in Italy. Hope weather is better there.

Calendar:

Oct. 3 – Luncheon 12 noon – San Martin Restaurant

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Our Monthly meeting at the Asian Buffet in Hicksville, N.Y. had 53 members & guests attending. Good idea having the business part of the meeting after we eat.

Pres. Jim Richardson led the chapter with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, & a moment of silence for our deceased & ill members.

Good News & Bad News:

Good news first. Mike Maddi is home from his long hospital & rehab confinement. Every one was happy to see him looking strong. Good seeing Hal Malesardi, Rocky Mongelli, Kathy Richardson and guests Michael Maddi, Mike & Elizabeth Pazienza at the luncheon. Remember, the more the merrier!

Bad news, Mike Maddi & his wife, Rose are moving to North Carolina to be near their son, Michael. Also, leaving the Long Island area is Frank & Terry Zabarankas. They're off to Warminster, PA. Best Wishes to both couples on their new adventure. We'll miss ya!

Birthday greetings to Dot Smith, she will join the octogenarian club on Aug. 12.

Congratulations to John Muller, Elliot Olenick, Charlie Kaczinski & Joe Totaro, they were presented with a certificate & pin from Local Lodge 1322 of IAM union for 50 years of service. They are all honorary members.

Once again Charlie Kaczinski updated the New York Chapter with news that United is selling the New York/London route to Delta & the possible

merger of United Airlines with Continental Airlines. That's something to talk about!

Cassie Manelski had the gals laughing with her jokes about Betty Crocker.

Christmas Party at the Millerridge Inn, \$25.00 pp on Dec. 6, 2006

Calendar:

Sept. 6 - 12 noon Asian Buffet, Hicksville, N.Y.

Oct. 4 - 12 noon Asian Buffet, Hicksville, N.Y.

Nov.1 - 12 noon Asian Buffet, Hicksville, N.

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As announced in last month's column, the Loonies are preparing for our Fall meeting Oct. 17-20 in Door County, WI. For new readers or anyone not familiar with our chapter of RUAEA, the Loonies were started in Manistique, MI (Upper Peninsula) Aug. 22, 1996 with 4 couples (representing MI, MN & WI). We provide a group for retirees from small communities in the upper Midwest too small to have a "normal" RUAEA chapter. We meet twice each year, Oct. & May, but for several days each time. At each meeting someone volunteers to host the next get-together at the location of that person's choice, thereby becoming for a short time Pres., VP, corresponding sec'y – total power! Actually we do not have any officers. We do not have dues. We do have lots of fun. We do have warm friendships. We talk. We laugh a lot. We eat ice cream.

A number of MN Northern Lites as well as a number of MI Great lakes Escapees also are members of the Loonies, so we usually have 30-50 attendees. We really welcome new members, so if you haven't known about us, or have but haven't checked us out yet, write or give me a call for a few days. Join us in Door County – we'll be glad to have you.

*The calmer you become,
the easier your life will be.*

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The Thirteenth Annual Northfield Night will be held on Aug. 9. We are expecting 74 members to attend. THANK YOU Carol & Ray Hacker for hosting this annual event.

On July 13 our annual picnic was held at Albion Woods Reserve Picnic area. It was a whopping success. We had 100 plus in attendance, which included members & visitors. The chicken was great along with an abundance of a variety of food, this included plenty of desserts.

I would like to give a special thanks to John & Dolly Taucher for all their hard work. Our chapter has increased in size in the past few years, so consequently this meant additional work & preparation. Thank you both for all your hard work.

John & Jean Hughes had their adorable granddaughter Casey with them. Jack & Betty Wright were accompanied by their 2 grandsons Edward & Jackson. Chapter members Don & Pearl Park came from Butler, PA. Dick McPheter came from Yuma, AZ. Visitors included Ray & Dee Bashel from LAS, Jim & Donna Dugan, Lee & Linda Graham Philmont VA, & Ray & Cheryl Knazik from Stephens City, VA. Glad you were all able to attend. All had a good time.

Ed & Jeanie Hanood from Seabring, FL also were visitors that attended. Pres. Carol explained to me that Jeanie was responsible for getting us moving forward into the computer era by sending mass mailings.

On The Road Again, mark your calendar for Wed. Oct. 18. A separate mailing was sent on July 24 giving all the details for this daylong trip. We will be visiting "The Wilds", located near Cumberland, OH. We will depart at 7:00 am, returning home by 9:00 pm. Bernie & I will be hosting this event. We need to have 40 people minimum in order book this trip. I need your money no later than Sept. 12. If you have any questions at all please feel free to contact me.

Calendar:

Oct. 18 - "THE WILDS". Pre-paid by Sept. 12.

Must have 40 people.

Nov. 1 - Maya Mexican Restaurant (formerly La Hacienda) 368 West Bagley Rd., Berea. Pre-paid.

Dec. 6 - Christmas Party, Copper Top at Cherokee Hills, Valley City. Dinner served in the Panoramic Banquet Room Upstairs. There is an elevator available. Pre-paid.

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Our picnic turned out to be the only day in July that it rained, but it didn't diminish the enthusiasm of the approximately 130 members who enjoyed the Hawaiian luau luncheon & entertainment. Thanks to our own Rance Ishibashi who acquired the talented performers & arranged for NO Ho's to supply the food. Many in the group wore HWI attire & received prizes for their effort. Best of the show were Slim & Dee Bordeau as a couple, Margaret Borbely best female & Jack Starks best male. Cora Harper & Anna Miller who do such a wonderful job doing the decorations for our special events made the lovely table decorations that were raffled off at the end of the meeting.

Congratulations to Lorene & Jerry Ludeman who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 28.

It has been a quiet month on the illness list. The only person I know of was Bob Tibbetts who had leg surgery. I remind everyone again to please contact Merle & Lois Pitman if they know of anyone who should be acknowledged with a card. Their telephone number is (503) 635-5341.

At our Sept. meeting will be retired USN Commander Tim Myers who will speak to us about plans underway to bring the aircraft carrier USS Ranger to PDX. It would be docked in the area & be a tourist attraction. A piece of notable trivia about the carrier is that it was used in the filming of the movie Top Gun.

Election of Officers will be in Oct. if the Nominating Committee can come up with a slate of officers. There is a need for members to come forth to run for office. Please remember there are 300 + of us - all positions need to be filled, Pres., VP, Secy. & Treas. plus a board member. If you are interested in running for office or know someone who would be willing to run please contact Paul Russell at (503) 667-1985, e-mail pakaur@compuserve.com. There will also be the semiannual ice cream social.

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

Calendar:

Sept. 13 - Speaker Comdr. Tim Myers

Oct. 11 - Election of Officers and Ice Cream Social

Nov. 8 - Thanksgiving Luncheon



OUR CLUB

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A small but enthusiastic group of 15 OUR Clubbers gathered on July 7 at Elmer's Restaurant in Grants Pass for the monthly luncheon. Everyone was delighted to welcome back Barbara Hickox after her multiple surgeries & victory over a tenacious leg infection.

Over lunch, the chapter members shared travel tales & compared notes on pass travel, RV-ing & the ever-increasing price of gasoline. Fortunately, the weather was hardly a topic of conversation. The heat wave that seared the West Coast did, however, become a big issue shortly after the July meeting.

Everyone is already looking forward to the Sept. quarterly meeting. Members will gather at 12:00 noon on Fri., Sept. 8 at Tom Pearce Park near Grants Pass for a catered picnic barbecue. Robert & Judy Machado are making arrangements for the picnic & will be hosting the event. Jane Frincke welcomes inquiries from anyone who would like more information about the picnic, making reserva-

tions or directions to Tom Pearce Park.

Calendar:

Sept. 8 - Details in column

Oct. 6 - TBA hosted by Marge Calkins

Nov. 3 - TBA hosted by Doe Pope

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Happy Labor Day to all "The annual Pit-Stopper picnic" held on Jul 14 was another great outing. 72 guests enjoyed a lovely buffet luncheon. Kudos to Ken Wolfe, Vic & Joan Ference, Treatie Karowski & our Prez Barb Seaholm. Great to see so many "out of towners" returning to their roots. They included Charlie & Dee Carr, Mac Crampton, Kay & Bob Frye, Fran Lavelle & Anita Pawlack. Missed our good friends Andy & Mary Rusinko, hope you're feeling better Andy.

Nice to see Ed & Kay Yauch. Ed looks great after having a defibrillator inserted. Looks good enough to take on Arnie Palmer. We missed the Detwilers who are busy building & selling their home. We also welcomed Pat Weiss, Connie Davis & Mary Salamon back to the fold - hope to see you again at our luncheon.

Spoke to Betty McQuiston, she reports that hubby Ken is recuperating in the skilled nursing section of Aliquippa hospital after suffering from congestive heart failure. I am sure Ken would like to hear from you all, c/o Aliquippa Hospital Room 453 - Hospital Dr., Aliquippa, PA 15001. The food & cash donations collected were taken by Vic Ference to the West Hills Food Bank. Donations of loose change donated to the Shanksville Memorial amounted to \$70.34 will be matched by the local chapter.

Correction: July Newsletter listed an incorrect telephone number for Jewell & Gus Giustozzi for unclaimed items from the Arts & Crafts Raffle of the Washington DC Convention. Correct number is (703) 360-4664.

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Our July 20 luncheon meeting was held at Altruda's Italian Restaurant in Lenoir City with 28 members & guests present. Bill & Terry Taylor put a lot of time & effort into arranging this wonderful luncheon. We were delighted to have our new Southeast RUAEA representative Bruce Brodersen & his wife Mary visit with us. Bruce updated us on the convention, gave his thoughts on what he would like to see RUAEA accomplish in the future. In appreciation for his attendance the Chapter presented the Brodersens with a coffee table book "Tennessee Simply Beautiful". We voted to make a \$50 donation in memory of Tom Shipe. Betty has selected the Cancer Society to receive this check. Nancy Krop is in the hospital. We hope she is up & around soon. Jerry Schaad donated his share of the 50/50 back to the Rocky Tops.

Calendar:

Sept. 21 - 12:30 EST, lunch to be hosted by Cecil and Rachel Atkins (931-358-4047). Location to be announced.

Oct. 19 - 9:30 EST, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Nov. 16 - 12:30 EST. Hosts and location to be announced.

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On **July 19**, 18 chpt. members met at the Bountiful Chuck-A-Rama restaurant for lunch. The Northern Utah oppressive heat of over 100°F kept a

number of members in the A/C'ed home environment; thus, we missed our regulars Bud & Bev Farrington; Tony & Dorothy Brown; Sandy & Darlene Cantonwine, some of whom had experienced problems with their health. Lila Maughan spent some time at the hospital, but is getting stronger every day, according to Lila herself & a report from chapter VP Betty Davis.

We were glad to welcome Byron "Bud" & Kay Nelson; Byron cannot venture too far from home due to his frail condition. - Also, Hank & Mary Bons joined our circle of friends again, after Hank's well-being was fully assured again, medically.

Chapter Pres. Doug Peterson called around noon of the meeting day to tell that he had just, within the hour, returned from HWI. He needed some rest after a long flight.

We have a new member: June Robertson (widow of SFOMB William W. who had died Nov. 2004). She is quite a delight; we hope she will visit our meetings as often as she can manage.

It is planned to have the third quarterly local newsletter published before our annual potluck picnic at Sugar House Park on Aug. 16. Let's hope the heat wave across the US will have subsided by then.

Calendar:

Sept. 20 - 10am, Murray Heritage Ctr. - 10 E. 6150 S., Murray, UT;

Oct. 18 - Lunch, 2pm, Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC.

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Our last meeting was held July 7 at Edelweiss Restaurant near Staunton, Virginia with 15 present. Everyone seemed to enjoy a new menu of real German food to select from.

We missed a few of our members due to illness or vacation.

Those who attended the 2006 Convention gave us a great report of the convention meetings & new officers. We thank Mary & Bob Carter who attended the Presidents and Correspondents breakfast meeting for our Chapter. They gave us great reports from those meetings by all.

Plans are being made for the next meeting.

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



The summer has been busy for members & their families. A golf tournament was held in June. No activity in July.

Illness, cards & phone calls were made to Bruno Good, Anita Malco, Jerry Schupan, Delores Stiger, David Ramsey. Long term calls to Margaret Schmidt, Vi Gray, Geri Shippee & Dick Waterous, Pat Davis. Recently deceased, Sally Watts Keenan of SEASW, Jane Karagas, SEARR/TO/CS and Deanna Pappas, SEARR.

Aug. 5 was Dick Waterous 80th birthday. He celebrated with birthday cards, a special pie from Helen Stanger & watched the Blue Angels fly overhead for SEA Fair.

Thank you Norma Miller & family for donating a microwave oven to the Travel Desk Volunteers. This was a pleasant surprise to see on a recent Wed. Bob Brumfield called me in. We always have tea & coffee (instant) available, along with candies.

Don't forget our Travel Desk – Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs - 10:00 am – 2:00 pm PDT - Local (206) 433-4218; outside (206) toll free # 1-888-826-3375. We can mail a copy of your listing if you give us a 10 day notice or come to the office.

Ken Rudzinski was asked & is setting up some tours in Sept. for some WW II pilots reunion. He talked of a tour at Boeing in Everett, WA; the Flight Museum at Boeing Field & a salmon dinner on Blake Island.

Calendar:

Sept. 12 – Fairwood Golf & Country

Oct. 10 – Fairwood Golf & Country

Nov. 14 – Fairwood Golf & Country

All hosted by Lyle & Joanna Myers

Dec. – No Activity

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I received a call from our new RUAEA NW Director. His name is Jack Hooper & he lives in Washougal, WA. I recently e-mailed him a current copy of our members as he requested. He & Nancy planned on attending the picnic, however a fire dept. function got in the way. He does plan on coming to a get-together soon.

My surgery was very successful, my nose is on straight once again, I can even use it for unobstructed breathing.

I spoke with Chris Anders, Lee is not feeling well, he is short of breath; they are going to run some tests to see if there is something they can do to make him more comfortable.

I do not have any new calendar of events at this time as we haven't had our picnic yet. I do hope to have planned events for the near future next month. At this time it looks like a good turnout is expected & it will be a lot of fun. Thank you Bob & Edie and Tom & Mary, for all the hard work to get ready for 30 or more people.

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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- Retiree- **HENDERSON, Roger K.**, DEN, on 7/1/06, husband of Barbara E., 406 3d St., Foss-ton, MN 56542
- Retiree- **KNOSPE, Dean F.**, ORD, on 6/24/06, husband of Betty J., 164 Lill Ave., Crystal Lake, IL 60014
- Retiree- **LEE, Robert T.**, SFO, on 7/10/06, husband of Rebecca W., 44-102 Keaalam Place, Kaneohe, HI 96744
- Retiree- **LOYER, Roger E.**, SFO, on 4/21/06, husband of Marie T., 135 Burrows Street, San Francisco, CA 94134
- Retiree- **MC GUIRE, James F.**, CHI, on 7/4/06, husband of Leona M., 78 Yawl Lane, Palm Harbor, FL 34683
- Retiree- **OLSSON, Charles F.**, SFO, on 7/19/06, husband of Joan E., 45 Monterey Ave., San Anselmo, CA 94960
- Retiree- **ORTEGA, Manuel**, ORD, on 6/20/06,

husband of Dorothea V., 236 S. Michigan, Addison, IL 60101

Retiree- **POTTER, William W.**, EXO, on 7/4/06, husband of Janet L., 1778 Ribbon Fan Lane, Naples, FL 34119

Retiree- **SLATER, Marie H.**, PSP, on 7/12/06

Retiree- **SVARVERUD, Leif**, SFO, on 6/9/06, husband of Barbara V., 1935 Howard Dr., Sparks, NV 89434

Retiree- **WEBER, Thomas R.**, SFO, on 3/25/06

Retiree- **WORTMAN, Harold W.**, SEA, on 7/4/06, husband of Mary S., 26224 172nd Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98042

LETTERS

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

Richard Dumosch, Irene Grazul, Jennie E. Bowsu, Diann Bear, Melvin Fisher, Rose Marie Nelson, M. Hill, Dolores F. Moynilah, Elaine Heller, John D. Crowthers, Cathy Burnes, Leslie W. Pfeil, Mike Michaelson, Al Morales, Frances Gascon, D. C. Schimpf, Barbara Rothermal, Samuel Ol, Clark Speetzen, P. Velde, Richard Soutar, Benny Palumbo, Jennifer Nakata, Ron Madsen, Fran McAnulty, Flora Stiveson, Myrtle Gaudy, David Van Lente, Yvonne M. Newland, Elizabeth C. Wizer, John G. Alvalotis, Eugene F. Wagner, Pat Sommer Di Lallo, Loyd M. Chaney, Gina Bura-Henzel, Stephanie de Brone, Charles E. Ellis, Carol Rising, Peter Donohue, Barbara Briggs, Mary Spafford, Gaetano Carpentieri, Harvey Samson, Dolores Carlson, Ron Berg, Bill Lowry, Bob Palmer, Olga Jean Barnes, John X. Mitsoyianis, Mary B. Gebicke, Terri DuBois, Art Rugh, Papee Mossman, Lily Masamori, John C. Sedell, Geraldine Hills, John Cooper, Lorie LaBrache, Linda Haris, Mary Rees, Ralph H. Ely, Sandy K. Brownlee, H. Chuck Moore, M. Oka, Bill Culhane, Helen Habeeb, John G. Hekking, Dee & Chuck Carr, Maria Baron, Marlene Dudek, Anna Wozniak, Sharon Ringer, A. L. Fielder, Mary Pearce, George W. Edwards.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

of the organization or the editor.)

Michelle Scoggins, 3001 Bellaire St., Denver, CO 80207

I thoroughly enjoy reading the RUAEA Newsletter every month.

I see some familiar names of people I worked with in DENRR & DENCS. During my 34 plus years with UAL, I worked with a lot of great people; I miss them all.

There was a notice in our local newspaper where one of DENRR's Supervisors passed away in May. Some may remember Paul Halligan. He was a great supervisor.

I have only taken one trip since retirement 7/03. I have no desire to go out to DIA.

The old Stapleton Airport area is really booming with homes & businesses. Hard to imagine it was an airport. The control tower & parking lot are all that's left.

I'm going to put my pen down now before I get carried away!

Hope everyone is enjoying their retirement.

Henry (Hank) Sulima, 625 W. Lake Jasmine Circle, #209, Vero Beach, FL 32962

I retired 26 birthdays ago. That's 306 Newsletter ago. Whenever I scan the list of new RUAEA members for familiar names, that's when I know it has been a long time, because I don't recognize any names anymore!

Irene & I are most fortunate to still be able to get around. We are still able to take advantage of our travel benefits, also an occasional cruise with old friends. We were in Pasadena over a cold, windy, rainy New Year weekend. We enjoyed seeing how parade floats are created, & witnessed the Rose Bowl Parade first hand. It was a memorable experience, despite the inclement weather, and getting soaked to the skin!

After all these years, I think I am qualified to vouch for the dependability of our Newsletter mailing team. 306 uninterrupted mailings, is not a too shabby team batting record.

Ralph & Dollie Bagget, 4987 McFarland Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032

It was great seeing Jo & Carole at the 2006 Washington Convention. So very sad that Dixie was unable to attend, due to illness. Trust we will

see you at the 2007 Convention in Sacramento next May.

Dollie & I really enjoyed our very FIRST Convention.

Our thanks to Lucy Chatelain, Judy Taylor, Mona McNamee, Shirley Roberts & Dee Burrs. They did an outstanding job on the decorations.

I don't want to be 'RED FLAGGED', so here are my dues and extra for stamps!

Again, a great job was done by ALL.

Tom McNabb, 5570 Boynton Lane, Ft. Myers, FL 33919-2705

Thanks for the "Red Reminder". Marilyn & I returned from a 6 week trip to TN, UT & WI. Waiting for me was the RUAEA Newsletter stamped with the "Red Reminder". I almost forgot what I must do.

Thanks for everything you do for RUAEA.

Lloyd W. Whitlow, Anthem Country Club, 38 Isleworth Drive, Henderson, NV 89052-6465

Another year which had its trials & tribulations. I had open heart surgery to replace the Aorta Valve on May 19. I'm on the road to recovery, a slow process.

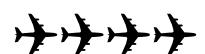
I'm still Head of my WWII 384th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force & am working on our next Reunion which is scheduled for Sept. at the Hilton Hotel, Tysons Corner, McLean, VA. In the program are tours of Washington, D.C., & the New Museum near Dulles Airport.

Jim L. Morvick, 1 Hudson Pl., Berlin, MD 21811-1251

My first of many renewals as I pass 11 month into retirement. I've settled on the Eastern Maryland shore 5 miles from the Atlantic Ocean after 40 plus years of the Washington DC suburbs, working in Reservations (when it was in McLean, VA) & onboard services. My wife, Ellen, is retired as well. Our "world" now is walking our dog, volunteering at Atlantic General Hospital & Sunday School teaching.

I don't need an alarm clock anymore. I'm up by 0530 which is not early to me since 0300 used to be the norm.

The Newsletter reminds me of the friendly memories I had with United.



Clarence Rupert, 216 Kearns Dr., Bodfish, CA 93205

I enjoy getting the monthly Newsletter very much. I live in Bodfish, CA which is on the Kern River by Lake Isabella.

I have been an active member of the Kern County Sheriffs Search & Rescue for 16 years, retiring from it in March 2006. I still hike the mountains & ride Jet Skis with my kids. There is wind surfing & all kinds of boating activities on this lake along with excellent fishing for Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, Trout & Catfish. Lake Isabella is the only fresh water lake in So. CA that people can eat the clams. It is 180 miles from LAX in the Southern Sierra Mtns. Open all year to fishing & boating.

Robert J. Ahrens, 3914 Christian Dr, Belmont, CA 94002-1232

Our last travel adventure was on the Dawn Princess from SFO to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico & back to SFO. Stops at Santa Catalina, Mazatlan & Cabo San Lucas. Weather & food was great. We are now in process of putting together a fishing & boating trip using the latest in fishing equipment to a High Sierra Lake.

Eugene A. Haunch, 2612 Lincoln Ave., Belmont, CA 94002

I miss all the great professional people at SFOMM, but enjoy seeing their names in the Newsletter. Several of us get together for lunch every month & share "war" stories plus have a few laughs.

It's been noted many times, I would like to add my "thank you" to the people who bring back nice memories through the Newsletter.

Joseph E. Coco, 257 Antofagasta St., Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Just received the latest Newsletter, it reminded me to get my dues in just a bit early.

Don't know if anyone advised you, but Jim McWayne from the Photo Lab in EXO passed away in May. I've heard that Bril Aleson also from the Photo Lab passed away recently.

After 18 years without EXOAD, 5 years since I lost my daughter & 3½ years since I lost my wife, I'm still hanging in there. Have a small woodcraft business in my garage that keeps me busy, play racquet ball 2 times a week & handle all the printing

for all of my old customers from RSW, at least one day a week.

You guys do a great job & I look forward to each issue although familiar names are becoming scarce.

Thanks for all the hard work.

Charlotte Anderson, 433 Wonderstone Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89107

Thanks to all the members who are so efficient at producing the Newsletter. It's the "thread" that keeps us bound together through all these years.

My compliments to those who put together such a wonderful convention in our Nation's Capitol, Washington D.C. We are so blessed.

Vikki L. Young, 15401 W. Echo Canyon, Surprise, AZ 85374

Thank you all for your endless work & dedication to make sure we retirees are kept informed with the on-goings of UAL & fellow friends.

In Sept., I will be retired 4 years & love it!

Mardele A. Celestin, Apt. 104, 15579 Miami Lakeway N., Miami Lakes, FL 33014

Thank you all for the great job & dedication you bring to this Newsletter.

Had a great time at the Convention.

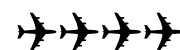
Joann Briggs, 21303 Legend Ave., Carson, CA 90745

Thanks for all you do to put the Newsletter together. I enjoyed the convention in Washington DC. Really do appreciate all the time & work it takes to put a convention on. Especially since we did it the year before in Hollywood. I have to admit it was fun working on it too. Looking forward to going to Sacramento next year.

Shirley Claggett, 1007 S 262nd Pl., Des Moines, WA 98198

Have lots of traveling planned. I've met more people, seen more places, & done more things, in the last 5 years than ever imagined. Retirement is great. Despite all the problems with United & all the problems in the world, we still live in a wonderful environment.

Thanks for everyone's hard work with RUAEA



Mildred L. Read, 339 Rolling Hills Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403

I'm sorry I overlooked my husband's birthday. I had been to the Boston Marathon & Cape Cod, using UAL pass so completely forgot.

My husband hired on Nov. 4, 1947. I never worked for the airlines, but I have certainly appreciated the "perks". I'm 88 years old & still traveling.

Thanks to you for your good job, well done.

Karen J Lebert, 236 W Harvard Cir., South Elgin, IL 60177

Just a note to say "Thanks" for keeping UAL retirees in the loop of what's going on with the Company & our benefits. Have had a rough year so far recovering from colon cancer surgery & almost through with chemo. Only 4 more injections to go – then I'll have had a 12 I needed. We'll see if it worked then. I'm feeling good – that's what counts. Having turned 60 you'd think I'd be raring to go – but I'll be back in shape once I get all the medical stuff behind me.

Thanks for all your efforts on our behalf. Sure wish there was something we could do to help get UAL back to her greatness. We'll continue to keep her & all UAL retirees in my prayers.

Judy Macklin, 9265 New Martinsville Ave., Englewood, FL 34224

My husband, Bill and I have returned to FL from New Hampshire to finally retire & relax. I had been at MCOCS & TPACS before heading North to support the family with babysitting.

Thanks so much to all you good folks at RUAEA who watch out for our interests & keep us informed & connected!

Mary Schobinger, 7069 S Fillmore Ct, Centennial, CO 80122

Our trips this year have been mainly by car. On Dec 16 we were on our way to SEA to spend Christmas with our daughter & family. On our second day we had just crossed into Utah when we hit black ice & landed with several other cars off the highway. Our car was totaled but happy to say we both survived with Chuck having a severe concussion & a broken arm, I had only minor injuries. Today we are both fine & enjoying weekends in the mountains.

Thank you all for your super work.

Evelyn Kriz, 6549 Depew Court, Arvada, CO 80003

My dear husband, Myron Kriz (known as Mike) passed away 5-28-06. We had 57 yrs. together.

I worked 30 yrs. – CHI, EXO, HNL & DEN

Edward J Allard, # 30 244 S Randall Rd., Elgin, IL 60123-5529

I'm beginning the 8th year of retirement, & traveling full time in an RV. So far, we've been through 44 of the lower 48 states, 4 Canadian Provinces & Alaska. In our travels we have visited with former coworkers, enjoyed many happy hours with the Northwoods Loonies, & attended an All Arizona Chapter gathering. We stay in touch with many others by e-mail & phone.

Thanks to the staff for keeping the retirees updated on company affairs.

Elaine Gentile, 36 Fern Ave, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Thank you for the great Newsletter. I appreciate your work.

It has been 4 years since I retired as a F/A in SFO after 37 yrs. Now I am a full time artist in Sausalito, CA with a wonderful studio in a warehouse with 100 other artists. See my work at my web site www.Elainegentile.com

Marie Helena Kocovar, 1209 Georgia Trace Ave., Valrico, FL 33594

It's been a year since I moved to FL & I couldn't be happier. After intense several months of unpacking, I now have the time to pursue many interests. I'm on the Board of Directors for the Homeowners Assoc., Chair for the Landscaping Committee, volunteer at the Friends of the Library & I'm on the FOL Board as well. There just isn't enough time in the week. I attend a weekly class for Learning in Retirement at the Univ. of So. Florida. All these activities have been a great way to meet my neighbors & make new friends.

Last Dec. a friend & I traveled to London & I have gone to CHI & LAX as well, but I haven't traveled as often as I had planned. Hopefully. I'll be in the friendly skies more frequently.

Thank you for the Newsletter each month, it's always good to read.



Wayne A. Widrig, 350 Wisconsin St., Mayville, WI 53050

I'm late with my dues! My wife usually took care of the bills; since she passed away last Feb. I occasionally don't remember to pay things.

I have put my home up for sale & I will be moving to Eagle Point, OR sometime this year at least I hope so, will let you know my new address when I move.

I enjoy reading the Newsletter from start to finish, always learn something new.

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

Another year has passed. Each year rolls along faster than the last one! Perhaps there is a message there that for some reason I refuse to consider. Always good to receive the Newsletter even if sometimes the reports from the Daily Newspaper has the Airlines in trouble because of the cost to operate. Hopefully this will change & the Friendly Skies will be able to show a profit again.

Howard F. Grote, Jr., 717 Pershing Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2038

My favorite item in your Newsletter is the U. A. Historical Foundation column. I missed Nov. & Dec. 2005. If there was such a column by the foundation, is it possible to obtain a copy of them?

The legacy of United is rich with previous achievements.

While in college, 1940-42, I wrote a history of United. I began with the U.S. Airmail (May 15, 1918)

Editors Note: United Airlines Historical Foundation Articles for Nov. & Dec. 2005 are being sent to you.

Jay Cacioppo, 33215 Cheshire Drive, San Jose, CA 95118

Thank you for all the great communications you folks do. So glad United seems to be rebounding so well.

I've been retired for 5 years now & remember well the good years; 36 1/2 to be exact. I tell everyone it was during some of the best years. I was lucky – I am lucky.

I remember & appreciate the personal & professional development I was able to acquire during my career. Some of it was due to my own efforts but at

least half attributable to United & its many continuous learning programs. (It seemed every time I thought I knew everything, someone was there to show me that I did not.)

My best wishes of health & luck to everyone.

Harrison B. (Harry) Tallman, 557 227th Lane NE, Sammamish, WA 98074

I was sorry to hear of Ingrid Evans' passing & Zelma's loss of her husband, Rosie. My condolences go to both Paul Evans and to Zelma.

I worked with both Ingrid & Zelma at SFOMB Personnel for several years. Since I have been retired for over 26 years, I haven't had any contact with either of them for some time. Both Ingrid & Zelma were great to work with, enjoyed their association.

My wife Elsie & I are still plugging along, although slower. As Ollie Coppom (SFOMB) used to say "I've got a little hitch in my gitalong", now use a walker to get around. Other than that, we are both in good health. We enjoy being close to our son & his family as well as to our grandchildren (6) & great grandchildren (7).

After we moved to Washington from Carmel, CA our daughter moved in with us. She is a great care-giver & chauffeur. Elsie & I celebrated 67 years of wedded bliss in Aug. & look forward to many more happy years together.

We haven't used our NRSA travel for several years because of the hassle of security checks & the necessity of stand-by. Even though I have 64 years, seniority, there is no guarantee that there would be space available. For example, on one occasion a few years ago, we stood by for 9 flights over a period of 9 hours. I understand that space available is even more scarce today. I am, however, glad that UAL does not have many empty seats, which means more revenue.

Best wishes to all my old friends.

Catherine Vita, Unit 308C, 1747 W Crystal Ln., Mount Prospect, IL 60056

A thousand thanks for your continued good work and devoting so much of your personal time so that the retirees can enjoy the Newsletter.

Grace Habin, P.O. Box 572, Derry, NH 03038-0572

Many thanks to your wonderful staff. The

Newsletter is the only glue that bonds the United family together!

Keep up the good work.

Linda Robbins, 223 Shingle Mill Dr., Drums, PA 18222

Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication. I look forward to the Newsletter each month.

It is a nice to know that even though our company faltered, the employees still have the hearts that made UA a great place to work.

Harriet Miller, 1430 Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill, FL 34609-4640

Getting along just great with my son & our “4 furry friends” his 2 cats & my 2 shelties. We have a good life together.

Had another cancer scare earlier this year, but after a Pet Scan & Colonoscopy, I turned out to be okay – thank goodness.

When my monthly Newsletter arrives, the first thing I read is the news from Ohio, however after being in IL since Jan. 1980, I don’t recognize too many of the names.

I love FL living, even though with all the hurricane threat during the summer. After 26 years, I consider myself a Floridian.

Keep up your good work with all the news & information on our great airline – United. In my opinion, it will always be the best!

I’m still with my group of “Strings & Strutters” . There are 15 musicians, 6 strutters; we put on a wonderful performance, also have such a great time. Anyone in the Philadelphia area knows about the Strutters parade on New Years Day. We get their costumes they are finished with them. Great fun!

Dolores A Sneed, 4011 McPherson Drive, Acworth, GA 30101

Hi you all,

Has the South got me or what! No it hasn’t! Wish I were back in Denver. Get back 3 – 4 times a year.

You guys sure do a good job keeping us informed.

William Marsh, 1220 Claremont Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066

Eighteen years since I retired & I’m still going strong, well, as strong as I can after a stroke a few years ago. At 81 years young, I am still driving my old Austin Healey 3000, flying with my son Steve in the RV-4, active in church activities & still living the singles life after Helen’s death. However, maybe not single for long, as I have met a beautiful lady one rainy evening at church; I put a ring on her finger. No set date for the wedding as yet. I’ll keep you informed.

Thanks for the great work the staff is doing in DEN & elsewhere. Perhaps we should have you folks take over the Airline. Now that’s a thought!

Charles J. O’Brien, 613 Harbor Dr., Ocean City, MD 21842-4687

Thanks for all you do & the info you give. We retired folks depend on you. God Bless and may UAL survive.

Big Hello to my BWI & IAD Res. friends.

Don Cory, 833 Alpine Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010

Thanks for the reminder: I lost/misplaced my check book in April & still haven’t caught up with everything. Of all my “subscriptions” I would miss yours the most.

Thanks to PBGC I haven’t lost a cent but I sure feel sorry for the younger retirees. Obviously I don’t feel the same toward UAL as I did some 40 or 50 years ago. I can’t believe the effort you all put into this communication.

J. Donovan, 410 Avila Rd., San Mateo CA 94402

We appreciate getting a hard copy of the Newsletter. We thoroughly enjoyed the Washington DC Convention. Everything was super. Very special to be in DC during Memorial Day week. The 140,000 Rolling Thunder Vietnam vets on Harleys were inspirational – we were at the Vietnam Memorial with several Rolling Thunder big guys in full beards, tattoos & vests with MIA (missing in action) patches. It was very moving to see some of these big guys crying at the wall for their fallen comrades. Their purpose is to lobby for veteran medical rights & to continue the search for MIA’s.

Thank you & the Convention Committee.

Barbara & David Butow, 18235 Cypress Point Ter., Leesburg, VA 20176-3988

Thanks so very much for keeping retirees United. I am happy to enclose my dues for another year.

Dave & I were blessed with another grandson this year. We now have 2 grandchildren under the age of two!

We moved to Leesburg, VA to a townhouse in a golf course community & are enjoying the country club life style.

We did some traveling in the Spring, took a cruise to the Baltic Countries & were surprised to meet another UA retiree – Jeff Smith – on the same cruise.

Retirement is great so is the RUAEA organization.

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

I'm on my 24th year of retirement, where have those years gone. I'm doing well considering I fell a few months back & broke my hip. It has slowed me down some but at my age perhaps that's not a bad thing.

Thanks to all you hard working people for getting out the Newsletter to the retirees as the news on UAL is not very forthcoming as it used to be.

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

Hi you all. I've made it to my 81st birthday after having quadruple by-pass surgery last year. Jane & I will celebrate our 58th anniversary this Sept. I was hired in DSM on 7-21-44, moved to CMH on 12-1-59 to open the new station. Then moved to PHX on 12-1-80, another new station opening; retired in PHX on 8/1/90, that was 46 enjoyable years.

After my last correspondence I heard from some of my old friend's that I worked with years ago. Ardyth Pollard from DMS, Howard Scheiber, CMH. Was great hearing from them. In Sept. we are going to TX to see our first grandson graduate from Jet Fighter Pilot Training, his brother will be going to the AF Academy in CO. Just returned from a trip to FL on Delta, as my son works for Delta in CVS. All flights full & on the return flight from ATL did not get on the non-stops. Had to go through LAS to get home. Airports are wall to wall people, business can't be too bad.

I am still working at the Ahwatukee Lakes golf

course but I do take July, Aug & Sept. off as golf business slows down.

Appreciate the great job by everyone in DEN of keeping us well informed about the going on with UAL – Thanks.

Remo Lanfranchi, 648 Madrone Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085-3039

Hi. Another year has slipped by so here are my dues and my thanks for the great job you folks are doing running RUAEA. I enjoy reading the Newsletter for keeping me updated on UAL along with the pleasure of reading other retirees letters, although for one whose career covered working on DC-3s to 757s I no longer find many familiar names within its pages. I particularly look forward each month to the UAL Historical Foundation column & photo.

Kenneth W. Nelson, 1801 Newell Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303-2953

Thank you for keeping me in touch with rules & regulations. I visit family in HNL several times a year also SEA for "old timers" picnics. It usually is easier for me to reach HNL through SEA from SFO. I am so thankful for the help from SEA & PDX Travel Desks. I don't run into many folks with 1946 hire in dates!

Eugene A. Vongonten, PO Box 230644, Centreville, VA 20120

Fellow Retiree's. My 13th year of beating the odds of living, collecting SSI & retirement pay. So far I haven't lost any pay from UAL, although ½ comes from snoopy (NY Met) & ½ comes from PBGC whatever. Good health adds to this program.

I'm running out of this vintage stationary, 50 years of memories.

Sold about \$3000.00 at our Airline International Show July 6, 7 & 8. Post cards, decks of cards, pictures, pins, models etc. that I collected since 1956. (50 years). Biggest seller was Air France, British Concorde stuff I acquired in 1970-1980, when they operated IAD CDG and IAD LHR

Airport post cards and 50's, 60's & 70's airplane pictures were second best sellers. Some collectors were very interested in Capital Airline Material.

Thanks to all of you at DEN. Great letter, read

it front to back when it comes.

Have a good 2007

Edward A. Erickson, 1021 Calle Tulipan, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360-4828

If you're still looking for recollections of World War II experiences, I remember a few.

I left CHI on a troop train one frigid Feb. day bound for Marine boot camp in Sunny SAN. The weather there wasn't that great but the transition from civilian to Marine made that a minor concern. We knew if we could just survive, everything from that point forward could only be better. It was & it is!

During continued training I was assigned to the classified intelligence unit of the Fifth Amphibious Corps. In the remaining months in the States our liberty time was great. We could play golf for free at a nearby course, were invited to Sun. dinners by some very nice local citizens. This was balanced out by expensive visits to Del Mar Race Track, courtesy of some very slow & patriotic horses.

We shipped out of SAN bound for HWI our first staging area for future operations. My first venture from paradise was Guam where in a swamp site my enemy was a mosquito. It gave me Dengue Fever, my only fear was that I was going to live. We did move on to a higher elevation only to catch the tail end of a typhoon. I vowed then that I would never voluntarily camp out again. Sailing back to Maui we were already planning for our next operation – some small island called Iwo Jima. The ship we were on was a Dutch East Indies vessel with tea & orange marmalade jelly, in lieu of coffee & butter. I've Managed to avoid both since then.

Some highlights between duties included a Bob Hope USO Tour, a five day pass at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. A wartime blackout on Maui afforded us the most spectacular view of the stars & planets.

Iwo Jima was all the horrible things that have been written about it. I accompanied the Corps Artillery in & was told not to dig my foxhole too deep if I wanted to use my ear drums later. I did view the now famous raising of the flag & the landing of the first crippled B29 on its return from a bombing raid on Japan. The one souvenir I should have kept was a particular piece of shrapnel. As we were selling scrap iron to Japan before the war I still wonder if a test would have found "Made in Pitts-

burg" on it.

Flying back to Maui we were getting ready for the invasion of Japan itself. The dripping of the Atomic Bomb made that operation unnecessary. Although the war was soon over, we sailed from Japan to occupy the area we were going to invade. As we were stationed in Fukuoka, a city about equal distance between Hiroshima & Nagasaki, we were anxious about how we'd be received.

It couldn't have been better, I was invited into their homes, rode public transportation, shopped, all in all without incidents (unlike Iraq).

Following occupation we sailed from Japan to SAN, troop train to CHI & discharged at Great Lakes, IL. I came back an old "salt" 22 years old on a frigid Feb. day 3 years later.

Semper Fi!

Henry A Suta, 2896 W 115th Circle, Westminster, CO 80234-4446

Carolyn & I are now back in CO for a while. We just spent 7 days on a cruise ship to Alaska. We arranged this so that my 3 brothers, 2 sisters, spouses & any other family members could participate. By the time we finished booking everyone wanting to go we had 19 people!

Family reunion & cruise to Alaska! Needless to say, a good time was had by all, even several naysayers whose wives made them go. The weather was such that we had to put on our light jackets twice. The heavy winter coats stayed in the closets.

Watching Hibbard Glacier calve was a tremendous sight. Let's not mention the fabulous food & nightly entertainment in this letter. Alaska already has tens of thousands of tourists every day in the summer & fall. Why would they want more? Especially you readers who think it's too much effort!

Thanks to all you folks for your efforts on the Newsletter & the RUAEA organization.

Gary T. Ikeya, 925 Carson Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Just a note to say "Thanks" for the hard work & effort that goes into the monthly Newsletters. There's always something noteworthy about someone I've known during my UAL career.

Harry W. Jones, 504 Newbery Ct., Joppa, MD 21085

Thanks for all the hard work all of you put into

the Newsletter.

I retired from HNLCG 2003 & I must say they were the best years of my life. The people are the best in the nation, I really miss them all; believe it or not, I still miss the Ramp!

Valerie A. Nahody, 70 Market Lane, Levittown, NY 11756

My husband underwent surgery at the end of June, his recovery was over 4 weeks. Since I was busy taking care of him, not only did I forget to mail my dues, but we also missed celebrating my birthday as well. So we will plan on celebrating my birthday & anniversary in Aug. instead.

Keep up the good work. I eagerly await each issue that gets dropped in my mailbox every month. It's nice to know what others are doing. Maybe next year we will make it to the convention. This year was definitely out of the question.

Timothy D. Weaver, 78 Kreglow Ct., Hedgesville, WV 25427-3469

Greeting to all of you making the Newsletter possible. I look forward to it every month, often seeing names of those I know, also learning about what every one around the system is doing. I've been busy landscaping my lawn. It's all coming together very well. Don't get to walk & bike ride here like I did in San Mateo along the SFO Bay. It's just too bloody hot. So I work out getting my weight down & keeping it down on a tread mill in the basement where it's nice and cool. Come snow, wind or sleet, rain, hail or heat I get my 4 miles in every day with a TV or CD's of Arthur Fidler. My wife & I are in good health, only the usual things that come with getting old. This Sept. I join the Medicare crowd.

I see United made a profit last quarter. They may survive but it will be wait & see if they ever get back to the airline we all put our lives into & had so much going for the employees to look forward to. It will be up to the employees to take the heat to survive. So much in this world is changing. It's going to be a real challenge, however, they will do it! They've really shown what they are made of these past few years.

Roy Hicks, 3717 Almond Blossom Ct., Modesto, CA 95356

Why do birthdays keep rolling around? I just

get rid of one and another pops up.

Every Newsletter brings a surprise – a name that I actually recognize!



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