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- ( UAL's application proposes nonstop service between San Francisco and Guangzhou in 2008. San Francisco has the largest Chinese-American population of any city in the nation and the proposed route would be the first daily, nonstop U.S. carrier service between the U.S. and Guangzhou. Guangzhou is the business center of the Pearl River Delta region of China and home to a large number of U.S. and

other manufacturing facilities. It is also, the third most populous city in China. The San Francisco area has more Guangzhou traffic than any other metropolitan area without nonstop service.

- ( United also proposes the first ever, daily nonstop service by a U.S. carrier between Los Angeles and Shanghai in 2009. The Los Angeles region has a population of more than 18 million people and is the largest metropolitan area in the U.S., without nonstop service to China by a U.S. carrier. California accounts for nearly one-third of all Shanghai traffic, far more than any other state. Shanghai is the largest city in the People's Republic of China.
- ( *“Our East-meets-West proposal is simple: add capacity to those urban areas with the least service and most pressing demand. Awarding frequencies to San Francisco and Los Angeles in 2008 and 2009 will serve the most customers, and provide them the greatest opportunities for nonstop service to China and beyond,”* said Michael Whitaker, Sr. VP of Alliances, International and Regulatory Affairs.
- ( In its application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, United also proposed new flights between Washington, D.C., and Shanghai, as an alternative to the Los Angeles-Shanghai service. The application explained that should service from Los Angeles be awarded to another airline, United's top priority is the Washington, D.C. - Shanghai service. Within the east coast, the Washington, D.C., area is the fastest growing region and is the largest area without nonstop service to Shanghai. The recent success of the Capital-to-Capital route underscores the public need for more direct flights from Washington, D.C., to China.

### **TRAVEL DRESS CODE REMINDER, AVOID BEING TURNED AWAY AT THE GATE**

With the warm summer weather, United employees and their travel eligibles are reminded of appropriate dress, when flying space available on United, United Express & Ted or on interline flights. There have been dress code violations which have caused customer service representatives (CSRs) at the gate to divert their attention and time away from revenue passengers. Remember, space-available travel is a privilege and dress should be in accordance with policy. The dress code also applies to NRPS company business travel.

- ( Most frequent violations by employees who have been turned away at the gate by CSRs or have not been seated in their preferred class include: shorts, T-shirts, tank tops, flip flops or thong sandals, workout attire, jogging suits and bare midriffs.
- ( Jeans are NOT allowed for NRSA travelers listed for the first-class cabin.
- ( If first class is desired, or if in doubt, about the appropriate type of clothing, dress more conservatively.
- ( For specific information on dress code for all classes of service, go to the *“Travel”* section of SkyNet, and click *“Pleasure”* under *“Travel Policy (Series 10).”* United's travel dress code may also be found in Apollo under HOW TO DRESS.

When traveling on a space-available basis on other carriers, remember that the carrier may have stricter dress codes that must be observed. Be sure to check the airline's regulations before traveling.

### **TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB**

Most of us are getting familiar with SkyNet as it is the primary means we now have to list ourselves for flights and to obtain other information concerning retiree issues. In this issue of Travel Tips by Bob, I thought it would be helpful to review some of the features of “Web List”, and other travel related features.

There are Five Steps to building a PNR:

1. When we go to Web List, the first thing we see is the words, *“Space Available Listing”*. The first box that appears is the *“Search Flights”* box. This is where we start to build our PNR. We then select Round Trip, One Way or Multi-city and then enter the cities in the From and To boxes. Next, select the dates, times and number of days. Note: The number of days option is a neat feature. You may select from 1 to 3 days in each box and the system will display the flight schedules for the number of days you have selected. Try it and see for yourself. Then click the *“Search Flights”* icon and the flight schedule appears that represents your selections.
2. Again we see *“Space Available Listing”* but the box says *“Available Flights”*. This represents the flights available per our itinerary, date and time selection made in step #1. Select the flights you desire and then click on the *“Select Flights”* icon at the bottom of the last display.
3. Again we see *“Space Available Listing”* but the box now says *“Selected Flights”*. This box represents the flights we selected for the itinerary, date and time. It also auto lists us for “First Class” when

available. From this box you can delete flights, or start over with flight selection. If you are satisfied with the flights, then the next step is to click on the “Add Passenger Information” icon.

4. Again we see the words “Space Available Listing” but the box states “Passenger Information”. This is the box that you use to list yourself, your spouse and other eligible dependents. It is also used to list your companions. You and your dependents’ names will be in the “Dependent Names” box. Just click in the small square to list. To list your companions for the first time you must enter their names in the yellow first and last name boxes. After that, the system remembers them and you just follow the instructions to list them. When you are done listing passengers, click on the “Continue” icon.
5. Finally, we are done. You will again see the words “Space Available Listing” but the box will say “Confirmation” with a confirmation number following. You may also search flights again, from this location. This box sums up your selections. It lists your itinerary, date, time passengers and your confirmation number.

To view your completed PNR, simply click on the “View PNR” box which is located next to the blue “Build PNR” box that is located below the words “Space Available Listing”. This box has all the information that the box in Step #5 has, plus it has the feature that allows you to check load status. To do this simply click on the underlined words, “Check Load Status”. I strongly suggest you print this display and take it with you on your trip. It contains all the information you will need for your journey. Note: You can also edit your PNR by clicking on the “Edit PNR” icon located at the bottom of the display.

Finally, it’s 24 hours from your departure time. When you view your PNR as indicated above you will see the words, “Employee Check-In Online” at the top right side of the box. Click here to print your boarding pass from your computer. While the Boarding Pass page is displayed, notice that there is additional information available by clicking on the various links on the Boarding Pass page. This information includes airport amenities and etc.

I hope this brief review is beneficial and remember if you need help, contact our travel desks at the numbers listed in the Newsletter. If you are not in a hurry, you may contact me on my e-mail address listed below.

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### **FROM THE DENVER OFFICE**

We continue to receive favorable comments regarding the new Newsletter format. It gives us a little challenge regarding available space, but so far it has been manageable.

We want to continue the reminder concerning the fact that the traditional “Red Stamp” is no longer used, since the labeling of the Newsletter is now done by a vendor. This issue will be the first for a border around the label box with the wording, in red “**CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR RENEWAL INFORMATION**”. This is simply a prompt, to look and see if either of the following scenarios with associated messages are present. If they are, it’s time to send in your renewal.

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

**Names in the Newsletter:** Last month we started **bolding** names in the Newsletter. The response to this has been positive, therefore we will continue. Please understand if we overlook some, it is not intentional.

**Letters for the “Letters” column:** If possible, please send your letters to us via email or send the letter typed on a white piece of paper so we can scan it into a word document. Send it, “*Attn. Letters Column*”, in the subject line. By sending the letters to us in a digital format (email) or typed, we don’t have to manually retype them. But, if you are unable to send your submission to us other than hand written, we will gladly accept it. The “Letters” section is popular as it is a means of letting our friends know what is happening with us.

Also, if you have an e-mail address and want it posted along with your name and address, include it. Many have expressed a desire to have the email address included.

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

Newsletter Manager  
Virgil Gooselaw

**NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

The last few months the deadline date has been in flux. I accept full responsibility for this. We have been trying to extend the deadline to give more time for submissions, but it hasn't worked very well. In fact, it has probably caused anxiety and confusion with very little positive benefit. We do have production deadlines that are consistent; therefore, we will establish one deadline date from now on. The date will be the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month. Any dates that have already been posted in the previous issues will be honored, but thereafter, the 7<sup>th</sup> of each and every month will be the cutoff date. *Note: If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day** if the report is submitted by email.*

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

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

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

Virgil Gooselaw - Newsletter Manager

**LOCAL NEWS**

**ARIZONA**



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IS EVERYONE WARM ENOUGH? We've had very warm temperatures again in Arizona ... 105-113 degrees. Oh well ... It is the desert! And, we won't even mention the electric bill!

Our first 2007/2008 meeting will be Oct. 13 at Beardsley Park S.C.W. The "call team" will be contacting members 2-3 weeks before for reservations and monies. This year, we will have a picnic catered by Atlasta Catering, with chicken, BBQ beef, baked beans, potato salad, corn on the cob, beverages & desserts. All for \$10.00 P/P! Looking forward to that!

**Dave & Rose Barry** had a great trip to San Diego in June. Back on the home front, Dave organized the Primm trip which was a success (although, we didn't hear of any real "winners"). Only a few Azures members (8 and 3 guests) attended and the bus stopped to pickup 39 others in S.C.W., so the price was kept at \$99. The bus took a side trip to Las Vegas where the temperature was 120 degrees. Whew! **Laura & Jim Ehas** had their children visit during June. **Carol Liltz** did her usual 2 trips a month to Chicago area to see the grandkids. **Vic** stayed home to "supervise" the landscaping on their new home. They left together at the end of July for their grandsons' 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> birthday party. **Ed & Marie Bobrik** had a wonderful trip in May to Poland to visit their relatives. No news if Ed was invited into the cockpit for the return trip (inside joke). Our Entertainment Guru, **Sherry Muoio**, is finished with therapy now after her knee surgery ... NO BRACE, hurray!

On a very sad note was the untimely death of **Joan & Dick Aaronson's** son-in-law in Boston. Let's all keep their family in our prayers.

Remember, the Azures are hosting the Casa Grande luncheon on March 12, 2008. The board is working on "raffle" baskets, centerpieces, entertainment. **Dave Barry** is checking on bus rental, which could be an extra \$16-20 a person. If that doesn't work out, we can always carpool since it's at least an hour-ride. We will have an interest sign-up sheet at the upcoming meetings & more information.

July breakfasts attendance: July 3 – 19 / July 17 – 23 / July 31 – 21. A few members brought guests. Remember to contact **Mary Toeppen** at (623) 214-1504 before 4pm on the Mon. before the breakfasts. Regulars should contact Mary, if you are not attending.

Calendar:

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

**Sept. 10**

**Sept. 24**

**Oct. 13** - 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING of the season at Beardsley Park SCW.

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

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Our July 27<sup>th</sup> breakfast at Crackers in Mesa had 12 Re-Uniteds in attendance. Winners of the 50/50 were **Tony Ribeiro** and **Ginny Rockenhauser**.

**Peg Homfeldt** talked about the Fantasy Flight, which will be held on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at Sky Harbor and what is still needed. More information will be available later.

**Eldon Miller** recently celebrated his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on July 25<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned his oldest grandson is in flight training on the F16 at Luke Air Force Base in AZ, and his younger brother has been accepted at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and has begun training. The family must feel very proud.

**Tom & Ann Carroll** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in August. Congratulations!

Some illnesses reported - **Roger Veillette** was recently in the hospital for a week with an E-coli infection. He is home and resting. Pres. **Jim Zarek** spent a week in the hospital, getting tested for medication which affected his kidneys. He is feeling much better and on new medications. Hope everything continues to go well for you both.

A reminder of the Oktoberfest Luncheon, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, to be held at Zur Kate, 4814 E. Main St. in Mesa. Happy Hour will start at 11:00 am, followed by lunch ordered off the menu, with individual bills.

Hope everyone is staying cool!

Calendar:

The next breakfast at Crackers will be Friday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 a.m. Crackers is located at 535 W. Iron #131 in Mesa. Contact **Hank Falk** (480)-893-1226) or **Jim Zarek** (480)-288-6685) by Wed., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, if you plan on attending.



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The July luncheon was hosted by **Margaret & Hans Radtke** on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Twenty three Roadrunners enjoyed the food & the day in Catalina at Vitello's Ristorante.

No one on the sick list this month. Evidently, all is well in the Old Pueblo and environs.

Our August meeting is in the cool White Mountains at Pinetop, on August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. **Howard Hunter** has secured the Pinetop Country Club for our dinner on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Before dinner, **Dot & George Morris** will host cocktails in their lovely Pinetop home.

**Dora & Gordon Starr** have set up luncheon on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Beata, a German restaurant in Nutrioso. The menu will be Bloody Mary's & Screwdrivers, compliments of the Starrs, followed by potato soup (Gordon says it's to die for) or salad. The entrée is Pastetchen, a light flaky phillo pastry filled with sautéed mushrooms, onions & chicken in a delicate wine sauce. This topped off with a German pancake filled with raspberries & whipped topping.

**Alice Belzer's Deep Thought for the Month** - 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot. (As was, we believe, this deep thought for the month.)

#### Calendar:

**Aug. 16** - Dinner at Pinetop Country Club, Pinetop, AZ, Lunch at Beata's Restaurant, Nutrioso, AZ.

### CALIFORNIA

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Our June 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting was attended by 19 of us at the Blacklakes Golf Course hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**. We had a very nice lunch with table treats provided by the Stangers.

Pres. **John Stilwell** brought us up to date with the meeting he attended at the Sacramento Convention. He gave us each a copy of his minutes from this meeting that was quite detailed & informative. I also attended the Correspondents meeting which pretty much covered the same things John's meeting did. Our correspondents meeting was lead by **Virgil Gooselaw & Gordon Starr**. They clarified several things that we needed to know, when sending in reports from our meetings. Virgil emphasized that this is our newsletter, and the news we send in, is very seldom edited unless they felt that it was inappropriate, in poor taste, or spelling errors. They do read every one that is sent in and Virgil said that our Newsletter is not only read by RUAEA members, but outsiders as well. So this should be kept in mind. It was interesting to me, that if the chapter news is sent into the Denver office by the 6<sup>th</sup> of the month, it will appear on the Internet within 5 or 6 days. So if you can't wait for the printed copy, then the internet is the way to go. **John Stilwell** says that he gets both. Watch for the new format and change in the printed copy starting with the July issue.

**Dana Noyes** said that **Wayne & Jean Foster** were planning to attend our meeting, however Jean broke her foot, on a cruise they were on. We sure hope she is on the mend and will be able to attend our next meeting.

It sure was good to see **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** at our luncheon, after missing our last one due to one illness after another. They both looked good and always add so much to our group, even though Jack has some "corny" joke to tell, that sends us all smiling on our way. He made up for not attending our last meeting by winning two raffle drawings.

**Ken Bake** attended with his friend Stella. As a topper to our luncheon, he announced that he and Stella are engaged. Someone wanted to know when he popped the question and **Kathy Shurtleff** said that he did it just now at her table. We seem to doubt that. We met Stella a couple of meetings ago. She sure is a nice lady who said that she is from Italy. We are very happy for both of them and hope they have a long and happy marriage.

Our next meeting will be on August 15<sup>th</sup> at Mulligan's restaurant in Avila Beach. I contacted **Klaasje Naime**, who is the San Luis Obispo Airport Manager, to be our guest speaker. She was very gracious to accept and it fits in her busy schedule. She has given several talks to various organizations in our area, and will be able to give us the update on what is in the future for our airport.

I've often wondered how many retirees read our newsletter. It was surprising to me that so many at the Convention said they read about our Central Coasters and even plan on visiting. We certainly hope so. At two meetings ago, I quoted an article that Nina Powers read to us about the "Forgotten Mechanic". I only printed the last paragraph due to the length, but I got a request from a widow of a former SFO mechanic who requested, that

I send her the entire article. I was happy to do so and I know she will appreciate what was written on this subject.

*When is a retiree's bedtime? Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.*

Calendar:

**Aug. 15** - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

**Oct. 17** - Hosted by **Kathy Shurtleff**

**Dec. 12** - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell** (that you don't want to miss)



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**Pat & Gil Gilbert** hosted the Brazen Raisins' August meeting, it was great to have them back after several months absence. Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling**, is in poor health and may require an operation. Pres. **Jack Hartman** talked to **Helen Follansbee** about **Curt**'s condition and learned that he is about the same (whatever that means). **Robert Frost** had a scare and wound up in the emergency room, now is back home resting.

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The summer heat was with us, as we shared lunch at Tony Roma's in Palm Desert. The Desert Sunbirds were happy to hear, that we could have this luncheon at all since our hostess, **Sandy Sereno** was in a 5 car crash on I-10 which resulted in one fatality. Thanks to Sandy's air bags, she was not hurt! With the heat of summer, many members are spending time elsewhere for either short visits or a month or two, but we still had 33 "desert rats" at the luncheon. We were happy to see our fellow UAL friends, **Vic Swanson**, **Dede Utzinger**, & **Marilyn Wolfe**, to name a few. Our birthday winner was **Vivan Rotella** and the lucky **Lergs** won the 50/50 club AGAIN. The gang is starting to wonder how they do it.

Other news included our member author, **Bill Eads**, announcing another book signing at the Peppertree Bookstore in La Quinta on July 26<sup>th</sup> for his book "When Flying Was Fun!" Of note, next month's luncheon is a week later on Aug. 15 at PF Chang's in Rancho Mirage. Plan on that date!

Calendar:

**Aug. 15** - **Bill or Donna Eads**, (760) 568-1450 or [billeads@aol.com](mailto:billeads@aol.com) - PF Chang's

**Sept. 12** - **Joyce Bossier**, (951) 925-1008 or [jbossio@version.net](mailto:jbossio@version.net) - Casino Morongo Buffet

### **SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**



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The Sacramento Gold Diggers July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting at Lake of the Pines was hosted by **Dick & Sonda Sandstedt**. It was a low turn out with 69 attending but all who attended totally enjoyed the luncheon. We were pleased to have special guest **John Zoboli**, Pres. of the Reno Sierra Round Up, who spoke about their upcoming Sand Harbor State Park Picnic at Lake Tahoe on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. John invited the Sacramento Gold Diggers to attend

this event starting at 11:00 am with no cost for the food but asked that we bring desserts to share. John also congratulated the Gold Diggers for hosting a fantastic 2007 RUAEA Convention, which he enjoyed immensely. Chapter Pres **Jean Turley Sinclair** & husband **Forester** told several humorous stories. **Sonda Sandstedt** welcomed everyone to Lake of the Pines and offered a boat ride on the lake for those wanting to do this after the luncheon. **Francis Domaratius** asked if anyone would be interested in answering the phones, for KVIE television fundraising. If so, please let Francis or Veronica know if you would be able to represent, the Sacramento Gold Diggers while benefiting KVIE.

Officer's reports followed with VP **Bob Fulkerson** and Treasurer **Judie King**. Secretary **Colleen Esola** reported anniversaries for those married over 50 years as the following for April: **Dale & Dorothy Volker** and **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud** with 51 years, **Bob & Margaret Fulkerson** with 57 years and **Martin & Maria Buschman** with 54 years. May anniversaries included **Mark & Fran Briggman** and **Jerry & Mary Juba** each with 50 years. June included **Larry & Elizabeth Fleshman** with 57, **George & Carolyn Parkinson** with 59 and **Rolf & Margret Kramer** with 50 years. July found **Levi & Lucy Jensen** celebrating 61 years, **Tom & Betty Obert** 52 years, **Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly** 68 years and **Charles & Margaret Dinsmoor** with 66 years.

Congratulations to all. Sunshine **Francis Domaratius** reported the passing of **Rodney Jackson** in May, **Bob Guinn** in June and **Monroe DeVore** in July. They certainly will be missed.

RUAEA Director for Northern Calif. & Nevada **Ron Bertacini** mentioned a recent newspaper article regarding the profit United had for the second quarter. Plans have been made for business class seating changes for international flights with the focus on the business traveler and the international markets ... Air Lingus has joined the ZED (zone employee discount) fares. For example, a flight from LAX to Dublin, Ireland would be a fare \$550 each way, whereas the ZED fare would be only \$67 plus taxes each way ... The three airlines which give us a \$25 + taxes rate, one way stand-by fare, are: Southwest, Jet Blue and Air Tran ... United really does not want us to call United reservations and have suggested that we use Skynet or call the travel desk in Portland (Mon., Wed. and Fri 10 am -2 pm) 1-888-278-7038 or Seattle Travel Desk (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 10 am - 2 pm) 1-888-826-3375. Ron went on to tell about two revisions to the bylaws for RUAEA regarding membership changes. As in the past, our birthday month will continue to be our renewal date except for new members. Now for new members the date for renewal will be a year from the date joined. Widows & widowers will automatically continue as members until the membership expires. They would be eligible to join RUAEA and would pay annually each year. On a local level, please email Ron any email address changes to [sgd@surewest.net](mailto:sgd@surewest.net).

In closing, Ron gave information regarding a possible new chapter in the Placerville, El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park areas: Please attend a meeting at Denny's on Fair Lane Drive in Placerville on Aug. 27 at 11:00 am for a luncheon meeting. For more information and to RSVP please contact **Harry Caldwell** (530) 621-1130 [jeancal@yahoo.com](mailto:jeancal@yahoo.com) or **Ron Bertacini** (916) 788-0468 [sgd@surewest.net](mailto:sgd@surewest.net).

Ending with a most important note from **Bob & Jo Cuff** regarding Identity Theft ... "March 25<sup>th</sup> our income tax file was stolen by identity thieves at or in the Folsom Post Office. Shortly thereafter, we received fraudulent credit cards from eight different stores. Following is a short summary of how we fought the thieves.

1. We filed a fraud alert with all three credit agencies: Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union immediately, effective for seven years.
2. Called all eight stores, notified them that they had issued fraudulent cards and to close them immediately. We also asked that they advise us in writing that the accounts were fraudulent.
3. Fortunately for us, the cards were all financed by Citi Bank Group. We were contacted by Jeremy, who helped us immensely, by providing us with a check list to follow.
4. Immediately call the police department, report the theft and get a copy of the police report and report number.
5. In California, you can place a security "freeze" on all three credit agencies. We don't use credit so we placed a freeze on our accounts.

General Information ... If the thieves get the following information about you ... social security number, birth date, address, drivers license number ... "you are toast" ... Remembering when battling them that they are after your money, citizenship status, drivers license, to name a few.

You need to block their access to all of these sources as soon as possible by placing new PIN, changing acct. # etc.

After four months of hard work, Jo & I, believe we've blocked almost every source. If you would like to take time at one of our meetings for a more complete discussion of this subject, please let us know."

Thanks to **Bob & Jo Cuff** for sharing this valuable information.

Calendar:

**Aug. 29** - Giovanni Restaurant in Colfax hosted by **Velma Stough**

**Sept. 26** - Lake Wildwood Club House hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**

**Oct. 31** - Cattlebarrons hosted by **Glenn & Alice McPeak**

**Dec. 5** – Holiday Luncheon in Alta Sierra hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**

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The July meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held at the Chalet Basque, in San Rafael. After our social gathering, a very nice lunch was served. Patrick called the meeting to order and thanked **Oscar & Joan Chambers** for being the hosts. There were 33 members & guests present.

**Joanne Huhn** substituted for Judy DeFord, who was off to her son's wedding, and introduced our guests. **Pat Bresler** was the guest of **Corrine Geppert**, **Karen Van Dyke** was the guest of **Ron & Joanne Huhn**, and **Judy Rogue** was the guest of **Diana Quinn**.

Joanne told us she is due for a hip replacement surgery and we all wish her well.

Treas. **Oscar Chambers** assures us we are doing well financially. A refund from the Oakmont Inn due to a small over charge was received and will be put into the general fund. It will be used to subsidize a future luncheon.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** was away on a vacation, so **Clare Hagen** stepped in to announce the birthdays & anniversaries. There are 12 birthdays for July and the winner of the lunch was **Joan Olsson**.

There are 4 anniversaries for July for a total of 236 years and an average of 59 years. Imagine that. **Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly** go to the head of the class with 68 years of marriage. Congratulations to all.

Patrick will miss our next meeting, **Judy DeFord** will take his place. A reminder to keep the donations for the Charity Box coming in. **Joanne Huhn** would like you to think of any charities we might support, please let her know what these might be.

Patrick's word for the day. G. W. Bush, 1st debate, 10/4/00. *"I think if you know what you believe, it makes it a lot easier to answer questions. I can't answer your question".*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Report submitted by Judy DeFord for Secretary Clare Hagen:*

The annual picnic was held Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> at Anderson Grove. Members & guests enjoyed a luncheon of chicken, beans, Caesar salad, garlic bread & cookies. Pres. **Patrick Cadden** was out of state visiting relatives in Indiana and Secretary **Clare Hagen** was on the mend and not able to attend. Patrick sent the following message: *"I regret missing this meeting. I always look forward to the meal and the setting where I spent so many happy hours with my little family. Please offer my regrets to Verda and company".*

VP **Judy DeFord** welcomed 60+ members & guests to this beautiful site. She thanked **Verda Burr** and her crew of **Charlie Anderson**, **Norm Burnett**, **Phyl MacDonald**, **Barney Hagen** and **Bart Burr** for their work in hosting the picnic.

Judy introduced the guests: **Wayne Rogers**, guest of **Harry Rogers**; **Lee Trevelyan**, **Clem Shanahan & Ryan Shanahan**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Ed & Margaret Nelson**, **George & Leslie Powell** and **Victor Campos**, guests of **Les & Joyce Carey**; **Prudy Wilcox**, guest of **Ted Bell**; **Susie Cameron**, guest of **Maddy McKinnes**; **Ron & Sheri Quock**, **Brian Quinn** and **Kathryn & Katie Quock**, guests of **Diana Quinn**; **Angie & Ken Saul** and **Maurine Bennett**, guests of **Inara & Heino Witt**; **Ed von Borstel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**; & **Bart Burr**, guest of **Verda Burr**.

Treasurer **Oscar Chambers** reported that we are still solvent. Sunshine Lady **Verda**, observed that since no one with an August birthday was in attendance, there would be no Birthday Luncheon winner. There are 3 wedding anniversaries in August with an average of 47 1/3 years per couple. A "We miss you" card was sent to **Ted Bell** and "Get Well" cards were sent to **Joanne Huhn** and **Clare Hagen**. **Verda** then entertained us with her usually witty stories. Members were asked to remember the Charity Box. Funds will be distributed later in the year. If you have suggestions for a charity to include in the distribution, contact **Joanne Huhn**. The next meeting will be at Quail Inn on September 13<sup>th</sup>. hosted by the **George & Lois Schwind**.

Quote of the month from Eleanor Roosevelt: *BEAUTIFUL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ACCIDENTS OF NATURE, BUT BEAUTIFUL OLD PEOPLE ARE WORKS OF ART.*

The drawing was held with Norm calling the winning numbers and Phyl and Charlie distributing the winning prizes.

Calendar:

**Sept. 13** - Meeting will be at the Oakmont Inn hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**

**Oct. 11** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, **Matt & Norma Stilman**

**Nov. 8** - Josef's, Santa Rosa, **Brandon & Pat Maus**

**Dec. 13** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, The Officers

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PEOPLE: **Gwen Craven** once of LAXCS, now one of the Palm Springs retirees, has been in the hospital with an extremely bad infection & kidney failure. She was on dialysis for days, but reports from "**Scoobie**" **Wolfe** on 8/10 are that her kidneys are coming back and hopefully, they will be able to discontinue the dialysis. Every part of her body had a problem, but she has been moved from ICU to the cardiac section. She is very weak and it will take some time for her to recover. Scoobie says no calls or visits yet. Call Scoobie at (760) 568-8942, to find out when Gwen can begin taking calls & visits. Cards are very welcome, however, so send them to her at 224 Corte Sole, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

**Bill Green**, once of LAXRR, and NYC before that, passed away on July 23. Cards or notes can be sent to **Ann Marie** (Bill's sister) and **Jim Mc Andrew**, 2 McCarthy Dr., Langhorn, PA 19047 and to **Dee Miller-Green**, 18724 Clarisse, Bakersfield CA 93314, 661-618-0504. I am mailing a copy of a very nice but long story of Bill's career with and after UAL to The Newsletter office and ask that it be published in the letters to the editor section. Bill had many friends with the company and I am sure this story will be of interest to all of them. Our sympathies go to the family and friends of Bill and prayers and thoughts are with them.

THINGS TO DO: LAXRR REUNION: Retirees from LAXRR/LAXTO 1946-2002. Spouses/guests welcome. Saturday, October 27, 2007. At the Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, CA 90245. Cocktails 6pm to 730pm. Dinner 730pm. Reminisce with friends from LAXRR & LAXTO until 11pm. Cost is \$31. Hotel rooms available, call 800-421-5900 or (310) 615-0015 and ask for the LAXRR REUNION BLOCK to get the special rate of \$75. Have UAL ID to show at check-in. Deadline Oct. 15.

This party has been held several times before and is always a huge success. Come join the fun, see the many photo albums & displays. For information call **Jim Ferrance**, (310) 837-4695 between 10am and 6pm.

TOUR GRAND CANYON WEST AND WALK THE GLASS BRIDGE. Sept. 17-19. Bus from LAX Lot E and from Leisure World, Seal Beach to Laughlin. Using Laughlin hotel two nights, and a full day traveling to see the new glass arched bridge over the canyon, built by the Hualapai Indians on their reservation in the Grand Canyon National Park. This should be a fun adventure. The details & price are available at <http://rupea-tours.blogspot.com/>. Be sure to enter all the dots, dashes,/s exactly like this or you won't get it.

Calendar:

**Sept. 17-19** - Trip to Laughlin and Grand Canyon West Glass Bridge Skywalk.

**Oct. 11** - Luncheon meeting.

**Oct. 27** - LAXRR/LAXTO Reunion in El Segundo.

**Dec. 6** - Christmas luncheon on the Queen Mary. - Dates & places subject to change.

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The next meeting of our ReSans Group will be held Wed., Sept. 19 at 11:30 am.

This meeting will be held in the lovely Red Baron Room, which is a shaded Sunporch-style room - yes, it is air conditioned., at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, 8885 Balboa Av, San Diego, 92133. Cost is again only \$15.00 as it is being subsidized by the chapter.

FIRST 30 PEOPLE WHO SEND IN THEIR CHECKS WILL BE THE LUCKY FOLKS WHO ATTEND THIS LUNCHEON.

Fliers will be mailed to all members about the middle of August.



## GOLDEN GATERS

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The happiest way to start out this early Autumn column is to congratulate **Don (Butch) Brochu** on becoming an octogenarian, and our two devoted wedding anniversary couples, **Milt & Marie Cavalli** with 69 years and **Auburey & Betty Bliss** with 59 years. Another pleasant note is that **Frances Zachos** is our latest new member.

As expected, we had excellent attendance at our July general meeting. Know what the entertainment was? As advertised, belly dancers! Sept. is our picnic month, Sept. 24 at Flood Park in Menlo Park. Telephone any Board Officer or Coordinator for details. After our usual potluck lunch, August's general meeting speakers will present, "*Seniors Against Investment Fraud*" bringing valuable lessons for us all. Oct. 22 features **Reid Dennis** with a narrative on the Amelia Earhart flight. Finally, Nov. 26, will be the absolutely fabulous & entertaining **Tibor Horvath & Yelena Savchenko**, violin & piano duet.

If you're speedy and want to attend which may possibly be the last time around for the Bay Meadows Racetrack, you can still write to **Betty Bliss** for tickets. The date is Thurs., Oct. 18 and the price is definitely right. In addition to reserved indoor seats, there's always a great buffet lunch. Betty's address: 1191 Compass Lane, Foster City, CA 94404, or you may email me.

Our International Tour Coordinator, **Ginger Dahlberg**, is offering a New Zealand - Australia cruise, Jan. 21 - Feb. 2, 2008, a popular destination, so respond as soon as possible. There are a couple of cabins left on the April 26 - May 2, 2008 French barge trip. And do you remember the Dinah Shore TV show when her theme music was, "See the USA in your Chevrolet?" Well, Ginger is asking if you would be interested in a strictly American Intracoastal Waterways Cruise Line trip, Nov. 4 - 18, 2007. It would depart Warren, Rhode Island, cruising past both of the Carolinas and Georgia, ending up in Jacksonville, FL. This means a delightfully small ship with 50 cabins, carrying only 100 passengers, and with a fantastic chef aboard! And for Sept. 2008, a safari tour is planned for South Africa. Email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or telephone (650) 224-1865.

Domestic Tour Coordinator **Betty Garner** is working on a day trip, possibly in Nov., to celebrate the Christmas holidays. If you want early details, email her at [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com) or telephone (650) 355-4195. Any suggestions for tours? Betty would be happy to hear from you.

Personally speaking, I've had some medical inconveniences lately which led my doctor to have me take a series of vaccinations which are actually *recommended for all seniors*, i.e. pneumonia, tuberculosis booster and shingles (Herpes Zoster). The following is excerpted from a paper by the Department of Health & Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, telephone 1-800-232-4636: "*Shingles is caused by the Varicella Zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox. Only someone who has had a case of chickenpox can get shingles. The virus stays in your body. It can reappear many years later to cause a case of shingles and is far more common in people 50 and older than in younger people. A vaccine for shingles was licensed in*

2006. *It is not recommended for people with cancer.*" Continuing on, my mother had an ugly & very painful case of the shingles rash, when she came to live with us. Nothing helped. She had to wait it out, over one year. Remembering her misery, and because I had chickenpox as a child, I made the decision to have the shingles vaccination. It is called Zostavax. Now for the bad news: it costs \$170 and neither Medicare (I don't have Part D) or Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois offer coverage. I telephoned both. No luck. So, I just reasoned that keeping up with my body's maintenance is like taking care of my car and my house. Actually, they cost more. And that's supposed to make me feel better! Just a word to the wise, folks.

Calendar:

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

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It was good to see **Dwayne & Anna Howze** at our July 6 meeting.

**Dave Saso** spoke about his and Joanne's trip to Peru. They were invited to a fifteenth birthday party in Lima. They were escorted around Lima by their friends and saw several archaeological digs within the city.

**Bill Copely** brought in a recent magazine with historical photos of the Navy Blue Angels - photos that showed Bill when he was a young man working & traveling with the group. He started in the group as an electronic technician when the Blue Angels were known as the Navy Exhibition Team. Bill later became a destruction specialist assigned to Korea - worked on F8's and F9's.

**Marion Gaevert** fell and was taken to the hospital where she spent the morning in ER with injuries to her right hand. **Patty Smith** is in hospice but was still able to go out to lunch with **LaDonna Eggert**; Patty continues to be in our thoughts and prayers. **Alice Shelton** has started radiation. **Deloris Burda** is still on chemo but (as always) is on the go - took a trip to Bass Lake.

We were sorry to hear of former member **Bob Quinn**'s passing. **Tony & Sally Urso** went to Marysville to attend the funeral. Our sympathies go out to Patty and the rest of Bob's family.

Calendar:

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



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We took our annual vacation for the month of July. Our August meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> with 18 members & guests attending. This was our smallest ever, it must have to do with the summer doldrums! **Howard & Jo Payne** had an unavoidable appointment, so **Diane Griego**, **Tom Costa** and **Arnold Hansen** tried to fill in, as best we could. Alas, no 50/50 without Jo. We look forward to seeing them next month.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. No reservations necessary. Social hour is from 11:00 to 12:00, then lunch and any business matters. We have an eclectic group, from all job classifications and invite all retirees & their significant others to come.

Calendar:

**Sept. 10**

**Oct. 8**

**Nov. 12**

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

**Jan. 14**

**COLORADO**

**DENVER MILE HIGHERS**

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*Submitted by Tom Goodyear & Jo Madden*

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, 67 retirees & guests met at Blossom's for the Mile Highers annual indoor summer picnic. First timer was **Myrt Ireson**. It was good to see **Mary Lou Dillner** back with us. The food was very good and the fellowship was super. Denver had another hot day that day and with the help of air conditioning, the temperature inside was comfortable. Thanks, to **Harriet Ahr & Laura Coats** for making the arrangements and the wonderful door prizes.

**Tom & Nancy Goodyear** took their granddaughter Austyn to Germany to visit many of Nancy's relatives. They reported that they had a wonderful visit and rode First Class both ways.

The Aug. Mile Highers breakfast was held on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> with 52 members in attendance. First timers were **Lois Winkler & Richard Jackson**. Rich was visiting from Hawaii. We were glad to see them and hope they visit us again.

The following people returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Vic Andretta, J.C. Butler, Charlie Hassler, Rich Jackson, Ray Kovall, Thom Rowland, Russ Savage, and Steve Wasuta**. One table had six 50/50 winners.

As most of you are aware, the Mile Highers has an address book. If anyone would like to be listed in this book, please contact **Harriet Ahr** at 4576 Hooker Street, Denver, CO 80211-1354 phone (303) 477-2918. Also, if you have a change of address or phone number, let her know. The revised books will be distributed at the Christmas luncheon and the best part is they are FREE.

The Denver Mainliner Club will be happy to mail you a copy of the Contrails issue every other month, if you would like one. If you would like to receive it, please call **Harriet Ahr** at (303) 477-2918 or **Jo Madden** at (303) 377-0153. They will add your name to the mailing list.

RUAEA has recently received **Henry Rosen's** address: 2354 Via Mariposa West Apt 1-G, Laguna Woods, CA 92637, phone (949) 855-6909.

It is with great sorrow, that we report the death of **Warren Roper's** wife **Virginia** on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Warren's address is 3264 S. Oneida Way, Denver, CO 80224-2830.

*Fall Luncheon:* Wed., Sept. 26, 2007 - 11:00 AM Social, 12:00 Noon Lunch. Menu:

- 1) Soup & Salad
- 2) Burrito Grande - Beef or Chicken
- 3) Caesar Salad topped with Broiled Salmon or Prime Rib

Plus - Ice Cream, Sherbet or Choc Mousse. – Included with the meals are fresh baked bread, muffins & non-alcoholic beverages. Price is \$12 P/P which includes tax & gratuity.

Place: Old Neighborhood, 7923 Allison Way, Arvada, CO 80005.

Send checks to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. **Cutoff date - 9/20/07.**

Just a reminder, it takes time and money (\$3.00) to make the name and table tags so we would appreciate it if everyone return both after our functions. We will have a box for you to drop them off upon your departure. **THANK YOU!**

The monthly breakfast has been moved to the first Saturday of each month. The Sept. breakfast will be on Sat., Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. The reason for the change of days is less traffic & better parking on Saturday.

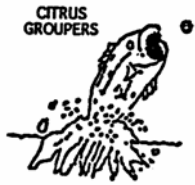
### Calendar:

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

**Sept. 1** - Breakfast Meeting

**Sept. 26** - Fall Luncheon (see details earlier in article)

## FLORIDA



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There were no meetings in June & July.

Our next meeting will take place on Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 at The Pasta Fare 10401 US Hwy. 41 in Belleview. The Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will take place at 11.30 at Ruby Tuesday, 2235 Hwy. 44 in Inverness next to Lowe's.

### **SAND“DABS”**

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There's nothing worse than a rainy & gloomy day at the beach in the Sunshine State. But 14 Sand“DABS” gathered for our Aug. meeting and we brought our own sunshine to brighten the Red Lobster. At least, I got a free car wash and just had to wipe down and dry off my little VW bug, when I got home.

We are grateful our prayers are being answered for Pres. **Dick & Frieda's** son John, who was in a terrible work related accident. Dick gave a full account of what happened. After being in intensive care and rehab, he is now home with visiting nurses and his dear sister, there to help him. With our continued prayers, we're sure he will have a complete recovery.

We welcomed new member **John Stottle**, a retired UAL pilot. He joined UAL in 1963 and retired in 1999. He gave us a brief account of his years and career with UAL. Also we learned he & his wife both play the organ, they go to nursing homes and play for the residents. They are also available to play for clubs and organizations, weddings, etc. for \$\$\$\$. Right now, John is driving the electric golf-cart at Florida Hospital and invited us all to “come fly with me”.

Treas. **Penny Logan** reports our treasury is gradually building up and it looks like we'll have enough money to donate to some worthy causes at Christmas.

**Larry Horton** gave a description of how he was able to get a First Class ticket on AirTran when he couldn't get out on UAL. What a deal. Most of our absent members were either traveling, had doctor appointments, in-house company or like **Jane Kress**, off cruising with her family. **Emily Veracka** was off to pick up her neighbor at the airport. Emily was dog sitting while her neighbor was away.

Pres. Dick forgot his joke pages, so we missed that fun. He didn't have much news of the company either, except to say the flights all seem to be full - not good for SA's, but good for the company. He told us that UAL is now hiring pilots. They haven't done that since 2001. So guess that's another good sign for the company.

After the meeting, we all ventured out in the rain.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *Worry is like sitting in a rocking chair, it gives you something to do but it gets you nowhere.*

### Calendar:

**Sept. 6** - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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At the July luncheon meeting, Pres. Paul Brown, welcomed 30 members & guests. Our August gathering was also attended by 30 members. We should all buy lottery tickets! Each month at our meeting, we pick a favorite dinner location and choose a restaurant to meet for an early (4:30pm) dinner mid-month. Our August 15<sup>th</sup> dinner group will be meeting at Straub's on Colonial Dr., just west of Semoran – we'd love to see you there!

Welcome Back! **Elaine & Joe Mannella** from Disney Magic's 1<sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Cruise. "It was a wonderful experience and I only had to unpack once! Loved it!"

Get Well Cards: **Sid Edelman** (who is home from the hospital now).

At the July meeting, members discussed putting together a list of places we might like to visit as a group, i.e. museums, dinner shows, concerts, to name a few. We may be able to get group discounts and it's fun to go with folks you know!

At our August meeting, **Stan & Barb Halterman** were welcomed back from their Celebrity cruise of the Mediterranean, and had great stories to share from ports of call in Greece, Italy, France & Spain!

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral on Semoran Blvd ( just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:00 noon.

**Sept. 13-14** - AARP Drivers Class - Cost \$10. Saves 10% on auto insurance.

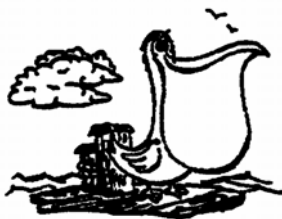
**Sept. 28** - Sleuth Mystery Dinner Theater \$37 P/P

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

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

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Eleven Pelican Drop-Ins had breakfast together on Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Perkins Restaurant. We had an interesting get-together. It is always good seeing old & new friends. **Tom & Marilyn McNabb** were there and have been at home since their long trip up north. **Jimmy Stokes** continues his golf game, once a week at Cape Coral Executive Course. **Dick & Ruth Barros** attended two birthday parties for Dick. **Genevieve Barber** has been home all summer enjoying the air conditioning of their lovely condo in Punta Gorda. **John Dainus** will be going to Michigan to be with Nancy. Because we were having so much fun, it took us over two hours to eat breakfast.

**Rosemary Blake** and **Nancy Koop** had lunch at the Gilkisons. They are both taking over my job as correspondent. They will be elected at the first meeting of the season in Oct. Rosemary is getting her computer set up, with the help of our expert lady with computers, **Marilyn McNabb**. **Tom & Marilyn McNabb** started this Chapter 20 years ago and Marilyn did all the correspondence and set up all the computer activities including newsletters to members, name tags, table decorations, postcards to the summer breakfasts and a lot of extra messages. We hope to see many members at our last breakfast of the season on Sept. 7.

Calendar:

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

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

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Pres. **Bob Lindstrom** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to all members. 30 members were present.

Travel - **Ken Wilson** remarked on a recent trip to ROC that on the return had encountered a 7 hour delay at IAD with 2 gate changes and non existent customer service. **Jon Wilkenson** told of trying to get to PIT from ORD and waiting all day until 2130 to get on a flight. On the return, after missing a few flights, he finally bought a ticket on USAIR PIT-TPA.

There were no birthdays and 2 anniversaries: **Bob & Jan Lindstrom** with 40 yrs. on 8/26, **Art & Flo Reveillac** with 63 yrs on 8/28.

Old business - Reminder that the fall picnic will be held Oct. 1 at Anderson Park.

### **FORT LAUDERDALE**

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FLL Flyers met on Aug. 6, with 5 people in attendance. Guest Speaker was Beverly, she shared with the group, a live demonstration on the latest digital technology which is her business, had her computer & web cam along, and allowed everyone to send a free Video Email to their friends or relatives with her service. Everyone was amazed how easy it was to send a Video Email.

We also shared info on how to get Zed Fares, what airlines in FLL need letters from UAL Service desk to get discounted airfares; and also Blue Cross & Blue Shield, has a HMO type of a dental plan in Florida. One participant also has Delta insurance thru AARP. Ameriplan also has a discounted plan for dental.

Fed Ex does NOT give UAL Retirees discounts, but gives AA Retirees discounts. Beverly found this out recently and has forwarded this on to the RUAEA office for investigation.

We will be joining the Flight Attendants who meet for their regular monthly luncheon on Sept. 11 at 12:00 at the Flaming Pit in Pompano Beach for our Sept. meeting.

We also will meet on Oct. 1 at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Panera Bread in Ft. Lauderdale to give the Retirees who are working in this area a chance to join us at our meeting in the evening.

We encourage everyone in FLL, MIA, WPB to go to [meetup.com](http://meetup.com), type in 33301 and RUAEA to sign up for these meetings for free on this site and to RSVP. We might do other activities or change meetings and this is a great and easy way to keep in touch with everyone.

#### **Calendar:**

**Sept. 11** - 12:00 at the Flaming Pit in Pompano.

**Oct. 1** - 6:00 PM at Panera Bread in Ft. Lauderdale.

## GEORGIA



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Twenty four flyers & three guests were in attendance at the Speedy Pig Barbeque Restaurant, in Fayetteville GA on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Aug., hosted by **Judy & Bill Elk**. We had a very nice room for our meeting. The food was good & the service was excellent.

Every thing was just right for the size of our group that day. Our guests were **Jay Marshall, Ruth Romin, Don & Marylou Sullivan's** sister, & **Joey Chapman**, a long time friend of **Willie Foles**. **Sandy Lis & Bruce Brodersen** reported on the new AirTran agreement. The charge is \$25.00 plus airport fees per destination. Requests for travel can be made to Detroit Reservations via 1-800 number, at United ticket counters in airports, or on Skynet, and can be paid for with credit cards. Tickets requested through Detroit, takes about ten working days by mail. Sandy reported on **Ron Heider**, who had a very complicated surgery and had to go to a rehabilitation center for a few weeks but is now home and doing much better.

Two of our long time Flyers, **Curtis & Bonnie Sawyer** recently moved from Fort Meyers, FL to Denver, North Carolina in the Lake Norman area, a very nice place for water sports and outdoor activities. Sandy also reported of a thank you letter, received from the Promise Place, a shelter supported by donations from the Dixie Flyers members for many years. The 50/50 was conducted by **Fred Cron** assisted by **Tom Wheeler, Willie Foles, Joey Chapman & Frank Phillips**. **Bill Carlson** drew the winning ticket belonging to **Barney Knotts** who generously donated the amount to the Promise Place. It was very good to see **Elmer Koldoff** in attendance, walking very well after hip surgery, along with **Eva Mace** who still amazes us after both knees surgeries.

### Calendar:

**Sept. 5** - Meeting at Golden's Resturant, Fayetteville, GA

**Oct. 3** - Meeting at **Ray & Mary Owen's** home - McDonough, GA

## IDAHO

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**Rick Dempsey** welcomed our latest new GEM member, **Bernadette F. Juanich-Llanes**, retired F/A, originally from Kona. She was hired in CHI in 1965, & worked out of there until 2000, then transferred to SFOSW. She was based there, until retiring in July 2003. Bernadette flew domestic trips 1965-1981; international out of ORD & SFO from 1981-2003, including Europe, Asia, Canada and South America. She is married with a son, daughter, & two grandchildren (also a boy & girl.) Her closing remark: *"What little I've seen of it, I LOVE IDAHO!"*

Bernadette's current address is 14098 Monterey St., Caldwell, ID 83707. Phone (808) 325-7600 (home); (808) 640-0760 (cell). Her son, daughter & families live next to each other, on the street behind them. Her husband (Capt. **Kenny Llanes**) is owner & operator of the Lehuanani Charter Fishing service out of Kailua-Kona. They have a home there also, but Kenny is looking forward to fishing & hunting in Idaho.

With a deep sense of sadness, we say farewell to **Shirley Wixom "Bill" Stokes**, who died of lung cancer on July 26, at his home in Ammon, ID (near Idaho Falls). Bill started with UAL in 1952, following an Honorable Discharge from the Army Air Corps. His first job was as a baggage handler, but he was soon promoted to mechanic. During this time, he continued his flying lessons. He graduated to the cockpit in 1955, finishing his career as a DC-10 Captain. In 2002, he married **Martha Ann Scherr** (his second marriage) in Idaho Falls. He

also lived in Sunnyvale, CA; Seattle, WA; and Jerome, ID. Bill enjoyed ham radio, cars, photography, and his violin. He organized the Sunnyvale Symphony orchestra, where he was 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Violin, for many years.

Our condolences to the Stokes family, including Martha Ann, 4 daughters, 2 sons, 1 foster son, 12 grandchildren & 10 great grandchildren. **Bud & Pat Peters** attended the services. Bud described it as more of a celebration of life, than a family loss, which would have pleased Bill.

**Al Cox** came through his aneurysm surgery with flying colors. He & his surgeon agreed the operation was most successful. Since he has a couple of months of therapy ahead, he decided to move temporarily into the Life Care Center of Treasure Valley, where his wife, **Jodi**, is an Alzheimer's patient. The address is 502 N. Kimball Place, Boise, ID 83704. I'm sure Al would be pleased to hear from old friends. He has his own phone: (208) 373-5160.

A sidebar to the above: Al's daughter, Debbie, arranged to have a birthday party for him at the Life Care Center, since his 80<sup>th</sup> is later in Aug. She reserved one of the banquet rooms, & it was open house at the facility in Al's honor. Friends dropped in between 2 and 4 p.m., on Aug. 2, & it was a joyous affair. Showing up early were two ladies, Terry & Sandra, whom Al recognized immediately. They are the Manager & Asst. Mgr. of McDonald's, where he has been going to for a cup of coffee in the mornings, on his way to the Center to be with Jodi. Terry & Sandra heard about the party, & thoughtfully dropped in to wish Al well. One asked to see his scar, & in true LBJ style, he obliged. He asked if either had had a similar experience? Sure enough, one had. In true LBJ (Lady Bird) style, she reciprocated. Others attending missed that, but during the cutting of the cake, Debbie, told the story. Again, Al was asked to oblige. Again, he lifted his shirt. Only this time, one of the family members snapped a photo, later enlarged for the family album, & possibly for later blackmailing.

**Eve Estensen** made a trip to Ireland; saying only that Ireland was beautiful, and that she enjoyed the entire visit and sightseeing, including the delightful rain.

**Charles & Shirley Perkins** spent a week in CA at a cabin near Yosemite, & had a super time. They are still doing a lot of touring in their small trailer, "just having fun."

**Rick & Shirley Dempsey** traveled to SLC, Bryce, Zion, & the Grand Canyon. Following the National Parks Tours, they attended a friend's wedding in LAS, & plan to attend nephew's wedding in Calistoga & another friend's wedding in Napa, CA.

All were invited to attend an afternoon tea, Sunday, Sept 23, sponsored by the Daughters of the British Empire in Idaho, to benefit the Women's & Children's Alliance & The Western District British Home. If interested, please get in touch with Shirley or Rick Dempsey.

#### Calendar:

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

**Sept. 3** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian. (We're on Labor Day standby for the banquet room, in which case we may have to eat in the restaurant's regular dining room).

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

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Summer was not getting away from our retirees despite some of the very hot temperatures we had this summer, but it's great that we have other seasons to look forward to enjoy. Thanks to many of our retirees and visitors, who were able to attend the various luncheons and activities that were recently held. You have made our Skyliners Chapter, an interesting group.

The Southsiders who meet at Grandma Sally's, continuously have a nice crowd for their monthly brunch, as well as, the Loop Group, that host exciting places to gather in the heart of downtown Chicago every other month; and the Northsiders that come out in large numbers including their friends with relatives on occasions to share, good fortunes and stories amongst each other at breakfast. You're all great people to mingle with.

Now that the hot sun in our area will be cooling off, we shift into the fall season and look forward to other enjoyment for this year. Our upcoming Gals & Guys gathering for late Sept.; the colorful Oktoberfest luncheon

and the beautiful winter holiday luncheon scheduled in Dec. There is also the Holiday Children Giving program, sponsored through DCFS for tots and our monthly trips to the Chicago Food Depository packing bulk foods for the needy. If you have time, come and join any of these groups and make your Fall season enjoyable in doing something for others along side your friends.

The Southsiders brunch back in July had 15 smiling faces enjoying breakfast along with the monthly raffle as the special feature, won by **Marge Caliendo** and **Rudi Maki**. A third surprise raffle of five dollars in quarters attached to index cards was won by **Bill Adams** to use for candy bars or the Laundromat.

**Lavonne Halach** returned after an absence. **Ed "Scottie" Ward** went to Wisconsin to help an ailing relative and **Agnes & Bob Peason**, worked a week at their church's daily vacation school for children.

**Florence Constance** did the Springfield, Illinois, Abe Lincoln library and tour & pronounced it wonderful.

The second picnic in a ballroom was just as good as the first, so there will probably be a third. "we way laid" **Marilyn Holden**, **Rudy Meshele**, **Del Carlson**, **Frank Dimaso** and **Ellie & Don Syoen**, to set their alarms for the Northside breakfast. **Paul Falzone** and **Elizabeth Ashton** made a promise previously. Now we have to work on **Irene Abraitis**, **Marie Krakowski** and **Don Jiskra** to grace the Southside one.

Thanks to **Esther Broderson** who has hosted this Southsiders report and the other reports of months passed. It's nice to see husband **Alfred** at all the Skyliner events and even take the long drives to the RUAEA conventions.

The Northsiders had an unusual turnout for the July breakfast including five new people: **Rose DeLuca** from ORDMD who retired in May; **Ray O'Brien** from WHQAE who retired in March and **Walter Rosenberger** who retired from WHQAK. These three first timers all retired this year. I know that Walter will never forget his birthday because it is on the first day of the New Year - January 1st. Then there was Robert **Schrader**, from WHOFM who retired back in December of 2005, and **Theresa Barger** from ORDXX who retired in June 1999. Also, attending as the littlest guest for breakfast was 5 month old **Patrick Zondlo**, grandson of **Tina Acoba**. I guess summer time does bring people out to these fun parties.

We have a celebrity in our Skyliners midst! **Ken Bergsma** (husband of **Muriel Bergsma** of the Northsiders group) has been featured in several 30 second TV spot commercials. Don't be surprised if you see him occasionally on Channel 2 (CBS) strolling along the Montrose Beach with the "mermaid" hand-in-hand. A longer version of his story can be seen at the website under: [treatbackpain.com](http://treatbackpain.com).

Ken suffered from degenerative disk/arthritis problems in the cervical area of his neck back in 2004. After contacting the Neurologic & Orthopedic Institute of Chicago, Ken was given a physical therapy program, which resulted in his immediate success. Then, at the end of 2005, he suffered lower back pain in the lumbar area. Revisiting the Institute, Ken was given various alternatives to surgery that were prescribed and after trying a gamut of treatments, he had extensive lower back surgery and had 2 titanium rods measuring approximately 6" long inserted in his spine fastened by eight 2½ inch screws. Boy, it sounds like he is a bionic man now!

Since then, Ken is so blessed with the healing and has returned to snow skiing & has once again been back on his water skis, enjoying the good life!

Ken, we all wish you well and continued progress during your recuperation and happy skiing.

Congratulations, to **Chuck Simons**, who received the President's Gold Award for Volunteer Service from the President's Council - USA Freedom Corps - Washington D.C. This award was presented in recognition and appreciation of civic commitment for ongoing volunteer efforts, dedication to the mission and commitment to the military, at the O'Hare field, USO Center. This volunteer program also includes mentoring a child, caring for elderly neighbors, teaching someone to read, cleaning parks & creating safer neighborhoods. Chuck has been a weekly volunteer at the USO, for over fifteen years. Thanks to you Chuck and your family for thinking of others and our Military.

Our second annual summer time picnic held at Chandler's Golf Club, in their beautifully decorated Banquet Room in July was a big success. There were over 200 attending the picnic buffet luncheon, enjoying brats, hamburgers, hot dogs plus a choice of salads, coleslaw, and an array selection of deserts. Congratulations, to the many happy winners that received cash from the 50/50 drawing. Everyone had a great time moving around and visiting with so many friends and acquaintances. Thanks to our speakers **Bob Jacobson**, **Mort Wax** and **Bill Moore**, and not to forget the planning committee who brought this summer occasion together.

Once again our Skyliner committee is looking for someone who enjoys writing short articles, meet with people and be apart of the RUAEA organization. Writing & submitting articles about the Chapter to the national newsletter, RUAEA. There would be minimal training that is required and guidelines to this adventurous position. Computer background in Microsoft Word is helpful but not necessary or articles may be submitted in writing. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please contact the Skyliner Pres., **Bob Jacobson**, for more details.

We are planning to have all our Northsiders participate in this year's end Food Collection, for the holiday season to be donated to a local Food Pantry. Once again, we can show our care during the holiday, by sharing our thankfulness by donating food to those who are in need. Assorted canned goods, paper products and dried goods, will be appreciated by needy families receiving these items.

My thanks for all your calls and e-mails, concerning the convention photo coverage in our recent RUAEA Newsletter and your comments on the New banners that were used throughout the hotel at convention. It was an exciting convention and I look forward to creating an exciting new video presentation for the attendees at the dinners with follow up pictures for our national newsletter.

Don't forget the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Guys & Gals Midway Days on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited; family & friends are all welcome. The luncheon will be held at Manzo's in Des Plaines located at 1571 Elmhurst Road. To attend, please call **Carol Faust** at (847) 895-1232 or **Jacque Sontheimer** at (630) 893-1829 for further information and registration.

Being part of this year's volunteer Mother's Day program for the Y-Me Race on the Chicago's Lake front, I am happy to report, that United was named as the best "represented group" of volunteers attending this years fundraiser. United is the official & exclusive Airline and a National Official Sponsor of the race having a fundraising goal of \$350,000 and with a membership goal of more than 2,000 participants. The national effort took place in 12 different cities across the United States, including Atlanta, Cleveland, Denver, Houston, Miami, Phoenix, Sacramento, San Diego, Seattle, Tulsa and Washington, D.C. to raise 5 million dollars in supporting the breast cancer awareness.

Our United volunteer group of two dozen continues to help at the monthly Chicago Food Depository sorting bread, fruits. Some worked the assembly lines filling boxes with food for emergency uses. Volunteers meet at 8:30 the second Tues. of each month and return to the Training Center around 3 P.M. Under the direction of **Ron Pryor**, these dedicated people find the experience very gratifying in helping those less fortunate.

There is still time to enjoy United's display and tour, at The Field Museum of Chicago to the end of summer. For Retirees, complimentary admission tickets are available and the only requirement is to identify your self as a United Retiree, showing your travel card and a valid driver's license or state ID, to any ticketing counter. The Field Museum is located on the lake front at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, just south of Roosevelt Rd. There is also admission to other exhibits that are offered at discounted rates.

#### Calendar:

**Sept. 4** - Monthly Chicago Food Depository Volunteer Program

**Sept. 12** - Breakfast with the Northsiders Group – 9:00 a.m. Artemis Restaurant - Golf & Busse Roads, Mt. Prospect, IL.

**Sept. 25** - Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

**Sept. 26** - Gal & Guys Anniversary Luncheon - Manzo's, 1571 Elmhurst Road, Des Plaines, IL.

**Oct. 9** - Skyliners FALL Luncheon - Flyers to be mailed

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

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

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A combination of 26 city dwellers & suburbanites met at the Renaissance Hotel for lunch on July 18. Loop Group Pres. **Angie Malouhos** welcomed visitors & Midwest Regional Director **Carol Faust** & her husband **Bob**.

The summer extra, brought nine members to Frank Gehry's Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park on August 1. The 90+ heat was relieved somewhat by cool lake breezes and the spine chilling performance of Finlandia by Maestro Lintu and the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra. Our appreciation is extended to **Roger Schonewise**, who researched and selected the perfect after concert lunch location, the cool and comfortable setting of Macy's

Marshal Field Walnut Room. Macy's staff members Jennifer, Jessica, and Laura gave us special service and when Laura learned of our United connection, she told us that her daughter once worked for American Airlines but now is with the hard hats working on the O'Hare runway extension. Small world?

**Mary Szabo** and **Norm Pearson** returned from Europe on July 31, after attending a family wedding in Slovakia where 75 guests and the wedding party, stayed in a castle. **Ginny & Frank Vlach** spent July 31 at the welcome desk at the Chicago Skyliners Summer Picnic at the Schaumburg Golf Club. **Joe Hopkins** and **Roger Schonewise** made it a "double header", by crossing Michigan Avenue to the Cultural Center to hear a Rachel Barton, recital during the orchestra's rest break. They made it back in time for Finlandia!

**Stephanie Simpson**, left during the rest break to complete her list of downtown errands. She provided an update on **Ron Madsen**. He is still undergoing monthly treatments in MSP and has responded well to them. During his career in Accounting, International Training, and at ORD, he worked with friends through out the system. We are sure he would enjoy hearing from them. A card, note or recollection of something learned in one of his classes, would certainly brighten his day. Please keep him in your thoughts as we do. Between treatments he is living at Central Baptist Village, Unit 1313, 4747 North Canfield Avenue, Norridge, IL 60706.

#### Calendar:

**Sept. 19** - Luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel, State & Lake Streets (That Great Street - 11:30 a.m.) (All members & guests who plan to attend please e-mail or call me on or before noon, Sept. 18 so that we can give adequate notice to the hotel)

### INDIANA



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Hello, to all across the U.S. I certainly hope you're enjoying the summer, as much as I am. The temperatures have been perfect for cookouts & gardening, while enjoying the smells of freshly cut grass and sometimes doing absolutely nothing but sitting outdoors with a nice cold beer ... or maybe a margarita ... or two.

I would like to share with you a few things about being a correspondent that makes this monthly chore of writing a newsletter, worth it. I have been doing this for over two years now, never quite lucky enough to pass it on to someone else and each month I ponder for days in advance what I have to write about that would be of interest to anyone. Then one day someone tells me about another retiree living in a different state that commented on reading the Indy Racers newsletter and enjoyed reading our news. This past month I actually received a hand-written card in the mail from a very nice lady and I shared it during our last meeting. These kinds of things are what makes this job a bit easier and makes me smile a little bit more. Thanks to those who help to keep me going.

Now that I have had my say, I'm truly embarrassed to tell you that there really isn't much to tell you! The summer meetings are usually small due to the before mentioned items in paragraph #1. We did discuss the possibility of moving our meetings from the Golden Corral to the Eagle's Lodge in Plainfield. As a trial, the Racers will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Eagle's Lodge on Hwy 40. The meeting will begin at 2:00 and food may be purchased prior to the meeting from 12:00 to 2:00. This is a one time meeting change to see how it works out. If we change the meeting day, time and place permanently, it will be so stated in November or December's newsletter.

As always, we welcome all new members and those just passing through. The Indy Racers meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Hope to see you there!

#### Calendar:

**Aug. 13** - Meeting

**Sept. 10** - Meeting

**MASSACHUSETTS**

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The Nor'Easters didn't hold a July meeting, so little news to report. However, I did get to talk with **Bob Wilson** and **Charlie Staula**, who haven't been able to attend meetings lately. They asked that I say hi to all for them and hoped they would attend meetings soon. Unable to reach **Joe Conolly**, whom we haven't seen in a few years. His phone is disconnected. Does anyone have info on Joe?

I received correspondence from **Joe Coco**, formerly BOSRR, who I met while attending a SRQ meeting last winter. Joe also said to say hi to all his former BOS co-workers and would love to hear from them. Contact me for Joe's information.

This summer in New England has been wonderful weather wise, more sunny days than rain. Yours truly has been motorcycling the back roads of NH & ME during weekdays. No traffic and exceptional scenery. Now, if only global warming could extend summer 3 to 4 more weeks ...

We have some interesting vanity number plates in NH, FUN4ME, NH4ME etc. **Mercedes Hersom's** number plate is B-NICE. Who else? My pick up plate reads 2SLO4U. Can't you just see people cry when they get behind me on one of those small two lane, impassable NH back roads? And of course, being retired, who's in a hurry?

**Ron & Joyce Heisler** just celebrated their 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Calendar:**

**Sept.** - Issac's Restaurant, Plymouth MA

**MICHIGAN**



**GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES**

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19 Escapees & 2 guests, the granddaughters of **Carol Cant**, met at Fishbones in St. Clair Shores Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, hosted by **Dollie Sellers** and **Debbie LeFebvre**. Debbie had just recently undergone Cyber Knife Surgery, for the return of cancer. Cyber Knife, is a new medical breakthrough; an image-guided stereo tactic radio-surgery device for treating tumors of the brain and solid tumors throughout the body by delivering multiple beams of radiation at the tumor from many angles. It's the only non-invasive robotic radio-surgery system in the world treating tumors. Debbie looked great & claimed she felt wonderful after her experience and highly recommends this non-invasive treatment for all, who require it. There are only 84 machines in the world and we just recently got one in MI at St. Joseph's in Ann Arbor. Debbie thanks all for their thoughts & prayers.

We were delighted to see **Betty Martinez**, looking good as she was missing since April due to a heart attack. She thanks all for their love & prayers; she truly felt them. We also were delighted to welcome our newest Escapee, **Bob Renaud**, recently retired from DTWCS and had also worked in DTWRR, FNT and TOL. He will not be the lowest on the Escapee seniority list for as long as **Marguerite Venn** is looking forward to joining us Escapees when she starts the good life Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Also keep in your prayers **Joanne Maass & Maxine Raymond** battling cancer and also our prayers for **Bud Welcher**, DTWFF who just lost his wife the end of July.

Calendar:

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

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July's meeting was a warm one, but as usual, everyone was in good spirits despite what Mother Nature presents.

First, some updates on a few of the members: **Wes Briest** is again back at home, recuperating from yet another knee surgery. Cards, calls & visits are most welcome. Sadly, we received news of **Ellen Mullaney's** death (wife of **Dick Mullaney**, long-time sales rep for the St. Paul area) and we also extend condolences to **Lyle & Auldin Gunderson** on the death of their mother. **JoAnn & Chuck Eichacker** are struggling with the logistics of caring for frail & aged parents, to the point that JoJo's health, has taken a turn for the worse. She couldn't attend the annual picnic because of back & other problems. We have also learned of the recent marriage of **Jerry Jarrett**, & wish him & his bride, many years of good times & companionship.

**Bud Ayres** was one of the winners of the raffle at the summer festival in Mikahna, WI. **Nel Brawner** lives nearby & always schlepps tickets to her pals at the Northern Lites, when she comes to join us for lunch.

It was decided not to have a group autumn lunch cruise this fall. Finding a tour in mid-Oct. that we haven't already done, was one reason. Another was that the prime colors in the Twin Cities is around the first week of Oct. and nobody could agree to change the date of our meeting-lunch from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. I guess it was felt that too many folks would be confused with the change.

The annual picnic went off with SUNSHINE! At the GLATTLY'S! Will wonders never cease. Couldn't have been that good-weather prayers had been bombarding heaven 24/7 for days, d'ya think? About 48 happy faces drove to Willow River for a meal, most of them the 100+ miles from the Twin Cities, **Rosemary Soltis & Dee Korman** from the Brainerd Lakes area west of Willow, & **Bob & Carol Faust** drove all the way from Schaumburg, IL. Everyone seemed to have a good time renewing old acquaintances & making new ones. A few stayed afterward for a couple of games of beanbag toss, sometimes known as the "Corn Hole" game. Those who didn't show up were talked about...

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

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There were 26 in attendance at Le Peep's. Our thanks to **Peggy & Casey Casebeer** for hosting. For those of you who were at the luncheon, and we took up a collection for the Cookie Crumb people that **Toni Longmeyer** is involved with, I received cards from both **Sandra Schultz** and **Abbie Crawford** thanking all of you for your generous donation. They get wonderful feedback from the troops for the cookies they receive. Several women make & ship several dozen cookies each month.

**Lorraine Stanfield** called and said she had talked to **Dottie Lewis**. Dottie will be going in shortly to have the pacemaker she has had for several years removed and the combination pacemaker and defibrillator inserted. Her sister, Midge, will be gone for a couple of weeks and as soon as she gets back, Dottie will have this done.

That's not all. You will remember that Dottie had a kidney removed back in the early 60's, so she has gone all this time with one kidney. Now, her only kidney left, is going to have to be removed and when that happens, Dottie will go on dialysis. However, they do have dialysis treatments in Creston so she won't have to go to Des Moines.

In talking with **Rose Ballard**, she gave me some very interesting news regarding **Carroll**. He had a heart attack 10 years ago and after that attack, he began rehab. For 10 years, he has driven to Creighton Tues., Wed. & Thursday for 2 hours each day taking rehab. He pays \$35.00 a month and says it is worth every penny. By doing this, it helps him maintain his weight and he just feels better. In April, he received an award for 10 years of taking rehab. What a guy to be so dedicated about something so important. Way to go, Carroll.

Rose Savage, wife of Doc, passed away June 25. Rose had suffered from Alzheimers for several years. A Memorial Service was held June 29. Our sincere sympathy to Doc. According to Keith, Doc is in the hospital with a couple of problems. We hope he will be home soon.

Moving day for the Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans Home residents was July 14 to the new Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home facility in Bellevue. I'm sure **Dorothy Glover** is one happy lady as she has made many long drives over the years since Bob was placed in the Thomas Fitzgerald Home.

Calendar:

**Sept. 11** - Chalco Hills, Hosted by **Keith & Jan Cornish**

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

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

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The Treasury balance as of today is slightly over \$700.

There were 29 members in attendance at our July meeting. Our August meeting will be the picnic at Sand Harbor on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

RUAEA: John traveled to the Sacramento July meeting to extend a personal invitation to the Gold Diggers members, to come to our August picnic as our guests. Hopefully, we will see a nice group from there.

Sign up sheets have been mailed to the membership for our picnic. You can return the forms to Mary or myself. Guests are always welcome - cost is \$5 P/P.

Our reservations have been made for the Christmas lunch at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole. The new Catering Manager is Trish, Bud has retired.

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

Questions asked Retirees: Question: How many days in a week? Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday  
See you at the picnic!

## NEW JERSEY



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The New Jersey Garden Staters met on July 25 at Snuffy's Restaurant. Pres. **Richard Confer** opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pres. mentioned that **Bob Burke** had a sun stroke and **Wanda Mercer**'s husband passed away.

For your information Blue Cross-Blue Shield took over Care Wise. United Airlines made a profit of \$274 million in the first quarter, stock rose to almost \$50.

August 29<sup>th</sup> will be our family picnic at Merrill Park in Colonia. Directions will be in the meeting notice. Cost is \$10.00, bring the family. It is being catered by **Patrick Donnelly**, if you come early there will be coffee at 10:00 A.M. and the picnic will be over whenever the last person leaves. Bring Beer or Wine on your own, soda will be provided.

Day at the races at Monmouth Race Track was a terrific day, everyone won except **Dick Confer**. Many people attended.

Minutes were read by **Violet Etler** and **John Murphy** gave the Treasurer's report.

**John Deily** won a DC 6 print in Washington D.C.; he will raffle it off at the picnic, 4 chances for \$1.00. The money collected will go the Flight 93 memorial in Shanksville, PA.

A mug is on all the tables, it goes to the person who has the closest birthday to today.

#### Calendar:

**Aug. 29** - Meeting.

**Sept. 19** - Hunterdon Playhouse. Please sign up if you are interested in going.

## NEW YORK

### GUYS AND DOLLS

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The dog days of August have hit NYC! Our luncheon & meeting is usually held in a private room upstairs at San Martin but because of the heat, we dined downstairs in the main dining room along with other customers. That meant no meeting - just socializing.

It was good to see **Barbara Mueller** looking great after her knee replacement a few months ago. She says she feels wonderful.

In June, **Marge Segal**, **Barbara Hill** & **Ernestine Manzo** attended funeral services for **Karl Galda** who retired from NYCSS. Karl has been fighting a heart problem and was on oxygen 24/7. He was Marge's first immediate manager when she started in NYCSS in 1984. When Marge started the NYC chapter of RUAEA, she and Karl collaborated on the name: Guys And Dolls.

Also last month, **Marilyn Cheadle** & **Marge Segal** attended "A Celebration Of Life" for **Natalie Frayne** in Los Angeles, Natalie was a good friend of both, for over 40 years. There were about 120 people attending the ceremony - more than half were retired UALers living in and around LA & Palm Springs. Natalie was so well known by many celebrities, whom she assisted during her time as a concierge at LAX Int'l. The celebration was a lovely tribute to her. Both Natalie and Karl will be sadly missed.

Globe trotters are **Elizabeth Armstrong** to Germany for a class reunion; **Anne & Don Dean** will be cruising the Danube; **Pam Jones & Lucy Hirst** will tour Russia; and **Jeanne & Phil Leo** will share a villa in Italy with some English friends.

Calendar:

**Oct. 2** - Luncheon - 12 Noon. San Martin. Please RSVP.



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

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The New York Metros had their 2<sup>nd</sup> Picnic at Wantagh Town Park. Similar to July's picnic we had a good showing, but this time the Chapter absorbed the cost of the picnic for members who paid their 2007 dues. The 50/50 raffle was surprising large.

Calendar:

**Sept. 5** – 12 noon - Per Un Angelo, 3275 Byron St., Wantagh, NY, (516) 783-6475

**Oct. 3** - 12 noon - Per Un Angelo

**Nov. 7** - 12 noon - Per Un Angelo

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The semi-annual meeting of the Loonies will be held Oct. 16, 17 & 18 at the Traverse Bay Lodge, 460 Munson Ave., TVC, MI 49686.

Fifteen rooms have been reserved at \$59.00 per night. A hospitality room has also been arranged. Reservations should be made no later than Oct. 7.

Dinner on Tues. evening will be next door to the hotel so you won't have to travel after driving all day. Bring your swimsuits.

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The Fourteenth Annual Northfield Night was held on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 79 energetic people there, despite the heat. Pres. **Carol Hacker** along with her husband **Ray**, hosted this lovely event. Thanks for the time & effort that went into making this evening enjoyable.

Our Annual Picnic held at W. J. Green Lodge in the Mill Stream run of the Metropark System was a HUGE success! I forget to add guests **Ray & Cherly Knazik** last name. I do apology.

**John & Dolly Taucher** would like to thank all the individuals that helped to make the picnic a SUCCESS! People came early to help set up the tables & arranging the food, etc. They also appreciated the individuals that helped to clean up. The teamwork was appreciated & helped, to make it a memorable day.

Pres. Carol Hacker received an email from **Ray & Cheryl Knazik** thanking us, for allowing them to crash Ohio Buckeyes Chapter picnic. They enjoyed getting together with past friends and co-workers. They want to thank all of the chapter members. I enjoyed talking to Cheryl and was surprised to learn that we were neighbors when we lived for a short time in Stephens City, VA. What a small world! We always WELCOME members & new members that are in our area.

Treas. **Dolly Taucher** received an email from **Lou & Joan Gaydos**, saying how much they enjoyed themselves at the picnic. They arrived back home safely. Lou enjoyed visiting with many of his old buddies that he hadn't seen since 1987. It was like walking down memory lane for both of them. They welcome anyone who is coming down their way. Glad you both enjoyed yourselves. Welcome back anytime.

On Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bernie & I will host a luncheon at Old Oak Bible Church in Middleburg Hts. We will gather at 11:30am with luncheon served at 12:30 pm NOT 2:30 pm. Disregard the time in last month's RUAEA.

Some of our members are having health problems at this time. I hope that each day becomes a little brighter, and your spirits are lighter. Remember that people are thinking of you. Take care & GOD Bless.

#### Calendar:

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

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

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

### OREGON

#### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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I will be reporting on two events this month as our August meeting was held on Aug. 8 and the Newsletter deadline this month is tomorrow.

Our picnic in July was held under sunny skies, a little warm for some, but everyone had a good time and it was nice to have a catered lunch. The picnic tables were decorated with a US flag theme and given out as prizes. The door prizes were won by **Bob Ogden** and **Roy De Camara**, **Carole & Arie Luyten** anniversary, **Rosalie Betschart** birthday and "yours truly" won the 50/50.

Our August meeting today was a smaller group than normal but there were two new couples who joined us, **Bob & Dee Boelter** and **Ray & Marlys Stellingwerf**. Bob and Ray both retired in SFO. **Tom Gilles**, a Dew-er's member who lives in Los Angeles was also at the meeting today. The door prize was won by **Pat Payne**, **Linda & Larry Tracy** anniversary, **Leo Correia** 89<sup>th</sup> birthday and **Pat Payne** won the 50/50. Today was Pat's lucky day.

Our chapter lost two members in July, both having worked in the PDX flight kitchen. **Clell Kolbo** died on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and **Pat Keys** on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Clell had been in ill health for some time. **Pat & Bill Keys** were familiar faces at the meetings and who would ever forget her beautiful white hair. Our condolences to both families.

**Bob Ogden** had a recent bout with pneumonia and has been on oxygen. He carried a small tank around at the picnic and is still using it occasionally. **Merle Pitman** was hospitalized with heart problems and recently **Beverly Markland** broke her ankle but she is doing fine. **Bob Zedekar** has been sent to hospice care because of cancer. It was reported that **Terry Rennie** is doing better since suffering a stroke last year, but is confined to a wheelchair. **Tony Farley** recuperating from open heart surgery & hopes to make it to the Sept. meeting.

**Jack Hoober** announced at our August meeting, the results of the survey that was taken this spring. There were 80 + ballots turned in and the following won the majority vote: Christmas luncheon, support for one local charity & free lunch as the door prize.

At the Oct. meeting, there will be an election for two directors to the Dew-er's Board of Directors. **Jerri Blodgett** and **Tom Walkers** terms expire in Dec. If you would be interested in serving on the board, please contact Jack Hooper.

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

Calendar:

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

**Sept. 12** - Social

**Oct. 10** - Elections & Ice Cream Social



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The August luncheon meeting of OUR Club found 17 chapter members gathering at Eve's Garden Café in Applegate, OR, for a delicious lunch in the Victorian restaurant's garden. We were pleased to welcome first-timers, **Neal & Sonja Appleton**. Neal worked on the line at SFO for many years. He & Sonya moved to Grants Pass a year ago. Neal & **Bob Rogers**, a longtime OUR Club member, recognized each other from former good times and had fun catching up on the years that have passed since they used to "ride" (motorcycles) together.

We all missed **Barbara Hickox**. With an aching heart, I must report that Barbara suffered a serious stroke in late July, but is making enough progress in her recovery, that she's recently been transferred to a rehabilitation facility. Barbara and her late husband, Bob, were among the earliest members of OUR Club. She has a large and very devoted cheering squad behind her.

Everyone is looking forward to the annual picnic at Tom Pearce Park near Grants Pass at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 7. Tickets for the catered barbecue with all the trimmings will run \$14 P/P. Please contact Jane Frincke at the above telephone number or email address before August 31 if you might be able to join us.

Calendar:

**Sept. 7** - Details in column

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

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

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The Independents have been away for the summer but will return for our fall meeting Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

Calendar:

**Sept. 10** - General meeting, 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn

Sept. 18 - Committee meeting, 12:30PM at the Edwards'



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A great time was had by all of the 70 members that attended the chapter's annual picnic on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The food was great and entertainment by the Five Fun Ghouls proved to be quite popular. Our members donated \$137.50 to the group which in turn donates the entire amount, to the annual Give A Christmas charity fund.

Out-of-towners included **Charlie & Dee Carr** from DEN, **Joe Scafoglio** from PHX along with "Sidekick" **John "Ya-Know" Knezevich**, **Bob Arelt** former PITRR supervisor in from FL. Bob lives in FL during the winter months and has a summer home in Slippery Rock. Bob updated us on all the former Pit-Stoppers who now live in his area - he even had photos of **Muff Deaver** and **Al King**. It was a pleasant surprise, to welcome **Jack & Betty Tinney** back into the fold. **Dave Detwiller** entertained quite a few of us with his "Scrapbooks" and memorabilia.

My apologies to **Ray Mootsey** for mistakenly calling him Fred - sorry Ray.

Condolences to **Don Castlevetter** on the recent passing of his brother.

Our Northeast Director **Treatie Karwoski** hosted a luncheon for 10 of the Golden Girls. The luncheon was held in Sewickey at the Sewickley Cafe. Very good foods & good friends. **Jim Weber** even decided to join us. Jim fit right in with all the gals as usual. **Bob Wagner** was a no-show.

Welcome to new members **Charlie & Dee Carr** along with **Georgia Garcia**, **Ray Sellers** & wife **Charlotte**.

Calendar:

**Oct. 19** - Luncheon – Time & Place to be announced

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Puleos Grill on Merchant Road in Knoxville was the location of our July 19 meeting. Twenty-four members enjoyed the ambience of our own room, the excellent Italian & Southern style food and the cheerful company of our fellow Rocky Toppers. Unfortunately, we had received word earlier in the week that **Nancy Krop** had passed away on July 16, 2007. We will be making a donation of \$50 to the Cancer Society in memory of **Les Swallom** and a donation of \$50 to St. Jude's in memory of **Nancy Krop**.

Other updates were that **Phyllis Dale** is receiving experimental chemotherapy for her cancer and the doctors are not too encouraging. **Bob Tuttle** is home but is still having difficulty speaking since his stroke. **Bob Rotiski** is having problems with his legs and having difficulty getting around. And finally, VP **Betty Shipe** will be having a myelogram next week to determine what is causing the numbness & pain in her legs.

**Mary Lou Barr**, has volunteered to be our new "Sunshine Person". On a lighter note, **Jeanne Barkmann** won the 50/50. Door prizes were won by the **Barrs**, **Huffs**, **Carol Anderson**, **Russell Scott** and **Marge Tedder**. Everyone was reminded of our breakfast get-together at Shoneys in August. We enjoyed hosting this meeting and hope everyone enjoyed their lunch.

Calendar:

**Sept. 20** - "Road Trip to Clarksville, TN"; Hosts **Cecil & Rachel Adkins** (931-358-4047). Details to be announced.

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

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

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On July 18, 15 chapter members met for lunch, at the Bountiful Chuck-A-Rama restaurant. We missed a number of our regular visitors - and we trust they are all right.

This correspondent bought a delightful book ("Footstep In The Air"), written by one of the 1940s flight attendants/turned author, **Betty McLaughlin** of Coal Valley/IL, in which a lot of airline history (mainly about UAL, but also about other now out-of-business airlines) was recounted, along with publicity photos & connected stories. Old-timers in our group greatly enjoyed leafing through the book.

**Bob/Judy Turgeon** sold their home in SLC and have temporarily moved in with their son in Eagle Mt., UT until their new home is ready.

We welcomed **Hank/Mary Bons**, **Pete/Jackie Loyola**, **Bill/Shirley Ottman**. **Carl/Lorraine Olson** of Layton, spent some time with **Frank Murdock** reminiscing about old UAL times. **Keith Tronier** kept conversational company with **Bill Berg & George Dalton**. A special "Thank You", to **Betty Davis** who distributed delicious and addictive Mrs. Fields cookies as a special take-home dessert.

On a somber note - In the past month, three of our regulars, and good friends, have died: **Grant Beutler's** wife **LaDella** (6/29/07); **Speed Williams' wife Leoma** (6/24/07 - Speed preceded her in death in 2003); and **Shirley Scown's husband Norm** (7/13/07). Our chapter's deepest sympathy to the bereaved for the loss of their loved ones!

This correspondent, then checked past RUAEA chapter membership lists, and the count showed that 45 of local UAL retirees and/or their spouses had passed on. These good UAL friends will be remembered in name & picture (if available) in our chapter's "memory book", that was started some 20 years ago when membership count was over 100.

And on a lighter note: Remember our Sugar House Park potluck picnic on Aug. 15 at 5pm - and call Betty Davis (562-0216) for menu selection items.

Calendar:

**Sept. 19** - Coffee Time 10am, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

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

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

### THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Should I start with an apology for skipping last month's article? I thought I could skip a month and not get caught, but found that a few readers out there actually missed the news from here in DC. Thank you. (Poor **Virgil (Gooselaw)** tries so hard to keep me in line. He calls and reminds me of my deadlines.). Sometimes, though, I'm even too much for our Newsletter Manager and he just has to go to press without me. By way of explanation, three of my grandchildren spent the summer with me. These grandchildren are two boys: 11 and 10, and a girl of 6 who only wears dresses and must have her hair put into rollers EVERY night. I really wanted to write an article, but believe me - there truly was NO time or energy left over for ANYTHING at the end of a day. My little darlings went back to Oklahoma with their parents and their other two sisters yesterday. May the God of Grandparents forgive me, but I love the sound of silence.

At the end of May, there was the Annual Retirement Luncheon for Washington DC Flight Attendants. Ordinarily, I would not mention this in our chapter report but several noteworthy events occurred and I would like to share them with you. First, **Rachel (Woodings)**, who was not able to attend because of health, turned over her role as the Chair of the Committee & the Driving Force of this annual event. Second, **CJ Borden** turned over her role as Mistress of Ceremonies, to **Barb Ryan**. This was after eleven years of DULLES DOLLIES DOING IT OUR WAY! They did a magnificent job. Who would think of its being done any other way? As much as change is hard to endure, Barb accepted the torch and bore it well. Both Rachel and CJ were given Lifetime Flying Awards in a very touching ceremony (in absentia for Rachel and accepted by **Kate Connelly**).

Before the luncheon was over, there was another first. A pilot was praised by an entire group of flight attendants. A RUAEA member by the name of **EK Williams** (DCAFO) was asked to stand. CJ Borden acknowledged EK's constant support for our local flight attendants. EK (sometimes with his dear bride) has attended every Annual Retirement Luncheon, since its inception eleven years ago. EK has always shown concern for all of the working groups and has always been a team player.

There was no formal meeting in June, but thanks to **Lucy Chatelain**, there was a gathering at the Red Lobster in Manassas. I understand that about 20 people came for lunch and had a wonderful time. Lucy will be hosting another luncheon on August 8, again at the Red Lobster in Manassas. The address there is 10801 Bulloch Dr.

In lieu of our annual "Pig Pullin'" (Can't have one without **David & Tina Cox!**), the Dulles Loungers had an afternoon at The Charlestown Racetrack. WHAT A BLAST THAT WAS! We had 55 members & guests in attendance and everyone had a fabulous time. **Frank Contento** lost money – but, he had a good time ☺. The buffet was unbelievable! It was not only beautiful but also delicious! There was something for everyone! There must have been 40 choices of desserts! (You can tell where my palate goes first.) There was seafood, Italian cuisine, Asian, Salad, etc. Each member paid \$14 for admittance for an all you can eat buffet. Upon admittance, each also received a gift bag, which **Kerrie Schneider** cleverly masterminded. These bags each contained a colorful lei (so we could find members of our group in the crowds), some candy, and a surprise cash amount: from \$1 to \$20 for gambling on the slot machines! Yes, we had a great day.

Two members who had planned to attend, **Kate Connelly** and **Nancy Osborn**, were unable to make it because of the illness of a very beloved legend within our industry. **Rachel Woodings** (SW), who needs only to be referred to as Rachel, is very much in need of our prayers. Our thoughts are with you, Rachel, and our prayers also go out to Kate and Nancy and Mark and to Rachel's other good friends, who have always been there to give her friendship and support.

Our United family lost three good men recently: **Bud Bower** (IADCS), Captain **Al Buff**, and **Al Burns** (DCAFO). To send condolences, please go to [www.dullesloungers.com](http://www.dullesloungers.com) for addresses of families.

Please don't forget our dear friend **David Cox** as he continues to endure the ongoing battle against leukemia. He may receive calls at (703) 368-7696. Prayers & cards are also welcome. He looks great and he is fighting a good fight. He is a tough bird!

We will resume regular scheduled luncheons on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Manassas. The second Wed. of every month from that month on, will be fun filled as we meet at 12:30 at the Golden Corral in Manassas.

Until Next Month, Fly Safe (If you can get on).

Calendar:

**Sept. 12** – Meeting - 12:30 at the Golden Corral in Manassas.

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## OBITUARIES

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

Spouse- **MORRISON, Myrtle**, on 6/6/07, wife of Ted, DEN, 2743 Lopez link, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-5217

Retiree- **MULLANE, Kenneth**, JFK, on 8/5/07, father of Kelly, Kate and Kenny, 233 Beach 128<sup>th</sup> St., Bell Harbor, NY 11694

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**ARNOLD, Raymond L.**, WHQKF 06/13/07

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**COLUMBUS, James P.**, PHLMM 06/22/07

**CRYER, John P.**, SFOGQ 06/01/07

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**DIXON, Joseph**, LAXCG 06/23/07

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SHINOKI, Richard Y., HNLMM 06/16/07  
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SNYDER, Raymond J., PITCS 05/07/07  
SWALLOM, Leslie W., LAXMM 06/11/07  
SWEETMAN, Francis L., PHXOZ 06/01/07  
SYKES, Dethaniel, SFOGH 06/06/07  
TAYLOR, Ennis, SFOBL 06/18/07  
TAYLOR, Martin, LAXFO 06/13/07  
VAN DUINWYK, George, LAXMM 06/28/07  
WESLEY, Sheila R., ORDCS 05/07/07  
WOOD, Howard B., SFOPD 02/28/07

## **LETTERS**

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

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

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

### **William V. Lowry, 1206 Harbour Point Dr., Port Orange, FL, 32127**

Thanks for the reminder. Hey, when you're 80, you'll need some reminders too!

I began my career in the travel business when hired by Capital Airlines as one of Capital's first male Flight Attendants on September 9, 1949. I was hopeful Doc Reid would take me on as a pilot, but having only a few hours, mostly in a yellow Piper Cub, he said I needed some more experience. He said he would find me a job with the Company and when I built some flight time, come back and see him.

He sent me to **Althea O'Hanlon**, who told **Jim Salwasser** to interview me as one of the 7 male Flight Attendants, needed to sort mail & baggage during flight for fast offloading on short flights.

There was a problem with mail being over carried resulting in fines from the Post Office, and too many cases of delayed baggage. The Company decided the hostesses could solve the problem. However, it seemed that the hostesses were not willing or able to serve coffee & snacks between the short turnarounds and still go back to the cargo bin to have the mail and baggage at the door for removal at the next stop.

That's when **Slim Carmichael's** brain trust decided on male Flight Attendants. Well, I was assigned the DC 3 tobacco road run, DCA, NEW PORT NEWS, ORF, ECG, RMT RDU, CLT, KNOXVILLE, CHA, HUNTSVILLE, MEM. Scheduled flight time was just under 8 hours. As I remember, we always made it within the time limit no matter how long it took. A year was enough of that. I believe the problem was finally solved by using Super DC 3s, cutting out a couple of stops and placing more responsibility on the Station Managers.

While flying the Tobacco Road Run, I met **Brownie Gormly**, an attractive hostess, en route to fly a golf charter. We were later married. I lost her to cancer in 1989. John, Cathy, Carol & I miss her very much.

I'm proud to say, I'm a grandfather 5 times over and the family had a reunion in June to remember the good times we have had together and look forward to many more.

I've enjoyed many years working with my friends in the airline business, Flight, Customer Relations, Sales and Reservations & Travel Agent. Now I'm enjoying retirement in Port Orange, Florida, meeting with our United Retirees, "SAND DAB" group, the first Thursday of every month. We're glad United is back on track to be the best of the best. As they say, LIFE IS A TRIP, ENJOY THE RIDE, and what a ride we've had.

**Gerald L. Andrews, Apartado de Correos 178, 07840 Santa Eulalia, Ibiza, Balears, Espana – himself@gerald-andrews.com**

After a few years of silence, the guilt finally got to me; so I am once again including a letter with my dues to say "thank you" to the people who give so much of their time to make the Newsletter what it is. I can only guess how much extra work must have gone into developing the electronic Newsletter program and the RUAEA website, both of which are very practical & welcome improvements. I no longer have to make notes (that I either lost or worried were out of date) because I now can always get the information I need when I need it by using the links on the RUAEA website. The professional appearance & functionality of the website is also impressive. It was nice to see that it has none of the "klutziess" we often see on the websites of volunteer organizations. And extra credit should be given to whomever it was who realized the double-column format of the old Newsletter wasn't the best way to display it on a computer - and then got it fixed!

For anyone interested, here's our personal update: **Mary Beth** (formally of United's Michigan Avenue Ticket Office) has now been retired ten years and I'm still behind her by one. Since my retirement, we've spent more and more of our time on a Mediterranean island off the coast of Spain where we have a hillside villa overlooking the sea (Whoopee!). Meanwhile we've obviously spent less and less time in our Chicago apartment, which is still the same monster we bought in 1970. But we do learn from experience, however slowly, and so are now finally selling the apartment. We will still maintain a smaller residence in Chicago.

We are excellent examples of the legendary value of "dumb luck" over planning since our current retirement home all started with our having bought some property on this island in 1968, without any real plan for it, knowing only that we found the location inviting - and affordable. As anyone who has ever been around either of us for more than a few minutes already knows, the story of our adventures with Spanish property ownership is a long and tedious one, but the short version is: "It all worked out." I'd like to refer anyone who is now curious to take a look at our website where you can see some pictures and, in theory, read about our latest activities. The fact is, however, that I've neglected the website recently and, while it is still loaded with pictures and stories, it is now very much out of date. My excuse is that I've been trying to upgrade to a site with sound & video capabilities, but my learning curve keeps getting longer & longer. So I'm stuck between boredom with the old site and a new site, I've not yet learned to use. However, if you want to take a look anyway (nothing on it is inaccurate; it's just old news), we are at [www.gerald-andrews.com](http://www.gerald-andrews.com)

One final suggestion: Is it possible every month to remind readers, preferably on the first page of the "Letters" section, to include their e-mail addresses when they write to you - if they have one? Some time ago, I was told by one of the officers that it was RUAEA policy to print e-mail addresses, whenever they were included with a member's letter. But it seems lately that very few published letters include e-mail addresses. (Mine is included; please help yourself.) For many of us (could be "most of us" by now), an e-mail address is far more useful than an ordinary mailing address. If keeping retired United employees in touch with each other is really one of RUAEA's main purposes, then you should help facilitate the use of e-mail at every opportunity.

PS; If you need our new Chicago address for your records - or to use if paper correspondence is necessary, effective immediately it is: 1458 West Bryn Mawr Ave. Chicago- IL 60660-4225

### **G. Jay Cacioppo, 3215 Cheshire Dr. San Jose, CA 95118**

My beloved brother Carl died in early June after a long heart ailment. He was an avid aviator & aviation buff all his life, and seemed to always have one tail-dragger or another in his hanger.

For his wife, Betty & family, and for general posterity, I wrote this anecdote in his memory. I'd like to share it. I call it "Shooting Touch and Go's"

#### ***SHOOTING TOUCH AND GO'S***

*I remember that Sunday afternoon quite clearly.*

*Our Dad took me to watch Carl fly. I was about nine and was proud of my big brother. It took place at the small grass-covered, country airport near New Paltz, New York on Springtown Road. I remember lots of grass but can't recall cement anywhere. There were a couple of small buildings that served as the airport. We lived a few miles further down Springtown Road in a modest two-story, rented farmhouse.*

*It was in the late 1940's and Carl, barely driving age, was taking flying lessons. His instructor was Bill Cobelt. The name was popular in our house. I recall the weather that day as being somewhat normal for mid-summer in New York State, mid 80's, a little humidity, slightly gray in the higher atmosphere, but calm. A fair day for flying. By the time our Dad and I got there, the few student pilots were already shooting their touch-and-go's. That means taking off, going around the flight pattern, then landing, coasting, and then setting power, and doing it all again. A student gets credit for each step including, of course, the cockpit time.*

*After witnessing a few of those from the three or four Piper Cubs out there, a gentleman approached our Dad, who was sitting in the car; one leg hanging out on the drivers side, kind of side-saddle, and me sitting on the grass, watching. "Hi-ya", I recall one of them greeting the other. Then the visitor asked, "Is that your kid out there too?" "Yup- sure is", Dad said. There was a short silence, then Dad continued, "See those three getting ready to come in now? That's my son in the middle one". The man looked a little dubious for a moment, and then said, "How do you know which one is him? You can't see the numbers from here, and they're all in yellow Cubs". Dad replied, "Watch them land, he's the one who doesn't bounce".*

*I don't remember the man's reaction, but I do recall that Dad & I were soon alone, together again. It was a good outing.*

### **John & Adelaide Haferbecker, 26811 Downing Avenue, S., Kent, WA 98032**

We want to thank **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** and the rest of the Sacramento Gold Diggers for a wonderful convention they staged this year. It was a great time, we thoroughly enjoyed the tours, hospitality room activities, banquets & the Sacramento area in general. Thanks also to the others who helped plan and who worked to make this happen. Those who weren't there missed a good one.

### **Cliff Chaney, 904 Lizzie Ln., Saint George, UT 84790**

Thanks for the effort it takes to put together the Newsletter. Please close your eyes, you can feel me shaking your hand, and saying thanks.

Hard to believe that 65 years ago on January 13, 1942, I went to work for United Airlines, arriving in Cheyenne to attend Boeing school of Aeronautics. Graduating in July & being assigned for a two week period on the CHY-DEN shuttle, flying the B247. Then to SFO as co-pilot, being transferred to the Pacific Operations as a navigator in training. Finished that, but the airplanes had not arrived, and the regular navigators were finished training, so went back on the line as DC-3 co-pilot.

In 1943 was reassigned to Pacific Operations as a co-pilot flying the C-87 to Australia, and points between. Then in 1944 after 13 months in the Pacific, I was transferred to PDX, and started training to become Captain. Late in 1944 was reassigned to MDW to fly and qualify in the Eastern & Western Division. Qualified as captain in July 1945 and spent the rest of my career, MDW, LAX & SFO. Ended up flying the Boeing 747, with prior stints on the DC-4, 6 & 7; CVR 340, DC-8, B-720 and lastly the most gorgeous of them all the B-747. What a wonderful tool to provide our passengers with the greatest service in the world, ocean to ocean. Something you would have to experience to believe.

Retirement came too early for me, they took me screaming & kicking away from the greatest career a person could have on July 15, 1978, 29 years ago. Boy, time passes fast when you are having fun. Hard to take an aviator away from airplanes so I flew an air ambulance out of MFR for 17 years. Then the bean counters found out how old I was, the nurses & EMT's liked my gray hair, but for insurance purposes - out. So to thwart them again, I started instructing full time, and am still at it. Some fun remarks by students wives. But that is okay. As I still know how. Positive rate, gear up. Never fails.

Hello to all my friends, I still keep in touch with a number of them. So call if you get the urge to talk about old times. Phyllis keeps me as honest as she can, because she is really busy with all her projects, remodeling and stuff. Happy flying! Cliff Chaney or as buddy would say. Muscles.

**Doris & Arnold Lakso, 4520 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334**

Just a note to say thanks to the convention committee & volunteers for a great time in Sacramento. This was our 4<sup>th</sup> convention and they seem to get better each year!

We enjoyed all our tours, the banquets were great, accommodations were very nice and most of all, all the convention volunteers seemed to enjoy what they were doing. You can't beat a group that smiles while working!

Again, our sincere appreciation for a convention well done.

**Berna Rasmussen, 975 Williamsburg Ln, Zionsville, IN 46077-1151**

I'm deeply saddened to report the passing of my husband Paul A. Rasmussen, SFORR on May 17, 2007. He'd been retired 24 years & until this year enjoyed every moment of it. He missed renewing his membership due to his illness. While spending a month in the hospital, he turned 85 in April and on May 12; we observed our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

We worked in SANRR when we were married, then made the move to LAXRR when SANRR closed. After 7 years in LAX, he transferred to SFORR from which he retired.

The Bay Area was our most favorite place to live. In 2002, we moved to Indiana to be closer to our daughter. We kept looking for the fountain of youth, but it proved illusive.

I don't know any of the people mentioned in the Newsletter any more, but I want to keep up the membership for the good info.

**Mary J. Semon (Benanti), 15 Via Roma, Vibo Marina, (VV), Italy 89811**

I've celebrated a birthday and forgot about my dues. It happens every year that I've been late. So, here is my payment along with some additional for incidental cost. You all do such a great job and I want to thank you for all your work and efforts.

Last year at this time we were living in Rotterdam. We are now living in Vibo Marina, Italy which is in the Calabria region located in Southern part of Italy. We are about 1 hour from San Giovanni and the ferry to Sicily. I have been to Sicily twice to see my family. I also have a cousin living about ½ hour from Vibo Marina where we live. It's been a very interesting experience for us.

**Louis** is still with Homeland Security and works at the Port of Gioia Tauro. We will be here until Nov. 2008 unless Louis decides not to retire then he will do one more year.

There are many folks I've worked with in my 37-year career. You know who you are and hello to all of you. I will try to make the LGA/JFK reunion in October. Right now I'm in the maybe category.

So, until next year. Ciao

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**Florence S. Rak, 200 Lake Blvd. Apt. 442, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-8203**

The July 2007 newsletter, with its new cover, looks GREAT!

I really appreciate all the time and effort the DEN Chapter Volunteer mailing team have put forth, in preparing and mailing the Newsletter for so many years. THEY DESERVE MANY KUDOS! Of course, the content deserves KUDOS, also, as it is not only informative, but it lets us keep in touch with former co-workers. Thanks for a job well done.

**Patti Hearst, P.O. Box 141, Milton, WI 53563**

I want to thank all of you, for the wonderful job you do to keep everyone updated on everything, especially for us widows and widowers.

I forgot that I was married to **Ray Hurst**, who worked at O'Hare. I met Ray while I also worked there. I miss Ray, terribly.

I am getting ready to move. It was a lot easier when Ray was alive; he always knew what to do first. I have no family in Sarasota, FL; so I am moving to Kissimmee, FL. My brother will be a house away; my niece and family are about 25 minutes away, as well as my youngest nephew.

**Connie Russo, 500 Stonehaven Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007**

ORDCS meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every month at TGI Fridays, 1695 E. Golf Rd. in Schaumburg at noon for lunch. EVERYONE is invited. **Connie Russo** email [mich4mitch@aol.com](mailto:mich4mitch@aol.com) or cell phone (708) 882-0891 or home (847) 956-0764.

**William Peters, 3151 Lake Meadow Rd., Acton, CA 93510**

Another birthday, and time to let all know how much, my wife, **Maureen** and I enjoy the Newsletter. Thank you for all the latest "Travel Help Information". We save the Travel Tips. Keep up the good work. Thanks again to all for the Newsletter.

**Marie H. Kocevar, 1209 Georgia Trace Ave., Valrico, FL 33594-9107**

Each year, since my retirement in 2002, seems to go by faster. Where does the time go? It has been an enjoyable 5 years. The last 2 years here in Florida, have been great. I am planning to do some international travel this fall. I also want to explore more of Florida, as well. Thank you for keeping the retirees up to date on United and our benefits. You are a reliable source for vital information.

**Joseph Krist, Jr., 324 Hillside Ct., Schaumburg, IL 60193**

I believe it will be seven years, this October, that I have been retired. I had my 77<sup>th</sup> birthday on 07/07/2007, lucky sevens. I bought some lotto tickets and won ZERO.

I have taken on several jobs during my retirement years, just to keep active. The most intensive one, was when I went to Waco, TX, to help get one of our old 747 SP aircraft modified. It was being modified to hold, a giant telescope for space study. I was there for 6 weeks working with other retired A & P mechanics. Thanks for all the great information in the Newsletter.

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

I look forward to the Newsletter each month to hear what is going on with United Airlines, our benefits, and co-workers.

I am very grateful to be able to keep up my yard work, house work, and best of all, lots of great times with my four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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

I made it to my 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday, after quite a scare. 2½ years ago, I had a quadruple by-pass. I am very healthy now, and still working at the Ahwapekee Golf Club.

I was hired in DSM on 7/21/1944, right out of high school, and just 18 years of age. I fueled DC 3's for 6 months; then started working the ticket counter, with no training. But I did survive. I transferred to CMH in 1959 to open a new station as a CSA and CSS; then to PHX on 12/1/80 for another new station. It was good experience and very enjoyable. We had fun working back then. I retired on 8/1/90; that was working for 46 years, and my only job.

My wife, **Jane**, and I will be celebrating our 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 9/12/2007.

This year we traveled to MCO on a Delta no charge pass. Our son works for Delta in CVG. We were in MCO for our grandson's graduation. He now is in Colorado Springs, at the Air Force Academy.

From there, we were off to MCI on Delta for a granddaughter's graduation. She will be going to North West Missouri State College. From there we were off to CVG for another graduation. This grandson will be going to Northern Kentucky University. We have another granddaughter, touring Europe, with her architecture class for Kansas University. We have another grandson stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix. He is flying the F 16 fighter jets. We are very proud of our 10 grandchildren.

It is too bad that more retirees do not join RUREA. I know a lot of PHX retirees that do not belong. They should join and enjoy the camaraderie like the rest of us do.

**Oliver McKlveen, 2934 Lake Forest Cir., Talbott, TN 37877**

The red letters reminded me, that I have become a year older. Thank you for all the work accomplished to keep me up to date. In less than 2 months, I will have reached my 20<sup>th</sup> year of retirement. I am still enjoying every minute of it. I can still vividly remember how proud I always was as a United employee; but now I am saddened by what has happened to such a great company. I still hope that things will get better.

**Lyman F. White, 4106 Midvale Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103-7916**

Thanks to all the hard working retirees who make this association function; also for the newsletter every month.

Probably the vast majority of us really enjoyed our careers, in an exciting industry and working for a great airline.

**Jeanie McCloskey, 13433 Fallow Dr., Huntly IL 60142**

I love the newsletter and especially that the names are in bold print. It is an easy way for us retirees to look for past colleagues, who have moved or are in the news. Thanks for the reminder, that dues were due.

**Mary Ann Moylan, 824 Columbus St. Apt. 704, Rapid City, SD 57701**

Thanks for your efforts that benefit all of us.

Hello and blessings to J Madden.

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

Many thanks for all your hard work. The Sacramento Convention was a delight. I am looking forward to the 2008 Convention in Pittsburgh.

**Mildred L. Reed, 339 Rolling Hills Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403-4320**

I enjoy reading the Newsletter. Since, I did not work for UAL; I don't know too many people. I just recognize my husband's friends and co-workers. But most of them are gone now too. **Steve** has been gone 12 years. I've reached the age of 89, and have to slow down some. I used my pass to go to Denver in May, to see my grandson, graduate from Colorado School of Mines. I really appreciate that benefit.

**Maureen E. Torres, 2422 Anihinihi St., Pearl City, HI 96782**

I enjoy reading all of the news. I am off on an Alaskan Cruise for my birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, go, go, go. What fun!

Thanks once again for keeping us informed. The HNL Credit Union closed but call, CU, and they will help you. Aloha!

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

I am sorry that I am not on line. Thanks for all who work to put out a great newsletter, to keep us informed of the news of United. I attended the RUAEA Convention held in Sacramento for a couple of days and enjoyed it so very much. What a great group of people the retirees are! That is the extent of my travels for this year.

Good luck to all of you and keep up the good work.

**Edmund Tholl, 12 N. Winston Dr., Palatine, IL 60074-5661**

Well, six years into my new assignment, as a member of the great group of retirees. Every day is a good day and my work schedule is very flexible. Naturally, my heart aches, as I see the struggle that our proud airline keeps going through. I remember the pride I always had for my company and I still do, especially, when friends and neighbors, tell me of another bad experience while flying United. Makes you almost want to stand up and fight.

Certainly appreciate the efforts of the RUAEA staff to keep us ole folks abreast to happenings at UA and our community of retirees.

Hope this beats the Red Baron alert.

**Ora Miesse, 5334 Station Dr., So. Lebanon, OH 45065**

Would like to acknowledge, with thanks, all the cards and messages sent following **Bob's** death in January. It was part of the healing process. Bob often told me, that he always looked forward to going to work during his 37 years with United. Then, he spent 33 years in retirement. It can't get much better than that!

**Warren Bartlett, 1 Cerro Encantado, Lafayette, CA 94549-4907**

Beat the due date! I am beating some other odds, as I am probably the world's oldest travel agent. Yes, I am still at it, at best for now.

The mailed version of the Newsletter is great! Seems to be better paper and a great new layout. Mahalo!

Aloha nui to any old friends out there!

**Ron Madsen, 2230 W. Winnemac Ave., Chicago, IL 60625**

I look forward to reading the newsletter from cover to cover.

Sorry that I was not able to make it to the SMF convention. It was because of chemo treatment I am currently going through. If it wasn't for United Airlines, I wouldn't have the great treatment I am having. I live in Chicago, but have my monthly treatments in Minneapolis. I fly there every month.

I thank many of you for your cards and calls.

**Ralph Baggett, 4987 McFarland Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032**

Dollie and I both enjoyed the convention in Sacramento. It was fun seeing so many people I once worked with.

Can't wait for the Pittsburgh one. We wish **Jeri Juth** much success in the planning for next year.

Again, you (the staff) have done an outstanding job, over the years. Keep up the good work.

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

I spent a month in Corona, CA, with a very dear friend of mine and neglected to send in my check before I left home. Sorry

I rented a car, which turned out to be a "Monster". It was a brand new Chrysler Aspen. It was huge. I remarked how courteous I found the California drivers, and the response was, "Who would argue with you in that huge vehicle"! It was a dream to drive however, and we enjoyed it very much.

I flew Southwest, direct service to Ontario Airport.

All is well here. My cancer is still in remission, Praise the Lord. My son and I continue to enjoy our life together.

Now I am looking forward to attending a convention in Louisville, KY in October. I will drive my van and take three ladies with me.

**Ralph L. Brick, 10545 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Lane, Gainesville, FL 32606-576**

Hello to all: Thanks to all for the work that you guys do for us out here in NEVER NEVER LAND! The newsletter via the internet is a great idea - and, it works well. Best wishes.

**June M. Shanahan, 860 W. Via Santa Adela, Green Valley, AZ 85614-5907**

I can't believe another year has gone by. I have been retired for seventeen years. Tom and I just returned from a river cruise down the Danube. We would highly recommend it with Uniworld Tours.

Our best to all of the buddies we had in RUAEA in California and Illinois.

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

It is July 3<sup>rd</sup> and I will be 86 on July 13, so here is my check for another year with RUAEA.

Please be sure, I get the July issue, so I will not miss the most interesting continuing story of the nation's number 1 airline! UNITED!

**Dottie Maxwell, P.O. Box 22, Helen GA 30545**

I have a good excuse for being late. On June 12<sup>th</sup>, I had a mastectomy and then I had pneumonia, which affected my recovery period.

I am doing better now and waiting on a decision for treatment, if any, except for medication.

I look forward to receiving the newsletter, although the people I once knew, are no longer here, for the most part. I reached my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am in good health, so the doctors tell me.

**Timothy Weaver, 78 Kreglow Ct. Hedgeville WV 25427-3469**

Hello to all you good folks in Denver.

I like to read the letters you receive each month. It is nice to know what others are doing with all their free time. I feel guilty for not taking some little job nearby but I like the slow pace of life. I didn't think I could gear down to such a slow speed. Maybe that is why the weeks seem to go by so fast. I can nurse a little job around the house into an all day affair; and with that said, wouldn't United love to have me back.

I think I am getting enough exercise; but not to the extent of the 75 year old gentleman from California, who has been climbing mountains in Nepal and hiking the Grand Canyon in 118 degree heat, my hat is off to him!

I have done nearly 1000 miles, this past year on a treadmill, downstairs in air conditioning, watching all the critters come out of the woods, into my backyard. We even had a bear pass through our neighborhood not long ago.

I miss San Mateo, California. I still keep in contact with friends at the SFO maintenance center. It sounds like they are really gearing down there.

Flying standby is not the glory it once was; no first class and no food in coach. Most of the flights are going out full, of course, that is good for United. But be prepared, take time to eat before a long flight or stick a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in your carryon. Forget about the mayonnaise and meat, as that might spoil. Also since the flight might be full and over head storage is full, you will need to tuck your carryon under the seat, keep it small. Good luck.



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Boeing Model 4 "EA" 1917 - land version of "C".

After failing to interest the Navy in the "B & W" seaplane, William Boeing hired T. Wong, an airplane designer, to develop another seaplane. The result was the "all-Boeing" Model 2 "C", a twin-float seaplane. During test flights, it proved unstable and a larger rudder was installed.

Following the modification, Boeing again headed East to try to sell the new plane to the Navy. They liked it and ordered 50 "C"s to be used as trainers.

Then T. Wong resigned and Boeing once again needed airplane designers, draftsmen and engineers. He contacted the University of Washington where three recently graduated engineers were recommended. They were Philip G. Johnson, Clairmont L. Egtvedt and Roland Mayer.

Boeing hired all three at \$90 per month. Johnson was a production man and a salesman. Egtvedt was a draftsman and became a master at aircraft stress design, remaining with Boeing for 50 years.

In April 1917, the organization was renamed the "Boeing Airplane Company".

Later in 1917, the Army contracted with Boeing for two land-based trainer versions of the "C". Boeing designated the planes as Model 4 "EA".

Boeing's "C" seaplanes used 200 hp Hall-Scott L-6 engines and had tandem seating; the Army wanted 90 hp Curtiss OX-5 engines and side-by-side seating (photo).

Boeing used a sequential numbering system for each "design change". The "B & W" was Model 1, the first "C" was Model 2, the second version of the "C" was Model 3, etc. This design-numbering method continued through 1933 and the "100" series. Thus the 1925 Boeing Model 40 was the 40<sup>th</sup> airplane design built by Boeing. (see below)

By Marvin Berryman from "Boeing, Planemaker to the World" by Robert Redding & Bill Yenne.

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