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**ALPA GOLF 1999**

*Where:* Singing Hills Resort, 3007 De Hesa Road, El Cajon, CA 92019 (San Diego). When: October 24-28, 1999

*Courses:* At the Resort, the Oak Glen and the Willow Glen, which have hosted many SCGA and USGA events plus the Pine Glen executive 18.

*Lodging:* At Singing Hills Resort: standard rooms, suites (bedroom plus sleeper) (a few) or two bedroom suites (a few) to share with another couple.

**THE PACKAGE**

Includes room for 4 nights, 3 rounds of golf with cart, 3 buffet breakfasts, Sunday welcome party with heavy hors d'oeuvres, Wednesday Banquet and Awards, club storage, taxes, scoring and tee pairings. Limited extra nights are available at the Resort for \$87 per night before or after the tournament. The entry fee will cover administration costs, door prizes, a Hospitality Room with snacks, beer, wine, soft drinks, a beverage cart for the Horse Race and all trophies and gift certificates.

**THE COST**

Double occupancy, std room two golfers \$385 per person  
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Commuter golfer \$211 per person  
Commuter Non golfer \$ 76 per person

For commuters all above except room is covered in cost.

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ABCD Team: Second day, 2 best balls net: post & carry over all individual scores.

Airline Team: 3 day event: any 4 low scores gross and net.

Horse Race: 7 2-man teams alternate shot 6 hole shootout with pari mutual.

Ladies Play: 3 day overall gross and net plus gross and net awards for flights.

Send your entry and entry fees to guarantee your position in the tournament. First 100 ALPA men and 30 ladies entries accepted. Cutoff date is 31 August 1999.

Call Singing Hills Resort for rooms at 15568 when entry is sent and advise you are with the ALPA Golf Tournament. Guarantee your room with a credit card; payment on checkout. Commuters must pay for all functions with cash or check at registration.

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Airline \_\_\_\_\_ Ret(Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Commuter(Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

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**FLIGHT CREW BARBEQUE**

Charles D. Barnard, 1943-1981; CG, LA.

Margaret and I would like to invite all Flight Crew members, Dispatch personnel and friends to a catered barbeque at the Barnard ranch, 505 West Fairview Road, Ojai, California on Saturday, 10 July 1999.

We will meet in the Oak grove where the picnic tables are located, and beside the small stream. We will be on dirt and leaves, so wear old shoes. It will be warm, so wear casual clothes.

A charge of \$22 each gives guests their choice of either barbecued chicken or New York steak. Also offered will be salad, beans, and French bread. Fruit pie and coffee are the desert. The coffee is Kona coffee, grown in the Hawaiian Islands.

Ice, mix and glasses will be furnished; bring your own liquor. The party starts at 2:30 PM, but dinner will not be served until 5:30 PM, so there will be time for socializing.

Many would like to stay overnight in the Ojai Valley; arrangements have been made for a discount at the Best Western Motel, the Casa Ojai, for guests who mention the barbeque when calling them on their own number, 800-255-8175.

Since this is a catered affair, a check must be sent with your reservation. The money goes to the caterer, the hired men, to the rental company which rents us additional tables, and for supplies. Send checks for \$22 each to:

Charles D. Barnard, 5410 Bedford Ave. Los Angeles CA 90056-1009

# REGISTRATION FORM FOR RUPA CONVENTION '99

Obtaining accommodation is the sole responsibility of the member. Reservations may be made directly with the convention hotel, Harrah's Hotel and Casino, by phoning 1-888-458-8471. To obtain the special rate of \$55 per room per night between the 7th and 11th of November, 1999. mention "Group code retired" when booking.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Companion/spouse \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$15 per person registration fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$35 per person for the convention banquet on Wednesday, 10th Nov. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Selection: Prime rib \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Interested members are encouraged to register early for events in which they wish to participate, so that the organizers may be assured that they will have the minimum number to hold the event. Some activities could be cancelled for lack of interest. If you register for an event that is subsequently cancelled, your money will be cheerfully returned. If you do not wish to register at this time, please indicate if you intend to participate by checking the space for entering the fee.

The present tentative schedule of events is:

**Tennis** (minimum 20 required) afternoon of Nov 8th, at Flamingo Hotel courts. Round-robin tournament. Fee \$15 per person - soft drinks, tips and prize. State level of play. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Golf:** Nov. 8th at 9 a.m., Nov 10th at 7:30 a.m. Fees are \$165 per person for green fees for both days, transportation to and from course and prizes. Enter handicap \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sporting clays** (minimum 10 needed). Nov. 10th a.m. Costs will be minimal. \$30 per person/round. Shotgun rental \$5/day plus ammo and transport to and from Nellis AFB. Total fee to be advised. Check on the line if you plan to shoot. \_\_\_\_\_

**Lake Mead Lunch Cruise** (Minimum 25 max. 60). Nov. 9th. \$35 p.p. covers Transportation to/from boat, box lunch and soft drinks. Cash bar. Cruise time via Hoover Dam 1:30. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour of USAF Thunderbirds facilities at Nellis AFB.** This is still a work in progress. We hope to organize, at minimal cost, a tour with, possibly, lunch at the Officers' Club at Nellis. It will likely be limited to only 50 people. Check if interested. \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The cut-off date for registration for all events is 1 September, 1999.

Send your personal check made out to RUPA to Secretary/ Treasurer, Cleve Spring at the address on pg 4.

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### **Northcoaster's Lunch**

The Cleveland Northcoasters met at the usual spot (TJ's) in Wooster on Thursday, May 20, 1999. The following geezers were in attendance: William Christie, Richard Orr, Ken Wheeler, James Burrill, Ed Griffith, Evan Miller, Terry Graham, Dick Sanders & Dave Suits. The following young and beautiful also were in attendance: Dorothy Christie, Jan Miller, Harv & Pat Morris and Judi Graham. Returning snowbird Don Karaikos, despite his younger age, lent an air of dignity and stability to the proceedings of a group that had obviously deteriorated in several areas during the winter. Barb Griffith was conspicuously absent from the proceedings. Ed said that she had a previous engagement but if the truth really be known she was probably attending the birth of another grandchild.

In a more serious vein, Dick Orr announced that Northcoaster William (Buddy) Fain died recently of complications due to Alzheimer's Disease. The group extends its sympathy to his widow Clara Ann. Buddy was a kind and gentle man and he will be greatly missed by all. Treasurer Dick Sanders announced that a gift from the group was made to Wayne County Hospice in Buddy's memory.

Ken Wheeler announced that complimentary tickets for the SPBSQA would be awarded to all those who would like to attend the convention in TUS in January of next year. The usual number of corny jokes were recycled as the afternoon progressed. Subjects covered were: classic automobiles, classic airplanes & model airplanes. Notably absent from scholarly discourse were: comments about former co-pilots, B Fund, medical coverage, aches and pains & pilot discounts.

Vicki, our erstwhile server, announced that the window was closed for more orders of the 99 cent drink special (Bloody Marys) at about 1500 hours. That announcement had the effect of clearing the troops out in a hurry. De-briefing again took place in the parking lot with everyone exchanging e-mail addresses and promises to return next month.

Faithfully and respectfully submitted by Don Karaikos.

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### **Denver Good Ole Boys**

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

Even though the UAL stockholders meeting conflicted, there was a fine turnout on this Tuesday Ladies luncheon. My wife and I didn't make the luncheon, as on our return from our Carriibbean sailing vacation, I came down with a severe sinus infection. Capt. Pat Murphy was kind enough to take over the role as Host, and especially enjoyed the Solo Ladies.

They are always welcome. Our next luncheons will be the 15 June and 20 July, always the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1130 hrs, Country Buffet, 7200 West Alameda (Vila Itralia Shopping Center). Those present were:

Lanelle Olsen,	Edgar and Ruth Riehl,	Bill Bates,
Bill and Luci Pearce,	Bill and Mitzi Fife,	Jo DeJongh,
Mollie Cook,	Rose Ann Owens,	Ralph Stewart,
Fritz and Judy Meyer,	Bob and Ann Blessin,	Bob and ClaireClipson,
Bill and Eve Hoygaard,	Tom Sheeran,	Don King,
Babe James,	Bob and Laura Ashworth,	George Maize,
Bob and Marj Crowell,	Charles Fellows,	Pat Murphy

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### **LAS VEGAS LUNCH**

Clyde House 8742 Crest Basin Ct. L.V. NV. 89123 clydie@concentric.net

Our last meeting before summer break was held at BIG DOGS CASINO on May 6 with a good turn out. Those present were:

Harry @ Georgia Arcamuzi	Myrwin (Andy) Anderson
Bruce @ Joyce Barton	Bill Balboni
Dave Baker (new and welcome)	Barry @ Ruth Dixon
Larry Doyle	Hank Gilbertson
Hugh @ Kathy Mattern	Don and Betty Swirnow

and yours truly Clyde House and Marie Loquet.

Barry Dixon updated us on the convention and it sounds like the room bookings at Harrah's are going great guns. The hotel has already allotted additional rooms from the original group so all you people out there who want to

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attend had better get your reservations sent in ASAP, so you don't have to sleep in the lobby. We will be returning to the BIG DOG after the summer break, with a change of meeting days. Our new and hopefully last change will now be the second Tuesday of each month which will be the 14th of September at 11:00AM. Best wishes for a great summer to all our fellow RUPARIANS. Call me by the 10th of Sept. to confirm your attendance at 896-8821.  
Clyde

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### May Folding and Stuffing Meeting

There were 43 members who attended the May 4th Folding and Stuffing meeting. It was a beautiful day with the sun shining brightly and the temperature about 65. It took just over an hour to complete the task. This team is really getting good. The team was composed of the following members:

Floyd Alfson	Charlene Alfson	Bill Bartel
Marty Berg	Al Bernard	Jo Bernard
Rich Bouska	Georgia Bouska	Tom Bredis
John Campbell	Bob Clinton	Roz Clinton
Chuck Cooke	Sam Cramb	Bob Ebenhahn
Neil Daniels	Sylvanus Devine	Chuck Hoffman
Phil Johnson	Deete Johnson	Howie Jundt
Bill Knight	Norm Marshall	Cam McEachern
George Mendonca	Don Merucci	George Morris
Giles Mottl	Jock Savage	Dr. Bud Schwartz
Jim Shirley	Bob Soergel	Cleve Spring
Rose Spring	Ralph Stamps	Cliff Terry
Denise Terry	Gene Tritt	Gene Walter
Ron Weber	Ray Wolff	Larry Wright

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### Announcing the DCA Council 11 Annual Party.

The party this year is: Sat. 18 Sept. 1999 at the Ramada Old Town (same as always) The room rate for this year is \$89.00 you need to call them by Aug 16 to get this rate. Their # is (703)683-6000. Cash bar opens at 6:00 & dinner starts at 7:30. Dinner tickets are \$35.00 per person. Make your reservations with Tom Hunter at the address below. Send the name of person attending and names of any guest. Re-mit by check for the total number attending @ \$35 each. Make checks to: ALPA Council 11.

Your reservations to:

Tom Hunter  
13005 Montpelier Ct.  
Woodbridge, VA. 22192

The following is a list of Council 11 retirees for 1999. If anyone knows of anyone else who should be honored at this year's party; please notify Tom Hunter DCAFO, A-320 F/O. (703)497-0918.

Alden,JE	Berkowitz, RA	Buck, RW	Burroughs,WJ	Carpenter,DE
Dalkin,WH	Dallolio,DA	Dorsey,RM	Gallagher,JA	Harry,ZM
Johnson,SP	Markham,DA	McClure,JB	McLeod,CH	Mega,WL
Nucetelli,J	Ruppert,DL	Shenk,WE	Shimer,RF	Sobol,R
Stidham,	SDStottle,JF	Tomlin,SS		

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.

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**Northeast Florida April 20th luncheon**

Larry Horton 2677 Slow Flight Dr. Daytona Beach, FL 32124

The Northeast Florida RUPA Group Co-Ed luncheon was held on April 20th. at the Spruce Creek Country Club with another good crowd in attendance. After an hour of lies and tall tails, we sat down to a tasty lunch .

Following is a list of attendees:

Arylene Hetterman, & Pat Metz, Steve & Judy Chiles, son & Honey Lou Funkhouser, Gary & Linda Davis, & Tottie Myers, & Janet Horton.	Dave & Gloria Bishop, Jack & Mae Schauf, Curt & Susan Simpson, Ed & Judy Gentry, Jesse & Dottie Jernigan, Bud & Karen Gammill,	Bill Russ, Al & JoAnn Peterson, Harry Phil & Marilyn Harman, Victor & Charlotte Forte, Lowell & Anne Johnston, Charlie Stewart,	Al Buff, Nel- Earl Larry
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It was particularly nice to see Honey Lou Funkhouser out and about after a difficult year.

The next luncheon will be stag and scheduled for June 15. After that, a summer hiatus with the fall luncheons planned for October 19th (solo) and December 21st (co-ed). Make your calendars and plan to attend. S/Larry

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**LAX Lunch**

Before passing the gavel for the San Fernando Valley boys' contingent of RUPA to new leader, Dave Kirkendall, Herb Goodrich introduced his friend, Frank McElhoes. Frank said that he lives in Helendale, CA, and is surrounded by lakes and golf courses. Ed Krieger came down from Lompoc to see Frank, and Ben Harper is a regular commuter from Washington State. Herb welcomed the South Bay crowd also. He mentioned that Hal Ballatin had passed away, and reported reading an article that James E. Mitchell, flight manager who lived in SEA, also had passed away.

Senior pilot Lee Cameron was asked for some comments, and he told of flying a DC-3 from Davis-Monthan down to Florida around 1960. "Over Louisiana, the clouds kept going up and so did I, up to 19,000 feet. I thought, 'This is for the birds', and turned north to get away from all of this. I looked back, and the cold front and warm front were coming together. Sunshine lover that I was, I was looking down on four tornadoes, so I got out of there. I found out later that six people had been killed in the tornadoes, so the moral to this story is, if you see one of those, go the other way."

Someone said, "Make a 360 and get out of there!"

In introducing Dave Kirkendall, Herb said that he "came highly recommended, and had never bent any tin that he knew of."



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Members attending the luncheon at Billingsley's restaurant on May 20 included:

Dave Kirkendall	Gordon Edelberg, guest	Nate Hall
Herb Goodrich	Lee Cameron	Ken Williams
Rex May	Loyd Kenworthy	Bill Blankenship
Bob Mosher	Dick Unander	Ben Harper
Steve Martin	John McKinnon	Jim Day
Walt Albright	Cliff Berg	Bob Clough
Ray Engel	Tom McQueen	Ken Kuecker
Frank McElhoes	Edward Krieger	Jack Moore
Jack Hanson		

In taking the helm at the meeting, Dave Kirkendall said that he had gone to French Valley Airport and checked in with Freddie Hayes. The weather was not too great, but they got to appreciate Freddie's Baron, a beautiful airplane. Also, Tom and Jan Erickson had moved back up there from Douglas, Arizona. There was quite a contingency of UAL folks at the field at French Valley, and they said to say hi to everyone.

Kent O'Brien is going to try the homebuilt airplane route, and took delivery of an RV-8, the latest model low-wing tail dragger.

Dave reported that everyone was invited to a fly-in at Eagle Field, and old Army Air Corps training center. The old administration building is available as a club house. They are restoring it and need funds, so they put on this banquet once a year. Saturday night there will be a Forties band until midnight, and then Sunday breakfast, on June 12 and 13.

Torrance Air Fair is July 10 and 11, and will have Warbirds, in spite of 28 noise complaints last year, 26 of which were, reportedly, from the same person.

Dave introduced his friend, guest Gordon Edelberg, who has been in aerospace inspection capacity (quality assurance), and has a Ryan Navion he has had for 34 years, which he keeps at Camarillo. He retired from GD Fort Worth and has been working job-shops, which he will continue.

Dave told of a new EAA airplane, the Questair Venture, which looks like a flying egg because of its side by side configuration, with very short wings, big engine, and retractable gear. A very interesting airplane capable of close to 300 mph, a Questair is owned by Dan Grey, who flew it into Santa Paula airport from Camarillo.

Dave wound up the meeting with a story: a barber gave a haircut to a pharmacist one day, and when it came time to get paid, the pharmacist asked how much. The barber said "nothing"--it was just as a favor. The next day the barber found a nicely wrapped package on his doorstep with some nice little gifts from the drugstore. Next day, he cut a butcher's hair on the same terms, and the butcher left a nicely wrapped pack of steaks. Next day, he cut an airline pilot's hair on the same terms, and the next morning in front of his shop he found a whole line of airline pilots.

Dave adjourned the meeting to his office at Van Nuys Airport, Blue Skies Aviation, at 7535 Valjean Ave., #4, at the old San Val Aviation site. Blue Skies has three Piper Cherokees, a 150, 180, and 235 hp, a Piper Mojave, which is a Cheyenne airframe with two 350-hp Lycomings, for charter and ambulance work, and a beautifully maintained B-25 hangared there. The office was done by Dave's daughter-in-law, who is a decorator, in authentic 1930s flight shack style, with a parachute canopy, goggles and other memorabilia from Dave's father.

"The Orville and Wilbur Wright Chairs" are on display, authenticated historical items. The chairs were used by Orville and Wilbur until June of 1881, when the Wright family moved from Dayton to Richmond, Indiana, on a sabbatical from their father, Milton's, leadership of the Brethren Church. Milton moved his family back to Dayton in June, 1884. These two chairs, evidently hand crafted, woven wicker treasures, were left in Richmond, where Dave's grandfather, Jacob Hester, moved the chairs to Greentown, near Kokomo. Jacob was a circuit riding Methodist minister who had known the Wright family, as a visiting preacher. Nineteen years later, the Wright Brothers acquired their historical heritage on December 17, 1903. (Reported by Shirley Hanson.)

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### **May Luncheon - Treasure Coast Sunbirds**

The May luncheon of the Treasure Coast Sunbirds was held, as usual, on the second Tuesday (May 11), at Miles Grant Country Club in Stuart, FL. The Miles Grant CC dining staff always shows us great hospitality. Although there was no buffet, due to reduced numbers of their regular customers in the summer, they did provide us with a large selection off their regular luncheon menu.

Our group of boisterous Sunbirds, numbering only 13 (we had 22 for the freebie in April!!) had good time and a tasty lunch. I asked around and enough interest was shown to have another luncheon in June. It'll be at Miles Grant on June 8th. Our May luncheon was attended by: Jim Dowd, Bill Northup, Jack Boisseau, Bill Hellerstedt, Dwight Terrell, Clark Luther, Dave Arey, Percy Wood, Clay Grant, Joe Mahoney, Murray Warren, Andy Lambert and me.

Although we average only 15 to 25 Sunbirds per lunch, I do send out a lot of notice cards (53 at last count). If there are any retired pilots (or anybody else from Flt Ops, etc) who would like to be on our mailing list and attend our luncheons please call me (561-747-2796) and you'll be included.

Sincerely, Bob Schaet

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### **SUNDOWNERS**

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

At the April gathering of the Sundowners, twenty five attended the luncheon and were pleased to welcome Dick and Judy Goudey, first timers. Attending our luncheon were:

Ray and Rhodell Schlage	Jamie and Elaine Krapf
Ken and Mary Vanderhyde	Ellie and Jim Irwin
Woodie and Diane Lynn	Dick & Judy Goudey
Don & Jenny Deyer	Merle and Jane Black
Ballard and Mary Leins	Lil Borneman
Paul Fidler	Jim Wilson
Jim Feneley	

Soon, a few of our members will head North for the summer, but for those most hardy, we will continue throughout the summer. May is stag month, and on the 20th, we will get together at 11:30am at the Countryside Country Club. The usual admonishment, please call me, Jim Feneley at 727-785-5971 prior to the preceding Tuesday so that I can pass on the estimated attendance to Lil Borneman who then notifies the Country Club. For your information--as is established procedure, approximately 50 postal cards are mailed each month to Ruparians residing close to Tampa Bay. Some we have never seen. It would seem logical that after a couple years of no-show, the lack of interest is evident. Consideration is being given to culling the list. This in no way meant to imply that anyone is not welcome, but just a prudent economic consideration. JF, RS, JI

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### **Birthday Checks Received Apr. 30 thru May. 11, 1999**

Edward P Akin, Howard A Aronson, Betty Barger, W Clay Barton Jr, Allen P Bowman, Jared C Brandt, Gardner S Bride, Raymond J Brooks, Glendon L Brown, James M Bruce, Frank A Butchart, James R Calhoun Jr, Richard R Carlton, J Ed Carroll, Edward D Clark, Ward A Clemmo, William L Clerico, John F Clifford, Robert F Clough, Michael D Conway, Neil A Daniels, James K David, Paul F Dibble, G Terry Donielson, Richard E Eckert, Marvin G Engel, Derek L Ferrand, Phillip H Field, James S Gardner, Roderic W Gilstrap, John M Gordon, William A Grant, Norman E Hart, L William Helly Jr, Thomas A Herdklotz, P Ken Hobbs, J Ray Kuhlman, P E Gene Langford, M Lewis Lawrence, Robert T Lawson, Charles B Leeser Jr, Thomas A Libuda, Robert E Lynch, J P Mc Bride, Jeremy G Mc Greevy, F Ed Meksto, Zelda Misket, George S Morris, Joseph O Nuccetelli, C Wesley Olney, F Robert Olson, Donald W Paffrath, Gene A Patrick, Eugene G Peterson, David M Petteys, Ottavio V Pezzi, Charles R Pocher, William G Reynolds, Stephen J Rindo, Donald W Roberts, Gene Russell, William J Samuels, Robert W Sarnie, Marvin J Schrader, Robert G Sinclair, Theodore O Snyder, Charles J Stamschor, Irvin Story, David G Suits, Ronald E Taylor, Roger L Thibodeau, Donald B Toeppen, W R Turner, N Ramsey Unalp, Jay C White, Alice Whitehead, Earle F Worley, Dan E Wynia, Vincent N Young,

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## TUCSON'S PIMA AIR MUSEUM

Tom Workinger, McHenry IL, and Tucson

We just finished another winter season giving tours of the Pima Air and Space Museum (the world's largest private aircraft collection). The 250 aircraft, with 65 acres available, can be seen via outdoor tram tour, guided hangar tours, and interior tours of the DC-6A Presidential aircraft.

Several retired airline pilots and employees volunteer one to three days a week (including United's Hank Dykhuis and Bob Jones) joining other military retirees and aviation enthusiasts in giving the tours.

The Pima Air and Space Museum has been awarded a permit to conduct all the tours of the aircraft storage facility (the "Boneyard") at Davis Monthan Air Force Base. The Air Force used to offer two or three tours a week.

Now the Pima Air Museum's narrated tours operate six times a day for five days a week

Enclosed is a picture of a "rare bird". [*Sorry that it is not of reproducible quality. Ed.*] The U.S. Navy bought one of United's parked DC 8F Cargoliners and converted it into an electronic warfare platform for training EW personnel. Also, the AMARC (Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center) has the first United Airlines B-727 ever delivered, which will eventually be flown to the new Smithsonian facility at Dulles airport.

Incidentally, the museum has a UAL Caravelle, a Viscount, some Convair 340s and some Constellations.

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**GLEN A. ALLRED** 359 S. Hudson St. Denver, CO 80246 Tel 303-757-0138 (Fax 303-757-0110 e-mail allredair@worldnet.att.net

Dear Jock:

Many RUPA members, me included, have or will get prostate cancer (PC). Any one of us could also see friends, or male progeny, afflicted. This disease is complex, with many nuances, but if we live long enough, almost every one of us will have it. I've heard the words "80 percent at 80 years" and "90 percent at 90 years!" It doesn't always claim your life, but it can, and PC treatments can dramatically affect quality-of-life.

Thinking back over the nearly eleven years since I was diagnosed with PC (I had surgery a radical-prostatectomy, then when cancer returned, radiation, and then, when that also failed, various medications for hormone blockade), I wish had known in the beginning what I know now about PC. Scary, since my disease at diagnosis was obviously already systemic (I wasn't so advised) not localized (contained), where surgery probably would have worked! Yet, that doctor treated me for localized cancer, when there was little doubt that the cancer had escaped. I have since found out that there are doctors who have the welfare of the individual in mind, evaluating, testing, and assisting to find the right treatment.

To discharge a responsibility to ourselves and others, we should know as much as possible about PC. Not necessarily just that published in the papers, particularly in the case of well-known personalities, where it is often indicated there is one "gold standard" - - surgery. Not so! Many doctors would have you believe that, and rush you into surgery, while in fact there are often other treatments to be considered which would result in fewer quality-of-life side effects. Treatment can include watchful-waiting, hormone-blocking medications, radiation, and radioactive seed implants (my son, with his cancer discovered early, had the seed implants - - working well, with good quality-of-life). Studies show that some of these alternate procedures can equal the surgical "gold standard."

Anyway, one of the ways that we as individuals can become acquainted with the nuances of PC is to attend a conference to listen to experts who have excellent reputations in their field, are conscientious, and sincerely dedicated to the eradication or control of PC. One of the most significant conferences I attended about two year's ago was held in Seattle, moderated by Stephen B. Strum, M.D., a superb medical oncologist (located in Marina del Rey). That was a tremendous conference, attended by over one thousand. I remember leaving with a feeling that I had really learned something, and this was after nine years of cancer treatments! Steve Strum, along with Dr. Mark Scholz and a dedicated staff (my oncologists, - - I travel from Denver to see them each month), is shot-gunning another conference, which I would like to bring to RUPA's attention with the following news release. Jock, I sincerely believe this to be the type of information that should be shared and hope that you see it that way too, for inclusion in RUPANEWS. [*Glen, we are always happy to provide space for non-profit educational organizations to spread the word on health in our pages, to help educate our members, even if one of the speakers is a doctor nicknamed "snuffy". Ed.*]

As I am still in the aviation business, I often attend conferences related to airline-aircraft trading. Typically, the cost for attending these conferences ranges from \$600 to as much as \$2,200, for a two or three-day program. The

\$75 cost of the PCRI Cancer Conference is insignificant compared to what people in business are willing to pay - yet the reward can be much greater! If anyone would like to talk about PC, or the Conference my office number is 303-753-1434 or, residence 303-757-0138.

Glenn Allred

### Prostate Cancer Research Institute

A Not-for-Profit Educational and Medical Research Center

PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO RELEASE LATEST FINDINGS ON RESEARCH AND TREATMENT AT FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE

World's Top Researchers and Treatment Specialists to Speak at Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center

Los Angeles, CA - The Prostate Cancer Research Institute (FCRI) - [www.prostate-cancer.org](http://www.prostate-cancer.org) will hold its first annual national conference on advances in prostate cancer treatment and research in the Terrace Theater at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center in Long Beach, California, on July 31 and August 1, 1999.

Prostate Cancer Research Institute Annual Conference '99, "Prostate Cancer - Looking Toward 2000." is for prostate cancer patients and survivors and their families and for healthcare professionals.

Over 2,000 people are expected to attend from throughout Southern California and the country. "This conference will be the most significant conference on prostate cancer, directed at patients and physicians, ever held in the country," says Dr. Stephen Strum, clinical director of the PCRI. "We will have the world's leading physicians and research scientists present the latest findings in their field of practice, including diagnostic techniques, treatment options, nutrition, and new advances in the understanding and treatment of prostate cancer. Among the speakers are Donald Coffey, PhD, and Alan Partin, MD, from Johns Hopkins University-, Charles "Snuffy" Myers, MD, from the University of Virginia-, Eric Small, MD, from the University of California at San Francisco; Mark Moyad, MPH, from the University of Michigan; Celestia Higano, MD, from the University of Washington; Anthony D'Amico, MD, PhD, from Harvard Medical School; Ashutoshi Towari, MD, MCh, from the Josephine Ford Cancer Center; Oliver Sartor, MD, from the Stanley Scott Cancer Center; and Robert Nagourney, MD, of Rational Therapeutics. Stephen Strum, MD, co-founder and clinical director of the Prostate Cancer Research Institute and founder of Healing Touch Oncology, will moderate the meeting. Dr. Strum is an internationally recognized medical on-

cologist who has specialized exclusively in the treatment of prostate cancer for the last 15 years. His approach to prostate cancer treatment is well known by patients and his peers. Mark Scholz, MD, co-founder of the Institute and partner in Healing Touch Oncology, and father Joseph Johnson, of Healing Touch Oncology, will also be among the host speakers.

The cost for the two-day conference is \$ 75.00 for an attendee and \$ 65.00 for a spouse or other guests. To register call 1-800-370-5370.

The Conference is being underwritten by the attendees and by the generous contributions from the events sponsors. Among the sponsors are Daniel Freeman Hospitals Inc., Freeman Hospitals Foundation, Amgen, Rhone-Poulenc Roror, Schering, Cancerfacts.com, Life Extension, Ortho Biotech, Inc., Econugenics, and the American Cancer Society.

The Prostate Cancer Research Institute is a not-for-profit educational and research center founded in 1997. Its mission is to see that prostate cancer is no longer a threat to any man's life. PCRI is dedicated to educate the public about prostate cancer, pursue research into the prevention and treatment of prostate cancer, and improve the present level of care for men with the disease. The Institute is a 501 (c) (3) public charity located in Los Angeles. For more information about the Institute and for a copy of the registration form, visit PCRI's Web site at [www.prostate-cancer.org](http://www.prostate-cancer.org).

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### **Aspartame**

Jock, Not to disagree with your statements in the last publication, but there are many out here, who congress says don't exist, who have reactions to Aspartame of one sort or another. Some mild and some severe.

Some allergic, some intolerance, and some just sensitive to one of the ingredients. I, unfortunately, am one of those. It can be very serious depending on one's individual problem. Of course, the many I speak of are a small drop in the bucket of humanity, but to us, the problem can be very serious.

Rob Roberts

*Rob; You are quite correct, but actually, the item I printed was from the Consumer's Reports on Health, which I forgot to give credit to. I had printed the article as somewhat of a counterbalance to some literature that was going the rounds (of which I was sent a copy) blaming aspartame for everything from psychosis to housemaid's knee. While it was overblown, I must agree that a percentage of people have allergies to it, and many other items of our present-day culture. As an allergenic asthmatic myself, I know where you're coming from. Ed.*

**EARL E. BACH & ALYCE** - Mantoloking, NJ 08738  
732-3226, FAX 732-4431

Dear Cleve, I really did not expire on 3/22/99. Celebrated my 88th on a cruise on the Caribbean, followed by flying to Barcelona and cruising the Mediterranean, home May 1st. Alyce broke her arm playing tennis before the Caribbean Cruise, hope she will be OK to play at LAS. Calling all you tennis buffs for a big turnout at LAS. LIVE LONG and HEALTHY

PLAY TENNIS, see you in LAS.

Happy landings, **Earl & Alyce**

**ELIZABETH BARGER (BILL)** - 1300 13th St. #  
408B, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

Dear Cleve, Time to send money as just had my big 82nd birthday. Traveling isn't so bad for an old lady. Everyone is so helpful and kind. I don't tell them that last week while sitting for my grand daughter, I flew kites, played hop-scotch, baseball and chase her big dog all over town.

Had a nice visit with Phil and Betty Johnson in Sun City West. Was able to attend their RUPA Luncheon. I do miss the UAL people. I still get to see my friends from LaGrange, IL and Lake Mills, WI. Bob Crump continues to let me use his cottage in WI. I really appreciate his generosity.

Greetings and best wishes to all my old and dear friends. Love to all, *Betty*

**ALLEN & KAREN BOWMAN**, 18083 Peregrine  
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What a sight setting here in my office at 775 ft. over looking the Puget Sound and the Skagit Valley with the tulip fields in bloom and behind them the white capped Olympic mountains.

The Lord is still blessing Karen and me with good health and good attitudes. We are putting the finishing touches on our new home plus we hope to get our yard and driveway complete this summer. Both of us are still active in Church affairs and enjoy every minute of it.

Thanks to all who make RUPA happen and the new format for the News is great.

Check will be sent to Cleve. Note the new address. Al

**IVORY & PEGGY BRUMMET** - 302 Foursome Dr.  
Sequim, WA 98382

Dear Cleve, The year has been good to Peggy & Me. We're in good health and enjoy our new (1½ years old) home. We've been to Wisconsin twice in the past year to visit Peggy's family. The balance of our trips have been in Western Washington. I'm still flying my Cessna 182 when weather permits.

I enjoy reading about the goings on of all the adventurous Ruparians. Thanks to all who make the newsletter possible. I like the new format!!

Sincerely, Ivory & Peggy

**FRANK BUTCHART**, 215 Angela Dr., Los Altos,  
CA 94022 5/4/99

Another year gone by, and check to Cleve for best bargain around. Thankfully, we're well, do some traveling and keep busy, but still have time to enjoy and appreciate the excellent results of your efforts. Thanks to all, Frank

**R. REX CARLTON** - 1920 Brooktree Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Dear Cleve, Kathleen and I spend 7 months in Pleasanton, CA and 5 months at our condo in Bradenton, FL. We have the best WX most of the time at each place. I'm always late with the RUPA postage check so I'm sending a check for two years. Sorry I don't have a computer and the typewriter doesn't work for me. Rex

*The art of Biography  
Is different from Geography.  
Geography is about maps,  
But Biography is about chaps.*

**Edmund Clerihew Bently**



**JOHN & JEANNE COLLINS** 1675 Moveen Heights, Monument CO 80132 719-488-3468 (New Address)

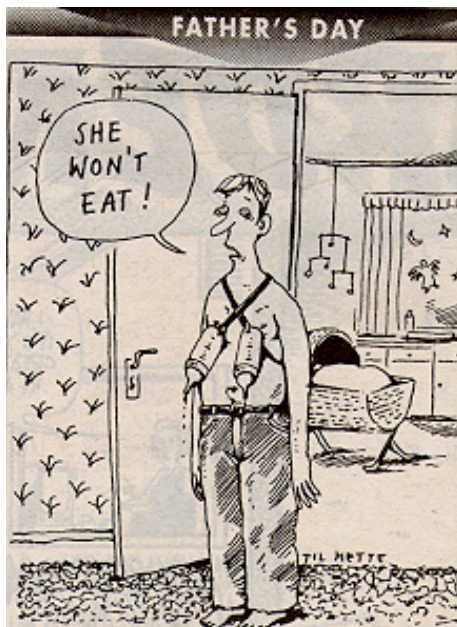
We will be moving on the third of June to a patio home, for one-floor living after a broken ankle last May. In May of 1997 I had a heartscan while visiting friends near SFO. The results showed I had calcium build-up. After going to a cardiologist and passing a treadmill test, it showed that I had built a (collateral) new blood supply. There has been quite a bit published about this test and I feel it's better to know before having a heart attack. Our insurance will probably not pay for the test, but it only cost \$400-\$500 and well worth it. Thanks to all who make *RUPANEWS* the best. Check to Cleve. **John**

**RICHARD B. COOLEY** - 6339 E. Star Valley Cir, Mesa, AZ 85215

Hi Cleve, Greetings from Mesa, Arizona. The weather is still great, but one can count on over 1000 in a few weeks. That, together with great golf courses, is the reason Rick and I make a trip to Park City, Utah for part of the summer. You know how much we appreciate the work you all do in holding this great group together. Keep it up. Dick

**KEN AND JERRY CORICA** - 1905 Vista Del Norte, Fallbrook, CA 92028 '67  
'94 Mostly LAX

We've had a very good and busy year. Great fun grandparenting our two preschoolers. We recently sold our lake house at Tahoe and are spending our kid's inheritance on a couple of cruises and some local travel. Thanks to all who work and distribute the *RUPANEWS*. The new format is super. Ken & Jerry



## **GORDY CUPPLES**

Dear *RUPANEWS*: Enclosed is my annual check. I enjoy your new format- a great improvement.

It's been 2 years since I retired (April 1, 1997). I haven't been to an airport in that time. I've been working on getting my handicap in the single digits and hopefully lower. The latter isn't possible unless I can find someone on this planet that can teach this Jarhead to PUTT ! JR Paulsen said he is available for lessons but charges \$ 250 per hour.

My only flying is to fly the FA-18 Hornet simulator at El Toro and Miramar. Oh yes-for all you Navy types the Marines took back Miramar (San Diego) last year. It was a Marine Corps Air Station until about 1943 when the Navy confiscated it. The Navy is now in Fallon, NV. I would prefer Fallon but my son (Capt. USMC) is a Hornet driver and prefers the San Diego location (This younger generation is really confused). I love flying the Hornet simulator , but still only get aboard the boat about half the night passes. Thank God there's no Air Boss to scream at my " Sparky One arrivals " or my diving for the 4 wire, or flying through the hangar deck (WOW-now that's exciting)! I do miss the camaraderie of all my great friends at UAL. I was so fortunate to spend a lifetime of doing what most people can only dream of doing.

Roxana and I have spent a great amount of time and resources attempting to get her healthy again, as she has suffered for several years from Graves Disease (Thyroid). We are making progress and she has regained some of her eyesight. We are optimistic this year will see even more improvement. I am healthy and haven't lost my ability to eat nothing and remain the same weight (the perpetual energy machine... working on a patent).

*Semper Fi* - Gordy

[gjcupples@aol.com](mailto:gjcupples@aol.com)

**JIM DAY** - 20121 Phaeton Drive, Woodland Hills, CA 91364 79, SFO, LAX

Dear Cleve, It seems to be that time again, seems faster every year. It is, of course, number 20 for me. Hard to believe and both exhilarating and somehow depressing to have to face up to how old I have suddenly become. Nan and I , fortunately, remain in reasonably good health, and continue to travel as much as our finances allow. Thanks to good old United passes and a number of cruise lines.

Many thanks to all concerned with producing *RUPANEWS*, I think the new larger format is a great improvement. Postage is enclosed. *Jim*

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## HISTORIC PORTLAND GROUP PHOTO

Yo Jock:

May I congratulate you and the print shop on the reproduction of that old United PDX picture. I swear the repro is every bit as good as the orig. - maybe even a little better! ((Incidentally, this was also the hangar for UAL at that time.)

Couple of small corrections in the write up:

Under the list of names: --"Ernie Garbutt"--it should be Eddie Garbutt, a much-beloved UA Captain. He flew NW domestic, and later during the War in United's ATC Pacific Operation run by Seely Hall. In my case I was a radio operator in PDX at the time this picture was taken. In 1942 I transferred to SLC and later to SFO as Chief Op, then to UA headquarters in DEN working for Russ Cunningham. After transferring to ARINC in 1948, I helped open the SEA, SFO & LAX ARINC radio stations, as United was getting out of the business. Ended up retiring as VP Operations for ARINC in 1977, after some 29 years working with pilots of many airlines, including United, in helping develop VHF networks, SSB HF and what is well-known today as ACARS. Was truly a fun career, resulting in many lasting friendships along the route.

Hope to see you in Vegas.

Chuck Fitch

**J.B. MCGREGOR**, 19 Bay Tree Lane, Los Altos, CA 94022

Hi Jock, I found the picture on page 28 of the May edition of *RUPANEWS* most interesting. 1941 was the year before I came to work for UAL, and it is fascinating to see pictures of people that I did not know existed at the time, but later became a part of my life. I wonder about the time being mid-summer with the pilots wearing the dark gray, heavy wool winter uniforms.

The fourth Stewardess in the front row is Joan Denton whom I remember flying with in 1944 from San Francisco to Cheyenne. The pilot in second row, fourth man from the left is Bill Thornberry. He was one of the first Captains I flew with out of Burbank when I started my career with United in 1942. I do not remember ever seeing him with that wide grin. Next to Bill is Jack Gillespie. He was council chairman at San Francisco in 1949. I remember traveling with him to Chicago to testify at the System Board of Adjustment hearing on behalf of Merle Loros regarding his dismissal, ( He was returned to work).

Seventh from the left in the second row is Dick Thornton. Some years later, he was AdministrativeFlight

Manager at San Francisco. He used to lock his office door, and the only way you could talk to him was to call him on the phone. One story was that someone lit a fire in an ashtray outside his door and tried to smoke him out. Next to him is Jim Going. He put in some time as my Den Mother and gave me hood checks and route checks in the DC-3. Twelfth from the left in the second row is Eddie Garbutt. Believe it or not, I flew as his Captain on a few trips. That was during the time that he was flying as DC-3 Co-pilot until he retired at age 60. I believe he was the first UAL pilot to retire at age 60.

Next to the end in the second row on the right is Bud Rhenstrom. I only knew him as one of the "Senior Pilots". On the right end of the second row is Jack Hope. He was one of the ground employees that United trained as Navigators. He was a good friend for many years. In the fourth row, sixth from the left is a little mechanic that I only knew as "Francis". I remember that one time in 1946, he rode as observer with me in his white coveralls, carrying his tool box from Portland to Salem to fix a broken-down DC3.

In the fourth row, eighth from the left is Dave Ellis. He was in the first group of mechanics United trained as Flight Engineers. He was the Flight Engineer on the crew that I was assigned to as copilot to fly C-87s on the ATC: Pacific run. In the fifth row, third from the right is Bill Groen, Chief Pilot at Seattle where, after my stint as "Captain - Cargo only" in San Francisco, I was subjected to a "needs of service" transfer as a full fledged Captain. Bill's bark was worse than his bite, as the saying goes. To the left of Bill is Meteorologist Bud Lawson, I first met him when he was a Major in the Air Corps, stationed at Guadalcanal in early 1944. The picture really brought back memories  
Regards to All. Jim.

### TRAVEL DESK & HISTORIC PHOTO

Dear Jock: Thank you for the mention of the travel desk in the latest edition of *RUPANEWS*. All of us that do the volunteer work are happy to be of assistance, since we all know NRSA travel is certainly no picnic! Also in the magazine, you published a photo from PDX dated 1941. I am very familiar with that photo, as both my mother and father are in it, and they also have the photo.

I called my mother and she sent it to me (on loan only!) At the time it was taken, my mother, being the organized and methodical person that she is, wrote the names of everyone on the back. The writing has somewhat faded, but I will try to get a decent copy and send

it to you (or Chuck Fitch, if you prefer).

We plan on being at the convention in November, so will see you then.

Best regards, Susie Clack

*Susie, since Chuck has agreed to handle the sending of the photo with list of names to the UAL Historical Foundation, it would be best if you sent the copy, or a good transcription of it, to him. Thanks for your interest and involvement. On second thought, send me a copy too, and I will print it so the other old timers can see how good their recollections were See you in LAS.*

*Thank you, Jim, for your recollections and input about the people in the photo. Chuck Fitch's adding of such information as you and others can give him, before forwarding it to the UAL Historical Foundation will make it of more value to the Foundation in aiding future researchers.*

*Now that we have the capability to do so, I hope that we can regularly feature such pictures from the past, as members may entrust us with, so as to glean such memories as yours from them. Ed.*

**LEO E. FLOCKEN** – 118 Madonna Cir, Crowley, TX 76036

Dear Cleve (RUPA: I moved to Texas. I got tired of rain, black ice and mud slides. Traded that all in for wind. Hope this check will cover my arrears. *LEO*

**JOHN E. FORTANAS** - PO Box 375, Tiburon, CA 94920

Dear Cleve, Enclosed check for \$50 is for my annual contribution to RUPA. My birth month is April and I left the country in March, expecting to return in April, but didn't 'till May. For that reason April got away from me.

Apply any excess over the cost of the RUPANEWS to the United Pilots Foundation. Thanks for your efforts on behalf of RUPA. *John*

**M. JOHN FRANCIS** - 5235 W. Red Rock Dr, Larkspur, CO 80118 1965-1998 DCA,DEN,LAX,ORD, SFO

Dear Cleve, Enclosed is my check for the RUPA membership and annual postage fee. I appreciate and enjoy the RUPANEWS, and I am grateful to you and the others who make it possible.

Best wishes to all, John



**PETER E. GALLANT** 2881 N.E. 27th. St. Ft. Lauderdale Fl. 33306 1950--1990

Well I have finally reached that magical age, "soixante neuf", I may stay here for a couple of years.

The speed of time is definitely relative to chronological age, the past nine years have passed at Mach 3.

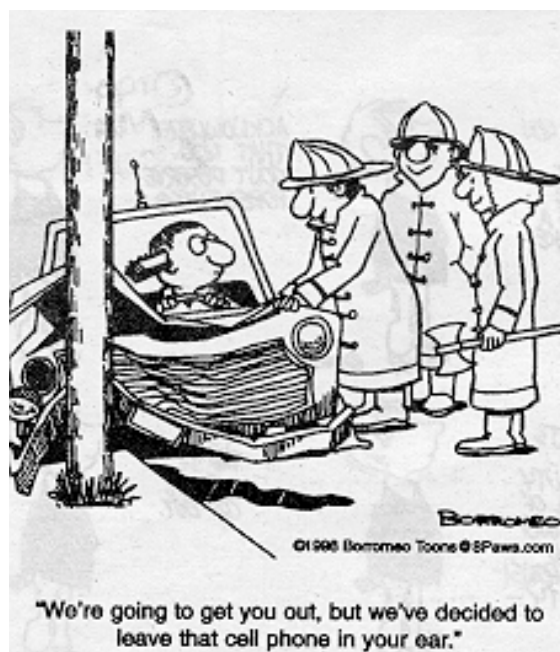
I, too, have joined the "prostate club", it must be an occupational hazard, 39,000 hours of sitting on my butt. My last annual physical showed a PSA jump from 2.2 to 4.4 in one year, this raised a red flag for a needle biopsy. With a pathology report of 4 on the gleason of 2 to 10, it was in the initial stages, but still malignant. Three or four zaps of radiation over a two-month period should have reduced my PSA to near zero, I will know in about a month.

Radiation treatments are a breeze, about 5 minutes per treatment, 15 second zaps top, and bottom, port and starboard. Side effects--frequent urination with slight burning sensation and periodic fatigue. Thankfully my libido and sexual prowess remains intact [*Naturalment, que sais-je? Ed*]. I strongly recommend an annual PSA test to all of you out there, with 2 or 3 medical opinions several cures are available. The top urologists in the country practiced at or are associated with Johns Hopkins hospital in Maryland A 6th. grandchild was born last year, a healthy boy to my son Steve and wife Michele. With his birth the Gallant name will go on. As my son said, "an heir to the throne".

The new format for the RUPANEWS is outstanding. My sincere thanks to the volunteers who put it out.

Check to Cleve and separate check to the U.A. Retired Pilots Foundation.

Au revoir, Pierre





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**C. H. GALLION** 5703 Road J.2 SE. Moses Lake, WA. 98837

I have tried repeatedly to send you this message via e-mail but I keep getting something to the effect "my server cannot handle "or something.. My e/mail address is chgallion@qwkshiv.com.

Have sent a check to the treasurer. Howard

**BUD & KAREN GAMMILL**, 22 Lazy Eight Drive, Daytona Beach, Fl. 32124  
60-93; MDW ORD SFO LAX

Retirement is wonderful, but Oh, so busy! Our Spruce Creek Flying Club just got back from a week-end trip (16 planes) to AVL. We toured Vanderbilt's Biltmore Estate, which was well worth the trip, and then let the ladies do a little tourist shopping and took in some entertainment - similar, I guess, to that in Branson, Mo. It was well done

I was glad to see that the Northeast Florida RUPARIANS haven't been forgotten entirely this month, (April issue). In the past, we have been excluded more often than included, I think, so we appreciate our notices and reports being included. Thanks to whoever is getting this straightened out. *[It is I, your humble, ink-stained, and geographically challenged editor. You must remember that while I'm from the south, it is the south of Scotland, so I was really confused about all the various Florida lunch bunches, who assume that all would know where they were located and if they were the "Sundowners" or the "Sunbirds" or whatever. No one was intentionally excluded, believe me. I hope that I've got it straight now, and if I haven't, a quick e-mail will set me straight. Ed]*

I can't send this to print without remembering our friends who have FLOWN WEST these past months and years: Bob Johnston, Den Bill Kauchak, Ord; Bill Ewald, Ord; Axel Paulsen, Jfk; and the list goes on.

Hello, to all our friends out there. We'll be back at Hayward, WI. by the 1st of June 'til October, but I'm back into construction putting a "Chalet Style" 2nd floor on the "new" lake cottage. We might have to live in a motel or tent for awhile.

Check is in the snail mail to Cleve. Thanks to all those whose hard work make this communication medium possible. **Bud and Karen**

CGAM4871J@AOL.COM or cegammill@juno.com

**JAMES S. GARDNER** - 12 Craig Court, Colts Neck, NJ 07722

Dear Cleve, God bless the draft, which obviously forced me to join the Navy flight program and changed our lives. Our squadron motto was "work

now and play later" which I never quite embraced. Given the choice of playing or sitting down and knocking out a letter, I've always thought playing made for better memories. God forbid that I learn to do both. I've enclosed my funds for requal. Sorry I'm late. Thanks for your superb efforts. Jim

Dear Jock,

The ENTITLEMENTS just keep growing. The people who know what's best for us continue to create new rules and programs for every situation in life except PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. And so it goes! The more money they spend, the more votes they get and the more money they can ask for and get in contributions. Any government that robs Peter to pay Paul will have the full support of Paul. Wake up America! It's your pocket that they have their hand in.

Back in the 1960's, with a job as a Navy fighter pilot, making a decent but not huge salary, we could buy a new house, a new car and my family could live decently on one income. Why? Because our TOTAL tax bill was around 10% of gross income. This was before "THE GREAT SOCIETY AND MEDICARE" and being inflated into higher and higher tax brackets. The people who know what's best for us wouldn't index tax brackets or think of any other reforms until they had most American working families paying 40% of their income in taxes for hundreds of unnecessary programs that don't benefit them.

These programs and the power to tax have created a superb power structure for the people who know what's best for you. I recently saw an add on TV that was promoting a book about FREE MONEY. It said that there are 1500 programs to give away money, Guess who's?

How do we measure progress? If taxation has made this much progress in one generation, FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS!

Jim Gardner

*Well, Jim, who paid for the Navy fighter pilots?*  
Ed.

*Sure, deck your lower limbs in pants;  
Yours are the limbs, my sweeting,  
You look divine as you advance –  
But have you seen yourself retreating?  
Ogden Nash*

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## FLOWN WEST - THE REST OF THE STORY

Ginger Kirschner, 6213 Wildwood Dr., McKinney, TX 75070

So you fly west. That's not so bad. Severe turbulence, but you got her down. That's what they told you in flight school ... just get it on the ground. You're having a few cool ones with the guys, and talking with your old flight instructor just like the poem said. Not so bad.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, all hell has broken loose. Wind shear, engines out, hydraulics gone, tanks dry, fires, stalls, daily PCs. That is what your sweetheart is going through. This goes on a long time. Then it gets rough. All the above, plus now the paperwork begins. They send her the wrong forms to fill out.

They do not receive the forms she sends. The forms they send are two months late. The forms are then two months being processed. They send letters and forms only that Philadelphia lawyer can decipher. They even send a letter thanking you for your service to the company. They inform her she will not qualify for COBRA, CAREMARK after 18 months. She cannot fly anywhere because Travel has not sent her ticket vouchers with her name and restrictions on them. And 1-800-482-5236 becomes an endless waiting game. The transfer of records is messed up, and Benefits sends her more forms to fill out. Then a letter arrives saying they will do everything they can to continue providing medical benefits for her. And as you know, it still gets dark every evening! So she thinks if only she could get away for a few days, take your oldest grandchild and maybe go to Maui where you two had such wonderful times together. Just savor some of the past and get smoothed out.

Well, fella's, she can't do that, because she does not qualify for Companion Passes. She can buy someone a ticket or go alone or with some other United friends. Those friends would give her some of their passes, but they are using them themselves. She can go to Hong Kong, but she won't qualify for International First Class upgrade because she must be flying with the employee for that. She does not qualify for Interline Travel because she is a widow. United now has a new shining star... Star Alliance... ID 95 and 75. Everyone with United and all theirs can now fly other airlines at a 95% reduced fare, etc. (Read YOUNITED) Widows do not qualify! And there will be other future benefits she won't qualify for because she is a widow. But your sweetheart of 10 those many years is a "trooper". She knows the "ropes", and she will be fine. She will enjoy International Business Class. Buying connecting tickets on Continental may pick somewhat. She will definitely flinch when everyone with United is flying re-

duced fares on other air carriers. She may begin to feel a little discrimination.

Here's my point You guys got your rears out of bed for the "dawn patrol" year after year. You flew the "red eye" what seemed like year after year. You pre-flighted in the rain and snow year after year. You missed birthdays, anniversaries, Scouts, and recitals. You were out there doing the job, and we all know that a pilot's job is to be gone.

Someone had to keep it all going while you were away. You do know that without pilots there is no airline! You earned those perks fella's. You fought for them, and you paid the price.

It's a shame that they are taken away from you when you are no longer here to defend them. Ginger.

*An excellent letter, Ginger. And a reminder to those active ALPA officers who receive, and, hopefully, read, RUPANEWS (we send complimentary copies to all LEC Chairmen and all Flight Office managers, and upper management) that the time to do something about such matters is before retirement. But, honestly, how many of you, in your forties or even fifties, gave much thought, outside of pensions, to your post-retirement life?*

*A few of us Ruparians were hangar flying over a couple of brews when this subject came up. Someone said, "So how are we going to get management's attention - go on strike and refuse to accept our pensions?" Post ESOP UAL is much like pre ESOP UAL; it is still a profit oriented corporation which must be threatened with countervailing power to obtain any concessions from it. Like it or not, that's the way the world works in a capitalist society - and, as you alluded, that's the way we got the present pension and benefits we enjoy - through some ALPA members having had the foresight to plan ahead to obtain them - and they didn't do that in a political vacuum; they studied which political party and its members would be most likely to assist the cause of the unionism that ultimately is the machinery through which all retired United Pilots (management ones too) enjoy, in general, an enviable standard of living. Anyone who thinks otherwise has merely to think how successful his career might have been had he merely obtained an ATP and hung out a shingle advertising his practise as a pilot. He'd likely end up doing the modern equivalent of barnstorming as a tramp pilot.*

*I seem to have waxed unduly political in my comments to you, but the truth is that just about everything in life is political, unless one is a mental serf. Some members want RUPA to be an advocacy organization, but then*

*From Pg.18*  
*the question arises, for what and whom should it ar-*

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## Caring for the caregiver

By Marvin L. Lipman, M.D.

I still make house calls. OK, not that many, and usually only when the patient is bedridden and can't easily get to my office or the emergency room. One such patient is a 78-year-old former car dealer who suffered a massive stroke some 15 years ago. The stroke caused complete paralysis of his left arm and leg, loss of speech, and abrupt overall mental decline. I see him at his home two or three times a year.

But this is not about him, it's about his wife. Now age 68, she has devoted a substantial portion of her life to caring for her invalid husband. "I could have put him in a nursing home years ago," she once told me. "But I couldn't bear the thought of someone else taking care of him. If the situation were reversed, I know he'd do the same for me."

She's fortunate that their finances permit her to live out that decision. But the years of intensive hands-on care have had more than a monetary cost. Hospital paraphernalia has taken over what was once their living room. She spends long days tending to his needs and many sleepless nights answering his calls for assistance. In addition to constant worry and frayed nerves, she has developed symptoms of heart disease and chronic diarrhea. In many ways, she's become sicker than her husband.

### *The stress of caregiving*

Her predicament is far from unique. Similar stories are played out in some 22 million households in the U.S. today - nearly triple the number of just over a decade ago. About three-fourths of the caregivers are women, usually caring for their husband or, less often, a parent.

The constant burden on the caregiver can result in a great deal of psychological distress - including anxiety, depression, and crushing guilt. More difficult still may be the emotional stress of watching a loved one deteriorate physically and mentally.

Then there's the financial crunch. Many people lack long-term insurance for a chronic debilitating condition. With limited Medicare coverage and seemingly limitless expenses, few people in such a situation can withstand the economic pressure indefinitely.

Some evidence suggests that all the compounded stress may contribute to the development of physical illness. Certainly, the relentless physical demands of caring for an aging or ailing relative can be exhausting as well. Especially for an older caregiver, lifting, bathing, toileting, and dressing a near-helpless adult can lead to sprains and strains, even falls and fractures.

### *Getting help*

Sooner or later, most caregivers realize they need help. a good way to start tracking down resources is to

contact a social worker in a local hospital or call your state or county health department - specifically the agency on aging or the division responsible for social services. Those sources can point you toward helpful programs and groups. Some agencies, for example, offer financial advice, assistance with tax and Medicare forms, and help in locating special-needs housing. They may also administer services that provide transportation and meals.

Often, a caregiver's most pressing need is simply some rest or a chance to get away from all the responsibilities for a few days. Many programs can now satisfy that need, including "respite" care programs offered by nursing homes and other for-profit agencies. In addition, less expensive adult day-care programs are increasingly offered by community organizations such as local Y's, churches, and synagogues. Depending on sponsorship, the cost may be based on a sliding scale or may even be free. However, because there's often little regulatory oversight, you have to scrutinize such programs before relinquishing care of your loved one for even a few hours. Visit in advance and ask lots of questions.

Caregivers who need more than an occasional hand may have to hire an aide to help out in their home regularly. To find such an aide, you can either hire someone yourself or rely on a home health agency. In either case, don't hesitate to shop around until you find a person you like and trust.

At some point, it just may not be feasible to continue caring for a chronically ill or disabled loved one at home. Then you'll want to look into institutional care. The options range from residence centers for mobile patients who need limited assistance to nursing homes for bedridden patients who need continual medical and personal care. You can get a list of licensed facilities from your local agency on aging. Or get recommendations from friends or professionals.

To function as an effective caregiver, it's important to look after your own needs as well. Be sure to let family members and friends know that you'd appreciate their help from time to time. Consider joining a caregiver support group, if there's one in your community. And give yourself a break: Go on a much needed vacation-even if only for a few days. You've got to take good care of yourself if you're going to take care of someone else.

### *For more information*

Children of Aging Parents (CAPS). Free information on adult day care, respite care, medical insurance providers, and other caregiving matters. Referrals to support groups and elder-law attorneys. Call 800-227-7294. ([www.careguide.net](http://www.careguide.net))

Eldercare Locator, National Association of Area

Agencies on Aging. Free information and referrals to local caregiving resources. Call 800-677-1116. (www.n4a.org)

Caregiving Online web site. Free online resources, including support group, tips and information, and links to other caregiving web sites. (www.caregiving.com)  
*Consumer Reports on Health.. May, 1999*

### **Patient Protection Bill**

*By Janet Firshein*

For the approximately 160 million Americans enrolled in managed care health plans, this could be the year that Congress enacts a patient "bill of rights."

But to do so, lawmakers will have to leap a formidable row of hurdles.

In Washington, the Republican-led Congress and President Clinton are grappling anew with the issue – and with each other. A Senate committee has approved one Republican bill, and another measure – bipartisan in origin – is being developed in the Senate. The full Senate is expected to consider patient protections sometime this spring.

All these measures would affect only patients in private managed-care plans, such as those sponsored by employers. Medicare beneficiaries already have these protections.

Americans wanted action last year – and they still do, analysts say. "The public's desire to have Congress do something on managed-care patient protections has not diminished one bit" says AARP legislative representative Tricia Smith.

The biggest challenge for lawmakers, analysts say, may be to come up with a measure that balances patients' needs with the general desire to curb medical costs.

This year as last, similarities exist among the main Republican and Democratic bills that seek to protect patients insured by managed healthcare providers, such as health maintenance organizations- (HMO's).

All of the bills introduced in Congress this year include some kind of external review of treatment denials. But the measures differ significantly on what kind of disputes should trigger the appeals process, who should select the reviewers, what kinds of evidence can be looked at and how quickly disputes should be resolved.

*.The Nation . April 17, 1999*

### **Pan Am Retirees Medical Plan News**

The Pan American Retirees Supplemental Medical Plan still has millions of dollars in it. And not many people are using it. The bankruptcy court made Pan Am put up \$3,000,000 to start the plan, and it has since grown to over \$10 million in 1992, and probably much more by now.

Carl Duncan reports that the plan has paid him over \$50,000 for a problem, and Fred Moore also had successfully benefited from the plan.

It pays all covered expenses after a small deductible. If you have no insurance plan, then it pays the balance over what Medicare would pay on its schedule.

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*RAPA RAPPORT. Spring Issue. 1999*

### **The Mouse That Roared**

Flight instructors battling an \$18,000-a week anti-union consultant during a lengthy organizing drive at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla., prevailed in their fight for a union last Fall, voting 79-31 to join the Machinists. Workers rallied to victory, the first IAM win at the largest independent aeronautical school in the world, with the aid of a pint-sized mythical hero, "Any Mouse."

As workers sought to organize, Any Mouse showed up as a logo on union posters, flyers and pamphlets, scurrying to address personnel issues and respond to information in captive audience meetings and anti-union literature.

Key organizing issues were pay and safety. Embry-Riddle flight instructors, exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act, were paid for actual teaching hours only, not for time between classes. Most instructors held second jobs to pay the bills, and the length of their combined workweek was a safety issue.

*AFL/CIO Magazine, April, 1999*

**WILLIS "IKE" EICHEL** - 2868 Vista Del Sol Ave., Las Vegas. NV 89120

I try to check in every 5 years or so. Carmen and I are in the best of health. I'm still flying my dream airplane, the P51 Mustang.

We get to visit our daughter and grandchildren in Idaho periodically using our good old Twin Cessna 320.

Las Vegas is just as quiet as ever. Nothing new ever happens. Keep up the good work. Ike

gue? *Flying over 60? Even to mention that is to create problems.*

*Quite apart from the fact that there are always ever-present advocates of action - but precious few volunteers - it is probably best to maintain RUPA as the fraternal association of former colleagues it presently is.*

*Now, Ginger, what I've said does not preclude RUPA from organizing from within itself to assist one another as best we can, and widows would certainly come top on any list of that nature - it's just that we can't expect United to help us. Like any other corporation, they're going to say "So, you're retired - what have you done for us lately?"*

*You widows have already made an excellent beginning to get your problems made known, and who's to say that you might not be able to construct a pressure group to make them known to the current pilots via ALPA, for that's what it will take. Ed*

**JERRY & MARY ANN GOEBEL** jrgoebel@aol.com

Dear Fellow Ruparians, the time line is shorter - seems as if I just wrote this letter. Anyway, it is in the proper month.

Has been a rather unexciting year - a little traveling (on the RUPA cruise again) and will be at the convention in November. Otherwise, have been staying close to home.

Thanks for the new format of the News - much easier to read.

Best regards to all,  
Mary Ann and Jerry

**TOM HERDKLOTZ**, tope@newnorth.net

Birthday was on the 10th but no time to do the things that need to be done.

The last year was not too bad for us. The usual discomforts of creeping old age and doctor doings trying to keep the grass green side up.

We did our usual stint at Oshkosh giving Fly By and Departure briefings. Then the snowmobile races at Eagle River used up some more time.

Short trips in the local area to exercise the motorhome and get a little more familiar with the historical things that are all around us up here.

I have been in touch with several other UAL pilots on the Email line. It's almost like the RUPANEWS.

My typing is hunt and peck system, so will sign off wishing all of you a safe and good year.

Check to Cleve  
Tom and Hope Herdklotz

**ROBERT G. HARRELL** EWR-LGA-JFK'54 to75

Dear Capt. Savage,

I tried your E-mail address twice, but it didn't work.

Muriel and I are starting on a long motorhome trip around the U.S. and Canada, hence the early letter. I get a large charge out of watching "Bush PAW" on Saturdays. I soloed in a J-3 Cub on floats in December of '46, and racked up a couple of thousand hours on seaplanes of various types. "Deja vu all over again" as Yogi Berra said.

Best wishes to all my compatriots. Check sent to Cleve.

Bob

*Bob: Are you sure that you put the underline, thus\_ between by first and second names? That's usually the problem. I think I'll look into changing it to something simpler, without the "\_" if I can, Compuserve is getting a bit more relaxed in name titles. Ed.*

### Visit to George Howson

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Hi, Cleve & Jock: A few weeks ago, Scotty Devine and I drove over to Piedmont to see George Howson and take him a 1997 bound volume of RUPA Newsletters. George now has a complete set of bound volumes created since RUPA's origin. He indicated, however, that a couple of early volumes were lost at the 1979 Reno Convention, but Cleve Spring has a complete set. George intends to donate his copies to the United Air Lines Historical Foundation

I called ahead to set a time that would be convenient for him, as the Howson's have had some problems lately. Their son was the victim of a freak accident and is still disabled. George Jr. was inside a Service



Station paying his bill when a woman mistook her accelerator for the brake, and her car wound up inside the station.

Billie has also been in the hospital and had just been home a few weeks when she fell and broke her hip. When I talked to George on Friday, May 14th, Billie had hip surgery just the day before.

George is doing very well, although his eyesight has failed, he gets around quite well.

We went to lunch and did a little hanger flying.

George told about having flown Dive Bombers off the Carrier Lexington in 1937-39 and practicing formation 3 plane dive bombing. Said it was a practice session using the same maneuvers that defeated the Japanese fleet at the Battle of Midway, the Torpedo Bombers coming in low, the dive bombers above, and the protective fighters at the highest altitude.

At Midway the Japanese lost four carriers, all to the dive bombers. None of the U.S. torpedo bombers registered a hit. ( It has been claimed that some torpedoes actually hit but did not explode. The Navy having had no money to check them during the isolationist 1930's.)

At this point the Japanese Admiral called off the proposed occupation of Midway and turned his huge fleet (over 45 vessels) back to Japan. Had he occupied Midway, Hawaii would have been next.

The U.S. lost two carriers, the Yorktown being torpedoed while being towed back to Honolulu in a fluke encounter with a Japanese submarine.

George's ship, the Lexington, was later lost in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

George spent 26 years in the Active Naval Reserve and flew with NAT during WW II, retiring as a Navy Captain. He is a Navy "CENTURION" having completed over one hundred carrier landings.

After his medical retirement from United, George devoted his time and energy to RUPA as Sec./ Treasurer, from its beginning in 1965 until the early '90's. He was Editor of the Newsletter for the same period. When he copied his RUPA files from his computer, they totaled 40 pounds of data!! He is truly Mr. RUPA. He was unanimously elected President Emeritus at the 1996 RUPA Convention. Jay.

*Many thanks, Jay, for your report on our founder. I'm sure that we are all grateful for his organizational and editorial skills in setting up RUPA, and wish him and his a long life and good health. Ed.*



**JOSEPH R. KUHLMAN** - PO Box 1395, Kinston, NC 28503

Cleve: By the time this reaches you, the Merry Month of May will be upon us, and that means it's birthday month for me. Here's another couple of bucks to keep the postage fund solvent.

This being 1999, I am reminded it has been 20 years since I parked UAL Boeing 727 #7305 at DCA and walked away for the last time! I guess that makes me hitting the big 80!

Ruth and I are still kicking and breathing, and appreciating all you do for the rest of us. Our best to all our friends in the United world. **Ray & Ruth**

**M, LEWIS LAWRENCE** - 263 Robin Dr, Sarasota, FL 34236

The second year of retirement seemed even busier than the first. Built a Cedar strip canoe. Marnie and I have been golfing and sailing a lot. And during February and March, I was hopping rides in a 1941 Stearman owned by TWA pilot, John McLoughlin. This is a very unique Stearman. The front seat was modified and CAA approved back in 1946 to carry two people. They do have to be rather trim, however. Our sightseeing rides over the beaches were very popular with the snowbirds, and quite a few people opted for aerobatic rides. We only took one person at a time for the aerobatics. The plane is also fitted with two video cameras so the customers could bring home a nice video of their flight. John has the plane back at it's home base near St. Louis now. Anyone in that area who is interested can call White Scarf Airways at 1-877-FLY-1941. **Lew**

**JOHN R. LINDERMAN** - 9201 Centerway Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20879 301-590-0675

Dear Cleve & Jock, Here is my postage check for the upcoming year. I can't thank you Jock, and all of the others who give so unstintingly of your time to help us all stay in touch with each other through the *RUPANEWS*. 3 1/2 years into retirement and enjoying every minute, have taken up some bike riding with Dick Crawford on occasion, hope to increase this activity as the weather improves. 5 grand kids now and one on the way, health good! Still stout and getting stouter.

Flew a B-17 not to long ago, also cockpit check out in a B-24. Those WWII bombers helped me realize just how far we have come when comparing flight times and service ceiling altitudes over the English Channel to Germany in a 767, not to mention flak and fighters. We have much to be thankful for!

On another note, perhaps RUPA could look into



starting our own medical plan to supplement Medicare. I think we have enough members in our group to get a good rate and as an ALPA sub group perhaps we could do better than UAL after age 65. Let me know your thought. Thanks, John

*Sounds like it might be a good idea, John. Are you a volunteer to check into this? Cleve.*

**JAMES B. LONG** – 8248 S. 000 Rd, Geneva, IN 46740

Cleve, My memory deceived me again. I thought it was still 1998! Time is slipping away too quickly!! This is my only excuse for being late on my 1994 postage, which you will find enclosed. The present disappears into the past about as fast as the runway when you lose an engine.

We are traveling a bit. Took a grandson to Seattle last fall to visit the Boeing Plant and sightsee. Those Companion Fares are sure "salty". My wife and I spent a week on St. John, USVI., great place. Decided to drive to Florida for a couple weeks. A nice leisure way to travel instead of fighting the crowded airports. Enjoy the "news" and really like the new format. Keep up the good work. Thanks, JB & Brenda

**JAMES W. LUNTE** – 3934 N 1600 E, Buhl, ID 83316

Dear Cleve and my old acquaintances; I have just passed the one year point since my retirement. So far it has been great. One of these days when I get an extra hour or two I'm going to sit down and write the RUPANEWS a longer note about our current exploits and adventures. My days are filled with many family and community events and projects. This is good! We now spend our winters in boulder city, NV and our summers on our farm and ranch in Buhl, ID. We're always happy when we hear from some of our old UAL and ALPA friends. Give us a call when you're in southern Idaho or southern Nevada and we can get together and "Monday morning quarterback" the current affairs at UAL and ALPA. **Jim**

**BRIAN B. McKAY** – PO Box 2848, Redmond, WA 98073

Cleve: Since the precedent has been set, don't mind being a bit tardy. My excuse: Just got back from France. Went with three other couples. We "barged" the canal: DeNivernais. A great trip. The hard part, we bought full fare tickets. Otherwise we wouldn't have made it. Regards, Brian & Colleen



## **ANDY MANTHA**

Dear Jock

Everything is fine at the Mantha household this year. We are making plans for the RUPA convention and also for a Jaguar enthusiasts' gathering in Colorado Springs in September. Outside of that and trips to visit our grandchildren, we plan to stay near home for the remainder of the year. Kudos on the new format and to you Jock for a splendid job.

Till next year.

Andy & Pauline Mantha

**JIM & PAT MCCUSKER**, 921 Forest Drive, Elgin, IL 60123-- 76250,3426

It's hard to believe that it's been a full year since the Crew Desk called, and I can't even recall studying for my annual sojourn to TK!

Have been staying busy refinishing my '58 Bonanza and answering phone calls from Bob Kelly - and only one of them is a labor of love (only kidding, Bob). Have been twice blessed as a Grandparents since retirement and can't understand why we had any problems raising our own when we have no trouble at all "raising" the Grandchildren.

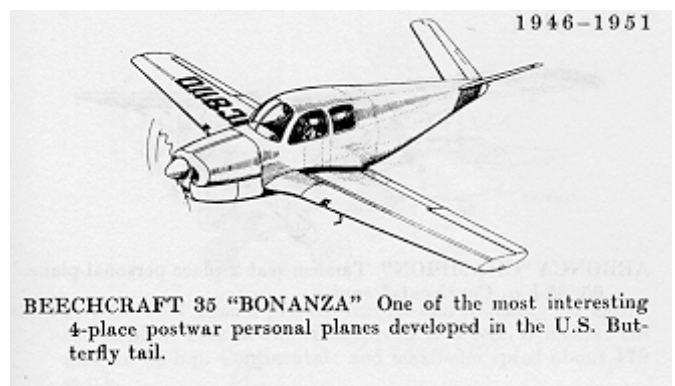
Spending the summers in Eagle River, WI- fishing, boating, flying and occasionally running into Tom McCosker and Bud and Karen Gammill.

Will be flying the Bonanza to Alaska for a two week hiatus beginning in mid-June and looking forward to renewing old acquaintances in Anchorage.

Sad to report the passing of Bud Henze. Services were well attended in Winneconne, Wi. Can only hope that the passage of time, shared among family and good friends, will help ease the burden.

Love the new format and appreciate very much all the good work and effort that is put into making the RUPA NEWS a first class Journal. Have sent dues and a little extra for the stuffers to Cleve by Snail Mail.

Hoping to keep the blue side up for quite a few more years-- Jim





**AIR LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION  
SFO COUNCIL 34 COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE  
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*Wednesday May 12, 1999*

**COUNCIL ADDRESSES UAL RJ PROPOSAL**

At yesterday's Council 34 meeting, your officers made a presentation to the membership detailing the company's proposal to the MEC to modify the RJ Exception Letter of Agreement.

In the company's proposal, the company said they wish to raise the cap on the number of regional jets permitted under the contract. Your officers said the company eventually wants to have as many as 628 regional jets - more than the number of United aircraft. Additionally, said your officers, the company wants to exclude most of these new regional jets from the contractual "1 for 3" guarantee. Under this contractual provision, the company is required to add one mainline aircraft for every three regional jets.

The company said they want to exclude the vast majority of these aircraft from that protection. Last month the MEC directed the Negotiating Committee to accept a proposal from the company regarding regional jets that would also address a number of the MEC's requirements. These requirements, according to your officers, would expand on current protections and enhance career opportunities for United's pilots.

Your officers said the company's proposal had neither. Instead, according to the company's proposal shown to the membership in a slide presentation, the company merely argued that what was good for United was, in the long run, good for the pilots, too. Not good enough, said

your officers. And not even close, said the council. As a result of discussions on this issue at the council meeting, the council unanimously passed a number of resolutions addressing this issue. These included a resolution directing the officers that if the concept of "buy and fly" is not achievable, the council requires complete ownership and control of the regional carriers by United as a condition of exceeding the current RJ cap. The officers noted that had United purchased ACA, for example, when the original RJ agreement was signed, the cost would have been \$700 million. ACA's capitalization is now \$1.2 billion and growing. Skywest's capitalization has grown just as rap-

idly. The longer UAL waits, according to your officers, the more difficult it will be to purchase these carriers and exercise the control that the airline and the pilots need.

Your Council Chairman noted that there is currently nothing to prevent American or any other carrier from buying Skywest out from under United's nose. He also told the council that American and Delta both own feeder carriers and exercise control over those operations.

Another resolution unanimously passed by the council would require a flow through agreement with any regional carrier that United purchases. That flow through agreement, however, would be contingent upon the ability of United to control that carrier's pilot hiring and training.

A third resolution was unanimously passed that would require that any modifications to the RJ Exception Letter of Agreement could occur only in conjunction with section six contract negotiations.

Your officers said that contract negotiations with the company are going poorly. The council felt that giving the company relief without a new contract would be a very unwise thing to do.

**UNITED TO CANCEL SECOND SFO- HONG  
KONG FLIGHT PLANNED FOR JUNE**

United officials said yesterday that they have cancelled plans to begin the second SFO- Hong Kong flight for the summer months because of poor advanced bookings.

Your Council Chairman said the company is having a hard time finding where to put a number of new 747-400s being delivered. The aircraft that was scheduled for the now-cancelled Hong Kong flight is now planned to replace a DC-10 between SFO and Kona beginning in June.

*Patrick Palazzolo*

Council 34 Communications Chair

This update is available on the World Wide Web at [www.ualpilotsinfo.com](http://www.ualpilotsinfo.com)

**WALT WARNER 8901 Canada Rd. Gilroy, CA  
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My lovely wife of 56 years passed away on the eve of my 81st birthday – so not much to celebrate.

The highlight of 1998 was the great party honoring me on my 80th, put on by my wonderful kids. It almost made me happy to have reached that milestone.

Haven't done much travelling – a trip to Cabo San Lucas to use our time-share and a visit to Phoenix and some local tours was about the extent of it.

We are attempting to sell the ranch and then resign



a few committees so I'll be free to take advantage of good ole United passes.

I have to add my appreciation, Jock, to all of you dedicated people at the head of RUPA – I think you are well worth the high salaries you're receiving. All kidding aside, you folks are greatly appreciated.

Walt

*Thanks for the kudos, Walt, and apologies for mislaying your original submission. You have our deepest sympathy on the loss of your life's companion. Ed*

**BOB MCKINSTRY** 27263 Bailey's Neck Rd.,  
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I must really be having fun, because I missed my birthday mailing to you by six months!

We really have been very busy with several motor home trips and cruising around Chesapeake Bay.

The new format for *RUPANEWS* is great. You guys do a great job. I recognize fewer and fewer names each month. Will be retired 18 years come October. Time really flies when you're having fun. Helen Jane says, "Hi".

Regards, Bob P.S. Check to Cleve for two years.

**HARRY METZ**, 205 Fiddlers Point Drive, St.  
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Dear Jock - Add me to those who like the new bulletin size. Good work

It has been a busy year for us, since in July we moved from Vancouver WA to Saint Augustine, FL. Our new house has less storage space than the old, so it was a real milestone when I was able to unpack enough boxes to get the first and then the second car into the garage. Glad I went for the 3-car garage - that stall is still pretty full. I've always wondered where people who live on boats store their stuff.

We haven't done much traveling, what with getting the house settled and the yard up to speed. The house in WA hasn't sold yet, so I go back every couple of months to check on it and do yard work. And our daughter and one son live a 6-8 hour drive from here, so we've exchanged visits and seen our grandkids several times.

I started volunteering with the City Archaeologist in October, and have been digging ever since. We are now working on a site near the City Gates that has been in use for at least 300 years. We have recovered bits of pottery, from Native American to Spanish and English to modern day, as well as countless bones and shells from their trash pits. We've found beads, bottles, buttons, coins, gun flints, musket balls, a 6 pound cannon ball and a complete flintlock assembly. We just never know what we'll find, so it's always interesting and often exciting. Of course it's a lot of physical

labor too. I even ran into Jim Carter (MIAFO) on St. George Street one day.

I've made contact with an underwater archaeology outfit that will be working on a wreck right offshore this summer, and I hope to do some diving with them in July and August. The ship was bringing cannons to the Fort, when the English took over in 1763, and went aground and sank just off the lighthouse. Should be interesting and fun.

We did our third Elderhostel, to Pensacola. Nice place. We made two trips to the Naval Air Museum, and the Navy types are tight to be proud of it.

Our phone number didn't make the RUPA Directory, so I've added it above.

The more we learn about St. Augustine the better we like it. I think we found a great place in which to live and be retired. More next year.

Best Regards, Harry.

*The heck with the indian artifacts - pieces of eight, doubloons, pirate treasure, that's what we want to hear about - get with it Harry! Ed.*

**H H & JANET MEYER** Littleton CO 52/ 85  
SFO DEN MIA SFO ORD DEN

Its springtime in the Rockies and the birthday note is due. Janet is using her UAL passes to help care for her ailing mother in GA and has been well served. Prudence in choosing the travel times has helped. I'm rather busy right now, as she is due to return today. Our pilots' group is still meeting weekly and is quite active in exploring the far corners and also the local hamburger joints.

Wishing you all the best. Hal



### Anti-aging hormone hype

A best-selling new diet book, "The Anti-Aging Zone," suggests that eating certain foods can help prevent the age linked declines of several hormones-including DHEA, the female hormone estrogen, the male hormone testosterone, human growth hormone, and melatonin – that supposedly contribute to physical and mental aging. Meanwhile, supplement makers and some doctors push those hormones, as well as certain other dietary supplements, as veritable antidotes to aging.

But the idea that diet can predictably change hormone levels is theoretical at best. And except for estrogen, it's still unclear how taking so-called anti-aging hormones affects the body-and what is known isn't all good. Here's the scoop on six of the most popular anti-aging fads.

**DHEA.** Short for dehydroepiandrosterone, DHEA is a precursor to both estrogen and the male hormone testosterone. Some animal research hints that extra DHEA may protect against skin cancer, a high blood-sugar level, and weight gain. But the few clinical trials done in humans have shown little if any benefit.

Moreover, DHEA stimulates highly variable production of estrogen and testosterone, with huge increases in some people. Excessive estrogen could elevate the risk of breast and uterine cancer in women. Excessive testosterone may increase a man's prostate cancer risk; in women, it may create masculine features and reduce levels of the "good" HDL cholesterol.

**Testosterone.** Testosterone levels in men decline with age much more gradually than estrogen does when women go through menopause. While that decline may contribute to the reductions in bone, muscle, and sexual ability as men age, it's rarely a major cause. And there's little evidence that taking testosterone helps those problems. Since extra testosterone poses risks, only men with a truly low level, usually caused by pituitary or testicular disease, should consider testosterone shots or pills.

**Melatonin.** A small, well-timed dose of melatonin might possibly help some older people sleep better. But evidence for the hormone's other supposed anti-aging benefits – improvements in immunity and male sexual function, as well as retardation of the aging process itself – is far weaker. Melatonin pills can cause minor side effects, such as confusion, drowsiness, and headache. Further, they may worsen sleep apnea – a potentially dangerous disorder in snorers and possibly increase blood pressure and reduce fertility.

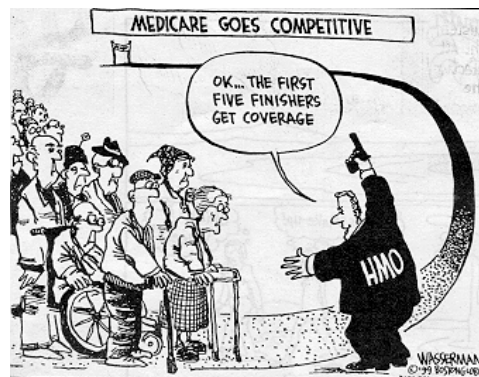
**Human growth hormone.** The moderate age-linked decline in the level of human growth hormone may contribute to the age-linked declines in muscle and

bone and the increase in body fat. But most studies in humans who have such moderately reduced growth-hormone levels have found no significant benefit from supplements. Some research suggests that supplementation may increase the risk of colon cancer, diabetes, heart failure, hypertension, and prostate cancer. And a recent French study found that long-time growth-hormone users had a higher death rate than other men.

**Antioxidant pills.** Nearly every age-related disease, including arthritis, cardiovascular disease, cancer, cataracts, and macular degeneration of the eye – as well as aging itself – has been linked at least theoretically to oxidation, a common cause of cell damage. Researchers have identified numerous nutrients-including vitamins C and E, the carotenoid beta-carotene, the mineral selenium, and a host of other obscure chemicals in plant foods – that fight oxidation and, in theory, may help promote healthy aging. But a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and the recommended amount of fish or meat probably provides enough of all those nutrients – except vitamin E – to provide maximum protection without supplementation. (Modest vitamin E supplements are worth considering).

**Ginko.** The idea that ginko biloba might help the brain was bolstered by a study published two years ago, in which the herb improved certain measures of mental functioning in dementia patients. But those improvements were modest at best. And there's even less evidence that the herb can boost memory in healthy people or stem the normal weakening of memory with age. Ginko may inhibit clotting, so people who have bleeding disorders or take blood-thinners, such as aspirin or warfarin (Coumadin, Panwarfarin) should avoid it.

*Consumer Reports on Health, March 1999*



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**HOWARD P. MORGAN** 5429 Evergreen Hts. Dr.  
Evergreen CO 80439

Howdy to you all. My dad went to work for National Air Transport in 1928. As a result I knew many of the employees in the early days. It was particularly sad to note the passing of two of our best friends from that era. Walter J. Addems. He was a great friend from day one. A man I have admired all of my life and have spent so many wonderful hours with in my lifetime. He never got tired of talking airplanes with me (least he never told me he was tired of talking.) He built his own airplane at age 16 and taught himself to fly it. He told me how he would fly straight and level, land, and turn it around until he was able to make turns in flight! He became the chief pilot at United Airlines early on and did many things to enhance the safety of flight at our airline.

He was an early victim of the dreaded age 60 rule in 1952. In retirement, he again built another airplane! This time a nearly exact replica of a Nieuport 11. With this machine he did incredible low-level aerobatics until he was nearly 85 years old! The Nieuport is now in the San Diego Aerospace Museum. He was a totally dedicated aviator and a fine gentleman.

Willard Edson. I spent a lot of time with the Edsons up until the age of 10. He was, as I remember, an incredible gadgeteer. I was recently reminded by his wife that he loved to baffle me with a device that he built for his car radio. He had a foot pedal (like the high beam switch of old) that he used to change stations on the radio. There were others as I recall. My folks left me with the Edsons on a number of occasions when they went on trips. It was always a joy for me to be taken care of by the Edsons.

Both men lived into their high nineties - I'll miss them both!

As of last year at this time, I was in A and P school at Emily Griffith in Denver. Another retired captain and myself were there at the same time. We made an impression on the "Principal", as he threw us both out of school (not at the same time). The other Capt. was able to finish the course. The "Principal" is no longer there, and I stumbled into something more fun to do.

I went to work for Pilatus Business Aircraft on the new PC-12. It is a very fine Swiss-built aircraft, complete with an outstanding glass cockpit. The engine is a 1200 h.p. Pratt & Whitney PT-6. It can have as many as 11 seats, and cruises at 260 kts. A new airline in California has recently ordered 32 @ \$3 million a copy. Community Air will serve some of the smaller towns that need air service. I have been out there (Ukiah) demonstrating the airplane since January, off and on.

At home here, I'm still living with Patti, former Miss

Rodeo Texas, Championship goat roper and United Flight Attendant.

My son is at University of North Dakota in aviation - looking towards working at United. My daughter "J. P." is getting married May 29th, and will be going to West Georgia State College for just a little bit longer. When I'm not out flying, I'm at our hangar (33H) at the Longmont Co. airport. We now have living quarters in the hangar, so stop by anytime. Sincerely, *Howie*

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**ARTHUR N. MUMM** - N5668 County Rd. H, Elkhorn, WI, 53121

Dear Cleve, I've read in the past where dues were late and thought that those retired pilots were getting senile and forgetful. Now having joined that group of paying late, I'll have to admit it's easy to miss the birthday month.

Retirement still beats flying the best schedule. I'm in my 2nd year of retirement and we're looking forward to many more, the Lord willing. We've been looking at possibly relocating to an area where I don't have to get the snow shovel out in the winter.

I enjoy the monthly publication and appreciate the efforts that are put into getting it out. Regards, Art

**DICK MURDOCK** - retirement Class of 1993

I thought that the last 5 years of my flying career went by in a hurry, but its hard to believe that this is retirement year #6...time is still flying by at jet speeds.

There are now over 100 (110?) pilots, retired and active, volunteering at UAL's B-727 exhibit at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, and we recently had a luncheon hosted by the volunteer staff of the museum attended by about 45 of us. This is a good opportunity to say "Thanks" to all of the volunteers for their interest and dedication, and especially to Roger Simpson who comes all the way from Kentucky; Hat Oblencamp who now offers his services to the museum on a weekly basis; and Dale and Pam Dopkins. Pam is an active Flight Attendant who accompanies Dale on his scheduled days, and the two of them are a "hit" with the patrons, visitors and staff. There's always room for more volunteers, so anybody who hasn't been personally contacted, feel free to call and get on the list. I'm in the RUPA book. And to those of you who have never seen the exhibit, take the time on your next trip to Chicago and pay a visit, it is first class. Dick



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**WES OLNEY**

Dear Jock: At long last I have managed to join the many who are a bit late with the birth month letter. A few days late, but late is late. I have also joined the many who have failed to avoid battle with age and health. This past December I had surgery for a carotid artery, and many will know this to be the cause of strokes. I was extremely fortunate to have only the faintest of hints that something was wrong. As it turned out my left carotid artery was 95% blocked but a little surgery and all is well as of now. I spent nearly all of November thru the end of April in Palm Desert, Ca where I now have a little second home. It sure beats trying to pretend that golf is fun when the rain is trickling down the back of your neck. My warmest regards to one and all. Wes

**BOB OLSON** 24186 N. Grandview Dr. Barrington IL 60010

Aloha! Time to head up to Minnesota for a few months of R&R.

Our four children did a wonderful job of putting together a 50th anniversary celebration for Edie and I on May 1st.

I like the new format and larger print, thanks to all who write letters and to those who put it all together. Bob Olson

**JOHN C. OSBORNE** – 647 Sharp Park Rd, Pacifica, CA 94044

Dear Cleve, Enclosed \$40 for postage, two months late this year, ten months early for next year. Thanks to all of you, and especially Jock. The *RUPANEWS* is the best ever. Both in format and content

I'm still sideways on the 747 "rope start", but will be joining the unemployed later this year. It has been a pretty good retirement job, but now I'm about ready to join the rest of you busy Folders & Stuffers.

November 5, '99 will complete 43 years with UAL. John

*Looking forward to you joining us, John. Come and fly with the "Geezers." Cleve.*

**GENE PATRICK**

Hi Jock: It's that time of year again and we've left the 90 degree heat of Florida for the Mountains of Montana where the show is coming down at about 1" per hour. 12" to 16" on the ground at this time. The remodeling is about done in Florida and the log home (In Montana) is done and ready for the foundation to be poured so the logs can be set. Maybe by Thanksgiving, we hope. Newest Grandchild is 7 months old today and that makes an even dozen for us. What a joy. Ages range from 20 years to 7 mo.

What a shock to learn of Scotty's flight West. It was a special privilege to work with him as part of my flight crew on numerous occasions.

We are really hoping to get started on this retirement thing. We've finished our time in Africa, flying the 206 Cessna and most of the remodeling and now if we can just get the log home done, The 1941 Taylorcraft sold and a few other details completed, I think I'll invest in a rocking chair. May not have time to use it much tho.

I like the new format and really appreciate the work the whole *RUPANEWS* crew does to make this publication possible .

Check to Cleve by snail mail and if this gets there in time please send

*RUPANEWS* to the Montana address.

P.O. Box 26 Augusta, Montana 59410. Until its time to go South--Octoberish

Sincerely, Gene and Shaunney Patrick

**GENE & JOANN PETERSON** BOS-EWR-JFK-CLE-JFK, 60-93.

Jock: I will try this again. First one didn't go thru for some reason.

We moved to Cape Cod about a year ago and moved into our new home about the first of April. Spent a great deal of time looking for a larger than the normal parcel offered on the Cape. But we finally found a 3.88 acre piece in Brewster and started building in September 98. Since then there has been almost non-stop work of helping clear the trees and cutting and splitting the fire wood, stacking, clearing brush, and now trying to get a yard out of the dust bowl we currently are looking upon. Joann is busy inside doing painting now after some help earlier on. We hope to get the solar panels up and running next week and if that happens everything will finally be working.

Brewster is a great town and a very friendly spot, especially for the NE. Today we caught a local pancake breakfast before Sunday School and Church and then lunch we made some new friends. Great bike paths also and especially enjoyed them last year.

Done almost no travel except back and forth to Connecticut for business reasons and to see our daughter, Laurie, living in Purchase, NY where she teaches at Manhattanville and full time at Norwalk Community College.

Busy with building stuff like book shelves-just picked up 144 feet of poplar. Had to plane it, but it is great stuff - clear as can be, and all for \$1.00/foot. Local saw mill in New Milford, CT. So, as with most of us, it is hard to believe how fast the time flies when you are having fun.

Doesn't look like I will be able to make the trip to

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South Dakota to do a bit of prairie dog thinning, but have had some great trips out there. Nor have we done any pass travel, but hope to later this year, either to Santa Fe, NM or possibly England.

Like the new format, looks great. Many thanks to all who make this available. It is a work of love.

Best to you all,

Please note, new phone # 508-896-8879.

Check to follow. Gene

### **OAK PORTER**

Hi every body; Fern & I have moved back to our summer home in sunriver Oregon

Our new E-Mail is oakporter@coinet.com Ph #541

593 7165 cel # 702 497 7069.

PO box # 3835 Sunriver OR 97707

We had a wonderful trip to England on the Concord and a very good trip back on the 777. I will be writing to you later but wanted to get

our new address off to you.

Oak & Fern Porter

**CARL RECKNAGEL** PO Box 3661 Santa Barbara CA 93130

I both enjoy and am also green with envy of the letters from the members, their adventures, health status, etc. My travels consist mostly of going to the bathroom.

Health wise, I have Alzheimer's Disease, I like to look at pretty girls but forget why. I told this to a checker girl in the supermarket and she asked "would you like for me to refresh your memory ?" They had to call 911.

Sincerely, Carl

*We trust you're just jesting, Carl, and anticipate hearing from you for many more years. Ed.*

**SALLY J. RIGGS** – 993 Cimarron Dr, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Dear Cleve, I think I have been remiss in sending postage for the *RUPANEWS*. Mike always enjoyed reading about "guys" he knew, and now I am enjoying it too. It will soon be a year since I lost him, and even though time heals, memories are forever.

See you in Las Vegas. Thanks for including me. Sally

**DON ROBERTS** 516 W. Maple Grove Rd. Camano Island, WA 98292

Hi Jock; Great new format for the *RUPANEWS*.

Always a treat to receive my copy in the mail and learn of what my old cohorts are doing. Not much new here in the Northwest. I did have some lower back problems, some spinal surgery fixed those, and once again we are as busy as ever. With our short summer

season rapidly approaching, we are planning some boat cruises to British Columbia. We will also be flying to Scotland & Wales for a visit in the Autumn.

Best regards, Don

**WILLIAM J. SAMUELS** - 10 Spiros Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Cleve, For once I am early with the annual letter.

I have been suffering with neuropathy of the feet which is caused by damaged nerves. I have no idea how they got damaged, nor have any doctors been able to tell me. As a result I stagger around like I've had too much to drink. I bought a three-wheel electric scooter to ride in when I have to go on any extended walk, otherwise my health is perfect.

I have now been retired for almost twenty-four years and unfortunately there are not many people I know who write letters for the *RUPANEWS*. I still enjoy it, however, and want to express my deep appreciation for those stalwarts who produce and send it to the members.

I recently had a book. published called *Reflections of an Airline Pilot*. It is priced on the cover for \$14.95. Should any member want a copy, send twelve bucks and I will mail you one.

Enclosed is a small stipend for postage or whatever.

Yours, Bill

**LEROY R. SCROGGS** – 9915 W. Royal Oak Rd. #1090, Sun City, AZ 85351 RoyEagle@aol.com

Hello Cleve: Just received the latest *RUPEE* newsletter, and was reminded that this is the time to take care of several items. Such as annual postage, contribution to the pilots foundation, and get the form sent in to give our choices of things at the convention. These checks will be there by the snail mail. Lois & I are looking forward to the time in Las Vegas with our friends of the past. I will be 80 on the 19th, and it has been a long time since I have recognized a crew member in the cockpit while traveling on UAL. That is one of the things I miss. I join all of the other retirees in complimenting the people like you and the Rupee staff in general for giving so much of your time and talents for our benefits. Roy & Lois

P.S. for the records our telephone number has an area number change to 623-972-9595 The old area code of 602 will not function after Sept. 1st.

**ROBERT G. SINCLAIR** - 576 Buttonwood Dr, Danville, CA 94506

Hi Cleve, Enclosed is my postage check ... little late, but so is everything else.

Council 34's Retirement Party was a real shot in the arm! Good to see so many troops. Thanks again for all



the work that goes into such a class act. I'm proud to be associated with such a great group what a profession.

Retirement is also great ... although the schedule is the tightest I've ever had. My days are filled with house and cabin projects, wife Amanda, and social events, kids, grandkids and our good friends. Life has never been better, and it would be my fault if it wasn't. Please send my greetings to all of the "individuals" that made my career so enjoyable. Thanks again, Bob

**HUGH AND MARIE SMITH.** Box 474 Avalon, Santa Catalina Island Ca. 90704 48/85, ORD, EWR, SFO, LAX.

Jock: We like the new format and you are doing a good job. Another good year for us and our family. Five children and eleven grand children. All reasonably healthy, the Good Lord has been good to this Smith Family.

I have one more year left on my 2- year term as Mayor of Avalon. We will see what happens next April. Marie says no, and I say we will see then. Still commuting to the mainland and the desert in the C-182. Our new GPS does everything but land the airplane. I have a new Co-Pilot now. Jack Goodwin just sold his C-182 and I hired him. We plan some trips to RNO Races and a visit to Dick Rackow at Lake Chelan up Washington State some place. But since we have our new GPS we will just go direct, and follow the HDI. Capt Plavan will be giving us a check ride, to make sure we know how to use it, and if we are safe.

Sorry to hear of the passing of Bill West One day many years ago, I was trying to save a City Employee and keep him from getting fired. I was flying with Bill at the time and was telling him the story. He agreed with me and offered to act as the young man's attorney. So I was to fly Bill over to Catalina from TOA. in my airplane to attend the Council Meeting where the hearing was to take place. The weather didn't cooperate, as it was zero/zero at the airport in the sky. Bill knew it and he wanted to know what we were going to do, so I told him we would land at my sea-level alternate, which was a rock quarry on the east end of the Island. It was adequate to get in and out of, but didn't leave much room for error. At any rate, we made the meeting and he saved the young man's job. All for free. I will always remember that trip and Bill West a great guy.

That's it for this year. Hello to all our friends and God Bless. Hugh and Marie Smith

**THOMAS W. SMITH** – PO Box 27, Buckley, WA 98321

Dear Cleve, I've now completed four years of retirement and that list of things I was going to do, when I finally got the time, hasn't gotten any shorter. But, at least now I don't worry about it anymore. I guess that's real retirement. Regards to all, Tom

**RICHARD E. STEBBINS** – 154 Marks Dr, Hollister, CA 95023

Dear Cleve, My 70th year started out with a bang. We moved into our new home one month ago, so celebrated my big day and an open house to show off the new place.

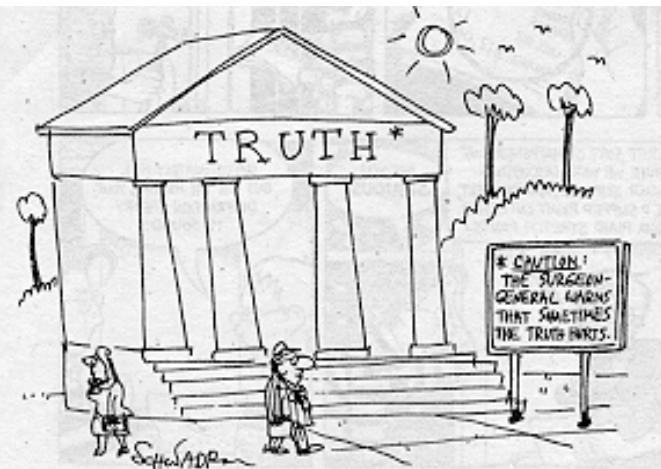
I purchased this home in July. I was having great fun renovating a 23- year- old dark and dreary place into an open space that's light and airy. It did turn out great. My fiancée, Dottie, and I were to move in in January, but then fate stepped in and dealt us a big blow. I had a massive stroke on December 7 which left me paralyzed on my right side and unable to speak. I can now walk slowly with the aide of a four-point cane and a right leg brace. My speech has returned, but the right words often elude me. My right arm and hand continue to hang limply. Dottie is a retired R.N. and she has been able to guide me in a positive way, we are two lucky people.

I'm optimistic about my recovery and certain that, with continued therapy, I'll be up and traveling again. Next year when I write I hope it will all be positive news. Dick

*Well Dick, you sound pretty positive to me! All the best, and hang in there. Cheers, Cleve*

**JACK STEIDL**, 13902 W LK Kathleen, Renton WA captjack\$@juno.com

April was the month for my big 80, I didn't mind being called a Sexagenarian, but I don't much care for "Octogenarian". How about Nonagenarian? My health is good, but my age is bad. Jack



**ROBERT J. STEWART** - 260 Windship Dr, Port Townsend, WA 98368  
Cleve, Sorry I'm a month late, no excuse just forgot. We broke down and bought a bigger boat last fall. It is an Ocean Alexander 44 sundeck which we named "Last Oasis", meaning "Last Ocean Alexander Stewart Is Supporting.) So far we have had three dockings in over 30 knot winds, hopefully the weather will improve. We plan on taking several small trips plus all of July and part of August to cruise to the northern part of Vancouver Island. Bob & Jan

**DONALD M. SWANSON** - 8N845 Nolan Rd, Elgin, IL 60123

Dear Cleve: Sorry I'm late, so I'm paying next year's early. The Florida sun must be cooking my brain. We missed newsletters because USPO will not forward them. I'm back in the loop now, so I'll have to remember to change address next year! See you in Vegas. Don

*Don, the Post Office tells us they will forward periodicals for only 60 days. It's no problem for me to change your address when you notify me. Just call on our 800-787-2429 number and leave a message or email me, or send a letter. Cheers, Cleve*

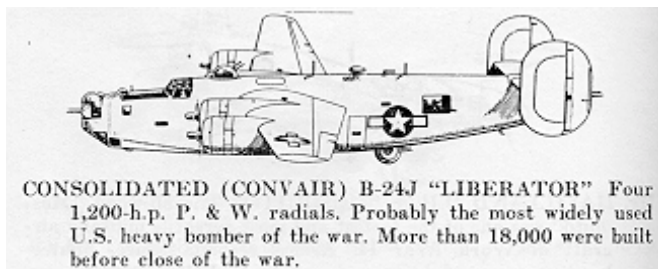
**RONALD E. TAYLOR**, 7810 Goodman Dr. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332

Another busy year, following installation of my new "cow" tissue aortic valve last April. Car trips down the West Coast. Then in September met the Dapps in Istanbul, where we joined a cruise through the Med. to Rome, left the Dapps and flew on to Barcelona, and boarded the S S Norway transatlantic to Miami. Went on to Maui for the owners' meeting at the Mana Kai. Christmas with our family, (nine grandchildren), all located here in the greater Seattle area. With the winter rains in progress, we headed for AZ and Cabo. Maui in March, where I ended up at Maui Memorial Hospital, and after many tests, determined Carotid artery surgery was necessary. So hope now all is repaired, and we can get on with our lives. The new format is great. We really appreciate all you who work so hard to get it out for us to enjoy.  
Thanks, Ron

**J. FRED THOMAS** - 8932 Biscayne Ct #1318e, Huntington Beach, Ca 92646

If I live until May 26, records show I'll hit the big 80. Yet, other records show I'm still a junior birdman; having just soloed the Stearman 56 years ago. My oldest brother died March 19, so I did become the senior member of our immediate family. The health scene is as good as an old man could expect; better than many.

I have continued to represent the 392nd Bomb Group in the Second Air Division Ass'n. the past year. That means we have attended several Second Air Division and 8th Air Force reunions. Also, quite a number of B 24 men contributed more than the \$175,000 needed to install and dedicate a bronze B 24 model in the Honor Court at the Air Force Academy. Like my peers of UAL, we are losing too many good friends to the grim reaper. Being listed on the rolls of a couple of Internet outfits, and being active in a WW II Veteran's association, has my name strewn over the earth. That leads to a lot of letter writing, and answering a lot of requests for information about people and places we might have known in WW II. We are getting a lot of traffic from the younger generations who want to find out about grandpa, uncle, or some other kin. Along the way, I've ordered a CD or two from



Reader's Digest and a magazine or two from Publishers Clearing House. Now, I'm threatened every week with the delivery of a huge check or some luxury model car. Also, I gave a few checks to the better known charities. I am now on the mailing list of every Indian tribe and charity organization known in the USA; and some in Canada. I have enough address labels to paper every wall in my den. And we have more various note cards than a Hallmark store. Both the Democrats and Republicans write for money as if I am a party member. And I wonder who gave my name to the KKK; the ACLU and the NRA? So far, my paper shredder has been a good piece of equipment. So it goes. We thank you and your staff; we like the new News format; and we hope to report to you another year.

Yours, Fred  
†bomberb24@aol.com

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### First Airborne Beds?

United First customers on March 5, Flight 930, from SFO to London were the first international customers to experience a lie-flat bed on a U.S. carrier. The new United First Suite is United's version of a roomy combination seat that provides an office workspace or reclines 180 degrees to form a bed six feet, six inches

long.

The company is installing the United First Suite in the United First Cabins on select Boeing 777s that fly between U.S. Europe & Latin America. By 2001, the Suite will be on United's international Boeing 777 & 747-400 aircraft, with the first 20 aircraft converted by the end of the year. With those conversions, United flights to the Pacific eventually will have the Suite. The United First Cabins on B 777s hold 12 new suites -the same number of 1st Class seats now installed on B 777s. To make room for the suites on B 777s, 14 seats in United Economy were removed. The number of United First Suites on all B 777B models will reduce to 10 when new crew bunks are added on those aircraft. On B747-400s, instead of having three aircraft seating configurations, there will be one standard configuration: 14 United First Suites, 84 United Business Seats & 270 United Economy Seats. UAL press release.

*Well it may be the first convertible seat to bed (which I doubt) but it surely isn't the "first lie-flat bed on a U. S. carrier." That is at least as old as the Ford Trimotor DST sleepers. I recall flying trans-Atlantic in 1953 on a BOAC (former United) Stratocruiser where overheads lowered to make Pullman bunks. Ed*

#### **JOAN & DON TOEPPEN '44-'77 CG,MDW,ORD**

There is a saying: "After fifty, it's patch, patch, patch". Both Joan and I find it to be true. However, the patching permits her to be involved with all kinds of civic things, such a book review group, started a philosophy study group, and writes all elected representatives when they stray from the proper path. In my case, I now only work for three foundations, as the move from Wisconsin eliminated working for Capt. Dick Wagner's Foundation (NOR\\_Ret.). If any reader wants to be secretary of a foundation, I'll be glad to make a recommendation for any comers. The enclosed was in the local paper. If the author's signature is read backwards, you'll know who wrote it

*I find I have reached the stage  
That is commonly known as "Ripe Old Age"  
And I'm called on each day to decide the fate  
Of things I've allowed to accumulate  
The things I don't need I can always find,  
From two to a dozen of every kind,  
But what I do need escapes the eye  
Until I return from the store, with another buy*

*And what is left over, being sly as a fox  
I know I may need it so it goes in a box  
This is surely the reason I've run out of space  
With bundles and boxes all over the place*

*From morning until evening I spend every day  
Just trying to find something I've laid away  
Some comfort I find, it isn't all bad  
For I find many things I didn't know that I had  
So day after day I go around and around  
Continuously losing more than I've found  
I must change my program, before I am sunk,  
Or disappear from the picture, submerged in my junk.  
Trawets Nala, Sun City*

In closing, if what you find has to do with Old UAL, the Historical Museum can use it. Send it to Tom Angelos, United Historical Foundation, United Flight Center, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207. Tom now heads the group that took over for the late Capt. Bill Arnott. Tom can get you COMAT authority to ship the stuff.

See you at OSH, July 28 to Aug. 3 Regards, *Joan & Don*

#### **ROD VIOLETTE SFOFO 65/94**

e-mail rodsrec@msn.com

Another birthday, one number closer to shooting my age on the golf course, maybe if I live to 92 or so. The usual activities, golf, tennis, and travel. Went skiing last winter, one week in Sun Valley in Feb., and a week in Kamloops, BC with a great bunch of UAL folks from SEA. in Mar. Had a great time skiing with some very good skiers. They were very helpful teaching me to ski powder. Apparently I was doing very well, but alas I will never know, as I had a little episode, called a Transient Global Amnesia, on the ski hill. I had a complete and permanent loss of memory for a period of about four hours. During that time I am told I was yahooping all the way down the hill, skiing three black diamond runs in eighteen inches of fresh powder. Subsequent MRI and examination revealed no neurological damage, and the cause is still a mystery to medical science. If anybody is interested go to: [www.mayohealth.org/mayo/9702/html/2nd\\_op1.htm](http://www.mayohealth.org/mayo/9702/html/2nd_op1.htm). The sad part is that I will never remember skiing those black diamond runs in eighteen inches of powder. This Sept.10-20, twenty-two, mostly retired airline pilots and friends, will be hiking in the Dolomites in NE Italy. That will be part of a month in Europe, as we plan to resume our aborted golf trip to Scotland (see p.27 of the May RUPANEWS), and tour Normandy and Brittany with a retired Air France pilot and his wife. See you all at the 'Vegas convention.  
Rod



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**WALTER F. WOODRUFF** - 562 California Way,  
Redwood City, CA 94062

Dear Cleve, sorry I am late with the dues. Have been doing some traveling so have missed the folding party. Like the new publication, keeps us informed about our groups activities.

Will try to make the next addressing party. Woody

**EARLE F. WORLEY** 101 Robert Miles, Williamsburg, VA 23185-8220. '53-88. DCA,JFK,SFO.LAX, SFO

Dear Jock, I'm sorry about this being hand written, maybe I'll get a computer soon.

I'm busy playing golf and doing yardwork in Williamsburg. Barbara and I spend the winter in North Palm Beach, FL from the first part of January to the first part of April. I get to attend a few of the RUPA luncheons down there.

I went flying with Ham Oldham in his Globe Swift, and he even gave me a leg every now and then. I can't seem to get the thing close to the ground on landing. Ham says I still have too much 747 in me.

I've been busy starting a new chapter of the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society (VASHS) in Williamsburg VA. We meet at the small airport, JGG, every third Wednesday of the month from 10:00 until 12:00. I plan to have guest speakers for every meeting. If anyone is interested, please drop, fly or drive in or come anyway you can. They have a nice little restaurant at the airport.

You are doing a fine job Jock, keep it up. Earle P.,S.  
Check to Cleve.

**RALPH WRIGHT** - 4675 S. Yosemite #204, Denver CO 80237

The big 80! Its better than being 70 or 75 at which age people expect you to retire to a little house in Florida and become a grumpy gimpy old has been. At 80 everybody wants to carry your baggage and help you up stairs. If you spill your soup or your socks do not match, its o.k., because your 80. You can relax at 80 because nobody expects much of you. Life begins at 80. Helen sends her best. Still flying the Bonanza.

Thanks for the good work. Check to C  
Cleve. Ralph

**VINCE YOUNG**, Kerrville, TX

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Year five and still alive and old enough for Medicare (ugh). Texas in the winter, the Northwest in the summer via motor home. Pat and I had a great trip in January to Perth, Australia; which has to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Sure is a long ride

to get there, but worth the effort.

We have just become proud grandparents; so, let the spoiling process begin! Can't help but worry about the kind of world we are leaving to our children. We have a congenital liar and serial rapist in the White House who thinks the USA should be the world's cop, Barbara Walters honors the bitch goddess of treason, Hanoi Jane, on T. V., and freaks Re Marilyn Manson are allowed to corrupt the minds of our kids under the guise of freedom of speech. "Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln, how did you enjoy the play?" Our sincere thanks to all of you who work so hard to make the RUPA Journal possible. Vince

*About 2000 years ago people were worrying about that incorrigible womanizer Caesar, and that depraved bitch Cleopatra. Relax and enjoy your golden years, Vince. The world turns regardless. Ed.*

### **CRUISE DISCOUNTS FOR WIDOWS.**

Our May luncheon didn't take place. So, I'm submitting this "Outlaws Report" instead.

Several widows attended our last luncheon. It's another good reason why RUPA luncheons should be "coed." It gives these lovely ladies a chance to visit and socialize with co-workers of their late husbands, as well as the wives of these co-workers. I certainly can't speak for these ladies, but they must enjoy the respite, or they wouldn't join us.

During conversation, we broached the subject of interline cruise discounts. It was felt by some that widows lose this perk when their husbands pass away. I decided to check into the matter. According to "Simon" at ALL INTERLINE RESERVATIONS, as long as the widows maintain pass privileges on UAL, they're eligible for interline cruise discounts, the same as always. Here's the text of his reply: "If the widow is still pass-eligible under UAL's rules, then the cruise lines will give the interline discount. Also, the interline discount applies to all Globus/Cosmos tours. Thanks. Simon @ 1-800-435-4512, ext. 117."

Note that he says the "cruise lines" will give the interline discount. Obviously, it's not up to the outfit who books interline cruises. So, ANY of the many interline discount outfits should accommodate UAL widows (or widowers) the same as other retirees. If they don't, then give "Simon" a call at the above number, and book through him. ("Globus/Cosmos tours" refers to worldwide group tours available at

interline discount rates.

To get a catalog from ALL INTERLINE RESERVA-

TIONS, give them a call at the above number. They can also provide info about Globus/Cosmos. Of course, catalogs are also available from CLUB AERO MARINE (Capt. Ed DeChant's outfit) at 1-800-255-2376. Ed has some good things to offer, and they're especially designed to tie-in with SA travel on UAL. Also, THE TRAVEL COMPANY offers a very nice catalog. They can be reached at 1-800-367-6090 (1-650-367 6000 in the SFO Bay Area). INTERLINE TRAVEL REPS offers a magazine-type of "catalog" that arrives every other month, and is VERY nice. (As I mentioned previously in RUPA NEWS.) Normally, it runs \$5.95 a year, but you can probably still get an annual subscription for free by calling 1-800-828-0046. Tell 'em I sent 'ya. (They might pretend to not know who I am. They like to kid around that way.)

Widows (or others) who are interested in cruises or group travel at interline rates will find much to choose from by perusing these free catalogs. One caveat, however. On my last cruise, I actually got a better deal for being "over 55" (but, not by MUCH!) than I could have otherwise obtained as a mere interliner. (Hey, 66 isn't "much" over 55, is it?) So, any lovely UAL widows who just MIGHT be over 55 might want to look into this possibility, as well. Hope this information is beneficial. One last thought: one of the better deals I've found is the \$70-per-day cruise fare offered by HOLLAND AMERICA LINES. It's a standby fare that's offered for those who can travel with less than 35 days notice. Info is available in the TRAVEL COMPANY catalog. Give 'em a call. And, for non-smokers, CARNIVAL CRUISE LINES offers smoke-free cruising aboard their cruise ship, "PARADISE" which is currently plying the Caribbean.

(Appropriate name: "Paradise!")

Carl B. Jordan



## OBITUARIES

Sam Orchard 380 Bloomfield Rd. Sebastopol CA  
Dear Jock, it is our sad duty to inform you that **MILO KOPP** died April 30, 1999 at his home in Pleasanton, CA after a long fight with cancer. His wife, Betty was with him, as she has been constantly these past months.

Milo was born April 24, 1921 in Stockton, CA. He earned his pilot's license at age 16 in Stockton. Airports and flying were his life and in Feb. of 1944 he joined United Air Lines, retiring from the 747 in 1981. All but one year in SLC was spent at SFO. I had the honor and pleasure of flying his last trip with him SFO-HNL-SFO. He was our good friend and will be greatly missed.

**O. RUSSELL (RUSS) HOPKIN** SFO May 9, 1999

Russ was a pilot for United for over 30 years, based out of LAX and then SFO.

He passed away at the age of 80. After retirement Russ pursued his hobbies of raising Tennessee Walking horses, Scottish Highland cattle, and tending to the beautiful Redwood trees on his California ranch. He discovered a love for scuba diving and had over 1000 dives World-Wide. He is survived by his wife Mary, daughters Penni Milum and Kathryn De Jong and four grandchildren. R. Millum

MARGARET EWALD 1712 Pacific Castle Pl. Las Vegas NV 89134

Dear Jock: **WILLIAM G. EWALD (BILL)** passed away on May 12, 1999, at his home in Las Vegas, Nevada. Bill was 69 years old and had battled lung cancer since 1992. Last year the cancer became very active, making Bill too weak to overcome it. He was blessed to never have had any pain, and died peacefully.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, a United flight attendant, and seven children. All seven children had been with him in the last two weeks.

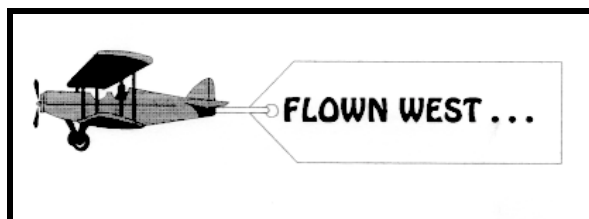
Sincerely, Margaret Ewald

MRS. VIRGINIA "HAROLD" BALLATIN - 3535 Heroic Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Hello, Just want to let everyone know that **HAL BALLATIN** died April 11, 1999. He was diagnosed with cancer just a month before he left us, and he went swiftly to God.

He was a great husband and father, and will be missed greatly for a long time to come.

Thank you, Virginia



M.O. "BUD" JORDAN	ORD	
NOEL M. "BUD" HENZE	ORD	
HAROLD "HAL" BALLATIN	LAX	11 APR 1999
MILO R. KOPP	SFO	30 APR 1999
O. RUSSELL HOPKIN	SFO	9 MAY 1999
WILLIAM G. "BILL" EWALD	SFO	12 MAY 1999
MARY FETT-SEVESKA *	ORD	18 MAY 1999
ART BENSEN*	IAD	20 MAY 1999

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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.

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## RUPA'S SOCIAL CALENDAR

- Jun 8** Sunbirds Lunch Miles Grant CC (2nd Tue)
- Jun 15** DEN Good Ole Boys Lunch Country Buffet (3rd Tue)
- Jun 15** NE Florida Lunch (stag) Spruce Creek CC
- Jun 17** Sundowners Lunch Countryside CC (3rd Thu)
- Jun 17** Ohio Northcoasters Lunch TJ's Wooster (3rd Thu)
- Jun 17** LAX Lunch Haciendsa, El Segundo (even months) (3rd Thu) Billingsley's Van Nuys (odd)
- Jul 10** Ojai Barbeque – Barnard Ranch
- Jul 21** Washington Area Stag Lunch – Belle Haven CC
- Aug 11** RUPA Picnic – Elks Club Palo Alto
- Oct 8** PHX Roadrunners Lunch – Sun City (2nd Fri.)
- Oct 8** SEAFO – Retirement Party for Jess Marker – Museum of Flight
- Oct 11** SW Florida Outlaws – Lunch (2nd Mon.)
- Oct 14** SE Florida – Lunch (2nd Thu.)
- Nov 7-11** RUPA Convention – Las Vegas

**July Deadline – 23 June**

**Folder's & Stuffer's – 7 July**

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