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PREZ SEZ

Fellow Ruparians, By now, most of you have become aware of the passing of our President, Don "Scotty" Prescott.

Several board members of RUPA and myself attended a very heartfelt memorial service in his home town of Camas, Wash. with his wife, Sandy, and several family members and close friends on the 5th of March.

I now, as Vice-president must fill his extremely competent and able shoes as your President until I become a candidate for President at our convention in November. William R. [Bill] Bartel, who recently retired, has graciously accepted the position of acting Vice Presi-

dent until that election. The state of RUPA is excellent, due to the superior guidance of our officers, board of directors, committee chairmen, and area reps.

We are also looking forward to a bodacious array of local "blasts," and a great convention in Las Vegas! We also have a plan to have the area reps attend the annual ALPA domicile retirement parties to encourage membership in RUPA. I therefore wish to solicit your support and feedback and/or criticism at any time, and especially at the convention.

I'll sign off now with a moment of silence for "Scotty" and the rest of our brethren who have "Flown West"
Bill

EDITOR'S NOTES

I am happy to report that, as planned, the increased printing costs incurred by the new 8 1/2" x 11" format have been offset by the new, lower postal rate established through the hard work of the mailing group headed by Asst. Sec/Treas. Floyd Alfson, aided by Larry Wright and Cleve Spring. If, as they hope, certain legal niceties regarding RUPA's tax status are clarified, they may be able to further reduce it slightly. Therefore, at a time when most things are increasing, it is nice to be able to tell members that their annual subscriptions (stamp fund) will remain constant for at least a couple of more years.

I have been told by members that they greatly appreciate the medical/ insurance articles I have put in past issues, therefore I will, space permitting, continue the practise, with the proviso of *caveat emptor* – buyer beware, and before you act on any information gleaned from them, check with another source.

The current 1999 RUPA Directory should have arrived by now. We hope that it is helpful to the members, but I must caution, especially the new members, who might not have been aware, that the Directory is considered privileged information not to be passed on for any commercial use, as our members value their privacy. We have already have proof of its having fallen into unauthorized hands (at Portland) and used for cold calls by Smith Barney. If anyone calls and says that they have been referred by RUPA, ask them for a name – usually they won't give one. They certainly can't give an official one – that is, one of the officers or BOD members, for they don't do that. thing. nor does RUPA . A word to the wise.

I had a pleasant phone call from the president of the Retired United Employees Association (RUEA), Zelma Kibler, who cordially invited RUPA members to their upcoming Minneapolis convention on 23-30 May. She hoped that our two organizations could unite in seeking solutions to common problems in dealing with insurance or passes. Which brings me to my next point about the limits of RUPA in addressing problems.

I attended the BOD meeting on 25 March as recorder. At that meeting it was reiterated that RUPA is, as is said in Article 2 of its bylaws, "The purpose of this organization is to enhance the welfare of and to maintain the friendships and association of its members" The bit about enhancing welfare was added at a later date, to enable RUPA to donate funds to the UA Retired Pilots Foundation as an act of welfare enhancement. It has, however, created the misperception that RUPA is an advocacy organization – it is not. In other words we will not attempt to effect contractual changes to insurance etc., not that we have any power to anyway. All we can do is use our ALPA Liaison Chairman, Milt Jensen to pass on our concerns for possible contractual changes by ALPA. If they so wish.

In this issue, Milt has written a piece telling of the advances he and his group have made in organizing a means of access to ALPA and UAL for members who have individual problems with the bureaucracy. So, while RUPA cannot be all things to all members, it is trying to be of what assistance it can.

Editor Jock

The 15th April is a date well known to us all – and not universally beloved – for it is income tax day. The 15th is also, fortunately, the occasion of a happier event, namely the birth date of our President Emeritus.

Happy 88th Birthday to Capt. George Howson

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RV RAMBLE

By Ken Ellis

A group of RVers is planning to attend the RUPA Convention and stay at the *Oasis RV Resort* (Ph. 800-783-3784). The resort is about 5 or 6 miles south of the main part of the "Strip" and is a very nice facility.

Prior to that, we are planning the "Jim Hyde Memorial Roundup" at *Chula Vista RV Resort* (80-770-2878).

Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome, and can make their own reservations. Diane and I plan on being in Chula Vista the last week in October and the first week in November, then on to Las Vegas.

Anyone wishing more information may call me, Ken Ellis, at 831-659-4657

CONVENTION '99 7 - 11 IN LAS VEGAS - A WINNER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BOOKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN LAS VEGAS

We have made arrangements for room reservations at special rates for the nights of November 7, 8, 9 and 10. You can get room reservations for nights on either or both sides of these dates, but it might very well be at a higher rate than we have contracted for. For example, Friday, Nov. 11th will start a weekend rate of about \$160-190 per night. November 6th, (Saturday) might not be quite as expensive as the 11th. There is a very large convention in the week following our convention, and Las Vegas will be bursting at the seams, and room rates will be very high.

When calling for your room reservation, tell the reservation clerk that you are in the **"Group Code Retired"** Convention. Do not say RUPA, as they don't understand the expression. Harrah's is training a number of new reservations people, so if you have any trouble making your reservation let Cleve Spring know either on his 800 number or by e-mail.

We really need a lot of Ruparians to book early, so that the hotel will release more rooms to us, so that we are assured of enough accommodations to take care of all our people. The hotel looks at our booking history to determine if it is worthwhile for them to let us have more rooms than we initially contracted for. Booking have been quite strong to this date.

TENNIS OR SPORTING CLAYS AT LAS CONVENTION

Nellis Airforce Base is interested in providing their Sporting Clays range for us during our RUPA Convention 1999. It would be available for the three days 8,9,10, Nov 1999. Costs would be \$30.00 per person/round (1 round = 100 shots); \$5.00/shotgun rental/day Ammo will be available at the range, cost unknown at this time, and also available in Las Vegas at numerous places.

A minimum of 10 persons required to have the range available. The range is well known, and a number of competitions country wide are held there. Approx. 60 days prior to the shoot, I will need the names of the participants for the USAF to ready permits to access the range.

Also, we wish to run a tennis tourney concurrently with the convention, if enough interest is shown.

Let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in either or possibly both of these activities, so early arrangements can be made.

PH.# 702-363-3089 E-MAIL lb_dix@compuserve.com Barry Dixon, Chairman Convention 1999

L.B. Dixon, 3025 Golf Links Dr. Las Vegas NV. 89134

Convention Golf

ALL RUPARIANS, SPOUSES AND GUESTS ARE INCLUDED

Come on, ladies, and join the fun

Monday Nov 8th.

Tee times starting at 9.00 am. This will be a four- man best ball & low individual, low net.

Wednesday Nov. 10th

This will be a four-man scramble Shot Gun Start, at 7.30 am.

Cost will be \$ 165.00 for green fees, cart, Bus Service from Hotel and prize money.
Send in your money, along with your handicap, to Cleve Spring as soon as possible, so we
can plan on how many golfers we are going to have.

We are planning on playing the **HIGHLAND FALLS** course in Summerlin, Las Vegas.,
It is a very nice course.

Oak Porter, Convention Golf Chairman

. PH # 775 727 1118

E-Mail oakporter@pahrump.com

RUPA CONVENTION BANQUET MENU

STARTER

Hearts of Romaine Caesar Salad

Served with Traditional Caesar Dressing

CHOICE OF

Mushroom Crusted Salmon

Forest Mushrooms, Cheese-stuffed Spinach Manicotti

Light Lobster Cream Sauce

OR

Fruitwood Smoked Prime Rib

Natural Wood Smoked Prime Rib with Herb-steeped Au Juice

Fried Tobacco Onions, Sour Cream Horseradish

Stuffed Twice Baked Potato

DESSERT

Trio of Fruit Sorbet in Chocolate Lily

Entrees are served with fresh baked bread

SEATTLE "GOONEY BIRDS"

13TH ANNUAL "CO-ED LUNCHEON"

SEA-TAC Marriott Snowqualmie Room, 11:30 May 20 1999.

\$15 pp (tan & tip incl.) Send check for RSVP by 5/14 to:
Ray Dapp, 3112 SW 300th Place, Federal Way, WA 98023

Hey Fellas - This will be the only notice given, so reserve now!

Dick Wiesner Seattle Gooney Birds March 18, 1999 Our customary meeting took place today with a good attendance, considering that a number of "Snowbirds" have not yet returned. We welcomed two new members-- Don Paffrath and Tom Boatman. We like to have new members, due to the fact that , inevitably, we are slowly losing them off the top. Norm Johnson, now 89, is our senior member. A report was given of a talk given to our RUEA group in Seattle by Terry Brady, City Manager of Sales in Seattle. The talk was very informative, shedding light on our company's performance in 1998, and a look at 1999. We.. apparently won't have a SEA-NRT, or a SEA-LHR in 1999. The company had a profitable 1998, but 1999 may not be quite as good. UAL has spent 75 million dollars getting ready for Y2K. A 1998 test worked out well.

Attending today were:

Neil Johnson	Jack Brown	Vince Wormser
Robert Berg	Vince Evans	Harvey Beery
Dick Wiesner	Doug Christensen	John Cordell
Don Paffrath	Bill Brett	Bob Berkey
Jim Chilton	Lee Biermann	Keith Rice
Fred Sindlinger	Norm Buethe	Norm Johnson
Fred Vinton	Tom Boatman	Tom Pierce
Mark Gilkey	Don Anderson	Ray Randall
Philo Lund	Howard Holder	Glyn Bryan
Dave Mosby	Chuck Westpfahl	Garry Dunn
Herb Marks	Ralph Stevens	Tom Graham
Gerry Pryde	George McCullough	Merle Aikins
Jeff Roberts		

Next meeting April 15th.

Sundowners Lunch

Jim Feneley. 3246 Hyde Park Dr, Clearwater, Fla. 33761

Once again, a congenial group of Tampa Bay RUPARIANS, called the "Sundowners", met February 18th in the Oasis Room of the Countryside Country Club. We were privileged to have three visitors, Dick and Wilma Russell, and Bill Rankin, and also two newcomers, Matt Middlebrooks and Bill Dalkin.

Also attending were:

Ray White	Ken Vanderhyde	Jim Beckwith	Jim Irwin
Lil Borneman	Jim & Hilda Feneley	Ray & Rhodell Schlage	Stan & Phylis Cro-
sier			
Bob & Lam VanHousen		Bud & Jessie Huffman	
Ballard & Mary Leins		Paul & Ned Fidler	
Jamie & Elaine Krapf		John & Edna Papadakis	
Woody & Diane Lynn			

A GREAT GROUP

Next month, Thursday, March 18th is stag. The social hour commences at 11:30 at Countryside Country Club, Countryside Boulevard in Clearwater. If you need directions to the Club, just ask when notifying me at 727 5971. We request notification, so that the planned attendance can be give to the Country

RUPA PICNIC

We have just received advance notice from Milt Jines, that, due to the efforts of Chuck Minor, this year's picnic will again be held at the *Palo Alto Elks Club*. The date will be Wednesday, August 11, 1999, so you can mark your calendars. Further details will be announced later.

LAX Lunch

DAVE TANK 3025 Via La Selva R.V. Estates, CA 90274 - 1047

Our monthly RUPA meeting, Feb 18th, at the Hacienda was the usual good time, not sensational, but good. The usual groupings and talk about many subjects kept everyone busy through Happy Hour right into the lunch line and the dining room. Not that we expected to solve the problems confronting our local Organization; several issues were brought up, discussed, and put in the no action basket.

It was good sharing the meeting with;

Shirley Hanson

Jack Hanson

Jim Matheson

Jim Day

Rex May

Ruth Nordhagen

Nordy Nordhagen

Gene Gawenda

Ken Williams

and Me

Jack Moore

Herb Goodrich

Margaret Barnard

Charles Barnard

Gerry Beyer

Jim Turner

Mel Heflinger

Robert Tyree

Walt Bohl

Mark your calendars for future meetings: March 18 Van Nuys; April 15 Hacienda; May 20 Van Nuys; June 17 Hacienda. My best wishes to everyone, and enjoy life each day, because the days are getting shorter.

Las Vegas Lunch

We had our third meeting March 4, at *Big Dog's Casino*, a normally happy occasion. But our social intercourse was subdued with the news of the passing of our RUPA president, Scotty Prescott. A moment of silence was taken to acknowledge our heartfelt sadness for his trip west and to offer to his wife Sandy, our sincere condolences. Scotty was not known to very many in Las Vegas, but his efforts on our behalf in PUPA were truly appreciated. Adios Scotty, you were a good man.

The following attended our meeting:

Amderson, Andy and Dawn

Arcamuzi, Harry and Georgia

Dixon, Barry and Ruth

Doyle, Larry and Mary

Gibson, Ray

House, Clyde

Kakaldy, Ron and Jan

Mattern, Hugh and Kathy

Morley, Bob and Jan

Porter, Oak and Fran

Puckett, Bud

Poland, Bob and Misty

Whitlow, Lloyd and Donna

Lamski, Gene And Mary

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 1 at *The Big Dog's* on west Sahara. this will be the last one for me until next fall, as Mary and I escape the heat and head toward Perham, Minn and the fish, on the first of May. Clyde House, however, has volunteered to chaperone the May meeting on May 6th same time 1100 hrs and same place *Big Dogs* 6390 W. Sahara. Good luck Clyde! For the April meeting please contact me on or before March 29 at Gene Lamski, 658 6168 for confirmation if you are planning to attend. Adios for now from the Land of Luck.

Chicago Luncheon

Bernie Sterne Chi Area 839 S. Euclid Villa Park, IL. 60181

Our Feb.2 luncheon at the *Itasca C.C.* had 78 people in attendance. A lot of good visiting was had by all, plus a delicious lunch. Our M.C., Milt Jensen, kept everyone in a happy mood.

Our next meeting will be at the *Itasca C.C.* on May 4, 1999. Cash bar opens at 11:00 A.M.

Lunch at 12:00 noon.

Please join us if you can.

Attending Feb. 2:

Don & Joan Anderson	Ross & Lois Benedict	Bob Blackwell
Ted & Delores Bochniarz	Jim Bone	Bob Bos
George Bracke	Louise Bernier	Duane Bucksath
Dick & Hazel Carlson	Mel Charlier	Tom Clemens
Norm & Sandie Clemenson	Bill & Marge Daily	Bill & Bert Depner
Dale & Pam Dopkins	Nancy Orpin	Rodger Ehms
Grif Eisel	Tom Fasiang	George Foxe
Ralph & Anita Fretwell	Lou & Mary Gust	Ed Gunderson
Joe Hart	Del Gartner	Jack Hudson
Milt & Ina Jensen	Wayne Jolin	Woody & Vicky
Keith		
Wes King	George & Pat Krosse	Bob Leonard
Roman Lins	Al Marshall	George Mathis
Jim McCusker	Byron McFarland	Bob McKinzie
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Will Murry	Claude Nickell	Jim & Jan Noble
Dave Patterson	Warren Phelps	Jim Richardson
Bill Rogers	Cliff Sanderson	Chuck Spaniol
Ray Stadalsky	Jack Starr	Tom Stowe
Bernie & Rachel Sterner	Jim Stube	Ed Tiemann
Joan Thompson Bill Thompson Jim Trosky		

DEN Good Ole Boys

Dick Wagner, Golden, Co. irwagner@ix.netcom.com

16 March 1999

We had 19 "Good Ole Boys" in attendance today and still having problems with the restaurant, as they seem to forget our schedule from month to month. I hope it straightens out now, as I met with the new manager. We met in the back room with two other groups, but think our hangar stories were the loudest. We would like to invite the Ladies to our May luncheon on the 18th, with a special invitation to our Solo Ladies. We were happy to welcome newcomer Capt. Curt Taylor. Our next luncheon will be the 20th of April and Ladies Day on the 18th of May at the *Country Buffet*, 7200 West Alameda (Villa Italia) 1130 hrs, always the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Attending were:

Bob Clipson,	Dick Wagner,	John Holody,
Russ Wright,	Jim Cox,	Bill Pearce,
Tom Hess,	Casey Walker,	Bill Hoygaard,
Curly Baker,	Hal Meyer,	Ed Gilroy,
Max Gott,	Frank Bennett,	Bill Fife,
Curt Taylor,	Jerry Kennedy,	H.W. Reid,
Jim Harris.		

March Folding and Stuffing Meetings

We had two meetings this month. On March 3rd, 45 members attended the mailing of the RUPANEWS and on March 10th, 24 attended the mailing of the RUPA 1999 Directory. Everyone seems to be up to speed on the second class mailing now, and we have, hopefully, solved the technical problems. I want to give a big THANKS to all those loyal members who keep showing up every month to get out the RUPANEWS. Those members are listed below.

Bob Ahrens	Floyd Alfson	Bill Bartel
Lynette Bartel	Rich Bouska	Georgia Bouska
Kel Carson	Bob Clinton	Roz Clinton
Chuck Cooke	Scotty Devine	Dick Hooning
Milt Jines	Deete Johnson	Phil Johnson
Howie Jundt	Bob Kallestad	Bob Kibort
Dwight Lubich	Norm Marshall	Bruce McLeod
George Mendonca	Don Merucci	Mitch Mitchell
Giles Mottl	Bob O'Leary	Sam Patrick
Vilma Patrick	Mel Peterson	Walt Ramseur
Rick Saber	Jock Savage	Bud Schwartz
Jim Shirley	B.S. Smith	Bob Soergel
Cleve Spring	Rose Spring	Ralph Stamps
John Stefanki	Peggy Strand	Cliff Terry
Denise Terry	Carol Walter	Gene Walter
Ron Weber	Ray Wolff	Larry Wright

NY AREA RUPA LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

Liquid Refreshments: 12 Noon - Cash Bar Luncheon: 1:00 PM

New Location: Pals Cabin, West Orange, NJ

Located off Route 280, Exit 8B North (Prospect Ave.). Proceed north about 1,000 feet and you will see Pals Cabin on your left.

This is our CO-ED Luncheon. All retirees are invited and welcome. Capt. Jack Smith and Capt. Bud Berlingeri are in charge of the arrangements. Please let them know a few days before May 12th, or sooner if possible, for a head count. Hope to see you on the 12th.

Capt. Jack Smith Capt. Bud Berlingeri
65 Kingwood Drive 5 Roosevelt Place Apt. 4N
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(973)256-5599 (973)746-3971

WASHINGTON AREA EDDIE O'DONNELL LUNCHEONS

April 21: The Washington Area Eddie O'Donnell Luncheon with Wives and Widows - Belle Haven Country Club.

July 21: The Washington Area Eddie O'Donnell Luncheon Stag - Belle Haven Country Club

October 21: The Washington Area Eddie O'Donnell Luncheon with Wives - Belle Haven Country Club

North Coasters

The hardy souls of the North Coasters (ex CLE) met today for lunch at TJ's restaurant in Wooster, Ohio. Since the snow birds are still away at their winter quarters, there were only five of us present; Attending were: Dan Seiple, Dave Suite, Jim Burrill, Ken Wheeler, and Dick Orr. Dan is new to our group and it was a pleasure to welcome him back for the second time. Ken and Dan each drive almost two hours to join us.

Dan reported on his phone conversation with Art Bentsen, and we were glad to hear his positive report on Arts' fight with tumors.

On a sadder note was the unexpected news that Captain "Scotty" Prescott has flown west, and also our chapter member, Captain David Boyce, in February.

On a happier note, Ken Wheeler (who is a member of AHSOW and is in the Muskingum County, Ohio Music Hall of Fame) listed the coming functions that his barbershop quartet, "Occasionally Yours" will be involved in; Saturday March 27th; 8 P.M. at Zanesville Barbershop Show, Secrest Auditorium, plus April 24th at 2 and 8 P.M. at Annual Mansfield (Ohio) Barbershop Show

Ah! Such talent among us We did our best to assure our faithful waitress, Vickie, that her coming flight to Las Vegas is nothing to be concerned about. Perhaps she has heard too many of our tall tales and stories..But we sure do love telling them . Until next month---chow

NE Florida Lunch

Larry Horton 2677 Slow flight Dr. Daytona Beach FL 32124

The February stag luncheon was held at the Spruce Creek Country Club with a great crowd in attendance. We are always pleased when out of town friends visit, and there were quite a few present at this luncheon.

The list is as follows:

Steve Moddle	Earl Myers	Ham Wilson
Chet Cassel	Charlie Stewart	Bob Jocz
Harry Metz	Bud Thompson	Nelson Funkhouser
Bill Russ	Lowell Johnston	Ray Vandenneuvel
Bill Steger	Bud Gammill	Bill Rankin
Curt Simpson	Victor Forte	Phil Harman
Chuck Weber	Gene Patrick	Shaunney Patrick
Dick Wright	Bob Schaet	Jesse Jernigan
Dick Russell	Chuck O'Connor	Al Buff
Ed Gentry	Jim Myers	Dave Wickersham
Larry Horton		

We were told ahead of time (but found it difficult to believe) that an American 777 would make several 500 ft. low passes over our community at the scheduled time of our RUPA luncheon, and it did happen. An American pilot from our Fly-In community was on a training /delivery flight of a new aircraft and, with approval from American Airlines, made a gear and flaps down low approach as well as a clean low speed pass over our runway. It is a very quiet airplane and was a beautiful sight. Our thanks to American!

The next luncheon is planned for Tuesday, April 20th and will be Co-Ed. Come join us. Give me a call at (904) 756-5610 several days ahead of time to make sure that the chef has your name in the pot. S/ Larry

ALPA SEEKING PILOT WIDOWS TO SEND REFUND CHECKS TO

These are the spouses of the deceased pilots we are looking for in order to forward the VEBA refund checks. [VEBA = *Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Assoc. established to cover possible retiree insurance premiums after the 1991 agreement. The funds were not needed and are being refunded. Ed*]

Shirley Risan (TJ Risan FN27872); Nancy Colman (Frederick Colman FN31393); Asuncion Lera Lee (Lawrence Lee FN42690)

If anyone can help us locate them, please have them call me in the UAL-MEC office (800)922-2572. I looked in your current directory of RUPA members but they weren't listed. I appreciate the help.

Lisa Kwilas, Benefits Assistant, UAL MEC, 6400 Shafer Ct. Rosemont, IL 60018

Phoenix Roadrunners

The Phoenix Roadrunners met at the Lakes Club in Sun City on Friday March 12th.

Attending:

Howard & Polly Blomstrom,
Clyde Butler,
Bob & Bev Gerdes,
Phil & Betty Johnson,
Ed & Phyliss Nelson,
Les & Doris Shea,
Bob & Bernyce Wagner,

Frenchy & Millie Bourgeois, & friend Virginia Gilcrest,
Don & Jan Eiken,
Bob & PennyGrady,
Ken & Phyliss Killmon,
John & Shirley Prestagaard,
Don & Joan Toeppen,
Miles & Jean Wagner (from Tucson)

Several E-Mail letters were read concerning the Flight West of our RUPA President Scotty Prescott. A Card was passed around for everyone to sign to be sent to Sandy. We would also like to have Sandy join us any time she comes to our Area.

Our next luncheon will be at the Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes on Friday APRIL 9th. Please call 602-948-1612 for reservations and directions. Looking forward to seeing many smiling faces and lots of Hugs to be passed around. *Frenchy and Millie*

Southeast Florida Group

The Goldcoast group had a really special time at the *Flaming Pit Restaurant* in Pompano Beach earlier today. We had a birthday party for Carl McQuigg. He will be 90 years young this month. He retired from United in 1969 after spending most of his career with Capital. He worked for more than twenty years after retiring, flying jets for corporate owners. His son, Andy, a Boeing 747 Captain for Evergreen Airlines, came with him today. They brought with them a large collage of pictures that Carl has saved from his vast career. Andy narrated his father's pictures with great pride. They included shots both taken by Carl or taken with Carl of Amelia Earhart, Jimmy Doolittle, Wiley Post, Charles Lindbergh, and other memorable aviators. It was a great show and we all enjoyed it thoroughly.

There was a record crowd present to honor Carl and they included, Jimmy Carter, Guy O'Rear, Bill Lancaster, Tom Sheran, Jerry Bradley, Hambone Wilson, J.T. Palmer, Billy Moss, Jack Wink, Tom Llewellyn, Ned Rankin, Earle Worley, Ham Oldham, Bill Dutour, Burt Olson, Kyren McGowan, Warren Hepler, Dick Baese, Duane Harrison, Stan Blaschke, Jack McGeehane, Will Lambert, Dave Peat, Fred Schryver, Wes Paget, Walt Kimmey, Jim Ralph, Ron Bull, Hank Fischer, Jim Murphy, Noel Summer, Earl Harned and of course Carl and Andy McQuigg. Ham Wilson wanted to remind everyone that RUPA will meet at Sun 'n Fun, in Lakeland, Florida, at noon on April 13th in the OX-5 building.

Our next meeting and lunch will be on April 8th at the Flaming Pit Restaurant in Pompano Beach at 11:30 AM. This will be the last lunch until fall. Hope to see everyone there. Questions or requests, call Jimmy Carter or Stan Blaschke. Jim is at 561 272-1860 and Stan is at 954 581-0145.

Jerry Bradley for Stan and Jimmy.

Treasure Coast Sunbirds

On March 9th, the Treasure Coast Sunbirds and a few of their wives enjoyed another great buffet at *Miles Grant Country Club* in Stuart, Florida. The weather was perfect, the food was good, and the company was outstanding. The regular Sunbirds in attendance were: Jack and Glenda Boisseau, Clark and Bobbie Luther, Andy Lambert, Carter Briggs, Bill and Lulu Cole, Ted and Hellevi Osinski, Rudy Pekar, Clay Grant, Bob and Linda Schaet, Sid and Georgeanne Sigwald, Jim Dowd and Joe Mahoney.

Welcomed for the first time were Rick and Jill Carlton and Dan and Andrea Royce. We're hoping to see them become regular Sunbirds and attend future luncheons. Speaking of future luncheons, our next one on April 13 is going to be a "bonus Lunch". All Sunbirds who show up with their copy of the April luncheon notice postcard get the "Airline Special", A FREE LUNCH!!!

Regards, Bob Schaet

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA RUPA "OUTLAWS" - March 8, 1999

I can't say anything further about our garlic bread sticks. I got a phone call recently. A voice said, "We know where you live!" So, now I'm gonna refrain from saying anything more about the guys from Miami or Tampa who come to our gatherings for the sole purpose of stealing our delicious, *Olive Garden*, garlic-coated bread sticks. I feel too threatened (just like poor Monica!) to even mention that the voice sounded a lot like that of Jim Carter, who heads-up the Miami contingent of RUPA. (How 'ya doing, Jim?)

Our next gathering will be on April 12th at 11:00 at the Olive Garden in Fort Myers. And then, maybe one more on May 10th before we shut down for the summer. Anyone who needs more information can contact our Godfather, er, I mean our ring leader, Chuck Monahan, at 941-793-5251. At the next meeting, we plan to have a guest speaker, Monica Lewinski, who will reveal to us what she didn't reveal to Bwa-bwa Walters. She might even tell the true identity of the man who impregnated her while she was cheating on Bill, while he was cheating on Hillary. (This other "sexual soul mate" of Monica's is rumored to be one of the Tampa gang of RUPA guys. After all, she "digs" older guys, right? Come to our next luncheon to learn the truth!) Here's a list of those who attended our gathering on March 8th. (I wasn't there. I heeded the late-night phone call warning, and got on an RCCL cruise ship that left from Los Angeles on that very day. Barring further threatening calls, I'll be at the next luncheon.)

Ed Griffith
Will & Sally Collins
George Paull
George A. Butz
Chuck Monahan
Jim & Suzan Goodson
Norb Cudnowski
Warren Schroeder
Flower Whipple
Jim Boyer
Bob Sheehan
Jim Sutton
Jack Taffe
Al May

Norm & Ethel McNeil
Ray Brooks
Wayne Moore
Betty Ryan
E.D. VanAlstine
Don Sullivan
Jack Sodergren
Ray & Twila White
Edgar Riehl
Chuck Hughes
R.A. (Dick) Barkos
Bill Bates
Lew Brubaker
Bob & Lam VanHousen

Hey, if you want to experience the thrill of seeing your OWN name in print, then join this list of noted celebrities by coming to our next gathering on April 12th!

Seriously, WHO NEEDS COMPANION PASSES, ANYWAY? Virgin Atlantic offered POSITIVE SPACE for interliners going to London for \$200 ROUND TRIP from NYC. (\$225 from IAD, \$275 from MIA, \$300 from LAX/SFO.) One non-airline companion could accompany the interliner for the same fare. Unfortunately, the deal expired March 31st. To keep abreast of such things in the future, get a free subscription to Interline Adventures by calling 800-572-3163. Tell them I sent you and identify yourself as a retired pilot. That way, you'll avoid the usual subscription price of \$18.95 per year.

Carl B. Jordan - The Official Scrivener of the Southwest Florida RUPA "Outlaws."

SUN-N-FUN .

The time and place is as follows:

Date: Tues. April 13

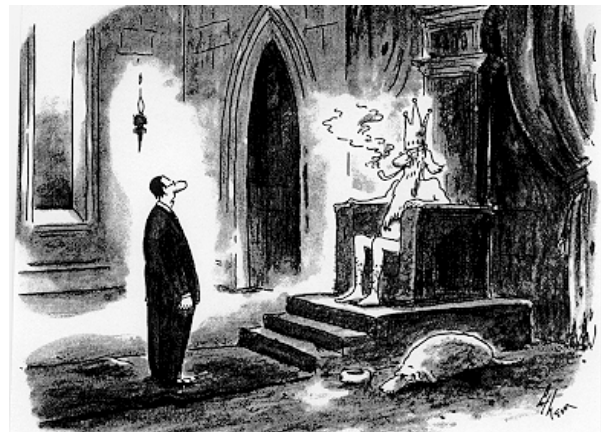
Place: Directly in front of the OX-5 building.

Time: 1200 Noon

For those who may be joining us for first time the OX-5 building is on the right just after the RV parking area when coming the main gate.

Bob Enander

Sarasota,FL. e.mail-bobenander@AOL.com..



"Sorry, Dad, but it's time to consider a retirement kingdom."

OJAI BARBEQUE

Charles D. and Margaret C. Barnard

The Flight Crew members, Dispatch personnel and friends barbecue at the Barnard Ranch, 505 West Fairview Road, Ojai, CA, at 2:30 PM on July 10, 1999, will feature barbecued New York steak or chicken at a cost of \$22 each.

Persons desiring to remain in the Ojai Valley may do so at the Best Western motel, the *Casa Ojai*, at 1302 East Ojai Avenue, Ojai, 805-646-8175. The manager called recently and generously extended the offer of a discount to the person who calls them at 800-255-8175 (their own 800 number), and mentions the barbecue. Last year there were 30 rooms rented by RUPA members.

Other Motels:

Los Padres Inn, 1208 East Ojai Ave, Ojai, 805-646-4365,

Capri, 1180 East Ojai Ave, Ojai. 805-646-4305.

Casa Manana, 11794 North Ventura Ave, 805-646-6697

El Camino Lodge, 406 West Ojai Ave, Ojai. 805-646-4341.

WIDOWS OF RUPA

JACKIE PANCOAST ABEL

I was saddened to receive the news about Scotty Prescott. My deepest sympathy to Sandy and the family.

The RUPA LAS Convention is approaching (and I would like to remind the RUPA widows that Scotty Charnley (360)357-9017 will be matching roommates. So, if you need a roommate, get in touch with Scotty.

The editor's remarks regarding my article in the March *RUPANEWS* are well taken, however, the operative words "the widows may use them if they are given them by a friend". Yes, the widows may use them, but it would be nice if they were offered. Many widows may not know a friend well enough or may be too shy or embarrassed to ask. It is true that Companion Passes are not such a bargain domestically. Also, be it known that you must have a Companion Pass 'for each leg of your trip. It is interesting 'that the ones who may help the widows in their quest for Companion Passes, may also be benefiting their own wives. If, unfortunately, their wives become widows they lose their Companion Passes. At that time, maybe they would like a companion to travel with. Several widows volunteered to start widow luncheons. Some have started, so now that the holidays are behind us and we are into a new year, maybe others will come to be.

President Scotty appointed me in an attempt to handle concerns of the RUPA widows. I began to hear

from widows who were not RUPA. I couldn't possibly handle all the widows on the system, so I dropped a note to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor of the Retired United Airlines Employees Association (RUAEA) suggesting that they might appoint a counterpart to assist the RUAEA widows. It, would not only give RUAEA widows someone to go to, but it may give us more strength in addressing issues.

Till the next time Jackie

Heading 1

FREE DELIVERY OF PASS TRAVELERS LOST BAGS

United has begun offering the same service to pass travelers that it provides to revenue customers. The company will provide free delivery of recovered bags to United employees, retirees, their eligible dependents & companions when bags are lost through no fault of the pass traveler.

Many employees have experienced the inconvenience of having to return to the airport to claim recovered baggage or pay for its delivery. We are pleased to eliminate those problems. There are some restrictions to the new benefit: Pass travelers & companions should familiarize themselves with the policy to avoid any misunderstanding.

The following restrictions apply:

If the pass travelers' or companion's bags are lost or misrouted due to late check in or a change of itinerary, United does not pay for delivery;

The company does not reimburse pass travelers or companions for replacement items purchased during the time the baggage was lost;

Pass travelers & companions are subject to the same procedures as revenue passengers regarding lost bag notification & restrictions on the size & number of carry on & checked bags.

Pass travelers will continue to be charged the same excess baggage fees as revenue passengers.

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BNO-Feb. 6, Clarion Hotel--San Francisco

By Howie Jundt, BNO Chairman

The Annual Boys Night Out returned to the Clarion Hotel after a one year hiatus. We had a decent turn out, with 146 retired pilots in attendance, and good representation from around the country, which was particularly gratifying.

There was ample time for socializing, sharing memories and recalling serious and humorous moments from past Mainliner trips.

We were fortunate to secure Richard Haines, PH.D, Senior Research Scientist from NASA, as our guest speaker. Dr. Haines presented past Pilot UFO sightings and the extensive research he has done on this subject throughout the years. He emphasized that this research was not done in an official capacity, and that it had developed into a hobby because he found the subject fascinating.

The presentation was very professional and there was a lot of interest, which was evidenced by the lengthy question and answer session that followed the program. Plans for next year's BNO are already in progress, with a tentative date of Feb.5, 2000 scheduled. Stay tuned for information in the *RUPANEWS*.

The loss of last year's BNO, due to many factors -

Liaison Report

By Milt Jensen, Chairman ALPA Liaison Committee

For lack of a better name, we have been referring to ourselves simply as the Liaison Committee. It has come to our attention during our luncheons and in the *RUPANEWS* that many of our fellow retirees have had some difficulty from time to time in contacting the right people to solve their problems. We saw a need for a place of last resort, or first for that matter, where one could call and talk to a real person and have one's leg-work done. That need created the Liaison Committee. Our mission is to provide a network from the retiree to the office and back. Our scope is to delve into the corners of EXO or ALPA and find answers to such questions as insurance, tickets, passes, or any of the numerous queries that are now received at EXO.

We have held several meetings, and with the blessings of the officers of RUPA, decided to send up a trial balloon. At this time we have only four people directly involved, but they have all had and still have contacts and knowledge of the inner workings of EXO, or WHQ as it is now known.

As I describe our plan for a network, you will see that it may grow to include folks from across the country. A member seeking assistance will e-mail our committee member, who is to receive all requests to direct to the proper place for action. Realizing that many do not have computers, it may be possible to have someone in

each area with a computer to be designated accept phone calls and forward the request.

I realize that this description is brief, but we are just attempting to roll this ball, and we will improve as time goes on. We will run it for a time, to see if the requests really warrant it. If not, we will just shut it down. That is the reason for the bare bones plan at this time.

We think that the benefits to our members are many. First of all, you talk to a real person, one who shares your concerns and interests. Secondly, your problem is sure to go to the office that can act upon it.

Milt Jensen

Milt: Your report and proposal arrived the day before the BOD meeting, where, upon its reading, it was unanimously approved. Such an active volunteer committee as you have created is indeed what our late President Prescott had in mind.

Hopefully, your committee will become a place of last resort (not first - work the system and don't overload your volunteers) where some (only a few, one hopes) of our members who become embroiled in the coils of bureaucracy can seek a sharp knife to cut through them. If the various Areas will nominate computerized volunteers to become part of a help network, your Liaison Committee will become most effective. If RUPA can't be an advocacy organization in changing contracts, it can, through the volunteer work of your group, at least ameliorate some of the irritations of dealing with faceless entities. Thanks to you and your group for taking on this task. I don't think that you'll be shutting down any time soon for lack of business. Ed.

Normal

JERRY GOEBEL

Dear Jock,

When I was reading the March issue of the *RUPANEWS*, I read the troubles that Ralph Breyfogle had with BC-BS of Illinois and your reply.

On 11/3/98 I sent Scotty (God rest his soul) the following letter but never received a reply:

"Hi Scotty, Has Jim Noble taken over as the Benefits Representative? If so, could he find out why United did not contract with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Illinois to have the automatic "cross-over" option?

Since you have not reached the post-Medicare age, you probably are not familiar with it.

If you have United's post-medicare Comprehensive or post-medicare Supplemental insurance, the doctor or hospital sends the bill(s) to Medicare for payment and after they pay their amount, any re-

maining amount is either paid by Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Illinois or by the member. But, United's contract with BC-BS does not have the automatic "cross-over" feature whereby Medicare automatically sends the bill(s) to BC-BS. Instead, Medicare sends an Explanation of Benefits form to the member and then the member sends a copy of the Explanation of Benefits, the bill(s), and the BC-BS Health Insurance Claim form to BC-BS in Chicago for payment. If we had the automatic "cross-over" feature, the bill (s) would be paid considerably faster and without a lot of extra effort on anyone's part; it would also simplify the whole process.

Thanks, Jerry”

With the automatic "cross-over", Medicare would automatically send the bill(s) to BC-BS of Illinois as soon as they figured how much they would pay and what the remainder of the bill(s) is.

If Jim is not the representative, perhaps someone in ALPA could be contacted to try to get this in the next contract or have the present contract amended.

Thanks for your work, Jerry

DICK BURKE Evanston Il

Just a follow-up on the message I left on your answering machine regarding your note in the latest RUPANEWS. [We later spoke. Ed]

My pet peeve is also the lack of co-ordination between Medicare and BC/BS, like we had between CIGNA and Medicare. I have called both the UAL Benefits Center and Blue Cross about this problem. Blue Cross calls this service “Medicare crossover” and it is automatic if UAL requests it. By writing to OTS-6 P.O. Box 14414, Des Moines Iowa 50306-9014.

The UAL Benefits Center says we should make our position known. How about RUPA running with this if the members agree?

Thanks, Dick

Jerry and Dick, I placed both your letters following Milt Jensen's report to keep them in sequence with regard to the matter of just what, and how much, RUPA can be of assistance with exactly such matters such as you (and I) have mentioned.

You are both correct to a degree, insofar as there is available a “crossover” whereby Medicare can communicate directly with the insurance agent – in our case Blue Cross/ Blue Shield who act as administrators for self-insured UAL. However, I'm not sure that merely making our wishes known would change anything. Who wouldn't want to be rid of the book keeping nightmare of keeping all one's claims and

reimbursements that is at present necessary? Alas, it's a bit more complex than that, and the root cause is – you guessed it, money.

After hearing from Dick, I made some inquiries of my own. I started with the UAL MEC office, who were, as usual, pleasant, but unaware of the crossover feature. . I next called Blue Cross, who were also most affable and helpful, and allowed that, yes, there was a cross-over feature available through them, but that our policy did not afford it (I use the word judiciously.)

My last call was to the UAL Benefits Center, where, again, I was treated courteously and referred to a supervisor who later returned my call and confirmed that, yes, a crossover option is available, but that it would cost extra and that, in the interests of keeping our premiums from increasing, UAL elected not to have the option.

So there you have it. I'm sure that the lady told me the truth as she was told it – and who's to know if the lack of the crossover option decreases our premiums or increases UAL's profits. I, for one, am not anxious to see an increase in the \$204.04 I pay per month for my wife and myself, although I know that I will have to eventually, absent a revolution in the way health care is handled.

To answer your question, Jerry, as yet RUPA has no benefits representative. What we do now have, is our Liaison Committee who, I'm sure, will bring to the notice of our only bargaining agent, ALPA, the shortcomings we find in our insurance plans for them to deal with or not, as they see fit. To repeat my editorial statement, RUPA has no brief in insurance premium or Reimbursement handling procedures, and is therefore not an advocacy organization.

On a slightly different matter, one thing I did learn from Medicare is that, as the bill payer in our home, if I wanted to track down any errors in my wife's Medicare billing, I had best have her permission in writing via a form of release, good for a maximum of five years, otherwise they wouldn't speak to me over the phone. The form seems to be OMB No. 0938-0227 or 0938-0214. Anyway, I've returned the one they sent me, all completed, so that I comply with the Federal Privacy Act with respect to keeping private from me the medical condition of my wife of 44 years.

Seriously, this may be something that those of you considering giving power of attorney to someone should think about – it had never crossed my mind before now.

Editor

Birthdays Received Mar. 8 thru Mar. 23, 1999
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EUGENE H. ARMSTRONG, P.O. Box 128, Vaughn, WA 98394 modlaluvr@aol.com

Could it be that I'm actually getting this sent two days before my birthday? And, has it really been three years since I retired? Retirement is wonderful and each day is better than the one before. Life is great. Many thanks to the volunteers that keep this organization and RUPANEWS going, and to the folders and stuffers. Thanks also to those looking out for the retired troops and our benefits.

Have a great year. Gene

WILLIAM E. ATKINS, When I read my latest RUPANEWS I noticed I had missed my birthday and dues. Anyway, here it is for two years. All is well here except for occasional repair work.

Thanks for all the hard work you people do for us. Bill

JOHN H. & ANNE BAKER, 216 Rainbow Drive, Suite 11671, Livingston, TX 77399 2016

Dear Cleve, We enjoy living full time in our 40 foot American Dream diesel pusher. We winter at Lake Conroe Texas and travel the USA when it starts getting hot. Thanks, John JFK, LAX, ORD, MIA, ORD

DAN BARGAR, 1731 Escalero Road, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95409

Missed the February birthday news by a couple of months. Must be retirement. Shocking to receive a Medicare card.

Big news is that Chris Schwartz, widow of Capt. Steve Schwartz, and I were married in April of last year. Our "honeymoon" was to hike the hills of Eastern Germany with a bunch of retired United folks for seven days. Some villagers had not seen an American since the wall went up. Then an Alaskan cruise in June followed by a week at the Chautauqua Institution during the summer. It's an enclave in western New York where the arts, music and religion meet in a beautiful setting on Chautauqua Lake. It's 10 miles from Jamestown VOR, which happens to be my home town. The theme for the week was education, and after listening to the top educators we think we know why we are in trouble.

Chris and I had a wonderful trip in March to London and a week on the Nile with Capt. Dick Bellack and his partying English friends. Now it's off for Sun n Fun which is getting almost as big as Oshkosh. Thanks to you Jock, Cleve and all the F & Stuffers for the great publication. Dan

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JFK '57- '90

Just a year late this go around, so I'll catch up on my "dues" and get a year ahead, again. (I'm glad that the Stookey Letters have been discontinued!) Not much to gab about nowadays, now that every one seems to have put the strike behind them. [*Gone but not forgotten, would be more apt. Ed*] Sure wish I could have participated in the ESOP. I just hope someone will be around to remind these 7yr. captains what was required by others for them to be where they are. From what I hear, many of them let the information go in one ear and out the other. Maybe they don't believe that those who ignore history, do so at their own peril.

The Feb. *RUPANEWS*, in the fine, new, 'easy stacking' format was a nice surprise, until I got to the last page. WHOA! The FLOWN WEST list looked like a page out of the New York domicile roster of just a few years ago. I couldn't believe it! Five in a row, and on top of that Ol' Harry LaChance has been "missing" for several years.

There are some bright rays though, that manage to dispel some of the dark clouds Pete DeCamp in his U-boat suit, notes from Harlan Bell, Andy Harmatiuk and too many others to mention from that great domicile. *C'est la vie*, I guess.

I'm embarking on year 9 of 'no revisions' and finally saw the light, as far as cold winters go, Eileen and I are really happy with our decision to move to AZ last year (one reason I fell behind in my "dues"). Have recently entered Cyberspace and am enjoying this method of communing with family and friends, on the rare occasions when the machine does what I try to tell it to do. At the rate I'm learning new things, I guess I'll have to take up tennis and challenge Earl Bach in, what is that Earl, 2011?

The growing number of pilots who have now been retired for more years than they flew is most encouraging! Gives the majority of us something to shoot for. (Come to think of it, that's one way to participate in the ESOP even if one was not eligible. (Dick Ferris, eat your heart out!). Speaking of that jerk, did most of you know that he's been on the PGA Tour Policy Board for the past twelve years? Last summer, in the course of an interview by Golf Digest related to the Casey Martin trial, "he did it again". Ferris said that the Senior Tour is "a nostalgia tour ... including 78 of the used be most talented golfers in the world" A number of the Seniors took umbrage at that view. Arnold Palmer said it was "... total bull ". But Lee Trevino said it best (I think) when he said "If Richard Ferris knew the difference between nostalgia and

competition, he'd still be running United Airlines". One final item ...'was so glad to find, in a recent issue of *RUPANEWS* that our editor had a ready answer for all the ongoing dreams most of us seem to be having - "stress anxiety"- he labeled it. I don't think many of us were conscious of dealing with continual stress on a daily basis, but we apparently were under some stress which we simply sublimated. My problem is that after eight years of nearly nightly takeoffs in a DC-8 down some busy main street and dodging high lines as I tried to avoid the church at the end of town, or some other equally ridiculous situation, I cannot seem to avoid these goofy 'seances'. Let's see; 338=25, GADZOOKS! Twenty five more years of this?? 'Say it isn't so!!!

Anyone who finds themselves in Tucson with nothing to do, we're in the book and have 45 challenging holes just waiting for you! Bring your sticks, or just yourselves. Check to Cleve.

As always, many thanks to the staff for the "NEWS".
Bob

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MARTIN C. BERG, 13985 Pike Rd, Saratoga, CA
95070

Dear Jock, In the old days, when we had copilots and flight engineers, we could also fly VFR. One summer day we had departed CLE for MDW, flying 1,000 AG beneath a cloud layer which was colored red from some blast furnaces. George Keller, the flight engineer, said, "gee, isn't that eerie?" Ted White, the captain, said, "No, that's Sandusky, Erie is east of Cleveland." Here's my postage. Marty
O.K. Marty - whaddya want - a rim shot or a Victorian "Collapse of aged party?" Ed.

THOMAS BERGBLOWER 11643 E. Appaloosa Pl.,
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Dear Jock: Birthday month was February - sorry this is a bit late!

We had a big redecorating project going on here that started January 4th and continued until after my birthday. Unfortunately during that time our house was in disarray.

My two daughters and my son and their spouses came from Seattle, Los Angeles, and Gainesville, FL to surprise me for my birthday.

Betty and I are both faring pretty well. We both enjoy the *RUPANEWS*. Thanks, all of you.

Sent check to Cleve.

Sincerely, Thomas Bergblower

HUGH & JOBIE BERRY 207000 Verde Vista Lane, Saratoga, CA 95070

"On the road again, just can't wait to get on the road again." Guess I have traded my delight in the skyways for the roadways. Travel in our motorhome gives us great pleasure. Wish I could get as much pleasure from my golf game. As the years add up, time takes its toll on improvement, I'm told, and it seems true. There may lack of frequency as a contributing factor.

We enjoy square-dancing with our club, and the friendships it has produced. There is a group of us that travels together in our RVs to festivals out of town. Square-dancing keeps your mind alert for the quick calls, plus staying in shape to swing those gals.

We are planning a trip to San Diego prior to the RUPA Convention in Las Vegas. Ken Ellis is placing a notice in *RUPANEWS* (see page) inviting those RV nuts to join us at the Chula Vista RV Resort and then to the Oasis RV Resort in Las Vegas on November 7th thru 11th. As of now, we have five signed up. This could turn into future adventures. Give Ken a call.

No computer yet. Thinking of a lap top, so I can carry it with me. No typewriter either Jock - sorry.

We, at SFO, "know when to fold". Don't have to stuff anymore, just stick em. Sure is an improved newsletter. Don't see the format instructions anymore. Guess I'll understand when I get a computer.

Keep it between the lines. Hugh

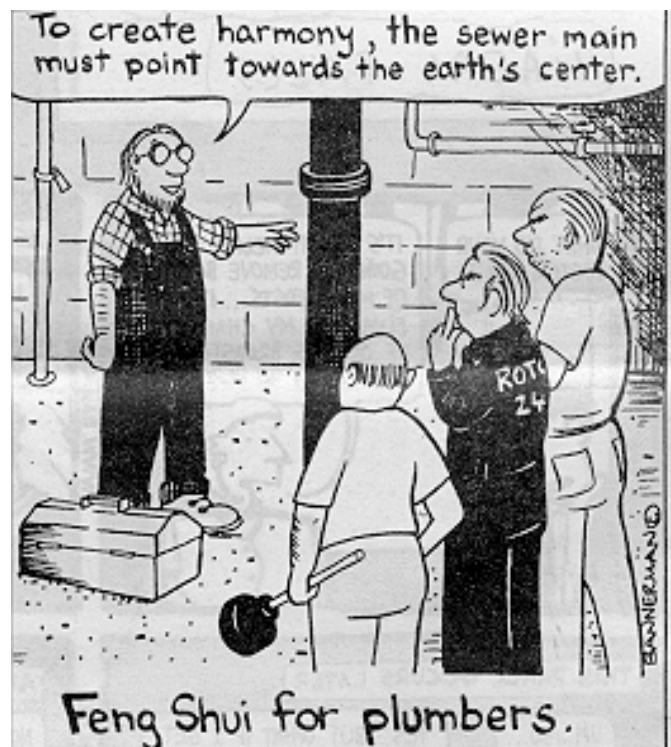
Actually, Hugh, the mailing crew are more like "stickers & baggers" now, but we'll keep the old term Folders 'n Stuffers out of sentiment. As I told our Prez, "Newsletters are for garden clubs. I think that we might aspire to now be termed a magazine, as befits this august organization." (the September one too!). As for formatting,, that has gone the way of caging gyros and mag. checks. All I ask for is clean copy which can be scanned, or e-mail which can be formatted, then I can manipulate it to suit my layout needs - ain't modern science grand? Ed.

Birthday Checks Received Feb. 22 thru Mar. 7, 1999
Mary Addison, William E Atkins, Ronald P Aue, John H Baker, Daniel W Bargar, James B Barnhart, Robert A Billings, Anthony L Blum, Clayton Brown, Richard E Carlson, Joseph R Cirricione, Charles J Cleaver, Allan E Coles, William M Cooke, Robert G Cumming, Paul V Davis II, Arthur M De Carle, Hf Dick De Jonghe, Ralph S Dilullo, Edward J P Duffy, Kenneth C Ewing, Derek L Ferrand, Richard H Frye, Ethel May Gardiner, George Gertz, James P Goodson, Edward C Gross, Phillip A Guerra, Barrad M Gurwell, Robert R Guy, Morel D Guyot, O V Hafer, William L Haggard, E Gene Hammond, James G Hannah, Thomas H Har-

ris, Leslie W Hench, Herbert F Herndon, Arlyne Hetermann, William A Heyer, Clifford L Holt, Luther B Honaker, Douglas M Horne, Sidney H Huff, Richard A Ionata, Calvin P Jassmann, Philip Johnson, John H Johnson Jr, Brooks Johnston, Charles C King Jr, Robert H Kohler, Matti S Kosonen, Marvin L Kruskopf, Donald F Lake, Jules Lepkowsky, Robert V Liljegren, Max H Lovingood, James W Lunte, Jack G Marlowe, William P Martin, Tom L Mc Queen, Charles W Mettler, Graham Millar, August H Miller, Willie D Moll, Thomas K Morton, Rudie Niemi, James W Oxley, Albert A Pennington, Glen R Peterson, G D Phil Phillips, Robert E Phillips, John P Pinter, Bristowe P Pitts Jr, Ronald L Pulliam, Anthony Pytlinski, Robert A Quinn, Richard J Rackow, David G Runyan, Newton R Rutter Jr, John U Ryals, Carl L Sandquist, Sheldon L Schiager, Peggy M Shimer, John W Spiegelberg, Anthony C Stein, Orv Steinmetz, Bernard D Sterner, Richard R Stouffer, James B Taylor, John M Taylor, Richard W Wagner, Lyman L Walter, Ronald L Widner, Charles V Wilson.

ALLAN E. COLES, 112 Mountain Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551

Hello, I guess that being two months late with this means that I'm officially retired now. Two years dues and a cup of coffer for everyone. Al



W. THOMAS BRASWELL, III, 2066 Fairmont Run,
Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-210-0007

Dear Editor: I can't believe that it has been almost 7 years since I returned from my four-year medical retirement. A lot has happened since I wrote my last letter shortly after I joined RUPA. Back then I did not recognize any of the names in the letters, but these days I recognize a lot of them. I guess that is a big indicator of the passage of time.

I need to update my mailing address and thought I would take a few minutes to bring all my good friends up to date. After a four-year battle, one year with my illness and three with the FAA, I finally returned to the cockpit in May 1992. I would like to tell everyone that the man who saved my life is Dr. William Dismukes of the University of Alabama in Birmingham, AL and the man who got me back in the cockpit is Dr. William Whaley in Atlanta, GA. The company was great, and I got a lot of advice and help from RUPA members who read my first letter about ten years ago. But I really want to set the record straight about ALPA. While United medical was great, ALPA medical really let me down. And when I sought legal help through ALPA, they just put me off! For all the people who claim that ALPA medical and legal saved their careers, I am living proof that they don't always succeed or even try very hard in all cases! They don't like to tackle the unusual or hard cases!

Enough sour grapes, life is great! I'm back in the cockpit flying with the people I love, married six years to a wonderful lady I met when I was nineteen flying out of Detroit City at my first flying job. My parents, my wife and I all have our health and love each other dearly. While I was medically retired, I started law School at Georgia State University and was able to finish at Northern Illinois University after I returned to United. I took the Bar in 1996 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in May 1996.

I left United as a B-737 first officer and returned as a B-737-300 captain, though I did fly in the right seat for six months until I felt comfortable again. It's just like riding a bicycle, you never forget, though I did have a lot to catch up on. When I left, TCAS was still on the drawing boards and making PA announcements while taxiing was not taboo. I had waited all those years to make captain so that I never had to suffer with a chain smoker, and then United banned smoking from the airplanes!!

Upgraded to the A-320 in December 1993 and loved every minute of it. Airbus really has it right, and I doubt I will ever fly another airplane as nice unless it is another model of the Airbus. The passengers love it too! Left the Airbus in November 1997 to fly the DC-10. I just wanted to fly that great airplane before they

retired. Never got to fly the DC-3 and only flew the DC-8 as an engineer. That only lasted 15 months before the surpluses started. I could have stayed longer, but my wife wanted to get started on our retirement home. We had previously bought property on the runway at Mallard's Landing south of Atlanta. So I volunteered for the B-767 out of DCA to try the European flying and to get the paid move out of Chicago. Never flew the 767 before and after the A-320 I was not too impressed. I have heard that I will be disappointed in the B-777 when I upgrade. It seems that Airbus is light years ahead of Boeing.

We will be renting in Jonesboro, GA while the new house is being built. Then I have to find an airplane. With reserve flying and soaring clubs, I have never had the need for my own airplane until now. If anyone has a suggestion, let me know. Our temporary address will be: 2066 Fairmont Run, Jonesboro, GA 30236 1-770-210-0007

Got to run, we have a lot of packing to do before the movers show up. Tom

CARL & NAN CARPENTER San Jose, CA
SFO '67-'95 E-mail; nancarp@pacbell.net

I didn't know you could pack so much fun into one year; Rotator cuff surgery in July and a urinary ream job in October. But I'm back on the tennis court now and doing OK.

Now the good news (relatively speaking) - We believe we have found the reason that Nan has been slowly losing the use of her legs over the last six or seven years. The nerves have been dying, and no one could tell us why. Mayo said a mild case of ALS, but our local ALS specialist said no, just a lower motor neuron disease, with no known cause and no known cure. Ten years ago Nan had a weird looking bite on her leg that eventually went away.

A year- and- a- half later, we happened to see a picture of what a bite by a tick carrying Lyme disease looks like, and we immediately had a Lyme blood test, which was negative. We have had several Lyme tests since then and they were always negative.

Last Fall, Nan was checking the internet for information on ALS and saw a page titled "The ALS - Lyme Connection". We discovered that after the Lyme bacteria has been in the body for a while it may not show up in the blood, and they had developed another test that might detect it.

After finally finding a doctor in Chico, CA, who knew about the test and would run it, it came out highly positive. It is a nasty bug, but now we have something to battle, and the hopes of stopping further deterioration in her legs

I think there may be a lot of undiagnosed Lyme out there. The medical community is largely ignorant of it
Take care. Carl

CHARLES H. SMITH Fairfax Station, VA '48-'84
March is here again and it's check time once more. The way time is moving, seems like last month I was doing this.

The old calendar on the wall says the big 75 has arrived; really can't believe it. Had I known I'd be around this long I'd have taken better care of myself.

Went to another reunion of my cadet class 441 in Lakeland FL. Still had 87 old guys show up for four days of fun. One planned trip was to Kennedy Space Center, a must for everyone. We went through six days before John Glenn blasted off from pad 39 Our special bus took us within 100 yards of the pad, but no further, as security was very tight. Next day was a trip to Fantasy of Flight, a fun place for all ages, where you can take a balloon flight, fly an ultra-light, see and go through a *Short Sunderland*, the world's last civilian four-engine



flying boat, B-24, B-17, Spitfire, and even climb into a combat simulator. This was fun, but most of us, being used to straight and level. Got shot down. The location of this place is 10 miles north east of Lakeland and 20 miles from Disney World.

That's about it from this side of the country, many thanks to all who put out our great newsletter. Chuck
The Sunderland was designed as a military aircraft and toward the end of W.W.II some were converted for civilian use – usually known as Sandringhams. Ed.

CHARLES & JEAN CLEAVER, 541 Gabilan St.,
Los Altos, CA 94022

Another year has gone by, and birth month was in February. Approaching the old man status of 77 years old. Life is getting more enjoyable here all the time, especially since we sold our big headaches in Menlo Park, our three apartment buildings there. We had owned one since 1979 and the other two since 1984. Used up all the depreciation and now Uncle Sam is waiting for us.

We have made a few trips to Seattle this past year, riding SA, but we did get to know the Seattle airport quite well one day when there were lengthy delays here in San Francisco due to weather and strong south wind. One of these years they will be building another runway in the bay, which should take care of the delays. The immense new terminal they are making here in San Francisco is going to be the largest waiting room in the United States until they get those new runways built.

I've had to stop my ten miles of jogging, my body tells me I can not do that anymore.

Sure did enjoy Boys Night Out, and the guest speaker convinced me that UFO's are real. The Salmon was delicious. Hope you can print the enclosed two articles, one about MD's and the other about an incident at Anchorage airport in November of 98. Enclosed check for dues and I think the new printing and for-

ROBERT CLUPPER 202 Rainbow Dr.#12722,
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I've been enjoying travelling the country full time in my motorhome. One highlight was riding passenger in a double winger over Sedona, AZ. Surely that must be God's country.

I'm looking forward to this Fall when I will be in the New England states, watching the leaves turn. So many things to see in this country. Sincerely, Bob

BEN CONKLIN

Jock, Year 17 in retirement, can't believe it but it's here. Past year has been anything but routine.

Brother-in-law in a nursing home and now trying to get my sister to join him. It has become necessary to get a little closer to family up north so we will be spending summers, at least, up there.

Address, along with check sent to Cleve.

About four months ago I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Surgery was ruled out because of the porcine valve in my heart. Seed implant was a no go because of stones. So, after some lupron shots and 38 radiation treatments I'm on the mend. Six months down the road should tell me how it goes. Feel OK and confident I'll have lots of years to beat the little white ball around.

Arthritis has slowed Rose a bit, but she keeps busy. Son Ben has six years to retirement. Still on the 727 out of NY. Daughter and rest of family OK. Enjoy the newsletter.

Interesting to see a lot of F/O s I flew with are now retired. Like the wife says, we're getting old. Regards to all, Ben Conklin

RON CORDES, 25875 Via Viento, Mission Viejo, CA 92691 RPCordes@compuserve.com

Dear Jock, It has been just one year since retiring, and things are going well, although they did not start off that way. One week after retiring, Ann, my wife of 37 years passed away.

It was a shock, even though she had been in declining health for several years. Life does go on and now I have my life under control again. Last fall my two sons and their families and I visited my daughter who was doing graduate work in Israel with her husband. We rented a large van and drove our "fun bus" all over the country and had a great time. Since then I have been traveling, playing golf and all the rest of the things a person does in the first year of retirement. Have more of the same planned for 1999. Check is in the mail to Cleve. Thanks for all your good work.

Regards, Ron

HELENE A. DENTON, 2605 Via Olivera, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Dear Cleve, Sorry to be so late in getting my mail money off to you. Have been busy this year *TexCoteing* the house on outside and wall, getting Bill's headstone in place at Arlington

Our federal government does not have enough personnel who see to doing things on time or that the dates they give you are correct. Then attended the unveiling of a Bronze B24 at the Honor Courtyard at the Air Force Academy with Bill's name on the pylon holding it up. He was on the low-level Ploesti mission that was the worst mission the Air Force flew in Europe. It is a gorgeous view with a B17, B26, P38 and of course a P51. How Bill would have loved one when he was flying over there. All the German pilots were aces and no pursuit planes to go after them then. Best wishes,

Helene

P.S. While attending a USAF Widows convention in Orlando, my pilot son insisted I go to the Space Center afterward. WOW! What a center. It was two days before John Glenn took off.

JACK W. DAVIS, 935 E. Logan Circle, Littleton, CO 80121

Hello everybody, still doing same old thing. We are all in good health and still traveling a lot. Fly 2 or 3 ORBIS trips a year. I am consulting for UAL in the new hire Section doing sim evals for our new hire pilot candidates. We see very well qualified people! It's an interesting little job and meet some very interesting candidates.

Included stamp money. I love the new larger format and thanks for all the time and effort to all the worker bees. Angie and I are off to Morocco in May on our

next ORBIS trip. Thanks again, Jack

LESTER P. DOUGLASS, 25 Chapel Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549 Email: ldouglass@sprintmail.com

Dear Jock: After being retired for 17½ years I thought it was about time to join RUPA, so did so last fall. I am alive and well and living in Lafayette with my wife of fifteen years, Lillian. We spent most of that time traveling the world, mostly by cruises. There are not many places we have missed to be sure.

I sold my boat four years ago and miss it, but not all the work connected with it. I guess there is a time for everything. I am still in the apartment house business, but am gradually getting out. I just had my 78th birthday so am sending in the mail money. It's nice to be associated with the group again. Les

ROGER T. DREHER, 432 Rockland Rd, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Hello to all, It seems like I just sent in my annual mail fee just a couple of months ago. Been retired a little over two years now. Where does the time go? Here is my annual check with a little extra to cover the new postage. I have finished many of the old projects around the house that were put off till that day when I finally retired. Still have more to go. It seems like when I finish one, two more appear. At least I can do them at my own speed and when I want to. Talk to you again next year. Roger

Larry Dube' - Zion, Illinois E-mail Hisdulos@aol.com ORD-DCA-ORD-CLE-ORD (64-86)

Greetings RUPA. There are so many things happening in the world these days that I don't know which to address in my annual 'soapbox' opportunity. First, just in case the editor has done his thing with the heading... I am Larry Dube'... not LARRY DUBE. The first is legally a living person with constitutional rights... the second is a juristic fiction or corporate entity created by some level of government. I know most people could care less about such things, but when the difference has cost you 9 years of your career, about 2 million dollars in salary and benefits, and your personal reputation, then you begin to pay attention I guess. [*Heaven forfend I should do that to you Larry, I've left your name in title case. Ed*] The miracle of computers, data bases and almost instantly accessible records that would have taken months or years to research in the past, has provided some truth that will shortly benefit all... even those who would rather just stay in their status as

international chattel and tax slaves. That's kind of the same thing that happened in 1776 when most of the 'sheep' would have preferred to remain under the boot

heel of England.

We didn't have any exotic travels this year other than a trip to Ventura, California recently for a wedding. It's a beautiful place and the hotel was right on the beach with a spectacular view. Could only manage coach in both directions, but you still can't beat the price. When you don't get to spend 25 years of service, that 1964 date of hire doesn't mean a thing.

We stopped in Santa Monica for a short visit on the way to Ventura, and I was impressed with the current state of the old Miramar Hotel where I spent so many layovers. But the Mucky Duck and Horace Height's (sp?) restaurants are both gone... And the mall has become kind of seedy.

Our young kids are all doing great. Sarah is 15 and a sophomore. Tim is almost 17 and a senior, and Christin is 18 and finishing her sophomore year at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. All are healthy and really wonderful kids. The old man is managing okay, though I am now insulin dependent, so that ended my flying career. The insulin, diet and exercise regimen is going well though, and I feel great. My former United Sky Goddess wife is the world's best mother... that's why the kids are doing so well!

The 'duty' at the B-727 display at the Museum of Science and Industry is still lots of fun. I should have kept track of how many pairs of those little plastic United wings I have given out so far. Most of the kids act like they have received a golden treasure, and it's great to see the smiles on their faces. Recently there was talk about getting some volunteer F/A's to be there too. That would be pretty nice I think. The goodwill generated by the support United has given to this effort cannot be measured.

The father of the groom at the recent wedding talked about an ultralight that he was going to build. As I understand the current rules, one doesn't need a physical to operate one of those! Hmmmm...!

Sending check by snail mail for the annual stipend. The *RUPANEWS* gets better all the time. Kudos to those responsible. There isn't another retired group that could match it!

Regards to all... Larry

ESOP 1099R ERROR ALERT.

Robert A. Vanderbilt <ravanderbilt@mcia.com>

Jock, While enjoying the ordeal of doing my taxes I came across a significant error made on my ESOP distribution 1099R. State Street Bank & Trust may have done this to many, if not all of us, who have done a "trustee-to-trustee direct transfer to IRA" of their ESOP. This error could go back to '95, '96, '97, as well

as '98 distributions. The

correct distribution code, for this type of transfer, that should be in box 7 of the 1099R, is "G". My 1099R has an "H". Code H is for transfer to "another qualified plan or an annuity". I doubt many of us have done that with our ESOP distributions.

There are significant differences between annuities and IRA's, so this error could cause future problems when you try to pay taxes under IRA rules while the IRS thinks it should be under annuity rules.

I have written State St. Bank demanding a corrected 1099R. I also requested they run an audit to see how widespread this error has been since the first ESOP distribution was ever made and that corrected 1099R's be sent to everyone who should get one without each pilot (employee actually) having to make their own request. Also told them that RUPA and MEC-R&I would be alerted. WHQTE should be also for the other employees.

I would be interested to hear how often this has happened or is this just my "usual good luck".

Thanking God for *TurboTax*, Bob Vanderbilt

PS. Note my new e-mail address. The above can be published in the *RUPANEWS* or you can write your own alert if you wishIt has come to our attention that an error....sort of thing . Your choice. I imagine MEC has an e-mail address so I will try to send a copy of my letter to them.

They should follow up with State St. Bank on this.

Just in case, could you fella's forward this alert to R&I? Once R&I has it they would be the best avenue for alerting WHQTE I would think. My distribution instructions were very clear & correct and the transfer occurred without a hitch just as I wanted it to. So there is no reason for them

to have improperly coded it. My "A" fund dist. from Northern Trust and my "B" fund dist. from DAP custodian were correctly coded "G", so the problem seems to be with State St. Bank. Thanx.

Bob: I've passed on your e-mail to the MEC. Everyone else who may be affected, heads up! Ed.

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Dear Jock: Thanks for your great job with the *RUPANEWS*. Like the new format. Also appreciate efforts of folders and stuffers. Check is in the mail to Cleve for overseas postage. Hard to believe 3 years has gone by since last 747 landing in LAX. Nan and I are enjoying travel and golf. We alternate between our place in Isle of Man and a winter condo in Santa Barbara. Regards, Fred Euler

Fred Euler

F. WELDON SMITH, 311 Wooded Knoll Dr, Cary, IL 60013

I was F/O with John Schoonhoven on June 17, 1948. (see March '99 Journal) He did not tell an amusing anecdote about the dive into OH. I had turned the master radio switch off at my first sight of the smoke and was back in my seat when John picked up his mike and started to tell the company what was happening. I told him that the radios were dead. He hung up the mike and then remembered something else he wanted to say and grabbed the mike again. I reminded him that the radios were dead and he asked "where is OH?" I replied "on my ADF." "You just told me the radios were off," "Oh, yeah, we just passed South of it a minute ago." John pulled the throttles and started a left turning descent, which ended only when he had to add power to get to the South end of the field to land North. His decision to land immediately was the right one and he did a great job.

The trouble was traced to the autopilot amplifier in the radio rack. I was unlucky to be assigned later to a guy who had heard that the autopilot was at fault. He started every pre-flight by pulling the autopilot circuit breaker. I don't think he knew that I flew every one of the legs he gave me with the whisky compass as a heading reference. Weldon

DEREK L. FERRAND, 2385 Mundy Point Rd, Callao, VA 22435

Almost missed the deadline. Shot a 34-36 a couple of weeks ago. Caught some fish and put them back. No complaints. Dick

RAYMOND L. FOREBACK, 1620 Barkwood Dr, Orefield, PA 18069

Dear RUPA Friends, Another year older and another year dumber. Carolyn and I have had a year of good health in Allentown PA. I thought my last year of flying went fast. It seems like I just sent my check yesterday.

Thanks to all who do the good work to bring us this newsletter each month. Keep up the good work.
Ray & Carolyn email rayzv@compuserve.

G. DUARD PHILLIPS, 125A The Hill, Front Royal, VA 22630

Hello All: had a busy year. We subdivided the farm into 20 acre parcels. Anybody need a small farm on the Shenandoah River? We have several parcels left. Still stay active playing with my grandkids and traveling. My health is still good. Phil

JIM & YVONNE GLENDENNING 12786 Prowell St. Leavenworth, WA.

Greetings from the Cascade mountains

Wow, six years into retirement and I'm still way behind on the things I want to do; need to do, and Yvonne wants me to do. Several trips this year Kauai in April for sun, Whistler B.C. in June for hiking, Colorado and Arkansas in July for family visits, and Lac Le Jeune, B.C. in August for fishing.

One of my local friends, a muscle bound Norwegian named Kjell Bakke, got me into Masters bodybuilding. At this age it is more like body-maintenance. It was a lot of work, but I got into the best shape I've ever been in, and entered four contests. I won't mention the results, except to say that I met a lot of great old men who are in a lot better shape than I am. It was a lot of laughs, and an inspirational experience to meet men who have kept themselves in great physical condition for a lot of years. I plan to keep on pumping iron and try to stay in good shape, but probably won't enter many contests; as Yvonne says the dieting makes me hard to live with

La Nina brought us a record year of snow, and I have gotten lots of practice operating my tractor with attached snow blower. It's not flying, but it has kept me busy operating machinery, out of the bars, and off the streets.

Check to Cleve for postage, and many thanks to all who help put out the newsletter, I enjoy it and really like the new format. Jim

JOHN G. GRANT, 30161 Outpost Rd. , San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 captgrant@juno.com

Dear Cleve, I want to apologize for such an oversight as to let my postage payments go unpaid for almost 2 years Thank you for continuing to send me the RUPANEWS anyway. I am enclosing the postage for 2 years. The way that time is passing, the last 2 years seem to be 2 months, and I am sure that before I can blink, it will be 2002.

Eunice, and I have been recently using the flight passes quite regularly, to places as remote as Missouri. , Iowa, United Kingdom, Australia, New York, and Michigan. We seem to have family spread all over the place.

The UAL retirement is really the greatest, All that I did all my adult life was play with big boy toys, and get paid for it, then when I got to be too old for them, they paid me 50% not to play with them. Could anyone wish for a career better than that?

I really do wish that I could push the rewind button and start all over. It was not a job, it was a hobby. I could have done with a bit more stability in the 1950's since I was a Brand X person. The first 3 years bases

were YIP,EWR, BUF, PIT, MSP, MDW, DCA, but returning to EWR frequently. Since the merger, life flowed much more smoothly. I did end up in LAX, now I am EXLAX.

I feel so proud to have worked with the best and most professional crew members in the world. I saw no difference in quality from any crew member in any seat that I flew in. It was all total professional. I want to thank the Captains I flew with in the early years for giving me the fine skill to do a good job for my 37½ years. I was really saddened to hear about Captain Tom Shronovich. He was a very fine pilot, and a most pleasant person. I last saw him at the Capital picnic a few years ago. He always made me smile.

I also want to thank the folder and stuffer group for the neat work. It is not as much fun as flying into HKG, but well done any way. Best regards, John

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Please accept my check for membership and annual postage fee. I really don't have much to say for the RUPANEWS, just that Joyce and I are now living in Oceanside, CA and enjoying retirement.
Thanks very much, Phil

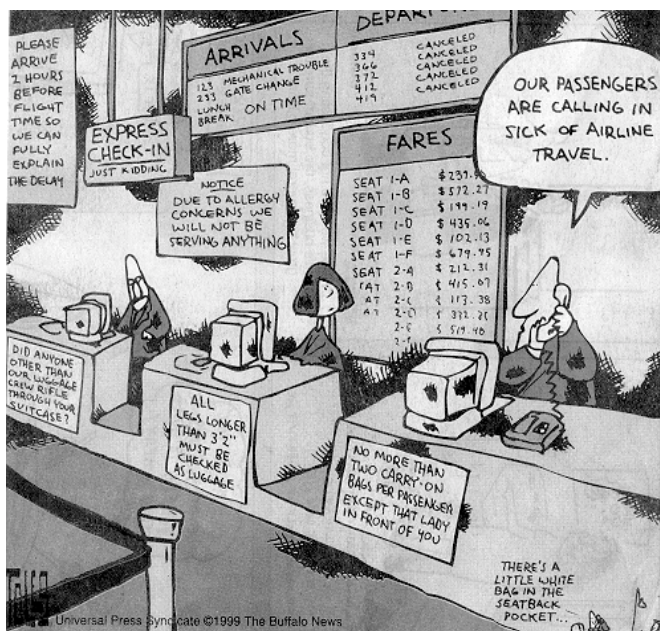
ROBERT R. GUY, 33 Salt Meadows, Hampton, NH 03842 ccandme@tiac.net
Jock, I almost got this sent the same month it is due. Keep up the good work with the RUPANEWS. Maybe next year I will have figured out how to use this new computer and will write more. **Bob**

GENE HAMMOND, 26260 Airport Rd, Minooka, IL 60447 8154185 76250@compuservie.com
Dear Cleve, As I sat here smugly reading the February issue of RUPA News (like the format, by the way), I was silently laughing at those old fools who can't remember their birthday and are always late with their mailing money.
My curiosity got the best of me, so I dialed up Quicken on the trusty computer and called up RUPA to see how many years I've been retired, since time is passing at such a speed I can't seem to keep track. As you already know, I was astounded, hornswoggled, taken aback, and even embarrassed to find that I had not sent my funds along either!!!
Well, here's the cure for that! Everything else is going along pretty well, and as Bernald Smith said in his February note, neither he nor I have time to commiserate about much, just keep punching at what pops up each day.
I noticed a note from Tom Branch. He wouldn't men-

tion it, but he was elected to the Colorado Skiing Hall of Fame this past year, so I've been told. Congratulations to a great guy and a great instructor he got me through 727 copilot school.
Sorry for being late I'll try to not let it happen again.
Gene ORD-CLE

JIM HANNAH, 3244 Biz Point Road, Anacortes, WA. 98221 jhannah@valleyint.com
The birth month almost slipped by. I guess I try not to think about it any more. Not much new; Still travelling quite a bit. Pass travel has been sorta' grim of late, what with all the "Frequent Flyer"; upgrades, Oh well, as my neighbor keeps telling me, if I wasn't so cheap, I'd buy a ticket
New" I'll pass this on to Cleve with a check, but the county in it's wisdom, has changed all of our street numbers. Same old house, same old guy living there, but the address is now 3244 Biz Point Road vs. the old 113 Biz Point Road. Go figure
Hang in there, and keep your head down
Regards, Jim

THOMAS H. HARRIS, 5109 Country Club Dr, Granbury, TX 76049
Dear Cleve, Thanks for you note. The reports of my Westbound trip were greatly exaggerated. I joined RUPA in August '85, but am not much of a correspondent. At any rate, here is my money to get back on the list.
We have been Texans for five years having moved here from Santa Cruz, CO. I own a piece of the airstrip Jim Hyde is on and keep my decathlon there.
Regards, Tom



MICHAEL HEPPERLEN, Hi Jock: We have just finished another good year. Last March found us back in South Africa chasing Cape Buffalo. We found out that they like to chase people as well as we like to chase them. From now on I think I will be content to chase my bird dog's tail.

In April we took the RV-4 back to South Carolina to visit Peggy's sister and brother-in-law. It is about a 4 1/2 hour trip from the Chicago area over the Smokey Mountains, which are very scenic. It is nice to be able to sight see from 5,000' rather than 35,000'.

Every Wednesday I hang out with a bunch of retired American pilots where I hangar my RV-4. We have to be very thankful to have our pass benefits. They have very little. Their seniority means nothing. Who ever gets there first gets on the plane. Most have AA credit cards and buy tickets with their frequent flier miles.

My RV-8 continues to occupy my time. The tail and wings are almost finished. I should be starting on the fuselage in a month or so. I hope to have it flying in about two more years.

Peg and I continue to have good health and are enjoying life. Check sent to Cleve.

Mike Hepperlen

ARLYNE E. HETTERMANN, 124 Sawgrass Circle, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Hi Jock., I love your new format! It's about that time to write to you, Lee's birthday is in March. Everything is going OK here in Florida. I made about six trips out of Orlando to Virginia and Boston, and lucked out with First Class. One of the Agents that was taking care of me, looked at Lee's Hiring Date and he said "Gee I wasn't even born then." I looked at him and said, "I married an older man." He racked up.

It was a good year in Florida. We had a few real cold days this past month., but not cold enough that you couldn't play golf. I still keep busy with my golf, bridge, and volunteer work at the Nursing Home. My boys are still doing well. Mark, still Chief Pilot for American, in Washington, and Kurt busy flying to Japan with Northwest. I had a real pleasant surprise this past month Joan and Russ Cottle came by to visit. It has been sometime since I last saw them, so we had a great visit.

I don't do all the traveling that a lot of people do, but it's nice reading about their trips. I will be spending the month of July at the some Beach Home I rented last year in Humarock, Mass.

I'm sending my check for postage fee to Cleve. Keep up the good work and hopefully I'll see you in Las Vegas. **Arlyne**

DOUG HORNE

Hello from the Great Frozen Northeast

This time of the year even the women dress like lumberjacks. Sent a check off to Cleve for another year's newsletter. My good friend and neighbor George Simmons says he's not going to renew, just read my newsletter when I'm finished with it. I'll have a serious talk with him.

Another year gone and everything is fine here. No one died, got seriously ill or subpoenaed by Ken Starr, Edna still flies as a flight attendant, so I get to keep up on the usual management vs labor conflicts. Nothing seems to have really changed that much

I notice that the closest organized group to us New Englanders is in New York. My experience with family awareness during the strike was that there are a lot of pilots in this area, albeit, quite independent, and wonder why there hasn't been an effort to get us together once in a while. As a matter of fact, at our annual July third party we ended up with five retired UAL Capt.s along with forty or so real people. So I know they're out there. *[There's opportunity just awaiting., Doug. Ed]*

As I unclutter my mind of a year's worth of thoughts, the following come to mind:

I wish you people on the West coast would please stop sending your weird stuff east for us to contend with. Specifically, things like el Nino, la Nina, and Monica Lewinski. Take 'em back and return the Dodgers and Giants.

We came back to the U.S a couple of times last year through Paris. They've instituted a nice procedure that other popular pass riding stations might copy. About 20 minutes before close out they print out a list of pass riders by seniority, so you can see where you are on the list, before calling standbys. Sure helps to eliminate suspicions, as I've had in the past, about some getting boarded out of seniority. Do other stations do this?

I do appreciate all the good work you do in getting this out and especially like the new "large print" edition. Does everyone get this or did you just guess I needed it.? Doug Horne

There seemed to be a shortage of long arms in our midst, so we bowed to the inevitable. Ed.

A.R. AND CHAR HIGHLAND, LITTLETON, CO
I SHALL GIVE THIS E-MAIL BIT A TRY AND HOPE IT WORKS! THE ONE BAD THING (OF SEVERAL) IS THAT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU RECEIVE THE FOOL THING OR NOT I GUESS JUST SEND AND HAVE FAITH IN THE ELECTRON.

CHAR IS FINE, FOR THE MOST PART. I HAVE HAD A SIEGE OF ARTHRITIS THAT I WOULD NOT WISH ON

ANYONE. THINK THE CLINIC MAY HAVE A MEDICINE THAT WILL CONTROL IT.

THANK HEAVEN FOR CAREMARK. THE PILLS ARE \$7.52 A PIECE

CHAR HAS BEEN THE ONLY WAY I COULD HAVE MADE IT THROUGH THESE PAST FEW MONTHS. WHAT A ROCK – I SURE DON'T DESERVE HER, BUT AM SO VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE HER! THE GIRLS WERE A BIG HELP, ENOUGH FOR THIS TIME.

CHECK TO CLEVE

<HOW ABOUT THAT--MY BIRTHDAY IS TOMORROW!

SATCH

Not bad for a beginner, Satch, but don't use all caps when you use e-mail, it's considered the print equivalent of shouting! Also, it's hard to read. I could have, with a bit of effort, changed the font, but thought that this would serve as an illustration. Hope your arthritis is eased by the medication. Ed.

GEORGE HOWELL, New Address, P.O. Box 866, Rolla, MO 65402, Tel. 573-364-3268

I am at the edge of, or slightly in, the Ozarks, and for those that know me, you probably wonder how & why.

Well, the ferry schedule got to me.. I found out that we wanted to do too many things on the mainland after all. Then, so did the Washington state Growth Management Plan...a device to ostensibly control the effects of growth throughout the state, i.e., keep open areas open and green or in San Juan County...to keep the islands the way "they were" ..whatever that might mean to whomever has the "power" to regulate. However, the "powers" completely forget that the gates to the nation are still wide open, and the hordes are still coming, and wanting open space not high risers. So, developers are given the rap. Ha! Ha!

I had purchased nine-and-a-half acres out in the country on San Juan Island to build our house on and enjoy life. The San Juan County GMA would have kept me from putting up my archery range, or rifle range built according to NRA safety standards, or operate a small aircraft from a grass strip on my land, or my wife from putting up a roadside farmer's stand to sell her organically grown vegetables...under a penalty of a \$1,000.00 per day per infraction. And a person would need a permit for just about everything that he/she wanted to do. Personal land use rights were/are thrown out of the window. It is what the "planners" will allow. Oh, yes, there are charges for the permits, too. An ordinary house will run \$4,000 to \$6,000 in permits. If this idea spreads throughout the US, the Bolsheviks will have won the war after all. Yep, you can guess it...the Democrats passed it in the state legislature in

1991, for the three major counties, Seattle and area, and enticed the other counties to do their thing by giving them \$100,000 to pass like legislation; And the county Democrats did so!!!

Between the manner in which the Senate could allow a perjurer to continue in the White House, while allowing about 1,300 people to serve time in US prisons for perjury, and the fiasco that the Washington state Democrats gave the people in that state, I will have great difficulty in voting for a Democrat ever again I had difficulty seeing just how socialistic the Democrats have become. But then, I listened to how Clinton kept giving different groups money just before the vote in the Senate on his Impeachment...and his crowing about his balancing of the budget...when in fact, if you take out the FICA taxes that are being taken out now for peoples promised future benefit, the federal budget is STILL in deficit. It is the FICA taxes that allow him to say that there is a surplus. Until 1969, FICA were *not* included in the federal budget...they were separate. Johnson got that changed so he could show a surplus in his last year in office. It is the spending caps that Bush got through in 1990 that set up the path for a balanced budget, and which were reinforced by a conservative Republican Congress in 1994. Not anything that Clinton and the Democrats did. Save Social Security...Ha! Ha

I read that there will be repercussions for a long time because of the impeachment thing. I truly wonder what it is we are going to leave to our grand children doubt that it will be freedom! Little by little, the Bolsheviks are truly closing in, folks! Perhaps, I was born in the wrong age

Otherwise, I am healthy and fit, happy.

Thank you so much, George, for keeping politics out of your letter, so as to help keep RUPANEWS apolitical. Ed

TOM & MOYNA HUDGENS, 43 Sunset Drive, Cherry Hills Village, CO 80110 4030

Enclosed is a check for stamps and this year's dues. At 79, health is still good and I still serve as volunteer President of the Association to Unite the Democracies (AUD) in Washington, DC. Col. Bob Frantz, an active UAL pilot, has joined AUD as Vice President and Chair of the Executive Committee. I served as a Senior Councilor delegate for the U.S. Atlantic Council at the annual meeting of the Atlantic Treaty Association held in Sofia, Bulgaria in October, 1997 and again in Lisbon, Portugal in November 1998. This is the first time that the ATA has held an annual meeting in a non NATO country, Bulgaria. Bulgaria desperately wants to become a member, as do all the Eastern

European nations formerly in the Warsaw Pact under the Soviet Union. Portugal is a long time member of NATO and a strong ally of the U.S.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. There will be a big celebration and a summit meeting of the NATO nations in Washington, DC with the formal induction of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic into NATO in April of this year. Other countries will be admitted in coming years as they meet the criteria. Ambassador Ted Achilles and under Secretary of State Will Clayton, both early leaders of AUD (then called Federal Union) in the after W.W.II 1940's, were instrumental in the formation of both the Marshall Plan and NATO. They also established the Atlantic Union Committee which later became the U. S. Atlantic Council.

AUD carries on the concepts of these organizations and is diligently advocating a limited political, military, and economic union of the NATO nations. If you desire more information about AUD visit its web site at <http://www.iaud.org>, www.iaud.org or phone 1-800 At Unite.

Congratulations on the new *RUPANEWS*. It reads easily. Yours in Peace, *Tom*

SIDNEY H. HUFF, PO Box 281, Homewood, CA 96141

Eighty years, and in the holding pattern, very healthy and life is good. Broke a bone in my right hand in June, which curtailed my golf for six months. Down in San Diego for three months and playing three times a week trying to shoot my age. It'll never happen.

Vicki, our ORDSW, now fly's three days a week and nurses three days. Loves nursing. She has 26 years with UAL.

Still enjoy my summer carpentry, specializing in building decks. Keeps me busy.

Lake Tahoe is still our favorite place to live and share with our three kids and six grandkids.

Thanks to RUPA staff. *Reva & Sid*

CALVIN O, JASSMANN, 7005 Roaring Fork Trail, Boulder, CO 80301

A month late, but check is still good, I hope. Fifteen years, one wife, two airplanes, one horse, no hunting dog. Have trouble finding time to handle all in proper manner. Cal

MARV JEFFERS

1329 Camino Cristobal, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
'55-'89

It has been 10 yrs. since "Setting the Brakes", the last time. Seems like yesterday, until I look at my bathroom counter, which resembles a pharmacy, and I try to figure out which pill to take next? Actually Esther and I are doing well and enjoying S. Calif. lifestyle. We have not traveled as much the last few years, did enjoy the last RUPA Cruise, but plan to catch up soon. Have enjoyed the new *RUPANEWS* format, starting last month, and thanks again to all who make it possible. AND RE-MEMBER, "learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself." Check to Cleve, Marv

FRED & PATRICIA KEISTER 56/90 6142 Path V Rd Ft Loudon, PA. SFO/BOS/DCA/ORD/JFK/CLE/LAX

Very nice winter here on Maui. Not too many tourists due to the Asian economy. Back to PA about the middle of April to get down to some serious work on the farm. Had an excellent aviation cadet reunion in September in San Antonio, TX. Cannot believe how some of the other guys aged since we were all cadets in our early twenties. Looking forward to Las Vegas in November. Fred

EDWARD E. KLENNER, 23150 Collins Street, Woodland Hills CA 91367

Dear Cleve, I'm on time this year! I'm also going to try something different. Enclosed please find my check for \$40 for two years postage. No risk of being late next year.

Although I still suffer from withdrawal symptoms at times, it's fortunate that retirement comes at 60 in this business, because I've enough to do that I wouldn't be able to report to fly. Besides, my FOM is out of date I've got revisions from March 1996 that have yet to be done!

I'm ever busy with sometimes time consuming projects ranging from the physical, home construction and repair to mind games, investments and estate planning.

I also manage to play a bit. This winter I've done some serious skiing, 40 days so far. Susan and I ran into Rex May, his lovely wife, Linda, and some of his skiing friends in late February at Mammoth Mountain, California. Had a great time cruising the mountain together. Earlier in February I had the opportunity to HeliSki in Canada first time since BS (back surgery) in 1994. I spent a week in the Cariboo Range north of Calgary and west of

Jasper at Canadian Mountain Holidays' Cariboo Lodge. It's truly an extraordinary experience. Even though I'm now "enrolled" in Social Security, I'm still able to "run with the big dogs". Transportation to Calgary was on UAL. I flew NRSA LAX SFO YYC SFO BUR all in first class.

Thanks to all for their efforts on our behalf with RUPA and RUPANEWS. Be well! Ed

BOB & MUNDE KRAMER 14919 Largo Vista Dr.
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Hi Jock: Here's a check for the RUPANEWS. Sorry to be late again. My bride and I have been keeping pretty busy. Last October we took a nice motorcycle trip in the Spanish Pyrenees. We were with a group of nine people, all from the States, on an excursion arranged by Edelweiss Bike Travel. We rode new BMWs (Munde and I were on an R1100et), really nice machines, and I must say that the food and lodgings were excellent - a first class operation.

We've bought a piece of property on the South River, about 25 minutes north of Beaufort, NC. We've got 21/2 acres with 440 feet of shoreline and 7-8 feet of water depth - just right for a sailboat. We hope to begin construction on the house in April and to move in before Christmas.

I've been "plumbing" for the past 21/2 years while waiting for Munde to retire from UAL. I'm leaving in June and she'll retire in July of this year. I would have preferred to have spent those years flying as a captain, but ALPA and Mr. Clinton took care of that. I don't know whether the guys who were involved in the over-age-60 lawsuit realize it or not, but the law was to have been changed effective 1 Jan '96. ALPA got wind of it and had their PAC go to Clinton and tell him, if he wanted ALPA's support for election in '96 that he would kill it. This is pretty reliable information; I got it from the lady with the FAA who wrote the new regulation - she's a friend of ours. [Bob, see my note following Jim Baldinger's letter which follows. I called Capt. Jamie Lindsay, who has been heavily involved in ALPA's PAC, for comment on your friend's allegation. He said that, naturally, ALPA always makes its desires known to politicians receiving PAC funds, that's what they're all about. He said that if you want to blame Clinton, to be fair, you'd also have to blame every sitting president since Eisenhower, for they have all maintained the same stance. To the best of his knowledge, the law was at no risk of having been changed in '96, though possibly someone was asked to write legislation. That happens all the time at the FAA, he said, and is not of any particular moment. Ed]

At any rate, we're looking forward to hanging it up. Once we're established in the new house, we hope to

spend about eight months of the year in North Carolina and the other four months in Europe. Munde and I still have relatives over there, hers in the Austrian Alps, and mine in Southern Germany, and we have a place to hang our hat and use as a base of operations. Sounds like a great way to live; all we have to do is stay healthy. I guess God and good genes take care of that.

Sorry again for being late, and for the handwritten note - don't own a computer - don't want one.

Kindest regards, *Bob Kramer*

JAMES E BALDINGER olhiflyer@juno.com

Dear Jock,

I finally hung it up at the end of Feb. After watching friends get into this most enjoyable time, I thought I had better join them. "Retirement" is really a misnomer. Reading about the wide ranging activities of others, it is trading what others want you to do for something you wish to do, especially if you have the health to enjoy it.

I appreciate the benefits that ALPA has negotiated for us, but I feel their stance on the Age 60 rule is totally wrong.

Check to Cleve. My thanks to all who make this organization happen.

Sincerely, Jim Baldinger

Rt. 5, Box 214A Marietta, OH 45750

Jim: Welcome aboard. In its defense, ALPA is obligated to pursue the "greatest good for the greatest number" to paraphrase the philosopher Jeremy Bentham.

Every time the issue has been raised, the membership has soundly defeated it by about 75%.

ALPA managed to get the government to treat our pension at age 60 as though we had reached the mandated age of 70, thus avoiding an actuarial correction - were some pilots actually flying past age 60, one wonders how ALPA's exception (something that Federal firefighters, who must retire at 55, were unable to obtain) would have been treated.

To repeat, welcome aboard, Jim, and to quote the poet Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,

Old Time is still a-flying:

And this same flower that smiles today,

Tomorrow will be dying."

Editor

GEORGE KROSSE

Dear Jock: Sixteen years out of the saddle, and both Pat and I are doing well. No major physical problems that I can remember, but isn't memory the second thing to go. A couple of major cruises, one with Bernie and Rachel Sterner along with four former navy friends, through the canal, and the other celebrating, with all children and grandchildren, Pat and my 50th wedding anniversary.

Still putting all my spare time into the construction of my composite airplane. 11 years, come Thanksgiving reinventing the wheel and still have two years to go. Pat always knows where I'm at. I sure like the new format of the news letter, and thanks to all for assembling such a quality letter. Check to Cleve. *George and Pat*

MARVIN L. KRUSKOPF, 2649 COUNTY ROAD 103, INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN 56649 ORD-SFO

Flew my last trip on the "Rope-Start" eight years ago! Can't believe it. It's -60F, so I'll go work in the hangar till noon and then do a little ski-flying. Brilliant sunshine and not a breath of wind. Fun to fly low and see moose, deer, wolves, and on the lakes the snowmobiles are passing my airplane shadow.

Made our annual trip to New Zealand's South Island and it is still the most pleasant place to visit. Up front out and back, been there a lot, so if you want any tips, just call. Marv

DOUGLAS C. KURTZ, 320 Fox Hunt Trail, Barrington, IL 60010

Dear Cleve, March being the time of year when I need to make my annual report to RUPA, along with some stamp funds.

1998 was not a year I would like to keep in memory. In October I had open heart surgery to replace a porcine aorta valve I had implanted in 1978, which had calcified. Had big time complications this time. Finally got out of the hospital (Lutheran General) the first part of December. Been slowly recuperating at home since. (Slow going) I shall make it, but will be some restricted for most of this year.

Happy to be alive. All else is OK!! Best regards to all, Doug

Here's to a continuing improvement to a full recovery for you, Doug. Ed.

RED LAPPLE

Have been living in Palm Desert, for the last year. The Post office will not forward newspapers, so when I moved back to my house, the RUPA news showed up. That reminded me, that I failed to send a check

(I'll put it in the mail) and that I have been missing the *RUPANEWS*.

Glad I did not miss this issue and the letter from Bob Dawson. Flew DC-7 F/O with him, a hundred or so years ago, out of IDL. He could fly an airplane as good as anyone, I ever saw. Glad to hear he is still kicking. Red

ROBERT V. LILJEGREN, 964 Black Mountain Ct, Los Altos, CA 94024

Dear Cleve, This is a quick follow-up to our phone conversation of a couple hours ago. I will appreciate being on the RUPA mailing list again. I was in the military for four plus years (three and a half in the Army Air Corps) prior to establishing my UAL seniority date of 6-15-45. In the service I flew 50 missions in B-25's, North Africa, Sicily and Italy. On my first mission I was right wingman to General Jimmy Doolittle. He was the copilot in the lead plane, and I was copilot on his right wing, using his bald head as a marker when it was my turn to fly. The raid was uneventful. Just 15 planes out over the Mediterranean looking for ship convoys, and we found none. Then I had a "tour of duty" in C-47's in the China, Burma, India Theater. That led to my becoming an airline pilot. A very enjoyable 33+ years. This second "tour", since it was a second, enabled me to be released from military duty in June '45, when nobody knew how much longer it would be before the war in the Pacific would end, so I could look for a job when the airlines were hungry for pilots, and before the great number of, soon to be released, military pilots was available.

I have done nothing, really, but fly airplanes for a living. DC-3s, DC-4s, Convair 340s, B-727s and finally DC-10s. A most satisfying career, and loaded with lots of friends from both military and civilian life. Will look forward to meeting you. Peace! And all that good stuff. **Bob**

FRED & MARLENE LOEHR 235 S. Rugby Rd., Hendersonville, NC 28791

Jock: My printer has just gone south, so you'll have to do a little typing, (just a short joke).

It seems that Jasper and Herman were arguing whether an animal in a Mississippi pasture was a burro or a donkey.

Jasper: "I say it's a burro!"

Herman: "I say it's a donkey!"

Back and forth they argued!

Along came the preacher.

Jasper: "Preacher, tell this idiot that's a burro."

Preacher: (Not wanting to get either guy on his bad side.) "Well fellows, I tell ya, the Bible says that's

an ass."

A couple of months later the donkey dies, and the two of them are digging a hole to bury him. Along comes a little boy, and he says, "Say mister, are you digging a fox hole?"

They both look around, and Herman says, "Not according to scriptures."

Keep up the good work.

Fred

JAMES W. & KATHLEEN LUNTE, 410 Matecumbe Way, Boulder city, NV 89005 (702)294 0922

Cleve; We're living in southern Nevada in the winters, so I don't have access to my computer. Therefore; I really don't have a clue as to whether I paid my "dues for life" or not. And, I'm not sure I paid my annual mailing expense either? Even though my birthday is in July, here's \$20 bucks for the annual mailings.

My wife, Kathleen, and I are trying out this retirement thing, and as far as I can tell, so far, these are truly the golden years. I miss the friends and the crewmembers that I was fortunate to meet, and of course the view out the front window. That's about it as far as nostalgia is concerned. I guess, for me, it's "been there, done that," time to move on.

We would like to hear from some of our old friends.

Our present address and phone number is listed above and the other is listed below. Jim

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WILLIAM W. MARTIN, 4149 Andros Way, Ocean-side, CA 91056 bill_ocean@msn.com

Dear All: Herb Goodrich tells of a guy who turned 80 and said to a friend, "I don't look 80, do I?" His friend said, "No you don't, but you used to!"

I'm writing this letter at 4:00 AM as I cannot sleep due to itchy skin. I heard two balloonists made it non stop around the world, landing yesterday. At last a headline (other than a death) not involving our draft-dodging president, If ever there was a guy not qualified for commander in chief it's slippery Bill Clinton. I'm glad we served (W.W.II) under someone we could respect. Now Clinton is suppose to be preparing the USA for casualty reports. As Al Schmidt said, "please pass the net."

Catastrophe struck our family when my youngest son (almost 40) dropped his Republican registration and reregistered as a Democrat as Starr's office had spent \$80 million of taxpayers money. "I said, "don't you know Slippery Bill spent that much each day he and his entourage of political donators spent taxpayer's money as Bills' guests on their trip to China?" No he didn't! Bob Dawson's letter telling of flying upside down re-

minded me of my first x-country hop in basic. I landed at the farthest southern point of the trip, probably around Bakersfield. While taxiing out or taking off I dropped my chart and it went to the bottom of the plane, at least 2 ft. below my feet, out of reach. At cruising altitude I rolled over, intending to have gravity bring it back to me. Instead, all the accumulated dirt and dust in the bottom of the plane came down to choke and blind me as I hung on my safety belt. I couldn't reach it, as the map stayed below my feet blocked by 2 stringers under the pedals. The engine conked out, I rolled it back right side up, the engine came back to life so I forgot the map and followed the highway home to Merced AF base..

A special thanks to all the people who make the *RUPANEWS* a reality. Bill

LEN MARTIN, 173 Sugar Plum Way, Castle Rock, CO 80104, lennieboy@juno.com

Time perhaps for my annual epistle. I officially retired Feb.1,1998. Not quite our years in the back seat after hitting 60 on the 767/757.

I hit the golf trail again last year, marshaling in five tournaments. I was at green side on 13 as the Hole Captain the day that Tiger Wood "slam dunked" a chip shot for an eagle. It was the first day of official play and early in he day, so there were no TV cameras to record it. His presence at any tournament compounds the crowd control and security problems immensely.



a Had second "peace time" tour to Viet Nam in April under sponsorship of a humanitarian aid organization. We dedicated a small rural hospital in memory of LTC Floyd Olson exactly 30

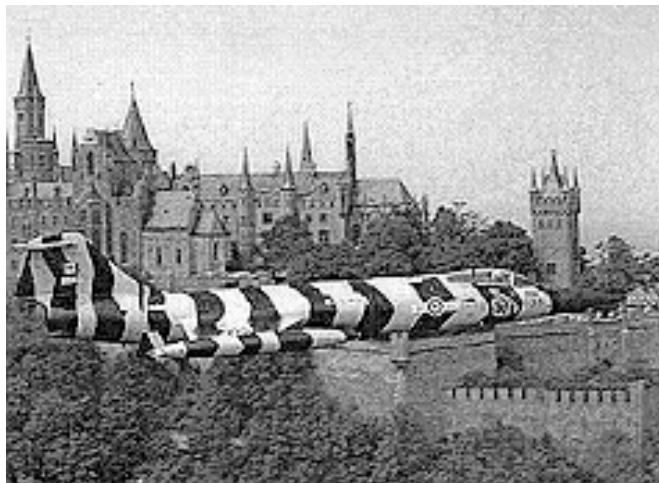
years to the day and about 1/4 of a mile from where he was shot down during "Operation Delaware". He and his five crewmen remain MIA. I was connected to an organization called Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, VHPA. Some of you rotor heads who flew in SE Asia might be interested. The last few months I have been busy getting engaged, making wedding plans, and establishing a new household in San Antonio. I am just about a bad slice of the # 1 tee box at Fair Oaks Ranch, northwest of SAT in the hill country off I-10. Mary Ann McClenney and I will be married on March 27th and for now spend out time between San Antonio and Castle Rock. Many of you met Mary Ann on one or both of the last two RUPA cruises.

I seem to be as healthy as the proverbial horse, except for some shortness of breath problems. I think I have covered all the bases but my doctor is pursuing something call Sleep Apnea now. If you have any input it would be appreciated. Thanks to all who make this an interesting, timely, and sometime mentally and emotionally Challenging publication. Planning to see a lot of you in Las Vegas. **Len**

RUDIGER MAZANDER Hello Jock: Enjoyed reading Ken Kensick's message in journal #475. Reminded me of my visit with him in the winter 64/65 at RCAF Marville in France. We were working on a NATO project in the F104 simulator and enjoyed the hospitality of the RCAF. After dinner we would go to the rink to watch the ice hockey contest between the pilot team vs the nco/mechanics team. On our side of the bleachers were just a handful of pilot wives while the opposite side was filled with a large and boisterous crowd. The pilots lost, but what struck me was the ferocity with which the NCO's laid into the pilots on the ice and I kept thinking 'don't these guys know that a pilots health is very important and it cost the Canadian taxpayer lots of money to get them trained and combat - ready - and here the NCO's are trying to knock the pilots brains out?' When Ken came off the ice I shared my observation and he suggested there might be some pent-up resentment at work here, what with a pilot taking a perfectly good airplane on a mission, bringing it back broke, they have to fix it so the pilot can take it up again and break it again; and to top it all off they (nco's) had to salute the sob's, so on the ice it was payback-time! - Ahh, life in the Air-force!!! -

Jock, you could really warm the heart of an old F-104 - jock by running a picture in the journal, I am sure Ken would appreciate it too. Best regards, Rudy.

Anything to please our erstwhile boys in blue. Sorry, but this photo of an RCAF 439 Sqn. F-104 attired for "Tiger Meet " is all I have in my files. Ed.



EDWARD J. MCCORMICK , Reno, NV 41-82
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Good to still be alive and enjoying the *RUPANEWS*. And then I see Captain Bob Dawson, who used to try to show me how to fly right is 94! I wonder what I have been doing wrong. So good to read Bob's letter. It brings back so many memories. My Dad started out at Checker Board field north of Chicago in the teens and 20's. Mom and Dad rented the home we lived in from Dave Behncke, who later became ALPA's first president. My Dad, of course, was with NAT in the late 20's as station manager at Dallas with the old southwest route until Boeing or UAL closed it. Dad moved back to Midway as station manager, so I knew most of the old airmail pilots on that route.

Captain Hugh Wilson mentioned the passing of Captain Wayne Fromm in the last *RUPANEWS*. I have a good story about Wayne. Hugh was one number junior to me and Wayne was one number senior to me, so we were close friends. Wayne had some eye problems, so could not fly for some time. With the help of our Flight Manager, Captain Ed Hale, Wayne was able to get a job on the Idlewild crew desk. In those days, pilots and stews had the same crew desk. Wayne sort of stood out, because he always wore a red baseball cap while on duty. I think the red cap was there to keep the glare off of his bald head. In the normal progress of checking in for a flight, one of our stews checked in with Wayne on many occasions. Soon after Wayne got his ticket back, he was flying a DC-8 and this particular stewardess happened to come to the cockpit. There was Wayne in his red baseball cap as the captain on the trip. Of course the stew wanted to know what was going on, with him in the pilot's seat. Wayne tried his best to explain to the stew that he had tried every thing he could do to cover the flight, junior manned and the

whole bit, but could not find any one to fly the trip, so he had to do it himself. Its still a good story after all these years.

Thanks for the good new format. Good luck to all.
Sent the postage in. Ed

WAYNE W. MCINTYRE MDW/ORD 46/78

Dear Jock,

I just received the handsome February issue of *RUPANEWS*. It's a long ways from the first issue I received in 1977, same size sheets but a lot more of them. Congratulations!

Mary and I have done our traveling between three hospitals and countless Dr.'s offices this past year. Prostate cancer appeared and I had the deluxe treatment, radiation for five weeks, and after three weeks, a "seeding" of radioactive isotopes. PSA dropped from 7.18 to 0.80 three months after the implant. There are some side effects, but the trade

off favors the procedure.

Mary suffered a heart attack in August, requiring angioplasty and stent to correct the blockage. Last month she required repair of a fem pop (leg)

bypass of 1996, and another vascular surgery on the other leg. But things are looking up. She can walk faster than I can.

I hope others have not had the problems with Blue Cross that we have had. The forwarding of Medicare data by the Providers (I hate that term) to BC can get buried. BC then asks us for the Medicare report, which they may or may not send, and if they do it's in batches months late. I spend a lot of time on the phone, but what else do I have to do? [*Unfortunately, Wayne, yours is a common tale - see my notes following earlier letters. Ed.*]

Well, for one thing, I am doing our family history, and have found that Mary's is a lot more interesting. Her early American ancestry began with the Puritans. To you seekers of kin, if you find any in New England or VA as early as 1725, chances are good that you will locate multiple generations to where history becomes your source. In her case, I located 17, and another line back to pre 1066 Normandy. So far I have found no horse thieves in mine. **Wayne**

EDWIN McKITTRICK 3 Glenview Dr. Littleton, CO 80123-6505 e-mail 105300.2363@compuserve.com ORD, JFK, DENTK.

Opal & I became great grandparents for the third time last November, and we spent two weeks on a tour of Ireland last August, otherwise, there is no significant news to report from here.

You have achieved significant improvement in the format of the *RUPANEWS*. It is much easier to read and the organization of the material is better. What do you call the wonderful people who volunteer their time to prepare the newsletter for mailing. The title, "Folders & Stuffers", no longer seems appropriate. Perhaps, "Labelers", would be a title better suited for what it appears they are doing today.

John Schoonhoven's letter in the March, 1999 issue of the news rang a bell for me. A short time before George Warner crashed in the hills of Pennsylvania, I was flying copilot with Art Schumann on a flight from DC to CG. We had just reached cruise altitude when the lower baggage pit smoke detectors went off. We discharged both bottles of CO2 into the pits. Art and I discussed the advisability of making an emergency descent, because a number of false warnings had been reported, but not a single fire had occurred. Art elected to stay at our cruising altitude and make a precautionary landing at Cleveland.

As I remember, the emergency procedure called for an emergency descent. I might not be here today if Art had followed the emergency procedure. When I was promoted to Captain I always briefed my First and Second Officers that we would fly our trips according to regulations, but the regulations were no substitute for good judgment.

A check is in the mail to Cleve for 1999 postage. I don't believe in advertising my tardiness. You and Cleve know how late I am in sending my e-mail and check, but I am not going to tell the world.

Thanks to all the people who publish and mail the newsletter. Ed

ED MEISENHEIMER, 1400 Ocean Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78404.

I am sending my birthday money and a thanks for a job well done. Some of us cruise buffs are planing a non official cruise for Sept. 17th 1999 on NCL to Black Sea/ Greek Isles. It is a 12 day cruise that Jerry Poulin of Millbury Travel Service has obtained us with some great rates. Anyone interested can contact Jerry at 1 6007.

We will be back in time for the Las Vegas convention. Ed

A H MILLER, "48-82" (skylane 182@juno.com) 17 Oxford Road, Scotch Plains,

Hi Jock, I haven't moved, but do have a new zip code & PO, Scotch Plains P.O. now delivers our mail. I was quite surprised to be called out as the oldest and longest retired pilot at last year's New York area retirement party. I hope some of the old fellows show

up at this years party.

We flew up to Maine in the Cessna, again, to get together with some old friends for a couple days. We fly into Wiscasset & stay at Booth Bay Harbor, late in the season, after the crowd has left. The weather has been great & the lobster seems to be at its best.

We spent Christmas at Ponte Vedra, FL. Had a beautiful ocean front room etc. but we were not so lucky with the weather. It was 81 degrees the day we arrived, but it promptly turned cold, wet & foggy, so most of the time we could not see the ocean. Oh well!! guess we won't do that again.

I like the new look *RUPANEWS* has taken on. We thank you all for a great publication. Sending check to Cleve Spring for postage. Regards, **Augie**

MRS. WILLIE D. MOLL, 28230 Oaklands Road, Easton, MD 21601

I seem to have missed Dick's birthday month, Sorry. I think all you retired pilots who put out the *RUPANEWS* are really newspapermen at heart! Great! Fondly, **D Moll**

Oddly enough, I was, for a time in my youth, a copy boy for the Daily Express, before having the luck to exchange printer's ink for jet fuel. Ed

HAL MORRIS, 140 Brightmoor Ct. Henderson, NV 89014 E

Mail Address DASKYKING@AOL.COM (That's a 1 not an I) NDV,EWR,JFK,EWR,1AD,SF0

The Macdonald Douglas "Kid" '61 to '95. No Boeings in this career! 4th Birthday! March, still the right month, 10 days late!

Flew United only once last year and that was to the RUPA CRUISE. Lots of SA travel on RENO AIR as our son Scott is an FO for them. Looks like he may be an American Pilot if and when AMR, APA, and RENO AIR resolve their differences. "No Joy" at United for Scott. They weren't interested in him after a UAL internship, flying Captain at ACA United Express, two interviews, and a "one on one" meeting with Bill Traub at TK; American's gain, United's loss!

Had a great 5 weeks road trip across the southern tier states to Florida beginning in Jan '99. The C5 'Vette was fantastic. Even the Highway Patrols loved it. The National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola is a must see. Toured JFK Space Center, Cape Canaveral and Johnson Space center, Houston. Amazing how far we have come in flying since Orville and Wilbur first accomplished it.

Shirley and I are off on another journey East. Will try United this time. Hope March weather doesn't strand us somewhere. Check in in the snail mail to Cleve. s/Hal

and Shirley.

DAVID G. MOSBY, 18346 Cook Rd SE, Yelm, WA 98597

I'm only six months behind this year on my postage check. Hope to one day catch up with all the chores that seem to grow after a person retires.

Most of the year has been the same except that after about 20 years as a single man, I am trying the married life again.

The new lady in my life is Paula Branstner. She is a national park ranger at the Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona. Presently she is on intermittent status and here in Yelm with me. (That's a nice). She loves flying in little airplanes and all the other things that seem to be fun in this world.

For airplanes, I'm down to just the Giles G-202 as a fellow offered me a nice price on my Cessna 195. He made an offer, and when I was about to counter for less, even as a Norwegian, I realized I should take the offer. Until sometime in September (that is , if I'm on time). Dave

OAKLEY PORTER (Oak) PO Box 1967, Pahrump, NV.winter time.

PO Box 3835 # 18 NineIron Ln. Sunriver summer time. 1944--1985

Hi Cleve & Jock; I want to get this birthday letter off before we take off to London on the Concorde, This is our 50th wedding present from our kids and ourselves, We are going to take a bus trip through England & Scotland, We are looking forward to that trip.

This past summer we had a nice trip up to Canada with the motor home and fished the head of the Columbia River, & another motor home trip to Wendover, NV. For our annual golf tournament with our winter time friends from Pahrump NV,

Our health is pretty good for the shape were in, We both play a lot of golf both here in Pahrump in the winter and Sunriver, OR. in the summer and the more I play the higher my handicap goes, I would quit this lousy game if I could find something else to do besides playing with this computer, But we really do enjoy the darn game.

Fern is doing good with her new knees, We are hoping to have a lot of golfers in Las Vegas in November at the Convention. If any one has any questions concerning the golf let me know by e-mail oakporter@pahump.com or by phone 775-727-1118

Oak

ALAN R. OGDEN, 7 Middlefield Rd, Littleton, CO 80123

Dear Cleve, I was given a copy of your last issue and suddenly realized what I have been missing. It was particularly neat to see all the names of the pilots I enjoyed flying with during my time in DCA ('65-'82). The obituary on Bill Arnott was terrific, a class article on a class guy. I had the opportunity to observe his immense energy, unselfishness and dedication first hand during my term as a director on the Board of the United Airlines Historical Foundation.

So here is my \$70 membership and postage check. You can expect another in Oct. Reach me by email: staro@aol.com. I assume you have all my other vital statistics. Sincerely, Al

TED OSINSKI 145 E.Tall Oaks Circle,Palm Beach Gardens,Fl.33410 56/98.

Retired July last year. Have been planning to fly my Mule to Alaska,now there is no excuse not to, other than purchasing an Island Gypsy 36' Europa Trawler I've been looking at. If anyone has some knowledge about vessel (+ or-), I would be interested in your comments.

Activities keep me occupied especially the numerous luncheons/dinners/conventions. Treasure coast RUPA, QB's, Silver Wings, Clipper Pioneers, etc.

Leaving for Italy May. Clipper Pioneers cruise in September, and hopefully Vegas November Finally, you may recall my displeasure with Randy Babbit re: the ALPA magazines differentiation of real captains vs s/o (Capt.) in the memoriam section. I was pleased to receive a letter from Randy declaring that ALPA policy has been changed, and any pilot who has ever been a captain, will be honored as such in the memoriam regardless of last position held. Regards Ted.

JAMES W. OXLEY, PO Box 1146, Sonora, CA 95370

Hi there Cleve, Am a little late with my dues for the RUPANEWS. My wife and I enjoy reading it. Keep up the good work. Still enjoying retirement, doing some traveling and attending Sirs meetings. Sincerely, Jim

ALBERT A. PENNINGTON 'AL' 6323 Laurel Valley Ave. Banning CA 92220

alpenn@jpsnet. A few days late. Got a good excuse. Just spent five days in hospital having a "Triple bypass" operation February 5th. Two were 99% and one 74% obstructed. Did not have a heart attack. Consider myself lucky to still be around! Good heart-new plumbing. Six weeks to recover.

Please note new E-mail address. **AL**



THOMAS O. PIERCE, 2712 SW 167th Pl., Seattle, WA 98166

Here's my check for postage. I'm sorry it's a month late. Renna and I stay pretty busy, but still take trips. Last summer we took two of our grandsons, on companion passes, to Washington, D.C., and spent a week, showing them all we could. We also took a two-week group tour of Germany, our first trip there, and it was very interesting. We also took our annual trip to Ashland, OR, where we take our daughter and granddaughter to the Shakespeare festival. Thanks to all the folders and stuffers. Tom

BRIS PITTS, Capatain Cook, HI 96704brispitts@compuserve.com

All is fine in our little corner of paradise. The coffee crop was a record year and the price dropped in half. Oh! the joys of farming. We are in relatively good health. The things we have are minor compared to what some others have to go through.

The highlight of the year for me was when son, Bris III flew over and we joined son-in-law Capt. Andy on the air craft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. The were returning from a six months tour to the Arabian Gulf. We spent six days sailing from Pearl Harbor to San Diego and had a ball. There were tours of all the different departments

and air activity almost every day. If you have ever stood on the PRI-Fly deck, seven levels above the flight deck and seen an F-14 coming at you at eye level without making a sound, you learn what a sonic boom sounds like when he passes about 200 feet

away. We got to be on the bridge leaving Pearl. I am sure I could have spit on the sand on either side going out the channel that thing is so wide.

I like the new format. Keep up the good work and thanks to the F & S'ers. Bris Pitts

W.JAY PLANK-2280 Skyfarm Dr., Hillsborough, CA 94010

Dear Jock: Shor 'n Begoorah me lad, and all the Irish are celebrating my Birthday- along with St. Paddies of course. A little late in letting you know that Clare & I sure enjoyed the RUPA cruise. We flew to Buffalo with Wayne & Beverly Hughes ,picked up a car. Made my first visit to Niagara Falls on the ground, then on to a beautiful

drive to Toronto. After the cruise we spent a week in Cape Cod before returning home on Oct. 10. the homecoming was a shocker, as I found that my son, Jim's, Brain Tumor had returned. We researched all avenues of treatment with Hospitals and Doctors to no avail. Any further treatment was not possible. Jim's strength went down-hill fast, and he closed his eyes for the last time on Nov.21, age 54, at home in Berkeley. The time since our return in October has been a blur.

Another travel item: Because Clare & I had to be in Kona on a certain date, we had to buy full fare tickets to get there. Our friends are still laughing!

From the Archives: Re-read an interesting account of Clay & Lois Lacy's record around the world flight in a 747 SP, the "Friendship One" written by George Stanton, Navigator. Newsletter #338-p.25 of April, 1988. The flight broke the world record by some eight hours. Their time being 36 hr.& :54 min. Many of you remember

George a truly great guy. Also in Oct. of 1988 Newsletter #344-3, George writes of the death of Gordon Gray. Gordon, along with George Stanton, was quite a gambler. George was so adept at black-jack that he was barred from most of the casinos in Reno and Las Vegas. Gordon Gray's sudden death was a shocker to all of us. Gordon was a very successful player in the stock market besides being a good gambler. There are some really great stories in the newsletters of today and of yesteryear.

Keep up the good work- Jocko---Check to Cleve-- Regards, *Jay & Clare*

JIM PRICE, 3462 S Clandara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89121 boatless@aol.com

Just one year plus into retirement and my 46ft, steel hull sailboat, "Berkut" was launched last Friday, 5 March in Sidney, BC, so it is obvious what a large part

of my future plans with my partner, Carol, will include. Nothing is cast in concrete when it comes to cruising, but our plans are to enjoy the boat in the Pacific Northwest for the next few months and, later in the summer, start the trek down the West Coast and head for points south and stay in the warm weather. That's as far as it is possible to plan at this time.

Things are great and it is nice to get the monthly RUPANEWS and keep up with all my long lost aviator friends. Regards, Jimmy

Those of us who are only day sailors envy you, and will watch for your progress in that great sailing rag Latitude 38, where all the world cruisers check in from time to time. Ed

J. E. PURVES, 41725 Hunt Club Rd. Wadsworth, IL 60083 Email Jpurves@aol.com

Enjoyed the comment on Rules and Regulations, and the Devil's Dictionary is always a pleasure. Ambrose Bierce was quite an interesting fellow. Thought you might enjoy this one by Johnny Carson. "I'm proud to be living in a free, democratic country like America, where men are men, women are women and whatever's left over is on "Geraldo."

Joe

ROBERT E. PHILLIPS, 880 Wolf Creek Road, Winthrop, WA 98862

Hi Cleve, Long time no see! Please send me the RUPANEWS. Am a long way from the big city, and don't get there much. Have a small horse ranch in Winthrop, WA. Am raising a few horses and am packing for the U.S. Forest Service during summer months. The rest of the time try to raise as much hell as I can! Sincerely, Bob

KEITH RICE 615 6th St. #406 Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Jock: "Frugality" is the word that describes our life style and we are enjoying it. Home paid for. Car (just one) paid for. Trips compliments of United Air Lines. Tom and Sue gainfully employed.

Paul's recent promotion enables Sue to take a second look at her flight attendant job and Tom and Lynn are parents of another lovely girl child "Nicky". So who's complaining? Not us. Glad greetings to all.

Keith

God bless United Air Lines.

Indeed, God bless UAL who pay us, and ALPA who contracted how much. Ed.

ROBERT T. JOCZ Ormond Beach FL

Thanks to all for their hard work in getting out the RUPANEWS. Ten years into retirement and all is well. Sincerely, Bob Jocz Rtjocs27@aol.com

DAVID L. RUPPERT, RR 4 Box 4339, Spring Grove, PA 17362

Cleve, I believe my retirement is a sort of "mile-marker" for our new-hire class. In 1967, at age 28, I think I was approximately the median age of our group, which ranged from Jim Kehoe (21) to Bill Russ (35). Regarding the age thing, there is some sort of consolation in knowing that roughly half of our class is still flying! **Dave**

P.S. This is the first pilot-related correspondence I can recall which does not involve my UAL File #. Does this mean I am once again a REAL PERSON? *Good to have you aboard Dave, and you done broke the code! Members are not just a number with this group. Bill Russ and I were roommates in new-hire and almost the same age. He hasn't joined our infamous group, but I have heard of him attending RUPA luncheons in Florida. If anyone runs into him sometime, have him check in with me. Cleve*

DICK & WILMA RUSSELL, 1797 Mitchell Court, Daytona Beach, FL 32124 [55-90] DCA-NYC-EWR-LAX-SFO-LAX

Wilma and I continue to enjoy the good life here at the Spruce Creek Fly-In near Daytona Beach. Now that the restoration of the T-34 has been completed, I have time to get on the tennis courts.

We flew the airplane 250 hours, the first year, or a little over 20 hours per month. I remember reading about Dick Plavan and his wife flying all over the US in their T-34 and Wilma and I made a similar trip this past Summer. We flew up the east coast to Maine and then headed west to Oshkosh. We went to Seattle and then down the "left coast" to Los Angeles where we left the plane for six weeks. Along the way, we visited friends and did "tourist things" during our many stops. Our sons put 20 hours on the airplane during that period, and it was reported that a good portion of that time was upside-down! Wilma and I used that period to join with 17 other couples who sponsored one of our Spruce Creek residents in the T-6 race at Reno. "Race 90" took 4th in the Gold and we had a very enjoyable time. Visualize, if you can, a pit crew of 50 shining one airplane! It was great fun and we expect to do it again in 1999.

The final portion of our trip from LA to Daytona Beach included a stop in Midland, Texas to fly in the annual Confederate Air Force air show. The complete trip encompassed a full three months. I flew 20 air shows in 1998 not aerobatics, just formation and strafing runs. That is exciting enough for me. I still enjoy aerobatics but do them for my own pleasure and limit it to maneuvers which are NOT uncomfortable to this old body!

At the invitation of Stan Crosier, Wilma and I flew over to Tampa to their fly-in airport and attended their local RUPA meeting. Several months ago, we attended the Ft. Meyers luncheon. Our neighbor, Lowell Johnston, and I flew down to Stuart to attend their affair. It is amazing the number of UAL retirees whose careers paralleled mine that I never knew until after we both retired! Our local RUPA leader is having great difficulty in getting this publication to print our meeting notices and when they do, the dates are incorrect. Please note that our meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month. RUPA news printed the date as February 11 which was the 2nd Thursday! If anyone out there is reading this, please give Larry Horton a hand and get it right. Dick & Wilma

Please don't shoot the editor, he's doing his best. Sometimes in the press of events, things may get overlooked. Ed

NEWTON R. RUTTER, JR., 8204 Mapleway Ln. Greensboro, NC 27455

Hi Cleve, Another year gone by. Feels like life is in fast forward! Hard to believe it's been a year since I parked the 10 for the last time. Been a busy but fun year.

Toney & I had leased an apartment in The Netherlands the last 1½ years I was flying & we got to finish out the last 3 months after I retired.

After that we went on our first cruise, which was also my USAF pilot training class reunion.

We then spent over a month in our 5th wheel RV visiting kids (10) & grandkids (18).

Some friends lent us their apartment in Amsterdam for a month, so we used that as our base of operations for exploring Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, & The Netherlands.

Sure is a lot better way to go than seeing it on a lay-over or courtesy of Uncle Sam.

We enjoy reading the RUPANEWS & recognized more names as the year went on. The new format is really pretty slick. Looks like a lot of work went into this & the results are excellent. Keep up the good work.

Well, time to hitch up the trailer & hit the road again. This year's project is to take an extended trip south & west & wind up Nevada for a while, as well as a few more European trips & another cruise.

Man, this sure beats working!

Newt

JOHN U. RYALS, 9856 N. Calle Loma Linda, Tucson, AZ 85737

Dear Cleve, It was nice meeting you on the last RUPA cruise. We enjoyed it very much. We're still trying to play golf but still struggling. Enclosed check for stamps. Thanks again, **John**

SHELDON L. SCHIAGER, 8906 NW Lakeshore Ave, Vancouver, WA 98665

Dear Cleve, I'm three weeks early with this. Make a note: It will never happen again.

This is a sad week with Scotty's funeral, which Jean and I will attend. I've known Scotty since 1960, when I was a aviation cadet and Scotty was my brown-bar instructor in T-33's at Reese AFB. At best I have lots of good memories of our friendship.

Question: Does "Green Side Up" apply to "Gliding Geezers?" Shel sschiager@aol.com

E.N. "CHICK MORRILL, 2775 Ranger Road, Clover, SC 29710

This is our new horse farm, please make the necessary change. Our new phone number is (803)222-7016.

We needed more land, so we bought a new farm. We now have over 90 acres for all our animals. It has taken the last two years to make the move. We built a new house, stable, big metal workshop, and aviary. We still need to move the birds (macaws, cockatoos, and grays). It seems that we never have enough time. We haven't tried to sell the old home as it needs to be readied for showing.

This new place is beautiful. It was a dairy farm before we bought it, lots of pastures, trees, and three creeks. We had to take down a lot of barbed wire fencing, and we replaced it with white vinyl fencing. It is the finishing touch.

In the past two years we have taken 3 cruises, *The Diamond*, *Paul Gauguin*, and *Silver Cloud*. We try to take our kids with us (no grandkids!) on these trips. We've also visited a few destinations in Mexico.

I had to give up racquetball a year ago, arthritis. I'm taking any and all types of pills and treatments. Looks like I'll need UAL's supplement policy to Medicare (F) even though its more expensive. Let's face it, old age is expensive.

We're all healthy, and busy looking forward to the new crop of foals. Maurita has become quite renowned as an authority on the conformation and breeding of the Arabian Horse.

The kids, their mates, and the grand-kids are super. Two new grand-kids were added this past year, now the total is six.

Scotty called on his way through -- Quite a surprise. I refuse to go "computer" so I use my son-in-law to e-mail, TSchrei353@AOL.com.

Ya'll come,
Chick

SHIRLEY L. SCHROETER, 3861 Brittany Rd, Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Cleve, Enclosed is my check for postage and membership fee. I wonder if anyone else has had trouble with the new United Retiree Center. It seems they have an awful time trying to get the pension check right. I spent 6 months last year clearing up the medical part. One month they took triple the amount or they didn't take anything out. Finally I talked to Lynn Gardner and in December it was right. Then in January, it started all over. Medical went up and instead of just taking \$119.91 they took \$17.89, the difference between \$119.91 and the old of \$102.02. It seems this has happened to quite a few people. It is quite annoying to have to call every month.

Congratulations on the new *RUPANEWS*

It's great. Shirley

DANIEL E. SEIPLE, 10761 Tollgate Rd, Pataakala, OH 43062 64-98 DCA DEN DCA CLE ORD

Dear Cleve, Enclosed is my membership and postage check. I didn't really need a reminder of why it is so good to be "graduated" from UAL, but if anybody needs a "BOOSTER SHOT", reading in the *RUPANEWS* about the company's opening letter brings back bad old memories. What a contrast to the propaganda published in the "Fiendly Times". Speaking of bad old memories, I am surprised to see some of the names of attendees at RUPA luncheons. What a way to ruin a good sandwich!!! **Dan**



STUART SHERMAN, 4210 E. 80th Ave, Spokane, WA 99223 SFO

Christmas, 1997, in Norway. Flew first class on Capt. Don Schiltz' 777 San Francisco London. Our flight attendant, Sarah Boling. Spring, 1996, Barbara completed her Masters degree in English. I got a rating in a Cessna Citation in May. Attended Navy squadron VFA 22 reunion in August in Lemoore, CA. Annual golf trip to Canada in September. Saw Bob & Joan Leonard in Spokane in September. Manzanillo in November. Received phone calls from Tom Gray and Neil Kelly. Great to hear from them and to catch up with friends. Call someone It's rewarding. Stu

CHARLES H. SMITH, JR., 10808 Henderson Rd, Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Dear Cleve, the old calendar on the wall says it's the big 75. Really can't believe it, anyway here's my donation to the mailing fund to keep that good newsletter coming. Many thanks, Chuck

H.V. SAM SPADE, 5288 River Blossom Ln, Alva, FL 33920

I was sure I had sent my postage dues last November! My, how the time goes by! memory isn't what it used to be. I think that covers most of the excuses. Really like the new format. Good work! Nothing big to report.

Cancer has paid me another visit, but seems to be under control. New e-mail address for me is samspace@lha.net. Regards and respects to all.....

BRITTON A. STOREY, 5337 Bristol St, Arvada, CO 80002

Dear Cleve, That time of year again, number 79, due on the 22nd. All goes well with Bert and I, getting used to winter again after 18 or so in Las Vegas. Hope all goes well with you and the gang. Brit

DICK STOUFFER

Jock:

Just a note. Annual check to Cleve. Life continues 16 years after retirement. Starting the 17th year. Some golf, some photographic activity, trying to make the computer do what I want it to do. There are times I would like to use a 2x4 on its stubborn forehead to get the computer's attention until I remember this is a stupid machine and only reacts to the keys & buttons that are pushed no matter my intentions. Something like humans: push the wrong human button and you don't know what reaction you will get - be prepared to duck.

Still doing endowment work for EAA. Lots of need there.

I will continue to keep active with EAA for one more year. I will have put in 40 years with EAA in Y2K. Attended national Stearman Fly In at Galesburg, IL. If you are nostalgic for round engines, Stearman biplanes in all colors and stripes, if you hanker for an old Primary Field of W.W.II. Find it at Galesburg in the week following Labor Day each year. Lots to photograph and record. Doing photography in 35mm and in 3D stereo. Boy do those 3D images jump out at you in garish color. Fantastic! Take a long lens and sit back. Pick off the images at a distance. Close ups of people not noted by the subject. All that good stuff. 400mm will get you good inflight photos on approach to landing and at take off. You can get close ups of whirling props and running engines with 400mm without fear of being prop chopped.

If you get to Oshkosh, all the above applies. If you get to Oshkosh stop at the EAA Pavilion, 2nd building north of the tower, and see what we have to offer in the way of making your estate more enjoyable for you as well as for your favorite 501C3 charity. (unpaid advertisement, rrs).

Retired July, 1996 after 20 years of active ministry. Still doing an occasional sermon and worship service. I enjoy it. Last July all of our descendants were present and accounted for at one time for the first time in this Stouffer family history. 19 were present in one picture at one time including one great grand child at age 6 we had NEVER seen. 9 grandchildren, & 4 children with 3 spouses. It will probably never happen all together at one time in one place again. Life goes on - thank goodness. I'm not ready for the alternative. Yet!

Shalom. *Dick Stouffer*

JAMES B. TAYLOR, 421 Yerba Buena Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022

Cleve, At age 77, I no longer have to struggle trying to remember my birthday. Darn thing is right there on RUPANEWS mailing label, and I thank you.

If I can get through the mess of filing my state and federal taxes, and remember to clean the car windshield, hope to join the group for the high tech mailing of the RUPANEWS. Folding and stuffing is long gone somewhere, like my lessening energy level. Keep the faith, **Jim** '45 to '82

HARRY S. TYREE, JR., 312 Crabapple St, Bluefield, VA 24605 It is great to finally enter into leisure land! Although I'm not sure I'll be able to go "cold turkey" on revisions and PC's, I'm already missing the wintertime commutes to ORD. I really enjoy the RUPANEWS. Keep up the good work! Harry

SIDNEY J. & LOUISE TIEMANN, 105 Hawthorne Ln, Dundee, IL 60118

Dear Cleve, I don't remember when I last sent the postage check. Sid's birthday is November 24, so I'm about a half year late, which is accurate enough for me.

"They" claim Retirement is to relax in, but so far it hasn't affected me. *Louise*

RUSS M. VAN TUYL, 411 Linfield Dr, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Hi Cleve, Better late than never! Enclosed check for postal fee for 1999. Had my 92nd birthday on December 27. Am now shooting for the year 2000. Got to see what happens on Y2K. Regards, Russ

RALPH J. VRTACNIK, Seattle WA. 4"3

Sixteen big ones have flown by and I am still kicking around. Evelyn and I have the usual aches and pains that all of you have experienced. Our travels have not been widespread. This last April we did go to Phoenix and Tucson and visited classmates of years gone by, We did go on the RUPA cruise in September, it was very good, but weather could have cooperated a little better.

I am still fishing and doing a little bird hunting, I gave up elk hunting, too tough on the back and legs.

I would like to thank everyone who works on the letter for their time and effort so all can enjoy it.

I finally got a computer and I sure enjoy it.

Sincerely. Ralph

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LYMAN L. WALTER, 1470 Turkey Trail, Inverness, IL 60067 ORD 1961-1993

Hi Jock, We moved this summer from Barrington, IL to Inverness, IL, about seven miles. Naturally the "perfect" house had to have a lot done to it, and that has taken up most of our time. We did take a break to spend two months in Sarasota. Everything is going great!

I like the new format, but miss the political jokes.

Lyman & Jan

Thanks for the compliment on the format, but be careful what you ask for in the way of political jokes. People usually only enjoy having their prejudices catered to. You might not appreciate my type of humor. Ed.

NORMAN E. WITT, SR., PO Box 862, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274 (310) 375 3604

Dear Cleve: Enclosed is late postage for the 1998 1999 year and postage in advance for the 1999 2000 year (hopefully I will make it to 5/2/2000).

I have not received a 1999 RUPA Directory. If it has not gone to print, please list the street address and the

phone number.

Because of the new format, should the birthday anniversary letter be in the same format as was previously requested? Sincerely, Norm

Hi Norm, the 1999 Directory went out March 10th. It was delayed because of technical difficulties with our new mail requirements. Also, you don't have to worry about formatting your letters anymore as we have gone hi-tech, now using scanners and email.

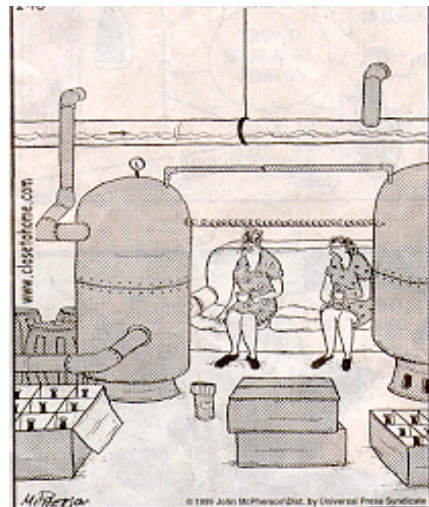
Thankyou Thankyou Thankyou, Lynette!!!

When Bill Bartel, our new acting V.P. , came to the February Folding & Stuffing, we had a conversation and I found out that his wife, Lynette, was a computer programmer and specializes in Microsoft Access. This just happens to be the database program RUPA uses to keep track of all our members, print the labels for the RUPANEWS, prepare the RUPA directory and many other things. We were on Lynette's doorstep a couple of days later, and within a week she had streamlined our program to the point it has cut my time entering data almost in half. Thank you so much, Lynette. You have put a big smile on my face. Cheers, **Cleve**

Normal

BETTY MEE 15682 Duquesne Cir. Brighton CO 80601

Sending my very late annual dues, which were due Jan. Irv's birthday. Would like to remind widows of RUPA we do have our luncheons every last Wednesday of every month, always a different place, can contact any of us for times and place. Would be fun if you could come join us. thanks Betty



"When he first said he wanted to try home-brewing, I thought, 'Finally! A retirement hobby to keep him occupied and give me some peace and quiet.'"

LaVERNE MATTSON

Dear Jock;

I don't know if you knew it or not, but my father, Glenn Mattson, was a United pilot (D.O.H. 4/15/51) and then long-time instructor after he was grounded on a medical in 1963. He retired the beginning of June in 1985, rather than continue training at that time. He died in 1988.

My mother continued to belong to RUPA and the Solo Flyers and kept up with the goings on at UAL through me. She, of course, remembered United when it was a family, and when Pat Patterson would ask my dad how his sons were, doing. I still have the yellow blanket that was sent to all employees when a child was born.

My mother, LaVerne Mattson, was admitted to the hospital December 21 of last year with severe pancreatitis and complications. She fought very hard, astounding her doctors, but lost the battle. She died on February 17. The funeral was on February 22 and she is buried at Fort Logan Cemetery in Denver with Glenn.

We miss her very much, especially her grandchildren. My greatest regret for her is that she never took the cruise that followed in the footsteps, or oar dippings, as it were, of the Vikings, a lifelong dream.

Would you please include this letter in the next issue of RUPANEWS and send it to her address as a last issue, I would appreciate it.

Sincerely yours

Paul Mattson

747- 400 F/O LAX

Paul: It is our sad duty to gladly undertake this small final act to acknowledge, with sympathy, your mother's passing from the RUPA fellowship. Editor.

LEO STERZINGER, a name amongst aviation pioneers (1933), died January 26, 1999, in Bartlesville, OK. Leo had suffered a stroke several years ago. He became a resident in a nursing home the last two years of his life. Leo began his career in Chicago Dispatch at 20 years of age. Within two years he was transferred to Northplatte to serve as its station manager before being transferred to LGA to become a dispatcher. Leo was very well known systemwide, having been based in JFK, DEN and finally SFO, where he retired. Leo was quiet, friendly and very responsible. He was always available to work countless hours when airline operations was in need. When it was popular to be an individualist, Leo was a team player. He was respected by all who worked closely with him.

The title "dispatcher" was the outgrowth of the Civil Aeronautics Administration in the 1930's. It sought to develop a partnership of pilots and dispatchers in a mission of safe flight for the public. This meant training in aspects of flight regulations. Dominate of all requirements was to possess good judgement. Leo used to recall a preface page in an early flight operations manual which read; "nothing in this manual is intended to replace good judgement."

As time went on, the role of the dispatcher changed. While safety was always a first law in flight operation, economic considerations came next. This challenge was creative. It was also continuous. Nothing was more satisfying to Leo than to realize completion of flights in his jurisdiction as had been planned.

The airline has reason to honor Leo for his contribution and his excellence in all that he was called upon to do.

Mike Carmichael

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MRS. SANDRE "D. A. SCOTTY" PRESCOTT, 28209 NE 9th St, Camas WA 98607

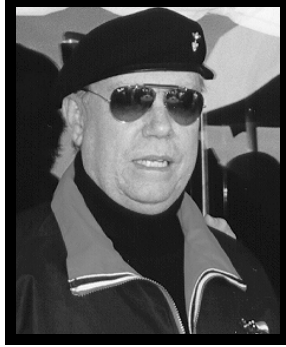
Dear RUPA, My family and I want to thank you for so many things. First, for the beautiful wreath of flowers that now graces our front door and is still beautiful. Second, we so very much appreciated those of you who were able to come to Scotty's memorial service – it was so comforting to see Cleve, Milt, Jock, Floyd, Scotty Devine, Bill Smith and Barry Dixon. We asked Cleve, Bill and Barry to participate and they graciously accepted and did a beautiful job. Third, all of you who sent cards and phone calls should know how it brightened our darkest days. Thanks to all of you.

Finally, I want you to know how special it was to Scotty, that you gave him the chance, as your president, to do what he thought and hoped would bring more retired pilots into the fold. He got to know so very many of you as true and good friends, not just as pilot acquaintances. It was important to him to try and give many more pilots the same chance.

He knew that leaving RUPA in the good and capable hands of Bill Smith and terrific Board of Directors, that he had, would help to finish and build what he hoped he was able to start.

I'm so glad that we were on the last cruise. We both had such fun and enjoyed being with all of you so much. We were looking forward to the convention in Las Vegas. With your understanding, I plan to go to the convention for him and I look forward to thanking you all in person. Fondly, Sandre, Donham and Ellis

IN MEMORIAM



Captain Donald Arthur "Scotty" Prescott 8-30-36 - 2-26-99
President Retired United Pilots Association

The following letter was faxed to us by Scotty Prescott's son, Ellis; having been received at his mother's home shortly following the memorial service for Scotty. The coincidental arrival of the letter illustrates, we think, the consideration and concern that our late president exhibited to others, and his appreciation of fellow aviators as a "band of brothers" .Ed

AEROPERS

Swissair Cockpitcrew Association
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February 26,1999

Capt. D.A. "Scotty" Prescott
Retired United Pilots Association.
20209 N.E. 9th St,
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U.S.A.

Dear Capt. Prescott,

Though already some months ago, I would like to reply on your kind letter of November 23rd, where you informed us about the memorial service your association initiated on behalf of our crew of Flight One-Eleven.

Your account of the service off the coast of Nova Scotia has deeply moved us here in Switzerland The tragedy is still foremost in our minds and with effort we try to come to terms with the acceptance of the loss of our friends and colleagues,

The kind gestures of sharing grief by your convention was a great support for the people here at Swissair in order to achieve a future accepting the accident of September 3rd.

Our pilots association profoundly appreciates the signal of warmth and friendship extended by your organization.

On behalf of the pilots of Swissair and our retired colleagues in Switzerland, members of our Association I express our gratitude to you and your members

Sincerely yours

Capt.Harry Zwarthoed

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HIGH FLIGHT

By John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered
wings:
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tum-
bling mirth
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred
things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and
soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with
easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of
God.

RUPA'S SOCIAL CALENDAR

- Apr 9** PHX Roadrunners Lunch – Oakwood CC Sun Lakes (2nd Fri.)
- Apr 12** SW FL Outlaws Lunch – Oliver Garden, Fort Myers (2nd Mon.)
- Apr 13** Treasure Coast Sunbirds Lunch – Miles Grant CC, Stuart (2nd Tue.)
- Apr 15** SEA Gooney Birds Lunch – SEA-TAC Marriott (3rd Thu.)
- Apr 15** LAX Lunch – Hacienda, El Segundo (even months) Billingsleys, Van Nuys (odd) (3rd Thu.)
- Apr 20** DEN Good Ole Boys Lunch – Country Buffet (3rd Tue.)
- Apr 21** IAD Lunch – Belle Haven CC
- May 4** CHI Lunch – ItascaCC
- May 6** LAS Lunch – Big Dog's (1st Thu.)
- May 12** NYC Lunch – Pals Cabin, West Orange.
- May 20** SEA Gooney Birds CO-ED Lunch SEA-TAC Marriott (3rd Thu.)
- Aug 11** RUPA Picnic – Elks Club Palo Alto
- Nov 7-11** RUPA Convention – Las Vegas

May Deadline – 21 April

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