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Emerald Slickers attended United's 787 "First Look" event at Boeing's Everett WA Plant ***By David Jones (SFOFO), President, Emerald City Slickers, Seattle***



The long-delayed delivery of United's first 787 is now planned for late September and a group of Seattle area retirees from the Emerald Slickers joined United Northwest area employees on August 2nd for a preview of the first airplane at a "First Look" event at Boeing's Everett factory. United graciously invited 10 retirees to join approximately 100 employees. Our Seattle group was honored and proud to represent all RUAEA members at the first of several celebrations marking the delivery of this 21st century high-technology airplane to United. We got an up-close look at the special livery of this beautiful airplane, which features a distinctive flowing gold line that runs the full length of the fuselage, as pictured in the accompanying photo.

Emerald Slickers in attendance were: **Dave Jones**, current President, Past President **Frank McAnulty**, and wife **Frances McAnulty**, **Phyllis Bowman**, **Bob Brumfield**, **Tom Holford**, **Helen Stanger**, and **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl**. We were all smiles on this fantastic day, as evidenced in our photo.

After brief celebratory remarks by Boeing and United executives, we were treated to "walk arounds" of the airplane, a look inside at the new interior and flight deck, and a tour of the 787 production line. Boeing teamed each employee and retiree attendee with a Boeing host who served as a gracious escort through the day. We experienced this composite airplane up close, with its eye catching aerodynamic sloped nose, swooping wing tips, and sculptured engine exhaust contours that reduce noise.

Inside, we were awed by a cabin that feels even more open than our spacious 777s. It is configured with flat bed sleeper seats in First/Business, and 3'3"3 across seating in Economy Plus and Economy sections. The cabin windows are significantly larger than previous Boeing airplanes and feature unique dimmable windows that replace cabin shades. We were able to try this feature first hand.

Cabin altitude is pressurized to only 6,000 feet versus 8,000 feet of all previous airplanes, which should result in passengers and crew experiencing less fatigue after long flights. The lower altitude is possible because the 787 is constructed of a continuous composite tube rather than being built of numerous sheets of skin material that are joined together by heavier and leak-prone lap joints. We finished our tour with a look at the 787's modern flight deck. It's "glass cockpit" builds on the 777 and features five flat panel LCD screens, dual heads-up guidance, dual "electronic flight bags", and electronic virtual circuit breakers, replacing mechanical breakers.

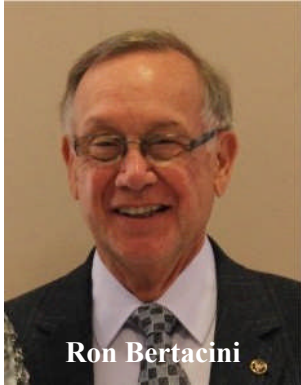


L to R - Phyllis Bowman, Bob Brumfield, Dave Jones, Fran McAnulty, Helen Stanger, Frank McAnulty, Dona & Chuck Westpfahl.

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

As we are about to move into autumn, many questions persist about the new pass travel policy. Last month, we provided a comprehensive review of the new policy. We qualified that review with the fact that some of the policy is still changing and that was the best information we had at the time of printing. So far, there has been only one major change

reported. The item about listing for one class of service and being by-passed because that cabin is full is not correct per the Employee Travel Center. Regardless of which cabin one lists for, the boarding is strictly by Board Date (years of service). Another change is that Shares has been updated so that employees now show Years, Months and Days of Service. The retirees are still shown with only Years of Service. By the end of the year, the retirees will be shown as the employees with years, months and days of service. Actually for the time being, this slightly favors retirees as the system assumes January 1 for the retirees years.

Many retirees are traveling and their experiences are mixed. Some travel with no problems and others with nightmares. Although we do not agree with some parts of the new program, it is what we have and remember the employees are also learning and having to cope with the new system. One more point of interest is Emergency Travel. Under the new policy, emergency travel is only for retirees and their spouse or domestic partner.

Retiree Emergency Travel: *Retirees, their spouse or domestic partner are eligible for fee-waived positive space emergency travel when the retiree, spouse or domestic partner becomes ill while traveling. In the event of the death of the retiree while traveling, the surviving spouse or domestic partner will be provided fee-waived positive-space emergency travel to accompany the retiree's human remains. For details, see the Retiree Pass Travel Program in the Travel section on Flying Together.*

- ➔ *Retiree's dependents are not eligible for emergency travel.*
- ➔ *Surviving spouse or domestic partner and their dependents are not eligible for emergency travel.*

On the positive side, we approached the company to see if retirees could be involved in the delivery ceremony for the new Boeing 787. If possible, we wanted to have some retirees from the Seattle Chapter attend that ceremony. We got approval for ten members of the Seattle Chapter to attend the delivery ceremony. Chapter President **Dave Jones** coordinated as to who the lucky ten members would be. As it turned out, we got a bonus and our ten members were invited to the "First Look" on August 2nd. See Dave's in depth report of what sounds like a great day at the Boeing facility.

More good news is that there is interest in a new chapter in California. There will be a gathering in the Fairfield/Vacaville/Suisun area on September 20th at Denny's in Vacaville. The purpose is to see about establishing a new RUAEA Chapter. Anyone interested should contact **Allan Pochop** at apochop@aol.com or phone (707) 447-4980.

Ron Bertacini
President – RUAEA

Writers' Column - Honor Flight of Northern Colorado, by Ed Eson and Gil Rohde



I cannot tell you how honored I felt to be a member on this Flight on Sunday the Sixth & Seventh of May 2012. My friend Gill Rohde and I, Ed Eson were selected to go on this, the Eighth Flight, for Veterans of WWII, Korea and Purple Heart Vietnam Veterans. Ed Eson is a Navy Korean Vet and Gill Rohde is a WWII Air Force vet. The start of our trip to Washington DC War Memorials started at the Embassy Hotel in Loveland, CO. To start with, there was a send off continental breakfast for every one there (approximately 400 relatives and friends) to celebrate our departure to DC.

When we left the hotel, headed for Denver International Airport there were Firefighters, Policemen, a Sheriff's posse, and an awesome motor cycle club escorting our four busses full of Veterans. The response of

every one along the route to the airport was great! The 100 or so motor cycle escorts and others stretched about one mile long. The firefighters near Firestone, CO came with the “mile of flags” and people on the overpasses waved flags and there were two escort helicopters that led the way. The journey to the airport was very impressive. The tour arrived at the US Airways Hangar at the airport where the plane was ready to go. After a brief check by the TSA, every one was boarded including 20-30 guardians on the rolling steps with help from military members.

On board were flight attendants who were volunteers just for this flight. This was a trip on a plane that will never happen on a commercial flight. Camaraderie was out of this world, red, white and blue ribbons, balloons and American Flags decorated the plane and many cameras recorded the event. The US Airways specially selected Flight Attendants, were friendly and outgoing. They kept everyone on their toes with friendly attitudes just for the Veterans on their plane.

It was a very emotional trip especially on arrival at Baltimore. During our taxi to the gate, two airport fire trucks sprayed water over our plane in a salute to all of the Veterans. And to our surprise, during deplaning at the gate, there was a huge reception of Baltimore officials and soldiers. As the 122 Veterans and the many guardians proceeded through the airport, hundreds of people applauded continuously as the Veterans walked down the concourse or were pushed in wheel chairs by our guardians. The people kept saying “thanks for your services”. We felt, with great emotion, very honored. We then arrived at the Baltimore Hilton for a great dinner, flag ceremony and speeches.

The main event on Monday, after a good breakfast, was an all day visit to the WW II, Korean, Air Force and Lincoln Memorials and finally the Vietnam Wall. A well planned box lunch was presented at the Air Force Memorial near the Pentagon before we went to the Marine Corps War Memorial with the flag on Mount Suribachi of Iwo Jima. We visited Arlington Cemetery before we returned to the airport.

On the return flight, it was even more like a group of close friends that were really having fun, talking and taking pictures. Even the flight attendants wanted a picture of every one on board and wanted us to sign their own pendent flag.

The going home music played on board, was songs from the fifties and sixties that fit into the mood during of our flight home. The final song “We’ll be seeing you” was a great ending to a memorable few days.

Thanks again and God Bless.



Update on Travel Pass Overview



We have received questions and answers regarding the section in August’s newsletter, the Travel Pass Overview by **Connie Glatfly**. Reports from members with Enrolled Friends have been on the positive side. It seems Enrolled Friends can fly on United’s re-

gional carriers, i.e., United Express carriers.

Kirk Moore, RAFA and RUAEA, has written an excellent Rumor/Answers document which follows. Kirk has verified with ETC that the policy as written, should be adhered to. However, we have heard from some members that issues Connie wrote about, for example, being put last on the list for economy when first came up filled, did happen to them. One member who called suggests that, if you have problems, that you document them, where, date, time, names, situation and send the information to ETC. Information is available if you have internet access at http://www.rafa-cwa.org/RAFA/Travel_Benefits_1.html.

We thank Kirk and Connie for sharing this information. Remember, as we wrote last month, these policies are always changing and not everyone may be up to date.

RAFA Travel Benefits Committee

SHARES: Rumors, answers July 27, 2012

SHARES is the passenger operating system that was selected by United Airlines effective March 2012. It houses all revenue passenger and pass rider reservations records for boarding purposes.

Before March 2012, sCO used SHARES and sUA used Apollo/Fastair. employeeRES is the software that allows United employees and retirees to book pass travel.

Rumor: SHARES is boarding some pass riders out of seniority order. It bypasses standby passengers who listed in a cabin that has filled up.

Answer: The following information is verbatim from the Employee Travel Center:

“The system does NOT bypass any standby passengers (revenue or pass riders) based on desired cabin and aircraft availability.

The listing-to-boarding process is as follows;

- ➔ *Booking/listing in employeeRES in the cabin desired for seating*
- ➔ *The employeeRES record is automatically transferred to SHARES*
- ➔ *Pass Riders check in*
- ➔ *The check-in status is automatically and immediately transferred to SHARES*
- ➔ *Checked in pass riders are automatically placed*

on a list in SHARES in boarding priority order, regardless of cabin booked/listed

- ➔ The agent clears pass riders in boarding priority order, regardless of cabin booked/listed
- ➔ If the next pass rider to be cleared is listed in first & first class is full but economy is available, that pass rider will be cleared and given an economy seat
- ➔ If a pass rider is listed for economy & economy is full but business/first is available, the agent will advise the pass rider accordingly and ask if they want the business/first seat as there may be a service charge involved. If the pass rider says no, the agent moves to the next pass rider on the list. If that pass rider is booked/listed for economy, they will do the same as with the previous pass rider. If that pass rider is booked/listed in business/first, the agent will clear them.
- ➔ Agents cannot manipulate the clearance order of standby customers, revenue or pass riders
- ➔ The SHARES system does not allow reordering of the standby list
- ➔ The only thing available to an agent is the "SKIP" entry, which is needed. If, for example, the last names on the clearance list are a party of two and only one seat remains. If the two pass riders choose to take a later flight so that they can remain together, the agent can "SKIP" the name items of the two pass riders and clear the next single pass rider into the sole remaining seat.

This system and process has been in place for many years and continues to work with precise accuracy today. I ask that you please reassure retirees of these facts."

Rumor: Some gate agents are not rolling pass riders to the next flight.

Answer: "Currently in SHARES, once a flight has been closed the gate agent cannot alter the placement of passengers unless they contact the HP Service Center to re-open the flight. In APOLLO, the flight close out process was different. As airport agents become more and more familiar with SHARES, this will improve. There is a Technology Work Request submitted to correct this situation by making the ability to re-open a flight segment available to UA agents through a controlled entry available to the ATO help desk. This will help in those situations when the agent forgets to roll the pass rider list over to the next flight.

If you are not cleared for the flight, politely ask the gate agent if they have rolled the standby list to the next flight. Also note: The standby list cannot be rolled to the next day. Pass riders who are not accommodated on the last flight of the day must cancel their reservation and make a new booking/listing for the following day."

Rumor: Pass riders at the top of the standby list get seats in economy while those farther down on the list are getting Economy Plus.

Answer: "Because Economy Plus is new to SHARES, currently, SHARES clears pass riders from behind the Economy Plus section to the back of the aircraft and then moves to any available Economy Plus seats when seats from the middle to the back have been exhausted.

We agree that this is an issue and the Airport Operations IT team has advised us that there is a SWAT team assigned to deal with all seat related issues and this one is on the list. As gate agents become more familiar with SHARES, they are doing what they can when time permits."

Rumor: Some people are manipulating the system

Answer: People are not manipulating the system: Example: Some pass riders can have two bookings/listings on the same flight. Qualified employees are permitted to book/list with a jump seat boarding priority (SJ2U) **and** a personal boarding priority (SAIP) **or** a vacation boarding priority (SA0V) on the same flight.

However, it's **not** OK to list with a personal pass **and** a vacation pass on the same flight. It's also **not** OK to list in FC **and** Y on the same flight. If you see that happening, document and report it to etc@united.com.

Unusual boarding priority codes (for example: PS0U, PS5B) are for deadheading crew or employees on business. Common codes are listed on pages 3 and 4 in the pdf here:

FlyingTogether>Travel>BoardingPriorities (under Travel Policies). If you see a code on the pass rider list you don't know, write to the ETC for an explanation.

Rumor: What happened with the retiree who couldn't change from Y to FC at the gate and missed the flight? She had listed in Y, but the Y cabin had filled up. The agent said he couldn't move the retiree to FC. Does SHARES allow an agent to move a retiree up to FC?

Answer: YES! Retirees can be upgraded and then sent an invoice, if there's an applicable service charge for that flight. This time the gate agent was incorrect. Next time, politely ask the agent "Is there another agent or a supervisor that could help? I would really like to sit in First class and make the flight!"

"SHARES is programmed with the pass travel business rules as outlined in the policy and program documents and the booking/listing and clearing process is operating in sync with these rules. Ask retirees to be patient with agents who are still learning SHARES and to trust that the process is sound and the agents will eventually become more comfortable with the system and the process."

SHARES is a completely different language than Apollo/Fastair; it's all different keystrokes. Imagine

speaking fluent English and suddenly having to switch to Latin. It's very frustrating for agents who want to help pass riders, but are unable to do so.

The Bottom Line: The issues discussed are being addressed by the ETC and the IT department and as agents become more familiar with SHARES, the process of clearing pass riders will be much smoother. We must have patience and understanding, keep notes for possible refunds, and have a back-up plan for pass travels.

Compiled by Kirk Moore, RAFA Travel Benefits Committee July 27, 2012

United and ALPA reach agreement in principle for JCBA



United announced August 3rd, an agreement in principle was reached on a joint collective bargaining agreement with the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) representing pilots at both subsidiaries. The agreement is subject to definitive documentation, approvals by the ALPA master executive councils of each subsidiary and ratification by pilots.

"This agreement follows intense negotiations with our pilot group and is an important step forward for our company," said Flight Operations SVP Fred Abbott. *"I want to thank both negotiating teams for their efforts in reaching this agreement."*

"The National Mediation Board played a crucial role in our negotiations," said Human Resources and Labor Relations EVP Mike Bonds, *"and I want to recognize NMB member Linda Puchala for her personal involvement and thank Senior Mediator Patricia Sims for her professional and effective mediation support."*

CO flight attendants ratify agreement



Flight attendants from the CO subsidiary, represented by the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA), ratified a new labor agreement.

The new agreement covers approximately 9,000 CO subsidiary flight attendants. United and the AFA will soon commence negotiations for a joint collective bargaining agreement for flight attendants at UA, CO and Continental Micronesia. Flight attendants from our UA subsidiary ratified a new four-year contract in February.

United is ordering new planes!



United announced that it has ordered 150 new Boeing aircraft — 100 Boeing 737 MAX 9 aircraft and 50 additional Boeing 737-900ER aircraft — for delivery between 2013 and 2022.

The 50 additional 737-900ER aircraft will allow United to replace many of its UA subsidiary's 757-200s, which the company flies domestically and which are much less fuel efficient and less operationally reliable than the new aircraft replacing them. The new planes will also enhance United's customers' experience and maximize network opportunities.

"I think the 737 MAX 9 is going to be a great airplane. It's a huge technological advance," said First Officer Nancy Barteczko.

EWR Flight Attendant Angelique Reddick said, *"These planes are what I call 'people-friendly.' They're the planes you want to fly on. They're brighter, more comfortable and prettier, too! I know I prefer working on these aircraft; the panels are easier to use and everything is streamlined."*

"This order got me excited for our customers," said ORD Customer Service Representative Warren S. Moore. *"Investing in our fleet means we're going to have a more reliable product and fewer mechanical issues and can better perform as an airline. It's a big win for United and our customers."*

United committed resources to support ops



Weather wreaked havoc with United's operations this summer. Thunderstorms through the Midwest and East Coast resulted in numerous diversions, cancels and delays throughout the system, including international flights.

Beyond the weather, it's been a challenging summer for reliability. There are a lot of changes as co-workers in virtually every area of operations are learning new processes and using new tools. Along with summer flight volumes and load factors, this has affected United's performance. As mentioned in an employee bulletin from Chief Operations Officer and EVP Pete McDonald on July 6, United is taking several steps to improve reliability to support co-workers.

United is restoring its spare aircraft — including two Boeing 757s and one Boeing 747 this month and additional Airbus A320s and a Boeing 767 in coming weeks. In addition, the company will continue to invest time in the schedule for maintenance access to the fleet. United

has added resources in Tech Ops and Airport Ops as well as block and ground time to give its front-line co-workers more time to get the departures out. These measures will help United with reliability as it continues to put the right aircraft in the right market.

"Our goal is to get back to the level of performance our customers and co-workers expect, and these actions are significant steps in the right direction," said EVP and Chief Operations Officer Pete McDonald. *"More than anything, I want to thank you for your hard work and all you are doing to take care of our customers."*

Shop United employee discounts and save some cash



In the market for a new computer? Booking a hotel, car rental or cruise for leisure travel? Ordering flowers for a special someone? As a United employee/retiree, you can save money every day with

special offers on these and dozens more products and services when you shop the new employee discounts page.

United has put all the deals and discounts together on one page for your convenience. Organized by categories, from apparel and automotive to electronics and travel, the page offers links to discounts for companies like Apple, DIRECTV, Hilton, TUMI, Sam's Club and more. There are also local deals, so you can get the best price for goods and services when visiting another city.

To access your deals even faster, add employee discounts to your Favorites. Simply scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Add to my Favorites." The link will be available in one click from any Flying Together page.

Check it out and start saving today! The employee discounts page is available on the Corporate tab.

ps® Fleet renovation to begin this fall



United will install flat-bed BusinessFirst seating and make numerous other cabin upgrades on its ps® (premium service) Boeing 757-200 fleet starting this November. When the project is complete

next summer, United's cabins between JFK (New York-Kennedy) and LAX and SFO will be comparable to those in its trans-Atlantic narrowbodies, except that each ps. aircraft will boast 75 percent more flat-bed seats, 28 compared to 16. *"The ps. markets are very important,"* said Marketing SVP Mark Bergsrud. *"Many of our*

most valuable customers heavily use these routes, and they demand the level of service and product we proudly provide with ps."

The new ps. planes will each have 28 flat-bed BusinessFirst seats, 48 in Economy Plus and 66 Economy seats for a total of 142 seats. Each seat will have personal on-demand entertainment, and United will continue to offer in-flight Gogo wireless service and power ports in every row.

Since United launched ps. in 2004, its ps. planes have had 12 angled lie-flat United First seats, 26 recliner United Business seats and 72 Economy Plus seats for a total of 110 seats. The updated configuration provides United with 32 additional seats.

American Airlines (AA) recently announced it will offer three-class transcontinental service on Airbus A321s with a total of 30 flat-bed seats in the premium cabins. AA does not expect the first of those aircraft to enter service until November 2013.

Neckwear swap helps tie us together



"We are sharing bases and so many other things, yet we know so little about each other. I thought this might be a fun way to break the ice," said JFK-based Flight Attendant

Kathe Hull. Inspired by the book and movie "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants," she came up with the idea of exchanging scarves and ties, along with a few kind words, among flight attendants.

"Flight attendants at each carrier may write a note of support or encouragement to an anonymous flight attendant at the other subsidiary," she explained. *"On the note each of us will write our name, base and a few words about ourselves and include one of our extra uniform scarves or ties. This is intended for the sole purpose of fostering friendship."*

Kathe placed a box at her base to collect the scarves or ties, and co-workers at several other bases have done the same. The idea spread quickly through the flight attendants' Facebook group, receiving more than 300 "likes" in about a week.

"We appreciate Kathe's inspiring idea and her efforts to bring us all together in such a positive way," said Inflight Services SVP Sam Risoli.

"What a wonderful and simple way to help co-workers bridge our cultures and promote the Working Together spirit," said IAH-based Flight Attendant Cathy Hiestand, who exchanged her subsidiary CO scarf for subsidiary UA LAX-based Flight Attendant Molli Oliver's. *"Kathe's idea has taken on a life of its own and has been met with much enthusiasm throughout the*

system in both domestic and international bases. Who knew that such a simple idea could promote such goodwill among the two groups? I look forward to meeting and flying with Kathe and others who have the same drive and spirit as her. With efforts like this, how can it not be a great airline?"

The word is out. USA Today heard about our flight attendants' neckwear swap and published an article about it in the newspaper.

Easy Does It - "Early Holiday Chicken For Two"



Helen Cain

This is sooooo easy ... you'll love it for a quick end-of-summer dinner. This is enough for two hearty eaters. It's tender yet slightly crunchy!

Ingredients:

6 skinless boneless chicken thighs or breasts
 ¾ cup Best Foods mayonnaise (not diet)
 ½ cup grated parmesan cheese

½ cup already seasoned bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 425 F.

Preparation:

Grease a baking sheet or large glass pie pan with butter or spray with Pam or other non-stick cooking spray. Place chicken on top.

Mix mayo and cheese in a small bowl. Spread over chicken.

Sprinkle all with seasoned bread crumbs.

Bake approximately 30 minutes or until chicken is done, check with a fork for doneness. Enjoy!

Note: To make your serving dish attractive and tasty, add boiled small red potatoes, slightly microwave-warmed peach halves, and jellied cranberry sauce. When I don't feel like making a green salad "from scratch", I purchase one of those already prepared salads at the grocery store and add a bit of my favorite lettuce. Romaine works well.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles



Things are happening quickly at the chapel! There are plans to build an auditorium on the site of the present tent. It will be 40 by 60 with a balcony and a stage, bigger and higher than the stage in the tent.

The proposed structure would cost \$25,000, and the building is planned for completion before September

11th. Also planned is a covered building for the crew monument with glass windows. This will provide protection for those arriving by bus when it rains.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Anniversary Ceremonies:

→ Sunday, September 9, 2012

- ✓ 10:30 a.m. – Pontifical High Mass, Archbishop Musallam presiding.
- ✓ 1:00 PM – Memorial Ceremony – Public Official to speak.
- ✓ North Star Kids Concert Performance, Annie Snyder, Director.
- ✓ 3:00 PM – Prayer Service Apostolic Church, Somerset.
- ✓ Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Message from Bishop Knierium.

→ Monday September 10, 2012- Vigil Ceremony, 7:00 PM.

→ Tuesday, September 11, 2012 – Observance of Patriot Day:

- ✓ 9:00 AM – Star Spangled Banner and raising the American Flag. Christian Motorcyclists Assoc. Bikers Testimonial Program
- ✓ 10:00 AM - Call to gather 10:04 AM – declaration of the Names of Heroes – participating Bikers and congregation sound The Thunder Bell.
- ✓ 10:30AM– Solemn Pontifical Mass in Memory of Flight 93, Archbishop Musallam Presiding. Intermission ~ Refreshments and Lunch in Hospitality Pavilion.
- ✓ 1:00 PM - Solemn observance Eleventh Anniversary Patriot Day
- ✓ 3:00 PM – Interfaith prayer service and solemn closing of ceremonies

To donate to the 93 Memorial Chapel, make check to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank Eggles, 3405 Westchester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaradus

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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LOCAL NEWS

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On Thursday, July 19, our Florida/Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter met in the Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. We had 19 members present. We were happy that **Tommy & Sande Zander** were able to be with us after a long absence. Members in attendance were: **Jim & Penny Alston, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich,**

Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Thompson Horne, Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Harold Stofko and Tommy & Sande Zander.

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order at 12:45 PM after lunch. The Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report continue to be emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent. Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra**, Treasurer, and **Bill Hayden**, Vice-President. The winners were **Tommy & Sande Zander**.

Bob announced that next month's meeting on August 16th will be our chapter's **2nd Anniversary!** It is hard to believe that we have been meeting for 2 years already. Time really does fly when you are having a good time and our group certainly has a great time each month. We truly enjoy being together so much!

Billie Learned sent an email to let us know that **Park** is doing better lately so they have flown to Ohio for a reunion with some long time friends. If **Park's** health continues to be good, they plan to go to Maine in September and Hawaii in December. We all are praying that Park's health will continue to improve. We all miss them so much when they are absent. **Jim & Penny Alston** gave us lots of info regarding the 200 mile relay race that their daughter and son in law participated in Utah. There were over 1200 teams participating. **Jim & Penny** were in their support team. They said it was really something and they enjoyed being a part of it. **Tommy & Sande Zander** told us all about their fabulous Norwegian Fjord Cruise on the Queen Elizabeth they took last month. The **Heinrichs** and the **Zanders** gave us lots of pointers on cruising and how to get some real good deals. **Bill Hayden** told us about a trip he made to the Corvette museum in Bowling Green, KY. He loved watching them put the cars together.

Bob Schwartz reminded everyone that with next month being our Chapter's 2nd Anniversary, it will also be election of officers. Our current slate of officers have served since our group formed and all 4 of us are still enjoying our jobs but would welcome someone else that might like to take over any one of our positions and see how much fun it is. We do have a fantastic group of members. The beaches are still very beautiful down here plus the Aviation Museum is out of this world. They are adding new exhibits daily and the IMAX movies are wonderful plus the Blue Angels are still practicing every week. We'd love for you to come down and join us for one of our meetings. They are the third Thursday of each month and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

August 16 - Our Second Anniversary Meeting!

September 20 - We begin at 11:30 AM.

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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No meeting for July. This summer we will be concentrating on increasing our membership. Readers, if you know any retirees living in central or northern Alabama, ask them if they are a member of our group. If they are not, tell them to contact **Judy Slover** at (334) 322-1161 or by email at judyslover@mindspring.com. We love new members and guests.

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Today will be 112 degrees in the West Valley ... yuck, too hot! I can't wait until October. Vic & I have been pretty "tied down" due to Vic's dizzy spells. No good news from the doctors yet, we'll see the ENT this week for a "balance" test and an MRI is scheduled. Sure hope the doc can determine the problem, it's been 4 months! That Luxembourger patience is wearing thin.

Our President of the Azures, **Mike Richards**, is running for the RUAEA Executive Vice President position and we wish him luck in this new endeavor. Also, **Bob Hallden** is running for Director - Arizona Region as replacement for the spot Mike Richards held. The bios on all the candidates are included at the ruaea.org website and I urge you to please sign in to the website and vote for the officers as I'm sure they'll appreciate everyone's vote. Also, on the ruaea.org website, you can find all the information regarding this year's convention in Washington, D.C., October 3-7.

Vivian Klick is planning another trip to visit her daughter, Vivian, in California the middle of August. Vivian was looking at a picture of an ocean and palm trees and got the "urge" to see them in person. Just so happens, her daughter and family live there in a new house. Have fun, Vivian!

Just a little name dropping ~ Back in Illinois at the end of July, I had lunch with **Connie Russo**, **Linda Kluth** and **Arlene Jurinek** at the Olive Garden the day I arrived; another day, had lunch with my "EXO" buddies, **Judy Weber**, **Lynn Auchincloss**, **Paulette Miller** and **Linda Mandala**. It's always good seeing them and talking "ole times". Then another night, I had dinner

with **Linda Kluth**, **Virginia Monaco**, **Mary Barry**, **Barbara Robbins**, **Connie Russo** and a wonderful friend of Connie's and ours, Nancy. No diet again on this visit, but it's worth seeing such good friends and ex-coworkers.

Don Bergstrom has gone through another operation to reverse his previous procedures. According to **Ann**, he will have a 2-month recovery but the operation went well and we're sure he'll get the best of care from Ann when he does return home. Please keep Don & Ann in your prayers. Their address is: 20003 N. 124th Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

I am so sorry to hear of the death of a good friend and ex-OM from ORDCS, **Ron Tomaszewski**. He was one of the "good ones"! Also, an ex-supervisor at ORDCS, **Carl Tejera**, passed away from pancreatic cancer. God bless their families.

When the Azures "board" returns back to the Arizona area, we will be getting together to plan the upcoming monthly venues. First is our October picnic on the 13th at Beardsley Park in Sun City West. In November, a Thanksgiving menu is planned at Pebble Creek Tuscany Falls Golf Resort for November 10, always good turkey and trimmings!

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98th and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

September 11 – Breakfasts

September 25 – Breakfast

PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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Now that September is here, and children are back in school, we will be starting to get back to our normal routine of doing things. It won't be long before the snowbirds return also. Where did the summer go?

Our chapter will continue meeting for breakfasts on the fourth Friday of each month. We won't be starting our luncheons until November, because the RUAEA Convention is in October. Our September breakfast will be Friday, September 28, starting at 9:00 a.m. at Crackers & Company Cafe, 535 W. Iron Ave. in Mesa, off of Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue. We hope many will be able to join us. We welcome any visitors. We're open to anyone who is 55 and over and worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time. If you would like to come, please contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, by the Wednesday before, which would be September

26th, so she will have a head count. She can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. Come join us!

We had 15 members at our breakfast in July. Our own, **Bob Hallden**, was at the breakfast and handed out ballots for the **RUAEA** National Election, for those that needed them. Bob is running for the Arizona Region Director. These ballots were due by September 1st to the Audit Committee. Bob mentioned some people are having problems receiving their MetLife Annuity payment; and if you are having problems, please check with Human Resources. Some of our retirees have done this and their payments resumed. Peg handed out copies of some Senior Scams that are going on and that people should be aware of.

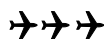
There was lots of discussion on the frustrations we are experiencing with the new travel rules. In the August 2012 issue of the **RUAEA** Newsletter, there is a "Travel Policy Overview as of August 2012" found near the back of the newsletter, which should be quite helpful. Also, if you have computer access, the website fly-ingtogether.ual.com, should be checked for any information or future changes.

We are still in need of items for the gift bags for the Fantasy Flight for children; such as stuffed animals, socks and gloves/mittens to fit kindergarten to first graders, stadium size fleece blankets, travel size soaps, shampoos, and lotions. We are also collecting books, both paperback and hard cover, for the book sale at the airport in October. If you have any items you wish to donate, or have any questions, please contact **Peg Snowdall**, at (480) 396-3317.

We heard **Oscar Aquilar** is progressing well from his knee surgery and hopes to be able to attend one of our breakfasts soon. Our President, **Shirley Claggett**, and **Ron Paluch**, were back in town and were able to attend our July breakfast. It was nice having them back with us.

Hopefully, everyone that wishes to attend the **RUAEA** Convention in Washington D. C. from October 3 – 7, has gotten in their reservation which was due August 31, 2012. The Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA is the location for the Convention. We're looking for a good turn-out.

We have the following birthdays in September: **Keith Morey** (9/2), **Ken Simon** (9/3), **Harry Cloud** (9/7), **Bob Irwin** (9/9), **Pete Kuspis** (9/16), **Bill Rang** (9/18), and **Nancy Snediker** (9/22). Happy Birthday to all of you! We have one Wedding Anniversary and that is **Liz & Ted Tollefsen** on 9/18/54. Congratulations! If we have failed to mention any of our member's birthdays or anniversaries, please let me know. We would like to include everyone that wants us to remember them on their special day.



Calendar:

September 28 – Breakfast at Crackers & Co. Cafe, 535 W. Iron Ave. in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317 by September 26

October 26 - Breakfast



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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The Thunder Canyon Brewery was the site of our July luncheon and nineteen Roadrunners were in attendance. A big thank you goes out to **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin** for arranging and hosting this fine event. It has become one of our favorite meeting places for lunch. The 50/25/25 drawings were won by **Shirley Robertson** and **Sandy Lawyer**.

Our yearly August outing will be in the White Mountains where we will all meet at the Pine Top Country Club for dinner on August 16th. The dinner will be at 6.00pm and **Claire Byle** will need a head count by August 13th. The cost is \$25.00 p/p and checks should be mailed to Claire at 4955 W. Rosebay Dr., Tucson, AZ 85742.

On a sad note, we have just learned that **Howard Hunter** passed away. After several attempts to reach him, a call to the Santa Catalina Villas main office revealed that he had passed away on May 3rd. Howard had a son, Pete and a daughter, Elizabeth. For those wishing to send a card to Elizabeth, her address is 2010 S. Union Ave. Apt 123, Tacoma, WA. 98405. We were unable to find an address for Pete.

On another sad note, we have learned that **Pete Lopez's** mother passed away in Puerto Rico and Alice's best friend also passed away in Puerto Rico. Both are now in Puerto Rico for the services. For those wishing to send cards, their address is 12324 N. Mesquite Crest Way, Oro Valley, AZ 85755

Our September luncheon will be held on the 20th of the month and will be hosted by **Wayne & Loretta Norman**. **Claire Byle** will be the co-host. The place will be named in the September newsletter.

Calendar:

August 16 & 17 - Pine Top in the White Mountains

September 20 - TBA

October 3 - National Convention in Washington D. C.



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This has been a very quiet month of July for our Chapter. There has been no new information from our members, so I have to assume all is well with them. Our next meeting will be on August 15th hosted by the **Rybars**. We will be meeting at the Spyglass Restaurant in Shell Beach.

At our last meeting in June, we met at **Bob & Marcia Stanger's** home with great food prepared by Bob. What I failed to report is that Marcia had beautiful red roses that she presented to the women that attended. This has been her tradition over the years and the roses last for several days. Thanks again, Marcia.

I just looked up my Letter of Employment for actives and retirees and I was able to print a discount letter for cars, cruises, and Hotels. It was interesting to see that my boarding priority was changed from active years of service subtracted from 2012. Thanks to the new pass policy, I lost 25 years in boarding priority. Between the security check-ins and standby policy, it makes things very frustrating trying to fly anywhere. It's easy to see where retirees stand with the new management. I might have to look for other airlines for travel when it comes to getting around.

I'll have more news from our members next month.

Calendar:

August 15 – Meeting, hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**.

BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' July 2012 meeting was hosted by **Virginia & Jim Van Patten**. **Elida & Reuben Rivas** had a family emergency and were unable to attend. Sunshine Lady **Hazel Hayes** reported one birthday in July, **John Oakshott**. **Virginia Van Patten** announced that she and **Jim** celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on July 12.

Dick Shryock announced his resignation as Corresponding Secretary in September; **Peggy Oakshott** will fill the position. Shryock will remain as Treasurer.

Virginia Van Patten read a joke called "My Body Was a Car", and **Dick Hayes** read another one of his poems entitled "The Big Trouble". **Jim Van Patten** brought as decorations two wooden airplane models he had built.

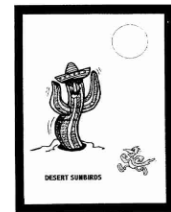
The Brazen Raisins' August 2012 meeting was hosted by **Peggy & John Oakshott** at a new venue, Piazza del Pane in Fresno.

Sunshine Lady **Hazel Hayes** had sent a birthday card to **John Oakshott**, she also reported that **Reuben Rivas** is having a birthday in August and the **Rehbeins** celebrated an anniversary.

Elida Rivas gave a website for interline travel.

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With the temperature soaring above 115 degrees, twenty four brave Desert Sunbirds and guests attended our July Luncheon at the Escena Golf Club in Palm Springs. Our hosts were **Fred & Jan Kellerhals**.

Short guest list this month: **Maureen Williams** brought her friend **Alice Rand**, and I brought my special friend, **Marji Gomez**. President Elaine said that we could only count Marji as a ½ guest, since she has been coming regularly.

In July, the Sunbirds celebrated 244 years of anniversaries: **Dave & Kathy Wilson** (18 years); **Werner & Brigitte Brunken** (30 years); **Fred & Jan Kellerhals** (38 years); **John & Maureen Schultz** (47 years); **Ron & Melinda Lerg** (51 years); and **Ron & Elaine Aggson** (60 years). In August, we're back to normal: **Jerry & Sheryll Waiss** (25 years); and **Gil & Marianne Patterson** (37 years). Congratulations to all the couples.

Sad news to report ~ Our friend and long-time member of the Desert Sunbirds **Dee Wright**, passed away on July 19th. He had been hospitalized since February, after his car accident.

Liz Clapper won the Birthday Lunch by default. She was the only July birthday in attendance. The 50-50 drawing was won by **Marji Gomez**, although President Elaine said something about only getting half, since she could only be counted as a half a guest (see above). Don't ask me, I'm confused!

Calendar:

September 12 – TBA, hosted by **Dave & Kathy Wilson**

October 10 – TBA, hosted by **Glen & Jan Voirol**





GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on July 25 at Chang Brothers in Auburn. This was hosted by **Glenn & Alice McPeak**. We had 45 Gold Diggers attending and four guests. Guests of **Forester & Jean Sinclair** were **Carla & Jim Moss**, **Tim & Cindy McPeak** were guests of **Glenn & Alice McPeak**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the McPeaks for hosting.

Officers' Reports:

Pres. **Terry Greenacre** ~ There will be no "little known facts" today. He told a little "story" instead.

Vice President **Orville Harshbarger** ~ **Colleen & Harold Esola** are covering for them as they are on vacation. A host is still needed for the October luncheon. Our next luncheon will be a picnic on August 29th at Commodore Park in Penn Valley.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for July & August: Those 50 years and over for July: **Francisco & Marta Fornells** (58). Those 50 years & over for August: **Jim & Ethel Meek** (62); **Bob & Margaret Eggert** (56); **Karl & Ruth Stamnitz** (56); **Skip & Marie Jenkins** (51). **Harold Esola** led us in singing the anniversary song.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** had nothing to report. We are glad to see Darryl Stroud today. He thanked everyone for the cards and prayers and hopefully will be able to go to convention in the fall.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** had nothing to report.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** had nothing to report.

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** said they are still dealing with pass travel problems ~ Boarding by years of service should be in place by the end of the year. Please see the RUAEA newsletter regarding tips on pass travel. There is a new RUAEA Chapter in Fairfield/Vacaville area. They will meet to see how many retirees are interested in joining. Ron talked about the convention coming up in October and the RUAEA election for officers. Also the first 787 will be handed off to United by Boeing in September. We are still not sure about getting the verification letters for use on Southwest, this is still a work in progress.

Calendar:

August 29 – Commodore Park in Penn Valley hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**

September 26 – China Buffet in Citrus Heights hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**

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Submitted by Mary Hill

A good time was had by all, when we held our July meeting on the 12th at the Chalet Basque in San Rafael. There were 24 members and guests attending. President **Barney Hagen** thanked our hosts **Oscar & Joan Chambers** and helpers **Maddie McKinnis** and **Joan Olsen** for such a great occasion. Everything was decorated for the Olympics, with many Gold Medals (chocolate ones) that the Americans will be winning.

Our Vice President, **George Schwind** introduced our guests, **Lee Trevelyan**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**, **Dave Della Zeppa**, guest of **Dick & Maria Southon** and **Tony Stilman**, guest of **Norma Stilman**. George was wearing two hats this day, because our treasurer, **Jan Blackburn** was on a "fun day" with her 12 year old granddaughter. And that is always a good day. The funds are still looking pretty good. George reminded us of the Charity Box.

Barney reminded us of the RUAEA elections. They should be in by September 1st. It can be done online or by mail.

Our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** was off to her family reunion, so **Joanne Huhn** stepped up to take her place. Joanne sent a card to the family of **Sal Ortega**, who passed away last month. Sal worked for many years at the Maintenance Base in SFO. He will be missed by all of us.

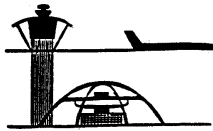
Joanne also sent a card to the family of **Ed von Bostel**, Ed was always a guest of **Naomi Tolf**. Ed used to bring Naomi to the luncheons. Ed enjoyed our luncheons and we always enjoyed his company.

It was good to see **Elsie Kuhl** back after hip surgery. It looks like everything is going well with Elsie.

Well, people are traveling and so far, there doesn't seem to be any "horror stories" yet. Everyone agrees the "Vacation Pass" seems to be the best way to go.

Another great raffle and reminder about our next luncheon. It will be deep in the woods of Armstrong Redwoods, a chicken BBQ, hosted by Verda and Gang. It will be held on August 9th. Hope to see you there.





Re-LAX-ers

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Our steak-fry at El Segundo Park was a cool breezy day very much like all summer. We continually pinch ourselves and say "*Aren't we lucky?*" **Howard Lackey**, **Peter Schuster** and **Louis Horompoly** grilled the steaks to perfection! We accompanied those tasty morsels with salads and fruit just like our mamas taught us; and then hovered over the dessert table like vultures!

Our superior party girl, **Sylvia Allen** just survived a 5-way-by-pass heart surgery with a possible pace-maker addition on July 12th! The news really stunned us as she regularly attends our luncheons and looks the picture of health. We send our heart-felt love and prayers for a speedy recovery. Her address: 8409 West Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90305.

We're sorry that **Frankie & Al Tschirhart** missed another luncheon as Al is experiencing swelling and infection in his legs. Walking up those hills in the park isn't easy; even on healthy legs! Best wishes and we hope to see you soon.

Roger & Judi Dunworth normally spend a long summer vacation in No. CA boating and water skiing with family members. On one of Roger's high-flying rides; he damaged the hamstring of one leg. Local Drs. advised him to return home for adequate care which he did. His surgery went well and now he has 6-8 weeks of rehab. Send encouragement to: 3117 Silva St., Lake-wood, CA 90712-3011.

Our dear friend, **Dee Wright** has passed away from the results of that horrible accident that kept him in a sedated state since February. We lost a very loving helpful friend to the Re-LAX-ers and the Fantasy Flight; as well as a travel companion of many years. His loss will be felt by many. Our deepest sympathy to his family; Derek Wright, 12717 71st Drive S.E., Snohomish, WA 98296.

We've heard from **Cindi & Gary Edson** after their long summer vacation to visit family members spread far and wide. They advised; to make things easier, on short hops, book Southwest!

Calendar:

October 11 - Proud Bird Restaurant



Re-Sans

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Summer greetings from sunny San Diego! We have not had any of the unusual weather that is out there around the country and for that, we are grateful.

We had twenty three attendees at our monthly breakfast and everyone is having a good summer. **John Cunningham** and **Betty Tomaino** were back with us after their working at San Diego's Comicon convention.

John Cunningham was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and donated his winnings to the Dan & Mary Armstrong Benefit which is being held on the 19th of August.

For anyone who likes to drive to Los Angeles and fly out of the LAX Airport, we were advised by **John Cunningham** that if you stay 1 night before your trip at the La Quinta or Hacienda hotel, they will allow free parking for fourteen days. They also have shuttles between hotel and terminal.

We welcomed **Marlene Garcia** from Los Angeles. She was visiting with **Betty Tomaino**. It was so nice of her to join us.

Hope to see everyone next month. If you are going to be in SAN, come and join us for breakfast. We love having you come to visit with us.

Calendar:

September 6 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394. (619) 226 0255.



GOLDEN GATERS SFO - BAY AREA

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Most of us are old enough to remember WWII. Our chapter now treasures a photo and newspaper article from that era where women stepped in to help out in factories etc. as our servicemen were deployed and fighting in foreign lands. This newspaper article shows that in just one day, 29 civilian Pennsylvania-Central employees in Washington DC donated their life's blood to save

lives overseas. With 300 PCA'ers in the Armed Forces, civilian PCA employees regularly gave blood to the mobile Red Cross Blood Donor Unit set up at the National Airport. One of the lady blood donors, still today's heroine, was our own retiree chapter member, **Phyllis Maloney** (photo). Sincerest belated thanks, **Phyllis!**

Personally, I was no hero but I remember donating a pint of blood every other month at the US Army Transportation Depot in Seattle, WA during the Korean War. It didn't bother me a bit and I got the rest of the day off! What amused this then 17 year old (me) was that the hunky young man in front of me passed out and fell onto the floor when the needle went into **my** arm and he spotted the blood! (I guess this is why **women** have the babies?)

Another thing to be said for our senior citizenry is the latest Redwood City "Mercury News" photo of our chapter member **Milt Cavalli**. He's only 99, has a good driving record, and journalist granddaughter **Shaleece Haas** has written a successful 2010 documentary on a very touchy subject entitled: "Old People Driving". Depending on his and wife **Marie's** moods and destinations, **Milt** drives either the 2004 Ford van or the 1915 Ford. (It's adorable, Folks!) What **Shaleece** has discovered is that 16% of licensed drivers in the US are 65 or older. Also, they accounted for 8% of all miles driven. In January 2013, **Milt** will be 100 years old and says he's looking forward to renewing his license for another five years. Wait till you see that "Golden Gaters" 100th birthday cake absolutely blazing with 100 candles, **Milt!**

Two recent wedding anniversaries celebrated are **Milt & Marie Cavalli** with 74 years, and **Aubrey & Betty Bliss** with 64 years. Double congratulations to y'all.

We are still losing dear friends: Recently departed for a better and less difficult life is **Salvatore (Sal) Ortega**. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. **Patricia (Pat) Ortega**, 1654 Gover Lane, San Carlos, CA, 94070-4854.

We were very pleased to welcome back into our membership fold past members **William (Bill) West** of Moss Beach, and **Julie Hansen** of San Mateo. We missed you, friends.

If you have interesting day trips in mind for our Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** to investigate, please telephone her at (650) 224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com.

If you were not the employee and are no longer eligible for Vacation Passes, a very pleasant surprise to me was the cheaper availability of Air Tran Airways. Depending on where you're heading and don't mind a lay-over in another airport for a while, this beats even the 20% discount UAL offers. Round trip pricing from San Francisco to our RUAEA convention in Washington

D.C. this year is \$324. That includes taxes **and** the \$12 fee, if you would like a positive space aisle seat (order well ahead of time). Carry-ons are free, the first checked bag is \$20, a second checked bag is \$25.

Member **Jean Kidera** announced she has recently been contacted by the author of a finally completed book on the June 30, 1956 tragic collision over the Grand Canyon between UAL and TWA. **Jean's** late husband, **George Kidera** was the then Vice President of Medical Services for UAL and was interviewed by the author, **Mike Nelson**. If you're interested, the title of the book is "We Are Going In: The Story Of The Grand Canyon Disaster."

I'm speaking now for more than a few chapter secretaries whose organizations have a memorial fund for members who have passed onto another less problematic world. When the family requests a particular charity to honor with a monetary memorial gift for this relative, please attempt to send us the proper title and address of that charity. We spend a lot of time tracking down addresses, especially to the often unusual and still struggling charities and their locations. Thanks!

Calendar:

For the remainder of the year, our General meetings will be on Monday, **August 27**, Monday, **October 22**, and Monday, **November 26**. Monday, **September 24** will be our annual **picnic** to be held where we usually meet, William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Telephone (650) 286-3380. **Note:** Please purchase your picnic tickets at the Monday, **August 27th** General Meeting: \$10 for members, \$15 for guests. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404. (There is no **December** General meeting.)

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Where did the lazy days of summer go? Here it is September already; time to start planning for the convention. Some from our group are planning on enjoying the chance to reconnect with other RUAEA retirees and visit DC. We have a number of couples who have reached the 50+ anniversary milestone. **Larry & Jacqueline Tulie** (53), **Tony & Helen Seidl** (56), **Sam & Billie Cramb** (54), **Kal & Mary Kalpin** (55), and **Gary & Jeanie Fahl** (54). Congratulations to all!

Wednesday, September 12th, a group of us are heading by bus to the Monterey Bay Aquarium to enjoy the

exhibits. The aquarium is known for its kelp forest, jellyfish, otters, and habitats of Monterey Bay. We will enjoy a no host lunch at the aquarium or at Steinbeck's famous Cannery Row.

Some of our members have enjoyed traveling around the country and especially in our own state. **Nancy & Dave Walb** joined friends for their annual camping trip to Pinecrest. **Bob & Karen Devlin** explored the foothills of the Sierras and the town of Murphy. **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** drove north to Yreka, CA and Roseburg, OR for a little fishing and a 50th wedding anniversary celebration. **Merle & Boyd Sweet** enjoyed a trip to Yosemite and visits from family. **Marian Swanson** flew to Chicago to celebrate her sister's 90th birthday.

We average around 40 for our weekly breakfast meetings. If you're in the area please come and join us. We meet **every Friday at 8 am at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd in Cupertino, across from the Home Depot.**

Calendar:

September 12 - Monterey Bay Aquarium Bus Trip, hosted by **Dave & Joanne Saso**

October 16 - Fall Lunch at Fiorillo's Italian Restaurant in Santa Clara, hosted by **Tony & Sally Urso**



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Here I am again, the last day to send in my newsletter. It is so very, very hot here in Jamestown and it is supposed to be hot for the next week. I went on United (space available) from SFO to Albany, NY in July and I was very fortunate to get a seat. The flights were full. I missed one flight and my listing was rolled over to the next flight which was good. The biggest problem I found was that the outbound gates were always being changed and no announcements were made. You really have to be on the alert when you are waiting for a flight. But all in all, my flights were good.

Summer is almost over and there is so much going on. We have a very busy calendar but I like it that way. Tomorrow we are going to our chapter luncheon in Modesto. In July, we went to our luncheon at Thomi's in Jackson. As always, the food was delicious and there was so much food that the waitress gave us take-out boxes, so we were able to take home leftovers for our next meal. We have been going to Thomi's quite often and they really treat us well.

The luncheon was hosted by **Fred & Joan Verbaere**. They held a 50/50 raffle and lucky **Gloria Gemberling** won the raffle. There was also a raffle of wine from the Verbaere winery donated by Fred & Joan and there were many lucky winners. Thank you to both of you for hosting the luncheon and donating the wine.

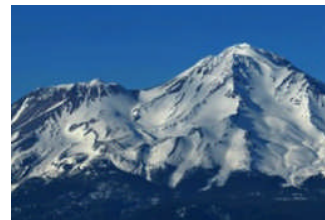
We had several guests join us; **Ray & Carrie Manning** and **John & Alice Sonplack**. Both Ray and John are retired inspectors from United Airlines and we were very happy to have them join us for our luncheon meeting and we hope to see them again.

We just received our August issue of the RUAEA National Newsletter and we all want to thank **Connie Glattly** from the MSP Northern Lites for the Travel Policy Overview she put together. I'm sure it was a major project but I know it will be very helpful to many retirees who are planning to travel space available.

Until next month, please join us at one of our luncheons on the second Thursday of every month. If you have any questions, please call our president **Don Nesja**, (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

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What a delightful day we had at the **Neidlinger's** home for our July 26th luncheon. The weather cooperated and was not too hot for a day in Redding. Swimming, eating and just enjoying other United retirees was the hit of the day. Sixteen people gathered for a delicious turkey provided by **Kay & Vincent Neidlinger** and wonderful side dishes brought in by everyone. Our President, **Merritt Odor** and his wife **Klaren**, were traveling so our Vice President, **Richard Skelly**, decided that the meeting would be suspended and just enjoy the day. We missed several members this month. Many were traveling. **Charlotte Puryear** was a little under the weather and everyone wished her well.

Our member profile this month is our Vice President, **Richard Skelly** ~ In 1962, Richard's temporary job started with United and 36 years later he retired. He hired on as a mechanic assigned to the Turbine shop in San Francisco. After probation, Richard moved to the engine test cell center where all repaired engines were tested. He worked in the test cell for twenty years. Richard was then promoted to Foreman of the Engine Repair Shop. Two years later, he transferred to Line Maintenance Control Center as a controller (also known as SAMC). From there he transferred back to the Tur-

bine Shop as a mechanic. He worked in the Turbine shop for the remaining years until retirement. Richard and his lovely wife Raejean will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year and enjoying retirement in Redding, CA.

The 50-50 raffle was won by **Linda Delaney**. The \$15.00 gift certificate was won by **John Isbell**.

The next meeting/luncheon has been set for Thursday, September 27th at 11:00 AM at Anderson River Park. **Richard Skelly** and **John Isbell** volunteered to buy the meat for the group. We decided on hamburgers, hot dogs and vegetable burgers. Everyone else will bring a side dish. **Sharon Simonton** volunteered to reserve the park and also send out flyers. The **North-staters** really enjoy this picnic time together on the Sacramento River.

Calendar:

September 27 - Thursday at Anderson River Park, K.C. Grove #2 beginning 11:00 AM. Come join us!

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We had a great turnout for our August breakfast. As usual we met at the United Airlines Training Center. The food was great and the camaraderie was superb! We even had a break in the temperature; it only got up to 85 from a string of 90 plus days. And we had a total of 60 people attend. Visiting was **Virginia Hanson's** sister, **Dolores Kambic** from Montana and **Mike Donofria** also joined us. First timers were **Emilia Muntean** and **Lou Ann Bauer**. Glad to have you, come on back and see us. It was good to see **Roy Graham** out. **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** brought their daughter **Dianne** along with grand daughters, **Rachel Adkins** and **McKenna Morris**.

Tom Goodyear reported the passing of **Donna Walp** who worked in DENRR and DENCs. Also **Art Say** from DENMM passed away. If you would like to send his wife, **Joan**, a card the address is 1031 E 120 N, Orem, UT 84097.

Tom also reported that any questions or problems with pass travel please call the Employee Travel Center at 1-877-324-5555 or email them at etc@united.com. The travel article in the August RUAEA newsletter may be of help, this is a first stab at getting some information out to the retirees. Any corrections, additions, adjustments will be reflected in future newsletters.

We want to thank **Doris Hall** for making three hats that we raffled off. The winners were **Sharon Ahr**, **OJ Keip**, and **Kathy Sibley**. 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the club were **Richard Conner**, **Walt Hansen**, **Gene Sibley**, **Ray Shoults** and **Cas Spokas**, who won twice. Thanks for the donation!

Virgil Gooselaw volunteered to administer an email list for the purpose of notifying Maintenance retirees of events of interest. If you want to be on the list send an email to vgoose@comcast.net. **Gene Sibley** volunteered to maintain a Maintenance group phone list for those without email. If you want to get on Gene's phone list give him a call at (303) 840-1256. **Howard Tress** has volunteered to maintain a similar email list for Ramp Service retirees; if you want on his list, send Howard an email at atthct@comcast.net. If others are interested in starting an email or phone list, let Tom or Virgil know, so it can be brought up at the next breakfast and published in the RUAEA Newsletter. **Note:** These lists are not used for social purposes, but for notification of events, deaths and etc.

Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on September 1st at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35th Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast.

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President **Dick Coughlin** opened our meeting. It was good to see everyone again. There were 14 members present. **Molly & Herb Gardner** were off to Australia and New Zealand. Then they will be off to Chicago to meet a new grandchild who arrived while they were "down-under". **Rick & Marion Johnson** were spending some time on Long Island, NY, before going on a cruise to Bermuda from NY City. **Emily Veracka** is in Boston for a month, her granddaughter was due to have another operation. It's always nice to have grandma nearby. **Nancy Thomas** is feeling the loss of hubby **Frank** and feeling the loneliness that brings. If you want to send her a card, she is at 5542 Mesa Road, Gilroy, CA 95620.

We had one new member, **Gloria Marcantoni**, and one long-time member **Jane Kress** back with us. It was very good to see her again. We had no birthdays of

regular members, but how nice it was to sing Happy Birthday to our new member Gloria. There were no other celebrations. At joke time, Prez Dick had some really funny ones today. Too bad **Rick Johnson** wasn't here to laugh with us. They were so good, I think I'll take them to a "Singles over 55" luncheon this month. A guy is going to play keyboard for us, and we'll be singing up a storm!

Our 50/50 winner was **Janet Horton** and we had a second drawing which **Jane Kress** won. **Penny Logan** reported our Treasury is in the black and growing. VP **Steve Moddle** gave us another Police report from the monthly meeting he attends. The biggest problem in the area is still stolen cars. Out of the 15 reported, 10 of them had their keys left in the car. It's hard for some people to learn.

While we waited a l-o-n-g time for our meals to arrive, we enjoyed some wonderful conversations and sharing. The group was small enough so mostly only one conversation was going on at a time and it was enjoyable. Dick had some brief comments about the company and others gave more ideas and information on how to get through the traveling boondoggle which was helpful for **Bob Clinedinst** as he plans on a trip soon to the west coast to see a son who has had some physical issues.

On that note, we adjourned until September. Hard to believe by then the summer will be over and activities will pick up with other things we're involved in,

Calendar:

September 6 - 1130 - Red Lobster

October 4 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

November 1 - 1130 - Red Lobster

December 6 - 1130 - Red Lobster



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Today's luncheon boasted only 28 members. Why? **Roger Syx's** Retirement Party was being held down the road at the very same time! This secretary, along with quite a few others, managed (we are retired after all!) to make it to the Orlando Ale House to add our well-wishes and "welcome to our ranks" along with all the airport *working* folks who came to his send-off! President Rich & Cathy are on vacation, but the trio of VP **Ken Michels**, Treasurer **Char LeGrand**, FL Director **Paul Brown**, and Secretary **Elaine**, were able to hold the meeting together with a few bits of news and updates!

We welcomed **Bob** (MCOMM) & **Gloria Schmitt**, who traveled from afar to join us and **Murray Delauter** (MCOCS) made the trip from Palm Bay to dine with our group! It was also great to see **Lou & Joan Gaydos** and **Sharon & Charlie Ringer**. The guys have been on our "I Time" list of late, but are back with us! Yeah!

Members were reminded that there are several deadlines coming up: August 31st is the deadline to register for the RUAEA DCA Convention and September 1st to vote for the new Board of Directors for RUAEA. Go to www.ruaea.org to vote online. Paul reminded everyone to book your hotels for both DCA in October and The Villages in February. Other important dates and changes are in the calendar below.

Continued prayers for strength and God's healing for our members.

Calendar:

Luncheon - First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Golden Corral, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

September 4

October 9 – Picnic at Cypress Grove

November 13 – Regular Luncheon Meeting – Golden Corral 1:30pm

December 11 - Christmas Luncheon at Bonefish Grill on So. Semoran Blvd. Deadline to RSVP to Treasurer **Char LeGrand** is December 6th.

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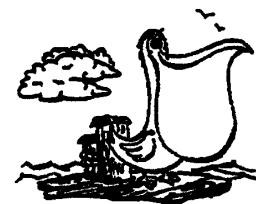
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Submitted by Nancy Kopp

The Pelican Drop-Ins met at Perkins Restaurant Aug. 3rd with a group of 10. **John Dainus** is having a quiet summer at home and still flying with the Sun-downers doing rescues in Lee Co.

Margie & Bill Burg have just moved into their home in South Fort Myers and are recovering from a 5 week vacation in Europe.

Ed & Judy Clarke are awaiting their 3rd grandchild and will be helping out in Chicago.

Sally Sciple is getting ready to enjoy her reunion in Dallas with her Girl Scout troop she helped form 50 years ago! We should all be so lucky!

Suzanne & Dennis Aguilera are headed to California this month to visit family and friends and Dennis' class reunion.

Nancy Kopp will be making a quick trip to Missouri to visit friends and family.

We would like to remind members of our new lunch meeting place in October, VFW, 4709 SE 11 Place, Cape Coral, FL 33904.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at VFW in Cape Coral (**October-May**)

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

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It's hard to believe that the summer months are coming to an end with September nipping at our heels. Our next meeting is September 4 and the voting for new officers will be announced at that meeting. Hopefully, many will attend.

Voting in the primary election is past and hopefully, everyone performed their duty in this American privilege. November election and voting is also in the very near future and your vote does count, so do your duty and get out there and vote!

Our August Birthdays are as follows and topping the list on the first day of August 1 was none other than our President **Al Popek**, **Mary Jane Wise** (8/13), **Constantinos Xifaras** (8/25), **Frank Wise** and **Keith McCormick** (8/27). Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary are **Edward & Ona Dechant** on 8/28. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all!

Stay well and see you on September 4. If you are in the area, please join us.

Remember Live, Laugh and Love the clock is ticking!

Calendar:

September 4 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

October 2 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

November 6 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

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Aloha. The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter, however presently we do not have a chapter correspondent. We meet three times a year, in February, June, and September on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All retirees are welcome. The location and luncheon costs vary.

Our next luncheon is September 20th at the Jade Dynasty Restaurant located in Ala Moana Center. The cost is 17.00 per person. Please mail your check payable to HNL RUA, c/o **Patricia Thomson** at the above address before September 13th.

We look forward to seeing you in United's Little Corner of the World.

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Former president **Bud Peters** led our July 10th meeting at IHOP, as president **Dave Adams** was driving a tour bus home from the Calgary Stampede that day. Our group numbered 15, including a guest, **Verla Haugen**, daughter of **Ossie & Louise Haugen**. **Verla** expressed the pleasure of seeing us all again and hearing about our travels. Her mother **Louise** has rejoined us, having not attended since she lost **Ossie** in 2010. She is having vision trouble, so she rode in with her daughter.

Bud & Pat spent a great week in the Oregon Wine Country in mid June. **Shirley Perkins** went to Toronto to visit her sister for 2 weeks. **Charles**, she says, really missed her, and she's glad to be home again. **Robert & Palmer Sarnoff** went to St. Louis for their "kindergarten" reunion. Sounds fun, doesn't it - 17 folks who have remained friends since attending kindergarten together. They used vacation pass, which worked well!

Also with us were **Sharon Kolins**, **Denny Snyder**, **Gloria Hubbert**, **Louise Duvall**, **Marlene Croghan**, **Marilyn Taylor**, **Ned Yundt**, and **Carol Adams**.

During the month of June and early July, **David Adams** has been on the road again with two tours - Black

Hills and Calgary. Also, we took our whole family, total of 9, on a Holland America cruise out of Seattle through the Alaskan Inside Passage. Had a great time!

Calendar

September 4 - Memorial Picnic at Cassia Park, 12 to 4:00

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Happy August, everyone! This crazy weather doesn't want to leave. At ORD on July 26, 70 mile an hour winds and a micro burst collapsed a wall at Hangar C (Old Eastern Hangar). No one was injured, but there is a gaping hole in the front of the hangar. It will probably take months to repair.

Our July Northsider's breakfast brought a new face, **Jean Spejcher**, newly retired from Operations, WHQBQ, after 22 years with United. She is a good friend of **Marlene Anderson**. Also, faces we haven't seen in awhile, **Helen Bottalla**, and **Candy Stec**, joined us. It was good to see them again.

Helen Cauwels, our Midwest Region Director, brought her great-grandchildren, **Ken** and **Kikky Sanji**. **Toni VanKampen**'s son eloped to Fonte, Italy. He and his bride were married in the same church that her great grandparents were married in 1904. Family and tradition continue.

The Southsider's Brunch had 19 smiling faces. First-time attendee was **Bob Kalicki**, our Skyliner's president. Raffle was won by **Tom Hurley**, **Marge Schmidt** and **Ed Ward**.

Rudy Maki, attempted his first UA/CO trip pass to DCA for the 4th of July celebration. He flew in on the 3rd and left on the 6th, with no problems. **Rudy** enjoyed the big parade that started around noon. At night, he went to the roof of the Holiday Inn, and watched the spectacular fireworks with the monuments in the background. In 1961, **Rudy** transferred to CHI following the United/Capital merger. He hadn't expected to experience another merger after retiring. None of us did, **Rudy** ... and not like this!

Also at the brunch was, **Gwen & Bill Brookins**. On August 10, they will celebrate 54 years of marriage. Congratulations! They will be taking a "positive space" bus trip on September 9, with the Sociable Seniors, to New Orleans and Biloxi for two weeks.

The annual Convention in DCA is very popular this year. The Hyatt Hotel is completely full. If you are planning on going, you can try the Americana Hotel at www.americanahotel.com. They do have an airport and Metro shuttle. Other possibilities were listed in last months' Newsletter.

Our sympathy goes to all affected by the Aurora, CO tragedy. With so many UA people in the DEN area, a considerable number of family and friends are experiencing grief in their lives. You are all in our prayers. **Marcie Moller**, from Castle Rock, said it the best, "*our state is in mourning*".

Charlie Lewis, our Skyliner's treasurer has compiled a list of Postage Fund contributors this quarter. **Larry Barr, Muriel Bergsma, Jay Boberek, Candice Bussell, Marilyn Chaplin, Walter Chornomaz, Steve Conrad, John Cooper, Rich DelBocchio, June DuCharme, Bill Hamilton, Barbara Hanson, John Kozlik, Al LaRoche, Cathy Lindquist, Lillian Mallstrom, Frank Mancini, Lee Messina, Virginia Monaco, Lowell Neal, Marj Nelson, Bob O'Connor, Harold Ogle, Joan O'Hara, Ruth Opitz, Ray Potsic, Mary Remke, Jane Roberts, Christine Romanoff, Marlene Stanek, Mary Szabo, Wayne Tapp, Don Tutt, Gerry Vann 2), Jim Vlazny, John Wade, Don Wagner, Diane Webb, Irene Groeschell, Ginny Vlach, Tony Stefanos, Ted Jung, John Koehl, Connie Krueger.**

We also have a list of the Web Site contributors. **Muriel Bergsma, Jay Boberek, Phyllis Capuzelo, Marilyn Chaplin, Steve Conrad, Pedro Franco, JoAnn Giannini, Bill Hamilton, Barbara Hanson, Ted Jung, Connie Krueger, Lillian Mallstrom, Frank Mancini, Virginia Monaco, Lowell Neal, Marj Nelson, Ray Potsic, Mary Remke, Jane Roberts, Marlene Stanek, Mary Szabo, Wayne Tapp, John Wade, Diane Webb, Sally Welter.**

Calendar

Northsiders' Breakfast—Ritz's Café, 8:30 A.M. 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. (**September 12** and **October 10**) Second Wednesday of the month.

Southsiders' Brunch—Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**August 28** and **September 25**) Last Tuesday of the month

Food Depository—First Tuesday of the month. Bus leaves the Training Center at 7:45 A.M.

Fall Luncheon—Monday, **September 17**, Diplomat West, Elmhurst, IL

Christmas Luncheon—Tuesday, **December 11**, Avalon Banquets, Elk Grove, IL

RUAEA Convention—October 3-7, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Arlington, VA

Presidential Election is Tuesday, November 6. Are you registered to vote?

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Chicago has been having a heat wave for the month of July with temperatures in the 90's and even a 100 on a couple of days. We had a small group of 4 retirees at the July luncheon which may have been due to the extreme heat which has kept many people indoors. However, we had a lively conversation with **Lee Bozich**, **Mary Szabo** and **Norm Pearson**. We were seated at a perfect table that overlooked the Chicago River and Trump Tower.

Lunch was especially good with a new menu. We were well served by Philipe and everyone gets separate checks. Even the restaurant was only partially filled probably due to the heat as there are usually always many more people during the lunch hour.

The next luncheon will be on Wednesday, September 19th. Please call or email before noon of Tuesday, September 18th so I can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect.

Please note that during the same week on Monday, September 17th, the Skyliners will be having their annual fall luncheon at the Diplomat Banquet Hall in Elmhurst. They are famous for their delicious "Grilled Sage Stuffed Pork Chops" and shouldn't be missed.

Calendar:

September 19 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

October – No luncheon scheduled

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Thirty-one members and guests greeted **Helen Cauwels**, Midwest Director, at the July meeting. **Mike Matlak**, President, turned the meeting over to Ms. Cauwels to answer questions and take comments. Many of the questions and comments had to do with new travel guidelines; changes and fees for booking with assistance and how to get money back if standby space is not avail-

Helen Cauwels addressing the Indy Racers



able. For issues for which she didn't have an answer, she recommended contacting the "Employee Travel Center" which she found to be very helpful and courteous. She concluded with a reminder, for anyone planning to attend this fall's convention in Washington, hotel space at the Hyatt in Crystal City was becoming very limited. And, it is important to make reservations as soon as possible.

Indy Racers have found a new home at Emmy's Original Pancake House in Avon. Since they close at 4:00 P.M. The business meeting will now begin at 2:30 PM. The room is available from 1:15 P.M. for lunch.

We bid a fond "adieu" and good luck to members **Gail & Warren Allen** as they have recently sold their house (in 3 days) and are moving to Nevada. They are now on the hunt for a new residence with little or no grass to cut, since Warren left his lawnmower behind; and, you can be certain it will be close to at least one golf course. We will miss them. **Dimple Rihel** traveled to Chicago for her daughter's wedding at the end of July. **Mary Chandler** flew to China for a brief trip and is planning a cruise to Vietnam this winter. **Eli & Ralph (Bud) Barnett** have joined the Friday night Karaoke group humming to old familiar tunes.

This summer has been hot, hot, hot but has not stopped retirees from traveling and visiting with family and friends. Additionally, here in Indy, activity abounds around the racetrack for the Brickyard 400.

Happy September birthdays to **Barbara Urbanovic** (9/9) and **Tony Urbanovic** (9/28)

Calendar:

August 14 - Emmy's Original Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch available from 1:30 pm, meeting begins at 3 pm.

September 11 - Emmy's Original Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch available from 1:30 pm, meeting begins at 3 pm.



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No July meeting, normally no news. However, I sent an email asking our members for Newsletter info. Here's what I got.

Jayne Regan has gone back to work full time as a receptionist, at a local law firm. Her husband Jack is still doing P.T. since his ankle fusion in early May. He's having a difficulty getting around, but has a good attitude and knows eventually he'll be back playing golf. They're not sure they will be snow birding this coming winter.

Don & Kathy Latter spent a week in Spain in mid July, between Madrid and Barcelona, then onto a cruise ship to France and Italy. Don said he loves Europe, it's been very hot, but still enjoyable. He's ready to move there.

Our President **Carleen** and hubby **Bruce Eddy** cruised to Venice and Istanbul. Staying in a 17th century plazzetto on the Grand Canal with its secret passage ways, was fascinating. Not taking any chances with vacation time, they bought full fare tickets, not on UA. The trip was great and they recommend it. Again, the only negative was the extreme heat! Can we still deny global warming!

Charlie & Paulette Enos recently celebrated their 20th anniversary, "*They all said it wouldn't last.*" They traveled to Brussels and Amsterdam, nice! In early July, they went to Lake Placid to watch their son, Ian, (a captain for Express Jet) participate in an Iron Man Triathlon. With 26,000 entrants, Ian came in 245th. They are very proud parents!

Pat & Bob Austin are back from snow birding in FL. They are in their Cape Cod home and are looking to hear from fellow Nor'Easters.

Liz & Joe Palmer's daughter and son in law, Kirsten & Doug, have been international teachers in China and the Philippines. Now they are heading to Saudi Arabia as teachers. Their other daughter Megan and husband Tom are into running and bicycle racing, in Colorado. Hubby Joe is into foot racing also. Liz says, she just walks and is enjoying the wonderful Maine summer!

June Alberino is a volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua, NH. She is also taking courses at River College. You can't keep a good lady down!

Well, so far it's been a rather nice summer up here

in the Northeast. Despite the drought throughout the country, we've had a little more than our share of rain, plus unusual and numerous thunderstorms. All my years as a ticket agent, I couldn't imagine why people would leave our great summers and fly off on vacation. Best time of the year to be here!

Got nieces, nephews, grand nieces and great grand nieces visiting for a week. They've descended on my quiet world with tents, baby gear, toys etc. I'm so glad to have them visit my country abode, but may be just as glad to see them leave! As we get older, we tend to enjoy our quiet orderly way of life.

Our own **Paul Newcomb** is back in rehab and **Marie Dwyer** is in for surgery. Don't have particulars yet.

Steve Bilodeau, BOSCS, once a Nor'Easter, now living in FL, lost his younger brother David, only 55 years old. David's death was sudden, so little or no suffering.

September's birthdays ~ **Robert Anderson, Loretta Coyle, Frank DeStefano, Carleen Eddy, Mercedes Hersom, Mark Hutchings, Joseph Moise, Gerald Peters, Lynn O'Hare and Paul O'Mara.**

September's anniversaries ~ **Robert & Mary Boyle** (32 years), **Ed & Virginia Burke** (55 years), **Frank & Natalie Procopie** (53 years), **Joan & Ron Twing** (39 years), and **Bill & Judy Rodenhizer** (27 years).

Calendar:

September 18 – Isaac's Restaurant, Plymouth MA

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Belated July Report ~ July 12th, we had one of our largest turnouts ever at Portofino's in Wyandotte, hosted by **Kathy Franz** and **Ruth Short**, with 34 Escapees and 2 guests attending. We welcomed for the first time this year **Larry Franz, Brendon Heaney, Fred & Carol O'Keefe, Georgette Overholt** (in town from CA), **Sue Smith, Nina Szuch, and Pam Petricca**. Pam also brought as her guest; her daughter-in-law **Brenda**. We also welcomed our brand new Escapees; **Kathy & Mike Bowman**. Lastly, we were delighted to welcome **Phyllis Holiday**, for the first time ever. I haven't seen Phyllis since I retired, she now lives in GA. Many attending also enjoyed the Wyandotte Art Fair before and/or after our luncheon.

Gunther Volkenborn writes that his son Jonathan (63) went home to be with his father in heaven on July 12th. **Gun & Frieda** want to thank everyone for their many prayers. Gun says that it was a blessing as Jon was fighting one of the worst cancers known to man, "Pleomorphic Liposarcoma", which Gun says the name alone is enough to scare you. Love & prayers to Gun & family @ 3207 W. Fletcher Road, Roscommon, MI 48653-9005. **Jan McCaffrey** writes that **Ted** is not doing well. Last I heard he was in the hospital with heart problems and pneumonia. Our love and prayers to Ted @ 6672 Ambassador Ave., Apt. 111, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Lastly, **Marge Nicholas's** brother passed in WI earlier this month. Love & Prayers to **Marge & Bill** @ 5130 Ironside Dr., Waterford, MI 48329-1639.

August Report ~ 14 Escapees & 1 guest gathered at the Breakfast Club in Wyandotte on August 2, hosted by **Sallie Reithel**. Our host surprised each & everyone with a loaf of home-made zucchini bread. Yum! Yum! Sallie also had a birthday cake for sister, **Joan**, whose birthday just happened to be that day. Our 2nd guest was **Theresa**; a dear friend of Joan's who was delighted to join us. We also welcomed **Marge Nicholas** for the first time this year. Once again, many enjoyed the Art Fair going on at this time in Wyandotte.

I just received a letter from **Judie Pearson** that she has moved to FL to live with her sister. She really misses Allen Park and our 4 seasons. She says FL is just hot, hot and hot. Judie's new address; 13785 Waterchase Way, Jacksonville, FL 32224, cell the same; (313) 929 - 2334. Judie would love to hear from anyone who remembers her and says "Hi" to all.

Calendar:

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

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Wow, it was hot when we met in July! Temperatures in the 90's with dew points in the 70's. Gosh, you'd think this was Georgia or Iowa, for goodness' sake!

Well, guess who's back? **Ethel Johnson** decided she missed all of us so much out there in Denver that she made her way back to Minnesota! Bet y'all thought that Minnesotans are so eager to get outta this climate that we never come back. She notified **Mary Brennan**

that she was once again in the area but had so many chores of unpacking, arranging for utilities in her condo, etc., that she couldn't make the July meeting but that we could expect to see her in the near future. Hurray!

Diane & Lee Storlie reported that their wonderful granddaughter, **Brooklyn**, who has joined us for lunch many times & made us feel special, slipped & fell against a trailer at her home, causing a head injury. She's having a time of it recovering from that & we all wish her well & send our prayers. After all, her hockey team needs their goalie & we need her to visit us again soon.

Nel Brawner recently returned from a tour of the Scandinavian countries & Germany. She had a great time (how could she not?) & reported that there was not ONE grumpy person in the group!

Lyle & Sonja Gunderson have completed (for now) their bus trips, so **Sonja** was girded for battle when the 50/50 raffle was held. Everyone was waiting with bated breath to see if one of her numbers would be pulled. There were to be five numbers called for \$10 each & after four of them had been called without any being hers, we were all sure that she was out of luck. The last number was called & **Sonja** stood up triumphantly, waving her ticket. She'd not been a winner in five months, she said; of course, she & **Lyle** haven't attended the meetings for the last three months.

By the time this is read, our picnic at **Gunderson's** place in Balsam Lake, WI will be just a fond memory. Our thanks to **Rita Stang** for offering to provide ALL the sloppy joes for those attending. Hopefully, we'll have had sparkling weather, 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!

Next month is the autumn gathering of the Northwoods Loonies in Siren, WI. Many of our chapter are also members of the Loonies & enjoy the semi-annual chance to visit with some great UAL retirees from all over the Midwest & as far west as Denver. Although most of us never worked together, we've forged lasting friendships through our shared association with the Company. There are never too many Loonies, so if you're of a mind to travel a bit, see some new sights, enjoy good food, maybe have an adult beverage or two & meet some great folks, your chance has come. See their chapter news & give us a call!

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

LABOR DAY

NEBRASKA



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Another great time along with delicious food at the Back Forty in Macedonia, IA. Thanks to **Jim & Dorothy Braden** for hosting and also for the delicious cake. We went to the Grist Mill Theater to have our meeting. **Jim & Dorothy** surprised us with a letter read by **Jim** and written by his grandfather, **Abe Braden**, back in 1894 proposing to his lady. And, in turn, **Dorothy** read the letter **Anna** wrote back to her man. These letters came up as **Jim** was going through items left by his parents. They weren't just a couple of sentences – they were two pages long from both **Abe & Anna**. Very interesting! Again, we were able to view the mounted birds that make up the Stempel Bird Collection which is over 100 years old. People from all over the world have visited this in the small town of Macedonia, IA (population 300), and they say the collection is as good, or better, than the Smithsonian Institute. I can't even guess as to how many mounted birds there are, but they are displayed beautifully in many huge glass cases. People are in awe to see them as they are so beautiful and they look like they could just fly away.

Jane Sesto underwent a chemo treatment so she was unable to be with us; however, Jane did send word that we have \$1,168.21 in our account. The 25/25/50 drawing was won by **Eileen Holly** and **Marilyn Weak** – each receiving \$12.00. **Keith Cornish** said that UAL/Omaha has a new Station Manager, **Greg Jones** replacing **Andra Biehl** who was transferred to Sioux Falls, SD. Birthdays for the month of August ~ **Mike Blasco** (8/18), **Shirley Mahoney** (8/27), **Shirley Payton** (8/29), **Helen Taylor** (8/30), **Ruth Saffer** (8/30).

Colleen Hardick's husband, **Jim**, age 70, passed away July 4. Services for **Jim** were held July 10 at St. Gerald's West Catholic Church. Our sincere sympathy to **Colleen** and her family. I had a nice conversation with **Marianne Brown**. She is doing well. Her memory is as sharp as ever and she enjoys talking about all the people she and **Ed** knew at United. **Peggy Casebeer** is recuperating from shoulder surgery. She is now in the rehab mode of doing exercises which can be very painful. We hope her complete recovery will be soon.

Calendar:

September 4 - Fish & Game, Lake Manawa, Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

October 2 - Sons of Italy, Hosted by **Gary Procopio & Linda**

November 7 - Bohemian Café, Hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

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There were 23 people at our July meeting at Jack's. The date for our annual picnic has changed to Monday, August 20. Once again, thanks to our friends at Clipped Wings for providing the dessert. Please be advised that parking along the road is no longer being allowed due to car/pedestrian collisions that have occurred in the past. Be Early – once the lot is full, no one will be allowed in. Shuttle Buses will run from Incline Village and cost \$3 per person.

The 10th Annual Maintenance Get-Together in Minden, NV will be August 22nd and 23rd at the Carson Valley Inn. Contact John for information sheets.

The 50/50 was won by **Joe Robinson**, our perennial winner. Gifts were donated for our picnic.

July birthdays were celebrated by **Jeanette Bachelor**, **Lloyd Stephens** and **Ruthy Schenk**.

NEW JERSEY

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The Garden Staters met at Stuffy's in Scotch Plains New Jersey on the 27th of July. President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a flag salute and a moment of silence for the passing of **Charlie Jones**; he was with DWR ramp service. Discussion was about the convention in Washington DC. All our members were urged to go. We also talked about our new pass system and were told to use our vacation passes to make our seniority count. **John Murphy** gave the financial report and the 50/50 was won by **Carnell Marabel**.

Our annual picnic will be held on the 29th of August at Merrill Park in Colonia, New Jersey and directions will follow.

Calendar:

August 29 – Annual Picnic at Merrill Park

NEW YORK

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At our August luncheon, we greeted **Margie Bair** whom we hadn't seen in many years. She was accompanied by her daughter, Cheryl. Margie worked in NYCRR when we had key punch for reservation cards which were then placed into huge drawers separated into flight numbers - ah memories! She then worked in Rockleigh when NYCRR moved and was in the tickets-by-mail department. Her daughter worked for AA in ORDCS, as well as EWR.

Jeanne Leo and her husband travelled to Kansas City for a wedding and were able to get on all listed flights. She used a vacation pass. Jeanne also had a visit from **Deborah Janis** (HNLSW) and her husband. Deborah has 3 years until retirement and will have flown for 45 years! **Audrey Smolik** just returned from Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. She had a wonderful stay at the Natura Park Hotel. She reported that although the airport was a madhouse, immigration and check-in went very smoothly. **Marge Segal, Marilyn Cheadle, Helen King, Jeanne Leo, April King** and **Barbara Hill** all partook in "Restaurant Week" offered by many of the establishments in NYC. This "prix fixe" menu allows us to introduce our palates to many places that would be a tad pricey under normal circumstances. According to the NYC tourism board, there are 18,696 restaurants in the five boroughs. Needless to say, something for everyone.

Once again, much was discussed about pass and stand-by flying. We appreciate the 4-page travel policy document which was included in the August newsletter.

Calendar:

October 2 – 12 Noon, San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** (212) 799-8061.

NEW YORK METROS

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It was a perfect summer day for our 7/11 picnic with 53 Metros and guests attending. We had some rear (Oops! Sorry, I meant **rare**) appearances by **Sue Fleming, Carol Cenkus** and **Barbara Schachner**. Don't

stay away so long. **Ulfert Esen** stopped by briefly but couldn't stay for the food, which was delicious, thanks to chefs **John Klos** and **Ed Pozzi**. We also had new faces, **LeeAnn Lack** and **Joyce Smith** from JFK Air Freight. Welcome! Late arrivals ~ **Vicki Petrick** and **Joyce O'Donnell**. Two guests, **Katherine McSweeney** and 5yr old **Olivia**, grand-daughter of **Nunzio & Emma Milazao**. Keep on coming!

Well Napolitano is in a nursing home. We'll let you know when we have more details. Let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Also absent from our meetings but not forgotten was **Rocky Mongelli**, as previously reported, he is in the Woodbury Nursing home. And, along those lines a correction regarding **Elliott Olenick**, he is in Park Avenue Extended Care at 425 National Blvd., Long Beach, NY 11561 (room 618B). He's doing OK per Ruth. We're thinking of you both and wish the best.

Jack Hellerman (JFK. Auto shop) passed away on May 30. Some kind words in remembrance were spoken by **Len Pascal** and **Rudy Wolf** at the picnic. It was good to see his wife **Edie**, who thanked us for the invite to the picnic and thanked us for all the good wishes and prayers.

Frank LaPinto is still in Florida recuperating from knee surgery.

Roy Portelli had his den redone so we had a table full of freebies as raffle prizes at the picnic. You know what they say, "one man's junk is another man's treasure". What's left for next month?

Since we met so late this month, we missed the deadline for the press. Maybe we'll just combine this in August. Can I just say "Ditto" as we meet again for another picnic at Wantagh State Park? I'm so lazy! Just kidding.

2nd report submitted by Jim Richardson (filling in for Cassie Manelski)



Well folks, our August 1st picnic at Wantagh State Park was a blast. A nice crowd in attendance, peppered

with some grand kids and a guest or two. We started off with a light breakfast of donuts and cakes of various kinds, hi & lo-test coffee, tea, and milk for the kids. The picnic started under a humid and threatening sky but a nice breeze blew in off the water keeping us comfortable. In spite of threats of rain, it remained beautiful the entire day with temps in the mid to low 80s and even the sun peeked through now and then to see how we were all doing.

I arrived with the coffee a bit later than I had planned, much to the chagrin of all the earlier arrivals who were anxiously waiting for the coffee to be brewed. **Roy Portelli** realizing I'm never on time brought his own thermos of coffee to get himself started. I told Roy that I hadn't had my morning joe and his thermos idea was a good one and so he came to my rescue as he shared his thermos with me. Thanks Roy!

At 12 noon the real food was put on the grill as those who chose to miss breakfast began to arrive. The smell of brats, franks, burgers, & Italian sausage tickled our senses as we all waited impatiently for lunch to begin. Mac salad, potato salad and a host of other goodies were there for everyone to enjoy. The children who attended played ball and other games amongst themselves as the grownups indulged in their favorite pastimes, eating and conversation. I for one would love to live in a warm climate where BBQ would be the fare at every meeting. After lunch we stood for the Pledge and remembered all our members who have passed away and those who couldn't be with us at this meeting.

Our secretary, **Cassie Manelski**'s sister passed away suddenly and so she couldn't be with us. That makes two of her siblings in a four month span who have returned to their maker. We're all praying for you Cassie. **Fred & Velma Jones** showed up for this shindig, it's always good to see them, as well as **Barbara Schnactner** who made her appearance too. Like me, Barbara loves our BBQ picnics and makes a valiant attempt to attend each year. **Madeline Klos**, our ex-secretary and regular at all our meetings showed up for this event sporting a cane. It seems she fell only a day or so prior to our July picnic and damaged her leg. Although nothing was broken, the fall did enough to incapacitate her for a few weeks preventing her from coming to our July picnic. No perfect attendance medal for her this year :-). My wife **Kathy Richardson** who has just retired was with me and has promised that she'll be at my side at all our meetings from now on with the exception of September; we'll both be in Maui. Welcome aboard Kathy. Her cousin, **Kitty McSweeney** has been coming to our picnics and Christmas Banquets for the past few years. Maybe I'll get her to join as an associate member. We'll see.

The picnic broke up about 1500 and another chapter of NY Metros picnics has come to a close until July of

next year. **John Klos**, **Mike Schroeder** and our President, **Ed Pozzi**, were our Grill masters and quite a number of our ladies did the set up and clean up. Thanks to all who helped make our picnics such a success.

Calendar:

September 5 - Milleridge Inn

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The Northwoods Loonies will once again be traveling from near & far for the Autumn get-together October 9-12 at Siren, WI. If you're not currently a chapter member & wish to join us for the festivities, call or email us for information. Those who have reserved at the hotel will receive a more detailed mailing in mid-September.

Our base of operations will be The Lodge at Crooked Lake, 24271 State Road 35N, Siren, WI 54872. If you haven't yet made your reservations, call them at (877) 843-5634 toll free.

Looking forward to seeing you all & remember, if you retired from United, you too can be a Loonie!

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Hello! Sorry we were unable to get our info in last month since our group chose to not interfere with the 4th of July! I hope you missed us, at least a little bit. We had 80 members on an afternoon luncheon cruise on Lake Erie on the Nautica (a cruise ship which runs thru the summer). A big "Thank You" to **Dave & Marie Placko** for hosting this event for us. The weather was beautiful. Lake Erie was calm and our luncheon was great. Oldies music was on the agenda for us and we all really had a beautiful afternoon. So, if you ever get to Cleveland in the summer, check out the Nautica and our beautiful lake.

On to our August picnic/meeting! We are back at the Cleveland Metro Parks in a really beautiful setting.

There is a large Chalet which we can use if the weather doesn't cooperate and on beautiful summer days, we have a great outside area to fit all 95 Buckeyes with room for many more. **Helen Cauwels** was unable to make it this month and we hope to see her in November. Big "Thank You" to **John & Dolly Taucher** for hosting this month and to **Arlene Taylor** for leading us in prayer.

Welcome to our "out-of-town" members: **Lee & Linda Graham** (VA), and **Ann Kenda & Jerry Zadar** (FLA). Also visiting were **Don Struck** (CA) and **Chuck & Betty Correia** (FL).

Birthdays for July were: **Bernie Garrah, Reta Hammer, Elda Jeskey, Ann Kenda, Sandee LeMasters, Norma Malena, Shirley McCarthy, Ellen Skinner, Tom Sturgeon** and **Barb Vauls**.

August birthdays are: **JoAnne Buchman, Tom Hassel, Pat Hendy, Helen Hockett, George Kuretz, Judy McKnight, Shirley Moses, Rudy Pivik, Marie Placko, Steve Rak, and Leo Schuster**.

July Anniversaries are: **Rudy & Marie Pivik** (57), **George & Mary Lou Kuretz** (51), **Joe & Fran Sepesy** (51), **Peggy Jeff & Judy Spooner** (47), **Charlie & Betty Tenwick** (1 month!) Congrats!

August Anniversaries are: **Bernie & Sharon Garrah** (48), **George & Nancy Oncu** (43). Best Wishes and Congratulations to all!

Jerry & Peggy King brought some special guests. Grandchildren **Adam & Lily** joined in our summer picnic. Great to have you both!

We do have some members who are having some serious health problems and our thoughts and prayers are with them. All situations are not the same, but we send our "Get Wells" to them and their care-givers. **John Jeskey** is in the hospital, but **Elda** says he will be home soon. He is 92 and handling things well! **Ed Harry** (in Colorado) with his wife **Judy** contacted Dolly said she enjoys watching the Buckeye website with all the pictures. She is at home with hospice care for Alzheimer's. **Tom Neurohr** (CLECG) (non member) is in hospice care. We understand he will be going home soon.

Fifty-fifty winners ~ **Ed McCarthy, John Hughes** and ***Don Elster** (*Won a donated bottle of wine!) Congratulations to all!

** No need to explain ... your friends don't need it and your enemies won't believe it!*

Calendar:

September 12 - "Second Wednesday" Old School-house" (Remodeled), hosted by **Vince & Norma Malena**. Deadline - August 28th

October 3 - Donaueschwaben's German-American, hosted by **Joe & Shirley Moses**. Deadline - September 21st, open to Guests, plenty of seating!

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We missed 106 degree temperatures by one day when we met at Taqueria Mexico in Grants Pass for the August 3 lunch. Despite caring for a family member with a badly broken foot, **Marge Calkins** made all the luncheon arrangements for us. Twenty attended and caught up on summer activities, travel and RVing. **Doe Pope** brought three guests: her friend Bud and two delightful young granddaughters who certainly lightened the average age in the room.

We're all looking forward to the annual picnic on September 7. Again **Steve & Cyndi Austin** will be generously opening their home and garden to us. Steve will be grilling all the meat and, rather than hiring a caterer for side dishes, we'll be doing a potluck of sides. It makes me hungry already.

Calendar:

September 7 - **Steve & Cyndi Austin** - Annual picnic at their home in Rogue River

October 5 - **Jim & Elaine Ellis** - TBA

November 2 - **Harry & Barbara Horne** - TBA

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It couldn't have been a nicer day for a picnic. Seventy of us enjoyed good food and desserts brought by the members. Many thanks to **Gene & Lorie King** for being in charge and to all who chipped in and helped set and clean up. Gene came up with a novel idea of awarding door prizes. Twenty numbers were put under the dinner plates and those with a number on their plate received a prize. The prizes were numbered so this made it easy and the winners received bottles of wine, potted plants, and matted photos by **Craig Strand**. The only problem was **Kathy Russell**, our secretary, wasn't able to get a good list of winners. Kathy also provided the decorations on the tables consisting of table runners and candy fire crackers.

One of the games played was a scavenger hunt.

Paul Russell, our president, gave a new dollar bill to the first person who could provide a penny with the new design, safety pin, glass cleaner, loose button (none) chewing gum, good luck charm, nail file, antacid pill, handkerchief and a pocket knife. With a dollar left he asked if anyone had a toothpick (yes) and that concluded the game. Last month, I forgot to mention a new member **Carol Trojel** who retired from PDXCS. Welcome Carol. Prizes awarded this month are as follows: Men's birthday ~ **Chuck Falbo**, Women's birthday ~ **Jill Bills**, Anniversary ~ **Mel & Barbara Martin** (54 years), 50/50 ~ **Elaine Thomas**. **George Thomas** won 50/50 last month so they have received a total of \$153 from the Dew-er's in two months. They are two lucky people.

Our September meeting will have a speaker from NOAA, (National Weather Service) and should be interesting since scientists have predicted an earthquake in our area in the near future. October will be election of officers and ice cream social and November, our annual Thanksgiving luncheon.

Again, I ask all members to consider running for one of the offices coming up for 2013/14. The most important one is president and there must be someone in our chapter who would like to come forth and serve. Please contact **John Donaldson** at (503) 524-1959 to nominate someone.

No news is good news as no one has contacted the Sunshine Committee with any illnesses. Please remember to call **Merle** or **Lois Pitman** (503) 635-5341 with any information you might have about one of our members.

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave.,
Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

September 12 - Speaker

October 10 - Election of Officers

November 14 - Thanksgiving luncheon

PENNSYLVANIA

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Correction to August 2012 report: **Anita & Pete Pawlack** live at Pinehurst, North Carolina. I missed **Anita's** birthday (8/29), and **Ken Wolfe** (8/26). So sorry folks.

Can you believe it's September already? The kids

are back to school. Grandmas and Grandpas will get a little reprieve. Now all they have to do is meet the school bus and take care of the grandkids until the parents get home from work. That seems to be the norm now a day. Both parents working and daycare cost is out of sight. Thank God for grandparents. September has several special days: Labor Day, Grandparents Day, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I left the best for last, the first day of autumn, September 22, my favorite time of the year! Cool weather, changing of the leaves, country fairs and apple cider. What more can we ask for?

Brett Pompeani, **Jeri Juth's** nephew, records ace in Junior Tournament. **Brett** recorded his first hole-in-one, in a Pittsburgh Junior Series Tournament on a regulation golf course. He used a 6 iron on an uphill par 3 playing 170 yards. His twin brothers witnessed **Brett's** ace. The twins play NCAA division golf at Robert Morris University. At the age of 16, **Brett** already has a milestone, his siblings have yet to achieve.

I just heard that **Lee & Dave Snuffer's** son **Dave** got married in April on the same date as his parent's anniversary. Being the roving reporter I don't know how I missed that one. Good luck to Dave and his wife. **Barb & Mac Seaholm** are heading out west to do some fishing and sight seeing. They are flying into Portland, renting a car, and roaming Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and anywhere else in between. They will be fishing, touring and camping. Flying back from Denver. Sounds like a great trip. Have a wonderful time and bring home that big fish!

Two deaths were reported in August. **Walter (Wally) Vance**, age 82 passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home July 30, 2012. **Wally** retired with 33 years in cabin service. **Norman F. Black**, age 76 passed away peacefully surrounded by family after a battle with cancer. Our sympathies to both families.

We want to wish September happy birthday to: **Olga Karmazyn** (8), **Gerry McDonough** (9) and **Diane Weber** (25). Happy anniversary to **Jack & Betty Tinney** (25).

Mary Jane Stewart and I met with **Beverly Alderdice** at her cottage at the Pittsburgh-Tarentum camp. This year the grounds were beautified by planting new flowers and painting some of the cottages. **Bev's** sister, **Arlene Brahm**, was spending the weekend. The four of us went out to dinner and returned just in time to attend a concert performed by the Kiski Area Community Band. I like band music and wanted to get up and march around but the girls held me back. What spoilers they were. What a delightful day it was spending it with good friends and enjoying great music.

It's too late! Those of you who did not make hotel reservations or sent in your registration form for the convention in October—too late! If you decide to go, read the front cover of the August Newsletter for hotels.

You can pay your registration fee at the check in desk at the Ballroom Level at the Hyatt. Late tour sales will be offered each day from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. You will be able to visit the hospitality suite which is the hub of activities. This is where you will find the Arts & Crafts, 50/50 and special raffle ticket sales. Unfortunately, you will not be able to attend the banquet Saturday evening. You may inquire about cancellations. It would be nice to see you even if just for Friday and Saturday. Give it serious thought.

As I mentioned a few Newsletters back, **Sheila** and the late **Ron Arison**'s son **Jeff**, has ALS, Lou Gehring disease. His siblings, friends and neighbors are walking in the 11th Annual Les Turner ALS Walk4Life on Saturday, September 22, 2012, at Soldier Field in Chicago. The two mile walk raises critically needed dollars for the Les Turner ALS foundation, patient services, research and public awareness for ALS. If you are interested in supporting the walkathon for **Jeff**, you may send your donation to **Jeff**'s sister **Colleen Anderson**, 1288 Narragansett Dr., Carol Stream, IL. 60188. The family appreciates and thanks those who have already sent donations.

Remember save the date: September 14 our picnic at Hopewell Park. The weather will be cool, come on out for some fun, chatting with old friends, horse racing game, corn toss game and great food. Let's go Bucs!

Calendar:

September 14 - Picnic at Hopewell Park
October 3-7 - RUAEA convention in D.C.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Our July luncheon/meeting was held on Wednesday, July 18th at the Tanasi Clubhouse Restaurant in Tellico Village. Twenty-four members and guests were in attendance. The food was great and it was nice to have our own room. We thank **Ginny Bartnicki** and **Noreene Koan** for making all the arrangements. We welcomed two newcomers to our group - **Marcia & Glenn Engel**. **Marcia** worked in stores at the field in Chicago and remembers **Herman** from when she first started with UAL. They have just recently moved down to Tennessee.

Our hosts provided floral centerpieces from their gardens. These were won by **Carol Anderson**, **Mike Chapin**, **JoAnn Swallom**, **Glenn Engel**, **Robbie Cor-**

bin and **Herman Emmel**. The 50/50 was won by **Ray Perry**. We again discussed the new pass policies and the best way to use these travel passes.

It is with sad hearts that we report the death of **Jackye Jeacock** on Tuesday, July 17th. Flowers were sent on behalf of the Rocky Top Retiree's Group. Her funeral service was held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Maryville. **Jack & Sue Ferrell**, **Mike & Barb Chapin**, **Dave & Patty Leonhard**, **Betty Shipe** and **Herman & I** attended this service. Cards can be sent to **Don Jeacock** at 845 Rio Drive, Friendsville, TN 37737.

Since our luncheon, **Ginny Bartnicki** has called to let us know that the Shoney's on Lovell Road, which is the location for our Breakfast Group, has closed its doors. We are asking our members to come up with alternate locations and to check them out to see if they can accommodate our group. We had to reluctantly cancel our August Breakfast and hopefully will have a new location for October.

Calendar:

August 16 - Breakfast - **Cancelled**.

September 21 - luncheon at 12:30 Eastern Time. Please note that this is a change of date and is the 3rd **Friday** of September! Our hosts are **Jack & Sue Ferrell**. It will be again be held at the Tanasi Clubhouse in Loudon, TN.

October 18 - Breakfast - TBA

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New president of the Emerald City Slickers is **David Jones** (SFOFO), who is recently retired after a career in project management focused on airline operations, air traffic improvements, engineering and business analysis – primarily at Boeing and United Airlines. Dave's most recent assignment in Boeing Flight Operations included coordinated development of positions, policies, and strategies for flight deck features for product upgrades of Boeing's current and future airplanes. He was project manager for Boeing's initial GPS-based landing procedure in Lhasa, Tibet.

At United, Dave was program manager for air traffic improvements at San Francisco International Airport. He led a program that procured new radar and developed a related air traffic procedure to allow airplanes to

operate in reduced fog conditions at SFO. Dave also managed an engineering group responsible for a \$50 million upgrade of United's fleet with new generation weather radar having predictive windshear capability.

As a member of the United 777 Working Together Team, Dave helped Boeing attain unprecedented design and operational readiness for extended overwater operations at introduction. He served in financial analysis positions at Crowley Maritime Corporation, developing financial budgeting and forecasting systems and coordinating budget and forecast preparation and analysis.

Dave Jones has a B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from Cal Poly and an MBA in transportation and finance from the University of California. He is a private, instrument rated pilot and volunteers as a docent at the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

Several members of the Emerald City Slickers were privileged to represent UAL Retirees at the August "First Look" at United's first 787, with rollout scheduled for September. See article on the event and the new plane on the cover page of this month's newsletter.

Local Seattle area members celebrating September birthdays include **Mary Ann Andersen**, **Jeannine Anderson**, **Herald Bowman** (SEAGQ), **Carol Christenson** (SEARR), **Hank Gosselin** (SEAMM), **John Haferbecker** (SEARR), **Don Hanson** (SEAFF), **Edna Harris** (SEAHH), **Ed Liesse** (SFOED), **Carol Moless-Maxwell**, **Donna Neumeyer** (SEAMM), **Sharon Penwell**, and **Dolores Steger** (SEAHH). We hope each of you has a special day. **John** (SEARR) & **Sidney Reed** observe their wedding anniversary this month. Best Wishes to the happy couple.

If you don't see yourself being recognized for an anniversary or a birthday, it might be because **Phyllis Bowman** and **Gay Liesse** don't have your information. Feel free to submit your dates and/or corrections to Gay, preferably via email. And if anyone celebrating September events has been missed, I extend my sincere apologies. Ed & Gay are traveling for a month, with intermittent Internet access.

The Emerald City Slickers chapter meets for luncheon on second Tuesdays from September through November and January through May with holiday and summer breaks. Paid members of the local chapter receive *Contrails*, a monthly newsletter preceding regular meetings, either in color via the Internet or in black and white in a mailed paper copy. No issues are produced for months the chapter does not meet. Important information included in each issue are details on making reservations for the upcoming meeting and providing your preference on choice of entrée. Current membership dues are \$10 a year.

Thanks to **Vicki Shumaker** for editing *Contrails*, and to **Phyllis Bowman**, who, with her crew of helpers, handles the physical preparation and mailing of hard

copies to members who do not have access to email.

If you are reading this column in the RUAEA national newsletter but are not a member of the local chapter, we would like to invite you to join us for the September luncheon meeting, where you can pay your chapter membership dues to Treasurer Helen Stanger.

Luncheon reservations are required, and no-shows are obligated to pay for their meals. The country club is helpful in packing paid-for meals "to go" if a spouse or friend is unable to attend at the last minute.

Calendar:

September 11 - 11:45 Lunch at Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton, WA

October 9 - Lunch at Fairwood Golf and Country Club

November 13 - Lunch at Fairwood Golf and Country Club

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

Your host Chapter, The Dulles Loungers is looking forward to welcoming you back to Washington, DC. Many volunteers are putting the finishing touches to the Convention and there is still time for you to join us! Fly into Reagan National Airport (DCA) and the Hyatt Regency Hotel shuttle bus will bring you to the hotel, just 5 minutes away from the airport.

The Dulles Loungers hosted a wonderful picnic on July 11 and over 70 guests appeared from near and far! We feasted on N. Carolina Bar-B-Q, spare ribs, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and two huge delicious cakes! What a day! One special guest was **Tina Cox**, widow of **Dave Cox** (IADCS) who is the founder of the Dulles Loungers. We were thrilled to see her again and to catch up on the news of her family.

There is still time to send in your hand made item for the special raffle. Send your well packed item to **Linda Scriven**, 20946 Tobacco Square, Ashburn, VA 20147. We still have a few seats on the tours, so send in your request. All the details are to be found in the June 2012 RUAEA newsletter. See you in Washington, October 3-7, 2012!

Calendar:

September 12 - 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

October 3-7 - RUAEA Convention, Crystal City, VA

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As we in Clipped Wings® are counting down to our National Convention, so are you at RUAEA. I am looking forward to visiting both Seattle (September 19-22, 2012) and the beautiful Northwest, as well as Washington D.C. (October 3-7, 2012) with so many options to visit the Historical sites. Two great locations!

After our convention, the next venture for Clipped Wings will be the Special Olympics (World Games) in South Korea (January 26 to February 6, 2013). As I have stated before, we will be donating money for the "Parents Grants" in the amount of \$20,000.00. This money will help many parents to see their athletes perform internationally. What a great joy that must be. I am not sure if there will be any Clipped Wing members attending the event.

Clipped Wings® will again be donating money for the parents grants when Special Olympics hosts the National games in Princeton, N.J. This will be in 2014 and we will keep you posted.

We would love to have you join us ~ We are still asking if you would like to join us. If you were a United, Capital or Continental Flight attendant, please consider our group, Clipped Wings, we would love to have you.

Clipped Wings® is a National organization composed of 31 chapters across the country. One of these chapters is the Members at Large Chapter (MAL), this is for those members who do not live close to a Chapter, but would still like to be part of Clipped Wings. Please contact us at the website: www.clippedwings.com for information about our history, conventions and chapter meetings. You can also contact the Clipped Wings® National Vice President, Christel ILG, omachristl@aol.com for more information.

Yes, we still have the Airplane Scarves and Ties available; you can contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) rjensen148@aol.com if you would like to purchase one. The proceeds from the profit of the sales will support Special Olympics.

We will also be selling the Scarves and Ties at the Clipped Wings Convention as well as the RUAEA Convention. See you there!



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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
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 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.

Please note that the above policy only applies to

death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.

Correction to August 2012 RUAEA Obituaries ~

The address for **Nancy Thomas**, widow of retiree **Frank Thomas**, should be 5542 Mesa Road, Gilroy, CA 95020. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Retiree – **Adcock, Loren, N.**, on 7/25/12, SFOPI, husband of Katherine B. Adcock, father of Philip & Roger Adcock, 1316 Parkmoor Rd., Canon City, CO 81212

Retiree – **Ballord, Boyd C.**, on 5/2/12, LAXSW, husband of Pamela Wright-Ballord, LAXSW, 28822 Paseo Campana, Mission Viejo, CA 96292

Retiree – **Chaney, Clifford W. (Cliff)** on 8/4/12, SFOFO, husband of Phyllis Chaney, 904 E Lizzie Ln., Saint George, UT 84790

Spouse – **Frait, William**, on 7/10/12, husband of Kathleen Frait, ORDCS, 3859 Alamanda Drive, Sarasota, FL 34238

Retiree – **Grogan, Thomas V.**, on 7/16/12, EWRCS

Retiree – **Hidden, Stephen D.**, on 4/2/12, DENCg, husband of Marilyn Hidden, 13991 E. Marina Dr. #305, Aurora, CO 80014

Retiree – **Johnson, Charles E.**, on 6/24/12, ORDFF, husband of Betty M. Johnson (Deceased) 135 S. Elmwood, Oak Park, IL 60302

Spouse – **Patrick, Vilma**, on 7/9/12, widow of Sam Patrick, SFOPV, mother of Gregory, Steven and Lona

Retiree – **Say, Arthur (Dick)**, on 7/27/12, DENMM, husband of Joan Say, 1031 E 120 N, Orem, UT 84097



LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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.

Martha Gooselaw - Letters Editor
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WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

John Branstetter, Sr., 1000 Juliet Ave, White City, OR 97503

I just want to thank you for the newsletter; it's the way to keep up with the times. In September, I will be retired 28 years, worked 29 years by United.

I started with United on December 9, 1955 at SFO Maintenance Base. After several years, I went to the line. I also worked in the kitchen on the movable equipment including the baggage containers. I've enjoyed my retirement and glad I retired when I did, it was a good time. Things are a lot different now.



Robert England, 2758 Bowmont Dr., Eugene, OR 97405

May I be so bold as to suggest that we may have strayed a bit from our Mission?

Each month during the past two years there have been fewer letters from our friends and co-workers. These are our lifeline to one another. Even when I don't recognize a name, I feel a kinship.

Please encourage the letters!

Many people are shy and need a nudge.

Rhoda Aguirre, 201 Chadbourne Ave. #124, Millbrae, CA 94030

First and most importantly, I want to thank all the Officers and all the Office workers for the superlative job that has been done to keep all the Retirees informed during this merger. We know it hasn't been easy.

Secondly, to ask if there are any retirees locally that was acquainted with **Vivian Fox**. We celebrate her birthday the last week of March by going to lunch. I thought if I put the word out early and you are interested you can contact me. At present, there are just four of us, **Viv, Carolyn Davis, Sonia Simon** and myself. I am at the Magnolia in Millbrae, (650) 552-9011. Hope to see you!

Mary Brennan 988 Horizon St., Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

I wish to thank the many fellow retirees who volunteered their time on our CHI/SEA/PDX travel desks. They were always helpful, cheerful and gave good advice for a possible alternate travel plan. Every winter they got my husband and me to Kona and back. I will miss their help and wish them all a fond Aloha and Mahalo.

Esther Broderson, 51 Bonnie Ln., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

For the last two months when the ole computer died, I gave up writing the Illinois column under my name and was replaced by **Jan Gawenda**. I felt it would be remiss of me if I did not give credit to the kind people who made it possible to report all of what I was able to.

Actually, my introduction to the computer started in the UAL payroll department with the 70,000 employees that we had at that time. I always breathed a sigh of relief when the W2s balanced with the database. My computer mommy was **Norma Ingram**, first one I knew to have a personal computer. On the side, we both learned the Lotus 123 program.

Fast forward to retirement and two invocations at the Midway luncheon, from those came an introduction to **Bob Jacobson**. Over my objections, I began doing a column in a wheelchair, followed by meeting two angels who came to be my friends and runners at the breakfasts

and other functions. Our rewards were big, fat, juicy olives. Over the years, other runners were added to the corps by the names of **Mary Brandt** and **Marlene Anderson**. Not only did the Skyliners help with their stories, trips, etc., but also **Virgil & Martha** were so helpful along with our two web managers, **Jim** and **Ed**, and lots of help from **Mort Wax** too.

I would be lying if I said I would not miss the stories, contacts, and camaraderie I enjoyed over the years, but we can always chat. I miss my doorman as one who cannot be replaced. Farewell, **Frank Vlach**. Thanks for the good memories.

Clifford Chaney, 904 Lizzie Lane, St George, UT, 84790

I keep looking for someone that I remember, maybe while I was sleeping on a desk during DC-3 Cargo operations during the early 1940's. They always left the cargo operations when a passenger flight came in. So I and my co-pilot would take a nap. We would leave cg, at 8 o'clock in the evening, land at South Bend, Toledo, Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown, Allentown, Philadelphia, LaGuardia, by 0900 in the am; it was a long night. But we were young and flying, and couldn't ask for more.

In the June issue of the 2012 Newsletter, they mention the arrival of the Mainliner 230. So, as Paul Harvey would say; "*This is the rest of the story*". During the Pacific Operations, we transitioned in the C-54 in September 1943, and were dual qualified in the Consolidated C-87 (B24 converted to cargo) and the C-54. Captain George Douglas was the transition instructor and for this story, I was his co-pilot.

If you remember Edward R. Murrow, news anchor, who typically was shown with his legs crossed and a cigarette in his hand. George Douglas was his equal. He was demonstrating the capability of the DC4, to cross over a range station located adjacent to the airport, and to be able to descend in such a manner to a VFR condition immediately after crossing the station, and then be able to land on the runway. In this instance, George was sitting in the left seat, with his legs crossed, holding a cigarette in his hand, Circa E. R. Murrow, when the end of the runway at SFO Runway 10, disappeared from view over the nose of the aircraft. George put his cigarette down, (there were ashtrays interesting enough). He said, "*Cliff, gear down, full flaps, airspeed 85 MPH*" and he pointed the nose directly towards the end of the runway. The descent turned out to be interesting. I was just a little apprehensive, (I had never done this type of maneuver myself before) but, with a little bit of power to make the round out, we touched down just past the numbers on the runway. It was most impressive. With the transitioning pilots taking note, that the C54 had marvelous slow speed characteristics.

So, for the 33 years that I flew as Captain on the DC3-4-6-7-8, the B720-747, I used that technique whenever it was necessary to descend for that type of landing approach. After I retired from UAL, I flew for an air ambulance company Mercy Flights in Medford, Oregon for 17 years, and then they found out that I was 77 years old, too old they said. So I activated my Instructor's Certificate, and have been instructing ever since. Still using George's technique, instead of slipping the aircraft, it is much safer, especially for a low experienced pilot.

My dear wife Phyllis is busy knitting. She has 25 body forms with beautiful sweaters displayed in her home boutique.

I have 3 brand new students, and when I see the grin on their faces, from ear to ear as they are progressing to learn to fly, it is well worth all the effort. Happy Landings for now.

Editor's Note: *We've received news that Cliff Chaney passed away on August 4, 2012. See the Obits Section and letter below:*

Submitted by Captain Cliff Chaney's son-in-law Capt. Tom Latourrette, UAL Retired, 904 E Lizzie Ln., Saint George, UT 84790

Captain **Cliff Chaney** died a few days ago, he had a good ride. 10 days before he died, he gave his final bi-annual check ride of a pilot friend at St. George. He still had three active flying students and was still an FAA check pilot at 94.

He did 15 landings in one day with a basic student a few days before he was admitted for walking pneumonia. There was a constant stream of pilots through the hospital the last few days with lots of stories of what a wonderful pilot and loving person he was.

They may get an aviation check point on St George's final approach course name changed to "Cliff". He got his instructor's license at 65 after 37 years at United Airlines.

He had accumulated around 45,000 hours. His goal was to be a 100 year old pilot, he was close. He started in a DC3 and finished as an 747 captain. Pretty big transition! Cliff was in the first class after the Tracy Aces. He started at UAL in 1942, one year as a copilot; he flew with Jeppeson many times, and as a kid ran some errands for Wiley post.

He was a loving, principled quality person. Many will miss him! So long, Cliff.

Kathleen Foerster, 1 Laurel Ln., Highland Fls., NY 10928-1500

I have a comment on the pass situation. It took me a whole week on my computer to figure out how to deal with getting a pass for my trip to Orlando, FL, phone numbers were no longer in use. I finally found a num-

ber where a human came on the line; after a 30 minute wait, only to be told that they could not help me. In the end, I bought a ticket on Jet Blue to get to Orlando. Fortunately, I was able to get a pass at the airport in Florida for my return. That was a flight on Jet Blue also. I had super help from the ticket agents.

My problem was leaving from Stewart/Newburgh, NY. There is no United desk there, so I would have to go to Albany, NY (90 minute drive one way) or Newark, NJ (60 minute drive one way) to get the ticket.

Retiree Richard, my husband, passed away in 2011. Since I am 80 years old and attempted my first trip alone, it was quite an adventure.

God bless the poor souls who do not have a computer. They will certainly find it almost impossible to travel any where on a pass.

Thanks for all you do and for getting all the information that is available to all retirees and retiree spouses.

Dolores Frank, 815 N Humboldt #314, San Mateo, CA 94401

It has been 5 years since the Medical Dept. was closed and I had to retire. I still miss everyone. My sincere thanks goes to RUAEA for keeping us updated on changes with the new "United". Closing the 3 travel desks was awful! Now retirees need to travel with an iPad, just in case you need to change your travel plans. No one seems to know what to do to relist, or change travel plans when at the airport.

Since April a few of my trips have been a nightmare! I keep praying that retirees will get back the dignity they deserve!

Frances Gascon, 7500 Elmhurst Rd. Lot #42, Des Plaines, IL 60018-2560

I am paying my dues up to 2016. I will be 80 years old then, and hopefully still be kicking and able to travel.

I am grateful for all your hard work, especially with the merger. I know most of us retirees are not happy with losing our original boarding priority.

SkyNet was a breeze to maneuver through. I feel bad for those who are not as able to go through the mechanics as are others. Hopefully things will get better!

Bill Green, 4352 Belmont Dr., Sebastopol, CA 95472-6380

Thank goodness we have RUAEA. We would be completely lost with the new takeover. We do not have a computer; so it sounds like they do not want us to travel any more. Like most people, I am very disappointed with UAL-CO merger management. It sounds like the same thing that happened when UAL took over Capital many years ago.

Any way, full praise to RUAEA, they do not have their heads in the clouds. You are good honest and helping people. Thank you for all the information, it is really appreciated. I gave 40 years of faithful service and have been retired for 17 years.

Marie Kocevar, 1209 Georgia Trace Ave., Valrico, FL 33596

As of October 1, I will be retired for 10 wonderful years, living in the TPA area for the last 7 years and still loving it here. Florida is truly a state of sta-cations as there is so much to do.

In May, I used 75K miles on UA to visit my brother in MFR and sister in SBP. It was wonderful to know that I had confirmed reservations and a seat assignment. In July, I am driving to ATL for a family visit and birthday party. My great niece will be 1 years old and it's time that I met her. Future plans are to take a road trip in October with **Grace Witt**. We will be touring St. Augustine, SAV and CHS. We will be learning more about US history, architecture, and visiting botanic gardens are on the must-do list.

Thanks to everyone on the RUAEA Newsletter for keeping us up to date with all the UAL news. You're doing a terrific job.

Paul Lemrise, 2788 Green Bridge Ct., Schaumburg, IL 60194-4992

I appreciate the informative nature of the news you present via the Internet. The RUAEA newsletter is very instrumental in keeping my wife, Dolores, and me in touch with what is happening with retirees and at United.

Thanks again for all the time and talent you expend to create this publication.

Rich Maionchi, P.O. Box 22, Barrington, IL. 60011

Rest In Peace, United Airlines ~ It is now several months since the new Continental Airlines came into existence on PSS Day, March 3, 2012. Even though United Airlines purchased Continental Airlines (remember?), United Airlines is no more.

With each passing day, it becomes more and more apparent that the United Airlines we and all of our revenue passengers knew before has ceased to exist like Pam Am, Eastern, TWA, Northwest and others before her.

You don't think so? Have you been to an airport recently, watched a United airplane pass by or tried to use any of the new Continental Airlines policies or systems that have replaced United's? Continental executives are running the airline, major computer systems are Continental's, websites are Continental's with the United name slapped on them but the Continental business mindset prevails.

CSR's with whom I have spoken have said that **old**,

cryptic APOLLO, before FASTAIR and FASTRES were implemented, was more user-friendly than Continental's PSS system. Items that have circulated since PSS Day (newspaper articles, TV reports, and various letters) indicate that revenue passengers, even the high-end, premium, frequent flyer revenue passengers, are getting fed up with how the new Continental is treating them.

Remembering that United purchased Continental, I make the following observations, both large and small, from my experiences so far:

1) Airport Environment

- Eliminate the 6 letter name and is there anything in the signage or the environment that reminds you of United or does it scream Continental at you? Me too!
- Premium customers no longer walk on a United red carpet. Now it is a Continental blue.
- There are no more Red Carpet Clubs.

2) Aircraft

- Same as the airport. Eliminate the 6 letter name and is there anything in the livery that reminds you of United or does it also scream Continental at you? Me too!
- Open up a Hemispheres magazine to the airport diagrams. Which hub airports are prominently displayed first? ORD, DEN, IAD, SFO? No, it's IAH and EWR.

3) Pass Travel

- We are all aware and becoming more aware of how poorly retired United personnel are now treated.

Why was United's fair, easy-to-understand, promised policy trashed for Continental's convoluted, multi-level, multi-type policy?

Why all the "CYA" disclaimer statements on the new Continental's travel policies that never existed on United's policies?

For those of us who are still working in another career, with our downgraded pass travel privileges and lost years of seniority, the days of being reasonably certain that we can travel to visit children and grandchildren over a weekend are pretty much a thing of the past.

Procedures for assigning seats to NRSA travelers appear to be different. So far, my wife and I have been on 4 domestic flights through 4 domestic airports (ORD, CLE, ATL, GSO). At each of these airports, the names of NRSA travelers were never called over the PA system. The gate agents at these airports simply said in a normal voice that standby passengers should come to the podium. If we had not been sitting near the podium, we would not have heard the agent. If the agent had a boarding card with our name on it, we got on. If not, that was how we found out that we were not going to get

on the flight. It felt like being a part of a "cattle call".

Calling 800-UAL-LIST worked very well for checking flights and listing yourself and your family for flights. Have you ever tried to use 866-FLY-EPASS? I have tried 6 or 8 times so far and have yet to successfully get listed for any flights. Each time, I have been told that I will be transferred to an agent. I was connected to an agent only once and that was after being on "hold" for 30 minutes and she was not able to help me. The other times, I gave up after 15-20 minutes being on "hold". Also, there is no information available for United Express flights like there was at 800-UAL-LIST.

Do you think that you will receive answers from ETC@united.com to questions that you may have about pass travel? Think again. So far submitting questions is pretty much a waste of time. It takes weeks or months to receive a response, not necessarily an answer. Questions that I submitted in early March were not responded to until early June after I re-submitted them for a 2nd time. The response did not completely answer several questions and at least 1 was not answered at all.

As more of us share our experiences and the information that we acquire about the new Continental and how it operates, it becomes more and more apparent that the United that we knew has faded into history.

When you have a chance, raise a glass to toast the memory of the airline that each of us, in own way, helped to build, improve and maintain.

Also, say a prayer that W. A. Patterson is resting peacefully and not rolling over in his grave because of the passing of his airline.

Garver Sandy, 223 Perry St., Milpitas, CA 95035

As it has been some time since I have written, I would like to bring the people who know me up to date. When you read this, I will have celebrated my 90th birthday. My health is reasonably good but I am confined to bed as I have no use of my legs.

I do miss working with the retirees. I spent ten years as an officer in our local RUAEA chapter and ten years as a committee chairman or officer in national RUAEA.

Harrison Tallman, 14905 Bothell Everett Hwy Apt. 254, Mill Creek, WA 98012

My seniority dates back to 3/28/1942. That adds up to 70 years! But don't panic, I am not flying any more. If I was, it would be with Alaska Airlines as they have the best schedules out of SEA and I usually buy a ticket.

This is my 95th birthday. All is well but I use a walker around the apartment and a wheel chair, if I venture out. On the sad side, my beloved Elsie passed away on February 25th of this year. To say I miss her terribly is a gross understatement. We would have been married for 73 years this August.

Geraldine Vann, 3513 E. Lake Shore Dr., Wonder Lake, IL 60097

All your hard work is greatly appreciated. You have kept us informed with all the recent changes to United. Getting the newsletter and all of the updates is vitally important. Please keep up the good work. There are not many sources of information for us retirees now; so your work is necessary to all of us.

Ken Wagner, 815 S. 216th St. G-328, Des Moines, WA 98198

I really enjoy the newsletter and the work that everyone does to keep us retirees informed.

I worked 35 and ½ years in six different stations. I retired from SEARR in February of 2003. I really enjoyed working for the best airline with many wonderful co-workers and friends. Keep up this good work!

Tom Kalfa, gezuar@me.com

On August 30, 2012, 957 flight attendants who opted to accept an early out proposal joined the ranks of United Airlines retirees. They represent a generation of flight attendants who gave meaning and substance to the promise of "friendly skies". One of them is my wife **Dottie**, whose career far surpasses my own 36 years with United. The following pays homage to her 45 years of flying and commemorates the contributions of this entire group of professionals who gave so passionately of themselves in helping to create a United Airlines we were all proud to represent.

What a Ride!

*Dottie began her flying career in 1967.
She thought she'd died and gone to Heaven.
As a youngster she often dreamed that some day
She'd be leaving on a jet plane and go up, up and away.*

*The DC-8 soon came to be her home away from home.
Together as a team they made the "friendly skies" their
own.*

*The Stretch 8 was next and became the queen of the
skies,
As Dottie worked onboard, perfecting service how's and
why's.*

*Then, about the time she thought she'd seen it all,
The allure of international flying came to call.
Soon she was flying to Australia and Japan
And went to darn near every place in the world one can.*

*The distances traveled were not all that had grown,
The new Jumbo jets were the biggest she'd ever flown.
Yet she approached the huge 747 with a brave "What
the heck!"*

And became familiar with the lower, the main and the upper deck.

*She grew in the job and she took it to heart,
Somehow turning airline meals into works of art.
Her passengers had no wish to get there any faster,
They knew they were in the hands of a master.*

*In an industry fraught with financial downturns, unrest
and fear,*

*She managed to provide elegance, charm and personal
care.*

*While United became mismanaged to the point of near
ruin,*

*Its loyal employees showed they still knew what they
were doing.*

*"The friendly skies" might now be just a turn of phrase,
But many can remember back to more golden days.
Stewardesses like Dottie gave the phrase true meaning it
seems,*

Or was that just part of our happy-go-lucky dreams?

*After 45 years she has earned her last ride
And can look back on her career with due pride.
Having never found the glamour she once sought,
She leaves instead with friendships that just can't be
bought.*

*Oh, the world of flight will continue without her it
seems,*

*But in those skies a young girl from Kansas lived her
fondest dreams.*

*She may have landed now for a well-deserved rest,
But her heart will soar forever with heartfelt memories
of a life that was blessed.*



Important Phone Numbers



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1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7AM - 7PM).

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

For Traditional Medical, HMO or Insurance questions; report death of retiree or spouse; change of address & other forms.

United Employee Service Center

1-877-242-0075

esc@united.com (email)

United ePass Line (1-866-359-3727)

For flight information and to list or change listing
Password for ePass Line—your birthday, mmddyy
\$25 fee to create new booking
1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

Employee Travel Center

1-877-324-5555

ETC@united.com (email)

Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

<https://united.intranet.ual.com>

Blue Cross / Blue Shield 1-800-535-9825

<http://www.bcbs.com>

PBGC - for all retiree pension questions

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

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In 1948, the DC-6 "300 on Wheels" (below) was updated from the DC-4 "230" mobile training unit of the previous year. The "230" training unit had toured the United system and provided over 6,500 hours of training to United Maintenance personnel.



4,500 pounds of mockups and other training aids were transported in this Fruehauf-built 28-foot "moving van". Four roll-around units contained working mockups of nine "Mainliner 300" Operating Systems. One unit dealt with Heating & Ventilation systems, a second with the two Automatic Pilot systems (both the "230"

and "300" for comparison). A third unit dealt with Fuel Quantity, Cowl Flap & Oil Cooler Door mechanisms and the Takeoff Warning system. The fourth unit dealt with Cabin Pressurization, Airfoil Anti-Icing and Generator Control systems.

The Mobile Unit also included large Charts, a Blackboard and cut-away Models of various plane parts.

In 1945, United installed Sperry Electronic Automatic Pilots in the "230" (DC-4) planes replacing Hydraulic Automatic Pilots used in the past.

When combined with Automatic Landing Controls, landings were possible under substantially lower weather minimums, increasing schedule reliability and safety.

"Entering this new era of air transportation and automatic flight, does not mean we are going to dispense with human pilots", said "Pat" Patterson.

Marvin Berryman DENTK Ret. - from the "United Air Lines News".

Recently UAHF received donated items from: **Linda A. Rice, Chuck Stuller, Linda Failla, Frank Bennett, J. Patrick Lavelle & Helen L. Stimac.**

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bership. We will then submit them to the Travel Department and publish their answers in the October newsletter and at the Convention. In order to avoid asking questions already answered, please read the Quick reference guide by **Connie Glattly** published in the August Newsletter. Submit your questions by September 17th via email to 2012was@gmail.com. Written questions must also be received by that date to



October 3 is fast approaching and before we know it, the Convention will be starting. We have just a few reminders since this could be the last information you receive before you start your travels.

The Hyatt Regency is almost completely sold out for the week of October 1-6, but all major hotel chains are represented in the Crystal City area. We referenced the Americana in an earlier Newsletter. They have reasonable rates and transportation to and from DCA. If there are a number of attendees staying at one hotel, we **may** be able to make travel arrangements to the Hyatt so you can still enjoy taking the tours and Hospitality time.

The Benefit Panel presentation will take place at 11:00 AM, Saturday, October 6th with our usual fine cast of participants; Alliant Credit Union, Medco, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, VSP and many more. We will also have a representative from the United Airlines Travel department. To save time and to avoid confusion, we would welcome questions about travel from our mem-

Marilyn Marcy – 5825 Cub Stream Drive, Centreville, VA 20120. Remember there are breakout sessions scheduled following the presentation for individual or personalized issues.

For all tours, please be in the lobby 30 minutes before the departure of your tour. Everyone needs to be checked off on the manifest and escorted to the proper bus. Remember a small flashlight might be advisable for sometime of the nighttime tours.

The Dulles Loungers and all the volunteers are looking forward to seeing you in October. We know you will enjoy being in our Nation's Capital.

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