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## *Writers' Column ~ Flying Tiger Heritage Park by Larry Jobe*

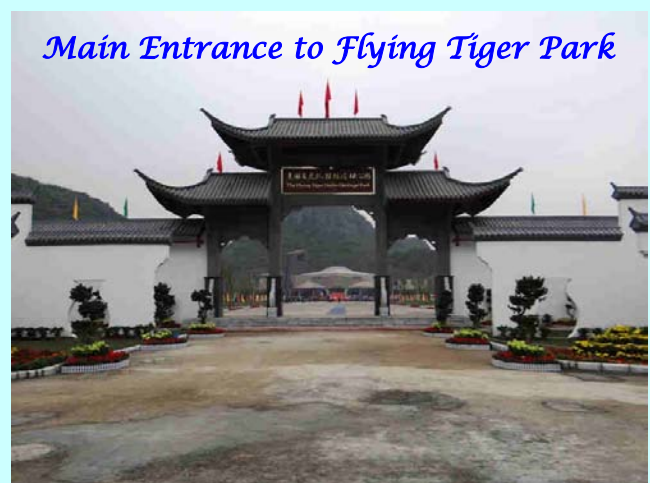
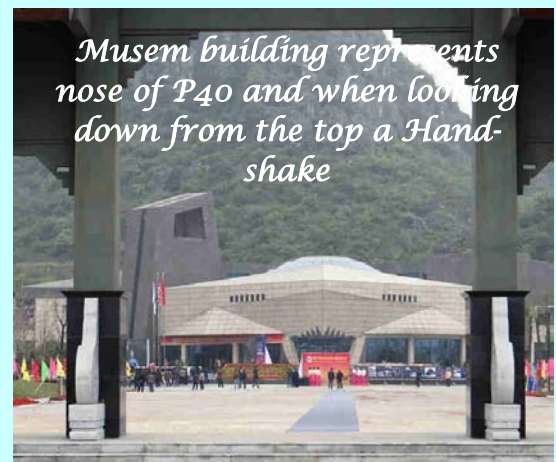
Retired United pilot Larry Jobe along with retired Brigadier General James T. Whitehead Jr. just participated in the opening of the Flying Tiger museum located at Flying Tiger Heritage Park in Guilin, China.

This project was begun in 2006 by General Whitehead and Captain Jobe as a joint effort by the Americans and Chinese to honor and remember the brave men who sacrificed to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. They formed the Flying Tiger Historical Organization a 501 (c) 3 corporation. Located on a 23 acre site where General Claire Chennault's command and operation cave is located, the park will eventually see the cave restored to its WWII livery along with replica buildings, memorial walls and statues honoring all who fought.

The museum dedication ceremonies were attended by high ranking Chinese government officials including the Vice Premier Liu Yandong.

For additional information visit the FTHO website [www.FlyingTigersUSA.org](http://www.FlyingTigersUSA.org).

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President

Hi Folks,

Just a short plea from me this month, that is to register for the Pittsburgh Convention. It is RUAEA's biggest event of the year. A lot of activities are planned for you, RUAEA Business Meeting, Benefits Panel, Taste of Pittsburgh, Tours, Saturday dinner and Entertainment, Hospitality Hours to meet, greet old and new friends. You will learn about the 2016 Convention.

The local Committee in Pittsburgh has worked hard to present this Convention for you. So, please attend if you can and I hope to see many of you there.



**Hank Gosselin**

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President RUAEA**

## Welcome to RUAEA's Pittsburgh Convention September 23 – 26, 2015 RE UNITE In Pittsburgh



*Welcome and enjoy great times, tours, restaurants, entertainment, great food and pleasant conversation with all of our RUAEA friends!* Soon it will be fall and beautiful fall foliage in Pittsburgh, sharing special moments with wonderful memories with old fashioned family hospitality! Join us with all of the interesting and great tours available. Imagine what you can do in Pittsburgh, home of some of the warmest people you will ever meet. With our genuine interest in you, along with our great, hometown spirit! Get ready for hospitality get together (Sports Night) some of Pittsburgh's best experiences for the "Yinzer" in all of us! That's what makes Pittsburgh

Best Places in the World To Visit! America's Most stunning views and Beautiful Places in America! Looking forward to seeing all of you! Whether by plane, car, bus, enjoy your travel, be safe and we are here for you.

Our convention hotel, the DoubleTree by Hilton, Pittsburgh is nestled in one of Pittsburgh's great suburbs - will be a great delight with warm and peaceful atmosphere and where little things means everything providing a comfort of home, away from home. Imagine, free parking and complimentary airport transportation too!

Many wonderful tours to take! It's not too late so if you haven't signed up yet do it today. We have retirees coming from 20 different states and several first timers.

*"We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty dream and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open."* Jawaharal Nehru, *Positive Magazine/Spring 2013*

**Paul & Betty Musko  
Publicity Chairs**

## The United Pass Line

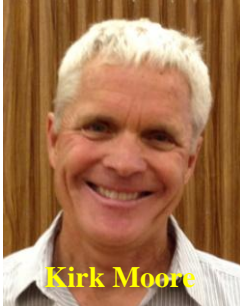


The United Pass Line (UPL) allows employees and retirees to create bookings, check Passenger Boarding Totals (PBT) and check ePass balances through a voice response phone system. When an employee or retiree calls the UPL they will now be asked for their six-digit uID number and password of the last four-digits of their social security number, which has changed from a five-digit subsidiary Continental ID number (if applicable) and the birth date as

the password.

Please note: All employee applications now accept a six-digit uID number. We understand while some applications still accept a five-digit subsidiary Continental ID number, it is strongly recommended to begin using your uID. In the near future (date still to be determined) the sunset of subsidiary Continental ID numbers will occur.

### **Pass Travel Update Compiled by Kirk Moore, RAFA Travel Benefits Committee**



**“Order of Accommodation” boarding?** There has been a rumor going around about a new boarding policy wherein pass riders are denied boarding because a more senior pass rider was denied boarding due to an inability to check their bag (weight/balance or cargo is full). The ETC has responded to query about the policy:

*“It appears since the recent implementation of positive bag match procedures to the island-hopper markets, the local teams received some conflicting information about the interpretation, specifically related to handling of pass rider bags on below-wing bulked-out flights. Based on this conflicting information they were temporarily not accommodating pass riders with bags or those boarding after the pass rider with the bag.*

*We have communicated immediate implementation of the correct bag procedures, which is to accommodate pass riders in seniority order without penalization for checked bags. Of course, this means the bags may not board that flight with the employee and be sent in a later flight. We will continue to work with our airport teams to improve the pass rider experience.”*

**Registering your Pass Riders** ~ A list of retirees’ eligible pass riders is on the [Pass Travel Summary](#) page.

Retirees and employees will now use the new “My Info” system on “Flying Together > Employee Services” to register pass riders. So many people are calling the Employee Travel Center about using the new system the ETC notified us their phone lines are jammed! So, please note:

- 1) Retirees usually do not need to register pass riders unless we get married, get new kids, get a new domestic partner, or some other life event transpires.
- 2) Retirees who have already registered their two annual Enrolled Friends should wait until the December “open enrollment period” to make changes.
- 3) Yes, we can “deactivate” our current Enrolled Friend(s) at any time, but a new Enrolled Friend will not be eligible to fly until January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4) If you have *never registered Enrolled Friends*, you may add one or two EFs for 2015 now, but it may take up to 72 hours before you can list them on a flight.

If you still need to register a pass rider now, please refer to the [Q&A](#), which covers the most frequently asked questions and the [Reference Guide](#), first to see if your question is answered before calling or emailing so that our representatives can best assist everyone.

To register your pass riders go to either: Flying Together>Travel and click on the “Update pass riders and buddies” icon in the middle of the page -OR- go to Flying Together>Employee Services>My Info> Pass Riders (under the Travel subheading). You will have to sign in again (use same file number and password that you use for Flying Together)

### **UAL responds to reports that hackers targeted United (Posted July 29,2015)**



U.S. media published reports that hackers backed by the Chinese government recently targeted United and that these individuals may have removed data from United’s systems. These reports are based on pure speculation and United can assure its customers and employees that their personal information is secure.

United interacts regularly with industry groups and government agencies as part of a strong security posture. When United hears of breaches in other industries, in other airlines or in government agencies, the company proactively reviews its environment and takes action if it is warranted.

United is vigilant in protecting against unauthorized access and uses top advisors on cyber-security to help the company maintain its effectiveness. United is especially focused on protecting its customers' personal information, and it would abide by notification requirements if a situation warranted.



### **United announced highest-ever quarterly profit**



United reported second-quarter 2015 net income of \$1.3 billion, or \$3.31 per diluted share, excluding \$67 million of special items. Including special items, United reported second-quarter net income of \$1.2 billion, or \$3.14 per diluted share. These results are a record quarterly profit for the company.

### **Get a discount on food and merchandise at the airport**



Did you know you can get a 10 or 15 percent discount on food, drinks and merchandise at most airports? All you have to do is show your United ID to get the discount at most airport vendors including major chains like Starbucks and Hudson Booksellers.

Remember to check out the Special offers for United employees page too. You'll find dozens of deals - in addition to saving on hotels, car rentals and cruises, you can find bargains on everything from electronics to clothing and gym memberships and even wine. Be sure to add the page to "My favorites" by scrolling down to the bottom. Remember, go to [RUAEA.org](http://RUAEA.org) for more discounts and information. [RUAEA.org](http://RUAEA.org) has important retiree resource links available to all of us.

### **...and we never even left the airport**

There are so many one-of-a-kind things to see and do in airports. Go online to Flying Together, United Daily, August 5<sup>th</sup> and see if you can name the attractions and the airports where they are housed.

### **Open and Fair Skies: What's at stake**



Labor groups, management and economic experts spoke out against the \$42 billion in government subsidies and other benefits that Qatar Airways (QR), Etihad Airways (EY) and Emirates Airline (EK) have received in violation of Open Skies agreements.

Several unions have joined American Airlines (AA), Delta Air Lines (DL) and United Airlines in The Partnership for Open and Fair Skies and, a group of pilots, flight attendants and others recently gathered at ORD to call on the Obama Administration to level the playing field for U.S. airlines and U.S. workers.

*"Chicago is a prime example of what is at risk if nothing is done to address the subsidies that the Gulf carriers receive," said United Flight Attendant Erica Levy. "If these airlines from the Gulf continue to expand with unfair advantages, domestic carriers may be forced to reduce routes just to stay competitive in the industry."*

Recently, Jeff spoke at a meeting of the Wings Club, a global society of aviation professionals. He called the rise of the Gulf carriers the single biggest threat facing U.S. commercial aviation today and described the devastating consequences if Qatar and the United Arab Emirates are allowed to continue abusing the Open Skies agreements.

Also this week, the Partnership for Open and Fair Skies released a research report by Aaron Klein, director of the Financial Regulatory Reform Initiative at the Bipartisan Policy Center and a former deputy assistant secretary for economic policy at the U.S. Treasury Department, that draws parallels from the decline of the domestic shipbuilding industry to the present-day trade dispute with the subsidized carriers.

The report estimates that the effects of continued inaction on the Open Skies agreements could put 200,000 U.S. jobs at risk - a significantly higher number than previous estimates provided by the Partnership to the U.S. government agencies currently reviewing the issue.

This followed a new report by one of America's foremost aviation economists that finds that the government-subsidized expansion of the Gulf carriers into the U.S. is threatening service and access for communities across the nation. The report, by William Swelbar, executive vice president at InterVISTAS Consulting, Inc., and a research engineer at MIT's International Center for Air Transportation, concludes that heavily subsidized Gulf carriers are shifting passenger traffic away from U.S. air carriers without generating new demand, thereby threatening the viability of nonstop flights and service to local communities in America.

### **Tablets for rent on select flights to and from HNL**



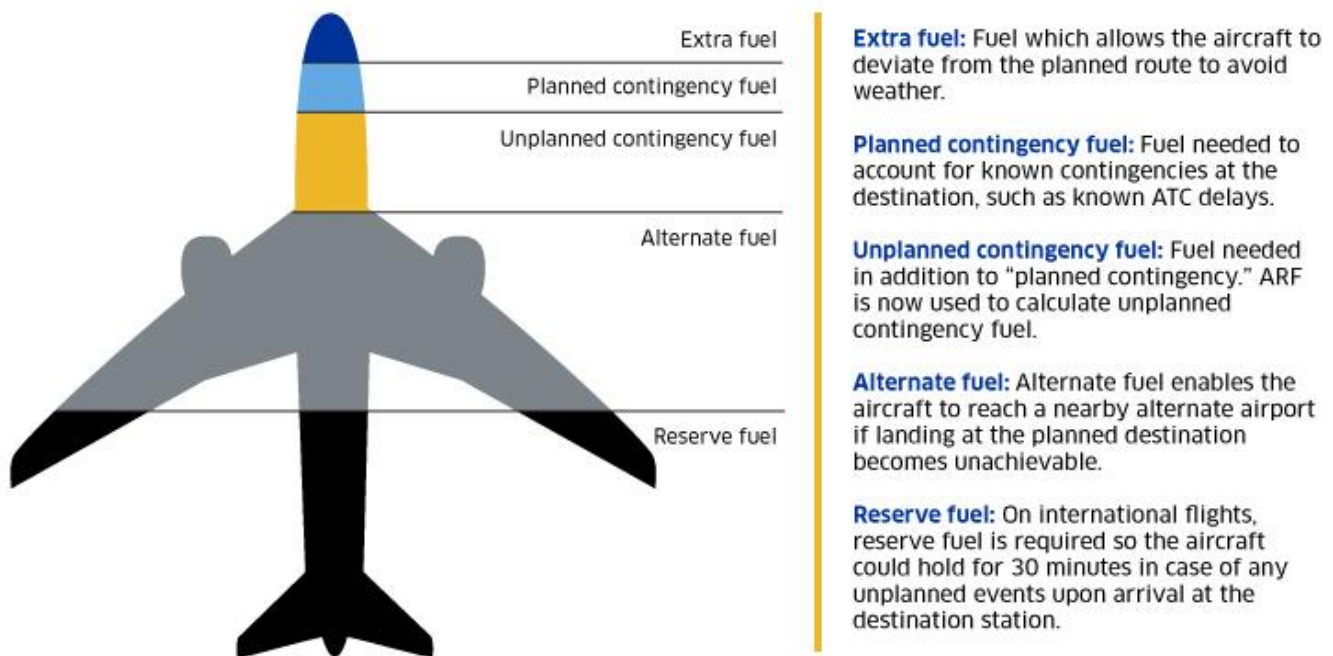
United began a test program the week of July 29<sup>th</sup>, that allows customers on Boeing 777 flights between HNL (Honolulu) and GUM and HNL and the U.S. mainland to rent Samsung tablets during their flights. The Samsung tablets are intended to complement existing Wi-Fi and Personal Device Entertainment (PDE) options on longer flights.

Because some of these flights are close to nine hours long, United wanted to provide customers with an entertainment option if they don't have a device or forget their device.

Rentals will cost \$9.99 for flights six hours or less and \$14.99 for flights longer than six hours and will include complimentary ear buds. Tablets will be complimentary to all first class passengers.

Customers will also have access to new-release movies and TV shows plus magazines and books, as well as custom-curated content from Tribeca Film Festival and Vevo music videos, all adding up to more than 100 hours of content. The tablets have a 20-hour battery life so customers won't have to plug into a power source during the flight.

### **United implemented innovative, industry-leading contingency fuel program**



United reached a significant milestone this year when it began fully operating all international flights using an innovative new statistical contingency fuel program known as Analyzed Regulatory Fuel (ARF). United is the only U.S. airline flying according to this program, which enables the company to plan the right amount of fuel to cover for unexpected contingencies.

As you know, fuel is an enormous expense, and, while nothing comes before safety, there are many ways that United can save even more fuel. ARF is another way United can do that.

Every flight has certain fuel requirements in addition to the basic amount needed to get from point A to point B. On top of that, each international flight is required to have at least 30 minutes of reserve fuel, fuel to get to a nearby alternate airport, and a certain amount of planned and unplanned contingency fuel.

On United's domestic flights and certain short-haul international flights, United currently use a program called Analyzed Contingency Fuel (ACF), which analyzes two years of actual fuel burn data for individual flight segments to determine statistically how much additional fuel above the regulatory fuel requirement United should add. ACF gives United the ability to save millions of dollars a year in fuel, but until now United has not been authorized to use it on most international flights.

Historically, international flights had a blanket 10 percent unplanned contingency fuel requirement, even though in many cases United's data showed that a safe and reliable flight really needed less - in most cases only around 3 percent.

In early 2015, United conducted validation flights. After each flight, United collected data and feedback from pilots and dispatchers and improved the company's procedures. The FAA assessed United's system and allowed United to continue ARF flights after it demonstrated that ARF performed as expected in all situations. That assessment led to authorization to replace the traditional 10 percent contingency fuel requirement with the data-driven system for all United flights.

*"We built this program from scratch,"* explained Operational Efficiency Senior Program Manager Marc Brodbeck. *"It took two years and several phases of validation and supporting data to demonstrate to the FAA that our ARF process was safe, accurate and reliable."*

*"We are now using data to provide the "right" amount of extra fuel to cover unexpected contingencies without adding unnecessary fuel and weight,"* explained Network Operations Director Laura Farnsworth Allen. *"It's a very innovative approach."*

The FAA is currently working to finalize the new rule. United expects it to be fully approved later this year.

*"We accomplished these changes through a great cross-divisional effort, including working very closely with the United FAA Certificate Management Office,"* said Corporate Safety VP Mike Quiello. *"It takes a lot of diligence to develop a program such as this. Thanks to Flight Ops, the dispatchers who worked during the validation period and Government Affairs, who worked with the FAA to develop this cutting-edge rule."*

During validating flights, United saved 1 million gallons of fuel. The company anticipates being able to save 3 million gallons each year. Reducing the amount of unplanned contingency fuel helps remove excess fuel weight on its aircraft, which enables United to carry more passengers and cargo. Carrying the right amount of fuel on board will also help United increase fuel efficiency and reduce its carbon emissions.

### **Torgy's Travel Tips – September 2015**



**Kathie Torgison**

"Should I stay or should I go?" That's the theme of a current TV commercial for a hotel chain. Well, I think you definitely should go! Get out and explore this wonderful world, especially during fall or spring when flights are less full, temperatures are more moderate and roads less crowded. Here's some food for thought: **Drive Historic Route 66!**

Originally called "America's Main Street" and "The Mother Road", Route 66 connected Chicago and Santa Monica, CA before the construction of the Interstate Highway System. There was a TV show titled Route 66 in the 1960's starring Martin Milner and George Maharis and before that, "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" were the lyrics of a popular song.

Well, the longest continuous stretch of old Route 66 in the US is the 159 miles from Flagstaff, AZ west to Needles, CA. And what a kick it is to drive! The two-lane road is peppered with Burma Shave signs along the farmers' fences. The motor-court motels, complete with colorful metal chairs in front of each unit, are very much in evidence. And roadside attractions show up everywhere. If you hop on 66 at Flagstaff, don't miss the Museum Club, an iconic Route 66 watering hole. It is said that proprietors Don & Thorna Scott are frequently seen behind the bar or in a corner booth, although both have long since passed away. The town of Seligman, located just west of Flagstaff, is the epitome of a Route 66 town. It retains all the flavor of time gone by and is having a ball keeping it up. Don't miss The Roadkill Café or the Sno-cap Drive In, complete with a gravity-feed gas pumps and a back lot of long abandoned manual tools and old classic cars. The star of the town is Angel's Barber Shop. Angel was instrumental in keeping Seligman alive after Interstate 40 diverted car traffic around the town in 1978. The Pixar movie "Cars" was based on the area around Seligman and you can catch an interview with Angel on the "Cars" DVD in the bonus section. Angel is 88 years old and he still opens his shop every day. The shop has expanded to include quite an extensive and fun gift shop. And lastly, you might even leave Seligman with a complimentary Route 66 DMV License if you stop at the Rusty Bolt down the street.

Now my favorite stopping point along the Route is the tiny, dirt street town of Oatman, located between Kingman and Needles. You go to Oatman to see the donkeys – yes donkeys! A century ago this was a thriving gold mining region. Between 1915-1917, the equivalent of \$870 million in today's dollars was extracted in the nearby hills. Prospectors used donkeys to transport the gold and these laid-back yet wild burros are the descendants of the pack animals turned loose by the early prospectors when the mines closed down in 1921.

The animals are protected by the US Dept of Interior but can and do roam anywhere they want in Oatman. You can buy burro chow at nearly every store in town to feed the donkeys. Remember though, they are wild animals. One further note: Route 66 from Oatman eastbound to Cool Springs is **not** accessible to motorhomes or vehicles over 20 ft long due to the twisty and narrow road. The landscape is steep, dry and wild. We witnessed bighorn sheep and donkeys darting across the road, so take it slow.

The remainder of Route 66 into California is all but hidden by I-40. There are remnants of the Mother Road near Barstow at the Calico Ghost Town and of course Santa Monica Pier is the “end of the road”, both figuratively and literally. There is a booth on the pier operated by the National Route 66 Association and the volunteers have a wealth of information to share. Unlike other merchants on the pier, all proceeds at this booth from T-shirts, postcards, maps, etc, benefit the upkeep and promotion of the Mother Road.

So get on out there and get your kicks!

Next time I’ll be sharing tips about US National Parks. Stay tuned!

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel**

*Donations to maintain the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please continue your support and make a check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to **Frank Egges** at 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.*

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**



All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### GULF COAST CHAPTER

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The July meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by President **Conrad Hamilton** to welcome 21 members: **Bill & Carole Hayden, Ray & Mai Owens, John & Myrl Eisinger, Conrad & Kim Hamilton, Harold Stofko, Barbara Serra, Park & Billie Learned, Annie (Kirkpatrick) & Steve Wilkey, Rick & Carol Herrick, Jeanne Reinoehl, Ed Southworth, Jessie Arnold, and Sande & Tommy Zander.**

We hold a raffle each month we call 50/50, as 50 percent is returned to the pot. As our treasury grows, it is then our honor to make a charitable donation. This month, the raffle was won by **Harold Stofko** and we voted unanimously to split our donation between the Naval Air Museum and our local Manna Food Bank. Lt. Gen. Duane Thiessen, President of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, dropped in unexpectedly and issued an invitation for us to sponsor or exert influence on United Airlines to sponsor a week at the National Flight Academy, as Delta Airlines did recently sponsored, and we were unable.

The blueberry picking outing at **Park & Billie Learned's** garden on June 25<sup>th</sup> was great fun. **Ed Southworth** won their donated blueberry raffle.

Several of our members have expressed an interest in obtaining VIP seating at the Blue Angel's hangar for one of their future practices and one of our members has already had some success in getting us considered, so we are crossing our fingers.

We wished Happy Birthday to our July celebrants **John Eisinger** and **Judy Hebl.**

The big TV was hooked up courtesy of the Museum and **Annie Kirkpatrick-Wilkey** signed on to the [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com) website and walked us through the steps for obtaining myUADiscount fares and [www.id90travel.com](http://www.id90travel.com) for other airline/interline travel.

The next meeting will be August 10<sup>th</sup>, same time; same place.

After fun fellowship and tall tales, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

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Our Birmingham chapter does not meet in July due to the holiday and people away on vacation. We will meet again on the second Monday in August for lunch at various Birmingham restaurants. As always, all retired United friends and families are welcome to join us. For information, please call **Joe Jones** at the above number, or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.



## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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Hey, there, fellow RUAEA members! Monthly newsletters come around so fast that I wonder how old I am really getting. But, then, I don't want to think about it!

The summer, also, is going along very speedily (is that a word?). Since we are still in Huntley, Illinois, we haven't been wilting in the Arizona heat. However, Illinois now has had its share of hot weather and no rain lately. June and July were very rainy in Illinois but I think the clouds have dumped all the precipitation and now it's dry.

**Judy Weber, Lynn Auchincloss, Paulette Miller, Linda Mandala and Carol Liltz** met at "Lucky Monk" in Hoffman Estates, IL for lunch to celebrate our mutual friendship. We always have a great time!

I had the chance to play "hand & foot" with **Connie Russo, Barb Robbins, Joan Terry, Maggie** (used to be **Lawry**), and **Judy Pasowicz** on August 1. We lunched first at Olive Garden and then went back to Connie's for cards and drinks. Great fun!

We dined at Parkside restaurant in Huntley, IL for their great Monday \$5.00 hamburgers (with cheese, lettuce & tomato and fries) on August 11 with **Lowell & Pat Neal, Marge & Gene Hinnners and Don & Sandy Kramlich**. It's a favorite place for the Sun City Huntley crowd. Afterward, we came back to the Liltz house for dessert and coffee.

**Joe & Lisa Hopkins** planned a lunch with some Azures members in Arizona but all had plans for that day. Better luck next time, Joe. These are busy retirees in the wonderful community of Pebblecreek, Goodyear, AZ.

**Vivian Klick** reports that Arizona has been very, very warm. She is planning a trip to visit her California daughter to see the remodeled kitchen. Have fun, Viv!

No definite news from our Azures planning team for the Fall schedule. We will start our season with the annual picnic at Beardsley Park in Sun City, AZ on Friday, October 16 and then go on from there. A planned luncheon at Lou's Tivoli Gardens for our November "Thanksgiving" luncheon has an unknown date so far. We will alert our Azures members in time for signup.

September birthdays: **A. D. Cline** (9/1); **Lynn Cline** (9/13); **Peg Heidecker** (9/13); **Donna Maloney** (9/26); and **Carol Liltz** (9/27). September Anniversaries: **Ed & Marie Bobrik** (9/5); **Bob & Donna Maloney** (9/28). Congratulations to all!

### Calendar:

**September 8 & 22** - Breakfasts at Coco's, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ – 0830. Call **Sherry Muoio** at (623) 572-4828 for reservations.

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We're looking forward to the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, September 23-26 at the Double Tree by Hilton and hope many of our members will be attending. We always enjoy going; it is fun meeting old and new friends and attending tours and meetings, and, of course, eating etc. The weather should be nice at that time, and there's a lot to see and do various things in Pittsburgh. Hope to see you there!

We're still continuing to meet for breakfast each month, but our breakfast for September has been moved up to Friday, September 18 (one week earlier), due to the Convention. We'll meet again at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd., in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. If you're planning on coming to the September breakfast, please let **Peg Snowdall** know by the Wednesday before, which is September 16, so she can tell the restaurant personnel how many to expect that morning. Peg's phone number is (480) 396-3317, and her e-mail address is

[phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). We've had a pretty good turnout for the summer so far, so hope it continues. Remember, if you have any guests, be sure and bring them along. Also, if there are any visitors in the Phoenix area, who may have worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time, and are 55 years old or older, please come, as we would like to meet you. You'll enjoy meeting our members.

We had 27 people at our last breakfast on July 24<sup>th</sup>. President **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron** were in town for a few days, so they were able to join us. They are back in the Seattle area most of the summer. Some of the discussions at the meeting were some standby issues and of course, the RUAEA Convention. It was good to see **JoAnn Fearing** back after undergoing hip surgery. We had three visitors at the breakfast, they were **John & Jeanne McGann** and **Rich Fezekas**. Rich joined our Re-United's group. Glad to have new people join us. We're looking for a host for our February luncheon. **Natasha Schmidt** just offered to take the January luncheon again. If you would like to offer to host the February luncheon, please let **Shirley Claggett** or **Peg Snowdall** know. Got any ideas? There will be plenty of people who will help you to organize this, so get your thinking cap on and see what transpires. Since our chapter consists of many people all over the Phoenix area, such as Mesa, Scottsdale, Chandler, Tempe, Gilbert, and Sun Lakes, there should be plenty of places to accommodate our group.

Don't forget to think about the items needed for the children involved in our Fantasy Flight, when you're out and about. Needed are winter pajamas in sizes 5-7, for both boys and girls, socks for both, sizes 11 – 5, gloves for boys and girls, fleece throw blankets, and cute huggable stuffed animals, about 12-15" long. Vice-President **Peg Snowdall** will gladly take them off your hands, and store them until they are needed closer to the Fantasy Flight itself.

We also want to encourage everyone to join RUAEA. Without the monthly newsletter and the website at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org), a lot of things and information would not be available to our retirees. It is very important that we all support RUAEA, so that it can continue to support and help us. Membership dues are \$27 for one year and can be mailed to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433 with your check. Be sure to include your file number in all correspondence. You can also use a credit card, such as Visa, MasterCard, or Discover, and go on line at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) to renew or receive an application to join. You can also get an application to join from our Re-United's Chapter.

Our September birthdays are **Keith Morey** (9/2), **Ken Simon** (9/3), **Harry Cloud** (9/7), **Bob Irwin** (9/9), **Judie Preston** (9/12), **Bill Rang** (9/18), and **Nancy Snediker** (9/22). Happy Birthday to all of you! We have only one couple celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this month (that we know of), and that is yours truly, **Ted & Liz Tollefsen** on (9/18/54). Sixty-one years, how about that?

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**September 23 – 26** – Re Unite In Pittsburgh

**October** - Luncheon TBA

**October 23** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner



#### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Greetings from Southern Arizona. July was dry and hot. There was heavy rain and flooding, but that was two blocks away from my house. I had to water the plants the next day. If any snowbirds are thinking about moving to Southern Arizona, on the border it floods and floods; South Tucson it floods and floods, in north Tucson, it rains on the other side of the street.

Our July gathering was at the Thunder Canyon Brewery, hosted by **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**. The members who did not leave the city numbered 20 and were treated to the good group and good food at the restaurant. We were all \$5.00 richer because **Alice & Pete Lopez** were traveling and not available to sell raffle tickets, however, I have it on good authority that **Shirley Robertson** felt that she was a shoe in to win and we could give the winnings to her by default.

Copies of the June RUAEA newsletter were given out with a copy of the RUAEA application for membership. **John Bennatts** brought the items in, but **Chuck Cole** was instrumental in providing the information. **Sandy Lawyer** was going to distribute the information in Sun City/Oro Valley. One comment I heard was "*I didn't know they still published the hard copy*".

The luncheon to be held in August was scheduled to be hosted by **John Bennatts**, however, he will be in eastern Washington for the wedding of his grand-daughter. **Claire Byle** has graciously accepted to host the function in his absence.

Milestones ~ Anniversaries: **Shirley & Ron Robertson, Muriel & Ken Bergsma, Lyn & Roger Callihan, Stephanie & Gary Rayburn, Merrit Nerland & Emmett Doyle.**

Birthdays: **Peggy Kuhn (9/3), Dave Folkers (9/4), Jim Hampton (9/18), Henny Satterfield (9/28), and Sharon Cole (9/29).**

Calendar:

**August 20** - Chop Stix, 8225 Courtney Page Way, off Cortaro Farms Rd., hosted by **Claire Byle**. Open 11:00 Order 11:30. Please RSVP Claire by August 17, (520) 744-0959 or [idclaire70@yahoo.com](mailto:idclaire70@yahoo.com).

**September 17** - Olive Garden in Oro Valley Marketplace, hosted by **Shirley & Ron Robertson**. RSVP by September 14, (520) 818-3020 or e-mail [ronandshirley@centurylink.net](mailto:ronandshirley@centurylink.net).

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We did not meet in July. We are still dealing with the loss of **Bob Wagner** (LAXMM). We are a very small group and when one of our oldest members is no longer with us, we will still have his memories with us all.

I don't know how many of you have flown into Maui, but did you know how the airport got its designation "OGG"? I never could figure that one out until a friend of mine dug out the explanation. A Kauai born, Jimmy Hogg, worked for Inter-Island Airways before it became Hawaiian Airlines in 1941. The CAA wanted to designate the airport code in honor of Jimmy Hogg. But HOG was not approved by Jimmy Hogg, so the H was dropped. There is now an exhibit at the Maui Airport that features Jimmy Hogg. He has a very interesting history.

In the RUAEA August Newsletter, there is a picture of our Chapter's Board members. This is a great addition to post pictures of the various Boards in the Newsletter. A lot of credit has to be given to those who volunteer in the various positions on the Boards for their dedication and time.

Calendar:

**August 19** – Meeting at the Santa Maria Hotel, hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**.



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**John & Maureen Schultz** hosted the Sunbirds' July Meeting, held at "Manhattan in the Desert" in Palm Desert. There were thirty two members present, including **Tom Sabo**, our newest member, who worked in DTWRR, Apollo Services, and LAXCS. Welcome, Tom!

Short report this month, those of us who are not out of town are hibernating indoors, as the temperatures in our desert have been very warm, to say the least. As I write this (8/6) it is over 110 degrees and has been at least that for a week or more.

**Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan** are playing it smart (or cool), leaving today for their “Trip of a Lifetime” to Amsterdam for four days, then fifteen days down the Rhine and Danube Rivers to Budapest, then by train to Munich. After four days or so there, they return to our beautiful and warm desert.

Congratulations to our August Anniversary couples: **Jerry & Sheryll Waiss** (27 years on 8/2); and **Gil & Marianne Patterson** (40 years on 8/6).

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Brigitte Brunken**; **Sandy Sereno** won \$45.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Our hosts, John & Maureen, added two bottles of wine to the drawing, won by **Brad Zittel** and **Carole Paquin**.

Calendar:

**August 12** – Hosted by **Jerry & Sheryll Waiss**

**September 9** – Hosted by **Dave & Kathy Wilson**

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**SACRAMENTO**



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on Wednesday, July 29, at Old Spaghetti Factory, Roseville, CA. This was hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**. We had 39 Gold Diggers and one guest. **Gretchen Cahill**, was the guest of the **Bertacinis**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Bertacinis** for hosting.

*Officers Reports:*

*President* ~ **Orville Harshbarger** also thanked the **Bertacinis** for hosting and also hoped to see us at convention.

*Vice President* ~ **Len Haubl** was not in attendance so **Frank Dellinger** filled in for Len this month. He talked about the upcoming luncheon in August.

*Secretary* ~ **Colleen Esola** said there was only one anniversary for July: **Francisco & Marta Fornells** – 61 years. Since they were not in attendance, we didn't sing the anniversary song.

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

*Roster Chairman* ~ **Jack Raynor** said if anyone needs a roster, he has them.

*Sunshine* ~ **Angie Dellinger** said that she has spoken to **Margie Fulkerson**'s daughter and Margie is doing well. She was having lunch with her daughter. Colleen also received a note from **Velma Stough** and she has a new address, 550W. Hendrickson #246, Sequim, WA 98382-3013.

*Historian* ~ **Stephanie Norton** has nothing to report.

*Director of Northern California & Nevada* ~ **John Zoboli** talked about the upcoming convention. He did want to tell us that one of tours has been cancelled, Flight 93 Memorial/Quecreek Mine Tour; he reminded us to vote for directors, talked about the Sierra Roundup picnic in Reno on August 20<sup>th</sup>, told us about a very good article written by a CSA on the use of travel passes, also talked about SFO family day October 11<sup>th</sup>; DEN Flight Training Center, RUPA Cruise August 2016; BOS-Montreal, Unimatic Reunion October 2.

*RUAEA V.P. Of Conventions* ~ **Ron Bertacini** talked about convention, Friday night will feature “Flavors of Pittsburgh” with hors d'oeuvre. There will also be a silent auction with an autographed football by Joe Namath.

Calendar:

**August 26** – Northern Queen Inn (formerly Trolley Junction), Nevada City, CA, hosted by the **Nortons**.

**September 30** – No Luncheon (because of convention)

**October 28** – Ginger's Restaurant, Roseville, CA, hosted by the **Morgans**.

**November 25** – No Luncheon (because of Thanksgiving)

**December 9** - Alta Sierra Country Club, Grass Valley, CA, hosted by the **Dellingers & Dorothy Stroud**.





## **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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Red, White & Blue – the colors that celebrate the birthday of our wonderful nation – colors that inspire the fireworks we all enjoy at Fourth of July parties. Those colors and enthusiasm inspired **Gary & Mikki Dalleske**'s tabletop decorations for our July luncheon. This month, 29 Miners got together at Rudy's Hideaway in Rancho Cordova. We had several meals from which to choose and they all seemed to be well received. Our esteemed president, **Rudy Blazius**, extended a hearty Thank You to Gary & Mikki for putting this together for us. As usual, he asked if any members present celebrate a birthday in July. As luck would have it, we found that **Gary Dalleske** claims the 4<sup>th</sup> and **Irv Wolfram** takes the 5<sup>th</sup> (!) for their special day. No one (that we know of) had an anniversary in July – as **Suzie Kenny** said, June claims most of them! So, Happy Birthday to both of you.

*President* ~ **John Zoboli** sent us via **Jane Gibson** – some flyers concerning the upcoming Sierra Roundup Annual Picnic that will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Bartley Ranch, Reno. This year the picnic will be physically located in Reno. Bartley Ranch is a beautiful park not far from downtown Reno. There's parking immediately adjacent to the picnic area. The historic ranch buildings on site will be open to tour. I will either attach the information and/or put it at the end of the minutes.

Rudy wanted to mention that, should you be new to hosting chapter's luncheons, we do have a "suggestion" sheet to help you out. If you want to see this information, let **Jane Gibson** know and she will send you a copy. We know that costs are rising everywhere, but urge our hosts to try to keep the prices down when possible, and, to also let you know that we will reimburse you (up to) \$25.00 to help out with decorations and such.

*Vice President* ~ **Bill Dinette** did not have a report to share.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** will contact the company who makes our nifty badges. If you would like to get a badge, either because you're new or lost the ones you had; get in touch with Jane so she can order your very own Hangtown Miner member badge. I don't know the price for them at this time. At this point, **Judie Leimer, Bill & Linda Dinette** have requested badges. Jane's contact info: tired-dogs@comcast.net; (925) 443-0905.

*Treasurer* ~ Our wonderful treasurer **Tom Kenny** was not able to make this meeting, however, his wonderful wife, **Suzanne**, came and gave his report.

*Sunshine* ~ Suzanne put on her Sunshine Hat, she and Jane are going to look over our membership list and see which of you we have not seen for a while. Suzanne will be giving a call to those individuals just to make sure that all is well with you. **Dick Czapkay** is still a "worry", Jane is going to try to get hold of his son who lives in Livermore. If you know of any of our members who may be having some difficulties and could use a "pick-me-up" call or card, please let Suzanne know.

*Historian* ~ **Lynda Lima** was not at our meeting this month. Lynda, I still have your book.

*Old Business* ~ Via conversations with Gold Diggers members, they were in agreement to plan our "Miners and Diggers" joint luncheon for June 2016 at the Akin Ranch. Once we are in that year, we will be in touch with them so they can help with the planning and execution of what will be a large luncheon. Should be lots of fun!

So, our December luncheon – believe it or not, folks, it's only about 4 (yes, 4) months away, was discussed again. If you have any suggestions for who you would like to be considered to cater this lunch, please, come to the August meeting and share the information. We also have not nailed down where we will be dining. We have been thinking to return to the American Legion Hall in Placerville, but other locations have been suggested. **Kerry Kozelka** is going to check on the Kerry House in Placerville, a place in Folsom has also been mentioned as well as Cold Spring in Cameron Park. If you will, please think of an appropriate setting for (probably) 40 or so members, either with or without it needing to be catered. If you know of a restaurant where we won't be crowded and will be reasonable in price, bring the info, or at least send the info with someone who will be at the August meeting. We don't want to wait too long to set things up – December (the second Monday will be December 14) bookings go fast and it will be too cold to eat in the park!

*New Business* ~ Rudy brought us a few items from the RUAEA Newsletter.

Rudy closed our meeting and the Drawing Of Opportunity began. The winner of the donator's prize was **Bill Gibson** (woo hoo). Our thanks to: **Raber** – wine; **Blazius** – candy dish; **Gibson** – Rudy's Hideaway T-shirt; **Akin** – eggs; **Dinette** – wine; **Kenny** – bird soap dish; **Dalleske** – center pieces; **Kozelka** – beer glass & beer; **Wolfram** – candy; **Fitzpatrick** – wine.

Our August meeting/luncheon will be hosted by **Charlie & Carleene Hyde** at the Old Spaghetti Factory on Folsom in Rancho Cordova.

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Dear RER Members:

We held our July luncheon at Le Chalet Restaurant in San Rafael on July 9<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Oscar Chambers**, our Treasurer. The theme was Polynesian attire, and Oscar provided colorful leis for all. The tables were decorated with bags of wine featuring the remembrance of Bastille Day, which is celebrated on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Our food choices for the luncheon were Scampi, Fillet of Cod, Grilled New York Steak, and Grilled Breast of Chicken with mustard seed; all entrees were cooked in the French style.

**Larry Wilson, President**, opened our meeting by thanking Oscar for securing the Basque Restaurant for us. He announced the recent passing of **Patrick Cadden**, former member who had been living at the Belvedere Adult Assisted Living Facility in Santa Rosa for a long time. His daughter had been coming out to visit periodically for the last few years. We were asked by Larry to observe a moment of silence in his honor!

Vice President **Jerry Underhill**, who with his wife **Barbara**, had provided the wines for the raffle, announced that there were 36 members and guests attending; the guests were: **Cindy Hiroshima**, guest of **Joan Sheahan**, and **Lee Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**.

Historian, photographer, and travel pass informant **Barney Hagen** encouraged us all to check out the travel page on the Flying Together website, for travel tips available for the summer season. These can be printed out for your use. He reminded us to update our password on the site every 90 days to save time and trouble of starting over to get logged on. **Larry Wilson** said that he recently renewed his password without any problem within the time frame.

RUAEA Western regional director **Roger Casterline** came with information on the upcoming annual RUAEA convention to be held in Pittsburgh, PA in October; he passed around flyers with info and application for the convention, along with copies of the last two monthly RUAEA magazines.

Next, Sunshine lady **Verda Burr**, back from her travels to see her children, read the July birthday list, which included **Jan Blackburn**, **Roger Casterline**, **Helen Furber**, **Pat Leahy**, **Joan Olsson**, **Larry Schmidt**, **Herb & Inara Witt**, as well as herself. Verda was the winner of the free lunch drawing (she said it wasn't rigged)! The one wedding Anniversary for July was for **Nick & Marie Von Kruining** – 62 years. They were off celebrating somewhere, and missed our singing "Congratulations" to all! Verda also tells us that **Elsie Kuhl** has moved out to Connecticut to be near her daughter. **Joanne Huhn** will send her a card from our chapter. Then Verda blessed us with a couple of great jokes before she sat down; she also gave us her new cell phone no. for our contact list.

Treasurer **Oscar Chambers** gave us the current status of our General and Charity fund accounts, which add up to a glowing total of \$888.38!

Lastly, the raffle tickets were drawn for the wine, candy, and specially wrapped wine bottles serving as centerpieces for our tables. We agreed that this was a fun Tropical-themed time together and we look forward to our August meeting/luncheon at the La Gare Restaurant, on August 13<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Verda Burr** and **Dick & Carol Hanna**.

President **Larry Wilson** thanked us all for coming and adjourned the meeting by reminding us to remember the Charity Box on our way out!

See you all in August; enjoy your summertime!

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There were two birthdays to celebrate this month: **Debbie Taylor** on August 9<sup>th</sup> and **Jackie Schwartz** on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Louis Semon** just returned from a two week trip to the Holy Land and told us he had a wonderful time travelling with his church group. He usually travels alone, but enjoyed having some friends to share experiences with.

**Helen & Bob Grissom** told us they are moving back to Minnesota to be with their family. They will be missed. Yes, they do realize they are leaving the California sunshine for some nasty winter weather.

We welcomed **Pauline Raynald** as a new member, she has had a couple of knee surgeries and hasn't been able to drive.

**Barbara Tobin** and **Lancelot** visited us after a long absence.

**Barbara Drews** was the winner of the 50/50 this month.

A reminder to all of you to consider putting the RUAEA Convention in your travel plans for this September 23 through 26. They are working hard to make it a good time for all.

The RESANS team is working on name badges for our members and Louis is designing a logo similar to the one used at the convention last year.

If your travel plans find you in San Diego please visit. Our next breakfast is September 3.

**Betty Tomaino**, **Louis Semon** and **Barbara Drews** drove up to LAX to visit the Re-LAX-ers for lunch. Will have a report for you next month.

## **Calendar:**

**September 3** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. (619) 226-0255.



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President **Jerome Underhill** got us started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and encouraged people to volunteer and help with our monthly meetings. This late July meeting had our Southern visitor, Colonel Sanders and his tasty KFC on the menu. A lovely day – our meeting place overlooks one of the many lagoons in Foster City with the foothills in the distance. We often see Kite-boarders whipping over the water. It has been very warm here and wish that those of you who have had more than your share of rain could send it out to us – we have huge, raging fires inland that have been next to impossible to contain. Our hearts go out to the many people who have had to evacuate their homes.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** keeps us on an even keel. Our stalwart Auditors, **Gene Walter**, **Ben Vietz** and **Dorothy Reuszer** reminded everyone that they should call **Dorothy** at (650) 341-5765, to let her know if you will be coming to the **August 24<sup>th</sup> Picnic**. This is a change from our usual September Picnic. We need to know how much food we need to get – price: Members - \$15.00 per person / Guests - \$20.00. If you did not attend the July meeting and did not pay for your ticket, please call **Dorothy** and she will collect your money at the door. Always good food: BBQ Steak, baked beans (**Barbara Underhills'** secret recipe!) salad, French bread and dessert – you can't go wrong. **Dee Henning** and her helpers will be setting up – we always need more volunteers to help make the Picnic a special occasion. Our horse races are always good for a laugh so come join the fun!

Many of us are wearing several hats – **Barbara Underhill** reported that **Shirley Campbell** is having problems with her feet and was unable to come to the meeting, we wish her well and hope to see her at the Picnic. **Bonnie Blair** has moved to be closer to her daughter, Sue, both of whom have traveled with us to

faraway places. **Walter Kina** fell and was in the hospital, he is home and on the road to recovery – take care, **Walt**, we want to see you at the next meeting!! (That's Dr. Gingers' orders!) We have a new member, **Don Ford**, welcome and hope to see you often. **Kathy Hutt** missed chasing chickens for our KFC feast, she was lolling on the beach on the Big Island of Hawaii. Not many owned up to having a birthday in July, however, **Rex & Dorothy Reuszer** celebrated their 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary – **Aubrey & Betty Bliss** outdid them with 67 years! Way to go, our congratulations to you!

**Harriet Kunze**, our Memorial and Charity lady, has asked us to bring non-perishable food items to the Picnic that she will distribute to various food banks in our area.

Travel Coordinator, **Ginger Dahlberg**, has trips coming up – a day tour of the Paramount Theater in Oakland along with a gondola ride and lunch at Lake Merritt in September, another day tour to see “The Full Monty” with lunch at a special restaurant in Walnut Creek and decadent ice cream to cap off the day, October 25<sup>th</sup>. There are four spots open on the Sounds of the South (Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans) – October 1 – 9<sup>th</sup>. Call Ginger at (650) 224-1865 or email as space is very limited.

Come join us if you are in town all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.,) Foster City, CA 94404. Our mailing address: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P. O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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As August begins to fade out of the picture, September creeps up on the horizon and members have been returning from their many summer trips. We had 42 in attendance at our last breakfast. Summer has been a busy time for many of our members with innumerable trips that have carried them abroad, as well as closer to home. For example, **Joanne Saso** and her family experienced one of the newer choices in travel destinations, a Baltic Sea Cruise. Like Alaska, this cruise is only available during summer months. The Baltic Sea is bounded by the Scandinavian Peninsula, the Danish Islands and the mainland of Europe. Joanne and her family ended their adventure by spending time in Paris. What wonderful family memories.

**Billie & Sam Cramb** went to Canada, in celebration of a “milestone” birthday. Others traveled somewhat closer to home. **Elfriede & Albert Grossmann** took off for a few days to Seattle and Oregon. Oregon has proved to be a popular place for several members. **Alice Rostirolla** explored the Oregon Coast, **Robin & Dave Garland** attended a Family Reunion in Albany, Oregon, and **Karen & Bob Devlin** took their family to Sun River as they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Our Sunshine Chairman, **Maureen Snyder**, called **Al & Mary Lou Rogers** to check up on them since we haven't seen them at breakfast for a while, only to find out they are enjoying the cooler temperatures of Colorado. **Dave Walb** has been boating on the waters of The Delta. We have hardly seen **Rosemarie & Bill Reichard** this summer as they have been enjoying Family Time up and down the California Coast, from the Boardwalk in Santa Cruz to Lego Land in Carlsbad, and All Points In Between. They brought a college friend of Rosemarie's, Sharon Nobis, to breakfast one morning. Sharon is visiting from the Phoenix area. Now they have an excuse to visit wine country in Napa and the Livermore Valley. **Julie & George Midwin** have been busy as tour guides with guests from Australia.

**Chuck Thuener** planned a group trip in Ben Lomand for a tour of a museum that displays Vintage Trailers and Cars and other memorabilia. Some members of his Mustang Club also attended. SFO/SJC members who participated, in addition to **Joyce & Chuck Thuener**, were **Ken Demblewski**, **Maureen & Vern Snyder**, and **Merle & Boyd Sweet**. We were treated to some very unique Campers which included a camper made by Sears with a boat for a roof, a camper that resembled a train caboose, and a camper made by Harry and David. (Harry and David is a premium food and gift producer, known for their fruit gift boxes, particularly around the holidays.) A highlight for me was a red vintage Cadillac with white leather upholstery which resembled the Cadillac driven by the fictional character, Don Draper, of AMC's television series Mad Men. Thank you, Chuck, for setting up a unique tour. It makes me want to go “Glamping”! (~Glamour Camping~)



Our meetings are shared with members of our families who come for visits. In addition to the friend of **Rosemarie Reichard**, (mentioned above), **Katrina & Leon Manou** brought Katrina's sister one morning to breakfast. **Merle & Boyd Sweet** brought their daughter, **Kathi** who was visiting from LA.

Good news is always welcome so we are all excited that **Helen Rose Seidl** is soon to be a great grandmother for a second time, and **Sally & Tony Urso** will be great grandparents after the first of the year for the first time. Congratulations!

Our Sunshine Chairman reports that **Theresa Willever** is on the mend after a fall which hurt her back. **Ben Scales** showed up at our meeting wearing a "very fashionable boot" after having a "bump" removed from the bone that was irritating his Achilles tendon. "Ouch!" Sorry Ben, but I don't think this type of boot is going to be featured on *~Project Runway~*.

Our sympathies go out to **Robin Garland** at the loss of her mother.

September birthdays include **Don Boyer, Charlotte Cacioppo, Robin Garland, Rita Matkovich, Alice Rostirolla, Wilma Sandy, Joyce Malia Thuener, Tony Ruso, Dave Walb, and Theresa Willever.**

September is a special month for **Theresa Willever** since she has a birthday and she and Harry also celebrate an anniversary. Other anniversaries this month include **Barbara & Charley Brown, Kathy & Frank Mazzola, Maureen & Vernon Snyder, and Merle & Boyd Sweet.**

Those who are planning to attend the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh later this month are looking forward to the company of new friends, reminiscing with old friends, and sharing industry news and perspectives.

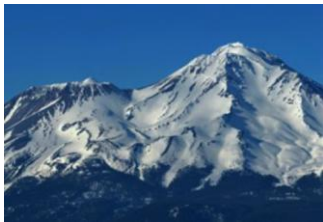
#### Calendar:

Every Friday at 8:00 – Breakfast at Holder's Restaurant /Sunnyvale-Saratoga Rd.

**September 15** - Fall Luncheon at Pasta Pomodora at Camden & Union in Campbell

**September 23-26** – RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh

**October 11** - Family Day at SFO Maintenance Base



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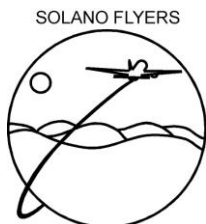
Summer meeting and lunch at the lake! There could not have been a lovelier way to spend an afternoon with fellow retirees and spouses. The Northstaters did just that at their July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Everyone was invited to **Kent & Billie Jorgensen's** lovely summer home at Lake Almanor. Their home has a beautiful deck where the luncheon was served. The weather was perfect and everyone could leave the heat in the valley to come and enjoy themselves. It was so much fun to see the birds, squirrels and even deer in their yard below the deck. It turns out the deer love to eat watermelon and cantaloupe rinds and the birds love their peanuts. The luncheon was preceded by a tour on the lake. **Kent Jorgensen** and **Bill Simonton** provided their boats and were able to give a tour of the best Gem in California. Lovely homes surround the lake and everyone was able to see the sights from the boats. They also saw a small island where Kent and a friend many years ago erected the American Flag.

The luncheon was delicious. The group provided the Tri Tip, and everyone brought a side dish and dessert. A short meeting took place as we all enjoyed a relaxed afternoon in beautiful surroundings.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M. at Vittles Restaurant in Anderson. **Vincent & Kay Neidlinger** will be setting up the restaurant for the luncheon/meeting.

#### Calendar:

**September 24** - Vittles Restaurant in Anderson. Come and join us!



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Our meeting was held at the Benicia Grill on July 8<sup>th</sup> with the following members in attendance: **Robert Allen, Rudolph Arsaga, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, James Ellison, John Francis, Stewart McCale, Louis Pell, Allan & Peggy Pochop, Ben Reed, and Frank Uhl.**

The group then welcomed new member **Paul Schwaral** to our merry band of retirees.

Our meeting attendance is low during the summer months with many of the retirees traveling or other summer family commitments.

July Birthday was celebrated by **Bill Blizzard**. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Rudy Arsaga**.

The next meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> will be held at The Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Dr. Rio Vista, CA. The members elected to have the chapter pick up the lunch tab. Great incentive for attendance. September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Denny's, Vacaville. October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Benicia Grill Fairfield.

## **COLORADO**

### **DENVER**

#### **MILE HIGHERS**

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We met on a beautiful morning in Denver at DENTK facility on August 1<sup>st</sup> for our monthly meeting. We had 40 attendees. We had some first time guests this time. **Ray Shoults**, DENMM & **Helen Shoults'** grandson, **Zach & Donna Miller**, DENRR brought her two guests, **Karen Jenkins** and **Shari Siebert**. Always nice to see some new guests.

We had our 50/50 drawing. Winners who donated their win were **Gene Sibley**, DENMM and **Paul Fluegel**. Thank you very much. Also for those who bring the recyclable aluminum, thanks. Our members have made it possible for us to have a no dues organization in Denver.

**Tom Goodyear**, President, reminded us to vote for the annual directors for the RUAEA board. Of course, write-ins are welcome. The ballot is on the [RUAEA.org](http://RUAEA.org) website. We will be having our annual "Wings Over the Rockies" museum luncheon August 19<sup>th</sup>. There are several new exhibits. Tom also reminded us about the RUAEA convention in Pittsburgh, September 23-26. The deadline for registration is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Ed Eason**, DENMM, has been having a difficult year. He was hospitalized last February for awhile and lost 30 pounds. Working on recovery and then he fell last month. He is now working on rehabilitation and doing better.

**Jim Bechtold**, DENMM, passed away July 1<sup>st</sup>, **Gail Curran Sr.**, DENRR passed away in July and **Jim Tucker**, DENRR, also passed away.

**Donna Miller**, DENRR, brought to our attention the "Golf Croquet" tournament hosted by the local branch of Alliant Credit Union, Financial Planning. Speaking of money, she also talked of the "refund" check that many had received. She had heard of one person getting a check of \$.11. That had to do with our United medical plans (an adjustment) that we had while still employed. Just cash it and make the audit complete.

DENMM, had their bi-monthly breakfast at Gala Gardens on July 18<sup>th</sup>. There were approximately 20 in attendance. They all enjoyed the morning. Their next breakfast will be September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our traveling members were **Glenn Cannon**, DENCg in Sweden. **Matt** (DENMM) & **Bonnie Ohr** just returned from a great fishing trip in Alaska. **Don Burbank**, DENMM returned from a 10 day trip of being a crew chief on the B-17 in IL and WI. He also got to attend the Air Venture in Oshkosh (a half a million people in town). **Virgil Gooselaw**, DENMM, was on a two week fishing expedition. So far, we have not seen the pictures. Hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer.

Calendar:

**September 5** – Breakfast meeting at DENTK, 9AM, don't forget to bring your aluminum.

**September 19** - DENMM breakfast at Gala Gardens 9AM

**September 23-26** – Re Unite In Pittsburgh

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16 Sand”Dabs” attended this month's luncheon, a light turnout for this lazy, hazy (really it was clear in Daytona Beach but that doesn't rhyme) crazy day of summer. We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by **Bobbie Rieck**. The **Wickershams** are finally here permanently and today brought a visitor from Chicago. Also joining us was **Naomi Riddle**.

President **Dick Coughlin** gave a UAL report touching on topics including AFA contract negotiations, new TSA procedures, the repurchase of UA stock, and a new policy regarding big game trophies. He also gave us a thumbs up report on his own health issues. That was the best news of all! And, of course, he treated us with some humorous stories. Thanks for the chuckles **Dick**!

The only August birthday celebrant was **Gloria Marcantoni** and the 50/50 was won by **Steve Moddle**.

Treasurer **Penny Logan** gave a financial report.

We decided to change next month's meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday due to Labor Day weekend the week before and that many of our regulars had plans to be away. So change your calendars to **September 10**.

Calendar:

**September 10** – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL



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It's August already and this correspondent missed the June and July deadlines for this newsletter. Apologies to everyone who **didn't** get a Birthday or anniversary card 'cause of me! (They **do** have some cute **belated** ones! Hint Hint)

June/July Birthdays: **Linda Agnello, Bob Olsen, Peg Cannata, Rich Llewellyn, Joanne Mollet, Mary McNeill, Julia Montalvo, Ted LeGrand Sr., and Laurie Bork!**

June/July Anniversaries: **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges, Jim & Janet Mummah, Joe & Barb Fitak, Bob & Sandy Duszynski, and Al & Joanne Mollet!**

Our August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was chaired by VP **Ken Michels**, and began with the Pledge. Our very welcome surprise guests today included **Don Ulman**, who had surgery awhile back and was looking pretty spry, and **Susan** looking pretty in pink; **Sharon & Charlie Ringer**, who left their company at home to join us, finally, after several missed luncheons; **Naomi Riddle**, our favorite F/A coming thru MCO back in the day; **Richard Vinson**, looking good after fighting off the Big C; **Jim Duffey**, now the newest member of the Real McCoy's - not the youngest though! Someone heard him say there sure were a lot of old people at our lunch. It's a great group to be part of Jim! Ha; RUAEA Florida Region Director **Don Nellans** and wife **Mary** joined us today; and Ernie's granddaughter, Tyler came again! Toward the end of lunch, retiree-in-training **Connie Lenard**, dropped in for a quick lunch and hugs from everyone!

Director Don was asked to share any UA news with all of us. He had copies of the 2015 PIT RUAEA convention newsletter and membership applications for anyone interested in attending convention. Lots of information in PIT – September 23-26, 2015! Don & Mary, Corky and yours truly hope to see many of you there!

Treasurer Charlotte got some raised eyebrows when she misplaced the decimal point and reported that the Name Tag Fund had \$900. Instead of \$9.00. That sure would be a lot of quarters (we pay 25 cents if we don't have our tag!) and memory loss!

Birthday wishes for August include **Stan Halterman** (8/1), **Sharon Ringer** (8/13), **Shelby Michels** (8/15) and **Richard Vinson** (8/31).

And celebrating 20 years together on August 15<sup>th</sup> – **Don & Susan Ulman**! Congrats!

In Rich's absence, I shared, well, not a joke really, but a good one! Ken is saving his blonde jokes for next month, so as not to steal my thunder! Thank you, Ken!

#### Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm, Golden Corral

**September 1**

**October 6**

**November 3**



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Our August 3 meeting was cancelled due to the heavy rain and flooding in the area. Some places have had 20 inches or more in a 3 week period. Our poor sunshine lady, **Terri Breslin**, has been a prisoner in her home for the past 4 days because of her street being flooded.

We want to remind everyone that our September meeting will be on September 14 since Labor Day falls on our regularly scheduled date. It will be at the normal time 10:30 and will be at the IHOP.

Our October meeting will be the picnic in Anderson Park. This is a freebie for all paid members. For those of you who won't be at the September meeting, please let Terri, (727)-845-3605, know if you are going to be at the picnic.



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Our meeting on August 4 was attended by 17 very robust members and to say the least, our room was cozy and there was enough room not to elbow your partner. Talking never stopped and boy, can these people talk! Our new meeting place is Duffy's in Stuart and quite frankly, they seem to enjoy having us there. Of course we shifted to Tuesday which is perfect for the restaurant as it's one of their slow days, not that they really have slow times but they love the added business.

When lunch was served, you can hear a pin drop; it is so quiet, these guys sure love to eat! Most of the conversation centered around members' travel experiences, some favored Melbourne, and countries like Haiti, Korea, Hawaii and of course not to forget a location like Bora Bora.

President **Al Popek** brought down his trusted meat tenderizer and brought the meeting to order. **Bob Langevin** gave a description about his last travel experience from EWR to PBI. **Paul & Diane Liebisch** spoke about their experience on their recent trip to Sanibel Island including hotel costs that have skyrocketed as well as costs of car rentals. TV has ruined some destinations with their so called good advice. **Ron & Diane Brodis** just attended their 50<sup>th</sup> High School Anniversary Reunion.



**Mary Kay Wetherington** broke her shoulder; she is selling her home in Port St. Lucie and moving to live in Lake Worth. We never hear from **Mari Hirjak**?

About 12 members are planning to attend the convention in PIT and yours truly may be one of them. If I do attend, I will drive my car with help from AAA.

**Al Popek** spoke about the horrific weather that is happening around the world. Walgreens is giving a 20% discount on a non-sale item every Tuesday for seniors. Try [Cheapo.com](http://Cheapo.com) for some airfare bargains. Cuba will have Carnival Cruise Line and Jet Blue will be their airline.

**Al Popek** emailed ETC stating that the employee pass line 1 866 359 3727 was not working properly and was told by ETC there was a glitch in the program and they were working on it.

Don't forget to pay your 2016 dues starting in September, send check to **Diane Liebisch**.

**Paul** and/or **Diane Liebisch** won for the 4<sup>th</sup> month in a row the 50/50 and the Progressive was won by **Ron Brodis**. Paul, like I said before, I hope you are buying lottery tickets!

If you are in the area either visiting or on vacation, join us you will never regret it, trust me.

Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking. Today is a present, yesterday is forgotten and tomorrow is unknown.

#### Calendar:

**September 1** - 1 Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Duffy's, Stuart, FL

**October 6** - Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Duffy's, Stuart, FL

**November 3** - Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Duffy's, Stuart, FL

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to [HNLROA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLROA@gmail.com) and we will email you the details.

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



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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to [annmedve@aol.com](mailto:annmedve@aol.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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Greetings from Idaho! Boise has cooled down considerably since my last report, with just a few hot days. We do enjoy the articles you share. David and I were so surprised and pleased to receive a letter from past members, **Ted & Ann Pumphrey**, who live in Slanesville, WV. Ann said, *“Even though Ted and I have been back east nearly nine years, we miss the monthly meetings in Boise and look forward to your columns in RUAEA newsletter, Carol.”*

We were a “small but mighty” group at our July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Gathering in the restaurant’s back room has worked out very well. It is quiet, as we are usually the only ones there, and the food choices are very tasty. Attending were **Shirley & Rick Dempsey**, who pick up **Marlene Croghan, Charles & Shirley Perkins**, and **Louise Duvall**. I was a little late and a little lost, as my approach was from a different direction than usual.

Sitting next to Louise, I was able to hear about (and now share) her latest adventure. And I do mean adventure, as she did all her own driving, from here to Texada Island, BC, Canada and back! She took three ferries from Vancouver before arriving to visit with her daughter, north of the San Juan Islands. Only half of Texada Island is occupied, and folks there get to their local stores, restaurants, etc. by walking. Louise’s week there, visiting on the island, must have been wonderful (and hard to say good-bye!). Added to her blessings are many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. No other news was shared (on paper), so I am thankful for news of this wonderful family time.

I would like to share news of a very, very special event (one you’ve most likely never heard of) hosted by our city, lasting from July 28 to August 2. Jaialdi (pronounced Hi-All-Dee) is a Basque celebration/festival including many, many activities. The unique cultural institutions and social events in Idaho are a blending of old and new ways. Jaialdi is a one-of-a-kind expression of that phenomenon. Idaho has 7,900 residents who claim Basque heritage, 2,000 of them in Boise. Contrary to myth, though, Idaho is not the most populous Basque state in the U.S. California holds that honor. But what Idaho Basques lack in raw numbers, they more than make up for in concentration, visibility, and distinctiveness. Basques began arriving here more than a century ago, flourishing as they integrated themselves into civic and social life while preserving their unique heritage and cultural identity. Their strong and unique presence made Boise a natural pick for the first Jaialdi festival in 1987, and for those that have followed every five years since 1990. Beginning in the early 1800’s, Basques left their homeland in northern Spain to escape civil war, economic hardship and political oppression. Leaving Spain they sought opportunity, a measure of acceptance and peace. Essentially stateless in their homeland, but with a culture and identity that predates even the Roman conquest of Europe, Basques readily assimilated here while still maintaining their strong cultural identity. *“That value of we, us, our, is different from I, me, mine. Basque values are plural, and so that affects their integration into their community.”* When the Basque president was asked what he would take home with him, he replied, *“I’ll take the pride that Basques feel here in Boise, Idaho and all of the United States. The pride of feeling like a working people who love liberty, people who want the best for themselves and the rest of society. And that pride is what fills me personally. And I’ll take with me the commitment to continue passing history down, generation to generation. It’s important to know what world we’re a part of. To know that each one of us has our personality, our identity, and that communication between the identities enriches society. Here, the Basques are doing that for the enrichment of the United States.”*

### Calendar:

**September 9** - Annual Memorial Picnic, Cassia Park, 12:00-4:00

## ILLINOIS



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September—when the leaves start changing to the most beautiful fall colors, orange, yellow, brown, put them against the green evergreens, it's beauty beyond description. That's why we stay in the Midwest, the four seasons, and we're nuts about snow and cold. Right! Sometimes it stays warm, or turns chilly early. With the Chicago weather so far this year, anything is possible. I can remember when I was in grade school, wearing a long sleeve tartan plaid dresses, sweating, almost passing out. My one favorite September story involves my sweet little 94-year-old mother. When she turned 85, my two younger sisters, their three children, and I, took her to an Italian restaurant. We had a few bottles of fine red wine, and a lovely dinner. Since we were all in a relaxed mood, I thought I'd ask her something I always wanted to know. I said, *"Mom, can I ask you a question? I was born in March because I was a June honeymoon baby. However, my sisters were both born in June. That means they were conceived in September. There are no holidays or anniversaries in September, no nothing. So, how did that happen?"* Without skipping a beat, she looked at me, and said, *"That's when you went back to school"*. We all burst out into howls of laughter; some wine might have been spit out, too. Even the little 11-12-13 year old boys giggled. That is my sweet little brown, but gray-rooted haired mom. I always thought I got my sense of humor from my dad, maybe not.

About 30 people came to Elly's breakfast in August. There was a system-wide computer failure that day, we all had comments about CO vs UA computer systems. **Jim Sommerfield**, his son, family, and Jim's friend, Shirley Johnson, went to Lake Osakis, in Minnesota, for a few days. **Carol & Charlie Lewis** went to the Lake of the Ozarks with friends. They met 53 years ago, before they all married, and now go somewhere together every year. How great that is, keeping together all this time. On the way home, they even visited with one of the women whose husband died a few years ago. **Howard & Marg Nelson**, EXOIN, will celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Anniversary, and many more!

At Jedi's, 14 people came for fun and eggs. **Lavonne Halach**, **Scotty Adams**, and **Marge Caliendo** came back after a brief absence. They were all busy doing other things, not illness things. Alleluia, we have enough of that going on. Word has it **Marge** stayed home to count her money. The raffle was won by **John Pasakarnis**, **Marge Caliendo** and **Perry Pahl**. Perry had just won \$80 in Jedi's gaming room, then \$11 in the raffle. After that, he was going to Harrah's in Joliet. Might as well, he was on a roll! We'll find out how he made out next month. At this rate, he should be buying our breakfasts. Don'tcha think? August 10 marked **Gwen & Bill Brookins'** 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Whoa, congratulations, they are a very lovely and loving couple, many more, please.

At the ORDMM breakfasts, we had some fellows return after an absence, **Jim Lyckberg**, **John DeGrange**, **Cas Paprocki**, **Paul Cord**, and **Joe "Bananas" Vazzana**. Joe didn't stop talking for an hour, as usual. **"Ski" Witkowski**, went fishing with his nephew to Canada. He said he caught a big one, so he claims.

**Clyde Johnson**, OPBOP, is planning our next Loonies trip to Rockford, IL, October 6-8. His info is in the Northwood Loonies column, and letters will go out to the current Loonies. Tours through gardens and mansions are on the docket right now, more plans to follow. Give him a call if you're interested. That's nice and close to Chicago, so if you're thinking of trying us out, now's the time.

An interesting fact if you're traveling internationally and your passport expires in less than six months, you have to renew it, before you leave the country. Apparently, the State Department requests that your passport is up to date, in case you're stuck somewhere. That includes Canada, Mexico, and da Islands.

Our United departed include, from ORDMM, an old friend, **Hank Geibel** and **Jim Bechtold**, **Kent "Dave" Moy**, ORDCS, from ORDCG, **Don Tucker**, **Barney Potenzo**, **Steve Quinn**, and **Huey Upton's** grandson, **Kevin**, only 24. **Gail Gorski**, SFOFO, was the first UAL female pilot, hired in 1978. From all that I read, she was a very well loved person and an excellent pilot. One of our Loonie friends, **Diane Storlie**, wife of **Lee**, MSPCS, lost her valiant battle with cancer. Our very deepest sympathies go out to all of our old friends. Also gone from our world are, Theodore Bickel, 91, movie actor, My Fair Lady; Paul Freeman, conductor of the

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Sinfonietta; Cilla Black, 72, singer of, Anyone Who Had a Heart; Ernie Maresca, songwriter, Runaround Sue and The Wanderer; Michael Masser, songwriter, Saving all my Love for You; Omar Sharif, from Dr. Zhivago and Funny Girl; Roger Rees, from Cheers and The West Wing; Woody Bowman from Illinois House of Reps; Alex Rocco, from The Godfather, (yes, Moe Green); Buddy Buie, songwriter of Spooky and Traces; Van Alexander, songwriter of 'A-Tisket, A-tasket, and music from Dream of Jeannie, Bewitched and Donna Reed Show; Wayne Carson, songwriter of The Letter, Always on my Mind; Bob ABT, CEO of ABT Electronics; Mike Pyle, Chicago Bears player; Johnny Meeks, guitarist from The Champs; Lynn Anderson, singer of The Rose Garden; Billy Pierce, White Sox player; Bobbi Kristina Brown, daughter of Whitney Houston; and Diana Douglas, mother of Michael Douglas.

I just found out there are two senior blood types, one is, curdled, and the other is, old negative. Which one are you?

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**September 9**).  
Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**September 29**). Last Tuesday of the month.

**September 15** - Skyliner's Fall Luncheon, 11:00, Belvedere Banquets, Devon Ave., Elk Grove.

**December 8** - Christmas Luncheon, 11:00, Avalon Banquets, Higgins Road, Elk Grove

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**Jack & Carol Conway** (pictured) greeted many of our Indy racers at the 50's Rock & Roll Summer Picnic in July. Braving the 90 degree weather to enjoyed fried chicken, numerous salads, vegetables and desserts in the air conditioned cabin at Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, IN were **Wanda Bryce**, President **Mario Bregante** and VP **Margie Bregante**, the **Conways**, **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Jim Gibson**, **Chris & Shary Johnston** and **Chris'** 96-year old mother, **Margaret Johnston**, **Frank &** Correspondent **Rita Prins**, Treasurer **Dimple Rihel**, **Charles Theiss** and his son Anthony who helped with setup and tear down of the event.

**Margie Bregante** did an excellent job of transforming The Lodge into a '50's diner with numerous decorations including placemats featuring pictures of Hollywood stars such as Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, The Mickey Mouse Club Mouseketeers and many more. Past President **Chris Johnston** and his wife **Shary**, who had just returned from wintering in Florida were named Prom King and Queen and presented with crowns and other memorabilia from the era. **Jim Gibson** provided Hoosier Lottery tickets for our raffle drawing and **Margie Bregante** donated a beautiful flower arrangement that was won by **Dimple Rihel** and then donated to the oldest person attending the event, **Margaret Johnston**.

The Racers are looking forward to having **Wanda Bryce** and **Dimple Rihel** representing the organization at this year's Convention later this month.

Then it will be time to start organizing our Toys for Tots Program to benefit underprivileged children in cooperation with the US Marine Corps in Central Indiana. We're also considering another trip to Beef and Boards Dinner Theater to see South Pacific. So with our regularly scheduled meetings, it's shaping up to be a very busy fall.

September Birthdays: **Barbara Urbanovic** (9/9); **Tony Urbanovic** (9/28).

Photo and Article provided by **Shary Johnston**.

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Our summer picnic was held at President **Carleen Eddy**'s home, nestled at the end of a cul-de-sac and surrounded by forested preserve, great spot! Despite the 93 degree temp, it was nice and cool under the trees. Our chef was **Lew Shakley**, assisted by **Fred Parks**. The 50/50s were won by **Dick Vee** and **Elaine Vanderwal**, (our regular winner). Bottles of wine were won by **Paul Ward** and **Bruce Eddy**, while free lunches were won by **Frank DeStefano** and **Elaine Vanderwal**. The Progressive would have been won by **Bob Anderson**, who wasn't present. You've got to be there to win.

Many dishes and desserts were brought in by members. **Fred Parks** made a cabbage salad, different and good. Delicious blueberry squares were the efforts of **Joan Simard**, **Norma Betters** & daughter-in-law, the **DeStefanos** and the **Heisellers**, who all picked the berries at Blueberry Hill in Acton, Maine. Food was aplenty and no one left hungry. Again, a great time was had by all!

A few years ago, **Don & Kathy Latter** sold their home in the woods and became city dwellers buying a condo in the newly rebuilt Charlestown Navy Yard, the northern most section of Boston. They recently bought a larger condo in the same building close to the pier that holds the USS Constitution (old Iron Sides) of revolutionary war fame. No more mowing or snow blowing for Don. I should think about that myself!

**Andy & Carol Montalto**'s daughter, Leslie has been promoted to ER nurse, top of the line. Still no grandchildren from either son or daughter.

**Paul & Mary Ward**, one of our two Nor'Easters living in FL come up to the North for three weeks each summer and attend our picnic. Their oldest son, Adam recently got married. The Wards, with their son and new daughter-in-law and four grandchildren went on an eight day, four island cruise in the Caribbean. How could that not be a good time!

**Janet DeStefano** spent a week in Paris with her son and grandson. They wouldn't risk going SA and bought airline tickets.

**Bruce & Carleen Eddy** along with two other couples recently took a seven day cruise from Boston to Bermuda.

**Joyce Heiseler** had a second reverse shoulder replacement. She is finally getting out and starting to feel normal. She said, *"Thank God for husband Ron. He took care of her and did all the housework"*.

**Jayne Regan** missed our picnic as she is back working in the law office where she worked in the past. Husband John had carotid artery surgery in mid-July and is currently doing fine.

The wife of **Earl Witheral**, retired BOSGQ, passed away in Maine. Earl is not a Nor'Easter member, but is well known by most of us.

September's birthdays: **Robert Anderson**, **Frank DeStefano**, **Carleen Eddy**, **Mercedes Hersom**, **Mark Hutchings**, **Gerald Peters**, **Lynn O'Hara** and **Pau O'Mara**.

September's anniversaries: **Robert & Mary Boyle** (35 years), **Ed & Virginia Burke** (58), **Frank & Natalie Procopio** (56), **Joan & Ron Twing** (42), **Dick & Dayle Vee** (34).

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in a dryer for ten minutes and come out wrinkle free and three sizes smaller!

### Calendar:

**September** - Isaacs Restaurant, Plymouth, MA



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There were only 18 Lites who attended in July ~ where are our snowbirds? We welcomed recent MSP retirees **Randy Gilles** and **Pete Calcasola**. They gave us a run-down of their careers with UAL. They are planning to do some travelling in a recently-purchased travel trailer. The Wisconsin Dells is one of the first destinations on their list.

Secretary **Mary Brennan** conducted the meeting in Lee's absence with the help (?) of **Dave Wiley** who took notes for her. (Mary thanks you, Dave.) Mary's usual co-secretary (me) was off to Illinois visiting **Rich Glattly's** 98-year-old Mom. (I thank you, too, Mary, for deciphering Dave's notes and sending them to me!)

**Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** related the events and sights of their most recent "mystery" bus trip. This time they travelled 1275 miles through Iowa, visiting the home of Buddy Holly (Clear Lake), the Pella Window Co. (Pella) and the Caterpillar Co. Museum (Peoria), among other places. Even saw a play at Ft. Atkinson. According to the Gundersons, those are fun trips and are booked up a year in advance.

I had an opportunity to talk to **Ray Thoreson**, and he told me that **Yvonne** had some surgery which set her back a bit. Hopefully, her recovery will be quick and easy. Come see us when you're feeling better, Yvonne!

A celebration of our chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lites at a boat ride/luncheon event at Stillwater. The cost is \$22.15 per person and you must make your own reservation. Call Amy @ (651) 430-1234, tell her that you're part of the Northern Lites retiree group to reserve and pay with your credit card. Meet at 11:00am at 525 So. Main St., Stillwater, MN (take MN36 east to MN95, then 1½ miles north to St. Croix Boat and Packet) to board the Andiamo river paddle wheeler. Departure is at 11:30am returning at 1:30pm. Now for the best part ~ the chapter will reimburse \$11 per person for those who attend. In cash!

Sad news ~ just three days after our meeting, our dear friend **Diane Storlie** lost her battle with cancer. She fought long and hard and we will miss her cheery optimism. Condolences may be sent to **Lee** and their family at 11532 River Hills Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Bielenberg Dr., left to Currell Blvd, left to OCB.

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Yes, it was a great day to take a drive in the country to Fort Calhoun. Thanks to **Betsy Anderson** for hosting at the Long Star Bar & Grill. We had 32 attend including **Ed DeLong** from Colorado and **Charlie Cromling** and his son, **David**. It was a big surprise to see **Ed**, maybe he can make his trip back again on one of our luncheon dates. I hope coming back to Omaha you saw the sign "Peaches Here". We stopped at the orchard and I purchased some and they were delicious. Winners of the 25/25/50 were **Betsy Anderson** and **Rita Purkapile**.

We are pleased to report that **Van VanHouten** is now home after having knee replacement and spending a few weeks for rehab at Bethany Lutheran Nursing Home in Council Bluffs. I'm sure he received great care being named VIP of Bethany a couple of months ago. We hope you continue to get your strength back and able to come to our luncheons soon.

August Birthdays: **Ruth Jeppesen** (90 on the 7<sup>th</sup>); **Mike Blasco** (18); **Bev Hughes** (24); **Shirley Mahoney** (27); **Sue Manhart** (28); **Shirley Payton** (29) **Helen Taylor** (30); **Ruth Saffer** (30) and **Ralph Westadt** (31).

**Pat Rogers**, niece of **Louise Mitchell**, advised me that **Louise** fell on March 31 and broke her hip. She is now in the Lenox Care Center in Lenox, IA. She is also suffering from Alzheimer's disease. **Pat** said she no longer gets any mail as she cannot process so **Pat** asked that we omit **Louise** from the mailings and wanted to thank everyone for their support and kindness over the years. **Pat** and her husband live in Florida and have taken care of **Louise's** needs for several years.

Our friend, **Meredith Kubie**, age 84, passed away July 9. Visitation was July 13 with the funeral service July 14 at 10:30, both held in Blair. **Meredith** was a 40 year employee of United. Even though he didn't attend many of our luncheons, he looked forward to receiving the newsletter keeping him informed of his many friends. He e-mailed me at the time the outsourcing was happening and, like all of us, was very upset something like this would happen.

**Gail Curran, Sr.**, age 97 passed away recently. Being a Supervisor of Reservations, one of his hires was **Elaine Carlson** in 1963 when United had an office in the WOW Building. He ended up working and retiring in Denver.

**Stella Mason** called a couple of weeks ago and was very sad to learn that **Cary** had passed away. In our conversation, she said her great granddaughter, age 8, has leukemia and they have put a port in ready for her to undergo chemo and/or radiation. Very sad that a small child has to go through those treatments.

Since Ft. Calhoun is an historical place to visit, **Betsy Anderson** set up a couple of tours after our lunch. Some visited the Washington County Museum, the 1905 Frahm House and also Fort Atkinson State Historical Park. Thanks to **Betsy** and also the two ladies who are involved with these historical sites, **Julie Ashton** and **Faith**. Through the summer on weekends they have a real live show at Fort Atkinson with everyone in costumes. I visited one of those a few years back. She said they even had a wedding there a couple of weeks ago and it happened to be a couple who met while working the shows. They were wed in their costumes. How neat is that?

As most of you know (especially working in Omaha), Omaha has been the home of the CWS (College World Series) baseball - which is always held in June. The CWS began in 1947; however, it didn't come to Omaha until 1950 and the games were played at the beloved Rosenblatt Stadium. A few years ago, a new stadium was built downtown called TD Ameritrade. The teams that earn their way to get here are excited to be playing in such a fabulous place. If you have never witnessed the CWS, tune in next June to ESPN or ESPN2. For your information, I have the right connections and found out there are 110 dozens balls used in the series itself and 96 dozens used in their practice sessions for a total of 2,472 balls (that includes the ones thrown to the people in the stands if a ball goes out of bounds or whatever comes their way). It is quite exciting to watch. I happened to be for Virginia this year and happy they took home the trophy by beating out Vanderbilt. We have thousands of visitors in our fair city for 10-12 days in June and are happy to have them.

#### Calendar:

**September 1** - Lake Manawa, Hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

**October 6** - TBD

**November 4** - Bohemian Café, Hosted by **Rose & Tom Langan**

**December 1** - Anthony's Christmas Luncheon, Hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

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There were 11 members at our July meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

The date for our August summer picnic is Thursday, August 20, 2015 at the Plaza Pavilion. If you have not been out there, you may want to stop by and check it out. As we get closer to the date, we can check member interest in having a docent available for a tour of the various buildings and exhibitions at Bartley Ranch. One of our resident Chefs, **Duncan Scaife**, checked out the area and a last minute list of items needed was finalized.

July birthdays were celebrated by **Ruthy Schenk**, **Lloyd Stephens** and **Pam Wight**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **John Zoboli**, who also managed to win in June.

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Well it looked like Christmas in July, the number of people who turned out for our Garden Staters meeting. It was so good to see so many old and new faces. The meeting opened with a flag salute by our Pres. **Frank Worzocha**, and a moment of silence for **Tom Broderick**, former station manager at EWR, and **Ann Resavy**.

**Frank Kokoszka** brought us some news about hanger 14, and the air freight building directly opposite it. It appears that the hangar is finally coming down along with the air freight building across the street. The Port Authority will be assigning that space to UPS air operations, and terminal A will be expanded into that space. If only the walls of hanger 14 could speak, what a legend it would narrate in the growth of United Airlines.

Meanwhile, it was good to see **Carnel Maribell** and **Guss Laraanjeira**, I hope we can see them more often. **Everett Eaton** was there with his daughter and grandson, also bringing some new life into our group. We welcomed two new members into the Garden Staters, **Walt Hawkins** and **Leotis Moon**.

Financial report was given by **Gene Enfield**, and we're doing much better. Our 50/50 was won by the ever popular **Diane Johnson**, and our next meeting is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM sharp.

*"Kindness is loving people more than they deserve"*

## NEW YORK

### GUYS AND DOLLS



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The dog days of summer have certainly been barking up a storm, complete with thunder, lightning, heat and humidity. But, that being said, it still beats last winter. So, when we met on August 4<sup>th</sup>, we commiserated about this season almost being over, and where did it go? It's amazing how fast the weeks and months fly by, but we're still as young and lovely as ever!

We had a surprise guest, **Debbie Thomas**, who started with UAL as a secretary in NY Sales before transferring to LGA. After leaving the ticket counter, she pursued a career in nursing at Borough of Manhattan Community College. She has become a successful nurse educator, and is a technical advisor on various TV shows, such as Blue Bloods. Possibly rubbing elbows with Tom Selleck or Donnie Wahlberg can't be such a bad thing!

**Audrey Smolick** has been a busy lady travelling to Italy, returning to NYC to repack and fly to Texas. While in Santa Margherita, she took a tour to see the Shroud of Turin, which was fascinating, but the face does seem to be fading, although stored behind laminated bullet-proof glass. Aging can do that! Her group consisted of 49 Italian women and her. Very little English was spoken, but at the end, there was much hugging and kissing; ah, Italy! Then, off to Texas for her brother's retirement from being a high school principal, a festive event attended by 500 folk! 'Audrey will still be returning to do her slide event periodically, as she's very much in demand.

Speaking of "Travels with ..." stories, **Anne Windmuller** is providing that at an assisted living facility on Long Island. Her presentation is called "Around the World with Anne, and she narrates DVDs of countries she's visited. It's a popular feature which has expanded from weekly to almost daily. One of the residents is the

sister of a former UAL Chief Pilot. Anne also spends her free time gardening, as does **Ernestine Manzo**. Ernie has quite the green thumb growing lettuce, tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant, as well as flowers. She also volunteers every Thursday at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ. Nature and nurture!

**Nora Fitzpatrick** has been spending weekends at her country house in Stone Ridge, NY where she keeps track of a flock of hummingbirds. Her September travel plans include a trip to Paris, as well as her hometown of Manchester, England. She'll have plenty to report at our October meeting.

**Marilyn Cheadle** is taking her fall trip to LA to celebrate her grandson's birthday. She booked and e-ticketed successfully, but waited four days to receive written confirmation due to a Shares problem.

**April King** has spent the summer keeping doctors in business - ten of them! She's found that whatever their individual specialty is seems to be the treatment she needs, interesting, but slightly suspect. She'll be flying out west for her family visit later this month.

**Helen King** has had some unfortunate luck these last months. A flood in her apartment has made it necessary for her and her Pug to move to a hotel while the renovations are done. At least, George will have room service! The other part of the equation is that country house that was sold - isn't. The sale to the "kid" fell through as he couldn't provide the financials necessary. So, back on the market it goes.

Guys and Dolls joins the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers in expressing our profound loss in the passing of our beloved friend, **Mary Svat**. Many of us were fortunate to have worked closely with her, whether in Sales or at the ticket counter. She was a joy to be around - funny, generous, caring. She's finally at peace for the first time in fourteen years. Rest well, dear Mary.

#### Calendar:

**October 6** - 12noon, San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** (212) 799-8061.

#### NEW YORK METROS

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**Newsletter Manager's Note:** *Due to technical difficulties beyond her/our control, **Caroline Manelski's** attempts to get her chapter report to the Denver office failed. She faxed it twice but the RUAEA fax machine was not working. She even dictated it to us, only to have the dictation lost in the Internet. We have only the first paragraph of her report which follows. We apologize to Caroline and to all the New York Metros. And will print the rest of the report next month.*

There were 37 attendees at our summer picnic plus the following guests, **Danny Cohen**, son of **Paul & Lillian**, **Gladys**, sister/sister in law of **James & Lillian Ammon**, plus their darling grandson, Ryan, and **Al Stellato**, guest of **Nick Manfredo**. **Ulfert Esen** made a rare appearance as did **Barbara Schachner**.

We were blessed to have such a beautiful day. Many thanks to our hard working and 4 star rated chefs. Lots of 50/50 dollars given out as well as donated lottery tickets. **Leo Talochino** won 3 prizes - what luck; other winners were **Bobby Lee**, **Al Stellato**, **Nick Manfredo**, **Ed Ellis** and **Lillian Cohen**.

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Times-A-Wastin'! I know this isn't much notice, but you need to mark your calendars for October 6-9, 2015 for our next Loonies meeting, this time in Rockford, Illinois. (RFD is west of ORD about an hour and a half driving time.) Among the places of interest being considered are:

*Museums* ~ Midway Village representing a turn of the century (19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> that is,) village depicting some of the history of RFD. Tinkers Cottage going back to 1865 and built to interpret more of RFD's history. Laurent House, the only house Frank Lloyd Wright designed for a physically handicapped client.

*Gardens* ~ Anderson Gardens built by a local business man, John Anderson, planned and constructed by Hoichi Korisu, based on the Japanese gardens of Portland, Oregon. Nicholas Conservancy, basically an indoor garden. LaPalona Garden.

*Restaurants* ~ Francesco's, basically an Italian Cuisine. Leno's, again Italian. Stockholm Inn, Scandinavian and many more of various ethnic restaurants.

*Shopping* ~ Edgewood Shopping Center, Cherry Vale Mall in Cherry Valley, IL, Edward's Apple Orchard in season in Poplar Grove, IL. The Pottery Barn where you can watch the owner do his pottery and buy his goods, he lives in the silo.

Since we can't do it all in just two days, contact me as to your preferences, or if you have other suggestions for places of interest.

Everyone is welcome to join us and get to know the friendliest, best bunch of people to have come from the realm of aviation, regardless if you worked for United, Capital or Continental. (For that matter, even if you worked for Varney or one of the originals that formed UAL.)

From the standpoint of accommodations, I'm still working on it, and will give you the information of where to make your reservations when I send out the letter to each of you with directions and all the pertinent information. It's kind of hard to do long distance, but we're getting there. If you are new to the world of retirement or have never joined the Loonies, it is imperative that you contact me with your contact info so I can send you the afore-mentioned letter.

We hope to see you in a few weeks.

## OHIO



### OHIO BUCKEYES

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**\*\*Please note:** This chapter report was written by **Kay Preston** who volunteered to write the newsletter until **Mary Lou Kuretz** is able to do so. Kay's help is greatly appreciated. D.T.

Our weather seems like spring has arrived and never left us ... rain, rain, and more rain. On a positive note, everywhere we look, everything is lush and green! We had a beautiful day however, for our July luncheon. The day was picture perfect, sunny and 78 degrees. We had 71 in attendance at The Diamond Center in Brunswick and this was gracefully arranged by **Dave & Marie Placko**. It was a fine affair.

Prior to our delicious meal, **Arlene Taylor** said a prayer tribute and then "Grace". Later, **Dave Placko** held the 50/50 raffle and made three women happy splitting the proceeds with them. The winners were **Carrie Kerckel, Sandee LeMasters and Barb Vauls**.

President **Dolly Taucher** informed us of the passing of former member, **Len Luffler** who was a "Lifetime Member" of our Ohio Buckeyes. Also the passing of non-members **Tom Broderick**, past manager at Cleveland Hopkins Ticket Counter. Also, former Cleveland, **Frank Gugliamino** a Florida resident. Member **George Kuretz** had a recent stroke and is recovering nicely. And **John Taucher** had surgery at Cleveland Clinic on July 7 and is improving daily. Both are wished a speedy recovery.

A special "Thank You" goes out to **Lois Walter** who most graciously has stepped in and to take pictures at our luncheons for publication on our website. By the way, she does a "Great Job", just go to our website to view the slideshow and see for yourself.

Many July birthday celebrants were present and recognized: **Alene Allen, Elda Custer, Bernie Garrah, Reta Hammer, Sandee LeMasters, Norma Malena, Ellen Skinner, Betty Warner, and Barb Vauls**.

There were also those celebrating July anniversaries: **Nancy & Gene Yost** (61 years), **Mary Lou & George Kuretz** (54) years, **Jeff & Judy Spooner** (50 years) and **Betty Warner & Chuck Tenwick** (3 years). With so many long term marriages celebrated by our members, is there something "Magical" about these airline "Unitedees?" I wonder.

*"Life's burdens are lighter when you laugh at yourself."*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Report:

We had a gorgeous day for our picnic hosted by **Dolly & John Taucher** on August 5. It was held at The Chalet in Strongsville Metroparks for the fifth year.



A crowd of 111 Buckeyes including guests, attended. It was a picture perfect day with plenty of sunshine, lofty breezes and it was 75 degrees. The meal was a “gourmet delight” with chicken and beverages provided by our organization and side dishes and desserts made by our members. Kudos to all of them as this group could compete with “the best of chefs.”

Prior to lunch, **Arlene Taylor** led us in prayer and said Grace.

Guests were welcomed along with **Don Pearl Park**. Guests included **Dan Bracken**; **Bill Frantz** (Retiree here from PA); **Donna McDonald** (**Elda Custer**’s sister); **Gisela** and **Tayla Gatesman** (Granddaughters of Sharon); **Trey Spooner** (Grandson of Jeff & Judy); and **Tom Zadar** (son of Jerry) has returned again. **Dave Ireland** (Virginia); **Donna, Taylor** and **Jacob Schneider** (daughter and grandchildren of Dolly & John). **Vinnie Viola** (US Air employee from CLE - Hopkins).

**Dave Placko** conducted our 50/50 raffle and the three winners were **Carrie Kercel**, **Marty Hassel**, and **Nick Penick**. With **Don Elster** winning a bottle of wine.

We missed **Barb Vauls** as she recuperates from surgery. Barb promised to be back for our next lunch. It was so good to see **George & Mary Lou Kuretz** back and also to welcome **John Taucher** as he is now on the road to recovery. Let us remember to keep all in our prayers.

August birthday celebrants recognized: **Phil Gaudio**, **Tom Hamlin**, **Tom Hassel**, **Helen Hockett**, **George Kuretz**, **Judy McKnight**, **Shirley Moses**, **Rudy Pivik**, **Marie Placko**, **Steve Rak**, and **Leo Schueler**.

We had one couple celebrating their anniversary: **George & Nancy Oncu** wed 45 years.

After a rainy and cool six weeks, we are finally having summer for this past month. And we are enjoying every day of it.

#### Calendar:

**September 9** – The Old Schoolhouse, \*2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

**October 7** – Copper Top @ Cherokee Hills Golf Course, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

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Back at our January meeting, the general membership voted to forgo our annual July picnic and instead have a “picnic theme” luncheon in our usual nice, air conditioned, lunch venue. What fun we had! Many of the 70 folks (our largest July turn out in several years) wore parts, or all, of their old United uniforms. Great to see that so many could actually still fit into them after so many years. The weather outside was quite warm, but we all stayed comfortable inside, enjoying good food, each other’s company, and lots of “prizes”! Between donations from some of our members and purchases by our board, we ended up giving away 29 door prizes including: 2 beautifully inlaid, hand crafted cutting boards, 8 different Craig Strand original wildlife photographs, 1 quilted tote bag, 2 six packs of Microbrew Ale, a lovely variety of wine, and six \$25 gift certificates to a variety of locations.

We are delighted that no deaths were reported this month.

Sick List: **Marge Curtis** is now residing at Laurelhurst Village; **John Donaldson** was hospitalized for 8 days but is now home and resting comfortably and doing well; **Veulah Lorts** is currently at a convalescent center. no further information was available.

Announcements/New Business: **Jean & Si Feely** celebrated their 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on July 7<sup>th</sup>! **Paul Russell** officially thanked **Jack Hooper** for arranging the recent flight museum tour and encouraged others to attend if offered again in the future.

A recently received email inviting all RUAEA members to join a RUPA sponsored 10 day New England/Canada Discovery tour scheduled for August 2016 was announced. Anyone interested can get more details from **Rich Bouska** at [rbouska1@comcast.net](mailto:rbouska1@comcast.net).

Anniversaries: **Mel & Barbara Martin** (57 years), **Roy & Joan DeCamara** (28 years), **Jean & Si Feely** (73 years).

May birthdays: **Rosalie Betschart, Terry Hotchkin, Jill Bills, Louise Robillard, and Tony DaSilva.**

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door prize ~ **Emily Newberry**, Men's Birthday ~ **Tony DaSilva**, Women's Birthday ~ **Rosalie Betschart**, 50/50 ~ **Helen Stinnett**.

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon

**August 12** - Social

**September 9** - Social

**October 14** - Social

**PENNSYLVANIA**



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Summer is fleeting! Make plans to attend the convention ASAP.

Our first fall meeting will be September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel in Essington at 12:30.

We have received very sad news, **Frank Acquarola** passed away. He was well loved by his UAL friends and will be missed. We send sympathy to his family, especially his wife and children.

Calendar:

**September 14** - 12:30 luncheon at the Clarion in Essington

**September 23-26** – Re Unite in Pittsburgh.

**November 12** - 3:00 pm, a trip to the American Music theater in Lancaster for the Christmas show. 15 tickets are available at \$36 each. Call Joyce for yours!

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Well folks, by now I hope you have sent in your reservations for our upcoming RUAEA convention, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on the good times. A good chance to reacquaint in PIT.

Our chairperson **Treatie Karwoski** has in addition to "running" the show was busy this past month driving to Columbus and assisted in setting up a fund raiser for Jeff Arinson. Jeff is the son of former skycap **Ron Arinson** and **Sheila**. Jeff suffers from Lou Gehrig disease.

The Pit-Stoppers lost one of the finest gentlemen and handsomest manager in the recent passing of **Sam McDermott**. Sam was 101 years old and had been active in the Pit-Stoppers for many years, Sam and **Frank Murdock** were tied for best looking managers. Sam had 40years of service with United and was an avid golfer for many years. He will be missed by all, he is survived by his son Sam "Ted" and daughter Nadine "Dee". May he rest in peace!

I am also sorry to report the passing of **John Puskaric**, former Capital and United operations agent, he is survived by his sister Ellie Hayes.

Our September birthdays: **Olga Karmazyn** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Gerry McDonough** (9<sup>th</sup>), and **Diane Weber** (25<sup>th</sup>).

Happy Anniversaries to **Ed & Kay Ike** (7<sup>th</sup>), and **Jack & Betty Tinney** (25<sup>th</sup>).

Go Buccos!

## TENNESSEE

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I am writing this small column just to let you know we are still alive and kicking. Due to circumstances beyond our control: grandkids visiting, vacations, illnesses, we had to cancel our July Meeting.

We had breakfast in June and July at the Egg and I. We averaged 12 members at each breakfast.

The good news, we think, is we will have our regular meetings on August 20<sup>th</sup> followed by our September meeting. We should be back on schedule after that.

## WASHINGTON

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**Dave Jones** will conduct his final meeting as president of the Emerald City Slickers on Tuesday, September 8. A new president has not yet been named. **Tom Holford**, previous interim editor of *Contrails*, will send out one last meeting notice to both online newsletter readers and those requiring use of the USPS.

For the foreseeable future, we will continue meeting for lunch on the second Tuesdays of September-November and January-May at the Elks Club in Burien. A new menu is being prepared for this year, limiting entrée choices to two instead of three we offered last year. Reservations are required, so please let us know if you plan to attend.

Our annual Retirees' Golf Tournament, organized and hosted by **Bob Howard**, was held June 24 at Foster Golf Course in Tukwila. **Bob's** report follows:

"A total of sixty golfers enjoyed a beautiful sunny day of golf this year along with renewing old friendships from our working days at United Airlines.

"Winning the ladies' division were **Marg Walker, Peggy Verger, Geri Babcock and Kirk Ann Neil**. The mixed division winners were **Mike & Linda Allen and Chuck & Betty Christenson**.

The men's division tied: **Chris Nelson, Joe Barry, Brad McElroy and John Herring**, with (the team of) **Bob Howard, Cliff Gray, Hank Kerr and Bob Rantucci** winning the tie breaker.

"Ladies' closest to the pin was won by **Marg Walker**, men's closest to the pin was won by **George Brown**. Ladies' long drive winner was **Linda Allen**, men's long drive winner was **Chris Bevan**.

"Most everyone stayed for the awards and door prizes, with everyone taking home at least a sleeve of new golf balls in case the course hid one of theirs. The scramble format allowed for a fun day and made the course easier for teams to get close to or under par.

"My thanks to **Ed and Ken Liesse** (and their non-UAL teammates **Tom Patterson and Al Stipe**) for picking up the markers and helping make the tournament a success."

Our experimental June get together with the Portland Dewers, held the week before the golf outing, was reported in the August issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. See the back cover of this issue for a photo of the illustrious group that visited the Restoration Center in Everett.

Kudos to the husband and wife team of **Mychal Boiser and Maryum Sayyam**, former SEARR employees, who were in the news once again, in a *Seattle Times* article by **Jerry Lange**, with their respected Halo Network Foundation and Kona Kai Coffee in Kent, which they opened in 2007. There they train otherwise unemployable youth and minority to provide the necessary skills and experience to serve in various positions in the food and restaurant industries. While **Mike** continues to train teens and young adults for 8-12 weeks, teaching them job and life skills, **Maryum** recently went back to school to earn a degree in nursing to give the couple some

financial stability during an economic downturn. We applaud this couple, who are making a big difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Calendar:

**September 8** – Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

**October 13** – Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

**November 10** – Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

No meeting in December

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Hello RUAEA;

Mea Culpa! I moved Charlotte, North Carolina to South Carolina last issue. I now have it correct!

Many thanks to those “Clippers” who work diligently on the LAX Special Olympics. Thanks to LAS, LAX, OCC and SAN for volunteering to help the venues. I know how rewarding and exciting it is to work with the athletes. I know the parents and athletes alike appreciated your smiling and positive personalities. On behalf of all of us, Thank You!

By the next issue, we will all be back to our Chapters and begin another year of Philanthropy and Social gatherings. As always, we miss our “flying partners” very much and cannot wait to meet up again.

We hope to have more information on new members and returning members. And news of a new Chapter. Enjoy the rest of your summer and remember, Labor Day! It is about us!

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## 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

### **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.)*

### **Helene Baker, 3246 Monarch, San Antonio, TX 78259**

**George James Baker, Jr.**, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas. George was born on October 4, 1932 in Chicago, Illinois to George & Evelyn Baker.

As a young man, he worked for a greenhouse in Chicago and later went on to work for General Electric. He was drafted into the Army during the Korean War and was stationed at Andrews AFB where he guarded the Enola Gay.

George went on to work for United Airlines as a Passenger Service Agent for 27 years.

He met Bob Hope and John Travolta and many other celebrities. George attended the Republican Convention in Houston for George Bush.

He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol, Sam Houston Composite Squadron. George also received a certificate of recognition for his service during the Cold War.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert. George is survived by his wife, Helene, 4 sons, Robert (Bagomila), George, Don (Gail), and Steve (Chris); 2 grandsons, Michael (Jessica) and Tyler; great granddaughter, Summer Ivy; brother Ronny (Peggy); and numerous extended family members.

Interment will be held at a later date at Union Ridge Cemetery in Chicago, Illinois.

**Colin Cooke, 23 Edgecliff Ter., Yonkers, NY 10705**

The news is that CON-UAL is retreating from JFK at a time when smaller airlines are expanding. What baffles me is that the old UAL knew they had lost money serving JFK for the past seven years; why did they not try to rectify that problem in 2008? Maybe they did and failed.

JFK was where I was hired in 1956 but then it was called Idlewild. Nothing against the Kennedy's but there are thousands of schools, roads, bridges, highways and centers named Kennedy, but there was only one Idlewild.

In transferring JFK flights to EWR in New Jersey, I wonder if the Rajahs of Revelation in Houston considered the fact that people don't like driving from the NYC area or by taxi because of the bridge and highways tolls. For example, it is easier going to LGA and one has to use the Whitestone Bridge, \$7.50 one way. But in 1939 it was 25 cents. The shortest way to EWR is via the George Washington Bridge, \$14 one way, plus the Stuyten Duyvil Bridge, \$5 each way. EWR via the Tappan Zee bridge is \$5, and going to \$14 when the new bridge is opened. Many of the wealthy living in Manhattan don't own cars and the NJ Turnpike toll via taxi is \$55 plus Toll and Tip or about \$85. One has to be wealthy to live in Manhattan.

You don't have to believe this but AARP says the best states to live in are South Dakota, Colorado, Utah, North Dakota and Wyoming, but that NY is the worst followed by Virginia, Alaska, Alabama, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Maryland and Kentucky.

I spent my youth in England and being fussy from a young age, I didn't like the weather so the rotation of the Earth being what it is, I don't much like the New England weather. But looking around the country with its disparate floods, fires and droughts, others are unfortunate losing their homes to floods and fires. I knew the feeling of despair; when I was 16 we lost our home to a bomb in 1941. One just has to start all over again.

Living near SFO for 28 years, we carried earthquake insurance with a \$15,000 minimum deductible and never had to use it, waiting for the "big one".

At age 91, I am now living with son's family. I have a true story of local family years ago. Like most men, the gentleman in question considered himself a good handyman and climbed a tree on his property holding a chain saw to remove a branch. Unbelievably he sat on the branch he removed and found himself plunging to the ground, still sitting on the branch. He spent 2 weeks in the hospital with a badly injured leg. After being released from the hospital, he spent 2 more weeks bed ridden at home, cared for by his wife. When he was on his feet again, he packed his suitcase, and explained to his wife that he hated being looked after and said "Goodbye" and left.

His wife put the 3 level house plus cellar up for sale. She explained to the buyer that the house was too large for one person; then moved into a 3,000 sq. ft. condo.

A neighbor recently had to call an ambulance to take him to the hospital, 2 miles from his home. The bill for this ride cost \$1000. In 2012, I paid \$100 for a 1 mile trip by ambulance in Florida.

**David Detwiler, 284 Kelley Rd., Connellsville, PA 15425**

Wow, 80 years old now and retired for almost 21 years. Where has the time gone? Speaking of time, it is almost time for the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh. Have you sent in your registration yet? You will not want to miss this one. We have tours going all over this year. The Flight 93 tour is going to be a popular one this time. The permanent memorial has been built and it is now down close to the crash site. The new visitors' building is almost done and will be open for our convention. There will be all kinds of things in there you will want to see. They are also making a flight path walk way. The memorial wall consists of 40 granite sections of the wall each with a crew member or passenger's name on it.

One more thing, if you want to ever drive up there in your car, do not go the old way through Shanksville. You have to go in via a driveway off of route #30. Be sure to print up directions from the flight 93 web site and follow them.

If they can say y'all down south, then we can say y'inz in Western Pennsylvania. So y'inz all come to the convention. You won't regret it.

**Kathryn Mazzola, 570 Sequoia Dr., Los Altos. CA 94024**

My big thank you to everyone involved in the publication of the best Newsletter.

After 33 years of enjoying every issue, the small dues increase is a real bargain.

**Edward Pozzi, 145 Main Ave., Lake Grove, NY, 11755**

Some sad news from the New York area. As of October 2015, we will cease operations at JFK. The only time CO flew into JFK was the interchange DC-6B, we shared with CO.

If I remember correctly the aircraft numbers were 0661, 0662, and 0663. The tail was marked United and the aircraft was marked Continental.

This aircraft flew west as CO; when the maintenance check was due, UA flew east until the maintenance was complete at JFK (IDL).

Also there is more sad news. Our hangar at LaGuardia is also gone. EAL hangar #2 and TWA hangar were leveled to make room for the expansion of the new terminal. Very sad memories of the New York area.

**Henry Suta, 2896 W 115<sup>th</sup> Cir., Westminster, CO 80234**

We did a tour of Branson, MO with a group from our church. There were a total of 26 of us for 10 days, including travel time. We had a great time; one day we did 3 shows. On the way back we had the opportunity to visit the WWI museum in Kansas City. Wow, if you ever get the chance to tour these grounds, do it!

The day after we returned home, it was off to the great granddaughter's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

We are planning a trip to Israel this November. Two weeks of touring there, I am planning on getting another pair of walking shoes.

**Georgianna Tonne, 98 Winding Ln., Mountain Home, AR 72653**

It has not been a good year, my husband Richard, passed away on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

He had hip surgery and a lot of complications due to his oxygen level. He then developed pneumonia and spent a long time in the hospital and ended up in Hospice House.

We both retired from EXOAI in 1993.

We loved to get the Newsletter; keep up the good work.

I just returned from AZ visiting my sisters. Kay Weber lives in the high country and it was nice there. Mary Jo lives in Apache Junction. It was her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

My son and daughter flew out also; it was nice to all be together.

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

I got to see lots of my co-workers from HNL, we get together for chit chat and good food with RUAEA.

It is sad to report that **Sue Harrison** passed away. We sure had a lot of laughs. She was with her family in Idaho and died in her sleep. I'm sure those who knew her, knew she would help you out. She will be missed by many of her friends here in Hawaii. She loved it here, but could not afford to live here.

It is good to know that our company is looking out for us all. I for 1 really love having my passes. I and my husband would be hard pressed to go see our grandchildren and my sons and their wives, if we had to pay to go see them.

I just returned from Denver where I spent my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. The fun part besides my party was at the airport, a young man who works for TSA said "*I can't believe you are 75, let me see your ID.*" I also did not have to take my shoes off.

On the flight from DEN to HNL, I saw a flight attendant who I had met on the flight to DEN and she remembered me. She stopped by my seat to say hello; her name is Cathy and she is based in DEN; it felt like the good ole days when we were so friendly with each other, no matter what department we worked. We got to chatting about our Hawaiian bracelets. The rest of the crew (Flt#328) from DEN to HNL on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July was up and about tending to a very full flight's needs and wants.

Only sad thing was no movies. Some of us older folks are not up to all the new and modern gadgets that make 80% of us left in the dark. Why did we drop the movies? I am sure 95% of us would rather pay \$5 more on tickets, or even us that don't have the modern gadgets.

Wishing you all the best; be kind to one another, life is short.

**Richard Schlicht, 95 Rowan Tree Lane, Hillsborough, CA 94010, with Stacy Schlicht, daughter of Richard Schlicht & Gail Gorski**



**Gail Gorski**, United Airlines 747 Captain at SFO, passed away on July 20, 2015. Gail was the first female pilot hired by United Airlines in 1978. She enjoyed a long career flying which began at 16 when a friend took her on a pleasure flight. She fell in love and decided she wanted to be a pilot. She pursued her dream at Southeastern State College, earning a degree in aviation, where she was later recognized as a Distinguished

Alumni in 2012. She spent her junior year of college at University of Louisville after being named Kentucky Derby Queen. When entering the working world, this “beauty queen” title provided ammunition for naysayers to argue she was hired for jobs due her good looks. She didn’t listen and went on to be the first female VIP for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the first female FAA Flight Inspection Pilot, proving she had the brains to back up her beauty.

In 1978, Gail was hired as the first female pilot for United Airlines - which at that time was the largest airline in the free world. She spent her 37 year career with United, most recently as a Captain on Boeing 747’s flying international routes, mostly to Asia.

Throughout her career, Gail was very active in the Aviation community. She was one of the 21 original members of the International Society of Woman Airline Pilots. She also led “Fear of Flying” classes, helping to explain the science of flying to those who were scared to travel by plane.

When Gail wasn’t flying, she was a well-loved friend, amazing mother and caring daughter and sister. She touched everyone who knew her with her carefree spirit and warm smile. She loved good red wine, boating in the Bay Area, cheering on the San Francisco Giants and 49ers, throwing dinner parties and being with her friends and family. She will truly be missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to The International Society of Women’s Airline Pilots (<http://www.iswap.org/>) or the Wounded Warrior Project ( <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>).

### **Francis Domaratius, 1972 Somerdale Cir., Roseville, CA 95661**

**Robert England** mentioned in this letters section that we should talk more about United and what we did that may not have been recorded. When Veronica and I visited the Boeing factory/museum, I started thinking and writing down what I remembered that I saw in my 37 years at United Airlines. I was hired as an aircraft painter. But, for the first three months I was a sheet metal worker in the sheet metal shop. I then took a UAL home study course on sheet-metal, one of the many courses offered to UAL employees. Three months later, I went to SFOOV as an aircraft painter. That’s where I heard of **Butch Raymond**, a former Capital employee. I learned how he was instrumental in getting an airplane overhaul, now called Heavy Maintenance Visit (HMV), of the DC-8 and the B720 accomplished in one week. Then, I got my greetings from my Uncle Sam. Fortunately, I asked the retired military employees that were working in OV for advice. I followed their advice and wisdom. After four years in the Air Force, I went back to work for UAL as an aircraft painter. On my return to UAL, SFOOV was using acrylic paint on the interior and exterior. When an aircraft was down, SFO would team up a crew that would go on a field trip no matter where the aircraft was and get it back into the air again. One of those field trips was a DC-8 that UAL personnel retrieved from a very difficult place. The crew had to make a temp repair so it could T/O out of where it had to make that unplanned landing. Then they had to land it where a better repair could be made so that it could fly to SFO for a HMV. During the HMV, OV re-skinned the left hand top of the wing. UAL did a lot of HMV contract work for other airlines such as TIA, Federal Express, People Express, Air Florida, Alaska and other airlines. When I was a temp MPA, I heard that about 20% of the workers were employed at UAL because of all the contract work performed. When I was at SFOMM, I was on a Braniff A/C going to the gate when a Pan Am 747 on too short of a runway hit lights on takeoff and then came back to SFO. When I was in the radio shop of component maintenance, I saw where UAL’s engineering created UAL’s own test stations for the removed components so they could make them serviceable again. Because of the unique back shops, UAL could produce a now needed part, sometimes per sample, by paying Douglas or Boeing for the right to manufacture that part at SFO. This capability is not available today in SFO. Just about anything needed could be reproduced by using new methods like Flame Spray at UAL. The impossible just took a little longer. Creativity was alive and well at UAL. I think the loss of that ability is a terrible loss to the United Airlines of today.

When I was a radio and electric lead working on the Pan Am 747SP reconfiguration at SFOUM, UAL had acquired five 747s to reconfigure to UAL interior/exterior. They were nick named the “Lemon Sisters”. I heard a lot of thoughts about what a crazy idea it was to buy those five 747s. Those five A/C hummed while they were making money for UAL.

I saw where having the component maintenance all at one station was a great benefit. When Line Stores had an expedite for a serviceable part that was needed now for an out of service A/C, the MOC would more than meet the challenge. I would think that there are many unusual stories and experiences from the different departments and internals of UAL’s torso. SFO was a marvelous place to work and I worked with many talented employees. I hope to hear from more of you in this Letters Section.



**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOLLOW**

# Useful Information

## United App or Mobile Flying Together?

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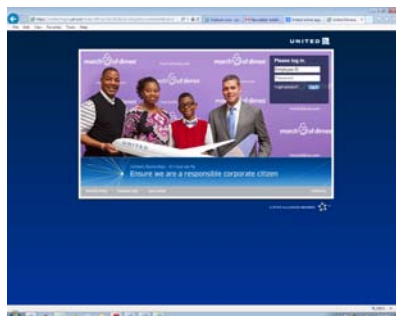
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<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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1-877-825-3729

[esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

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For flight information and to list or change listing Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

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## Employee Travel Center

1-877-825-3729

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## Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

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## New United number: 877-825-3729 (International

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## Aetna 1-800-334-0110

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

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

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### *Washington/Oregon Get Together by Gay Llesse*

The June 18-19 get-together with members of the Emerald City Slickers and Portland Oregon Dewers chapter was a successful experiment. Those who attended on Wednesday were welcomed by **Ed & Gay Llesse** in the lobby of Seattle's Museum of Flight, where **Dave Jones** conducted one of the tours and another docent escorted the second group. Local RUAEA members, who support the Museum, donated free admission passes to guests.

In addition to the indoor displays of aircraft, artifacts and memorabilia – and, naturally, the gift shop, visitors enjoyed ogling and touring some of the outdoor static displays of more recent planes, including a B-17, the Concord, and the newer Boeing 787 Dreamliner (that one is huge!) That evening brought us together for social hour and dinner at a local hotel.

Thursday's activities included a tour of the Boeing Wide-Body Plant, the Restoration Center with its United 247, (see photo), and Paul Allen's collection of planes.

Participants had signed up for the various venues beforehand and not everybody did everything, so we really were never *all* together. But, a good time was had by all and we thank **Dave Jones** for organizing this adventure and **Jack Hooper** for coordinating the Portland chapter's participation.



*From L to R: Tom Holford, James Hafterson, Marion Hafterson, Frank Bullis, Marion Deasy, Ken Storey, Judy Storey, Arno Schaetzki, Betty Schaetzki, Veronica Domaratius, Patty McConnehey, Bev Brubaker, Francis Domaratius, Nancy Hooper, Jack Hooper, Harold Miller, Ralph Hedberg, Don Hanson, John Donaldson, Dave Jones, Tom Hotchkin.*