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The Writers Column - Two United Simulators at Lowry's "Wings" Air & Space Museum by Ray Colavita



nificant amount of money due to the volunteers efforts. United also donated a complete set of DC10 instruments to replace missing instruments in the DC10 trainer.

Both Cockpits are now part of the Museum's "Cockpit Alley" which also includes a WWII era Link Trainer and a Wright Brothers "Kitty Hawk Flyer" simulator. Museum visitors are encouraged to "Fly-the-Flyer" under Museum personnel supervision. The Link



After six years of restoration, two United Simulator cockpits are on display in Hanger #1 of the "Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum".

This project involved completely disassembling a B727 Simulator cockpit and removing it from the Denver Flight Training Center. A former United DC10 fixed-base Cockpit Trainer was also disassembled and moved from Denver's Metro State College campus to the Museum.

The cockpits were then placed in the "Wings" Hanger #2 where disassembly, relocation and restoration was accomplished by DENTK retirees **Ray Colavita, Gene Hudson, Sid Belkov** and other UAL & 'Wings' Museum volunteers.

\$3200 from the sale of the B727 Computer Cabinets and Wiring were donated by United to the Museum in return for the removal of the B727. United saved a sig-

Trainer and the two United simulators are static displays with cockpit lighting only in the two simulators.

There is also a wonderful display of aircraft ranging from early Gliders to a B1-A Bomber and Century Series Jet Fighters. The B-52 Bomber outside the Hanger is hard-to-miss.

The Museum is conveniently located at Fairmont & Academy Blvd. in Denver's Lowry community. Parking is Free. Call 303 360-5360 for additional information or visit the website at: wingsmuseum.org.

By **Ray Colavita**, retired DENTK Simulator Maintenance Supervisor - Wings Over The Rockies Volunteer.

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Letter From The President



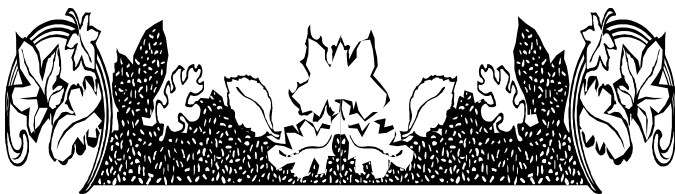
The merger of United and Continental is moving much faster than most expected. In addition, the rumors keep flying and will probably not stop until everything is a done deal. The item that is drawing the most concern at least from the retiree point of view is the Travel Plan. The current plan that each company has are entirely

different in many respects. One of the big differences is how retirees are accommodated. With Continental, the retirees are at the bottom of the list. With United, seniority has always been the determining factor. Also, United retirees with 25 years or more of service have a higher boarding priority domestically.

As mentioned last month, RUAEA has been in contact with RUPA and the two Continental retiree groups, ARECA and Golden Eagles. After much discussion, the four groups have agreed, we should advocate to maintain the current United Travel Program with a couple of enhancements including the BP6B for retirees with 25 or more years of service. We also advocate the elimination of service charges for first class or business travel. Our RUAEA merger team is keeping in close contact with the other retiree groups. Also RUAEA is the only one of the four that has direct contact with either company. **Mort Wax**, our rep on the United Travel Committee and **Ed Tolle**, Corporate Liaison, are in frequent communication with company officers with regards to the merger activity.

At this point in time, early August, we have communicated this information to the United Travel Advisory Committee. The company members of that committee are in discussion with their counter parts at Continental. It appears that no final decisions will be made until after the merger is complete. At least nothing will be forthcoming until there is only one company. We will keep all advised as further developments occur. Be sure to check the website for any breaking news before our next publication.

Ron Bertacini
President - RUAEA



RUAEA Convention - May 22 – 28, 2011 Portland, Oregon - (The City of Roses)

Come join us in Portland, in the northwest corner of Oregon, amid some of the best scenery in the world. The Willamette (pronounced will-LAM-et) River bisects the city and has 10 bridges crossing it. The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area is east of Portland. There are many waterfalls in the gorge including one of the highest in North America, Multnomah Falls. Across the Columbia River, north of Portland, is Vancouver, Washington, home to Ft. Vancouver and the Pearson Air Museum. About an hour-and-a-half to the west of Portland, you'll find the Pacific Ocean. Wine country is located an hour southwest of the city and there are many fine tasting opportunities there. The Evergreen Aviation and Space museum is located in the heart of wine country, and Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose and United's first DC-3 are on display there. Mount Hood is 50 miles east of Portland and the high desert is about an hour beyond that.

Many fascinating and fun tours, to these and other locations, will be offered before, during and after the convention. Be sure to watch for future announcements.

Kathy Russell
Publicity Chair

UAL Corporation Reports Second Quarter 2010 Results: \$430 Million 2Q Net Profit Excluding Charges, Largest Since 1999



On July 20, 2010, United reported results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2010.

Reported United's first quarterly profit since 2007 with a second quarter net profit of 430 million dollars, or 1 dollar and 95 cents per diluted share, excluding non-case, net mark-to-market hedge gains and certain accounting charges, an improvement of 751 million dollars from second quarter 2009. United reported a GAAP net profit of 273 million dollars, or 1 dollar and 29 cents per diluted share. GAAP stands for Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and is the commonly accepted way of recording and reporting accounting information.

- ➔ Reported a 26.9 percent year-over-year increase in consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) for the second quarter with double-digit growth rates across all regions.
- ➔ Reported a 1.9 percent year-over-year increase in consolidated unit cost per available seat mile (CASM) for the quarter, excluding fuel, certain

accounting charges and profit sharing, with an increase in consolidated capacity of 1.1 percent year-over-year.

- Generated strong operating cash flow of 874 million dollars and free cash flow of 801 million dollars in the second quarter, and closed the quarter with a total cash balance of 5.2 billion dollars, including unrestricted cash of 4.9 billion dollars.
- Accrued 63 million dollars for profit sharing based on year-to-date pre-tax profitability, and paid 315 dollars in incentive compensation to each eligible frontline employee based on strong operational and customer satisfaction performance in the second quarter. (For more detail on the profit sharing program for U.S.-based employees, please visit [SkyNet](#).)
- Ranked No. 1 in on-time arrivals among the five largest U.S. global carriers for the first six months of 2010 based on preliminary information.
- Announced a merger agreement with Continental Airlines on May 3, 2010, which will create the world's leading airline serving over 350 destinations worldwide. Integration planning is under way, and subject to regulatory approvals and satisfaction of certain closing conditions, United expects to close the transaction by year end.
- Flew inaugural flight to Africa, commencing daily service between Washington Dulles and Accra, Ghana.

Additional Space Leased in Willis Tower



United is exercising its option for additional floor space in Willis Tower, leasing three more floors at previously negotiated rates. Leasing additional space at Willis Tower gives the

company the flexibility to effectively run our new airline following the merger, including a larger Operations Control Center.

"As a base for airline operations, our new space in Willis Tower will provide much improved workspaces, technology and other resources for our employees," said Pete McDonald, EVP and chief administrative officer. "We have a strong commitment to the city of Chicago and to providing our people with a world-class work environment. This decision makes good economic sense as it captures the economic value of previously negotiated rates in advance of a strengthening corporate real estate market."

The move into Willis Tower will be done in two phases. Demolition has begun on several floors and construction has begun. To enable a full review of the needs for an Operations Control Center for a larger, post-merger United Airlines, the move of this function will not occur until at least early 2012. The company also plans to have a significant presence in Houston, which will be home to United's largest hub upon close of the merger. The integration steering committee is meeting on a regular basis and will determine which corporate functions will be located in Houston.

United Goes to the Shanghai World Expo



Picture: Jim Keenan, SVP – United Services, greets guests at a recent Shanghai World Expo event. San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom appears in the background.

With revenue growth of more than 50 percent in the Pacific region in the second quarter, led by 64 percent growth in China, United's presence in China is set to be a significant contributor to the company's future success. And with nearly one-fifth of United's top-tier elite customers residing in the San Francisco Bay Area, the connection between the two markets is key.

"We have established a unique strength and profile in the Bay Area," says Grant Whitney, MD-International Network Planning and Scheduling. "We are able to offer a complete package to both local and national customers traveling between China and the U.S. that, in turn, are able to consistently - and profitably - fill our largest planes."

Recently United participated in the Shanghai World Expo, which is expected to host 70 million visitors from around the world from May to October, in partnership with the city of San Francisco. The San Francisco Sustainability Exhibit at the Urban Best Practices Pavilion was one of several activities United participated in to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Shanghai and San Francisco. United also hosted a luncheon to honor the San Francisco-Shanghai Sister City Business Management Exchange Program (BMP) for BMP alumni, delegates, Chinese aviation authorities, Star Alliance and maintenance partners, premier customers and corporate clients.

A delegation of more than 100 political, cultural and business leaders, led by current San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and former mayors Willie Brown and Frank Jordan, enjoyed a reception at United's International Red Carpet Club before boarding Flight 857 to Shanghai. United served as the official airline of the World Expo delegation.

“We’re proud to have been a vital part of the relationship between these two great cities for over a quarter century, since United became the first U.S. carrier with non-stop service between China and the U.S.,” said Jim Keenan, SVP-United Services. “As a company fostering global connectivity and economic growth, we also share a vision for environmental stewardship with San Francisco and Shanghai.”

At a Green Energy forum at the expo, Jim Keenan, Mayors Newsom, Brown and Jordan and U.S. and Chinese business leaders and sustainable energy experts discussed opportunities for U.S.-China collaboration for a more sustainable future. In an interview with China Daily after the forum, Jim Mueller, VP-Pacific, highlighted how such collaboration could also lead to more business opportunities.

United served almost 80,000 customers from China to San Francisco in 2009, with more than 50 percent of those travelers departing from Shanghai. United offers the most nonstop flights between China and the US.

Small Airports Integral to United’s Success



Small airports and the communities they serve are critically important to United’s network, just as United’s presence is to them. While small communities feed traffic to

United’s hubs, those communities reap economic benefits from the presence of an airline that connects them to communities large and small around the globe. That relationship would continue to benefit both parties after United’s planned merger with Continental is completed, said Kevin Knight, SVP-Planning, in a presentation to the Airports Council International-North America’s Small Airports Conference in Minneapolis.

Speaking to 50 airport directors, representatives and consultants, Kevin discussed the challenges our industry has faced since being deregulated, and the steps United has taken to succeed in the changed environment, particularly since the economic downturn that began in 2008.

“About 18 months ago we set ourselves on a path to industry leadership with a back-to-basics Focus on 5 agenda,” Kevin said. “A key element of our strategy is industry-leading revenues, which is driven in part by providing our customers convenient schedules that meet their travel needs and connecting them to cities around the globe. With our five hubs, global network and diverse fleet, United and our partners are uniquely positioned to provide service to small communities. Small communities and the feed they provide to the rest of our network are important drivers of our success.”

By combining its network with Continental’s, United would be even better positioned to offer improved service to smaller communities and better positioned to succeed, Kevin told the group.

“Following our merger, the communities we serve will benefit from an enhanced network that offers our customers new service opportunities,” Kevin said.

Customers will have access to 116 new domestic destinations; 40 will be new to United customers, and 76 will be new to Continental customers. The merger will create more than 1,000 new domestic connecting city pairs served by the combined carrier, providing additional convenience to customers.

Kevin also urged the group to continue to work with airlines and other stakeholders to manage their airports efficiently and cost-effectively.

United Fliers Community Members Ask the Important Questions About UAX



United Express (UAX) service operates more than 2,300 flights to 181 cities daily - making up 66 percent of the combined United and United Express system departures. In fact,

UAX touches nearly 1 in 3 customers each day, often connecting through our hubs to other United flights.

Recently, some of United’s premium customers participated in a United Fliers Community (UFC) online chat with vice president of United Express and Airport Operations Planning, Cindy Szadokierski. During the one-hour chat, they had the opportunity to ask Cindy questions about UAX that matter most to them. Here are some of the points of interest that premium customers posed.

UFC: How does UAL track the performance of the United Express contractors?

CINDY: We track United Express performance the same way we track United mainline performance. I have a team of performance managers responsible for each flying partner and ground handler that puts our carriers through a rigorous performance management review process. There are also service-level agreements in their contracts by which they are held accountable for their performance. And to ensure that accountability, Cindy shared, *“I personally review their performance weekly and we hold weekly conference calls with leadership at our partner carriers.”*

UFC: We’ve all grown to see that UAX will be part of our domestic flying experience. I’m OK with the inside of the plane, particularly those that have Economy Plus, but how can you improve the departure experience for us?

CINDY: Thanks for the feedback on the aircraft interiors. We have worked extremely hard from a cleanliness, condition and workability standpoint to mirror the mainline processes. And just as mainline was No. 1 in on-time performance among our major competitors in 2009, UAX was also No. 1 in on-time against our regional peers. The best way to improve the departure and arrival experience is to invest in jet-bridges, and we have done so over the past few years. The goal is to get additional jet-bridges; however, we still have a large opportunity in this area.

UFC: What will United do to improve perceived safety for these (UAX) commuter flights?

CINDY: United has a comprehensive monitoring program for all of our United and United Express codeshare partners. All carriers must comply with the minimum FAA requirements, however, to become and remain a partner airline of United, there are five additional requirements that an air carrier must meet.

Continuing on the discussion of safety, Cindy shared, *"We have also established a safety leadership team and partnered with our Express carriers to assure a transfer of best practices through an open forum comprised of United's Flight Operations, Safety, and my UAX team, as well as our regional partners."*

After the chat Cindy reiterated that, as always, safety is our No. 1 priority.

Update: Employees Rally to Help UA Flight 967



United Flight 967 - en route from Washington Dulles (IAD) to Los Angeles (LAX) - encountered severe turbulence on July 20th, diverting to Denver (DEN) to get

medical treatment for those injured.

Prior to hitting turbulence, the fasten seat belt sign was on, and the flight attendant crew was seated. Seventeen passengers and four crew members sustained minor injuries and were transported to Denver-area hospitals. The Denver team opened its emergency response and coordination center, facilitated the deplaning and coordination with emergency responders who arrived at the scene. The team remained with passengers and crew members at area hospitals until the last one was released at 2:45 a.m. local time. Hotel rooms and transportation were provided as customers and employees were released.

After deplaning those in need of medical assistance, UA 967 was re-crewed and continued to LAX on a new plane. The original plane remained in Denver and will be out of service to go through a full severe turbulence inspection.

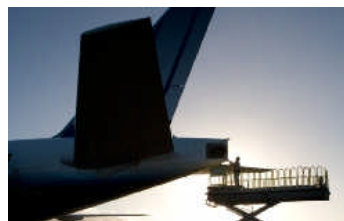
"The quality of response by the team on shift was great," says Denver Operations Center manager Henry Bird, who along with Shift manager Jim Ronan and Terminal and Baggage manager Denny Parris spearheaded a collaborative effort. *"The speed in which an alternate crew and aircraft was secured and eventually turned was very good. We have an emergency response plan for a reason and luckily no one was seriously hurt."*

Local management at LAX met the flight as it arrived at gate 74 around 11:30 p.m. local time to help take care of the remaining 210 customers as they exited the aircraft.

"Many of the customers complimented our handling of this difficult situation and were thankful for the care and concern they were shown by everyone from United," says Mike Mueller, director-Hub Operations at LAX.

Currently, United is coordinating with the National Safety Transportation Board in investigating the incident.

Running Hot - When the Mercury Starts to Rise



As temperatures rise across the southern half of the continental United States, employees on the ramp, on board and in station operations control centers and other airport

locations work together to keep everyone traveling safely and on-time - despite the heat.

"One of the biggest things we do is focus on our employees," says Dan McMahan, Denver shift manager-Station Operations Control. *"The Ramp areas get exceedingly hot. We provide cool drinks for employees to keep them hydrated and safe. We also focus on making sure we have the right equipment out there and that we're following standard work as the aircraft are coming in. In hot weather, we can be more susceptible to 'hot brake' issues."*

Dan says that one of biggest impacts operationally in Denver is that very high heat makes United susceptible to weight restrictions on Hawaii flights. In fact, according to Ron Italiano, manager - Centralized Weight and Balance, with temperatures in the 90s, United can lose up to 1,400 lbs. of usable payload weight (equivalent to seven passengers) on a DEN-HNL Boeing 767 for every one degree increase in temperature, given typical runway and flap scenarios.

"In conditions like that," Ron says, *"close coordination between Flight Dispatch, Load Planning, Flight Operations and Station Operations becomes paramount to our success."*

The team works closely, together with customer

service and ramp employees, to make sure every pound is accounted for - and so United is not in a position where it has to leave with unnecessary empty seats or without some cargo.

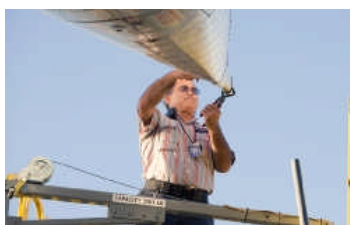
"When it's hot, that changes the performance of the airplane, so we do change how it's dispatched," says Curt Hughes, director-Line Operations. *"The central load planning group accounts for weights along with dispatchers to ensure we safely accommodate all passengers and payload."*

The operations control center can also send a note to the pilots through the dispatchers, to let them know as they're arriving at a hub that temperatures in the arrival destination are excessive. Pilots then relay the information to the purser, who on taxi-in makes a "shades-down" announcement to enlist customers' help in keeping the aircraft cool. Pilots also pre-cool the aircraft during descent so that the cool air lingers a bit to try to keep crews comfortable. Once the engines shut down, the stations work quickly to hook up pre-conditioned air on the ground.

"The ops control center also keeps up with the affected station," Curt says. *"If no pre-conditioned air cart is available, they make sure to route an aircraft that has an auxiliary power unit that can cool the aircraft down at its location."*

In Dubai in the Middle East, for example, average daily temperatures hover above 40 degrees Celsius - a crackling 104 degrees Fahrenheit. In an environment like that, it's critical to keep the cabins as cool as possible for crews and customers.

Global Emergency Maintenance Missions More Involved



United's Global Emergency Maintenance teams are dispatched around the world and increasingly are being asked to take on larger, more involved challenges for a deepening roster of repeat clients.

While the GEM income and expense figures are confidential, *"We are on track to meet or surpass 2010 revenue targets,"* says Jeff Leeds, customer service manager with United Services Sales and Marketing.

Don Burbank, who as head of Line Maintenance for the Eastern Division assigns most of the jobs that have come in this year, adds, *"We're going out on bigger jobs and our customers are calling us more often. They know we can handle engine inspections and minor skin repairs - now they're asking us to perform major work that would otherwise go overseas. And, we're telling them yes."*

United mechanics have gone on more than 40 GEM missions already in 2010. Clients range from regional and U.S. airlines to international flag carriers and a number of aircraft insurers and leasing companies. Some of the jobs are done at hubs or stations where United already has a presence - others take place in locations ranging from Chile to India. One East Coast airline has entrusted United with nearly all its Airbus airframe repair jobs.

A number of airlines have thanked United's GEM crews for helping them serve their customers.

"For any airline an aircraft (out of service) can severely impact a flight operation," says Jim Guerrero, a manager with Hawaiian Airlines. *"This is when we have turned to United Services for assistance. United Services has been able to formulate teams of maintenance experts in just about every situation we have encountered. The work is performed to the highest degree of safety for all involved."*

"Our GEM teams are the best in the industry," says Tim Canavan, VP-Line Maintenance and Aircraft Appearance. *"Speed to the site, simplicity in the process and repairing our customers' aircraft in a safe and compliant manner are the key components to our success."*

Shanghai Airlines to Exit Star Alliance



Star Alliance has announced that Shanghai Airlines will leave the alliance, effective Oct. 31, 2010. In a joint statement, both Shanghai Airlines and the other members of

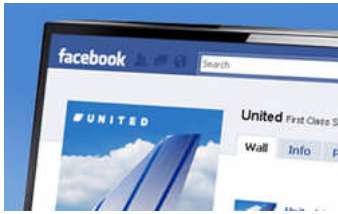
the alliance expressed their commitment to maintain the current Star Alliance product offering, including frequent flyer and lounge access benefits to their customers, until Shanghai Airlines exits the alliance.

The move was expected following Shanghai Airlines' merger with China Eastern Airlines, which is a member of the SkyTeam alliance.

"United and the Star Alliance remain fully committed to the Asia market and we are working with our partner Air China to provide a long term solution in Shanghai," says Mark Schwab, SVP-Alliances, International and Regulatory Affairs. *"With our Star Alliance partners Air China, ANA, Asiana Airlines, Singapore Airlines and Thai Airways, we continue to serve 640,000 customers each year in Asia."*

Face to Face: United Broadens Social Media Presence

With United's global network and alliance partners, United connects tens of millions of customers every



year to more than 1,000 destinations around the world. With the launch of its official Facebook brand page, United is joining an online forum that enables the company to connect

with those customers in a new way.

The Facebook presence offers United new opportunities to listen to and learn from its customers, encourage conversations among its supporters, and contribute to discussions about United.

United will use its Facebook page to share information about its products, services and special offers with its fans. Facebook presence also enables United to do promotions, poll customers and engage with them about the joys of travel and the destinations United serves.

“Social media channels are increasingly important tools to our customers, who share what they like about United and what they’d like to see us improve,” said Tom O’Toole, SVP and chief marketing officer. *“With our Facebook brand page, we have an additional opportunity to listen to customer ideas about travel, gain valuable feedback, and provide our supporters the tools and information they need in order to be positive brand advocates.”*

The engagement with customers via social media channels has grown since United launched FlyerTalk account, “United PR,” and Twitter feed, @UnitedAirlines, in 2009. The popular Twitter-advertised “Tware” fare specials have helped United reach nearly 100,000 followers on Twitter in just over a year. Keep in mind that employees may not access social media sites like Facebook and Twitter from United computers or using United e-mail account. Also, when commenting about United in any way on these sites, you must identify yourself as a United employee.

Leadership Team Announcements



Following a series of meetings and conversations with the board of directors, Glenn Tilton and senior leaders of Continental and United, Jeff Smisek on July 27, 2010,

named the new senior management team for the combined company following the close of the merger.

It is fully anticipated that the newly merged board will elect these officers as executive vice presidents of the new United Airlines upon closing of the merger:

- * Mike Bonds, who joined Continental in 1995, will be responsible for human resources and labor relations.

- * Jim Compton, who joined Continental in 1995, will serve as chief marketing officer.
- * Jeffrey Foland, who joined United in 2005, will lead the combined carrier's loyalty program.
- * Nene Foxhall, who joined Continental in 1995, will oversee the communications and government affairs functions.
- * Keith Halbert, who joined United in 2008, will be chief information officer.
- * Pete McDonald, who joined United in 1969, will be chief operations officer.
- * Zane Rowe, who joined Continental in 1993, will be chief financial officer.
- * Tom Sabatino, who joined United in 2010, will be general counsel.
- * And, Glenn will stay on as non-executive chairman.

“We are fortunate at United to have built an exceptional management team, focused on creating a strong company that will benefit our customers, our shareholders and our people. We are doing that, and our full management team will continue to execute against our performance agenda for the next several months,” Glenn said.

“We have exceptional executives across our two companies; this created a superb talent pool from which to determine the senior executive team to take the company forward - and, at the same time, we have equally talented people who will continue to contribute to successfully executing our individual performance agendas between now and close,” Glenn said. *“On the occasion of the proposed merger with Continental, this team that will leave the company following close does so with the appreciation of our board, our colleagues and all our stakeholders, for their significant contributions.”*

Jim O’Connor, United’s lead director who has served on the United board for 26 years, noted that the leadership team Glenn put together at United shares a commitment to returning United to industry leadership.

“The enthusiasm and “can do” spirit of this management team helped to produce breakthrough gains at United during one of the toughest periods in the company’s history. Never satisfied with the status quo, this team has given all of us a glimpse of just how good we can become,” Mr. O’Connor said.

United and Continental Announce Transition Agreement in Principle With Pilots

United and Continental announced on July 20, 2010, that an agreement had been reached in principle on a transition and process agreement with the pilots of both companies.

The agreement provides a framework for pilot operations of the two groups until the two carriers’ operat-



ing certificates are combined.

"This is an important step forward that reflects the hard work and collaborative dialogue required to reach this transition agree-

ment that is in the best interest of our new company and our pilots," said Glenn Tilton, who will serve as non-executive chairman of the merged company. United expects to close the merger in the 4th quarter of 2010.

Integration Planning Update: Single Operating Certificate Process



The transition to a single FAA Air Carrier Operating Certificate following the close of the merger transaction is one of the largest bodies of work in planning for the integra-

tion of United and Continental.

"As with the integration tasks of virtually all the divisions, the first step in the transition to a single operating certificate is developing and implementing a process to accomplish the goal," says Michael Quiello, VP-Corporate Safety, Security, Quality and Environment, who co-leads the integration planning work for a single operating certificate with Don Gunther, Continental's staff vice president for safety.

"We will consult experts with technical and/or regulatory expertise who will assist us during the process development and implementation phases," Michael says. *"Next we will analyze which of the three operating certificates (United's, Continental's or Air Micronesia's) will survive and which will be surrendered. Ultimately, the analysis will conclude which certificate provides us with the most beneficial platform for the incorporation of all the operations."*

The company will then develop a transition plan and submit it to the FAA for approval. The scope, content, and specifics of the transition plan are broad (e.g., type and amount of training to qualify pilots, timeline to accomplish, etc.), but, in general, the transition plan will be complex and nearly of the same scope as an initial certificate application. This process is expected to take more than a year.

The incorporation of "best practices" is another important component. A merger represents an opportunity for the combined carrier to realize substantial safety and operational enhancements. The downside is that a full integration of the best practices of each carrier can add significantly to both the timeline and the training required.

Any appreciation of the complexity of a certificate merger also must include the management systems (e.g., electronic training records, scheduling system, etc.) attached to the certificates and in turn, the people who use those management systems. In the past, there were examples where the certificate that did not survive had information technology (IT) or other systems attached to it that were superior to those on the surviving certificate. Moving an approved system to another certificate is not an easy or inexpensive undertaking. The system must be approved by the designated FAA Principal Inspector; it must be interfaced to different IT systems; data must be migrated; personnel must be trained; and modifications to the system itself are virtually always needed.

"The road to a single United/Continental operating certificate will involve thousands of individual tasks. While it is too early to predict the exact course that the road will take, we will do our best to keep you up to date as we make progress toward our goal," Michael says.

United-Continental Merger Receives Unconditional Clearance From the European Commission



United and Continental on July, 27, received unconditional clearance from the European Commission on the airlines' proposed merger. The Commission noted its investigation

found the proposed transaction would not raise any specific concerns in Europe or the trans-Atlantic.

"We are pleased to have received this clearance from the European Union, a significant market for our combined new company, and we continue to work cooperatively with the U.S. Department of Justice toward an expeditious completion of our merger, which will benefit our customers, our people, our shareholders and the communities we serve," said Glenn Tilton.

United announced plans for an all-stock merger of equals in May and expects the transaction to close in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Ask the Pharmacist - Introducing the Worry Free Fills™ program Refill your mail-order prescriptions automatically

Ordering prescriptions and taking your medications is one of the most important things you can do. But it's not always easy to remember. You might even find it inconvenient. That's why Medco has created the **Worry-free Fills™** (WFF) program, so your prescriptions can be refilled automatically.

When you enroll your eligible prescriptions in WFF,

there's no need to call or order your refills. As you near the end of your current supply, we'll automatically send your next refill, using your existing address and payment information.

To enroll in WFF, visit medco.com[®], or call Member Services at the number on the back of your prescription card.

Medications that qualify for Worry-free Fills include:

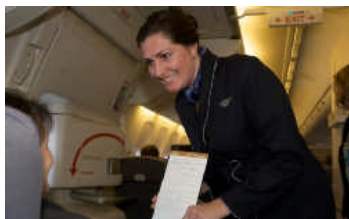
- ▶ Cardiovascular medications, such as anti-arrhythmics, calcium channel blockers, anti-hypertensives, beta-blockers, cholesterol-lowering medications, diuretics, and ACE inhibitors
- ▶ Certain HIV medications
- ▶ Diabetes medications
- ▶ Oral contraceptives
- ▶ Osteoporosis medications
- ▶ Parkinson's disease medications
- ▶ Thyroid medications
- ▶ Asthma and COPD medications, such as theophylline

For safety and other reasons, prescriptions for some medications are never allowed to be automatically filled, including specialty medications, controlled substances, and over-the-counter medications.

When a prescription expires, you will need to get a new one and re-enroll that prescription into **Worry-free Fills**; the new prescription or a renewal of the earlier prescription will not be enrolled automatically.

To see if you're eligible for **Worry-free Fills** and to enroll your prescriptions, visit medco.com or call Member Services toll-free at the Member Service number on the back of your prescription card.

Focus on Safety: Exit Row Briefings



In January, United Flight 634 landed with partial gear (but without serious injuries) in Newark. For the flight attendants on board that flight, the effectiveness of the exit row briefings was critical to a safe and calm evacuation of the plane for all customers and crew. One of them, O'Hare-based flight attendant Karen Rink, says, *"It's so important to make sure you cover all the steps. Don't think it can't happen to you, because it can."*

United recently enhanced the exit row briefing process to help ensure that customers tapped to assist in an emergency have a clear understanding of what may be required of them. The refined process, approved quickly based on United's strong collaboration with the FAA, allows flight attendants to use their own words as

long as they meet the two FAA requirements: Visual and verbal assessment of a customer's ability to perform the task and verification from the customer that he or she understands the requirements and is willing to assist.

"Now we can focus more on the customer and less on verbatim," noted one flight attendant in an e-mail applauding the new process. Sandra Ingram, manager-Onboard Safety and Security, says, "By empowering flight attendants to get the desired results, we ensure a higher level of safety for everyone involved."

Easy Does It



This is not a calorie-watching column. In addition, I used to throw away more lettuce, bananas & veggies than I could use. (**Note:** Keep bananas in the refrigerator; the outer skin will turn black but the inside will remain nutritious & tasty, one can only make so much banana bread & muffins! And wrapping your veggies in paper toweling only lasts "so long".)

As many of us, I no longer **regularly** cook for 3, 4 or 5+ family members.

I do freeze individual portions which helps my pocketbook a bit. But to continue: I'm trying to keep this column geared for those of us who are presently "Singles" and/or whose young families have left the nest. Grocery store TV dinners are horrible & high on sodium. Some of us have launched ourselves into volunteer work or other busy "jobs". We're still busy & productive members of the community. These recipes, you will find, are short, easy, **not** time consuming, & hopefully will please your Senior taste buds.

I dislike using the term "**Fall**" ... the word "**Autumn**" suits me better. So I'll title this month's column "**Another Dump Chicken Recipe**" with a great "naughty-but-nice" touch as **Autumn** approaches on September 23. For those of you unfamiliar with this particular use of the word "**dump**": In a small bowl, thoroughly blend sauce ingredients. Combine desired number of chicken pieces (4 – 8) & sauce in a 1-gallon freezer baggie. Place bag & contents in your freezer, uncooked. Voila, it's there whenever you want it. When you can't stand the curiosity any longer, **completely thaw** the bag of chicken & sauce **overnight** in your refrigerator. Discard the plastic bag. **Dump** entire contents into an appropriately-sized lightly-greased oven baking dish. (PAM cooking spray or similar product works fine, if you would rather not grease your baking dish with butter, margarine or lard.)

I prefer using a glass or ceramic baking dish but

metal will do. Preheat oven to 350 F. oven. Bake 25-35 minutes for breasts, 45-50 minutes for the other pieces.

Ingredients for "Dump Sweet & Sour Chicken"

4 – 8 pieces of chicken (legs, wings, thighs or boneless skinless halved breasts)

Sauce:

- ☑ ¼ cup + 1/8 cup **Honey**
- ☑ ¼ cup regular or cooking **Sherry** (check it first for proper taste, of course)
- ☑ 2 Tablespoons **Cider Vinegar**
- ☑ 1/8 cup **Soy Sauce**
- ☑ 1 teaspoon **Ground Ginger**
- ☑ 4 cloves **Garlic**, finely chopped (or, keep your fingernails clean & not so smelly by using 1Tbsp. already prepared bottle of crushed garlic)

Bake: Breasts 25-35 minutes ... wings, thighs, drumsticks, bones in or out, skin on or off: 45-50 minutes. Depending on how hot your oven gets, check for doneness after **first** suggested **baking time**.

Side Suggestions: Purchase (No, I don't get any money for this!) Uncle Ben's Ready Rice in flavors "Chicken Flavored Whole Grain Brown" OR "Long Grain & Wild" ... **90 seconds** in the microwave! Wheel!

Hate throwing out heads of spoiled lettuce for your **salad**? Buy the already-made salads in individual plastic boxes (2 for \$5.00 at my local grocery store). Having guests for lunch or whatever? Buy several of these already prepared salads, combine & put them in a pretty salad bowl (do you have a glass one?) before your guests arrive. I hard-boiled some eggs, chopped them up for the purchased salad, then served them last week. Nobody knew I hadn't put everything together myself.

Don't care for **rice**? Purchase a box of "**Pasta Roni**" in either the "Chicken" OR "Parmesan Cheese" flavor. Delish! (Product is by Golden Grain Co., Chicago, IL).

RUAEA Seniority List

Many a month has gone by since I last wrote a note to the RUAEA Newsletter, and during that elapsed time period, a goodly number of Retirees have joined the ranks of RUAEA.

It is primarily to this group that this letter is aimed at, to inform them that I maintain a RUAEA Seniority List and, how easy it is to be listed. All that is required is that you furnish your name, address, and importantly, your date of hire - and that's it - simple - and you're listed, and NO CHARGE. I should mention that this is not an automatic listing of Retirees, it's strictly voluntary. Hey, I almost forgot to mention that I will furnish a PRINT OUT of the List to anyone who so desires. However, for this choice bit of reading, there is a charge of \$3.50 to cover my expenses.

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Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7th of each month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note:** *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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

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LOCAL NEWS

New Chapter Announcement

RUAEA Florida Region Director **Paul Brown** announced the formation of a new chapter in the Pensacola/Mobile area.

Please join us at our first meeting, scheduled for **August 24th** (a 12 noon luncheon) at McGuire's Irish Pub, 600 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, FL. (850) 433-6789. Chapter name, logo, appointment of officers as well as follow-up meetings will be decided at this meeting.

Call Paul Brown @ (407) 852-1680 for more information.

ALABAMA

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There is no meeting for the month of August.

Calendar:

September 13- TBA or Contact **Judy Slover** - judylover@mindspring.com or (334) 593-2249

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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Arizona sizzles! The Monsoons are bringing much needed rain to the valley but causing havoc in the process - flooding, damage due to high winds, and humidity.

Breakfast at Coco's on July had 8 attendees. It was good to have both **Pat & Ziggy Butkiewicz** back for the July 20th breakfast when we had 13 attendees.

Jean Kerman just returned from a wonderful cruise through Holland, Germany, and Austria. She will be leaving again in August for Alaska. **Pat & Ziggy Butkiewicz** just returned from Virginia where they visited

family and friends. **Sonny & Barbara Carns** are going to Sierra Vista, AZ to visit their son and his family. **Susie Hughes'** step-mother Mona Hughes is visiting and she is taking her to Primm, NV to see Frankie Vallie & The 4 seasons plus a few days of gambling. Hope the return ticket is paid for.

Vic Liltz has had his replacement pacemaker in place for some time and is doing well. Hope to see him out and about down in Pebble Creek.

Any UA retiree, whether you are pilots, flight attendants, or ground personnel, are welcomed to contact and join us for Breakfast at Coco's. We meet bi-weekly and all are welcome. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.

Life must be lived with Love and Humor. Love to understand & Humor to endure.

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings - 8:00AM. Location - 98th and Bell roads

August 17

August 31

September 14

PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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Fall is in the air, school has or will be starting for most students, and we're gearing up for all the upcoming months of luncheons, breakfasts, or other activities that our Re-United's Chapter has planned for all of us. We hope everyone will try to get more active in this social group. We always enjoy each other's company. If you're new to the area, or even have been around for awhile, have worked for United Airlines at any time, and are of retirement age (55), membership in RUAEA is open for you. We welcome you to give us a try. Contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031 or at jbrigante@aol.com.

Our next get-together will be for Breakfast on September 24th at Crackers in Mesa. We meet at 9:00 a.m. at 535 W. Iron Avenue (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). The food is great! Contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, by September 22nd, as she needs a head count for the restaurant. Peg's phone number is (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. We look forward to seeing you. Bring a friend along too!

We had 21 at our last breakfast on July 23rd. We

had some guests; one was **Rita Zarek**'s granddaughter, Taylor. Another guest was **Jo Clinnard**, whose husband retired from EXO in Chicago, and they both were members of our Re-United's Chapter many years ago. Her husband passed away a couple of years ago. Jo decided to join our Re-United's Chapter, and we're happy to have her. Welcome!

Bob Hallden brought along some signs that **Rich Surma** made for the Orlando Convention. He gave our chapter one that states: "RUAEA – be inspired – participate – volunteer". Let's all remember that!

Another one of our former members, **Ed Dawes**, has moved back to our area from Colorado. We look forward to seeing him, as he had been very active with our Chapter. He wasn't able to attend the last breakfast, for health reasons, but hopes to be back with us at our next breakfast.

Peg Snowdall brought copies of a recent article in a local newspaper about a tribute to **Jim Zarek** from the Superstition Mountain Museum, where Jim volunteered for many years. *"Jim loved the Museum and especially loved working in the Chapel. Jim took his volunteer position in the Chapel very seriously, often encouraging visitors to donate to the Museum. He would set goals for himself each day he worked and was always happy when he attained his goals. He was always cheerful and playful and happy. Jim carried an Organ Donor Card, and the corneas of his eyes and his skin will be used so others will have a better quality of life. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions were made to the Superstition Mountain Museum in Apache Junction."* Jim passed away on May 11, 2010. We will miss him very much.

The RUAEA merger committee, consisting of **Ed Tolle**, **Mort Wax**, **Marlin Lade**, and **Ron Robertson**, have been working with Continental Airlines Golden Eagles (Retired Pilots), ARECA (equivalent to RUAEA), and communicating with RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association), about a common consensus on travel policy to be provided to the UA/CO integration team dealing with such issues. Our RUAEA President, **Ron Bertacini**, reported *"there is now agreement between all those parties that the position which our Committee has taken (UA "status quo") is to be our common position. The Golden Eagles have requested and we have agreed that the issue of waiving service charges for first class/business class travel (as is currently the case at CO) be added to the common position, for discussion with the integration team. Our position has been passed on to the UA Travel Advisory Committee. It appears to me that we have a solid front with which to appear before the integration team and one which we all believe to be in the best interest of all employees of both carriers, active and retired."*

Ron Bertacini, RUAEA's President, is *"encouraging our fellow retirees, who are not members,*

to join in support, one voice can be lost but thousands together can make a difference. No decision will be forthcoming until the merger is complete." He's encouraging us to do a lot of letter writing as there are major differences between the two companies' Travel Programs, especially in regards to retirees.

September Birthdays: **Keith Morey** (9/2), **Ken Simon** (9/3), **Bob Irwin** (9/9) 81 years old, **Pete Kuspis** (9/16) 85 years old, **Bill Rang** (9/18), and **Nancy Snediker** (9/22). Happy Birthday to all!

September Anniversaries are: **Ted & Liz Tollefsen** (9/18) and **Eldon & Jane Miller** (9/19) - 62 years. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all!

Calendar:

September 24 – Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m., Crackers is located at 535 W. Iron Avenue (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact Peg Snowdall per the information above.

October 22 – Breakfast at Crackers

October Luncheon - TBA



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Thirteen Roadrunners met at the Thunder Canyon Brewery for our July 15th luncheon, hosted by **Claire & Jerry Byle**. Although the number of Roadrunners attending the luncheon was down a bit, we still had a good get-together and enjoyed the good conversation.

As happens every summer in the Tucson area, people start moving around to find cooler climates while visiting friends and relatives around the country. In fact, our August get-together will be in the White Mountains where the air will be a bit cooler. We will be meeting and dining at the Pinetop Country Club, hosted by **Howard Hunter** on the 19th of the month, followed by a brunch on the 20th in Nutrioso at the Bistro Escudilla at 11:30 a.m. The brunch will be hosted by **Gordon & Dora Starr**. RSVP to Gordon by August 13th at (520) 529-2001. Leave your message on his voice mail. **Howard Hunter** needs to be advised by August 12th. His number is (520) 825-1908.

Our September luncheon will be hosted by **Loretta & Wayne Norman**. More information on the luncheon site later.

Calendar:

September 16 – Luncheon, hosted by **Loretta & Wayne Norman**

October 21 – Luncheon, hosted by **Ed Kokot**

CALIFORNIA

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During our last meeting/luncheon at **Bob & Marcia Stanger's** home in June, we were brought up to date with the events of the Orlando Convention. **John Stilwell** did a good job of telling us what he observed and the meetings he attended. Interesting reading could be found in the July Newsletter regarding what others had to say. It gave those of us who did not attend, a detailed account of the great time had by all. Those who were in charge of organizing the convention need to know that their efforts were greatly appreciated, as well as previous organizers of the conventions. I think a lot of these organizers got their experience from years of working at UAL when they kept our airline flying.

Those of you who are not familiar with the Central Coast of California will be interested to know that our area was photographed for use in Sunset Magazine. We used to be a quaint coastal area up to about 15 years ago when we were discovered by developers. The town of Avila Beach was contaminated by leaking oil tanks that affected the beach area. Union Oil then spent millions of dollars to tear down the town and replace tons and tons of sand. Only two buildings were saved as historical landmarks and have since been restored. Our town has now been rebuilt and has become quite a resort area. The tourists take over during the summer months, but right after Labor Day, we get our town back.

After last month's Newsletter, I received a phone call from our new Newsletter Manager, **Francis Domaratus**. I needed to make a correction and in the course of our conversation, I asked him about his training in the Air Force at Keesler Field, Mississippi. I took basic training there in 1944 and he is the only person I've talked to that ever was assigned there besides me.

We will have had our August 18th meeting at the Avila Beach Golf Club. The hosts will be **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. Our meeting after that will be on Oct. 20th, hosted by **Dana & Bill Noyes**.

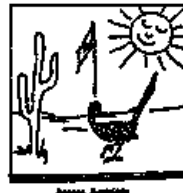
I don't know who figured this out or had the time to do it, but Heinz Ketchup leaves the bottle at .028 mph. This is something we should all remember.

Calendar

August 18 – Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

October 20 – Hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes**

December 15 – Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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This month, we start off a little differently. Usually, we mention the names of the members present that, for many different reasons, have not attended the luncheon for a while. This time we're going to give credit where credit is due. That is, all the members attending today, including of course, those that are present every month, almost without fail.

Our July luncheon, graciously hosted by **Sandy Sereno**, was held at the Desert Princess Country Club in Cathedral City. Present were: **Elaine & Ron Aggson, Barb Azbill, Mike Bailardo, Joyce Bossio, Jim & Liz Clapper, Bill & Donna Eads, Mary Frank, Fred & Jan Kellerhals, Chuck Lamas, Ron & Barb Napier, Carole Paquin, Al & Jenny Pennington, John & Maureen Schultz, Flo & Ray Silvestri, Dee Whately, Maureen Williams, and Brad Zittel**. Twenty six altogether, not a bad number, considering that it was 109 degrees outside.

How about these numbers? Anniversaries: **John & Maureen Schultz** - 45 years (7/3); **Ron & Melinda Lerg** - 49 years (7/29); and **Ron & Elaine Aggson** - 58 years (7/19). Congratulations!

On the health front, **Merv Myers** has been sidelined from the golf course with undisclosed leg pain. We wish Merv a speedy recovery to get back on the course and up to par ... or is that "down to par"? Also, we were sorry to hear that **Shirley Spittler** has had a recurrence of breast cancer. We'll keep Shirley in our thoughts and prayers.

Are you aware that UA offers a positive space 20% discount to retirees, employees, eligible dependents, etc.? Log into SkyNet. On the right side (home page) under "Travel Privileges", click on "Discount 20 Program", and check it out.

Our Birthday winner was **Barb Napier**, and **Mike Bailardo** won the 50-50 ... again! Mike, no fair using magic tricks - OK?

More Church Bulletins:

- ☺ *Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.*
- ☺ *This evening at 7 PM, there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.*
- ☺ *Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.*

Calendar:

September 8 - Palm Desert Country Club, hosted by **Chuck Lamas**

**SACRAMENTO
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Vice president **Alice McPeak** welcomed 44 members to the July meeting of the Sacramento GoldDiggers. She thanked **Dick & Sonda Sandstedt** for hosting a delicious luncheon. They also provided a tour of the lake on pontoon boats, which many members enjoyed.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the fiscal report. Secretary **Sherrill Morgan** announced that she had received a letter from **Betty Ladue** informing us that her husband, **Robert Ladue**, a long time Golddigger member, passed away on July 1st. **Angie Dellinger** will send a card expressing our condolences. **William Hunt** from Fairfax sent a check along with his interest to join. A membership application will be sent to him.

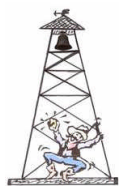
Since neither **John Zoboli** nor **Jack Raynor** were present, **Ron Bertacini** informed us that fliers for both the Sand Harbor meeting and the Minden gathering are available. He advised that the merger between **Continental** and **UAL** was moving right along. The combined airline's CEO will be Continental chief **Jeff Smisek**. United's CEO, **Glenn Tilton**, will remain as chairman. Probably, the most concern for us retirees will be the adoption of the travel regulations. We would like to see the UAL policy where space available is decided by seniority, which includes retirees, is adopted. **Ed Tolle** is the RUAEA liaison to UAL.

Thanks to **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** for conducting the raffle.

Calendar:

August 25 - Alta Sierra Country Club, hosted by **Jean & Forrester Sinclair**.

September - Undisclosed destination, hosted by **Bob & Margaret Fulkerson**.



THE HANGTOWN MINERS

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The Hangtown Miners spent their August luncheon/meeting at Red Hawk Casino in Shingle Springs. The Waterfall Buffet provides a great and varied lunch and

we enjoy a private room with a friendly wait staff. Our hosts for this meeting were **Bob & Dorean Ames**. The 45 Miners and 4 guests in attendance continued to enjoy the yummy (and low calorie) desserts while President **Jack Fitzpatrick** called the meeting to order and thanked Secretary **Suzie Quinnell** for the mistake in the last newsletter when she subtracted 5 years from his age when reporting his birthday. (You're welcome, Jack.) Vice President **Jon Somplack** said he had nothing new to report except that because we had no meeting in July due to the holiday, he missed seeing all of us. Jack read a poem written by **Helen Dalleske** "We are the Hangtown Miners!" Thank you Helen for your positive and fun thoughts about retirement.

John Zoboli - No. Cal/No. Nevada Director, talked about the convention highlights. He mentioned that the PBGC is still processing letters. An informal poll of the group showed that most of us had received our letters. Some contained good news and a few contained not-so-good news. He reported on the latest news regarding the United and Continental merger and other happenings at UAL. We all appreciate John's reports. He always has the latest info to pass on.

Rudy Blazius talked to the group about a committee meeting regarding treasury funds. The recommendation was made to subsidize the December luncheon (not give **Jerry Quinnell** a try at doubling the money at the poker table) and make our usual donations to charitable organizations.

There were two anniversaries in August, **Joe & Lynda Lima** and **Paul & Bernice Ambrose**. The July and August birthdays were **Paul Ambrose**, **Gary Dalleske**, **Dorothy Stroud**, **Irv Wolfram** and **Rudy Blazius**.

Calendar:

September - There will be no meeting in September.

October - Meeting will be hosted by **Bill & Pati Kenney**

**REDWOOD EMPIRE
RETIREES**

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On July 8th, 41 attendees gathered at the Chalet Basque Restaurant in San Rafael, Marin County. The weather was beautiful. We celebrated Independence Day over again; everything was decorated in red, white and blue. There were great table decorations, wine and candy. It was good fun.

After a wonderful lunch, our President **Joanne Huhn** called the meeting to order. We had a moment of silence for **Frank Ochoa**, who passed away on June

16th. **Frank** & his wife **Dorothy** were members of our group. He will be missed.

Joanne thanked **Richard & Maria Southon** for hosting. They were assisted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**. Treasurer **Judy DeFord** reported on our financial standing, which is still strong. Vice President **Maddy McKinnis** is busy getting ready to have hip surgery, (take good care Maddy) so Judy announced our guests: **Fred McCauley**, guest of **Lou & Sheila Leggnito**; **Louis Lovell** and **Mary Shearer**; guests of **Richard** and **Maria Southon**.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the July birthdays: **Roger Casterline**, **Janice Blackburn**, **Inara Witt**, **Pat Leahy**, **Charlie Anderson**, **Heino Witt**, **George Schwind**, **Helen Furber**, **Larry Schmidt**, **Verda Burr** and **Joan Olsson**. The winner was **Verda Burr**, which was sworn to by **Pete Bilsich**. The anniversaries were: **Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly** (71 years), **Nick & Maria Van Kruining** (57 years), **Fred & Joan Langkusch** (60 years). Best Wishes to all.

Verda sent cards to the **O'Kellys**, **Dorothy Ochoa** and **Clare Hagen** who is recovering from ankle surgery. Verda topped it off with a couple of very funny jokes, enjoyed by everyone.

Our autobiography of the month of July is **George Schwind**. George grew up in San Jose, CA. He went to high school there and when he was a senior, the year was 1941 and WWII had started. George joined the Navy and went thru his basic training in Farragut, ID.

After completion, he was sent to Electrical School, then on a submarine to Pearl Harbor, then to Midway Island. After the war, George went to San Jose State under the G.I. Bill. That is where he met his wife, Lois. After 2½ years, he transferred to Stanford, and married Lois in his Senior year. George says *"that's the best thing he ever did."* He graduated in 1950 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and went to work for P.G. & E, then with Switchgear Mfg.

It was George's brother who suggested he apply at United Air Lines. When he started working at the Maintenance Operations Center, gas was 26 cents a gallon, a 2 bedroom house was \$11,000, a Packard Clipper cost \$2,600 and net salary was \$3,800 per year. The year was 1955 when George started in Engineering at UAL. George was promoted to Flt Control Support, then to DC8 Fleet Manager, where **Roger Casterline** was his boss. One of his first jobs was to do a Flight Crash Report.

They had a crash in the Grand Canyon and the aircraft had an old WWII flight recorder located in the tail of the aircraft. They learned that was not the correct place for the recorder to be installed. He put together the "Specs" to change location of the recorder to where it is located today.

In 1986, George joined with Bendix and 3 DC8 and

737 pilots to work on a Collision Avoidance Traffic Alert System. It is now a requirement certified by the FAA and has been accepted around the world by all airlines. He worked one more year and retired on October 31, 1988 with 33 years with United Air Lines.

Joanne reminded us of our Charity box and that the August meeting will be held at Armstrong State Park. **Verda Burr** will be hosting with all her helpers.

Calendar:

September 9 - La Gare, hosted by **Nick & Maria Van Kruining**

October 14 - Quail Inn, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**

Re-LAX-ers

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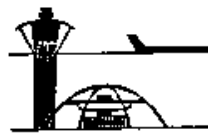
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Not much news has come through this month, but I'll give it a try. People I've seen most recently are **Es-ter Horompoly** (my USO partner), **Judy Dunworth** and **Liz Hreno**, (both subbing at the USO).

At our steak fry, however, I was able to see and chat with some folks seen about once a year. **Mark Morris** made it up from further down in Orange County than I am. He's still teaching - high-schoolers, yet. He says they say *"We like old Mr. Morris - he's funny"*. Another welcome face was **Rubin Knight**, who is very much involved in various activities with his church -- he lives in the Cerritos area just up the road a piece from Seal Beach. Other welcome faces from way down in O.C. were **Linda & Bill Sokoloff** - they missed the mess on the northbound 405 which caught me. One wonderfully welcome person, **Linda Muche**, who has been fighting the throat cancer treatment for so long. Probably her most recent thing to battle was having to turn down one of those great steaks since she can't swallow any food, yet. I was so happy to be able to exchange a few words with her - wish we'd had time for more. But missing were **Shirley & Pete Crissione**. **Marion Barnett** was enjoying her steak but had to pack up one for buddy, **Jackie Hills**, who is really suffering from an awful cold. One of our most favorite members had another set-back so wasn't able to make it - **Olga Jean Barnes** - we really missed her. And the retirees from the operations at LAX advise that **Kathy Kennebeck** is having some health problems - not many details available at this point. I know I've missed some names, so remind me and I'll add them, better late than never next time

An amazing number of people at the picnic asked when we are going to have another trip. Problem is, not enough participants to pay for a bus or to qualify for a group rate on cruises, etc. (I've had to cancel more than once.) *Here's a thought, drop me a note or email about a tour you'd like and approximately when you're available for travel. We'll try to come up with something. I kinda miss doing it, too.*

August 7th, I went to LAS for my birthday with **Lu Friel** and gang. In a conversation with them about 6 weeks ago they said, "Come on over for your Birthday." Sure, good idea. Booked JetBlue from our wonderful LGB airport at their reasonable (non-refundable) fares. A few days later it struck me - Am I nuts? I hate hot weather. LAS in August? I should have said I decided to change my birthday to November - but I'm committed now and should survive if the power for the a/c doesn't fail. Helping me celebrate were Lu, roommate Jan, and their neighbors, **George** (his birthday, too) and **Lee Price**. Lu and Lee were my LAXTO friends and held down the weird and wonderful Hollywood CTO for ages. I was reminded again that I'm certainly getting older when I didn't recognize retirees at the picnic - they were hired since I retired! Then I read about F/A **Ron Akana** who was hired in 1949 and is still flying! I was hired in June 1949 and retired 26 years ago. I loved my job but not that much. 'Course I went to the same place and did it every week day - Ron gets to be on the go and see different sights every day of work. What fun, keep it up; it seems that it really works for you!

Another thought for ReLAXers members: You've no doubt noticed one or two other chapters printing bio's each issue of one of their members - which I think is a great idea. I started doing it in our condo neighborhood so we're getting to know each other. There are some pretty exciting jobs in our fabulous industry and some pretty interesting people who helped build a very interesting company. Your career history and before, even, you and your family accomplishments, etc., all welcome. Send 'em to me and I'll share through the ReLAXers column.

Calendar:

All luncheons are now at Proud Bird Restaurant - 111th and Aviation at LAX.

September 25 - LAXRR/TO reunion, Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo, 11am-3:30pm. Contact **Jim Ferrance**, 10500 National Blvd, Apt. 24, LA CA. 90034-3626 for flyer. Deadline is August 24.

October 7 - Meeting and luncheon at the Proud Bird.

December ?? -- Fantasy Flight. Call **Laly Savoy** for details and to be a Santa's helper, (310) 225-2553 / laly.savoy@yahoo.com.

December 2 - Christmas luncheon at Proud Bird

GOLDEN GATERS

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A bit of a chill in the air reminds us we are soon approaching autumn, September 23. The shorter days speeding by remind me of this encouraging bit of wisdom: "When tears come, endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is our self. Be alive while you are alive."

A local July 2010 newspaper tells us of the passing of **Jean L. Gilmore**, sweet wife of **Robert T. Gilmore**. Cards may be sent to 588 Marlin Court, Redwood Shores, CA 94065. God speed, **Jeanie**.

Honorary Life out-of-state member **John (Brandy) Branstetter** has had a medical setback. But for this great spirited and tough old-timer, we're sure this is only temporary. Cards may be sent to **Brandy** c/o **Erna Hopkins**, 3316 Hidden Springs Drive, Medford, OR 97504.

Wedding anniversaries recently celebrated hit some highs this time: **Margaret & Rex Reelfs** with 52 years, **Betty & Aubrey Bliss** with 62, and **Milt & Marie Cavalli** topping the cake at 72 years. Methinks they should all write "How To" books, right?

Again our appreciation goes out to **James & Helen Goodwine** for donating still another pair of recent "Giants" tickets to be raffled off to membership, hence benefiting our designated charity programs.

Our annual in-the-park Flood Park picnic supersedes our usual **Monday, 27 September** general meeting. If by habit, you come to our usual monthly general meeting location in Foster City, you will be all alone, y'all. So turn around and head for 215 Bay Road, Menlo Park, CA, a lovely wooded area ... a long-time favorite of ours. And if past indications are correct, people start arriving any time after 10 a.m. Parking is a breeze and out-of-town UAL retirees are definitely welcome! Incidentally, if you haven't bought your tickets before or during the **Monday, 23 August** meeting, call, beg or plead with our favorite lady Auditor, **Judy Curran** at (650) 593-8922 to save a ticket for you @ \$10 for members, \$15 for guests. Closing date for ticket purchasing is Friday, 17 September. Please note: We are again encouraging each of you to donate a non-perishable **canned or dried food item** for "those less fortunate". Charity Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** will be happy to take your contribution.

International Tour Director **Ginger Dahlberg** still has a few places available on her February 9 - 23, 2011 "**Grand Egypt**" adventure! (Extend your trip by 3 days to visit Abu Simbel.) Contact **Ginger** at (650) 224-

1865 or email: gingersfo@aol.com. A bit closer to home, an "Interest/Sign Up Sheet" is up for an always fun 2-night trip to spectacularly beautiful **Yosemite National Park**, lunch at their long famous Awahane Hotel (fantastic food), then to Chukchansi Casino & Resort and other great tour extras. Contact **Ginger** ASAP, please.

Local Tour Coordinator **Jo Milligan** has this fun-filled Thursday, 16 September day tour lined up for us: artsy by-the-Bay **Sausalito, CA**. Pricing includes transportation, lunch and still leaves time for shopping! Quickly telephone her at (650) 591-2194 for this one. Also, busy bee **Josephine** has an "Interest/Sign Up" sheet for a **San Jose, CA** "Radio City Rockettes Christmas Spectacular" on Saturday or Sunday, December 18 or 19, with transportation and dinner included. (Call **Jo** to confirm date.)

Speaking to **SFO** Mainliner Club Representative **Jerry Underhill**: They are sponsoring a **Reno, NV** bus trip for October 15, 16 and 17 (weekend dates, folks). Departure will be from the Local #1781 Union Hall, Rollins Road, Burlingame at 12:15 p.m. You'll be visiting the Legacy Hotel & Casino, John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel & Casino, and the Boomtown Hotel & Casino. Call **Bob Chavez** at (650) 634-4158 ASAP for further details!

Personally Speaking: I'm so tired of years of eating the recommended "banana a day", I'm totally "banana'd-out"! Don't know why I didn't think of this sooner: I'm now snacking on dried banana chips (**no sugar added**) throughout the day. Much more convenient to eat, absolutely no vitamin loss, only water loss, and much better for me than a cookie or candy bar for an energy boost. I can find these in small bags or in bulk in my local market ... or, online in various shapes, size packages, and prices. You're supposed to store these in a "washed and drained airtight container". My old glass canning jar works great. (P.S. If they get caught in your teeth, which will encourage you to "brush more often" **OR** to buy a "plaque remover" called "Stim-U-Dent"). The package looks somewhat like a book of matches and can be found near the toothbrush and toothpaste displays.)

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday of each month **except for September** (picnic) and December, 11:30 a.m. promptly for the business meeting, followed by lunch (potluck or a "special" meal) and entertainment, at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380. Mail should be sent to UAL SFO-Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Visiting throughout the month was *"TEP" Collin Scales, young grandson of **Cheri & Ben** and **Len & LeVerne Haubl**'s grandson Collin who has been in Children's Musical theatre for several years. A steady and *"VIP" to **Vi Mattscheck** is Bob, her son and driver. He should get the award for Son of the Month or Year. The servers at breakfast honored Bob with his own slice of birthday cake on the 23rd and when the chapter sang a second time, he graciously accepted our good cheer. The South Bay Ladies Luncheon was hosted by **Alice Rostirolla** and **Ann Olthof** at Alice's House on August 4. We don't share too many details, but look to next month's report for a "mini peek and a few spilled beans".

Unfortunately, our sunshine lady **LaDonna** has been pushing to recover from a fall (no broken bones). Her good friend **Marion Swanson** who has been a UAL member of many years, stepped up to report on those needing a little TLC and "good vibes" sent their way. **George Smith** will be having an MRI for his hearing loss. **Stan Coleman** sees the Dr. in hopes that all is going well in the recovery from his fall in the Holy Lands. His first cast has been changed to a more versatile one that can be removed to exercise; **Zelma Kibler Rosenthal** has remedied a small cyst on her eye. **Anna Howze** has just had knee replacement surgery. The good news is that Anna is on the mend. It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of **Deloris Burda**. She had battled cancer and the treatment for at least five years. She was the inspiration to many and a gracious lady who would not give up. Her smile will be missed. Her husband **Don**, "**Homer the Clown**" preceded her in death. They were a team who entertained tirelessly through many health issues to both.

The following people have left the states for ingestion of knowledge and wisdom of the areas near China. The **Devlins**; **Marcolinas**; **Olthofs** and **Reichards**; we look forward to their safe return and stories they might tell.

Calendar:

(8:00 AM Friday Breakfast at Holders Country Inn in Cupertino across from the Home-Depot)

September 29 - Fall Banquet at Michael's at Shoreline

December 7 - Winter Banquet at Mariani's

*TEP - The Ever Popular

*VIP - Very Important Person



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Hello again! Are we all enjoying the lovely (very hot) weather that summertime has given us? I'm ready for some cooler weather but we have to take what we can get and enjoy it.

That's what we did - we all enjoyed our picnic up at Groveland on July 8th. The weather was lovely and a bit warm but we had a barbeque and lots of side dishes. **Bob & Ginger DuMars** hosted our picnic with about 40 people in attendance.

Thanks to Bob & Ginger for a fun day. They put an ad in the local paper and wrote an article about the San Joaquiner's UAL Retiree group coming to Groveland for the picnic and they got a great response. The following UAL retirees joined us: **Roger & Joan Sloan, Nina Job, George & Diana Harrison, and Bill & Janine Bakers**. We hope to see you all again.

Hope you are all enjoying life and staying well. Our health is so important and governs our life style. So take care and see ya next month.

COLORADO

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Saturday August 7 was a beautiful day in Denver and there were 50 retirees who gathered for breakfast at the United Flight Training Center.

Virgil & Martha Gooselaw's daughter, **Dianne Adkins**, joined us. Good to see **Max & Diane Townsend, Gene & Kathy Sibley** and **Jim & Ginger Spate**.

Tom Goodyear reported that **Bill Sprague** was having chemo treatments for his throat cancer and that he really appreciated the concern shown for him. If you want to send Bill a get well card, his address is: Bill Sprague, 1053 Georgian Place, Bartlett, IL 60103.

Tom reported a situation that happened to him after returning from a trip. A friend of his was charged for first class and he rode coach. Fortunately he kept the boarding coupon which is his proof of the overcharge. Morale of the story: *"Everyone should keep their boarding pass stubs to avoid any wrongful charges by UAL."*

Don't forget our Oktoberfest on September 15 at Helga's, 14197 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora. Social Hour at 11:00AM, Lunch at noon. Maximum number is 70; please no walk-ins, cash bar. Meal Choices:

- ☞ Pork Jaeger Schnitzel - Select Pork grilled and sautéed in a brown hunter's sauce, topped with mushrooms and golden fried onions, served with red cabbage and spaetzle.
- ☞ Chicken Schnitzel Tender - Chicken dipped in special egg-batter, rolled in bread crumbs, and pan-fried to perfection, served with French fries and veggies.
- ☞ Bratwurst Platter - German Bratwurst (Thuringer and smoked) grilled on charcoal, served with potato salad and sauerkraut.
- ☞ Koenigsburger Klopse - steamed meat dumpling (beef & pork) served with parsley potatoes, peas & carrots.

Dessert - Apple Strudel!

All for only \$17.00 P/P. Price includes coke, ice tea, hot tea, coffee, Tax and Tip. Send your checks by September 10, 2010 to: **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone number (303) 477-2918. Make check payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Write Menu choice on the check, name (s) of guest (s) and their menu choice.

The following retirees returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Lynes Allen, Tom Goodyear, Charles Hassler, OJ Keip, Charles Norris, Ray Shoults** and **C. Smith**. The chapter wants to thank you.

Calendar

Breakfast 1st Sat. each month, 9:00 AM at Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call **Tom Goodyear** for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!



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We held our regular meeting on July 26th at The Village Inn. Our meeting was attended by several loyal members.

Richard Franco - DENSW/COSUZ will not return to China as he has COPD as a result of SHS and there is very poor air quality in Beijing. Does anyone have information on Second Hand Smoke and F/A's lawsuit? I talked to retiree **Bart "Nonno" Solari** (OAKOZ, SFOCS, RNOOZ) from Italy last Sunday and he is doing well and loves living there, a reminder that his wife

passed away ten years ago and he was remembering old friends. **Patty Matthies** - COSOZ/DENOO is out of the hospital after 4 months and taking it easy. **Joel Matthies** - COSOZ had a knee replacement on August 4th.

Our regular meetings are held at The Village Inn on Harrison Rd. and I-25 for lunch at 1200 hrs. Welcome all retirees and friends!

Calendar:

August 23 – Regular meeting
September 27 – Regular meeting
October 25 – Regular meeting
November 22 - Regular meeting
Christmas Party – Open

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The lazy days of summer will be coming to an end soon. The days seem to pass more quickly the older I get. It was a nice surprise to have as many as 15 at our August meeting, which included **Paul Brown**, our Regional Director.

Lowell & Anne Johnson were in VA at Anne's family reunion. **Steve & Lil Moddle** were in NC again, **Emily Veracka** was busy, and **Bud & Karen Gammill** are still in WI enjoying some beautiful and probably much cooler weather than we have had here.

It was a rather quiet meeting as there were no special celebrations of birthdays or anniversaries or company anniversary celebrants present. **Penny Logan** gave a treasury report, indicating our treasury is slowly growing again. **Frank Thomas** won our 50/50. Prez **Dick Coughlin** had some jokes for us along with a word puzzle to figure out.

Between Prez **Dick** and RUAEA Dir. **Paul Brown**, we were caught up on the convention activities and news of the company. It seems the attendance at the conventions is shrinking. I'm sure it's because many of us are getting older and don't travel much anymore or, like me, don't travel alone anymore. It seems the merger talks between UAL and Continental will be going on bi-weekly until the merger is completed. A lot of the combined air routes between the two companies don't conflict, so there will be opportunities for those who fly to travel to new places.

Frieda Coughlin will be going up to IL to be with their son John as he undergoes another surgery. Three years ago, he had a serious industrial accident as a truck

backed over him, and he has been in and out of hospitals with lots of issues since then. He will be having back surgery, and will have to wear a brace for four months. Keep them all in your prayers for a good outcome.

Thought for today: *Long ago men cursed the ground, beating it with sticks, and it was called witchcraft; but today it is called golf.*

Calendar:

September 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster
October 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster
November 4 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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Our meeting group of 39 members and guests was brought to order by President **Rich Llewellyn** at 2:30pm at the Golden Corral in our private dining area. A scan of the crowd told Rich that we had several "old" members we hadn't seen in awhile! **Lisa Leighty**, **Don Ulman**, **Sharon Ringer** and **Montague Martin** were welcomed back! And some new faces and "future" members! **Eric Dodson** and **Dick Benson** recently retired from MCOCG ... and they already look like they are relaxed and enjoying life! Dick's wife, **Cathy** joined us too and Eric's wife, **Marie** will see us all in September, per Eric! **Gene & Joann Hall** brought their 20 year old grandson, Nathan Williams, to lunch too.

First order of business was our picnic. This year, it will be held at Cypress Grove, a beautiful park, just south of Holden, between Orange Avenue and OBT, on Tuesday, Oct. 5th. **Bobbie Gay** rented the facility for us from 11am – 5pm! We will have a ball. So, mark the date on your calendar and join us for burgers and dogs! Bring a dish to share with the group! Last year's attendance was good, but with all the new members we have this year, including Eric and Dick today - we should have an awesome turnout! Remember, you don't have to be a member to come, just a UAL retiree! **Join us!**

August Birthday Boys and Girls include: **Stan Halterman**, 8/1, **Sharon Ringer**, 8/13, **Shelby Michels**, 8/15, **Lisa Leighty**, 8/28 and **Richard Vinson**, 8/31! Yeah!

Calendar:

Luncheon time - first Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road).
September 7 - Luncheon

October 5 - Picnic

November 2 - Luncheon

December 7 – Christmas Luncheon. Location to be determined.

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On Friday, August 6th, eleven Pelican Drop-Ins had breakfast together at Perkins in North Fort Myers. **Paul & Ingrid Olson** joined us from Crystal Lake, IL. They were here for 5 days to check on their winter home in Fort Myers and had luck using their passes for the trip down to Fort Myers.

At the 4th of July parade on Pine Island, FL, **Sally Seiple** was dressed as Betsy Ross making a flag riding on the float. She won 3rd place. **John & Nancy Dainus** have purchased tickets for their trip to Kona this month. They have rented a condo there for 10 days to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Rosemary Blake spent a week in Guatemala with her Spanish class, improving her Spanish and enjoying the sights. Rosemary had lived in Guatemala when she was a child and brought pictures that she took on this trip and some pictures from her childhood of the same buildings and cathedrals.

Bee McCarthy, Joan Gilkison and **Linda & Mel Volz** were also at breakfast. Mel is planning a trip to Michigan to check on his home there. **Nancy Kopp** and her brother are taking a driving trip to Missouri to visit their cousins later this month.

Because of Labor Day weekend, our next breakfast meeting will be on Friday, September 10th at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers. If any **United Airlines** employees or retirees are in town, please call and join us for breakfast.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (**October–May**)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June–September**)

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Vice President **Bob Lindstorm** called the meeting to order on August 2 at Tiffany's Restaurant with 24 members in attendance.

August birthdays were: **Audrey Kutilek** and **Helena Kocevar**. There were two anniversaries: **Flo & Art Reveillac** celebrating 65 years (8/28) and **Jan & Bob Lindstorm** celebrating 43 years (8/26).

Jim & Pat Hottel flew 28 segments between June and July, getting seats on all of the flights they booked. **Jon Wilkinson** and **Ethel Cargill** flew to Pittsburgh for his family reunion, while there, they attended the mechanics picnic. Due to full flights, they returned to Tampa on U.S. Airways by way of Dulles, and Charlotte. **Loretta Marvett** finally arrived in San Francisco after problems with flight canceling, full flight and a delayed flight. She extended her trip with her daughter on a round trip ZED fare from Denver to Houston. She arrived safely at home after waiting for several flights from Denver to Tampa.

Thanks to **Mary Martin** for making the picnic flyer. Our picnic will be October 4, 2010 at Anderson Park, shelter #4, the meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at 12 noon. There is a choice of BBQ Chicken or Pulled Pork, not both. Price for Guests and non-members is \$6.00 P/P. Please, no walk-ins. Reservations will end September 27, a sign up sheet is available or call **Pat & Jim Hottel** at (352) 597-4483 to make or cancel a reservation.

Our membership stands at approximately 60 members as of Aug. 1, 2010.

Jon Wilkinson gave us information concerning the new Medicare. He suggested we read www.healthreform.com for information. **Bob Lindstorm** passed around a flyer concerning the purchasing of Art Exhibits for sale at Brooker Creek.

Calendar:

September 13 - Meeting at Tiffany Restaurant – Note the date change.

October 4 - Picnic meeting at Anderson Park

Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.

~George Eliot

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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Since our July meeting was held on July 8 (after the Newsletter deadline), we did not have a report for the August 2010 RUAEA Newsletter.

Roni Adams traveled during April & May and reported the following: *"In mid April, I traveled to Juneau, AK for a 5 day visit with my daughter who works for Alaska State Tax Commission. During my visit, we went to see the impressive Mendenhall Glacier ... it took my breath away! This is a must see when you go to Juneau! On another day, while we were at the wharf where all the cruise ships dock, we got to see a huge avalanche come down from top of Mt. Juneau (about 3 miles from edge of town). On May 16, I flew to Indiana for my grandson's college graduation from Valparaiso University. Then I spent 5 days with the family in Maribel, WI. My grandson took me to a beautiful beach around Lake Michigan, and we walked the beach together. Our next walk on a beach will be in Hawaii. On May 26, I headed for the land of space shuttles and the RUAEA convention in Orlando. The Rosen Centre Hotel is a magnificent hotel. I was impressed with Mr. Rosen when he spoke at our Friendship Dinner. The tour of the Kennedy Space Center was certainly a highlight, and as always, one of my favorites at any convention is seeing and visiting with UAL retirees whom I have known for years (worked with, flew with). Several of my friends from Clipped Wings were there to make this another wonderful trip for me. The Orlando Real McCoys really outdid themselves. It was a great convention."*

Our July 4th celebration was held on July 8 at **Marlene Croghan's** home. Twenty-six retirees and their guests attend the potluck luncheon: **Camille & Bill Rangle, Ned Yundt, Marilyn Taylor, Rick & Shirley Dempsey, Robert & Palmer Sarnoff, Roni Adams, Louise Duvall, Louise Hagen** and her two daughters, **Sharon Kolins, Floyd & Ann Rose, Bud & Pat Peters, Denny Snyder, Chan & Nancy Hammagren, Margaret Robertson** and her guest, and our gracious host **Marlene Croghan**. We all had a delightful time despite the 100 degree heat!

Our monthly breakfast meeting was held on August 1 at JB's Restaurant in Meridian. Only 10 of us came for breakfast: **Joe & Joan Varady, Ned Yundt, Marilyn Taylor, Marlene Croghan, Denny Snyder, Robert & Palmer Sarnoff, and Rick & Shirley Dempsey**.

Calendar:

There will be no breakfast meeting in September.

Sept. 8 - Annual Memorial Picnic, hosted by **Carol & Dave Adams** at Cassia Park, Boise, Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 4 - Breakfast Meeting – JB's Restaurant, Meridian

Nov. 1 - Breakfast Meeting – JB's Restaurant, Meridian

Dec. 6 - Breakfast Meeting JB's Restaurant, Meridian

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We now have 568 Skyliners on our roster. It would be lovely to see more of them getting up early for the breakfasts. Almost 200 turned out for the picnic at Chandlers Country Club. We had the usual delicious brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, coleslaw and potato salad. Some people missed the brownies but the macadamia cookies were delicious. The golf cart rides from the parking lot are always greatly appreciated. Save July 25th of next year for the picnic at the same place.

In answer to all our prayers, at dessert time, we got the message that our Skyliner President **Bob Jacobson** had a successful surgery and was in recovery.

Jim Guerin is doing well after quadruple bypass surgery and we hope to see him in September. **Georgia Schneider** is on our sick list and would welcome cards at 2803 Campbell St., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

Muriel Bergsma is feeling wonderful after a new kind of hip surgery in Oconomowoc, WI. It is called anterior hip replacement in the groin area versus the normal posterior. She was up in 2 days and had only 4 to 5 stitches. She advises the information is available at www.prohealthcare.org/video

A sad note to report is the death of **Clayton Barto** on July 9, 2010. He and his wife **Dorothy** had to move to the Kankakee area due to illness and be near children. Condolences may be sent to c/o Butterfield Center, 1601 Butterfield Trail, Kankakee, IL 60901.

George Rumpelstiltskin just returned from a Tanganyika Safari. He didn't advise what he was celebrating this time. **Mary Kay & Gil Wojtal** had such a good time at the Loonies get together in Podosky, they went back to Charlevoix, MI to **Hope & Don Hayden's** home to visit and pick up a Loonie shirt for Gil. They then went on to visit Gil's brother in Traverse City and sister in Ludington; they had to show off the shirt, of course.

Only one anniversary in the month of August: **Lucy**

& **Lyle** with 53 years. Hope the air conditioner was on.

We had 19 at the Southside breakfast in July. Our ranks were swelled by visitors **Bob Franson** (ORDFF), **Dave Lindgren** (FLL & ORD), **Frank Mancini** (ORDFF), **Al Giovannzzi** (ORDFF) and **Bernard Harrigan** (ORDGQ). We hope to see you all again each month. A special visitor was the grandchild of **Agnes & Bob Pearson**, seven year old Riley Misch. We extend a special welcome back to **Margaret Schmitt**. She advises she will be taking a cruise to Cozumel and the Mayan Ruins for eight days. We usually try to bribe our visitors to come back by winning the raffle. Sure enough, **Bob Franson** and **Al Giovannzzi** won. To keep everything on the up and up, **Ted Guz** won twice. **Carlyle Brandt** was ready to make an appearance, but an appointment with a therapist took precedence.

One hundred forty tickets were sold for the Cubs ball game on August 8th. A great deal at \$14.50 with free bus rides to the door. We have completed plans for the fall luncheon to be held on Oct. 20th at the Bristol Court and the Xmas Luncheon on Dec. 6th at the Avalon. Mark these dates and watch for the flyers.

I'm sure many of you were stunned as was the committee to hear Artemis closed its door August 1st with no notice ... As you have probably guessed, there was no August meeting for the Northside breakfast. The committee is making plans to continue the breakfasts at Ritzzy's Café and Backereia at 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, (847) 253-8027. Hope to see you all there.

To the person who placed a call to me and we could only understand Denver and an area code only as 303, would you please drop me a line with your name, address and information desired. Sorry, the connection was very poor.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**August 31 & September 28**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzzy's Café and Backereia, 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 (**September 8**)

Food depository - First Tuesday – **September 7**.

LOOP GROUP

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It was a lovely summer day in Chicago and just down the street from our hotel on Wacker, Hollywood

was filming a new production of "The Transformers 3", so there were lots of activity outside.

There were 11 retirees attending the July Luncheon including a new visitor, **Kathleen Miles**, who recently retired from ORDSW. She came with **Muriel Bergsma** who had recovered from her hip surgery and is in tip top shape! Her surgery was performed by a surgeon who does not cut the muscle so she was almost dancing afterwards.

Bob Jacobson had cancer surgery in July and is doing very well in his recovery and will be home when this is read. You can send get well wishes to Bob at 346 N. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, IL 60067.

Ted & Agneta Jung had recently returned from a trip to Germany. They flew UAL and had no problem getting First Class both ways. Traveling in the middle of the week is a good idea.

A very extensive buffet is offered at our luncheons as well as ordering from the menu. The food comes beautifully prepared and is delicious. Service is outstanding and we were well attended by Marcelo and Manuel and we get separate checks.

Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, September 15th. Please be sure to call or email before noon of Tuesday, September 14th to let me know your attendance as the restaurant needs to know the number for setting up the table.

Calendar:

September 15 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant), 11:30 a.m.

October – No luncheon scheduled

November 17 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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The hot days, and they certainly have been that, are becoming fewer. Soon the leaves will turn into a vibrant array of gold, orange and fiery reds. A wonderful time for taking day trips on the back roads (at a slower pace) and interstates, while enjoying the cool and mountainsides blazing in color.

Congratulations to **Jack & Carol Conway** on their 50th wedding anniversary on the 9th of July. Jack & Carol presented an open invitation to Indy Racers to a party on the 24th, given by their son in celebration. **Ron**

& **Cheri Innis** and I went and joined with their family and friends viewing remembrance of their life together. It was lovely. And speaking of good times, Cheri & Ron invited me to their home on my birthday for a relaxing evening and a grilled steak dinner. What a treat! **Dimple Rihel** had also just returned from Las Vegas with her daughter and she joined us as well. She admitted to not hitting the big jackpot, but broke even. That sounds like winning to me.

Sadly, I heard today that **Lilia Theiss**, wife of **Charles Theiss**, was admitted into the hospital in Carmel. She has been struggling for some time with back and knee problems, hope she will be feeling better and returning home soon.

At our July meeting, we voted on by-law changes regarding procedures for last minute cancellations of meetings and/or events and maintenance of our "memorial fund". Also, beginning in October, our group has decided to change our meeting date to the second Tuesday vs. second Monday.

As for our globetrotters, **Mary Chandler** took a quick four-day trip to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. She reported that it is a beautiful, clean city and she would go back again for a longer stay. The flight was 13 hours each way, barring flight delays, and she was on the go sightseeing when she got there.

Happy belated August birthdays to: **Warren Allen** and **Mario Bregante**. Hope they were well celebrated!

One additional note of thanks to **Virgil Gooselaw** for all the wonderful work on the RUAEA Newsletter that he has done. Now that he is manager of membership, I'm certain he will do equally as well. Loved that picture on the August edition of the Indianapolis airport.

Calendar:

September 13 - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

October 12 – Tuesday, (new meeting day) IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters didn't hold a July meeting, so, no meeting news.

On August 1, **Helmut Umbley** got a call out of the

blue. That call came from **John Donahue**, past BOSOO and once a Nor'Easter, now living in Garmische, in southern Germany. He called to tell Helmut about his home town of Weimar, Germany. For over 60 years, Weimar had remained rubble from the effects of WWII. But after the reunification of Germany, it has been completely rebuilt to its original beauty. Helmut, come visit! John asked to say hello to all the Nor'Easters. On another note, Helmut had a hip replacement on July 6 and was home on the 10th. He said you don't know what pain is until it's gone. Ten days later, staples removed and no pain, except for sore muscles from physical therapy. Helmut thanks all his fellow Nor'Easters for the get well cards.

George Sousa fell, broke a hip, and has been in a nursing home since. **Joan** advised she didn't know when he'd be returning home. She didn't give an address for cards and his E address is off.

Don Simard was hospitalized on July 13 and passed away on the 22nd, caused by complications from his 4 year battle with multiple myeloma. Don was a CSR, specializing in LF, which alone qualifies one for sainthood. He was one of the good guys and left us much too soon. Don was very active on his home front and in our chapter functions. He was our master of ceremonies and auctioneer. Don will be sorely missed.

September's birthdays: **Robert Anderson, John Bosco, Frank DeStefano, Carleen Eddy, Mercedes Hersom, Mark Hutchings, Marge LeClair, Joseph Moise, Gerald Peters, Lynn O'Hara, Paul O'Mara** and **Tyrone Withrow**.

September's Anniversaries: **Robert & Mary Boyle** (30 years), **Ed & Virginia Burke** (53), **Frank & Natalie Procopio** (51), **Bill & Judy Rodenhizer** (25) and **Don & Joan Simard** (46).

It's hard to make a comeback, if you've never been anywhere!

Calendar:

September 21 – Isaac's Restaurant, Plymouth MA. On the South Shore!

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Much THANKS (I think) to my computer geek, who transferred most my files last evening, I am able to send the Escapee report on time. Unfortunately, my

computer died a week ago, so I had to purchase a new one and right now, it is driving me crazy. I do not like change and all the new software is different. I think it took me forever to just find out how to select the font and size. I am sure, once I use it enough it will be better, however at my age ... I do not like starting all over.

Anyway, 18 Escapees and 4 guests gathered at Max and Irma's on August 5, in Novi, hosted by **Marlene & Brendan Heaney**. I truly hope no one showed up on the 4th as I goofed and put the wrong date in our local NL. However, if you did RSVP, as you are supposed to, you would have been advised of the correction. I also apologize to **Pat Klein** and **Nancy Woolen**, who tried to RSVP and were so happy that it was on Wed. as they thought they could come and was advised of the error. Just in case I goof again next month, we will be meeting the 2nd Thurs., instead of the 1st, due to the holiday and our hosts' request.

Sadly, we said our final goodbyes to **Nancy Horn** (CLERR) (DTWRR), who left this world on July 8 and also to **Lynette Roach** (DTWRR) who left July 21. Love and prayers to Nancy's family, 4635 282nd St., Toledo, OH 43611. Sorry, I have no contact for Lynette's family.

Also, **Judy Haag's** daughter Julie, who has 2 small children, has been diagnosed with cancer. Love and prayers to Judy and the family @ 27688 Harrison Woods Lane, Harrison Twp. MI 48045.

Finally, some good news; **Gloria & Herb Alexander** became first time great-grandparents on July 20. Little Noah Isaiah Alexander Thrasher arrived several weeks early weighing in at 4lbs. & 17in. long. Congratulations to Gloria & Herb, who can't believe their little Herbie, is now a daddy.

Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call or email.

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Our July meeting was attended by 32 Northern Lites on a warm, normal July day. I looked at last year's newsletter describing the 2009 July gathering & remembered the chilly weather which had us all perplexed. We get enough chilly weather up here that we sure don't want it in July!

We were all pleased to see **Wes & Bette Briest**. It

was our extreme pleasure to sing "Happy Birthday" for **Wes' 90th** year. Coincidentally, **Bette** had celebrated her birthday, too, just a few days before, so we included her in our rousing rendition.

President **Lee Storlie** reminded us that we have a new regional RUAEA director, **Helen Cauwels**. The outgoing director, **Jim Simons**, spoke about the term he served as the Central Region's representative to the RUAEA board, how many great people he'd met & would miss seeing on the visits to the different chapters. However, golf was calling & he was going to answer the phone!

Lee mentioned a new scam which is being reported around the Internet, where the baddies set a baby car seat with doll & blanket in it by the side of the road. When a concerned motorist, usually female, stops to check it out, she's accosted and robbed. That started the members reporting other scams, one of which had actually happened to an acquaintance of **Arlene Kelley**. Someone actually reproduced a debit card with her friend's number on it, & while they were gone on vacation, cleaned out their bank account in \$500 increments day after day. **Diane Storlie** told about a scam whereby if you dial "90#" when told by a caller from the "telephone company", that it allows the caller access to your phone & they run up a humongous bill by making international or 1-900 calls.

Lyle & Sonja Gunderson went on a "mystery" bus trip recently. In four days' travelling around Wisconsin, they put 966 miles on the bus, visiting a lumber baron's mansion, Bart Starr's home for boys, the Harley Davidson Museum, a train museum, the town where the "Taste of Home" magazines & cookbooks are published, saw dancing horses & a bird show. They had such a good time that they've signed up for another one in a few months.

By the time this is read, our annual picnic at **Janet & Dave Wiley's** place will be just a fond memory. Hopefully, we'll have had a good turnout & a chance to renew old acquaintances with some of the group we haven't seen for awhile. I'll dish on all the gossip we picked up in next month's issue!

We've received news that **Duane Cater** has had a major health setback. His wife, **Celeste**, is keeping a vigil at their home in Arizona. Please keep them both in your prayers. **Cal Alderman's** wife, **Dorothy**, is recovering from a broken hip. Our love & wishes for a speedy return to her normal activities. Our condolences to **Gene Delvaux** on the loss of his brother after a long battle with cancer.

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



NEVADA



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 19 members in attendance at our July meeting. **Our August meeting will be the picnic at Sand Harbor on August 16th at 11 a.m.**

The annual Maintenance Operations Center get together will be in Minden on August 19, 20, 21. Contact **Larry Nagley or John Zoboli** for details.

Car parking cost at Sand Harbor park is \$10/car for Nevada & \$12/car for CA residents. The Sierra Roundup will cover hamburgers, hot dogs & condiments. Anyone wishing to carpool from Reno or Incline Village area, please feel free to contact other members or let us know.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Joe "Who Else" Robinson** – glad to see his winning streak has returned (LOL). July birthdays were celebrated by: **Louise Smith, Jeanette Bachellor, Lloyd Stephens, & Ruthy Schenk.** **Lloyd Stephens** recently celebrated 90 years – congratulations!

As we went to press, **Elizabeth Brown** advised us that **John** is in the hospital recovering from major surgery. While he is expected to recover, they will be unable to attend the picnic this year. (Sorry, no cheese dips.) We are sad to report that we have heard that **Bob Dringenberg** has passed away.

Calendar:

August 16 – Picnic at Sand Harbor. Parking costs have increased to \$10 for Nevada residents & \$12 for California residents.

NEW JERSEY

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The Gardenstaters met on July 28 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. President **Richard Confer** opened the meeting with a flag salute. A moment of silence was held due to the passing of **Joe Thomas'** son.

Guests at the meeting were **Richard Fedorco, Jr.**

and **Louise Keleher**, friend of **Diane Johnson**.

The RUAEA Newsletter indicated the new officers for the merger between Continental Airlines and United Airlines; it also showed a picture of how the planes will look with the combination of both airlines. The Newsletter also indicated who will fly the planes concerning Lufthansa. Also, Continental has their own retiree groups and chapters. Boarding the planes for retirees has still not been settled.

Parking at Newark Liberty Airport is still a hassle, it will be not known if we will be able to park in the Continental Parking lots until after the merger is settled.

A reminder about Hunterdon Hills Playhouse as to the time and directions.

August 25th will be the picnic at Merrill Park, Exit 131 off the Parkway. The food is being catered with the usual fare, (hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, etc. There will be prizes for the games to be played. Bring yourselves, family, friends, it will be \$10.00 per person. Directions will be in the meeting notice.

Violet Etler read the minutes of the last meeting and **John Murphy** gave the treasurer's report.

Don't forget to come to the picnic. We always have a good time and a large gathering.

Calendar:

August 25 - Picnic

September 29 – Snuffy's Restaurant

NEW YORK

GUYS AND DOLLS

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The dog days of August (you could actually hear **Margaret Hamilton** cackling "I'm melting, I'm melting") attracted only 8 members to our very intimate luncheon. No need for our private room, so we sat downstairs in the main restaurant where we were very well taken care of by the attentive wait staff.

Marilyn Cheadle had just returned from her bi-monthly trip to LA to visit her son and two handsome, young grandsons. She was fortunate to fly FC round trip with good service and great pursers. She reports that UA is unifying galleys on all aircraft, so that crews will find it easier when they fly different equipment. Apparently, other carriers have been doing this for some time.

April King had a great trip to the Pacific Northwest, including climbing the Mount Rainier, Lawson and Shasta - not to the top, but high enough for some

awe-inspiring views. She spent July 4th in Seattle where she enjoyed a spectacular fireworks display which was paid for by the residents who raised \$500K - now that's Patriotism!

Jeanne Leo said she and **Phil** are planning a trip to Panama to visit a fellow retired flight attendant, **Pauline Moreau** and her husband.

We welcomed **Marlene Doran**, a member we hadn't seen for a while. Marlene is an accomplished singer and pianist, and is planning a joint performance with a fellow pianist at a venue to be determined.

Our next meeting is October 5th, when the fall should be in full swing-hopefully!

Calendar:

October 5 - Luncheon 12noon-San Martin, RSVP to **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** (212) 799-8061.

NEW YORK METROS

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Wow! What a day for a picnic. The day started off with a little cloud cover and a light breeze. Afterwards, the sun came out, but the breeze remained. At about 10:30, the members started to show up, and they just kept coming. A few of the retirees brought their grandchildren. There were 55 retirees and 6 grandchildren.

John Klos, Jimmy Richardson and **Ed Pozzi** kept every one happy and their stomachs filled.

To our surprise, **Desi Gleason**, JFKFF Ramp man, and his brother, **Bob**, came. Everyone was so happy to see Desi doing so well.

Al Sudulich and wife **Madeline** had visitors from Croatia - Antonio, Samin, Antonio and Bores. All were going back to Europe on August 5. **Lester & Helene Darmstadt** also surprised us with their presence.

John & Madeline Klos had their two granddaughters Lauren and Krystyna Klos, **Jimmy Ammon** had his two grandsons Nicholas and Rayon, **Robert & Ellen Wagner** brought their two grandchildren, William Flmen and Jennifer Tampone. All well behaved. It was nice to have such a great group.

Everyone had a great time. I want to thank **Dee Talochino** for helping me set up the tables. Thanks again to **Charlie Kaczinski** for picking up **Nell Napolitano**. It was also good to see **Barbara Schachner** and **Sue Fleming** at the picnic.

Please keep **Ron Weick** in your prayers. He is going through a difficult time right now. Ron thanked everyone for the fruit basket and warm thoughts. **Nick**

Manfredo is continually in our prayers too, he has also been going through a tough time.

All are looking forward to our next meeting.

Calendar:

September 1 - 12:00 Noon at Millerridge Inn

October 6 - 12:00 Noon at Millerridge Inn

November 3 - 12:00 Noon at Millerridge Inn

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This is certainly one year that we are really "hot and humid". Temperature today was hovering just under the 90 degree mark ... again. For our August 4th meeting, we gathered at Williams on the Lake in Medina for a great afternoon of friends, great food and drink. We had an attendance of 80. A big "thank you" to **Earl & Arlene Taylor** for hosting this months luncheon, and also to **Arlene** for leading us in grace. For a fun change of pace, Earl & Arlene presented us with a 20 question sheet which had some really "memory stretching" - questions about UAL's history from way back when, to the current. It was fun to see if any of the group remembered who, what, where or when. Example: Where was the first kitchen for United? No one won or lost, and we were given the correct answers. Just for playing along, your name was put in a basket for a prize. Thanks again for the "testing our memory" game! I think we all had fun and probably learned a few things in the process.

Our president, **Dolly Taucher**, opened the meeting and surprised us by asking her team members to stand up. They are **Arlene Taylor** - VP, **Steve Pytel** - Treasurer, and **Mary Lou Kuretz** - Secretary. Dolly took a moment to thank her team for giving their time to her and the Buckeyes and working together. Announcement was then made that we had two more new members. We welcome **Lee & Linda Graham** from Dulles (IAD). They visited with us at last month's picnic and plan on coming back for more of our gatherings. So far for the year, we have added 25 new members and we are all happy to see more of our UAL group join. It is a nice way to spend an afternoon and catch up with others whom we may not have seen since retirement, etc. Besides, the price for joining is really within our retiree paycheck! Also, no strings attached!

The meeting was turned over to **Arlene Taylor** and she introduced our visitors: **Nancy Cleary's** sister

Mary Merleno, who is up from Florida; **Arlene's** sister **Eleanor** was visiting, and we are beginning to treat her like a regular! A warm welcome to both of you and please do come back.

August is a big month for birthdays. Our "Happy Birthday" goes out to the following: **Carmen Boddie, Joanne Buchman, Tom Hassel, Helen Hocket, George Kuretz, Pat McCurley, Jane McPheter, Shirley Moses, Steve Rak, Eleanore Richardson, and Leo Schueller**. Happy Birthday also goes out to those of you who were not present. We missed you!

Happy Anniversary to **Bernie & Sharon Garrah** - 46yrs and **George & Nancy Oncu** - 41yrs. For those who weren't here, our best wishes go out to all of you also.

We would also like to acknowledge **Dave & Marie Placko** for the great job they have done with our fifty-fifty raffle. They spend every get-together we have, welcoming our members when they come in, and making sure that they get their name tags, and checking to see if they are interested in the raffle. The rest of us are able to mingle with others during this time and sit and relax. Thank you both for all that you do.

Food for Thought: *The smallest deed is better than the greatest intention.*

Calendar:

September 8 – Grand Pacific Hotel – 8112 Columbia Rd. & Mill St., Prepaid – Gathering 10:30 – Brunch 11:00 am

October 5 - First Tuesday of month - Northfield Park, Prepaid – 9/27 deadline. Buffet opens at 6:00 pm / Racing 7:00 pm to approx. 11:00 pm

November 3 – Donaueschwaben's German Cultural Center, 7370 Columbia Road – Olmsted Twp. Prepaid – Gathering 11:30 am – Luncheon served 12:15 pm

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It was a spectacular day for a picnic. The weather was perfect, food was delicious and everyone was in a picnic mode. A few played games while the rest chatted and ate desserts brought by the members. This is always a good time to sample the wares of the cooks in our chapter. Our thanks to **Paul & Kathy Russell** for providing the candy filled fire cracker decorations on the tables.

Veulah Lorts read portions of a letter she received from **Jean Feely**, one of our original members who lives in Salem, saying how much she missed coming to the meetings but she and **Si** are staying close to home.

Winners of the monthly prizes are as follows: Door prize - **Bobby Ogden**; Birthday - **Arie Luyten**; Anniversary - **Mel & Barbara Martin** (52 years) and 50/50 - **Bob Woods**.

Additional picnic prizes were given out in a drawing. Grand Prize - **Lois Gruenberg** received a cooler bag and the rest were an assortment of prizes including wine, cups, water bottles, throw blanket, hat, and lunch pack. The winners of these prizes were **Bob Bills, Len Blodgett, John Carter, Bruce DeFord, Susan Galyen, Jack Hooper** (2 prizes), **Penny Korbe, Arie Luyten, Barbara Martin, Joe Mortensen, Pat Ogden, Inge Pempeit, Roger Tuckett** and **Johni Wilson**.

Merle Pitman was in the hospital last month and is now in an assisted living facility for six weeks. He has osteomyelitis (an infection of the jaw bone) and is being given daily infusions of antibiotics. **Lois** says he is happy and hopes this treatment will help. I know he would love to receive cards so please send them to their residence and Lois will take them to him. Home address: 13422 SW Vermeer Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97035.

I hope to see more of you at the meetings this fall. Please join us for a good lunch.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Wed and Fri (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area until October 1 when it will resume taking calls on Mon. 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 122nd Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

September 8 - Back to School Social

October 13 - Ice Cream Social & Elections

November 10 - Social

OUR CLUB

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Doe Pope hosted the July luncheon at Matsukazi in Grants Pass. Jim & I were unable to attend but heard those who did, had a good time enjoying the company and the Japanese food.

On August 6, we met at Hong Kong Restaurant in

Grants Pass with **Bob Lindberg** hosting. It was a fun group of 20 with lots of catching up going on. **Doe Pope** brought her two beautiful granddaughters who infused some refreshing youth into our retirees' gathering. My fortune cookie said, rather appropriately, "*This Friday will bring new enjoyment into your life.*" And so this Friday did.

We were very pleased to welcome new members **Sue & Steve Osborn** who have recently moved to Southern Oregon from the San Francisco Bay Area. After a 40-year career with United, Sue retired as a Senior Staff Specialist in the education department (SFOED). We hope Sue and Steve will enjoy retirement in this neck of the woods as much as we'll enjoy having them here.

Our best wishes are with **Lowell Ross** who was recently hospitalized in Medford. As of this writing he's home under the good care of wife **Norma Ross**, and our thoughts are with both of them.

Calendar:

September 10 - Steve & Cyndi Austin, annual picnic

October 1 - Bob & Ida Rogers, TBA

November 5 - Peggy Wilson, TBA

PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Wow! Where has the summer gone? Happy Labor Day to one and all! I hope we are making money, my son and family were visiting here in PIT for a few days and after standing by (my son works for UAL in DEN) for 2 days, decided to rent a van and drive back to DEN, a total of almost 1800 miles.

I must apologize for the misspelling of **Carol Swallow Winterhalter**'s name in the last issue. Carol was a former member of the Pit-Stoppers chapter and I remember Carol well when she worked as a cashier at PNB in the old pit International Airport. So sorry, Jim (senior moment).

Our good friend and fellow member Capt. **Merle Black** has passed on to the "friendly skies", we will certainly miss him. Condolences to Jane and family – address - **Jane Black**, c/o 311 Leslie Rd., Valencia, PA 16059.

Art Pitts, former PITMM, has also joined the "friendly skies", our thoughts and prayers to his family.

Our treasurer **Barbara Seaholm** advised me of the

unexpected passing of former PITSS **Linda Houston**. Linda worked in PITSS and most recently with FedEx. Condolences to her dear friend **Donna Kaufman**, c/o 104 Chestnut Ct., Sewickley, PA 15143.

The Pit-Stoppers annual picnic held on July 16th was enjoyed by some 65 members including friends from the Interline Club. Good food, good friends and good ole western PA polka music was enjoyed by all. The polka music was provided by the talented pineapple princess herself - Miss **Anita Pawlack**. Anita switched from the hula to the polka.

Harry Shirley's wife **Betty** was not in attendance but did donate several door prizes. Thanks, Betty! We missed you.

Good to see **Ray & Julie McConaghy** looking well along with **Jim & Lois Doolan**, escorted by their daughter. Of course, **Mitch**'s limo service with **Mitch & Doris Abbas** along with **Louie Ragona**. **Hank Cianciosi** surprised us with his presence along with **Bill Chicots** (active employee). **Dick Brinza** drove up in a classy convertible along with **John "Ya Know" Knezevich**. **Mary Polinski** must be taking good care of **Ted**; he looked pretty spiffy with his mussy.

Ray & Marlene Mootsey arrived in a big classic caddy and took Mitch's parking slot - good thing they are friends.

Dave Beatty volunteered to take the 2nd VP slot vacated by **Cathy Matteson** who moves up to 1st VP. Thanks, Dave.

Treatie Karwoski gave us a report on the convention held in MCO and urged all of us to plan on attending the next one in PDX. **Barb Seaholm** gave the treasurer's report and Ken Wolfe conducted the 50-50 raffle. Our out of town attendee **John Wilkenson** joined us along with **Stan Kosarek**. Stan worked for Capital Airlines and later the US Steel fleet.

Several members of the "golden girls" met at PF Changs for a lovely luncheon hosted by **Cathy Matteson** and **Treatie Karwoski**. The members decide to expand the membership to include any female who worked for UA in PIT - so ladies, keep the date of December 2nd open for a Christmas luncheon - more info to follow.

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On **Aug. 3, 2010**, 52 chapter members had signed up for a delightful get-together over a tasty catered pic-

nic. We welcomed a number of new retirees at the newly named **Fabian Pavilion** at SLC's Sugar House Park (formerly "*Lake Terrace*"), which had been reserved from 3 - 8 PM. Right from the start, chapter Officers & their spouses, as well as early picnickers, were busy with setting up picnic & food service tables - and by 5 PM, the feasting started. Thank you, **Clair & Judy Anderson; Kip & Geo. Lufkin; Frank & Susan Christenson**, for your great help in making this meeting a successful one - along with a raffle that offered interesting prizes!

And you should have seen the antique cars the **Andersons**, the **Papworths**, and the **Christensons** drove to the picnic, to be admired by us, the adoring crowd: two T-birds; one Corvette; and a hearse - all in mint condition, all glistening in the hot summer sun. In case you wondered about the hearse: It is now being used as a "*roomy transport car*" by the **Christensons** for their many civic involvements.

Pat & husband Don Graves were kind enough to collect signatures on a "*get-well*" card for former chapter Treas. **Bill Ottman**, now residing in St. George/UT, where he is undergoing cancer treatment. All of us wish **Bill** the very best of regained health! Thank you, **Pat & Don**, for your kind service in this matter.

Although we had a lot of retirees at the picnic, we still missed others of our faithful regulars - like: **Lorraine Olson; Kiyoko Olsen; Pete & Jackie Loyola; Maureen Seikaly** and son **Jerry** -- and many others. It was good to see **Jerry & Barbara Hugentobler**, both of whom we hadn't seen for a spell. **Tony Brown** sat with **Hank & Mary Bon**, all of whom exchanged funny stories about their lives with this correspondent. We greeted our longtime chapter NL editor **Art Scott** & friend **Carol**; they took group pix, for later publication in one of our local newsletters.

Bill & Jewel Berg brought their adorable & ever so well behaved small lily-white Maltese/poodle-mix dog. **Lila Maughan** related that **Betty Davis** was so much looking forward to coming to the picnic but injured her back while lifting something heavy. We wish **Betty** a fast recovery! **Lila** also mentioned that she had been in touch with **Laraine Darby** who told her that she & husband **Dave** are happy in their new surroundings while on a mission for their church.

Calendar:

September 7 - Coffee Time 10AM - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. & 6150 S., Murray

October 5 - Lunch 2PM - Golden Corral, 7200 S. & 700 E., SLC

November 2 - Coffee Time 10AM - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. & 6150 S. Murray



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Jill Kintner, the daughter of **Jan Kintner**, retired from SEACS and also a Seattle Travel Desk volunteer, has been competing internationally in downhill racing on a mountain bike. Jill trained in Australia over our winter (Australia's summer) and in July, won the USA National Championship in Granby, Colorado - north-west of Boulder. Now USA Cycling to the Worlds is paying for her to travel to the Mont-Sainte-Anne ski resort in Beaupre, Quebec near Quebec City, Quebec, Canada for the World Championship competition in September. We wish her well. Two years ago, Jill won the bronze medal for the USA in the BMX competition in the Beijing Olympics.

Mary Luke took an Amtrak train ride from Seattle to St. Cloud, Minnesota and return in July to attend a reunion in her hometown in the Paul Bunyan State. She took a "red eye" departure from Seattle and upon boarding, found the train to be full, with nowhere to sit until an attendant assisted her by asking fellow passengers to make room by using only one seat to sleep in rather than two. On this route, Amtrak does not check baggage, but provides a closet by the door where passengers can stow their bags. Mary indicates that most of the passengers seemed to be seniors and she met a lot of interesting people along the way. She found that it's hard to sleep on the train, but there is some beautiful scenery as you look out the windows. The observation or dome cars are very popular, and once passengers are seated there, they tend to hang on to their seats for the rest of the trip. Glacier National Park in Montana has beautiful mountains, but there were no glaciers to be seen - an apparent victim of climate change. There was an incident in Williston, North Dakota where the train stopped and all passengers had to disembark. Uniformed Officers of some type with trained dogs then boarded the train and thoroughly searched all the cars. Nothing was said as to the purpose of the search, and then everyone was allowed back on the train. Mary says that her train ride was okay, but that she probably wouldn't repeat it - at least not for a long distance.

The members with birthdays in September are **Mary Ann Andersen, Jeannine Anderson, Herald Bowman, Don Hanson, Edna Harris, Ed Liesse, Carol Moless-Maxwell, Donna Neumeyer, Sharon Penwell, Carol Christenson, Hank Gosselin** and **John**

Haferbecker. John & Sidney Reed are celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary in September. Congratulations to all the celebrants.

Calendar:

September 14 – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

October 12 – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

November 9 – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

December – No Meeting



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We held our annual picnic at the home of **Bob & Edie Clark** on the Pend Oreille River near Ione, WA. It was also hosted by **Tom & Mary Sullivan** who live right next door to the Clarks'. The local chapter paid for the meat and everyone attending brought their favorite dish. It was a great success as the food brought by the attendees complimented the salmon, chicken and beef that were prepared by the hosts. We had pumpkin pie, lemon meringue pie, potatoes Romanoff, wild rice, rolls, watermelon, 3 kinds of baked beans, wine and beer as well as iced tea. Oh yes we had Bundt cake and brownies too!

It was attended by **Cal & Kathy Shireman, Willi & Frank Storey, Dave & Theresa Reiseneiur, Les & Vera Graham, Dottie Higgins, Ken & Myrtle Stoop, Sherry** (sorry I did not get her last name) and a couple that I don't remember their names in addition to the 4 hosts and hostesses.

Willi & Frank Storey are leaving on their first ever cruise to Alaska on Saturday, August 7th. We know they will have a great time.

Our leader, **Laquita Bloom** has been in the hospital and didn't make it to the picnic. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

No one volunteered for August. **Vera Graham** is going to her class reunion in Kellogg, Idaho the week-end of Aug. 7th. **Warren Smith** is recovering from a heart attack he suffered on Mothers Day. His wife **Fran** is doing a good job keeping him in line. It isn't easy for a lady of her stature. Hang in there Frannie! **Les & Vera** keep a close eye on the Smiths and are always there to lend a helping hand. Friends like that are hard to find.

The weather had been terrible on the day of the picnic and it had rained all the way to Ione. When we arrived, it finally stopped and we had a great day. Anyone that wished, got to have a boat ride on the river. Again, our special thanks to the Clarks and the Sullivans for another fantastic picnic.

Until next time, God Bless our Troops!

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

Week after week of unbearable hot humid weather has really put a crimp in going out to lunch and entertaining in general.

A small group met for lunch on July 14 at the Red Lobster in Manassas, VA. We enjoyed a delicious meal and great conversation. Not many of our retirees are planning trips by air; it seems that the good old family car is the preferred mode of transportation this summer.

This correspondent took a bus tour to Maine in early June and was very impressed with the magnificent coastal scenery. We had glorious weather; every day was 70° and no humidity ... what a treat! The lobsters were plentiful and we enjoyed lobster rolls and lobster dinners at night! The tours around Maine were very interesting as we learned about the fishing and other industries. Of course, we visited L L Bean! I really enjoyed the afternoon boat ride around Portland harbor to see the famous lighthouses and many other points of interest. The State of Maine is another great destination for retirees, easy to reach by flying into Portland or driving from home.

Calendar:

September 8 - 1230pm at Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Drive, Manassas, VA 20109. No RSVP needed ... just come and join us.

*Climb the mountains and get their good tidings.
Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine
flows into trees. The winds will blow their own
freshness into you, and the storms their energy,
while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.*

~John Muir

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The final plans are in place for our biennial convention "Grand Ole Convention", September 22-26, 2010. Over 200 Clipped Wings® members have made plans to reside at the Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, for our 48th National Convention. We are making our preparations for a wonderful time together. We thank the team of **Mary K. Doherty Dana** (OCC) and **Gail Shannon Walker** (DEN) and their committees. We always look forward to this time together to renew our enthusiasm and dedication to our organization and to one another.

If you are interested in purchasing the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) rjensen148@aol.com. Each scarf is \$20 plus \$2.00 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

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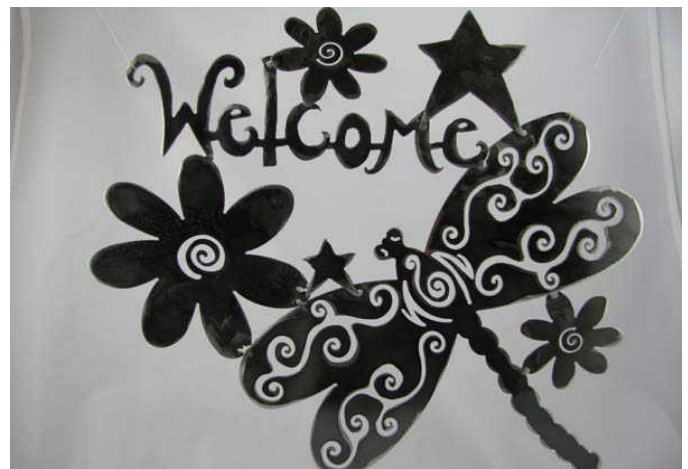
I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at bvincentps@aol.com



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

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I cannot endure to waste anything as precious as autumn sunshine by staying in the house. So I spend almost all the daylight hours in the open air.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
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- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at ruaea@qwestoffice.net, fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

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Alfiche, Priscilla A., SFOEA 05/07/10
Anderson, Maurice L., PDXMM 05/09/10
Andrew, Wilfred R., DENMM 05/15/10
Booth, Lloyd G., DENTK 05/10/10
Bosse, Gerard J., ORDFO 05/05/10
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Burton Jr., John W., JFKGQ 05/30/10
Calkins, Robert G., ORDFO 02/22/10
Cannalte, Donald C., WHQPR 05/31/10
Carcamo, Oscar E., SFOCG 05/15/10
Carlson, Robert V., LAXFO 05/21/10
Carnvale, Phillip, PITMM 05/09/10
Colgrove, Larry W., DENPV 05/13/10
Connors, Robert W., SFOIQ 05/14/10
Correia, Lionel, PDXTR 05/20/10
Dickinson, John R., LAXCS 05/09/10
Donnahoo, George L., SFOFO 05/06/10

Erlenbach, Mariann E., WHQAK 05/13/10
 Frost, Gertrude J., WHQHF 05/29/10
 Gallagher, James P., PHLCG 05/28/10
 Gates, Harley J., SFOOV 05/17/10
 Gilbert, Mary J., DENCS 05/24/10
 Grimm, Edward R., LAXFO 05/19/10
 Hagedorn, Robert L., DENTK 05/06/10
 Haycock, Larue S., PHLTO 05/20/10
 Helmsteadt, Jack A., DENOO 05/31/10
 Hill, Maurice, SFOMP 05/12/10
 Hoch, Jack W., SFOOV 05/13/10
 Ishibashi, Rance S., PDXCS 05/24/10
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 Kealoha, Delano L., LAXOO 05/31/10
 Konop, Raymond I., ORDPV 04/17/10
 Krauss, Edward R., WHQBZ 05/09/10
 Kugler, Lois A., TPAOZ 05/27/10
 Lassiter, Charles A., KOAOZ 05/29/10
 Lee, Mary E., SEASW 05/05/10
 Levell, Paul N., MCOMM 01/16/10
 Lowe, George Edward, DENTK 05/03/10
 Maulsby, Ernest E., SFOFO 05/20/10
 Okawa, Junichi, IADRR 05/25/10
 Pelaez, Joseph M., IADRR 05/03/10
 Phillipi, Leo J., SFOPI 05/27/10
 Phillips, Lenora R., DENRR 05/01/10
 Pitts, Arthur W., PITMM 05/22/10
 Radtke, Helmut A., SFOEA 05/18/10
 Rivera, Jaime G., EWRMK 05/17/10
 Roach, Ray Donald, DENRR 04/18/10
 Roberts, Charles H., SFOEG 05/03/10
 Robinson, William J., WHQRZ 05/17/10
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LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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Letters Editor

Hi members,
I'm the person who edits the letters you send for the Newsletter. Your letters are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Joan Aaronson, Audrey Alexander, Olga Barnes, Paul Beebe, Leonard Bluebaugh, Nancy Brock, John Camweon, Colin Cooke, John Cooper, Joanne Cote-Carlsen, John Crowthers, Kathleen Frait, Ronald Hefnider, Joan Hensen, Marv Hill, Howard Grote, Jr, Thomas Jervis, Richard Kinter, Audrey Kutilek, Richard Libby, Gerald Marsilio, Donald Matker, Virginia Meris, Charles Moore, Thomas Morita, Jack Pace, Edward Pozzi, Larry Rallens, Carol Rising, Mary Riter, Sharon Runavaar, Dorothy Russack, Dorothy Schimpf, Richard Soutar, Sue Spicker, Frank Thomas, Charlene Walker, Eleanor Walsh, Linda Ward, Michael Wasko.

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.)

Jay Cacioppo, 3215 Cheshire Dr., San Jose, CA 95118

In this letter I'd like to comment on and show recognition to a retiree who has recently passed away.

All too often, we lose someone with whom we have worked and who we think we knew so well. Then we see that dreaded announcement or get the phone call, then seem to often reply with something like, "Oh my, I worked with him (or her) for so long and I knew (that person) so well".

I want to pay homage to someone who I have known and worked with since 1964 - and thought I

knew quite well. Then I learned some of the historical facts that follow.

When SFOCE's **Leonard (Swede) Blomstedt**'s daughter, Nancy, called me at home to inform me that her father had died, I was somewhat surprised but had known he was ill. I was indeed honored to get the personal message and to be informed of the plans for Swede's final farewell.

Allow me to recount some of what was expressed during the eulogy that day in the beautiful, lush hills above San Mateo, California.

Leonard was born in Stockholm, Sweden in July of 1922. He came to the United States with his parents and settled in Chicago. He was three and had no siblings.

He joined the Navy in November of 1940 and was stationed in San Francisco where, on a blind date, he met his future wife, Marion.

Swede was on the USS Oklahoma on December 7, 1941 when the ship took eight torpedoes below and several bombs from above. He jumped from the top deck to the lower deck and was then forced to dive into the oily, fiery water. He was rescued by the Marines but was declared Missing In Action by the US Navy, (Marion somehow knew he was alive.)

Later, he returned to SF to reunite with Marion and married her in Reno (Oct. 1942) during his three-day furlough.

Shortly thereafter, Leonard was assigned to the USS Tucker and headed to sea on convoy duty until the war was over. The ship was attacked by air in the Coral Sea and was literally cut in half. When it sank, Leonard and others found refuge on a remote island until most of them were rescued by the US Navy. Once again, Marion somehow knew her husband was alive, and later recounted his experiences to Leonard, himself.

His last assignment was aboard the brand new USS Carmic which left out of Seattle to perform mine sweeping until the wars end. Only then, did he and friends get to enjoy touring, in Japan.

Leonard joined (you just can't keep a good man down) the Naval Reserve and served in the Submarine Division at the Naval Shipyard in Hunters Point, SF until 1965. He was also a naval instructor to new sailors.

It is reported that (Swede) Blomstedt was one of the first 100 employees at the SF Airport Maintenance Base, where he worked for 48 years.

During the ten years between 1980 and 1990, Swede and Marion traveled to and toured Alaska 12 times; by car, boat, train, bush plane, and on foot. He had many great stories and loved to share them.

I feel I would be remiss if I didn't attempt to recognize and share with other retirees a small amount from a very large human being. My experiences with Swede were professional for the most part, but some of these facts above came to me in bits and pieces over the years.

I wish I had paid more attention. I could have known him better.

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

I have a birthday coming up, so I must get the newsletter into typeset. On 12/16/1941, **Ken Gallagher** came out of **Seely Hall**'s office, and asked a very young aviator (me) if he could help me. Yes, I said, I would like to apply for a pilot's job. He took me into a conference room, and gave me a Holmes Wadsworth test. He graded it as I took it, then took me down to Dr. Ladd's office, gave me a physical, and said I was hired. I was to attend the Boeing School of Aeronautics, which was moving to Cheyenne, WY. He said a pass would be coming to Sacramento, and I went to school. What a wonderful experience for this young man.

I graduated from the Boeing school in July 1942, assigned to the CYS shuttle, captain was **Charles Doyle**, a Boeing school instructor. Two weeks later, I was assigned to pacific operations, as a navigator in training, which **Marvin Berryman** mentions in the last RUAEA Newsletter. **Ned Simpson** was our celestial navigation instructor, and we were sent to Oakland Navy Base for the Morse code training. We had to be able to send and receive 15 words a minute to qualify. We then were assigned to flight crews. However, before the airplanes arrived, and the navigators were trained, I was reassigned to SFO as a co-pilot on DC-3's.

In March 1943, I was reassigned to the pacific operations as a co-pilot, and flew in the pacific until April 1944.

Now for a little story, in early 1944, we acquired the C-54. Capt. **George Douglas** was the instructor in the airplane. This particular instance was a demonstration on how to rapidly descend from a low frequency approach when arriving over the facility, and be able to land. Now George was an E.R Murrow, individual. If you ever saw Edward R. Murrow sitting on a chair, legs crossed and holding a cigarette, that was George.

We were cleared to land on runway 10 at SFO, and when the arrival end of the runway went by the nose, 1000 ft. above the runway, George put out his cigarette, gear was down, he moved to his cockpit position, pulled off the power, 85 mph., full flaps, nose down aiming at the end of the runway, and as we approached the glide angle for the landing, he eased a little power on, flared, and slid onto the runway, smooth as could be. I was flying as his co-pilot, with a group of pilots being checked out on the airplane. I was most impressed. Interesting enough, that procedure has stayed with me all these years.

On Wednesday, July 7th, my private student passed his flight exam. I had taught him George's procedure

with a complete description of how George did it.

My 92nd birthday is the 15th; and 32 years ago, I set the parking brake on a B-747 N8010, after a 36 and ½ year career with UAL, from the 247 to the 747, with some very beautiful airplanes along the way.

I didn't take to retirement happily.

And since I had flown for Mercy Flights, an air ambulance company in Medford, Oregon, as a volunteer pilot, I started to fly with them after retirement. Phyllis, my wife, decided I should get my instructor rating. So in 1987, when I was 69, I got busy and got my instructors rating. Mercy flights decided I was too old in 1995 (that is the insurance company thought I was too old), so I started instructing full time. As of last month, I now have 36,000 hours; and I think I will get it right.

Happy flying to all. And if you are old enough - East winds and west winds in the 50's.

Nadine Scott, 31865 48th Cir. SW, Federal Way, WA 98023

My sincere "thanks" for the many cards and notes received, following the passing of my husband, **Jack I. Scott**.

He was with United for 29 years in Seattle and retired after another 7 years in San Francisco's Flight Office. He was proud to be a part of the large United family.

Susie Stanley, 3985 Holly St., Dumfries, VA 22026

I thank the RUAEA Newsletter staff for all the work and time spent, publishing our great newsletter each month.

Last December, my daughter-in-law was diagnosed and operated on for cancer. She has completed the chemotherapy and just finished her first week (5 days a week) of radiation with five more weeks to go. We pray for her full recovery.

In December, I came down with shingles (very painful) that lasted for 5½ months. It is still sore, but no real bad pain.

In July, I turned the big 80 years old. I am still able to do all of my own yard and house work.

I have enjoyed retirement for 22½ years. I enjoy my four grandchildren (ages 34, 29, 24 and 13) and 2 great grandchildren (a boy 5 and a girl who was 5 on my birthday, July 18th).

Best regards and God bless to all, and have a great summer.

Gerry Vann, 3513 Lake Shore Dr., Wonder Lake, IL 60097

How fast the time goes by; it is the birthday and then it is gone.

Thank you to all of you that give so much time and effort to provide the newsletter. We are very grateful to

you for all of your hard work. The newsletter is important and I look forward to receiving it every month. Thank you for your valuable service.

Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

93 Memorial Chapel - Representative Bob Bastain unveiled for Fight 93 Memorial Chapel an outdoor metal sculpture, *Memorial Torch of Liberty*, honoring the memory of the heroes of Flight 93 at a ceremonies on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th, 2002. Retired Master Black Smith David Weimer of Somerset, PA, is the commissioned artist.

Wrought of stainless steel and sheet metal, the six foot cylindrical spiraled pillar is installed on a six foot pyramidal base. The surmounting torch approximates the torch held by the Statue of Liberty. The source of the beam of light is a brilliant quarter billion candle-power Halogen parallel beam installed in framework of the torch and can be seen for ten miles in all directions.

The *Memorial Torch of Liberty* is the gift of the families of Flight 93 and was presented and dedicated September 10, 2003 by Christine Fraser, Sister of Coleen Fraser, Flight 93 Hero, representing the families of Flight 93. The final steps to completion were accomplished with the support and participation of Annie Snyder and the North Star Kids and sponsors and donors who helped create the final Torch.

To the right of the Chapel is the beautiful black granite monument dedicated to the Crew and Passengers of Flight 93. The crew is represented with a large black granite monument with their pictures engraved. There are black granite benches representing the passengers, with their names engraved. Beautiful! Should you go, don't miss this Memorial. Donated by United Airlines Flight Attendants Cause Foundation.

*We appreciate your letters.
Please keep them coming!*



A Little Humor From The Internet

These were some of the Q&A's posted on an Australian Tourism Website and the answers are the actual responses by the website officials, who obviously have a great sense of humor.

Q: Does it ever get windy in Australia? I have never seen it rain on TV, how do the plants grow? (UK).

A: *We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.*

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: *Depends how much you've been drinking.*

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: *Sure, it's only 3000 miles, take lots of water.*

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia? (USA)

A: *A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe ... Aus-tra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not ... Oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross.*

Q: Which direction is North in Australia? (USA)

A: *Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.*

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Australia? (UK)

A: *Why? Just use your fingers like we do ...*

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: *Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering German-y, which is ... Oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races.*

Q: Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: *No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.*

Q: Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA)

A: *Rattlesnakes live in A-meri-ca which is where YOU come from. All Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.*

Q: Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia? (France)

A: *Only at Christmas.*

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: *Yes, but you'll have to learn it first*

Q: Can I wear high heels in Australia? (UK)

A: *You are a British politician, right?*

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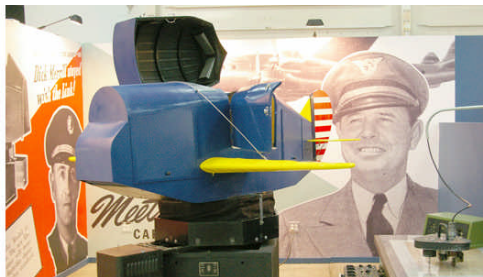
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