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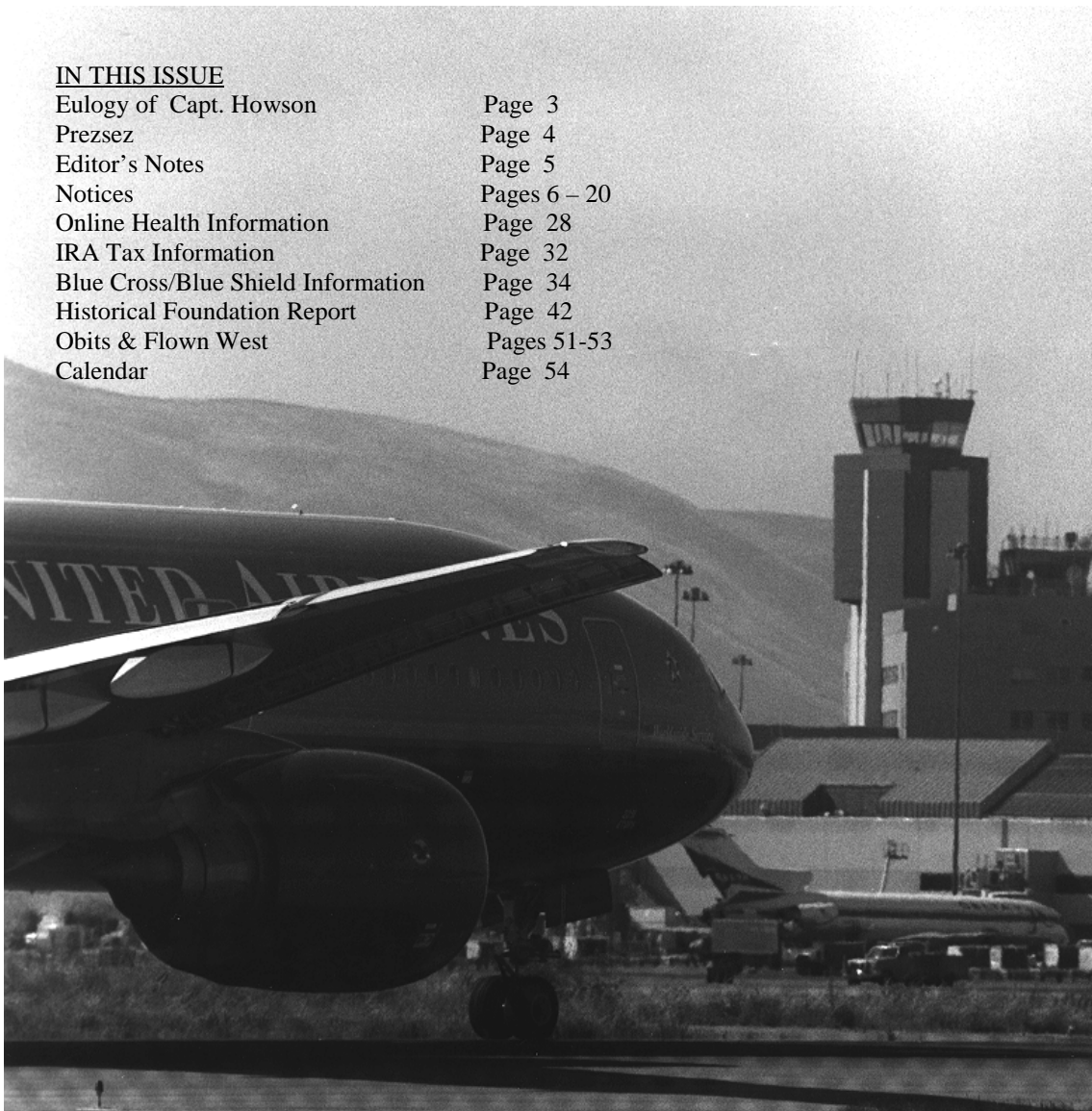
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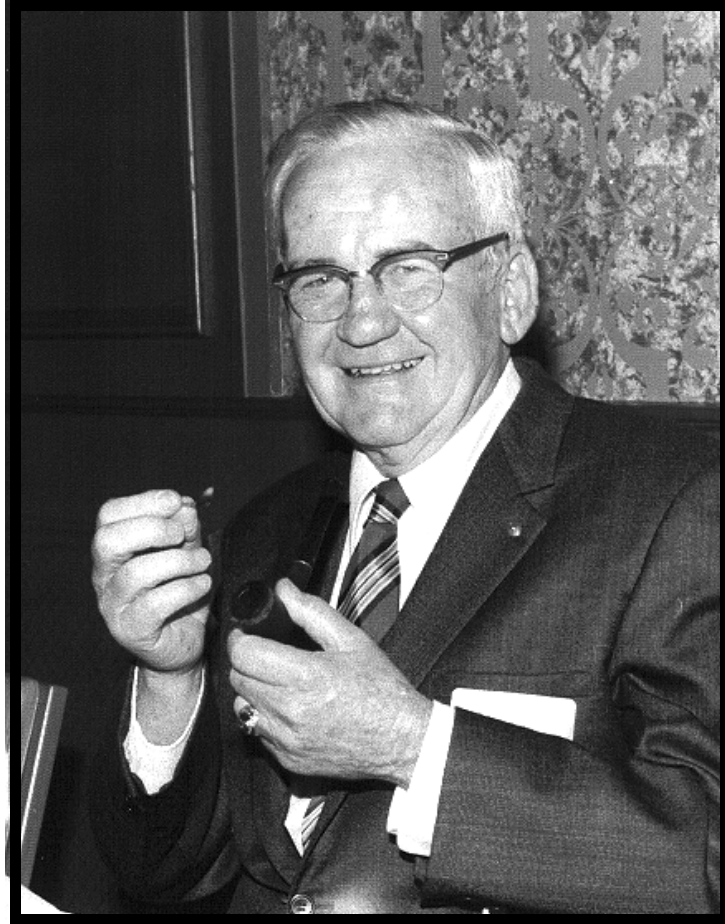
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## PRESIDENT EMERITUS



### CAPTAIN GEORGE O. HOWSON

*by S.J. Devine*

On November 28, 1999, the Retired United Pilots Association lost its President Emeritus, Captain George O. Howson.

Captain Howson was not only a United Air Lines Captain but a Captain in the United States Navy, entitled to command a ship at sea. He was known as a "Centurion", a Naval pilot who had made 100 carrier landings. I believe George loved the Navy and it was particularly appropriate that his Memorial was conducted on December 7. My first acquaintance with George came upon my joining RUPA in 1978 and attending the Niagara Falls and Reno Conventions, later at the Virginia Beach and Portland Conventions as RUPA's VP. It soon became evident that although other RUPA officers had some tasks to perform, it was George who managed the operation. His appellation, "Mr. RUPA", came naturally to the members.

George was modest about his responsibilities. He always spoke of "The Boys", what did "The Boys" want, how did "The Boys" feel about this or about that? He zealously guarded the RUPA Treasury. Producing quarterly audits, down to reporting every cent, he submitted them to the Audit Committee for their approval. None was ever disapproved. With the assistance of his son, Owen, George created the first computerized RUPA Data Base and kept it up to date.

In addition to his Secretary Treasurer duties he managed to produce the *RUPANEWS* every month from 1965 until the late 1980's when the growth of the Organization became too burdensome. He then asked for some help. Dave Hauck pitched in for some time, but personal circumstances forced him to resign and ask George to appoint someone else. I assisted George until he said, "You are now the Editor. I'll still handle the Secretary/Treasurer position.

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A bit of advice though, put something of yourself into the Editorship, this will add interest and readability and don't worry if you receive some criticism. Remember, you will never please everyone, no matter what you do." George was an astute student of human nature.

In the last years, Jay Plank and I visited George and Billie. Jay driving the long distance from the West Peninsula to Piedmont. We did this to present George with his bound copy of the previous year's *RUPA NEWS*. On one occasion, Billie had just returned from the hospital but on our last visit she was up, pert and looking well, minding George to wear his sweater as we went out to lunch. Billie is a very private person and does not appreciate publicity.

Jay and I would take George to lunch in downtown Piedmont. George suffered from macular degeneration, but otherwise was quite fit. We reminisced about our airline careers, about Bill Patterson, about round engines and square-tipped propellers. George recounted his prewar experiences as a carrier pilot aboard the *U.S.S. Lexington*. "We practiced the Battle of Midway", he said. "Torpedo bombers on the surface, dive bombers above, fighters high to furnish protection. I was a dive bomber pilot."

When the Battle of Midway actually took place, our torpedo bombers were all shot down (or their torpedoes did not explode) but the dive bombers caught the Japanese Carriers reloading their planes on deck and sunk all four with the loss of 3500 pilots. The Japanese Admiral gave up his plan to occupy Hawaii and returned with his huge fleet to Japan. It was the turning point in the tide of the War. The *Lexington* was earlier lost at the Battle of the Coral Sea.

We as RUPA members are fortunate to have had George Howson when we had him. The U.S. citizenry is fortunate in having men like George and his fellow compatriots, willing to sacrifice their lives and fortunes to guarantee our freedom as a self-governing Republic.

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### **PREZSEZ!**

Gentlemen, Gentlemen:

Happy New Year once again, and welcome to the new millennium! (Wasn't as scary as all that, what?) By now, you know that the RUPA convention in Las Vegas last November was a resounding success, socially, as well as the business aspects.

Anymore, RUPA is quite well and strong, (as is UAL, so that our inheritance checks keep coming in!) due to the great camaraderie, and yeoman service being performed by some of our "Rank and File" members and certain members of your Board! (Believe me, I'm NOT patting myself on the back).

By the time you read this, we will have had a blast at Leo Kriloff's "Boys Night Out" at the *Clarion* near SFO under the stewardship of Howie Jundt, and Sam Cramb.

There is a new lunch group just formed in the ORD area, so watch for word of it in the *RUPANEWS*.

I'll leave you with that, gang! Just continue havin' a ball in retirement, and good health to all!!

Hope to see some of you around this year!

Fraternally 'n' Stuff,

*Bill Psmith* [the "P" is silent]

#### **NY Skyscrapers**

The date has been selected for the annual New York Skyscrapers luncheon. If you missed our last gathering in Connecticut, the retirees residing in the northeast are now referring themselves as the *Skyscrapers*. Set aside May 17th on your calendars for this gathering. Bud Berlinger once again made arrangements at Pals Cabin in north central New Jersey.

Future notices will be sent to each retiree in the greater New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania areas. If you will be en route to summer residences, drop a note to Ray and Pat Bernosky at 41 Fairview Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822-4535 before you start treks north, and we will put you on our mailing list. We can be reached via e-mail at : rayandpat1@juno.com. Phone messages at (908) 782-3612. Mark your date-book now !  
Respectfully, *Ray Bernosky*

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## Editor's Notes

A happy new year to one and all – welcome to the “naughties”.

*RUPANEWS*, trying to keep abreast of the times, will be making a few changes to keep giving the best support to the membership that we can.

I made an unofficial count in the new Directory of the number of members who are now online, and came up with about 720, a small but burgeoning percentage.

Bearing that in mind, our Webmeister, Bruce McLeod, is working as fast as he can to construct a web directory of members by their e-mail addresses, to facilitate communication among our online members.

In the same vein, you will see on page 28, an informative article on how to search the net for medical information. Those members who are online, may wish to assist their computerless brethren who are seeking information about their illnesses. I will be writing later about area lunch groups and communications, but it would be helpful to the association were each area to have an online member as a computer contact for dissemination of quickly needed information.

The new RUPA Directory should by now be in your hands. The first admonition to new members is to please treat it as confidential – our members do not like being subjected to sales calls by your ne'er-do-well son-in-law insurance salesman (just joking, sort-of). If you're like me, the first name you look up is your own, to see that they got it right – they being our hard-working Floyd Alfson and Cleve Spring. Before you decide that they didn't, check and ensure that you gave them current information. If your name is missing, that could have occurred in the unlikely event that our dedicated duo erred, or perhaps because you had neglected to renew your subscription for a year, and your name was not in the data bank when the list was finalized. While I'm on the subject of membership – although we are now getting about half the recent retirees to join (up from a third, in the past), we should all, as members, be recruiting those desirable eligible non-members with whom we socialize. Why wouldn't they join? Unless it's the good old “cheap pilot” syndrome? Ya gotta love it! But not abet it! Refuse to pass on to them your *RUPANEWS* until they join!

On page 34 is a letter from Dan Jessup about his ongoing trials and tribulations with self-insured UAL's agent, Blue Cross, Blue Shield of IL. He raises some serious questions about contractual obligations on their part. Fortunately, the current MEC meeting (17–20 Jan) has brought forth from the R&I Chairman a plea for input from BCBS clients about their treatment – and I have checked and found out that also includes retired pilots. So, if you have kept a good paper trail and record of your telecons with the pleasant people at

BCBS, you might be able to assist in improving things by sending copies to the ALPA MEC.

Now to the matter of area luncheons and the advertising of such. You may recall that I mentioned a few months back, that I was informed by our Post Office liaison, Larry Wright, that in order to retain our mailing rates we had to contain less than a certain amount of advertising (17% I think). Never mind that we are a non-profit tax exempt organization, the P.O. ruled that our meeting notices counted as advertising if they included the actual meeting dates. So we told our lunch bunches that though they may, as a matter of confirmation, include their dates, I would excise them, because they would be given in the calendar on the back page (which counts only as one advert – don't you love bureaucracy?)

Well, there has been some grumbling about lack of info on contacts, and meeting place (even though it's usually always the same). So, to try to bring even more order to the situation, I hope to do the following to organize the calendar: list the Area lunch groups by one fixed name, e.g. DEN Good Ole Boys, at a fixed date, i.e. 3rd Tue, and fixed place, i.e. *Country Buffet*, and give a contact phone number.

Those who vary their meeting places, e.g. PHX Roadrunners, we will try to accommodate monthly, but will have published their itinerary in the notices section. As one might gather, I'm attempting to simplify and boiler-plate the layout to make it easier for my successor, whoever he may be. I'm sure that retirees can figure out when the third Tuesday, or whenever, of a month falls. As mentioned earlier, it would also be nice were each area to have a designated e-mail contact for rapid contact, for e-mail is so much easier and cheaper than trying to make contact by phone. He/she could be included with each lunch report. Speaking of which, welcome to the new Chicago auxiliary lunch group at McHenry IL.

There was also a complaint about Area Reps not having phone numbers listed on page 2. There's not enough room, and, anyway, that's what the directory is for. If it is a matter of Jacobin egalitarianism, I'll be happy to delete the officers' phone numbers.

A final reminder to my electronic correspondents: please ensure that you include your name in your message, either as a superscript address or signature, because it is not always easy to guess from your e-mail address who you are, “stupolish”, for example. Also, please don't try to lay anything out as you would a letter, that merely puts in a bunch of hard returns or worse, which I have to get rid of to lay it out. Straight e-mail is just fine, and keep it coming. *Jock*

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Or E-mail me at 105300.427@compuserve.com**

**Snow Birds & Others:**

The Post Office will only forward the RUPANEWS for 60 days. We can keep two addresses in the database for each member. If you want your address changed, just let me know by one of the methods listed above and I will switch them.

Also

Check the RUPA Directory and make sure we have the correct information listed for you.

**INFORMATION about Membership & Postage Fees:**

One Time Membership Fee.....\$50

Annual Postage Fee.....\$20

U. A. Retired Pilots Foundation, Inc.

Send all donations for the United Pilots Foundation to:

Capt. T. S. "Ted" Bochniarz, Treasurer

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The SFO Westin Hotel

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Gene Scanlon at 561-368-8885

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October 22,1999

To: Joe Ferrie. Convention Chairman RUPA  
From: Jerry Poulin, Millbury Travel

Subject: RUPA 2000 Cruise

In response to your request regarding the 2000 RUPA cruise, I have the following information:

Cruise Line: Holland America

Ship: *Statendam*

10 Day Cruise

Date: November 3, 2000

Itinerary : Mexican Riviera,

From: San Diego

The following prices, per person, include all port charges, taxes, a cocktail party and a 2 category upgrade For all outside cabins in Categories H to C. Wide and Balcony cabins are not included in the upgrades, and upgrades, of course, are subject to availability at time of booking.

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**ITINERARY:** Day 0 San Diego; .Day 1, Cruising Mexican Riviera; Day 2, Cabo San Lucas; Day 3, Mazatlan; Day 4, at sea; Day 5, Acapulco; Day 6, Zihuatguejo; Day 7, Puerto Vallarta; Days 8-9, At sea; Day 10 San Diego.

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**PRICE PER PERSON** \_\_\_\_\_ Includes all taxes port fees and port charges.

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A refundable deposit of \$600.00 per person will hold your reservation until final payment time. Final payment is due 75 days prior to cruise. After that time cancellation penalties will be in effect. Insurance is optional and varies by age and cost of trip. If Travel Safe is used, preexisting conditions are covered if Insurance is purchased within seven days of booking.

\_\_\_\_\_ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ To Millbury Travel is enclosed.

Please charge my credit card:

MC                      VISA                      AMEX                      DIS (circle one)

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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Booking date \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation sent \_\_\_\_\_

**N.B. Millbury Travel advises that category "A" cabins are sold out, and verandah cabins are scarce. Over 40 staterooms have been booked as of January 8th.**



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**Share the Miracle of Flight 232**

Clipped Wings, United Airlines former and current Flight Attendants will host "Share the Miracle of Flight 232" with Capt. Al Haynes (Ret.). This memorable event will be open to the public.

Capt. Haynes will bring you his story about the United Airlines DC-10 heading for Chicago and ending its flight in a field in Sioux City, Iowa.

This event will be held at Fantasy of Flight near Polk City FL. A luncheon will precede the talk.

The date is Saturday, February 26, 2000. The luncheon begins at 11:00 a.m. The tickets are \$25.00 and will benefit Capt. Haynes Scholarship Foundations and Clipped Wings support of Special Olympics. Seating is limited. Early reservations are required.

For tickets and information please contact Mary Londahl at 941-853-8577, Judy Underwood at 407-383-8115 or Carolyn Steiner at 727-360-7693,

Cut-off date is February 19

9th for reservations.

**Catching up with Convention Kudos**

Our on-the-spot LAS Convention Chairman, Barry Dixon, wishes to bring to the attention of the members the work done by and the recognition that should be awarded the following:

The assistants for the convention were:

Clyde House & Marie Loquet

Bud Puckett

Oak Porter & Fern Porter

Hugh Mattern & Kathy Mattern

Ruth Dixon

Gene Lamski & Mary Lamski

Barrie Folsum

Transportation to and from sporting clays was provided by H. Mattern, Ron Kakeldey, Bruce Barton, Barry Dixon and one of Bruce's sons.

.Walt Holland set up all the arrangements for tennis before he had to leave town. Earl Bach and Bill Smith took over from there.

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**December & January Folding and Stuffing Meeting**

A total of 51 members attended the folding and stuffing in December and/or in January. Here are the names of those loyal members who help to get this great publication in the mail to you.

Bob Ahrens

Bill Bartel

Hugh Berry

Tom Bredis

Chuck Cooke

Bob Ebenhahn

Dick Hooning

Deete Johnson

Bob Kallestad

Cam McEachern

Don Merucci

Sam Patrick

Jay Plank

Jock Savage.

Bob Soergel

Ralph Stamps

Gene Tritt

Normal

Charlene Alfson

Al Bernard

Georgia Bouska

Bob Clinton

Sam Cramb

Bill Grant

Milt Jines

Phil Johnson

Bob Kibort

Bruce McLeod

Mitch Mitchell

Vilma Patrick

Ed Pogue

Bud Schwartz

Cleve Spring

Carol Walter

Ray Wolff

Floyd Alfson

Jo, Bernard

Rich Bouska

Roz Clinton

Scotty Devine

Chuck Hoffman

Sunee Jines

Howie Jundt

Norm Marshall

George Mendonca

Bob O'Leary

Mel Peterson

Walt Ramseur

Jim Shirley

Rose Spring

Gene Walter

Larry Wright

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## RUPA TENNIS

'99 Earl E. Bach, Mantoloking, NJ class 3/71 earlybird85@worldnet.net

Hallelujah! Tennis is back on the RUPA Convention. The last RUPA tournament I played in was Orlando, Fl. 1976.

We had four courts at the Flamingo, a 10 minute walk from Harrah's. Eighteen rugged individualists: Wally & Marjorie Amling, Jim & Corrinne Boyer, Nan Cavanaugh, Rhoda Green, Tom & Maureen Holden, Jim & Bev Miller, Anthony Romeo, Bill & Pat Smith, Perry Thomas, Allen & Shirley Verhage, and Jim & Diane Whitely took the courts at 12. O'clock Monday.

Each player was assigned a number for the match. The first 16 took the four courts, nos. 17 & 18 sat out the first round. We played 5 no-add games each round. The winners 3 or more games stayed on court and split, the losers moved one court east and split. The losers on the last court sat out the next round and 17 & 18 moved in etc. The object was to have everybody keep changing partners and opponents. Six rounds and 5 games per round equals 30 games for each player. The ladies all were outstanding. Rhoda Green was beautiful to watch, the ease with which she returned even difficult shots was something to see. She had the highest score in the tournament 26 games won. Pat Smith was second and Bev Miller third.

Al Verhage, who flew with me some 35 yrs ago, was top scorer for the men, with 22 games, close behind were Wally Amling and Tony Romeo tied at 20 games for second, and Jim Miller with 18, for third place in the men's. Our president Bill Smith supplied 12 very special bottles of wine with pictures of United Airplanes on each label. So tennis is back with a bang, lets start planning now for '01. Thank you all for coming, please write to me with any suggestions to make '01 even bigger & better. Remember tennis players live longer and better. Are we having a cruise next year? Happy landings, Earl.

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## DEN Good Ole Boys

Dick Wagner, Golden, Co.

The "Good Ole Boys" had 37 attendees at our Christmas coed luncheon. We had quite a snow storm by the time we went home, which was very appropriate for the season.

I am sorry to report that Capt. Elmer Mulkins is suffering from pancreatic cancer and would appreciate cards and letters sent to him at: 344 Nome St., Aurora, Colorado 80010.

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month ; 1130 hrs at the Country Buffet, 7200 West Alameda (Villa Italia Shopping Center). Visitors are always welcome. Those attending were:

Jerry & Peggy Kennedy,	Jim Tally,	Jack & Shirley Turner,
Bill & Jean Bates,	Owen & Dottie Hibbs,	Bill & Mitzi Fife,
Dick Wagner,	Bob & Laura Ashworth,	Bill & Luci Pearce,
Ray, Barbara & Mary Bowman,	Eve & Bill Hoygaard,	Dan Wine,
Bob & Mary Crowell,	Dr. Calvin Beaugez (guest),	
John & Marguerite Schoonhoven,	Casey & Gail Walker,	Pat Murphy,
R.O. & Millie Stewart,	George & Vesta Maize,	Curly Baker,
Russ & Pat Ward.		

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## LAS VEGAS LUNCHEON

clydie@concentric.net [702] 896-8821

Our December luncheon was held on 9 December, and each couple brought "TOYS FOR TOTS". Since we had a turnout of 30 people, the kids' haul was considerable, as many brought more than one gift. The toys were delivered to Channel 8, and our RUPA group was mentioned on the 2300 news.

Our next meeting will be held in January at 1100, with lunch being served at 1200.

The following were in attendance:

Andy Anderson & Dawn	Harry Arcamuzi & Georgia	Dave Baker
Bill Balboni	Bill Crandall	Barry Dixon & Rut
Larry Doyle & Guest Bruce Fisher	John Drommond & Neola	Barrie Folsom
Gene Lamski & Mary	Hugh Mattern & Kathy	Jerry Metzgar & Barbara

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Bud Puckett  
Don Swirnow & Betty

Bob Roland & Misty  
Dick Schultz & Fran  
And yours truly Clyde House & Marie Loquet

Bruce Fisher gave us an update on what is going on the airline, and Barry passed on Kudo's from the convention honcho's. I will be passing the luncheon duties back to Gene Lamski while I try to take on the duties of area representative here in the Las Vegas area.

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**LAX Meeting at Billingsley's - November 18, 1999**

Dave Kirkendall, 7535 Valjean St Van Nuys, CA 91406

Our private dining room was almost full, with 28 in attendance, however room for more can always be made.

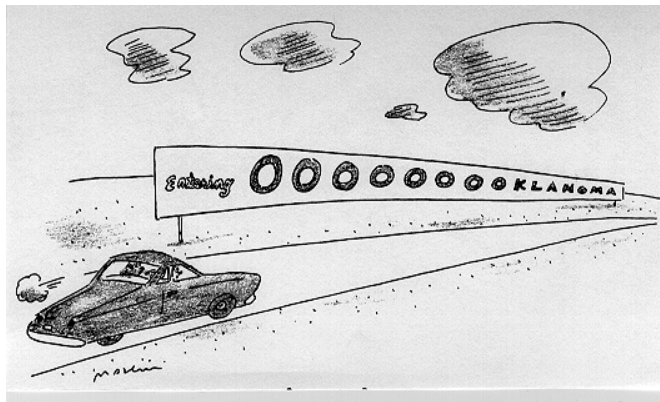
Those attending were:

Jim Turner	Ken Kuecker	Jim Miller
Jack Hanson	Walt Albright	Walt Tyler
Ken Williams	Bob Cross	Norm Marchment
Bob Clough	Bob Kohler	Ray Engel
Tom McQueen	Jim Day	Doug Rankin
Jack Moore	Clay Lacy	Ben Harper & Judy Spizer
Lee & Edna Cameron	Bill Blankship	Herb & Hilda Goodrich
Jerry Beyer	Dave Kirkendall	Dave Tank
Bill Seaman		

Clay Lacy gave us his views from the information he had on the Lear Jet crash near Aberdeen, South Dakota, that took the life of pro-golfer Payne Stewart. He inferred that perhaps the pilots oxygen mask valve in the nose of the aircraft was in the off position. He went on to say that if the pilots had put their masks on, as is the procedure in the preflight setup, and if the valve was off they would have known it. Also the pressurization switch in the cockpit was apparently in the off position, and if so this also would prevent the cabin oxygen masks from deploying. During the discussion Ken Williams asked if the aircraft was unpressurized wouldn't they have noticed the temperature in the aircraft getting cold. Clay's answer to that was that the Lear being a small cabin and taking off from a warm climate they could be at a very high altitude before they would become aware of it, and by then they would have been unconscious.

Next Dave Tank told us about those who had "Flown West" and about next month's Christmas Luncheon December 16th at the Hacienda. Lee Cameron then told us about the test flight of his Tradewind C-45H Beechcraft which will be going to a company that will use it for sight-seeing flights in Alaska. After that, Doug Rankin told about the RUPA convention in Las Vegas and the plans for the year 2000 is a 10-day cruise from San Diego to Acapulco. Then the year 2001 it will be back to Las Vegas for the convention.

Just before the luncheon was over, Dave Kirkendall invited those attending the luncheon to his aviation facility "Blue Skies Aviation" to see the video tape "Lindbergh's Great Race". The video told of those that tried and failed and Lindbergh who tried and succeeded for the 25,000 dollar prize money for the first to fly non-stop between New York and Paris. Dave has other videos and he said he will show them after future luncheons.



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### McHenry RUPA Luncheon

The first lunch meeting of the McHenry Co. branch of Chicago Area RUPA was held on Jan. 11, 2000 at the *Warsaw Inn* McHenry IL. This is the first of what we hope will be many, held so as not conflict with the regular Itasca lunches. Milt Jensen acted as the M.C. and did his usual outstanding job. Bernie Sterner (the Chicago area RUPA representative) attended and gave an informative and moving account of the memorial service of Captain Cody Gates and recounted several highlights of Cody's career. Also in attendance was ALPA Council 12 Chairman Steve Derebey. Steve gave us a short report as to the current contract negotiations and answered questions from the group.

In attendance:

Willey & Lois Anderson

Dale & Glenys Bird

Joe & Sandy Carnes

Joe & July David

Tom Fasiang

Mike Hepperlen

Ken Kensick

Rob McCutcheon

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Bernie & Rachel Sterner

Flo Whipple

The next lunch is planned for April 11, 2000 at the *Warsaw Inn* McHenry IL. All retired and active flight operation personnel and spouses/guests are welcome.

If you know of someone that didn't get a notice and would like to attend future lunches please let us know.

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### NORTH COASTERS'

With the mild November day, sunny and 60°, the large turnout was a surprise! Even our golfers showed up, including me! Several members have already departed to their winter digs and since our esteemed Greek Scribe was among them it was our Exalted Ruler's request that I volunteer my services. The distaff side was well represented, and although my wife Barb was still suffering from 'shingles' and unable to join us she thought that it would be an all male crowd. Wrong! Dick Orr reported on the RUPA convention with enormous help from Joanne! It sounded like we missed a great time and a fabulous meal, well maybe we'll make it in 2001, when we understand it will again be held in Las Vegas.

There was some talk about the Pinter's Christmas party on Dec. 4, 1999 at their home in Vermillion all the gang is invited. We passed the hat for a Christmas bonus for our ever thoughtful waitress, Vickie, she's the one who designates the Martini as the .99 cent special! Congratulations are in order for Terry Graham who was just elected City Councilman in Huron! Surprisingly there was no discussion of the recent Air Egypt crash, too much catching up on our own affairs, I guess. Next month we are going to meet at the same time no change for Christmas, as has happened in the past. So we look forward to another happy holiday season and wish one and all the Happiest and Merriest ever! The Roster: Dick and JoAnne Orr, Dave Suits, Bill Dilzell, Rick and Ronnie Ogden, Jim Burrill, John Cusick, Terry Graham, John and Jo Ann Pinter, Bill Clerico, Dick Sanders, Thomas and Sandy Race, and me, Ed Griffith.

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### New York "SKYSCRAPERS" Luncheon

The NY retirees gathered at *Manero's* in Greenwich, CT and adopted the name N.Y. SKYSCRAPERS to further identify our group among the many fractions of the RUPA family. After a most enjoyable cocktail hour, 34 in attendance retired to dine on the second floor at *Manero's* restaurant. Our luncheon was delightful, with tall tales both from the air and ground. Salad was served family fashion. Beef, chicken or salmon were the three choices offered, accompanied by potatoes, vegetables and onion rings. Not a nasty word was said about the delicious entrees.

As has been the custom, we conducted a 50-50 drawing among the members. Ray Foreback made off with \$70 plus dollars. We all suspected some collusion, but Dorothy Lippincott drew the winning number so we had to put that idea aside. Could be Ray was just plain lucky, but he did announce his intention of winning by taking

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\$10 worth of tickets. Ted Garrity and Hal Storey did the coordination of food and drink and as we await our next gathering we look for a much larger turnout.

Attending on December 2nd:

Howard Aronson  
Ron Bouchard  
John Clifford  
Ken Ernst  
Jack Hanson  
Dave Hoyt  
Tom Libuda  
Augie Miller  
Tom Purrington  
Andy Ross  
Steve Scott  
Hal Storey

Ray Bernosky  
H. Don Brunjes  
Ron Denk  
Ray Foreback  
Andy Harmatuck  
Matti Kosonen  
Lippi Lippincott  
Gene Mongan  
Dave Redfield  
Ray Salamanca  
Jack Smith

Bill Bickert  
Frank Calderaro  
Bob Duckworth  
Ted Garrity  
George Haslett  
Bruce Kutz  
Dorothy Lippincott  
Rip Munger  
Bill Reynolds  
Jerry Schlichter  
George Stoddard

The NY, NJ, CT area may place the fear of God in some of us as we try to drive to the various meeting places. Those establishments that we select for our meetings are easy to reach, with Interstate highways affording easy access. At the next gathering, please join with your old flying partners. Car pool and make room for fond memories, great hangar flying and tips on keeping your wellbeing...join the SKYSCRAPERS for fun and cheer ! Respectfully, Ray Bernosky rayandpat1@juno.com

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### The Phoenix Roadrunner's

The Phoenix Roadrunner's met at Buster's Restaurant in Scottsdale on Friday Nov. 19th.

After a delightful meal and a lot of conversation, Frenchy reviewed highlights of the recent RUPA Convention in Las Vegas. It was noted that Otis Kline recently celebrated his (90th) Birthday.

No Luncheon is scheduled for Dec '99. We will return to the 2nd Friday of the month in Jan 00. If all of us are back home from celebrating.

Jan. 14th *Cotton Wood C.C.* Sun Lakes

Feb. 11th *Anzio Landing @ Falcon Field, Mesa*

Mar. 10th TBA

Apr. 14th *Wigwam C.C.* for Lunch and then a Tour of DC 10 Conversion Operation @ Good Year Airport.

Attending Were:

Fred Anderson  
Bob & Bev. Gerdes  
Phil & Betty Johnson  
Otis Kline  
John & Shirley Prestegaard  
Bob & Bernice Wagner

Frenchy & Millie Bourgeois  
Bob & Penny Grady  
Ralph & Ruth Johnson  
Al McNutt  
Karl & Mona Runkle  
Jim & Liz Wilson

Ginny Coleman  
Bob Howard  
Ken Killmon  
Bill Morrison

All for now, from the Beautiful Desert. Come visit us for a luncheon. We will welcome you with open ARMS. Frenchy & Millie.



Two pieces of luggage. What's the Problem

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## SEA Gooney Birds

Dick Wiesner – Seattle November 17, 1999

The Gooney Birds turned out in force today. It was a lively meeting, with each table loudly telling enhanced stories of long ago flying experiences. One of our members came to me with the suggestion that instead of repeating silly stories that our more technically advanced members had gleaned from the internet, we might have individuals tell the entire group some past flying experience. Exaggeration would certainly not be prohibited. When I told the group that, it soon showed promise, because Fred Vinton immediately jumped up and told a story about a check ride with his Flight Manager (me), which brought down the house. We shall try it next meeting.

Attending today were:

George Nicolai	Fred Vinton	Ray Alverson
Fred Sindlinger	Fred Hope	Herb Breivik
Gerry Pryde	Ken Eckley	Jack Schultz
Sam Phillips	Verle Roth	Vince Wormser
Vince Evans	Chuck Westpfal	Bill Lamberton
Donn Foreman	Tom Smith	Herb Marks
Jeff Roberts	Ralph Stevens	Don Cunningham
Alan Grout	Ray Hanson	Bob Berg

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## SUNDOWNERS

Jim Feneley, 3246 Hyde Park Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33761-1813 727-785-5971

Sixteen showed for our November luncheon. A great social hour preceded a delightful buffet luncheon in the Oasis Room at the Clearwater Country Club.

Attending were:

Jaime Kraph	Ray Schlage	John Papadakis	Jack Moran
Bud Huffman	Ray White		
Jim Irwin and his brother-in-law	Chuck Peternel	Lars Warn	Jim Arnold
Dave Thompson	Woody Lynn	Jim Wilson	Bob VanHousen
Phil Steiner,	and Me		

The USPS rules prohibit publishing our next gathering, but our schedule has always been the third Thursday of every month except December, when our meeting is the second Thursday. All our meetings commence at 11:30 at the *Countryside Country Club* in Clearwater, alternating stag/coed with January being stag. So mark your calendars and we welcome your attendance. JF/RS/JI

## SUNDOWNERS Christmas Gathering

Jim Feneley, 3246 Hyde Park Drive, Clearwater, Fla. 33761-1813 (727) 785-5971

This is the seventeenth year that the *Countryside Country Club* has hosted the Christmas Holiday gathering of the Sundowners. This year the Lake Room, decorated for the season and overlooking the putting greens, provided the ambiance for the occasion. A social hour preceded the buffet luncheon. Attending were:

Raymond and Rhodell Schlage	Ray and Twila White	
Judith Gates	Lil Borneman	Ken
and Mary Vanderhyde	Jim and Ellie Irwin	
Chan and Mattie Stoughton	Ballard and Mary Leins	
Bud and Jessie Huffman	Jaime and Elaine Kraph	
Stan and Phyllis Crosier	Paul and Nell Fidler	
Hilda and Jim Feneley (me)		

Please note the RUPA calendar for our next gathering, and if stag or coed. Also that constant reminder to telephone me the preceding Tuesday so that I can provide Lil Borneman a reasonably accurate estimate of the number who will be attending. JF/RS/JI



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## DECEMBER LUNCHEON - SW FLORIDA OUTLAWS

Neither Al Gore nor George Bush could make it to our December luncheon. So all of us are now left to ponder the problems of the world, without their guidance. 31 people showed up to subsequently contemplate this matter.

(Not bad for the "pre-Christmas" gathering, which is usually rather sparse.) The following were in attendance:

Hal and Suzie Bickham	George and Sally Butz	Carl and Carolyn Jordan
Faith Osborn	Don Kyte	Al May
Chuck Hughes	Steve Linsenmeyer	Dick Barros
Chuck Wagner	Jim Sutton	Jim Boyer
Buzz Osterbusch	Don Sullivan	Don Kincaid
Ellis D. Van Alstine	Gene Chapman	Jim Rigsbee
John Donahue	Ray and Twila White	Chuck Monohan
Rich Meadows J	im and Suzan Goodwin	Ed Riehl
Gary & Janice Chriddenden		

Also, at our December luncheon, it was clarified that the RUPA CRUISE prices offered by Millbury Travel are, in fact, per person prices. Unfortunately, the way the original offer was presented in *RUPANEWS* [I printed exactly what I received. Ed] it appeared to some that the prices were on a "per cabin" basis. I called Millbury and personally confirmed that the prices listed in *RUPA NEWS* are PER PERSON. (Now, everybody knows.) They are good prices, however. Most of the travel agencies that cater to airline personnel on a discount basis will offer 50% discounts from the "brochure rates" listed by Holland America Line (HAL). The prices offered by Millbury are also "half off" the brochure rates - give or take a few cents here or there. Another thing to consider is that HAL has a "no tipping" policy. Tips aren't prohibited, but on HAL, there is no solicitation of same. Most cruise lines use pre-printed envelopes and such, and the "you'd-better-tip!" message is made loud and clear, indeed. This won't happen on HAL, and that could mean a few more pennies to spend at the bar. It's rumored that some of my "Brand X" cohorts will find this HAL no-tipping policy quite familiar. That is NOT to say that any of them tended to be stingy on tips! But, to some of them, it'll come as a shock to learn that it's no longer "in vogue" to tip the cab driver two-bits for the ride to the boat, or back to the airport, again. In my own case, I "compromise" between the 5% tip I learned from my Brand X friends, and the 15% I learned from the "Mainliners." (I now give 7%. Hey, that's a fair compromise, isn't it?)

By the way, HAL is still a "smoking" cruise line. Not the kind that causes patrons to take to the life boats (I hope!), but the kind where folks can light-up a cancer stick at the dinner table. Unlike cruise lines that prohibit smoking in their dining rooms, HAL still designates smoking and non-smoking sections. (I guess they don't have to worry about gumming-up the outflow valves, huh?) Apparently, they discovered that too many guests were collapsing from the lack of nicotine during their meal. So, those who are tobacco-inclined will be happy to know that HAL will accommodate them. Come one, come all! HAL doesn't have "no smoking" cabins, either. So, you might find yourself in a cabin in which a previous (cigar, pipe?) nicotine addict left an unpleasant, lingering "aroma." But, what the heck, you're gonna get a 50% discount, right? So, how can anybody complain?

Speaking of dining (we were, weren't we?), something needs to be clarified. *Olive Garden* does NOT provide the free meals offered as door prizes at our luncheons. One would tend to think that after so many years of patronizing their establishment, and filling their coffers accordingly, they'd pop for at least one free meal per gathering. They drag in ten bucks per head, and we drag in 30, 40 or 50 heads at a time. (Do the math.) An anonymous donor provides our door prizes. Maybe this will shame *Olive Garden* into at least one free meal - someday. On the other hand, they do provide us with "free" all-you-can-eat, garlic-coated (burp!) breadsticks. So, I guess we shouldn't get too greedy.

The bottle of wine door prize was taken away by the only pilot in attendance who is still flying the line (for six more months). The free meals were won by a couple, so two *Olive Garden* Gift Certificates were handed out to those lucky winners.

The consensus of the SW Florida Outlaws is that the new format of *RUPANEWS* is nice. However, it's noted that the "RUPA Hierarchy" all have their names and phone numbers listed at the beginning of each issue. By the same token, the "bosses" of the local luncheon groups merely have their names listed. Elsewhere, the *date* of the next luncheon appears. But, there's no indication *where*. It's felt that the phone numbers of the "local bosses" should be printed so travelers or vacationers can learn *where* the next luncheon might be. Perhaps they can attend, and meet old friends. (Hopefully, the powers-that-be will take note, and change the *RUPA NEWS* format, accordingly.)

[The "powers that be" – that's me, I guess, is working on an improved and simplified calendar presentation. See the editor's notes. Ed.]

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And, it was felt that the "Taxes On Foreign Travel Chart" in the December *RUPANEWS* was probably designed by the IRS, itself. Maybe 5% of those in attendance claimed that they could understand it. Suffice to say, there *are* hidden taxes associated with pass travel into foreign countries. It was decided to allow UAL to figure it out, rather than to try to decipher the format that was presented in *RUPANEWS*.

A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Chuck Monohan for heading-up our clan. In recognition of the fact that some of his postcard notices were printed askew, the certificate was mounted upside-down on the plaque - just for his benefit.

Our next gathering will be in Sunny SW Florida: 11:00 AM, 2nd Monday in January, 2000 (which is NOT the first year of the 21st Century!). Place: *Olive Garden* in Fort Myers, Florida. The BEE GEE's are gonna appear and sing that old UAL favorite advertising theme song, "Take Me Along." (Next gathering after that will be the second Monday of February at the same place. Baron Gunther Stoltz will give a lecture on German ShowTime humor. By the way, you *will* laugh at his jokes - or *else!* (Zieg Heil!)

Respectfully submitted by Carl B. Jordan - Official Mouthpiece for our intrepid leader, Chuck "Capt. Mainliner" Monohan. To learn more about our "free-with-every-meal" garlic-coated (burp!) breadsticks, Call Chuck at 941-793-8243. Tell him I sent 'ya.

### SW FLORIDA JANUARY LUNCHEON

Only had two dozen folks attend the January meeting. Probably because they were the only ones who had enough guts to venture out into the frigid 70-degree weather that has assailed Southwest Florida recently. Br-r-r-r! The brave souls in attendance were:

Hal and Grace Story	Al May
Warren Schroeder	Bob & Lam Van Housen
Jo Peek	Ray Brooks
Will & Sally Collins	Don Sullivan
George Butz	Jim Sutton
Lew & Carol Brubaker	Gene Chapman
Ray & Twila White	Bill Bates
Dick Barros	Faith Osborn
Norb & Carol Cudnowski	Mamie Thompson
Chuck Monahan	

This time around, there was no usual bottle of wine given away as a door prize along with the free lunch. (Yes, although lotsa folks believe there is no such thing, there actually is a free lunch. Come to our next luncheon and learn the truth!) The reason for the missing wine bottle is somewhat involved. You see, I've always wanted to make sure that we didn't give away a bottle of sour wine. So, I've habitually eased the cork and "sampled" each bottle prior to giving it away. (Hey, it's a tough job, but somebody has to do it, right?) What I do, then, is fill the empty half of the bottle with water - just to make things come out even. Well, when I went to "sample" the last donation, the cork pushed all the way down into the bottle! As a result, I had to go ahead and put the entire bottle out of its misery. Rest assured, it had not turned sour! I'm happy to report that whoever would have won it certainly would have enjoyed it. I'll try to perfect my sneaky cork-removing techniques to insure that we have a bottle as a door prize next time around. That is, as long as the anonymous donor keeps sending one for such use. (Hic!)

Apparently, somebody reported to Bernie Sterner that I "cheated" on the DC-6 route qualification film strips years ago. (Something about setting the 33 1/3 RPM record at "Mickey Mouse Speed" of 78 RPM.) As a result, the Flight Office has informed me that I have to review the film strips one more time to clear my record. I reminded them of the FAR quirk that said I was entitled to fly the route nonstop from point "A" to point "B," and thus remain qualified into all airports in between. (I never could figure the logic of that one, could you?) Inasmuch as my last jumpseat ride was from Narita to O'Hare, nonstop, I maintain that any alleged "cheating" regarding route qualification into San Diego has become a moot point. (I sure hope my "tea leaves" will remain unmarred.) Any of you other guys who used to bump that thing up to 78 RPM might have to worry, however. (Does anybody know the statute of limitations on that sort of stuff?)

Anybody in the Southwest Florida area can greet old friends, or even meet new friends by coming to one of our luncheons. They're always coed, so bring along good 'ol "what's-her-name!" Give a call to our leader, Chuck Monohan, and he'll gladly guide you to the front door of the *Olive Garden Restaurant* in Sunny Fort Myers, Flor-



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ida. The more the merrier! And remember - unlimited garlic-coated breadsticks are yours for the asking. Next gathering: Monday, March 8th at 1100. Contact Chuck Monohan at 941-793-8243 or bamonohan@worldnet.att.net and tell him you want to be added to our luncheon notification list. Bring a friend! Respectfully submitted: Carl Jordan, Official Scribe.

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### TREASURE COAST LUNCHEON

Bob Schaet and his bride Linda are out on the Briny for a month, so I'm back in my old job of reporting our luncheon. Twelve of us showed up, which ain't too bad for a week before Christmas. Nordy Northup gave a most interesting talk on the F8 Crusader. Seems it's been on active duty somewhere on the globe since 1958. The first supersonic operational fighter. The last small group is still active in France today. Wonder where they get spare parts.

Present were:

Bill Hellerstedt	Jim Dowd
Andy Lambert	Bill Cole
Jack Boisseau	Will Lambert
Bill Northup	Charlie Stewart
Burt Olsen	Rudy Pekrul
Art Lynch (guest) Me	

Guess you won't read this note till 2000. Hope it makes it thru midnight '99. Dave Arey

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### Southeast Florida Goldcoast

The Goldcoasters met at the *Flaming Pit Restaurant* on the 13th of January. Everyone looked about the same in the new century, that's not necessarily to mean they looked all that great. I think that we are beginning to look like survivors, of course the alternatives are worse. By our standards we had a large crowd. Don Sullivan flew in from the West Coast with a couple more survivors, and a good time was had by all.

The Miami area, Council 150, retirement party was discussed. It was announced with reasonably short notice by the kids running the show these days. We hope to get a good attendance anyway. [See the ad on page 6 of this issue . Ed] A call as late as the day of the party is fine. Hope to see everyone there.

Attending the lunch on Thursday were,

Stan Blaschke,	Jack Wink,	Peter Gallant,	Burt Olson,	Jerry Bradley,
Gene Chapman,	Guy O'Rear,	Charlie Stewart,	Will Lambert,	Bill Henderson,
Ham Wilson,	Ed Wheeler,	Bob Vick,	Jim Sutton,	Paul Dunne,
Bob Hein,	Don Sullivan,	Earl Harned,	Jimmy Carter,	Earl Worley,
Ham Oldham,	Dick Baese,	J.T. Palmer,	Wes Paget,	Terry Lewis,
Warren Heppler,	Dave Peat,	Murray Warren,	Jim Murphy,	Ed Petrovich,
Walt Kimmey,	Sid Sigwald.			

Next month's meeting will be on the 2nd Thu. of February at 11:30 AM, Flaming Pit Restaurant in Pompano Beach. For information, call Jim Carter at 561-272-1860 or Stan Blaschke at 954-581-0145.

Jerry Bradley for Jimmy and Stan

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### Denver Good Ole Boys

Dick Wagner, Golden, Colorado 18 January 2000

Only 16 "Good Ole Boys" showed up today, but the hangar flying kept us all entertained for a very enjoyable luncheon. There was a bit of confusion when we checked in, as the restaurant did not have us in their schedule book, so we met in the main dining room. I have to submit a schedule of dates for the whole year, as the 3rd Tuesday of the month is beyond their comprehension. We have been meeting there since January, 1997. They tell me that we will now have the south half of the Harvest Room next month at 1130 hrs; the *Country Buffet*, 7200 West

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Alameda (Villa Italia Mall).

.Dick Wagner,  
Tom Hess,  
H.W. Reid,  
Warren Mugler,

Joe Kenny,  
JohnThielen,  
Bob Ashworth,  
Jim Harris,

Bill Pearce,  
R.O. Stewart,  
Hal Meyer,  
Pat Murphy,

John Holody,  
Virg Vaughan,  
Bill Meston,  
Bill Hoygaard.

### **UAL – ALPA Veteran Honored**

On Sunday, January 9 2000, 82-year-old retired UAL Captain Charles E. Beatley, Jr., was honored by his hometown of Alexandria, Virginia, by having the Alexandria Central Library named after him at a dedication ceremony.

Beatley, a longtime resident, had become active in local politics in the early '60s, becoming a Democratic City Councilor in 1966 and serving as mayor from 1967 to 1976. Although he had retired from both UAL and politics in 1976, Beatley was urged by both Democrats and Republicans to run for mayor again in 1976. He won the election and served as mayor until 1985. During his tenure, he was responsible for many civic improvements, including the renewal of the historic Old Town, improved public transportation, and construction of the Central Library. As the pamphlet for the ceremony noted, "Tireless in his work, Chuck Beatley has been motivated by his love for Alexandria."

Captain Beatley was hired by Capital Air Lines and was active in the era of founder Dave Behncke and his successor, Clancy Sayen. When Sayen resigned in 1962, Beatley was a reluctant candidate for president. The winner, Charles Ruby, said of him "Frankly, I wanted Chuck Beatley. He was a good guy, he had a lot of experience, and he made sense."

### **Washington Area RUPA Eddie O'Donnell Luncheon**

On Wednesday, January 19th, the gathering at *Belle Haven Country Club* was as full of laughter and conviviality as the day outside was bright and sunny. Certainly, the camaraderie and friendship created much warmer conditions than those existing outside. At 1157 EST, with the plates ready to be placed on the tables, we were still trying to get the group moved out of the lobby area and into the dining room. Larry Rooney was heard to say "But I haven't finished the story!" as he was hustled into the dining room in the same manner as the Japanese filling a train car.

After lunch, Ed Miller brought to our attention that Ole (Pete) Peterson died December 25th. Ed remembered Ole in a story about his retirement plans involving a Viscount cockpit in his basement and his being able to fly what ever schedule he desired. We learned that Pete Snyder's wife Annie is in the hospital. Chuck Wafel is staying close to home but on the phone said that he was "just fine".

Ed, in the guise of MC, brought the group up to date on some changes in UAL service and the departure of the training center transitions pilots from the *Cherry Creek Hotel*. They will now stay at the *Denver Marriott* which sounds like a resort... "a reclining professional ergonomic desk chair in the room"??? The guys will be clamoring to go to school now. It was noted that Miami is having a Retirement Party in February and at least one in our group spoke of attending.

Next came the drawing for the locally-grown door prize. Prior to the unveiling of the door prize, there was some attempt at making a deal. "Do you want what is in the bag or would you rather have the hat from which your name was drawn." I managed to save my hat and Cliff Wolff got stuck with the bushel of Loudoun County grapes. They had been pressed into a bottle for easier transport. Cliff then wheedled a second bottle under the pretense that he and Marilyn would be having dinner this week with Rachel Woodings!!

E.K. Williams then reported on the business meeting and the fine time enjoyed by all at the RUPA convention in LAS. There will be a land-based business-meeting convention every two years, and the next convention will be in November 2001 in Las Vegas. The convention attendance in Las Vegas was the best ever at any location and the business-meeting attendees chose to return in 2001. In the years between business conventions there will be a cruise for strictly social purposes. This year, November 2000, there will be a Mexican Riviera Cruise. Bernie Schwartzman would like to see a good number from the Washington Area go on the cruise. He has more information, and urges you to contact him if you are interested in going.

The Eddie O'Donnell Luncheon recognized the contribution of four individuals to the stability and continued exis-

tence of our luncheon group. Chuck Smith for his contributions as RUPA Area Representative. Carl Miller for the years of phone tree management, keeping us updated on illnesses and deaths in the group. Ed Miller for keeping the group financially solvent and in good standing with *Belle Haven Country Club*. Bud Ruddy for keeping the data base up to date, for preparing all the mailings and making arrangements for the luncheons. The enjoyment of our luncheons is the result of their efforts and they were presented with clocks in acknowledgment of the time they spent on our behalf.

Speaking further of honors, there were a dozen of us in attendance at the dedication of the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library in Alexandria on January 9.

Our April 19 luncheon will be Coed with the Widows of our friends Flown West as our guests. Capt. Roy Liggett, Chief Pilot and Mr. Herb Pettitt, Manager of Administration have been invited to speak to us about the current status of Washington UAL affairs.

There was a good turn out numbering 50 and that included some individuals who had not previously attended.

Charlie Ake,	Bud Boyd,	Hal Cockerill,	Tom Coffey,	
Dub Crawford,	Ed Crowther,	Bill Davis,	Dave Dyer,	
Bill Eblen,	Tim Egan (guest of Lew Meyer),		George Elliott,	
Roy Ellis,	Bob Engl,	Jack Evans,	Jerry Goebel,	
Bill Golemon,	Bob Goodman,	Jack Grooms,	Poss Horton,	
Tony Keffer,	John King,	Roger Lemieux,	John Linderman,	
Joe Lubozynski,	Clyde Luther,	Dave Malone,	Hank McBride,	
J.B. McClure,	Lew Meyer,	Carl Miller,	Ed Miller,	Norm
Moore,	Bob Morf,	Murph Murphy,	Bill Nolan,	
Joe Nuccetelli,	Ralph Pasley,	Bob Patterson,	George Paull,	
Bill Rankin,	Larry Rooney,	Joe Rozic,	Bernie Schwartzman,	
Chuck Smith,	Lloyd Smithey,	Sim Stidham,	John Teague,	
E.K. Williams,	Cliff Wolff,	Art Wright.		

*E.K. Williams, Jr.*

Washington Area RUPA Representative

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### **LAX Luncheon at Billingsleys - January 20, 2000**

There were 25 in attendance for our first luncheon of the new millennium. Even though some of you may say that's not till next year. Those attending were:

Dave Kirkendall	Bob Cross	Rex May
Herb Goodrich	Bob Kohler	Jack Hanson
Clay Lacy	Walt Albright	Shirley Hanson
Ed Wiseman	Bob Mosher	Edna Cameron
Ken Williams	Pete Petersen	Lee Cameron
Jack Moore	Steve Martin	Mike Herriott
Ken Kuecker	John McKinnon	Tom McQueen
Bob Clough	Cliff Berg	Ray Engel
Doug Rankin		

While we were waiting for our lunch there were some announcements; 1st, Herb Goodrich told of those who had "Flown West". Bob Cross then announced his wife had passed away some years ago and he had remarried a lady from Palm Beach. At the present it is a coast to coast marriage, however she will be moving to Ventura, California. Then Clay Lacy told of Midway 2000 Millennium Flight. They departed Van Nuys for Midway Island in his Boeing 727. With a stop in Honolulu. There were 43 passengers plus the crew. Yes the 727 was equipped with long range fuel tanks. Two of the passengers Clay mentioned were Bob Hoover and Bill Lear Jr.

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The arrival at Midway was planned for night. Clay explained the reason for this is that at night there are not as many Gooney Birds flying as in the daytime. However they still hit one with the left wing on approach. He went on to say that after the Navy left Midway in 1996 after a 93 year administration of the island it was transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Service. A cooperative agreement with Midway Phoenix Corp, signed the same year, assigned the company the responsibilities of operating the Atoll's infrastructure and airport. The Millennium flight departed Midway at 00:13 am (local) on the morning of December 31st, as they flew west toward the date line. Before crossing the date line they entered a different time zone and were back in December 30th for several minutes. Crossing the date line at 27 degrees North & 180 degrees West transitioned them back into December 31st at 23:48 (local). At midnight, flying just east of the date line at 28 degrees north latitude. They remained in January 1st 2000 for a brief 7 minutes before turning East at 29 degrees North and flying back into December 31, 1999. Landing back at Midway at 0135 am with a flight time of 1 hour & 22 minutes

The Midway Phoenix Corp is also developing a tourist trade. They have a 1st class restaurant and have converted the B.O.Q. into a hotel. There are Golf carts and bicycles to rent for traveling around the island. Aloha Airlines operates a Boeing 737 on the 1150 nautical mile 2 hour 45 minute flight from Honolulu.. Also Clay noted that Boeing Aircraft company has invested in the operation of the Island for it will be needed for Pacific operations of the Boeing 777 E.T.O.P's flight rules.

Dave Kirkendall brought an article (with picture) from a motor home magazine "which could be titled where are they now?" of retired LAX flight manger Joe Richardson & his wife Betty, who are traveling the country in their bus conversion motor home, with their home base being Newport, Oregon.

Sender: Dougmarce@aol.com

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### North Coasters Luncheon

The North Coasters were gathered at *TJ's Restaurant* on January 20th in Wooster, Ohio for the monthly luncheon. Our numbers were considerably diminished due to winter travel advisories resulting from the snowfall the previous night. In spite of this, we had the pleasure of welcoming a new member to our ranks. Captain Richard McMakin joined us for the first time, and will soon retire. He entertained us with some stories of his time in Viet Nam, and information on the forthcoming charity flight for disabled and/or terminally ill kids to happen on February 12th out of Cleveland Hopkins. This chapter will support that function as needed. Richard also brought Dr. Chuck Hoyt as his guest who was the F.A.A. doctor for many of us when Cleveland was a domicile. Others attending were: Rick Ogden, Jim Burrill and his guest, Monica Blackledge, Dick and JoAnne Orr and their guest, Mike Naylor. Mike hails from Rubbermaid and is involved with their flight department, and has been involved with aviation and aircraft engines prior to coming to Rubbermaid.

All pilots, active and retired, are always welcome and all luncheons are co-ed. Meetings are the third Thursday of each month at the above restaurant. Fly-ins will be provided wheels from the Wayne County Airport if needed. Call Dick Orr at (330) 262-5811.

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*We received the following progress report from our faithful Northcoasters scribe, Dick Orr, and are glad to read that he is on the mend. Ed*

### DICK ORR

This will be new news to some of you-- and old to others. First, thanks to everyone for your notes, prayers, messages and well-wishes. They have been a comfort during the times that I felt so poorly. Your prayers and concerns helped cheer me up when it was most needed. Although I didn't feel well enough to even crank up the computer, JoAnne printed out the notes and brought them to me each day. This is the first time I have felt well enough to send the news

to you myself. :-) And words cannot tell how good it feels to have a bit of energy again at last!

December 26th I was taken by ambulance to the emergency room of the local hospital. X-rays showed I had pneumonia in the right lung, and blood "work-up" showed that things were all fouled up with my blood. So the Doctor on duty had me admitted to the hospital. Next day, streptococcus bacteria was found in my blood---- so I had sepsis as well. Antibiotic drugs were given intravenously for several days. When the blood problems were cleared up, I was released December 31st to return home and continue medication to cure the pneumonia. Still didn't feel very chipper--- but was glad to be out of the hospital.

Increasing chest pains caused another visit with my Doctor Wednesday and again Friday. The pneumonia proved to be on the mend nicely, but I now had pleurisy ---which was causing all the pains. Soooo, with strong pain medication now easing things, I am finally beginning to see the end of the tunnel!! Today is the first time that I felt things are improving. Yet a long way from "back to normal". Still on medication for another week, and confined to the house for the duration. JoAnne has been taking good care of me, and is sleeping in the guest room so I won't keep her up every night.

I hope each of you had a great start on the New Year, and I look forward to when all of this is behind me!!

Regards, **Dick**

### HAL CAMPBELL

Jock: Apparently I didn't send you my email address change when I left AOL and went with compuserve according to the latest directory I just received. It's now prchfc@compuserve. My hat is off to all you volunteers who make RUPA what it

is. To quote Churchill, I believe, "Never has so much been owed by so many to so few" or something like that! By the way something I gleaned from the pension dept. that might be of interest to some people - it took me a month to get an answer.

If you made voluntary after tax contributions to the B fund and as yet haven't withdrawn all of them: The value of your B fund for calculating your Minimum Required Distribution after reaching 70 will include your voluntary contributions and earnings from them. This will be the 12/31 end of year valuation after reaching age 70. Although the valuation includes after tax dollars, you will only be taxed on the earnings portion of the subsequent withdrawal which will include both after tax contributions and earnings.

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prchfc@cs.com

**DONALD E. DILL** – 9238 Calle Del Rey, Gilroy, CA 95020

Dear Cleve, Jock, and All; Here I am late with my postage money. It's like most of the things I do here in retirement. I think about things that need to be done but before I get to those things, something else comes along and I'm off doing something completely different. -

Sandy has had several health problems this last year, (nothing serious) but enough to disrupt some of our plans. We had planned to do some traveling, but just didn't get around to it. We only made one trip in the motor home. That was to New Mexico to meet Sandy's

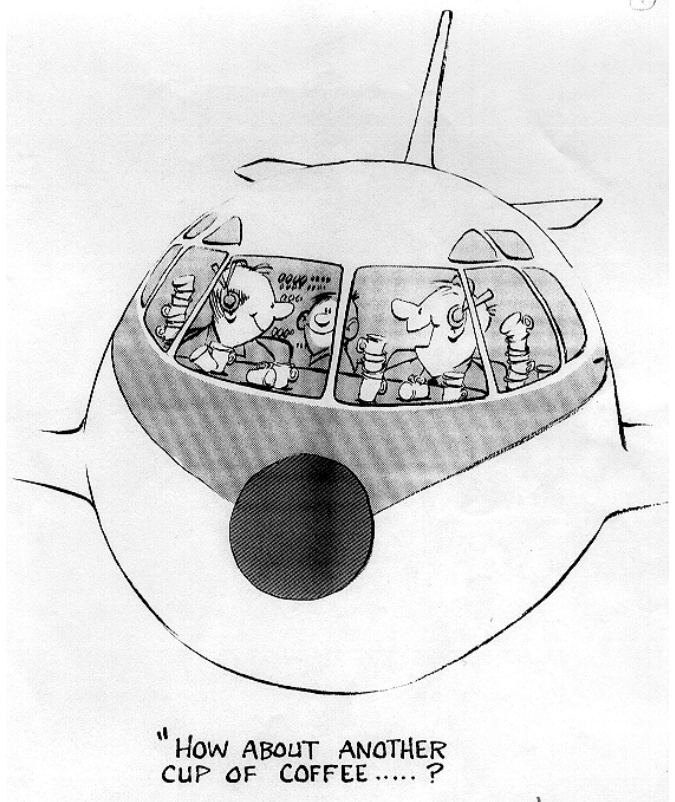
brother and his family who were visiting his second daughter who is in the Air Force. The family lives in Italy, and we had not seen them in some time.

I have been doing some fishing this year. My dad ,who is now 84, loves to go fishing. His attitude is that If you are not working or fishing, you are just wasting time. Being retired from the farm, he still doesn't like wasting time. Mom has had all the fishing she can stand, so guess who gets to go with him. At his age it's not good for him to be out by himself.

My woodshop is shaping up with several new tools. I spend quite a bit of time making everything from display cabinets to small windmills and other give-away items. I end up making most of the Christmas presents I give out.

Flying is one of the things that I haven't done much lately. One of these days I'll have to get back into the seat. Several of my Elks Club friends have an annual fishing trip/fly-in they want me to join. They fly up to Canada to a special lake they know. Sounds like fun. I see Jerry Saul quite often at the Elks Club, and we plan to go up to the folding and stuffing party one of these days. We may even roundup some of the other RUPA members from down this way to join us.

Sincerely, Don captдон@allover.com



*This reprint of a classic cartoon probably doesn't make sense nowadays, when, I'm told, everyone drinks bottled water. I'm sure they're better people for it. Ed.*

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**Birthdays Checks Received Nov. 18, 1999 thru Jan. 17, 2000**

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**ROBERT T. JOCZ** – 107 Shady Branch Trail,  
Ormond Beach, FL 32174

It's hard to believe eleven years have gone by since I have retired – they've all been great! The check is on time for a change (I'm a slow learner.)

Thanks to all for your work in bringing us the *RUPANEWS*. **Bob**

**JAMES T. & PATRICIA LEACH** – 2255  
Woodstone Dr, Benton, LA 71006

Sir, I hope this catches Jim up to date. Since his stroke in '94 he has to rely on wife, who is always behind. He is doing fine, we travel a lot in large motor home. We love seeing the country on the ground. I drive he navigates. Thanks to all concerned for the newsletter. **Jim & Pat**

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**BRUCE ALEXANDER:** BAlex321@aol.com

Hello all:

Wanda and I are fine here at Dog Blossom except some medical problems. I have been fighting Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) since April. I evidently have had the disease for some three years now. No one knows what causes it or how to stop the inflammation, healing, scarring cycle in the lungs. The only accepted treatment is heavy doses of Prednisone and if no results, add Cytoxan (Chemo) to the regime. We have done both of these for eight months now with no response. That left us with an experimental clinical trial sponsored by the Biogen Corp with Interferon Beta 1A, with half the patients getting the real stuff and half a placebo. This clinical trial closed here at Vanderbilt as well as the rest of the country, with the results to be available in December 2000. That left the only other option: Lung transplant, which we pursued but I was declined as a candidate due to prostate cancer and coronary artery disease. I then shopped around to see if I could get someone to prescribe Interferon on my own. After talking with three doctors separately who agreed I would never find a doctor "dumb enough" to prescribe this off label (approved by FDA, but not for this disease) and even if I did, his lawyer would shoot it down. We discovered a study done in Vienna with 18 subjects with IPF and half were given 200 mcg of Interferon Gamma1-b three times a week and an equivalent steroid to 10 mg Prednisone daily for half the patients, and the other nine were given the Prednisone only. At the end of the year's study, all nine taking Interferon improved and the nine on Prednisone alone continued to lose lung capacity.

My pulmonologist agreed to give it a try, so now I am self injecting myself with Interferon (Actimmune brand name) three times a week, and supplementing this with the 10 mg of Prednisone. The shots are a piece of cake, but the down side is you feel like you have the 'flu all the time, and the cost is horrendous. As my doctor said, this is all we have left, so considering the alternative, I feel lucky to have the opportunity to try this therapy and feel confident this is the answer and will stop this progressive disease.

Any one out there with any knowledge or suggestions concerning IPF who feels like sharing with me my E-Mail is BAlex321@aol.com. I apologize for the length of this letter and promise next year to have an upbeat, cheery, good news, short annual report.

**J. B. (Bruce) Alexander**

Check to Cleve in mail.

**WILLIAM T. ANDREWS** – 1187 Merrill Rd, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045 66/91

Really enjoy the *RUPANEWS* – after 8 years of retirement, it is great to read about the guys whom I shared the cockpit with!

Here's the postage due in December plus some more, use it as you see fit. Regards, Bill

**EARL BACH** 945 Lagoon Ln. Mantoloking NJ 08738-1816

Commuted to Stuart to see Little Doe Jan & Feb. Had a big bash Mar 22nd my 88th at the Fromagerie, given by Butch and Virginia. Cruised the Caribbean on the *Veendam* the first week of April. Then flew to Barcelona, Spain to board the *Royal Princess* for a cruise of the Mediterranean, Gibraltar, & Casablanca, ending in Lisbon, Portugal.

RUPA luncheon in May. On May 24th Alyce woke me at five AM, saying she smelled smoke. I opened the door at the top of the stairs and the smoke & heat almost knocked me out.

Shut the door called the fire dept and made our way out through the garage. My kids Heather & Mickey were in the kitchen, when the fireman brought them out I thought they were dead. Happily, we all survived, but the smoke damage was extensive, wiped out all my electronics. Allstate was my insurer and they were wonderful. It has been 6 months now and we are almost back to normal.

In June, visited Crystal Lake Camps in the Poconos with Butch & Virginia, where the kids went to summer camp long ago. The end of July I was invited to fly to Oshkosh by Gosh with John Wooley in his Lancaire, to the biggest air show ever. Did not believe there could be so many airplanes at one location. It was fantastic. July & August Gentlemen's Day Tennis every Thursday culminating in our luncheon bash at the BHYC Sept 2nd, where I introduced my fiancée, Alyce Wolfersberger.

We were to fly to Rome, then board the *Norwegian Dream* for a cruise of the Black Sea, ending in Istanbul, Turkey, but , the *Dream* was shattered when it crashed into a freighter in the English Channel.

In October we went to Atlantic City for the Airplane Owners & Pilots Association Convention. Being a charter member #1178, we were honored guests. Then, Nov 6th ,flew to Las Vegas for the Retired United Pilots Convention. That Monday we had a tennis tournament with 18 players. After the tournament I was playing doubles, reached high for an overhead and fell backward hard on my head. Knocked out cold for a short time, dizzy for a few days, but hope everything is OK now.

Afterwards we flew down to San Diego to spend a few

days with my daughter Sandra, still flying west out of Lax. Sandra just returned from Hawaii, where she was married to a great guy Greg Johns, also a tennis player. Flew home on good old UAL, first class all the way. Still flying actively at Jersey Aero Club and play tennis Mon., Tue., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9 - 11 at Atlantic Club. Week ends at the club, weather permitting. Still planning to play singles (tennis that is) at 100. We could wish nothing finer for every one of you, than that you enjoy the same health and happiness that we do. May The Good Lord Bless and Keep you and yours, and may God grant you His peace. Happy landings, Earl & Alyce (Mr. & Mrs. as of 12/13/99). *All our members join me in wishing you a belated congratulations on your nuptials.* Ed  
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**MILO W. BACON** – PO Box 1234, Solvang, CA 93464

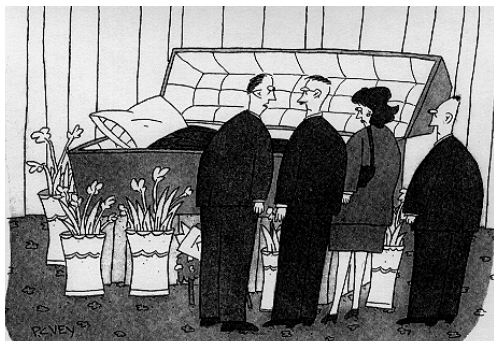
RUPA News – Well finally today is the BIG 90 for me. Health is good, am living in a great place out in the country, and am looking forward to a few more years.

Tonight, helping me celebrate will be Cliff and Phyllis Chaney from Utah, Bill and Marty Dunkle of Camarillo, Bill and Flo Horn from Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Jack and Margaret Healy from Solvang. As pilots, we men all met in the very early 1940's.

In 1999 I flew UAL to New Zealand and drove the length of it in two weeks. Then on to Australia via UAL and drove a rental from Melbourne to Sydney. If you plan to go to the Olympics this year in Sydney, expect to get crushed.

I took a cruise in mid November out of New Orleans on the *Delta Queen*, a five-day journey and very enjoyable. It was a seventy year reunion for me and the D. Q. In 1929 I rode her from Sacramento to San Francisco when going back to U.C. for my sophomore year.

Your news magazine is greatly enjoyed, but being retired thirty years, there are not too many contributors I know. And so it goes. Keep up the good work. Milo  
Milo



“They suspect foul play.”

**JAMES A. BARBER** – 5900 126th Ave. S.E., Bellevue, WA 98006

Cleve, Five years has sure gone by fast, I guess I must be having fun. Attended a Navy reunion in November and saw the last Blue Angel performance of this century. The powers in Pensacola says the Navy is short of money, machines, and manpower and I can believe it, as there is not much activity at NAS Pensacola. Even Traders Jon's is closed as the Trader had a stroke last year. A group of Navy people in the Pensacola area are trying to buy it and reopen it under professional management, but they are not having too much luck. If any of you are interested in the progress of Trader Jon's you can look it up on the net at [www.traderjons.com/](http://www.traderjons.com/) Best Wishes, **Jim**

**KEN BARMORE** 3581 Coyote Cyn. Soquel, CA 95073-3034

Dear Jock: I'm sending my birthday check to Cleve, as I want to be sure of getting *RUPANEWS* for another year.

I was in copilot school in Denver when Walt Briggs hit Elk Mountain. The new copilot with him was Harry Atlas. I took him to the aircraft on the day he flew to Portland for his first assignment. I think it was Harry's first trip.

The format is excellent and you deserve lots of thanks. Merry Christmas to all, Ken Barmore

**HARLIN E. BELL** 1288 Kasey Lakeview, Moneta, VA. 24121

Still able to sit up and take a little nourishment. Added a lovely little Granddaughter to the family.

QUESTION? Has any one undergone "Chelation Therapy"? Its an Enzyme I.V. Drip for Plaque build up as I understand it. I've had one blocked Carotid Artery surgery, it's blocking again, and if there is an alternate method of handling this, I'd like more information. First read of it in a book called *BASS BOSS*, about Ray Scott. Am trying to locate, two books, *By-Passing the By Pass*, and *Forty Something Forever*. Please drop me any information you have, and if I go through it I'll put a full account in the *RUPANEWS* (sure hope this "drano" procedure will unclog the pipes).

**Harlin**

**JAMES R. BERQUIST** – 4510 Carthage Ct, Crystal Lake, IL 60012 Dear Cleve – Enclosed check for annual dues and such. Year number nine! Where is it going? Too busy, I guess. Good job on the newsletter. Do all of our traveling by motor home these days. Love it. Best way to see our USA, Canada and Alaska. Best regards to all, *J im*

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**PHILIP A. BIERSCHENK** 171 Westervelt Ave.  
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**That old house**

Dear Don [*Kyte*], It looks just fine, however it was then 1991 and I took some pictures of my old house at 171 Westervelt across the street from yours. My dad bought that house in 1942, and I guess you had just moved out and the Neilsen's moved in. Lot's of daughters for me, and Vera was a good friend of mine. I went to the Baldwin High school beach party, way down on east side of Jones Beach that day and met classmates of all classes including the war year graduates.

I graduated in 1950 and enlisted in June right after graduation, I swear they never taught me about Korea at Baldwin High, but after 2 weeks the Air Force told me we were at war!!! That's the way life goes I guess. I may strain your memory a bit, but I was a DC-8 copilot at JFK and we had some trips that descended into talking about Westervelt Ave. You may not know it, but Dan Dailey, the hooper with Betty Grable, came from St Luke's Place in Baldwin. I know because I delivered the *Newsday* to his house, close to my elementary Plaza School on Seaman Ave.

Always wanted to fly the "Catalina" and is that the PBY you said flies like a DC-8 Hydraulics Out in the *RUPANEWS*? [*December, page 27.*] The DC-8, with hydraulics, demanded a kick, shove, cuss, spit technique, and caused a lot of pilots to quit smoking during a strong gusty crosswind landing. It took all the strength of a NYC garbage truck driver to grease the crosswind landings with the rudder, aileron and going into reverse. I have a friend, a chaplain during WW2, that was taken around in the Catalina to get the job done. He loved it!! Did you fly it and if so tell me a story about it how it flies when you get time. When I graduated Cadets I was assigned SA-16s, (Dumbo ) in Cape Cod, but before I arrived the good old AF changed it to Convairs, T-29s at Harlingen, Texas, so we ( my new wife Terry and I ) turned around and drove south and were told by Texans that we haven't had an accent for 5 years. I managed to understand them so maybe they were right.

I would have loved the SA 16s at Cape Cod!!! Best Regards to you and your family Baldwin alumni's. "Al" P.S.I have never sent a corny story to the editor so, I'll give Jock this one chew on. [*Hope you continue to enjoy reminiscing about the "Ave." on e-mail, and share any "Hero tales" with the rest of us. Ed*]



**CLIFTON L. BLOOM** – 3112 S. Monaco Circle,  
Denver, CO 80222

Enjoy the newsletter and appreciate all the work involved. Thanks for all your efforts. I have been very fortunate, health wise and I still manage to walk the eighteen holes of golf each week, weather permitting, and we've had great weather. Great to hear about guys I had the privilege of working with a long time ago.

**Clif**

**ARTHUR W. BOEHMER** – 7810 Swarthmore Rd,  
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Both of us are in good health, so we keep on traveling. Been going to college three days a week. Keeps me out of trouble. Still spending winters in Florida. Art

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12 Years into retirement and all goes well. We have been quite active with RUPA., In addition to hosting the Arizona Group, we have attended the BNO, Barnard Barbecue, Elks Picnic in Palo Alto, and the Great Convention in Las Vegas. During the hot summer months, when we are up in Prescott, we enjoy luncheon with the RUAEA TALL PINES Chapter.

In May, our son flew a 1941 Piper J4 Coupe from Ohio to Scottsdale. I went along with him to Palo Alto for a few days, and then on to SAC. From there he flew Green 3 back to Omaha, then direct (GPS) to Cincinnati. Millie suggested we do a trip together in our C182 while we could still enjoy it.

In Sept. we flew to Fredericksburg, VA. With stops at Cessna Factory, Independence, Kansas, Branson, Mo., Kelley Island & Cincinnati, Ohio We waited for Floyd to move out. From Fredericksburg, VA we flew to Kill Devil Hill to see the Wright Bros. Monument & Museum. Due to flooding along our route we had restrictions over areas where helicopters were doing rescue work. We had to stop in Augusta, Ga. for 3 days to wait for Harvey to move across Florida. We finally made it to Pensacola, where we visited the U.S. Naval Air Museum. Then on to San Antonio, TX. to visit friends, returning to Scottsdale, with a fuel and comfort stop in Las Cruces, NM. It was such a great experience that we're planning another trip up to the Great Northwest & over parts of Canada.

Due to Millie's need for O2 we have not done any traveling on UAL. We have driven 30,000 miles in 20 mo. so still get around.

Wishing all of you a HEALTHY & HAPPY NEW YEAR. Our Thanks to all who Labor so hard to get out the *RUPANEWS*... We would like to leave an Open Invitation to All of You to come visit us. We

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have a Great Group of People here in Phoenix.

**FRENCHY**

**PAUL AND RUBY BOWERS** – 10208 Amelia Ct, Cupertino, CA 95014

Dear Whoever; Now is my birth month, so I guess it is time to send in a letter. I missed last year, so I guess I have to send in a letter to get the newsletter for another couple of years, and because I missed last year I have to double-up on my Mail stipend to keep up. The Bower's did not do any exotic travel these last two years. I have been too busy keeping doctors and hospitals in business to do any. At least I am breathing and all those good things.  
Happy holidays to everybody.  
Paul

**JERRY BRADLEY** 866 NE 76th St. Boca Raton, FL 33487

Another great year of retirement gone by. It amazes me how much there is to do in life when you have all of this time. Last August, I had a few days with not much to do, so I found some open flights and went up to Dayton and the Air Force Museum. What a fabulous experience, always wanted to do that.

We spent seven weeks in the Bahamas on our boat this year and enjoyed it as much as the first trip. Beautiful place and beautiful people. This makes our sixth year over there, and is the principle reason for keeping the boat. In October we took my parents for a cruise on the *Mercury* for their 66th wedding anniversary. A lot of people don't even live that long. If it's a gene thing, I may be here forever. Then the RUPA convention in November was a great few days. I'm ready for the next one. Thanks to everyone who makes all of the RUPA things happen.

One humorous note. In front of the Air Force Museum stands a bright, shiny, MIG 23. Along with the other Russian airplanes in the museum, there was a brief on how it got there. This one was sold to a Finnish collector, legally, by the Russian commander of an air base in order to gather funds to feed his troops. The Finn sold the airplane to an obviously wealthy American collector in South Florida. He did everything right except to obtain an import permit for a weapon. When it got off the ship, the customs service relieved him of his treasure and gave it to the Air Force, which in turn gave it to the Air Force Museum. As always, truth can be stranger than fiction.

Thanks again for all the work and regards and good health to all. **Jerry Bradley**

**KENNETH J. BREITSCHOPF** – 841 Madonna Way, Los Altos, CA 94024

Cleve---My birthday month almost got away. Here's the usual mailing fee before the year runs out. Nothing special this past year; A couple of trips to Hawaii, an Alaska cruise and some other jaunts for Weddings and family reunions. Hope all friends in the RUPA group are well and survived the big 2000. **Ken**

**H. DON BRUNJES** – 63 Poplar Road Ridgefield, Ct 06877, 6/4/64 -7/12/97 YIP/JFK/CLE/JFK

Dear Cleve, It's been over 2 years now since my family accompanied me on my last LHR trip. Still miss it some but current news from my son, UAL Capt. Curt helps. Life fills in the spaces very quickly. More days off would definitely help! Sally and I are well. Spending more time at our place in Vermont, biking and hiking. Received our first S.S. check in Sept. Life is good. Thanks to all, **Don**

**BERNALD S. SMITH**, 1019 Whitmer Ct.; Fremont, CA 94539; bernald@juggernaut.com SEA/SFO/LAX/SFO/TK/SFO/SEA/SFO/LAX/SFO 55/93

Kudos forever to all who do so much to keep RUPA/RUPANEWS going: KUTGW. Annual report follows with money separately sent to Cleve.

Still having fun in many parts of the world with RTCA meetings (DC, ELM, DEN, SEA, SAN, NUQ, YUL, AMS, BRU, ROC UK). Also, meetings of other volunteer organizations I serve, were in HBS, BNA,SEA, ATL,GVA,CHI,RNO,ELM,TYS and one week in Cyprus, all keeping me a hard-to-hit moving target. On a personal note, we completely took over a dude ranch at the edge of Glacier Park for our entire family of 17 for eight days; little did I realize I could still stay on during a gallop, although my screams of despair were widely heard. We're also doing Christmas in MRY with all of us. As one can surmise, I still travel a lot, and have no complaints about how we get handled or the travel, except my perennial whine about the row spacing of coach seating on the 757. First class is heaven, when we get it occasionally! I'm flying my PW5 glider very little.

At the current rate of skin cancer removals, I'm well on my way to rebirth. Ah yes, sunny California takes its toll. Other medical irregularities continue to surface for both Marilyn and me, but we're still laughin' and scratchin', including celebrating our 50th with about 150 friends and relatives! I know some of you will hear that with awe, that someone has put up with me for that long! I close by echoing the accolades for all the work over all the years by our volunteer union reps, which all began with fellow UALer Dave

Behncke. **BS.** *Congrats, BS, you're probably one of a few who can spell our founder's name. We used it as a password at the Bayliner computer, but had to change it when no one could get the password to work. Ed*

**GEORGE A. BUTZ** P.O. Box F Marco Island, FL 334146

Dear Jock:

I have sent a check to Cleve for the annual postage fee. Sorry to be so late with it. No excuse for it.

Have done a bit of traveling this year. Sally went to the Galapagos in February with her sister. We both went to Germany for two weeks in May. Lots of ceremonies commemorating the 50 anniversary of the Berlin Airlift. The closing ceremony at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin was very impressive. I went to a convention in St. Louis in September. Sally went to England in October and I went to The RUPA convention in Las Vegas. We are having beautiful weather here right now so will stay home for awhile and enjoy it.

Once again, thanks for all of the hard work you do getting the *RUPANEWS* out.

Best Wishes. G.A. Butz

**ROBERT J. CAREY** – P.O. Box 1032, Cairo, NY 12413

Dear Cleve: In last month's issue I noticed that Ray Bernosky's note started with: "1999 was the best of times and the worst of times". Sounds to me like he finally got a chance to check out THE book from the new Polish library in Flemington. The poor old guy called me last week and said he just got back from his hunting trip in Canada. The only thing he caught was a cold. It seems rather ironic that while he's up in the Canadian bush, tracking that elusive 6- point buck, the local 12-pointers are all having a party on the new fruit trees he just planted back home. Thank God I'm not a hunter.

Last week, I was leafing through some past issues and ran across an article that Ed McCormick wrote about Wayne Fromm. Here's another one:

While Capt. Fromm was working the crew desk at Idlewild, one of our brand new S/O's got a little cheeky and decided to take out his frustrations on the crewman. (He didn't like this stupid idea of being Junior-manned). Crewman Wayne handled the situation in his normal diplomatic way by getting up from the desk and escorting the young gentleman to a corner of the Dispatch Office and gave him the tongue-lashing of his life. I don't recall if the two ever flew together after that incident, but I'm sure "the old red baseball cap" (Wayne) would have loved it.

It was also reported that on a cargo-liner trip one

night from Sea-Idl, Wayne opened up a 5 -pound box of chocolates, placed them on the console, put the first piece in his mouth, and five hours later popped the last one in his mouth over the Carnarsie Approach.

We all knew we should have written a book about the "Greatest Domicile of them all" but the old stories that keep coming out makes them even better. Keep up the good work. I look forward to the newsletter every month. Thanx again, **Bob** P.S. Please change my E-mail address to (rjcarey@banet.net)

**MAE B. CARLIN** – 805 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> St, Blair, NE 68008

Dear Cleve: Just returned from the convention! I must write a thank you note at once. This was an affair to remember; Everything was perfect. Of all the times this group has met, I think this was almost the best. Thanks for the wonderful dinner. Sincerely,  
**Mae**

**JAMES A. CATES** – 13890 E. Hampden Pl., Aurora, CO 80014

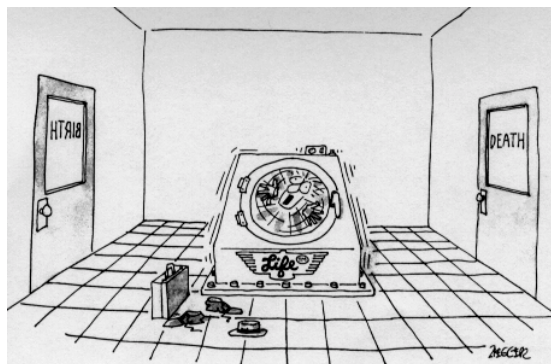
Dear Cleve, I'm retiring this month so better sign up with RUPA. Hired on March 3, 1969, then ORD, SFO, DCA, MIA, ORD, MIA, DEN, ORD and DEN. Two surpluses, two commutes, no furloughs. They say I was born united, but raised Capitol. Looking forward to the *RUPANEWS*. **Jim**

**R.A. CHABER**, SFO, 68-96

I'm glad I took early retirement. I'm busy every day and am pleased I got a head start on this retirement business.

The big trip this year was to the Tuscany wine region of Italy; even got First Class both ways to Milan. Renting a diesel-engined car in Europe keeps prices down, a friend gave me this tip. I still work in the tasting room and give tours at Sebastiani Winery in Sonoma. It got really busy last summer and I had to remind them that I am retired and need my days off. I continue to do free-lance tours of San Francisco and substitute teach in the high school. I check my e-mail daily and enjoy hearing from everyone.

**Bob**



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## Searching for Health Information Online

By Andrew Weil M.D.

I've noticed that patients who are most successful at healing are the ones who become actively involved in their medical care - they seek out possibilities for treatment and follow up on leads they come across. This was once a fairly time-consuming process, requiring that patients search out books, visit medical libraries, or ask friends and family members for suggestions. No more. In the new Information Age, getting involved in your care can be as simple as getting online: Now anyone with Internet access has a wealth of health information literally at his or her fingertips. Recent surveys show that over half of people with Internet access have used their computers for health related reasons, such as researching a particular health condition. Like an increasing number of physicians, I view the Internet as a valuable research tool offering patients easy access to health information. In this case, knowledge is power: Patients tend to feel more empowered when they become better informed about their conditions and more involved with their care. With a newfound sense of control over their treatment decisions, they are also more likely to be satisfied with their medical care. Used wisely, the Internet can benefit both patients and health professionals alike.

### *Steps for Your Search*

For the sake of brevity, I'll assume that you already know how to use the Internet. But if you feel lost in cyberspace, ask a computer-savvy friend to show you the ropes, or consider taking a class. Many libraries now offer at least one computer with free Internet access, and a librarian may be able to help you with an online search. To help you navigate the Web, I'd like to suggest some steps to take when you're researching a health condition online. Let's use high blood pressure (hypertension) as an example. You'll find the URLs (Web site addresses) for the sites mentioned below in the rest of the article

1. First, visit a "gateway site." These sites don't search the entire World Wide Web, but connect you instead to information from their own collection of relevant Web sites a good way to start your search. One such site is the US government's Healthfinder, which links you to quality information from hundreds of other sites, including MEDLINE, news services such as Reuters and the New York Times' Your Health Daily (which report the latest health news each day), and federal and state agencies, such as the National Cancer Institute and the Food and Drug Administration. Search for "hypertension" at Healthfinder and you'll find links to organizations such as the American Heart Association, medical journals such as Hypertension, and a Web site about the DASH diet for high blood

pressure, among other sites. HealthAtoZ is another reliable consumer oriented gateway site worth exploring.

2. Now try a search engine. When you type in a key word or two, a search engine scours the World Wide Web looking for matches. The search may produce a huge amount of information, some of it irrelevant. It's best to use this resource after you've narrowed your search at a gateway site. Three of my favorite search engines are GO Network (which includes Infoseek, AltaVista, and FAST Search.) Try options called "Advanced Search" or "Refine Your Search" to seek out specific information, such as "hypertension AND support groups" or "hypertension AND calcium." Using at least two different search engines will give you a more well-rounded search.

3. Consider adding some studies to your search. If you've read about an interesting new study or would the evidence behind a particular treatment, you can visit MEDLINE, a government site that offers millions of abstracts (study summaries) from a wide variety of credible medical journals. Be specific with your search terms to collect relevant studies: For example, "hypertension AND DASH diet" returns more than 25 documents related to this proven diet for high blood pressure.

4. Integrate your search. Once you've visited the more traditional sites mentioned above to gain a better understanding of the causes as well as conventional treatments for your condition, you might then want to learn about some useful alternative therapies. Some good "alternative" sites include Alternative Health News Online, HealthWorld Online, and the Web site of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM). As many of you know, I have my own Web site, where you'll find a searchable database with information about integrative medicine, daily Q&As, practitioner listings, and more.

5. What now? Carefully read through the information that you've collected and jot down any questions you may have for your doctor. Choose a few key facts to discuss at your next appointment. For example, you might let your physician know that you've found some information about the role of calcium and magnesium in regulating blood pressure. Ask her if she can look over some of your research and discuss it with you. A good practitioner appreciates patients who try to become better informed, but be aware that your doctor may feel overwhelmed if you show up at her office with stacks of reading material. The information you find online should supplement and not replace your doctor's advice. Your practitioner may even have his or her own Web site or an email address for patients, where you may also get answers to your questions.

### *Evaluating the Information*

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With as many as 25,000 health-related Web sites (for both consumers and health professionals) up and running, finding reliable information can be tricky. The aim of your research is to find quality information, not just to gather a large quantity of it. It's been my experience that good information and good Web sites go hand in hand. Here are some questions to keep in mind when you're surfing the Net.

Who maintains the Web site? For the most part, sites with URLs ending in .gov (government agency), .org (non-profit group), or .edu (educational institution) are more likely to be trustworthy, although some commercial (.com) sites provide reliable information as well. Sites offered by such well known medical institutions as the Mayo Clinic (Mayo Clinic Health Oasis) and Johns Hopkins (InteliHealth) may be useful. Some sites funded by pharmaceutical or supplement companies may have good information, but be aware that their main motivation may be to sell their products.

Who is posting the information? Many sites, including my own, feature an "About Us" section that tells you about the organization or physicians who post information on the site. If no reputable person or group is identified, be skeptical. When reading articles, check for an author's credentials. Chat rooms and message boards allow visitors to exchange ideas, which can be truly helpful, but remember that this information is not usually screened by a health professional.

How current is the information? Check the site (often at the bottom of the page) to see when it was last updated. Medical information is constantly changing, and health related Web sites should be updated weekly or monthly.

Can the information be trusted? Evaluate product information carefully (see "Spotting a Health Scam" on page 36 of *RUPANEWS*' of November 1999, which contains tips from the FTC which can also be applied to online information as well.)

#### *Making Sense of Studies*

Whether you're looking for health research online or reading about the latest study in the newspaper, it's important to understand how to put the findings from research studies into proper perspective. Scientific research is constantly changing, and I would advise you to always consider the big picture rather than make health decisions based on the results from a single study. Below you'll find information about three types of studies you may commonly come across.

Laboratory research. Lab experiments are either conducted in test tubes (in vitro) or involve animals (in vivo) and are usually the first step in testing a new treatment or attempting to prove a hypothesis. Although lab studies can receive much hype, they're preliminary and may not yield the same results as experi-

ments in humans.

Epidemiological (observational) studies In this type of study, researchers typically observe a large group of people over a period of time, looking at lifestyle habits and physical characteristics to help determine why some people may develop a disease while others don't. Researchers look for patterns or similarities that may suggest a relationship. Epidemiological studies can only make associations between, say, a pattern of eating (such as a high fat diet) and a disease (such as atherosclerosis), not prove cause and effect.

Clinical trials. Because it may be costly and time consuming, a clinical trial is typically undertaken after associations have already been made in observational studies. In a clinical trial, one group of subjects is given a treatment, while a "control" group either does not receive treatment or is given a placebo. A clinical trial is "randomized" if subjects are randomly assigned to either the treatment or control group, and is called "double blind" if neither the subjects nor the researchers know who is receiving the treatment or a placebo. Scientists consider the randomized, controlled, double blind study to be the "gold standard," or most reliable type of study, because it's more likely to establish cause-effect relationships.

#### ***Recommended Web Sites***

Here's a list of the Web sites (and their addresses) mentioned in the main article:

AltVista - [www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com)

Alternative Health News Online - [www.altmedicine.com](http://www.altmedicine.com)

Ask Dr. Weil - [www.drweil.com](http://www.drweil.com)

FAST Search - [www.alltheweb.com](http://www.alltheweb.com)

GO Network - [www.go.com](http://www.go.com)

Health World Online - [www.healthy.net](http://www.healthy.net)

Health A to Z - [www.healthatoz.com](http://www.healthatoz.com)

Healthfinder - [www.healthfinder.gov](http://www.healthfinder.gov)

InteliHealth - [www.intelihealth.com](http://www.intelihealth.com)

Mayo Clinic Health Oasis - [www.mayohealth.org](http://www.mayohealth.org)

MEDLINE - [www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/freemedl.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/freemedl.html)

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**NESSIE E. CHESEBROUGH** – 2909 Franciscan Ct, San Carlos, CA 94070

Enjoy the RUPANEWS and the format. My new email address (**nesschese@aol.com**) is not critical, so if it is to late for the directory it's okay. **Nessie** *It is too late for the directory but it's published here.*

**F. WILLIAM CLEM** – 313 San Lucas Dr, Solana Beach, CA 92075

Dear Cleve, Holiday greetings from Solana Beach. I have turned 83 on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, so have a reason to be unsteady in writing. I am now recovering from a bad heart attack and several angioplasty procedures. The first problem was in May, so it has been a long one. We are in reasonably good health for our age so can't complain.

We like the new format of the *RUPANEWS* and I thank you for a job well done. *That thanks should go to our editor, Jock Savage, who brought this new format about.* I am sure it takes up a lot of your time.

We want you to know it is appreciated and to keep up the good work. Sincerely, **F. W. Clem**

**E.T. BUD CLOVER, JR** – 11015 W. Chino Dr, Sun City, AZ 85373

Hi Cleve, Please note mail money on time this year for a change. Above is our winter address. Retired seven years now. To shake things up, in '99 we sold Issaquah house and small travel trailer and bought cabin on the Icicle river in Leavenworth, WA and this new home in retirement community of Ventana Lakes. The sun and temps here in the winter are fantastic! Now with refurbishing, landscaping and remodeling in Leavenworth, 2000 will be a busy interesting year. Our best to all UAL friends. **Bud**

**JIMMY D. COOK** – PO Box 14, McHenry, IL 60051 or 5351 Paseo De La Terraza, Tucson, AZ 85750

Enclosed please find my annual postage fund payment. Worst experience of our lives was the loss of our



*"Well, www.whatswrongwithme.com says it's just a virus, but I came to you for a second opinion."*

youngest Daughter in an auto accident last April. Otherwise, all is well with the Cook's and enjoying life. Still flying the Cessna and instructing some. Four grandsons flying, one with United Express, one with Priority Air at Watertown SD, and two finishing college with commercial, instrument, multi instructor ratings. Only son is a 757 Captain with American. My cancer seems to be in remission thanks to a fabulous HMO and a great team of specialists. Also, thanks to the workers on the RUPA team. **Jim**

**BOB CROWELL**, INTERNET:bobcr@deseretonline.com

Dear Jock: I would like to thank all of you for keeping the news flowing. Enclosed is my check.

I would also like to thank all who have shown our family love and support since Dec. 14, 1993 when our daughter, Sylvia, was killed by Nathan Dunlap.

It has been 6 years, and we still occasionally go to a hearing, as Nathan Dunlap is still awaiting execution. My opinion is that it is better to execute the guilty rather than letting so many innocent people be killed, as evidenced by the high increase in murders during the time when executions were prohibited by law, a sad fact of life.

We still like Aurora, Colorado, where I sell a little real estate and travel only occasionally.

Although not as fast as some, I run fairly regularly, which hopefully will keep BCBS happy!  
Sincerely, **Bob**

**JOSEPH R. CUDD** – 24822 Pack Saddle Trail, San Antonio, TX 78255

Cleve, Sorry for the late news and payment ,but I guess the old saying better late than never, applies here. Its been a busy year here in Texas. I got married 1/2/99 and my new wife, Sandy , and I have been going ever since. Went to Europe in April for 3 weeks, and had a great time touring France then to Spain where we rented a car and drove from Toledo to Barcelona across the mountains . Went on a 7 day cruise around the Med., flew to Frankfort and then to ORD . We were able to get first class coming home and Business class going ORD to CDG. Had a great trip. Welcomed our 5th grandchild, a girl, in September. On to Maui for a week in Oct. Took 2 missed and 1 cancelled flights for us to get out of Maui.

My youngest daughter is expecting in Mar ,so that will make #6. I had surgery on my shoulder early this month to remove some bone spurs and hopefully that will lower my handicap some.

Retirement is great and life has been good to me . I enjoy the newsletter that everyone puts together each

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month . Thanks for all the efforts to keep all of us informed. Check is in the snail mail. **Joe Bob**

**JACK M. DeCAMP** – 420 Tigertail, Rd, Los Angeles, CA 90049 53-83 EWR/LGA/JFK/LAX  
“Seventy Six Trombones...” Comes Y2K - one. (12/31). All is well though slowing down is now apparent in my lifestyle. For all you senior golfers I have rules to follow if you want to enjoy the game. 1-Mulligans allowed, 2- always roll the ball, 3-do not bet (you could lose a good friend) and 4- don't keep score. Trust me Herb, you'll be a happier camper as a result. Sorry to hear about Bob Goldstein, a rare jewel, one of a kind. Also best wishes to Tiger Jack for a quick and complete recovery. **Jack/Pete**

**JERALD R. DROMMERHAUSEN** – 43W349 Steeple Circle, Elgin, IL 60123 jdrommer@dellnet.com  
Thanks again for putting out such a interesting news magazine, enjoy it very much. As everybody says, it's hard to believe it's been on year since my last flight. Judy and I signed up for the RUPA Cruise in November, sounds like a lot of fun. Keep up the good work. **Jerry**

**BRUCE DUNKLE** – 3495 One Nation Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89121  
Dear Cleve, Enclosed is postage which was due last month and a little extra for miscellaneous expenses. Peggy and I attended the convention and had a wonderful time. We particularly want to say what a great job Clyde House did in keeping the whole show running smoothly.  
Our best to everyone for the New Millennium. **Bruce**

**ROBERT J. ENGL** – 221 Belle Point Dr, Queens-town, MD 21658  
Hi Jock; One year since retirement and life just keeps getting better. Finally, our first grandchild showed up last March. Future aviator checked in at 10 pounds. Can't get flying out of my system. Teaching part time at Flight Safety in the Hawker program and flying a 400 local charter outfit. Not enough time for it all and my golf game suffered. Thank goodness my girl friend, of near 40 years, goes along. She borrows the infamous phrase from "TOP GUN" that my brain is writing checks that my body can't cash. Well, I'm not so sure, anyway. Miss United and all of you, but life does go on and with family's good health who can complain. My check is enclosed please enter my e-mail as rjengl@friend.ly.net . Thanks to you and your volunteers for keeping us together with the *RUPANEWS*. Sincerely, **Bob**

**DEREK L. FERRAND** – PO Box 1912, Kilmarnock, VA 22482

Dear Cleve, Playing plenty of golf between our home in Virginia and the condo in Florida. No complaints – all the best to everybody have a Happy New Year. **Dick**

**BILL FIFE** – 5081 W. Rowland Ave., Littleton, CO 80128

This has been an interesting century and I have enjoyed 80 years of it. This year Mitz and I have made several trips ...one to Savannah, GA for 385th Bomb Group reunion. Saw the new 8th Air Force Museum. Also enjoyed the RUPA convention in Las Vegas. Twice to Maui... motor-home to Black Hills, SD, and often with family to Colorado's hills ...cold months in Ariz. Sometimes join the Roadrunners for luncheon. Thanks for the *RUPANEWS* and all its work. We both enjoy the letters. **Bill**

**GEORGE J. FURCH** 61 Sunrise Mesa Dr., Canon City CO 81212

Dear Jock: /sincerely hope you and yours had an enjoyable Christmas, as we did here too. May you have a good and healthful New Year.

The group picture taken in Salt Lake in 1939 brings back fond memories - as you can see, I had a full head of hair then.

Did not take any long-range trips this last year. Am keeping my weight at 165 Lbs - riding my 10-speed Ross bike daily for ten miles, and walking two miles also.

I am 85 years old in January and have good health. Enjoy the *RUPANEWS*, and thanks to all of you stuffers. Sincerely *George J Furch*

**CHARLES F. GAASCH** – 10607 W. Bellewood Pl, Littleton, CO 80127

Rose and I are holding up pretty good for the shape we're in. But something to think about: We both took flu shots on Saturday and on Sunday we both came down with colds. Mine put me in the hospital for eight days, but they say that's just a coincidence?? I'm OK now. You guys do a good job. **Chuck**

**MARTIN GALLAGHER** – 1101 S. State St, Maren-go, IL 60152

Dear Cleve; Four years into retirement and still enjoying it. Got a clean bill of health on my semi annual cancer check; I lost my right kidney a year ago to cancer.

Had some nice travels in the motor home with the family this year. The longest was three weeks to Seat-

tle area for a reunion of Air Force cadet class 60-B, it was a wonderful time. I'm still on our local fire dept. as assistant chief. I've been on for 30 years and thinking of retiring next year. My best wishes to all. **Marty**

**JAMES C. GATES** – PO Box 350, Ignacio, CO 81137

Dear Cleve, Sign me up for "Boy's Nite Out." I'm 78 and don't really feel my age, except in the mornings. After 10 o'clock and a couple of aspirins I'm on my way. I travel a lot and don't seem to have any trouble getting on the flights I choose, quite often first class. I'm going to try to get my FAA physical back so I can fly a little bit around Colorado. I had by-pass surgery five years ago and feel real good. I've beat the "Big C" twice by being very lucky. As the old saying goes: "I'd rather be lucky than skillful." Soooo Ol' Buddy, Happy New Year. **Jim**

**RICHARD W. GOUDEY**, [73761,2242]

Dear Jock: Here I am late with my second letter since retirement; hope it will make it in before the turn of the century! [Sorry, too late. Ed.] Spent the winter on the boat in St. Pete., with a trip to the Bahamas which we found very enjoyable. Almost left the boat there permanently, but glad we decided to take it back to FL., as a hurricane did a job on the marina. Making progress on the '55 MG TF that I have been restoring for about 6 years now.....should be finished in the spring. Attended Motorcycle School and am awaiting the arrival of new Harley in January.

The highlight of our traveling for the year was picking up Judy's new Volvo at the plant in Sweden and driving 1600 miles through Europe before it was shipped back. Recommend the program, and with UAL 777 first class travel it was a great experience. The new sleeper seats in First are awesome. More controls than the cockpit! The crew has one that is curtained -off which is a much better rest arrangement, and they tell me the new airplanes will have a bunk room like the 400. This is a long overdue improvement for the crews, passengers and UAL.

Plan to spend Christmas on the boat in Key West with all our children (hopefully) and watch the last sunset of the 20th. My best to all for a great 21st.

Cordially, **Dick**



**ED GRIFFITH**, Hudson, OH 44236/DTW PIT EWR CLE ORD 56/91

Sorry we had to miss the convention this year, Barb came down with 'shingles' after our trip to Wilmington, NC for my sister's grandson's wedding. What with United's \$75 per ticket charge (yes! we bought tickets!) and forfeiture of our pre-paid convention charges I figure it cost the same as what we would have lost at the casino! What we missed most was seeing all our RUPA friends! Did lots of traveling last year to visit with our children (5) and grandchildren (13) they are all close enough to drive to, which I like. We had all but son Bob and family home for Thanksgiving 21 under our roof! It was great.

Just would like to know what Bill Bickert wrote that you wouldn't print? Guess I'll ask Bill to send me a copy!

Seems like our Northcoasters news has been missing from the last two Newsletters, I know the one from Nov. that I mailed was too late, but I suspect an E mail snafu causing the ones Dick Orr wrote up to go astray. We will investigate from our end we are definitely still meeting every month and growing! Until next year I wish you all the best of the best. **Ed**

**HILDA E. GURNEY** – 20358 Chapter Dr, Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Dear Captain Spring, Thank you for taking care of the enclosed. Also, a big thank you and RUPA for the delicious dinner at the RUPA Convention. The newsletter is a real joy. RUPA does so many very nice things. Sincerely, **Hilda Gurney**

**LOUIS GUST, JR** – 1203 W. Glenn Ln, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

All is well in the Gust household. Keeping busy with grandchildren, computers and old automobile.

Best regards, **Lou**

**J.H.HANSEN** Madison CT 60/94 BOS EWR ORD JFK

Still vertical and mobile. That's all that's required. Any of you who have Met's Universal Life Insurance might be interested to know that they lost my list of beneficiaries. Apparently some microfilm was contaminated. I would not have known had I not asked. You might want to ask.

Keep the Faith.

**JACK**



**MARK A. HARRIS** -- 2000 Hendricks Ave. Suite 1  
PMB 118, Jacksonville, FL 32207

Cleve: I retired in April '99 at age 61 as a D10 S/O. I was going to hang on for another year beyond that, but that was cut short by a foot problem called plantar fasciitis. It takes about a year to resolve that ailment but I'm about 90% cured now. I went to Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville after a couple of false starts with other docs. If anyone else has this problem I would be glad to share my experiences with them and perhaps save them a little time.

So, the drill in retirement is summers and fall on the coast of Maine at Camden/Rockport in a nice new home we built for retirement and winters in Jacksonville, FL (go Jaguars) at my family's old homestead. Regards, **Mark**

**DAVE & RUTH HAUCK** – 952 Castle Hill Rd, Redwood City, CA 94061

Dear Cleve, I am writing for Dave enclosing his December birthday check. He is still convalescing at **Menlo Park Place, 1275 Crane St., Menlo Park, CA, 94025**, from his two strokes. His fellow pilots have been visiting him off and on this year, and he really enjoys talking flying. He is going to try to attend Leo's Boy's Night Out in February. Thanks to all who visit or write or call. Sincerely, **Ruth**

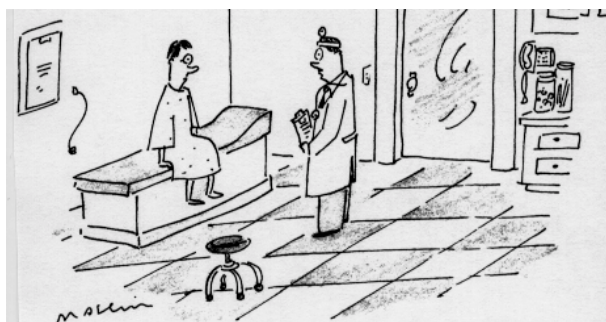
**MARILYN HENZE** – PO Box 238, Winneconne, WI 54986 920-582-7231

Greetings, I'm not sure how everything operates with RUPA! I don't know what Bud paid! However, I see something expired 7/29/99 so I have enclosed \$20 and I assume that is the *RUPANEWS*.

I'm also missing the Sept. issue of the *RUPANEWS* and that I would like as Bud's daughter, Capt. Cindy Berkeley, wrote a letter about Bud, your help would be appreciated!

There was no one like Bud and I miss him terribly!!!!!! I am very appreciative of all our friends and family! I retired from UAL 11/30/99 after 40 years 8 months as a flight Attendant.

Sencerey, **Marilyn** Email [mjhenze@webtv.net](mailto:mjhenze@webtv.net)



“Unfortunately, you have what we call ‘no insurance’”

**E. E. BUCK HILBERT** – 8102 Leech Rd, Box 424,  
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Still active in EAA, the United Historical foundation, doing annual inspections for friends, tail dragger transitions and playing in small airplanes. 75, 15 years of bliss. **Buck**

**D. K. DEKE HOLMAN** – 39 Skylark Ct, Napa, CA 94558

Another year, and I'm only ten days late. It's been a good year. Merle & I are in good health, we complain some but all in all we are doing great. Our granddaughter will be 4 next month and she keeps us hopping (we love it). We took her to Disneyland in January for the second time and she is ready to go again. Went to Boston and Virginia in February, Higbee, MO in March (Silver Oak Cooperage). Went to Cheyenne Re-Qual. In May, (passed). Higbee, MO in June, back to Oshkosh in July, another great year, (my 22<sup>nd</sup>). Hernia operation in August, Hawaii, Kona in November, so you can see we have been on the go all year, with a trip to Destin, FL next month. After flying 5 round trips on United this year we are convinced we are with a FIRST CLASS airline. I'm still pouring wine a couple days a week and flying the Cheyenne III for Silver Oak Winery, playing golf 2 or 3 times a week and drinking a great red wine. How much more could you ask for. And I get paid for it. Really enjoy the *RUPANEWS* and still want to fly to San Carlos and help the folders and stuffers, maybe December if weather is good. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. **Deke** [merdeke@compuserve.com](mailto:merdeke@compuserve.com)

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

81 years old - am very healthy if only I would quit injuring myself. Last year a fall on ice broke bone in my hand, no golf for six months. Last March another fall on ice, broken kneecap, no golf for three months. In November another fall on ice, this time got a rib out for four months. I had better find a warmer climate. Am down in San Diego for 3½ months in our motor-home. I'm safe here.

My carpenter business real slow this past summer, guess it's time to slow down and smell the roses. Vicki, my flight attendant daughter, now has 28 years seniority, still flies twice a week and nurses three times a week at her new profession and loves it. Our son is a contractor in Santa Cruz in the summer, but in January to April a ski racing coach at Squaw Valley, with seven assistant coaches under him. He loves his skiing.

Our daughter, Jamie, lives nearby with her husband

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and six year old daughter and we enjoy having them here. **Sid**

*Member "Hep" Hepperlin of Crystal Lake sent us this article, just in case anyone had overlooked this tax break. If you had, it's time to get a tax consultant, if you've already got one maybe it's time to change. Ed*

### **Protecting an IRA From Estate Taxes**

There is a very common situation affecting thousands of retirees and their boomer heirs that I have not seen a satisfactory solution to yet. Many retirees (have) almost all their estate in an IRA (that) is in excess of \$650,000 (this year's estate tax exemption). I have read articles indicating that you can not make a trust beneficiary of an IRA. In this situation, is there any way to protect the excess over \$650,600 (from estate taxes)? J.M. Tampa

Absolutely. First, the government has relaxed the rules on trusts as IRA, beneficiaries. You can use a trust to good effect as long as it is irrevocable, or becomes so at your death.

Now, a quick (review of the estate tax rules: if you die with more than \$650,000 of assets in your estate, the excess is subject to estate taxes, at rates as high as 55%. (The exempt amount is scheduled to increase gradually to \$1 million by 2006.) This estate tax exemption is per person, not per couple. That means that, together, you and your spouse can shelter \$1.3 million from the taxman if you play your cards right.

Say you die with \$1 million in an IRA. If you leave the whole thing to your spouse, no estate taxes will be owed, thanks to the unlimited marital deduction, which says all transfers between spouses are tax free. But you will have wasted your \$650,000 estate tax exemption and perhaps goosed your spouse into a higher estate tax bracket.

Assuming for simplicity's sake that the IRA still totals \$1 million at your spouse's death, your children will inherit just \$767,000 or so after taxes, according to Marvin von Rotenberg, national director of retirement services at Bank Boston's Private Bank. How's that? Estate taxes will be owed on the excess over your spouse's \$650,000 exemption, or \$350,000. At a 40% estate tax rate, that's a \$140,000 tax bill. To pay it, the children will have to withdraw \$233,000 from the IRA - enough to cover the estate taxes and the income taxes due on the \$233,000.

One solution, says Rotenberg, is to name your spouse the primary beneficiary of your IRA and an irrevocable "credit shelter" trust (also known as a "bypass" trust) as the contingent beneficiary. Now, if you die with a \$1 million IRA, your spouse can disclaim

\$650,000. As long as that occurs within nine months, it's legally as if your spouse had never received this portion of the IRA, and it reverts to the trust, from which your spouse gets income for life (and principal at the trustee's discretion). The remaining \$350,000 is rolled over to an IRA for the spouse.

When the spouse dies, the assets in the trust then "bypass" his or her estate directly to the kids, estate-tax free, your estate tax exemption is preserved; in addition, the children get what's left of the spouse's IRA, which, if \$650,000 is also estate-tax free. Again, assuming there's been no growth in either account, the children will end up inheriting a total of \$1 million (\$650,000 plus \$350,000) more than in the first scenario.

*Fortune Magazine, 19 July, 1999*

**F.W. "BABE" JAMES** – 7490 E. Windford St. Parker, Co. 80134 CY,DV.CG,ORD,LAX,SFO,DEN  
Dear Jock, This is year 22. It doesn't seem that long. In March I Lost my beloved mate of fifty eight and a half years. Health Is fair except for oxygen. Thank you and your helpers for the wonderful newsletter. **Babe**

**JESSE & DOTTIE JERNIGAN** – 2021 King Air Ct, Daytona Beach, FL 32124  
The new format of the RUPANEWS is great, many thanks to all that do the hard work. On time this year and in my birthday month.

We moved to Spruce Creek Fly In 2½ years ago, what a wonderful place to live. Wish I had come here when we first moved to Florida. Lots of retired airline pilots are here, representing about every airline. Had to get a Cherokee 180 to play with, and do we have fun. A little golf, tennis, get-togethers, and breakfast flights on Saturday mornings keep us busy. We really have not traveled that much since moving here. A few short RV trips, and good old UAL to see family and grandkids. Still feeling good, just slowing a bit. Merry Xmas to all. **Jesse & Dottie**

**DAN JESSUP** 9831 Marine View Drive S. W., Seattle, Washington 98136  
(54 - '84 SEA)ebbyj@home.com (206) 938-4893  
First of all, my apologies for the length of this letter, but I think it may have information useful to some, particularly the last paragraph, and no one has ever accused me of being succinct. Several letters in RUPANEWS have discussed prob-

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lems with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSI). Due to my wife's most unfortunate health situation I am very grateful for the wonderful health insurance ALPA and UAL worked out for retirees, but I must deal with BCBSI multiple times each month. My total experience with this organization can be summed up in two sentences: Their likable public contact people, who try to help, always provide very friendly, gracious, patient, and kindly service, but they often seem hindered and frustrated by BCBSI bureaucratic ways. Documents from BCBSI all too often indicate disorganized, mistake-prone, inconsistent, and frustrating handling of claims, benefit payments and means of communicating; but when I persevere, they ultimately pay full benefits.

So I encourage all to check BCBSI paperwork and don't give up on full benefits due you.

As an example, each of the following problems arrived in my mail (in multiple envelopes from BCBSI) just last week. In each case, after I researched the error, phoned the provider and then BCBSI, the error was corrected. One document they sent instructed me to send additional information to the address shown on the document, but when I called for clarification, I was told those instructions were incorrect and I should use a different address. So far I have found three BCBSI addresses - which address to use at any given time, seems to be a mystery even to BCBSI. If it's any help, here are the three I know of, with my best guess regarding their use (if you know of others, tell us).

BCBSI, P.O. BOX 1220, CHICAGO, IL 60690-1220 (for claims only ?)

BCBSI, 300 EAST RANDOLPH, CHICAGO, IL (corporate headquarters ?)

BCBSI, 3405 LIBERTY DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 (for appeals ?)

One document contained an explanation of benefits, which was wrong. It turned out that BCBSI had mistakenly lumped together two separate dates of service in different months and labeled them as one date of service. On the phone, they found their error and they will try again.

One document contained a rejection of a claim because BCBSI said they had not received the Medicare Form. But the "not received" form had been mailed in the same envelope as another form they had received. On the phone, they found their error and they will try again.

One document contained another rejection of another claim because BCBSI said they had not received the Medicare Form. But once again that "missing" form had been in that same envelope with the form they had received. On the phone .... you know the rest. One envelope contained a check with - absolutely no ex-

planation of what it was for - many months ago, they promised to stop sending checks without explanations included with the check - the check did not match any claim I had submitted. It turned out that this check was a lump sum, covering a number of different claims for different dates of service, each of which was discussed in a separate document mailed in a separate envelope which arrived on separate days. None of these documents explained they were a part of a lump sum check. I found that it took multiple phone calls and multiple hours to figure that one out.

A really big problem for all of us on Medicare surfaced recently when BCBSI sent a letter indicating they would not consider issuing benefits for medical services provided, if documentation were not completed within one year of the date of service. This may seem reasonable, but let me mention some concerns regarding the true impact of such a policy. Remember the letter from UAL regarding their decision to change from Connecticut General to BCBSI? That letter said there would be no change in benefits. But I know Connecticut General did not impose a one-year limit, because they favorably processed one claim of mine that was almost three years old before I was able to get the provider's greatly delayed submission worked through a royal mix-up in Medicare. I had several others that took two years to get through Medicare. In my experience, very lengthy delays in getting claims to BCBSI are due to either late submission by the provider, mishandling in the mail (three separate mailings required in part because BCBSI will not accept automatic submissions from Medicare), mix up in Medicare, or BCBSI erroneously not realizing they have, in fact, received all necessary paperwork. But the point is, none of these factors is under the control of the retiree. An enforced one-year limitation could be a serious diminishment of benefits, particularly for those of us over 65 who are hostage to both Medicare and BCBSI policies, with no control over either. We have no control over when claims are submitted by the provider to Medicare; no control over when Medicare processes the claim to send us; no control over when (or whether) the U.S. mail gets the Medicare form to our home, and then when (or whether) they get it from us to BCBSI; no control over whether BCBSI's bumbling procedures will allow them to realize they have received the form we sent them (as noted in examples above). When I called BCBSI about this one year limitation, they said it was all UAL's idea. When I called UAL about it they said to send concerns and complaints to United Retiree Service Center, attn: OTS6 Appeal, P.O. Box 14414, Des Moines, Iowa 50306 9014.

I am urging those of you who share this concern about

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a one-year limitation, or are experiencing similar difficulties with BCBSI, to write regarding these matters.

**Dan**

*Dan: As you know, I contacted our ALPA/UAL liaisons and sent them a copy of your letter with a request that the situation you outlined be brought to the attention of ALPA R&I and UAL Benefits as a possible violation of the ALPA/UAL contract, and as such grievable by ALPA should it so decide. Incidentally, regarding delays in sending information from Medicare to BCBS, I found, via my own investigation some time back, that formerly such automatic transmission was the case, but ceased with the selection of BCBS by UAL as claims handlers.*

**HOT NEWS:** *At the ongoing (as I write) MEC meeting, R&I Committee Chair, Jerry Tersteige, made the following statement: "Jerry also asked the MEC to gather information from pilots who have a problem with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Detailed written information is needed, including copies of Explanation of Benefits, description of the problem, dates and time and names of people spoken to on the phone as well as description of the conversations and any other pertinent information." . Upon checking with the R&I people, they said that they would like properly documented problems suffered by retirees to also be sent to them. The MEC phone number is 1-800-922-ALPA.. E-mail to Lisa Kwilas - kwilasl@alpa.org. It seems that we may now have a conduit to ALPA for at least our Blue Cross problems, let's use it. Ed.*

**AL W. JOHNSTON** – 5 Yeoman Ln, Salem, SC 29676

Dear Cleve: 'Tis November, BD and Thanksgiving coming up in a few days. Number 74 already, so please find check for postage etc. Before going to Hawaii for the month of October I tried checking the loads and listing myself on the employee voice activated system, quite frustrating to say the least, but after reading the following article in Readers Digest, I think I felt better.

"Quote:" the first time I tried using the employee voice list yourself system, I couldn't get out of the system. The following dialogue ensued. Me: "end." Computer: "no response." Me: "finish." Computer: "What is your departure city?" Me: (in frustration) "nowhere." Computer: "do you mean Newark, is that correct?" Me: "no." Computer: "Maybe it's New York?" Me "No." Computer: "Sorry I do not under-

stand." Me: "Goodbye." Computer: "I'm sorry we do not fly to Dubai."

If you've ever used the system, I'm sure you all will get s big a chuckle from this article as I did. Everything quiet and fine in Keowee Key, SC. Keep the newsletters coming. Happy Holidays to all. **AL**

**LOWELL E. JOHNSTON** – 1789 Mitchell Ct, Daytona Beach, FL 32124

Dear Cleve: Time for the annual report. Will send check via snail mail and the UPF check to Ted. Sorry to have missed the Las Vegas convention , as I was looking forward to seeing everyone. I was diagnosed with bladder cancer just prior to the event and was undergoing treatment, so had to take a pass. I will have another exam this month to see how the treatment affected the cancer and hopefully will get some good news. Doctors seem to think it was caught early. It had not invaded out of the lining, so the prognosis is good. Anyone wanting to talk about this is welcome to give me a call. Now I have to deal with the FAA on the medical.

Anne is doing fine and we are having a good time enjoying retirement and living at Spruce Creek. No plans for the New Year except some short trips of a few days duration. The N.E. Florida RUPA group meets at Spruce Creek on the third Tuesday in February, April and June. Anyone in the local area during those times is more than welcome to join us. Give me a call if you can be with us. **Lowe11**

**LOYD KENWORTHY** – 3071 Deluna Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Howdy, Checks in the mail, if you believe. Last year, my first of retirement, was spent remodeling my house. A real BUMMER!

This year some skiing and a year of travel, Bali, Java, Singapore, Vietnam and Hong Kong. Then two weeks in Alberta, Canada with retired UAL pilots Gary Johnson, Rex May, Bill Slocum and wives. Then Air Force reunion of the 94th (Hat-in-the-ring) Fighter Squadron at Dayton, Ohio with two days at the Wright Patterson Air Museum.

This museum is always changing with new displays. No way can you see it all in two days and I go every year!

Went to the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival at Auburn, Indiana. 250 of these classic Automobiles were present this year. Spent a week at the Tall-Stacks Festival in Cincinnati. This was a gathering of all the major (19) Paddlewheel riverboats of the USA. Then off to a wedding (Not mine!) and a week around Cologne, Germany.

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THIS has been a good year. MAYBE next year I'll furnish my house, MAYBE NOT!  
Good Cheer to all for the Holidays, PROSIT! **Loyd**

**GALAN E. KESSEL** – 12140 Candy Ln, Saratoga, CA 95070

Dear Cleve, enclosed is postage check. Kay and I enjoy the newsletter, thanks to everyone. We are doing well, travel, hunting, RV and family. I was home more before I retired. Kay goes with me now, except for hunting trips. Hope to see you in February.

**Gaylan**

**HERBERT KUNTZ** P.O. Box 787 Santa Ynez CA 93460

I am a bit late in sending this, but wanted to let folks to know I am still living in Santa Ynez CA. With my daughter Vicki. Sadly, my wife, Betty, whom I was married to for 53 years, died last year. It has been a difficult year adjusting to my loss.

I hope that all is well with my fellow RUPA members.  
Sincerely, **Herb Kuntz**

**RICHARD L. LAMMERDING** – 26505 Dutcher Creek Rd, Cloverdale, CA 95425 RLFlyer@aot.com  
A short update from the Lammerding Ranch.

Since retiring last December, we've started putting in vineyard this fall. A great new adventure for us, which both Nancy and I love. Taking wine & vineyard classes at Davis, and really getting into our new lives full scale. Putting in about 2/3 Cabernet, and 1/3 Zin; vines go in next spring. Finished most of the land prep this fall. It's exciting to see our landscape changing, but will be more so when the vines start producing grapes.

Long overdue thanx to those who provided the "Class of '98 a wonderful retirement party, it was a real class act. Good to see old classmates; Alec Braham, whom I haven't seen for quite a while; and Paul Myers, who I see frequently since he lives nearby in Windsor. If in our area, please don't hesitate to call us @ 707 894 7960, or stop in for a visit.

Retirement is great, Life is wonderful (sure beats the alternative by a bunch) Best regards always, **Dick**

### **Member Lederer Honored**

RUPA member Jerry Lederer (although he is not ex-UAL, we are proud to have him as a member) was recently honored by ICAO. Here follows the citation:

"Jerome F. "Jerry" Lederer, founder of Flight Safety Foundation (FSF) and a leading force in aviation

safety for more than six decades, has been honored by the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (Council of ICAO) for his contributions to aviation safety.

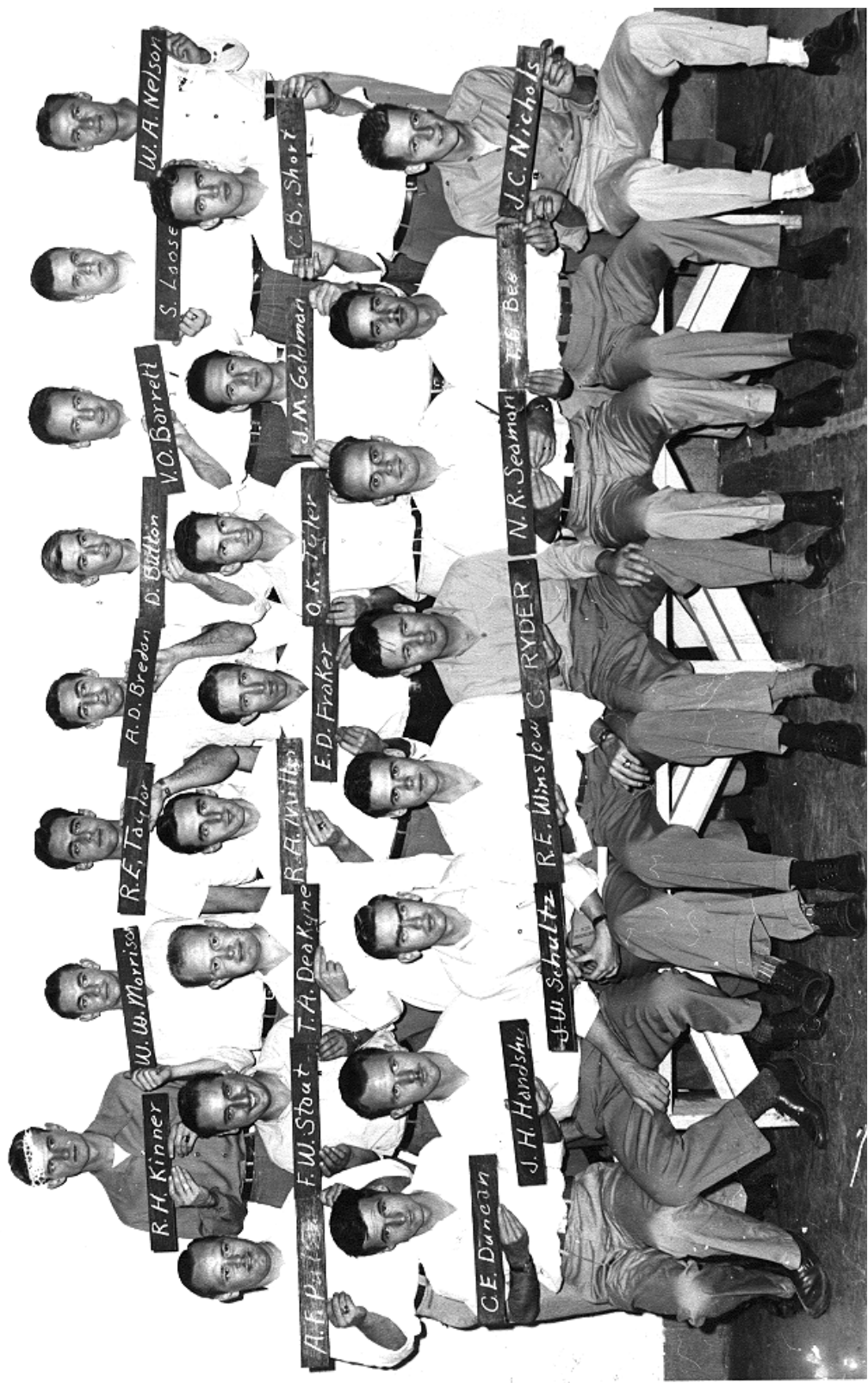
"From the very beginning of his career with the U.S. Air Mail Service in 1926 until now, Mr. Lederer has spared neither his time nor his efforts to make aviation safer," said Council of ICAO President Assad Kotaite, who presented Lederer with the 33rd Edward Warner Award during the ICAO Accident Investigation and Prevention Divisional Meeting on Sept. 14, 1999, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Warner was the first president of the Council of ICAO, from 1945 until 1957. Lederer, 97, established Flight Safety Foundation in 1947 and was the Foundation's managing director for 20 years. He also was director of the Cornell University Guggenheim Aviation Safety Research Center, director of the Bureau of Air Safety for the Civil Aeronautics Board (a predecessor of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the NTSB) and director of safety for the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Flight Safety Foundation is an international membership organization dedicated to the continuous improvement of flight safety. Non-profit and independent, the Foundation was officially launched in 1947 in response to the aviation industry's need for a neutral clearinghouse to disseminate objective safety information, and for a credible and knowledgeable body that would identify threats to safety, analyze the problems, and recommend practical solutions to them. Since its beginning, the Foundation has acted in the public interest to produce positive influence on aviation safety. Today, the Foundation provides safety leadership to more than 850 member organizations in more than 140 countries."

*We also received this note from Jerry.*

At age 97 (and a bit disabled) I enjoy the memories inspired by your excellent *RUPANEWS*. The article on the first bomb [*First Airline Bombing? December, Pg. 15*] was very timely. I wrote an article many years ago "Candidates for accidents!" and another, "Subtle Pilot Mental Incapacitation." Sincerely, **Jerry Lederer**





## HISTORIC PHOTO

Opposite, is the second last in this particular series of photographs from the past – in this case, Cheyenne. I hope that this one stirs a few reminiscences from participants or others. Ed

**KENNETH E. LEDWITH** – 310 Cardiff Ct, Roseville, CA 95746

Hi Cleve and Jock, Hope that this makes the deadline. Computer crashed this morning and just got it up and running Sorry to see that Dave Smith flew West. He was always fun to fly with. Still busy traveling between BKK and SFO. Family and Luscombe/homebuilt keep me very busy. Many thanks for all the work that all of you do to publish the *RUPANEWS*. It is much appreciated. Good article regarding the history of our pension plan in the latest issue. We are indeed fortunate that ALPA and the dedicated volunteers were able to set things up in such a fine manner for all the retired pilots. Check is in the mail. **Ken**

**C.B. LEESER** Cbandsue@aol.com

Dear Jock: Life has funny timing.. Sue and I missed the Alaska cruise as we had just done the same a few months earlier; we made the trip to Bermuda but missed Canada as our son was married at that time. And now! We are off to Mexico on the *Statendam* on 22 Feb 2000. The same trip RUPA has planned. We have used other cruise lines, but this is our fourth on Holland America and the third on the *Statendam*, so you can see we enjoy that ship.

If I may offer thoughts to my fellow members: plan to GO; then spend the extra \$ and get a room with a verandah. Your partner will love it, you will have a comfortable place to hide and enough room for company, inside and out! Also, anyone who has traveled on Holland America may, and I say, *may* be able to get a further discount. Check with the travel agent.

A last bit of thought to my fellow "cheapies", don't let Holland Americas' "no Tipping Policy" go to your head; you're in the real world. May you all have a great cruise! Our best to all who put the *RUPANEWS* together .

**CB and Sue Leeser**

**ROBERT C. LUCEK** – 155 County Rd. 573, Englewood, TN 37329

Dear Cleve, Well, today marks the end of my first year of retirement. Boy, did it go by fast. It seems like just last week that I flew my last trip. It has been a busy year; we went on a cruise to Alaska, I remodeled my workshop and just last month we bought a 30ft. Tollycraft Cruiser. Next spring, Bonnie and I are going

to bring the boat home by sailing almost the entire length of the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers. I'm enclosing my check for postage. My thanks to you and everyone else who work at putting out a great publication. Fraternally, **Bob & Bonnie** blucek@usit.net handeman@compuserve.com

**CLARK E. LUTHER** – 1498 SE Brewster Pl, Stuart, FL 34997

Hi Cleve: I am fast approaching my 75th birthday so I want to keep my self paid up for another year. The enclosed check should keep me current as far as the mailing costs are concerned and if there is anything left, just toss it in the General Fund.

It has been 18 months since we made our move to south Florida and we believe that it was the right move for us to make, although the weather here was unusually wet this summer and we had several close calls with hurricanes, but we survived with neither wind nor rain damage. The eye of one hurricane went right over Stuart but the wind had subsided but the rain was extremely heavy and flooded all of the streets in our community. Luckily, we had no water in our house but it was close.

I am able to get to most of the monthly RUPA luncheons which are held about 15 minutes from our home and enjoy chatting and telling war stories with my contemporaries.

Golf 3-4. times a week but age continues to take its toll. My scores are quite consistently between 94-104 so I am having trouble even shooting the August temperatures.

My wife and I keep busy with bridge in a community couples party bridge group every other week and I spend several hours every day at my computer which I have found quite challenging and entertaining.

Both my wife continue to be blessed with reasonably good health considering our ages, so we consider ourselves quite lucky.

Thanks to all the RUPA members who contribute to the Newsletter activities. I always read it from cover to cover and the News continues to provide a great link to the wonderful career that we enjoyed with United. Sincerely, **Clark** clark7@gate.net

**CLYDE LUTHER** – 9732 Burke View Ct, Burke, VA 22015

Dear Cleve, 10 years - hardly seems possible but as the old saying goes time goes fast when you are having fun, in fact so busy that I am a couple of months late in writing the annual epistle.

Things about the same though, worked about 25 tournaments this year again and taught about 15 Golf

Rules workshops from Texas to the east coast. Really enjoyed the U.S. Open at Pinehurst and the U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach. Ran into a few of the guys between the two tournaments. Spent some time with Dick Barros and wife at the Open. Fixed them up with tickets and I believe they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Trying to cut back on a few but not easy to do. Doing quite a few NCAA competitions, which doesn't make it any easier.

I guess you might say that the big news in the Luther household is the new grandson that son Mike (B-727 Capt. DCA) and wife Kim (ex UAL F/A) brought into this world on Oct 15. Mother, Father and son Davis doing great.

Hope to see more of you on the tournament trail in 2000.

As always, a big thanks to all of the folders and staffers and all the others that make all this possible.

Regards, **Clyde**

**RUSSELL R. MADDOX** – 2252 La Granada Dr. Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91362 "66-98" LAX/ORD/SFO/LAX e-mail: russmdxOagte.net

Dear Cleve, Jock, et al – Well as I approach the 1 year anniversary of my retirement from UAL, I still seem to be having these silly dreams. I'm either running around an airport trying to find the 767 that I have lost, or I'm on a layover somewhere, and in the hotel room closet in the morning I can only find my old Air Force uniform where the night before I could swear that I hung up my UAL uniform. OK, at least they're not "waking-up-in-a-cold-sweat" nightmares.

Anyway, back to reality. I don't miss the flying. I keep busy now puttering around on our boat and doing a little traveling. Jan and I spent 2 weeks in Ireland in October, and are planning a Panama Canal cruise next spring with 2 other couples.

Merry Christmas to you and all other RUPA members and best wishes for the coming year. **Russ**



**DAVID A. MARKHAM** -- 8281 Tim Tam Trail, Evergreen, CO 80439

Dear Cleve: Enclosed check for the subscription and first year's postage for *RUPANEWS*. Look forward to joining the ranks of officially retired this month, and hope to keep in touch with some old, and make the acquaintance of some new friends in this group. Thanks, **Dave**

**J.O. MARTIN** 4N129 Ferson Creek Rd. St. Charles, IL 60174

Arlene and I had a great time at the Las Vegas reunion. What a change in that place since I was last there. It was so good to see faces that have been out of sight for so long.

I have been trying to learn the idiosyncrasies of a computer! Why, when I am in the middle of something, it says "Goodbye" ; and also when I punch something in and up pops "You have made an illegal operation," and I haven't even been arrested! What is "user friendly"?

I flew the T-34 a little this year. We had 58 ships in a large formation over the Oshkosh convention in July. I was really thrilled by flying three airshows with my old Lima Lima group. The season ended on a very sad note, however, when Keith Evans was killed on a routine practise. Keith was a recent UAL retiree and a wonderful person. He is missed by many.

Have a good New Year and keep the moans and groans to a minimum.

Regards, **J.D.**

**ALAN V. MITCHELL** – 210 Kinderkamack Rd, River Edge, NJ 07661

Hi Cleve, Here's for two years. Records show last years check not cashed nor was my note published. Probably in my tool box or sumpin!

'99 was a bummer. Mom died from ALZ, my good friend and FAA medical examiner flew west, the well known Dr. C. J. Kraissl. He retired at age 96!! The gentleman whose family I currently fly for also passed away. I count my blessing, good health and loved ones is all that counts. Best to all, **AL**

**STEVE MODDLE**

Four years ago parked a B757 at JFK for the last time, where does the time go? Have had a good year, not much travel, as Lil's 93 -year- old mother is still with us, did manage to get to the RUPA Convention, which was great.

Look forward to 2001 for the next one. Keep busy with the Confederate Air Force here in Fla. and just busy with the "honey do" stuff. Health has been



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good for both of us which we are grateful for. I get to go see our grandson quite a bit in Charlotte, and they come here to visit whenever they can, so it

keeps us thinking young.

Enjoy the Pilot luncheons here in north Florida and also the RUAEA luncheons which somehow I was elected to VP for the "Sand Dabs" group, and I missed the first meeting of the New Year, Had to go to my daughters, as they were all sick with the flu. Wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy new year, and if in the Daytona area look us up.

**TOM MORGAN** - perdido@gulfsurf.infi.net

Its that time again, I have birthday #15 since retirement coming up in a few days. I don't know where the years have gone, as so many others have said. It's getting a little disconcerting to have six of your fellow pilots pass away in five weeks, as happened recently. Of course as long as I wake up every morning, and can still get out of bed, I guess I can't complain.

We took several trips this year but the only real noteworthy one was to Switzerland and Austria, Italy and France. It was a very nice trip. We have plans for several more this coming year but none have been set in cement as yet.

The postage check is on its way to Cleve. As usual, you fellows are doing a very fine job for your fellow pilots. I like the new format of the *RUPANEWS*.

Regards, **Tom Morgan**

**PAUL H. MYERS** – 1056 Elsbree Ln, Windsor, CA 95492

Hi Cleve, Cheryl and I sure enjoyed bumping into the "Gliding Geezers" at the Dillingham airport, HI and Cheryl getting her first sailplane ride. We also enjoyed the hangar-flying at your watering hole. (Sam needs to be committed!) We plan to continue to split our time between our home in Windsor and our boat in Bellingham. I bumped into bob Tannons in Bellingham, and we plan to see more of them up there. We have been too busy to even think "I'm retired" since October 1, but I'm sure I'll get the hang of it in the future. Whitey

**EDWARD NIBUR** – 1060 E. spruce Ave. #101, Fresno, CA 93720

Hi, had a heart attack last February, now OK. Almost forgot to mail my check now that I've had my 90th birthday. Best to all, **Ed**

**BOB NORRIS** AvConsult@aol.com

I recently sent in my check for mailing cost...thought I'd give a brief update on our activities. With the airlines hiring 14,000 pilots this year, we have been busy with Captain Board Interview Preps. I am fortunate in have retired Captains, Paul Buchanan, Ed Daley, Jerry Blalock, Dick Lammerding and Don Roszel working with me. Our overall success rate has been 90% hired. Our oldest granddaughter, Kim, was married, our first of eight grandchildren, she is an Air Traffic Controller in the US Air Force.

Our son Craig got a Captain bid on the Shuttle for United, he just finished four days of Captain's charm school, a new program for United pilots. He is off to Denver for upgrade in January. We exchanged homes again this year with a couple in Scotland for the month of June, with son Bruce and his family, and Danielle, one of the grandchildren, as her high school graduation present. Our third home exchange, I really encourage RUPA members to consider this option; you get involved in the local community, save hotel expenses, and meet some good people. Next June we are exchanging with a couple in Australia.

In October of 2000, sons Dan and Bruce, and I are off to Nepal to trek to Everest Base Camp and bag three peaks in the region...trying hard to get in shape. I am blessed with reasonably good health and my loving wife, Dee, of forty-three years, who sends her greetings to all.

Maintaining my flying skills in light aircraft, sorry I sold my Super Cub, will probably acquire another one this year.

I deeply appreciate the effort in putting out the *RUPANEWS* and the volunteer effort of so many in the organization. When real retirement takes place, I will be attending annual sessions. **Bob**

**MIRIAM & JOHN O'CONNELL** Sycamore IL 60178 56/90 SFO/ORD

Sign-in time. Hope we're not late for the Dec. Deadline. [Alas! Yes. Ed.]

First let me congratulate and thank those who are responsible for the excellent publication known as the *RUPANEWS*.

Very little to report this year. Had a new grandson in August, making it an even split, three boys and three girls. The grandchildren seem to be the center of our activities and attention. Their enthusiasm is infectious and keeps you on your toes and thinking young. Lost my Dad last month - 90 yrs and married to Mom for 71 years of his life. We are grateful that we had him in our lives for such a long period, and that he did not have the suffering that so many go through in their

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advanced years.

We will be heading to Prescott for the winter. Our address there will be: 4933 Summit Circle Prescott, AZ. 86301 e-mail <mmoc@primenet.com> Jan through April and <mmoc@tbcnet.com> May through Dec. A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all out there in retirement land. God Bless, **Miriam and John**

**JOHNNY C ODOM** – 204 Bahia Mar Point, Hendersonville, TN 37075 jpodom@gateway.net

Dear Jock, Bill, Cleve, and all the rest of the hard working officers of RUPA.

It is hard to believe that it has been 15 months since I retired. I said that I would not be late with my dues, maybe next year I will be caught up and not have so much going on.

Patty wants to get back to the West Coast and I want to do more boating, so we are going to move to Port Townsend, WA, on the Olympic Peninsula, some time next year, but we are not in a big hurry.

I enjoy reading the *RUPANEWS*, it is a great way to keep up with everyone. Retirement is wonderful. I finally, after collecting component parts for 20 years, built myself a log splitter.

For those of you that are wondering, yes I still have the Cessna 195, for 31 years now. I have had an A&P rating for about 4 years now, and this spring I got my Inspection Authorization, so maintaining my airplanes has become much easier.

We are happy and healthy here and wish all of you a great Christmas and a smooth new year. May you all have tailwinds and a following sea.

Regards, Johnny

**RICHARD N. ORR** – 1471 Arthur Dr, Wooster, OH 44691 jndorr@sssnet.com

Dear Cleve, Greetings from Wooster! Enclosed is my check for the year 2000 dues, plus a small stipend for the staffers. I must now be fully retired, since I am at least a month late with these dues. I trust you and the staff have recovered from the convention. You may add JoAnne and I to the list of people who enjoyed the convention in Las Vegas. I feel it was all well done! The "North Coasters" just met this past Thursday, and for the first time since organizing under RUPA, everyone in attendance are retired. However, we still have a long list of working pilots in our group.

The North Coasters wish you and all members of the board of directors plus the folders & staffers a joyous holiday season! Fraternally, **Dick**

**H. KENNARD PERKINS** – 100 Mill Rd, North Hampton, NH 03862

Dear Cleve, I have just survived ten years of retirement. Seven and a half years went into putting my old Stinson together and I can't account for the other 2 ½ years, but they tell me I am having fun. Sincerely, Ken

**CHUCK PETERSON** – P.O. Box 63, Woodstock, Illinois 60098

Cleve, After 41/2 years of retirement I have finally gotten down to sending you some money. The membership fee and some postage. I have enjoyed the past years playing golf and flying my Bonanza. Summer in Illinois and winter at Pinehurst NC. My e-mail address is copeters@mindspring for anyone interested. Keep up the good work. Thank you. Sincerely, **Chuck**

**WILLIAM D. PORTER** – 8430 E. Ponderosa Dr, Parker, CO 80138

Dear Cleve: Enclosed is my Birthday Check for year 2000. Retired four years now and must reflect on fact that I'm flying the 69h Battalion's A-1D Skyraider around to air shows all year, but FAA still says over 60 pilots are unsafe to fly Part 121. Go figure! Those interested may see photos of same on WWW site Skyraider.org/skyassn/index.htm Cheers to all! **Bill**

**BRUCE POTTORFF** 1735 Dana St. Crofton, MD 21114

I wrote this letter almost two years ago. I don't remember if I ever sent it or not. I feel the same way now as then, and want you to know I appreciate the present editorial policy.

I have not written to this newsletter since becoming a member nearly three years ago. I think it so important to write now that I am willing to send my annual fees a month early!

I totally agree with, welcome and appreciate the new editorial policy. Several times in the past three years, I have been so disgusted and angered by the far right propaganda I had read here that I considered ending my membership. I'm glad I didn't. Far left propaganda is not what I want to read either; neutral is just fine with me.

Common sense tells me that most sixty-year-old men - especially airline pilots - have already formed their opinions, beliefs and preferences in both religious and political matters. I certainly have! I am less likely to be swayed by a right or left wing zealot now than when I was a second or first officer and had to endure their tiresome proselytizing. Enough already!

It seems sad to me that those who are forever espous-

ing their beliefs while demeaning and ridiculing everyone else's seem to have forgotten that when God created man He gave man free will to make his own choices. If God can allow me to choose and follow my own path, why can't they. Let God judge me! I do not want a newsletter that divides the membership. I don't advocate choosing up sides. Let us treasure and celebrate those many things we have in common, and tolerate our few differences.

**Bruce.**

**JOHN PRESTEGAARD ORD-DENTK-ORD**

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Hi Jock, My birthday was Nov. 23rd so I am a little late, but I've got an excuse.

My wife's back went out back in March and I've been her primary care giver ever since. We were in AZ when this happened and I was lucky to get her into the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, where they diagnosed her problem as "Spinal Stenosis" and started a series of spinal injections that were ineffective.

This took most of the spring and summer, as she had to wait six weeks between injections. They finally decided that surgery was necessary, so she had a 51/2 hour operation on Aug. 9th.

It wasn't until Thanksgiving that she could get out of her body brace and try to travel. We flew up to Den on Thanksgiving morning and then back to Phoenix that Sat. nite. I had to have a wheelchair for her at both airports but the trip went fine. We got to ride first class both ways and that made things a lot easier.

We flew back here to IL on Dec 2nd, and it had been just 4 weeks short of a year since we saw our home here. Everything was fine, as our daughter and her husband looked after the place while we were gone.

All this time from March, 'till we got back here, I've been busier than the proverbial cat on a tin roof, playing nursemaid, homemaker, chief cook and bottle washer, chauffeur etc, etc, etc. I never had any training in these areas and believe me it was tough.

So that's been the story of our year. No travels except as mentioned above, and nothing else of interest. I haven't played any golf at all since July and that wasn't very good either. I did shoot a par round of 72 back in May on the course we live on, but it's been all down hill since then. Hope to start playing again in Jan. when we go back to AZ.

This is not a very cheery letter, but things are looking up and we have a lot to be thankful for. The surgery was successful and Shirley improves a little every day, so we are looking forward to this next year.

This won't get in the Newsletter in time for Christmas, so I will just say that we hope you all have a good year

in 2000 and we hope your Christmas was a Merry one .

John Prestegaard

PS. My annual postage check goes out in the morning "snail mail" to Cleve Spring.

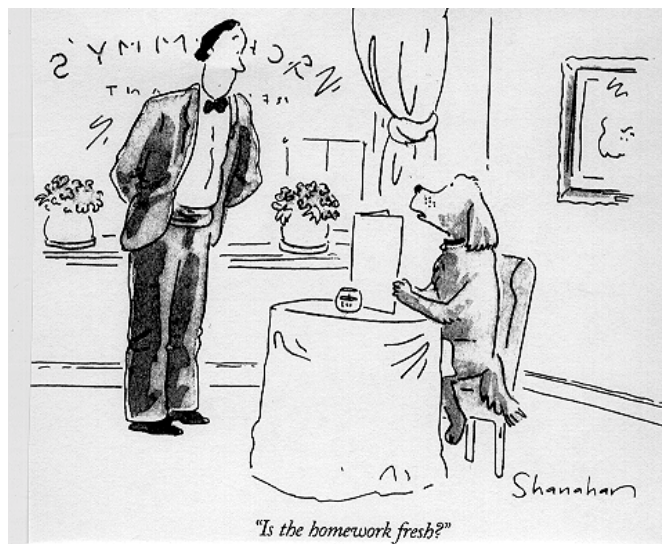
**TOM PURRINGTON JFK/EWR/ORD/IAD Tspur-  
rny@aol.com**

Hi Jock et al.: Year two is rapidly coming to a close. A busy year for me. We sold our apartment in New York City. My wife of thirty years and I decided to get divorced. I bought a new apartment in New York City. We went our separate ways. I furnished and fixed up the new place. I went to a wedding on the shores of Lake Como in Italy. My bartender in NY is from there. I went to the Paris air show. I went to Germany to see friends several times. I went to Vermont a couple of times to play on my trawler. I attended a high school reunion in Houston. I went to high school in Germany at Wiesbaden and Kaiserslautern as a military dependent.

The end of the year was spectacular. I went with friends and my son to run in the New York Road Runner's annual run in Central Park along with 7,000 or so other stalwarts. A great way to see in any new year and extra special this year. The run is a 5K fun run and there are about twenty minutes of fireworks as we run. Also they have champagne at the end. All in all I can't complain. I still lift my head to gawk at the contrails headed out of Dulles towards Europe each evening and get a little misty eyed. I haven't turned a wheel since my birthday in '98 but maybe this year.

Thanks to all of you who do the grunt work. Best regards.

Fraternally. **Tom**



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## REPORT FROM THE UA HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

The Historical Museum located at DENTK has started a monthly "WORK DAY", second Wednesday of each month, from 0900 to 1600. Volunteers are needed.

This need was created when the decor of the original TK building was to be upgraded to be compatible with the new addition to the north east of the original structure. The upgrade has required that the Museum's wall displays be removed temporarily, one wall at a time, for preparation and painting.

On the morning of January 12, under the direction of Tom Angelos, former retired UAL navigator, and George Nolly, current B777 Captain, the following additional individuals gathered for the tasks at hand: Ann Morency, daughter of Founder, the late Bill Arnett, Bill's grandson, Bill Morency, his flight instructor, Suzanne Danielson, Charles Bates, former station manager at YNG, MKE, and TOL and Don Toeppen. The pictures removed for the painting of the hallway from VP Captain Bill Rutherford's office east, past those of his staff, were brought up from the Museum's storage facility, and arraigned along the floor of the hall. With the ample good-natured advice from the staff members whose offices are located along the hall, the pictures were hung in their new locations. The large display cases were opened and objects given their periodic dusting. The group broke for lunch at a local restaurant, hosted by Director Ann Morency. On return, Tom Angelos and George Nolly, both computer gurus, demonstrated the capability in the training program installed on our old computer. This program ran us through a menu of items available to any museum from the Hawaiian Museum. The new program itself has now arrived and will be installed in the new computer authorized at the Board's December 9th meeting.

The new computer will permit the Museum to bar code mark each displayed item, indicating the contributor, its location in the Museum, date of acquisition and value. The master list will, of course be retained in the computer itself. As George Nolly's son builds computers, he will develop certain upgrades to the program for us.

With the new computer and programs, our museum will be on line with museums around the world. We will be able to loan our articles in storage to others, and borrow displays from them for our Museum. Captain Rutherford has created a position of public relations, staffed by Denise Stepto, who has been hosting private tours of TK. Angelos has been working with Denise to tailor our displays to enhance the areas she includes on the tours. Though the tours are not open to the general public, at times Denise does need/

use docents to help her.

The remainder of the day was spent organizing the storage area of the Museum.

For the longest distance traveled, the award is in dispute. George Nolly came from his bid domicile, EWR, though he lives in DEN. On this day, he was on a scheduled DEN layover between trips! Toeppen came from PHX, a much shorter distance. It is doubtful that this dispute will ever be resolved, but YOU can find out in person if you will join the group at the next session. WE MEET THE SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH, 0900 to 1600 at DENTK. The next date is February 9, 2000. We Can hardly wait for you to join us!

*Don Toeppen*

Board Member

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**ANTHONY PYTLINSKI** – 919 26 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506 apytlinski@compuserve.com

Dear Cleve: February will be my one-year anniversary as a retired pilot with UAL.

Ann and I have been busy enjoying retirement. When weather permits, I play golf three times a week. Also go running three times a week. Fly 192's with Walker Field Civil Air Patrol.

We have been on several trips with UAL; all stateside so far. Most of our flights have been to Vegas to let go of some of our retirement money. We enjoyed the RUPA Convention in Vegas last November.

Continue your great *RUPANEWS* and HAPPY MILLENNIUM. Sincerely, **Tony**

**DARRELL A. RADER** – 10703 Allendale Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

Dear Cleve, A quick blurb for the *RUPANEWS*. I'm still as busy as ever and loving every minute of it. Active in our local church, volunteer Executive Secretary of JOY in the Harvest, a mission in Tanzania, Africa. Just took over as President of the Chicago Wood Turners. A rather heady position when a number of the members are world-renowned for what they can do on a wood lathe. We continue to enjoy the Nash car people, use and restore the old farm equipment and engines and... I play in the shop whenever all of the other stuff allows.

Mama (Marlene) is still the worlds greatest grandmother, but it is a little hard for her to exercise her abilities when both daughters and their families are now in Erie, PA and Charlotte NC. She is still as good as ever at cooking, raising flowers, decorating the house for Christmas, and anything else she does. What

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a blessing she is.

As long as you aren't trying to sell anything (well, maybe some of the stuff mentioned above) we would be delighted to hear voices from the past. Better yet, stop in. 10703 Allendale Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098, ph 815 648 2197, fax 815 648 2766, rader@mc.net Darrell ORD 1966.

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**DOUG RANKIN** 20514 Miranda Pl, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 - Dougmarce@aol.com

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Before I start my annual letter I want to say to those of you that write their annual letter, it would be nice if more of you would add after your name where you were based and the years you flew. As the years of retirement go on there are fewer names one recognizes and this is a nice touch to include this information. My birthday is December, however when I was working I didn't take the Company physical till January so why change, so now I write my letter in January.

Except for a few trips on United and the RUPA convention, the only new thing for me this year was attending the EAA fly-in at Oshkosh for the first time. My son who lives in Hudson, Wisconsin jump seated to LAX on Northwest and he and I and my son who lives here flew my 1956 Cessna 182 to the fly-in. We have a lot of good video of the flight, like downtown Las Vegas as we flew over at 9500 feet, circling Mt Rushmore, and our approach, landing, and taxiing to our parking place in the show plane area.

We arrived Oshkosh about noon on Thursday July 29th, and since the airport was closed to all aircraft except Warbirds and Show planes, we had almost no traffic for our approach. On our return flight to Southern California we videoed Custer's battlefield and Yellowstone National Park. So after videoing other things along the way and the activities at Oshkosh, we shot 6 & 1/2 hours of video.

**Doug**

**MAX RASMUSSEN** – 20650 Woodward Ct., Saratoga, Ca. 95070 408-867-2495 maxaud@pacbell.net. 18 years after retirement, still going. Audrey & I manage to keep up with some travel, but mostly cruises now, Audrey's knees limit her walking, but we have managed two cruises and many short travels. We have decided to move to a new retirement home in May, will send change of address. My son says to think of it as an anchored cruise ship. As long as it is located on the Mainline, that is what we are planning. We haven't had many problems with the passes, just think of them as the IPO we do not get. We know time is

passing when one grandchild is in college & two more go in the Fall. Hope to see many of you at BNO.

Checks to Cleve for dinner and postage. The new format of *RUPANEWS* is great. Thanks to all of you taking the time to volunteer for RUPA activities. I am just finishing 3 years of Buildings & Grounds for our church, it is a full-time job, but satisfying.

Max & Audrey.

**ROBERT J. RUNSER** – 569 Fairview Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Cleve, Here's my check for expenses. Sorry that I am so late and lax in writing. My situation may be of some interest to retired pilots. For the Past 30 years I have studied much about health and nutrition and lived a healthy lifestyle. As a result, I have a very healthy body at age 82, with no symptoms of aging except for gray hair. However, 20 years after I retired, I developed chronic myelogenous leukemia. My blood is bad. My only explanation for this is that I was exposed to radiation at Jet altitudes. We learned from the A-bombs in Japan that there is a 20-year time lapse between the exposure and the outbreak of leukemia. The radiation at jet levels is measured at 10 times that of on the surface. This is not a big problem for most people. However I apparently inherited a genetic defect from my mother's side, where an uncle and two cousins of mine died of leukemia.

It may further interest you that there is now current research being done at two universities on the effects of radiation at high altitudes and also exposure to electromagnetic environment for pilots. See the article in the August 1999 issue of the Air line Pilot magazine by Canadian Captain, Gary Butler. The two universities are: Medical University of South Carolina and Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center of the University of Washington, in Seattle. I am curious if any other retired pilots have developed leukemia. I have not heard of any.

I had a very active life after I retired in 1977 up until I got this leukemia. I still live at the above address and my phone is 630-2916 . Sincerely, **Bob**

**JERRY SAUL**

Hi Jock. Just got home from the Gilroy, CA. Elks lodge, and suddenly remembered that I had not sent my annual letter to the RUPA news.

The past year has been pretty good for Bev and I. I seem to benefit from our mutual existence more than she does, but it seems to be her choice. She has always been more giving in our forty-eight and-a-half-year union than I have.

I try to be thoughtful and understanding, but it seems

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to come more naturally to her. I sometimes am amazed that the ignorant (though handsome and debonair) young fool that I was, could have made such a good choice in my callow youth. I guess being ignorant can be a blessing.

Bev and I flew our Cessna 182 from Frazier Lake Airpark (Hollister, Ca.) to Toledo, Ohio for the fiftieth reunion of our Whitmer high school graduating class. Bev would rather fly United on long trips, but she agreed to this flight because I wanted to do it. She had a ball. I threw her all the charts, and said "keep track of where we are." She did, and never got lost, and seemed to enjoy it thoroughly. I, of course, just followed the flight plan I had entered in the GPS. I have long range tanks in our 182, and even though I told her she was in charge of the length of our legs, we managed to put in several over five-hour segments. Because she knew her word was law, she never complained. It was a very enjoyable experience for both of us.

About the only United people I see regularly are Walt Warner and Don Dill, who are both fellow members of the Gilroy Elks. We three hope to get up to a folding and stuffing session in the near future. Frank Hoffman, who is a retired United mech., and Lonnie Autry, still on the payroll, are both active members of Frazier Lake Airpark, and we meet nearly every Wednesday at the Airpark. If you are flying in the area, drop in some Wednesday to hangar G2 or G3 and look us up.

**Jerry**

**JOHN W. SCHAUF** – 8671 G S.W. 97th St, Ocala, FL 34481

Dear Cleve, Check enclosed for \$70, one time Lifetime membership plus postage. On last physical our doctor told both of us we should have quality life into our 90's, however, he refused to put it in writing! Just turned 74 so guess it's O.K. to go for a Lifetime membership!

Have a great Holiday Season and good health. Appreciate your efforts. Sincerely, Jack

**BERNARD SCHWARTZMAN** – 1105 Redbud Rd, Winchester, VA 22603

Dear Cleve: Enclosed in a timely fashion is my check for postage. As my first year in retirement comes to a close all I can say is that it's been great. Thanks to all who preceded me and paved the way through ALPA and made it so comfortable.

The key to retirement is to retire early enough to enjoy it and Bonnie and I have been doing just that. We have been doing a lot of traveling, visiting places, relatives

and friends the world over. With all the projects lined up at home the calendar becomes full very easily. The RUPA convention was one of the highlights of the year. For those who didn't attend, you missed a great time. Besides making new friends and renewing old friendships, both Bonnie and I loved the cruise on Lake Meade, I enjoyed the sporting clays and we both enjoyed the two shows we saw. The banquet was great. We will attend the next one in 2001 ! See you there.

**Bernie**

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### **Can anyone help locate?**

I am a newly retired UAL Capt who attended the Las Vegas RUPA Convention. I am a member of RUPA. Would like help in locating a member of my new-hire class of 13 June 1966. His name is Austin Kingsley Ferguson, III. His nickname is "Beau". He went off active flying with UAL in the early 80's with a medical. His home state was New York, but he had some affiliations with Florida. I have tried using the internet white pages, but have had no luck. If you can't help me, maybe you can give me numbers or websites with ALPA to try.

The Convention was great. Attended with two other retirees from the LA area. Looking forward to next year. The newsletter is terrific.

My e-mail address is Skipper400@Compuserve.com. Thanks for any help...looking forward to hearing from you.

*Alan Kent O'Brien ... known as "Kent"  
747-400 Captain retired 10/01/99*

**ROBERT L. SHEEHAN** – 991 Collier Ct. A 111, Marco Island, FL 34145

Hi Cleve, I've been blaming The post office for not forwarding my mail, and it suddenly dawned on me that I'm the culprit. Over a year late with postage. With the forty bucks enclosed, would you kindly reinstate me? Don't know how much you'll miss it till you don't have it. Appreciate all the work you guys do. Bob  
*Very happy to oblige, Bob!*

**DAVID W. SICA,**

Dear Jock and Cleve:

Thanks to all that do the work on the RUPA business and newsletter, I certainly appreciate your efforts! Enclosed is our postage check.

This first year of retirement has been active. Needless to say, Patricia, neighbors and friends had many suggestions for things to keep me busy.

Just returned from the RUPA convention in LAS.

Traveled there with Nate and Eleanor Hall and spent a

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great five days wandering through new casinos and seeing shows. Had also taken a short vacation via Cambria to Monterey/Carmel this year with the Halls, checking out as many good restaurants as possible. We're planning on expanding on our travel next year, hoping to barge through France with the Halls and the (Kent) O'Briens.

A special thanks to those who organized the RUPA convention. We realize how much work is involved. Since so many of us already have nametags, would it be helpful to have a check-off box on upcoming name-tag generating activities if we don't need one to be provided? It would cut down on some work and expense. David W. Sica, 1643 Ryder Cup Dr., Westlake Vill., CA 91362 E  
mail: skipper747@cis.com

**MICHAEL D. SIENKIEWICZ** – 18060 e. Berry Dr, Aurora, CO 80015

Great career but retirement is wonderful! No crew meal cravings yet, and love sleeping without turbulence. Pleas pray for Capt. Bill Tyers who is gravely Ill, we served together on the MEC in 1985 during the strike. **Mike**

**JACK SODERGREN** 8621 Tebbs Ln. McLean VA 22102

Dear Cleve: Enclosed is an article from the September 7th, 1999 Washington Times. Included is \$25 for postage and handling.

I had double knee replacement in October, and I'm mending nicely.

I will be in Naples FL, January 1 through May 1 at 941-594-2837, in case any friends are in the area.

Happy landings to all, Jack.

**RAMONA SQUELLATI** – 1761 Edgewood Dr, Palo Alto, CA 94303

It was a very organized and fun convention. It was so wonderful to meet so many pilots and dispatchers who had worked with Emery.

My very best wishes to all of the RUPA workers who made this convention such a success. Scoots Carlin and I were so happy to find everything we had asked for in our envelopes.

Sincerely, **Ramona**



**DAVID E. STEARNS** 50 Coral Place Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Thank you for keeping some order to this group and at the same time making it interesting. If left to our own devices, pilots seem to drift in all directions - and that is what made them such a great group to work with. At any rate, your efforts are appreciated.

Ruth and I are well. We spend time with three grandchildren and try to get to Steamboat Springs a few time a month. Someone else got there ahead of us and kicked in the door and made off with my pet rifle. However, I needed an excuse to get a lighter one. It seemed to be getting heavier every year. I think Teddy Roosevelt had it backwards. I seem to be walking loudly and carrying a little stick.

While visiting Ruth's sister in Bartlesville I saw Hand Weigel. He just had a bypass and it was good to seem him recovering so quickly and being his own feisty self.

**David**

**RALPH D. STEWART** – 720 T. Snyder Ln, Mountain City, TN 37683 423-727-4445

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Dear Captain Cleve Spring, Please enroll me in RUPA. Enclosed is a check for membership fee and annual postage. I retired on 01 May '98 from the 400 in SFO. My retirement was one year early due to figuring out that I could afford to do so.

Carol and I have been dealing with building a home here in the hills of eastern Tennessee. The pace here is somewhat less than other parts of the planet. The main work is behind us and we are enjoying the area (near TRI ) and life with llamas and Irish wolfhounds. Don't see many humans up here.

We must have dropped out of that mythical computer. I believe UAL has found us again as the 1999 companion passes arrived in October. Regards, **Ralph**

**WILLIAM H. STOCK** – 13120 127' St. Ct. E. Puyallup, WA 98374 & 9609 Valencia Cove, Bradenton, FL 34210 whstock@prodigy.net

Warm greetings from Florida, and it is warm and beautiful down here. The golfing is outstanding, too bad my game isn't. Linda, my bride, and I manage to split our time between Florida and the Seattle area. We are fortunate to live either on the water or close in both locales. Boating takes up a lot of our time when we are not playing golf. When up in Seattle we have 39 ft Bayliner that manages to find it's way into the Puget Sound and Canadian waters during the summer and fall months. As an alien ( Canadian citizen) Linda becomes the master of the vessel while in Canadian wa-

ters, and she doesn't let me forget it.

I have been medically retired for a few years now. In fact my ALPA loss of license insurance runs out in a couple of months. It turned out to be a good investment. I had an arterial bypass done on my leg, which prompted a series of tests on my heart. What a series of tests! They ran me on a treadmill until I could hardly stand up and when they couldn't find anything conclusive they did an angiogram. Turned out I had a slight blockage in the lower part of one of my coronary arteries. After talking to one of the best heart surgeons in the country, and finding that there was essentially nothing wrong (FAA notwithstanding) I decided to forego any further invasive treatment.

Thanks to all for the RUPA newsletter and all my old friends in the Bay area who put it all together. I enjoy reading about the guys that I used to fly for and the guys that flew with me. Enclosed are my dues plus a few bucks for the retired pilots foundation. *B III*

**JOEL B. STRATTON** – R.R. No. 2, Burns Lake, B. C., Canada VOJ 1E0

Dear Jock: Birthday month again and time for a check to Cleve and letter to you.

Reading R. L. Downs letter in the November issue regarding the Mid-Air over the grand canyon. Downs says August 30, 1956 but *World Airline Accidents 1920 1999* lists the date as June 30, 1956. Can't remember which is correct but mention of this accident brings back memories. I had gone to work for Capital Airlines a few years before, and my mother, who lived near YIP, wanted to fly out to LAX to visit her aunt. I got her a pass on CAP from YIP to MDW and a 10% ticket or something on TWA from MDW to LAX. Round trip of course. Exactly one week to the day after she returned home, the Grand Canyon accident occurred. She could not remember the name of the TWA Captain who flew her flight but recognized the pictures in the paper of two of the stewardesses who served her on the LAX MDW flight. It might have been all the same crew who she flew with a week earlier. She told me how the "Pilot" let down to a lower altitude and circled twice over the Grand Canyon to "give the passengers a view". Could the UAL DC 7 been doing the same thing? We all did it in those days (in good weather). This accident was the "beginning of the end" of VFR for airline operations. Even though we did not have coast-to-coast radar coverage yet they went to "positive control" for all airline flights, an assigned altitude and route of flight. Mother passed on in 1992 at an age of 93.

Eleven years into retirement now, but I have so much to do it seems I never catch up. My best to you and family and to the "Folders & Stuffers" on this Holiday

season. As ever, **Buck**

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**BILL TAYLOR**, 100 Vinita Lane, Loudon, TN 37774, PIT,EWR,JFK,ORD,IAD,CLE,ORD, '64-'97

Dear Jock: If I can remember to send out my annual letter and dues with my Christmas cards, I generally beat my Jan. birthday.

Another happy year completed in East Tennessee 'Rocky Top' region, otherwise known as Big Orange country. I don't consider myself a true 'Vol' fan, but one learns quickly to wear orange during football season, or else stand out like a foreigner.

We had many fun hours this summer on our pontoon boat, on Lake Tellico. All guests who visit get the mandatory nautical tour, but they seem to enjoy it. The only tricky part is coming into the boathouse slip, especially with a crosswind. Slipping a 727 to a landing was easier. I've just been diagnosed with retinopathy, and in fact, will go in for laser surgery next week.

Seems they seal off tiny capillaries that are leaking.

However, the process will likely destroy some peripheral vision. I asked the doc if that wasn't destroying my vision in order to save it? He said, "Yep. But you can get along without some of your peripheral vision, The alternative is to become blind." Well, since you `splained it to me that way ... ..

We enjoy the newsletter very much, we only wish more would submit letters. Our sincere thanks to all who put it together and in the mail. And to all who read this, we wish you a happy and healthy Y2K! **Bill**

**ANTONE J. TESTA** – 32302 Azores Rd, Monarch Beach, CA 92629

Dear Cleve, Enclosed is my 1999 check and only one month late. Receiving the November issue spurred me to action. Not much to relate as we spent a quiet year. Thanks to all who make the *RUPANEWS* possible.

Best regards, *Tony*

**BARRY D. THOMPSON** – 2178 Camino Brazos St, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Hi Cleve: I want to thank you and Jock for all the work and the new format for the news. I sent my annual postage to you by mail. We are all healthy and enjoying our grand kids. Still playing lots of golf and doing some traveling. Have a Merry Xmas and a great new year. Barry & Oriette



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**ROBERT A. VANDERBILT** '64-'98 EWR, ORD, LAX,ORD,SFO ravanderbilt@mcia.com

By the time I hit the send button on this note it will be 2 years to the hour since my last 747 landing at ORD, 12/30/97, in a snow shower no less. I don't understand why time seems to pass faster in retirement. I think Einstein forgot to mention, "oh, by the way, the *rate* of time passage accelerates in direct proportion to each individual's passage through time." Sounds plausible to me, but too deep for me to contemplate.

This time last year I thought we'd have our house built by now. *Wrong!* Finalizing plans, switching from stucco to brick, etc. has held us up. New target is to be in by next Xmas. Yea, right!

In June Sylvia and I did a 12-day cruise from Milan, with a stop to see Rome, Pisa, Florence. Then on to Spain, Morocco, Portugal, France, Belgium, Holland. It was a great cruise booked thru Interline Travel Reps. Without even asking, we were bumped up to a top deck outside cabin with private veranda! Wouldn't have sprung for that, but did spring for PS on BA from Houston non-stop to London and BA on to Milan. Return was from Amsterdam, London, Houston on BA. I visited the -400 cockpit over Greenland enroute back to Houston. Two Captains, each with rather messy beards was quite a sight. [*B.A.'s O2 masks are obviously more leak-proof than UAL's. Ed*] IOE was in progress. Friendly guys, though. The PS fares were reasonable, and well worth it for international travel! In July I met a fellow flying an SA-16 off of Lake Conroe, where we have our waterfront lot that is supposed to have a house on it. He invited me up for some right seat time. I got three water T/O's & landings. Lots of *fun!* But hard to get used to the large control inputs after 34 years of "power steering". Especially getting the stick full back in the gut on landing, and holding it there until you've just about stopped.

We are well. I keep up my FAA 1st. class as an inducement to see a doctor once in while. I can't stress enough the importance of the PSA test. My brother over in Austin, one year younger than me, had a full prostate removal in August. His PSA was only 3.5 , but the trend of his *free psa #* indicated surgery ASAP. He had 3 small cancer sites within the gland, so a very early catch got it all. These tests are a blessing. I hope everyone is becoming aware of this additional test called *free psa* that should be done if you are at or above 3.0 PSA according to my doctor. I hadn't heard of it until my brother told me.

I enjoy the frequent gun shows here in TX, the land of the truly free. I've resumed the handgun shooting sport after many years away from it.

That's about it for year #2. Many thanx to RUPA staff for great publication!

Season's Greetings & Best Wishes for the New Year to all RUPA folks.

**Bob**

**SKIP La ROCQUE** Boca Raton, FL

On January 12th, Jeanne and I drove to Stuart for the Treasure Coast RUPA luncheon. Not having attended one in quite a while, we were looking forward to socializing with old friends. Unfortunately, it did not turn out to be a very enjoyable experience.

First of all, how can you socialize if you don't have a social period so you can mingle? The only socializing is between the groups of 8 sitting at the same table. Second, one of our retired Washington pilots, who flew during the strike and was visiting in Florida, came to the luncheon and sat at our table. It did not make for a very pleasant situation. Jeanne and I were not the only unhappy ones!

Pompano Beach refuses to have co-ed luncheons. Ft. Myers, Clearwater, and Spruce Creek are too far to travel. The Washington co-ed luncheons are in April, before we go north, and October, after we come south. Very sadly, it appears Jeanne and I have attended our last RUPA luncheon - Regretfully **Skip**

**BOB VOGTRITTER** Vogtritter@aol.com

Greetings: Time once again to account for my past years activities. As you may recall from last year's letter, I've been working on my anti - aging plan.

Well, guess what. Just when it appeared that my plan was working ,darned if a doctor, while probing around my body didn't discover a clogged carotid artery in my neck. He explained to me that if my anti -aging plan had any chance of future success I had best have this problem taken care of ,or there may not be a future. Well, to make a long story short, I spent two very uncomfortable days in the hospital and returned home just in time to meet the flood of incoming medical bills. After dealing with all the various bills, it occurred to me that our new insurance company, Blue Cross is an improvement over Conn. Gen., as they seem to be more polite when denying my claims. Nonetheless, the main reason I agreed to the operation was that the doctor explained that one result of the operation would be increased oxygen flow to the brain and I naturally assumed I would be considerably smarter. Unfortunately, my wife Shirley tells me that it didn't happen.

On another matter I've taken note of you guys traveling around the world, space available, luxuriating in first class with your feet up while sipping wine.

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We, on the other hand, just spent 30 hours travelling from PHX to SEA and finally arriving a day late in the coach section of an old vibrating prop plane. (remember those) We have learned over time that if ever we do get in first class, to enjoy it, as we will pay dearly for that privilege the next time out.

Well that's about all for now. Oh yes, I've learned something lately about medical bills and life, If ever you think nobody cares, try missing one or two payments

Regards. *B ob V ogtritter*

### **JEAN WAGNER**

Jock, Is the 1999 book the latest directory? Our address, phone, and email are all outdated. When you list Miles C. Wagner, you ought to list me as Jean Kitzmiller so people that knew Bill on UAL (1941-78) will know where I am. Am sure I sent our new address etc but just in case: 6044 N. Tocito Place, Tucson, AZ. 85718. Phone, 520/615-8110, Fax 520/615-8111. Email, Jwagner91@aol.com. Miles is an old glider pilot from WW2 and Bill was the original RUPA member before his death in 1984. We are fairly active in the Phoenix Roadrunners group.

Sent you a check (or to someone) recently. Guess it was due on Miles' birthday and that's fine with us.

One of these days I might get on another UAL plane. Haven't been on one since I lost my passes by getting remarried. Keep up the good work. *Jean Kitzmiller Wagner*

*Jean, as you probably know by now, there is a new 2000 directory, containing therein the address you gave above – not the Kitzmiller part, you have to let Cleve Spring know if you want special items in your address. It was to Cleve, incidentally,, that you undoubtedly sent your check. Ed*

**BILL WHEADON** – 1021 Stonebridge Dr, Napa, CA 94558

Cleve, Even though I still have 11 months to go for retirement, please accept this application for membership in RUPA. I've been a reader of the RUPA newsletter through borrowed copies long enough-time to get on the roles myself.

My birth month is November, so judging by all the late stamp money renewals, this December application should fit right in. Fraternaly, **Bill** (Wheadonb@aol.

**RONALD L. WIDNER** – 716 Northstream Dr, Toms River, NJ 08753

Dear Cleve, Enclosed is my annual check. I think this is the earliest I have been late yet. Retirement is great, but the time flies faster than ever. Bill Bickert echoed my sentiments exactly about the passing of two New

York Domicile legends, Zeke Darby and Bob Goldstein. I flew many DC 8 trips as the plumber with Bobby in the left seat and Chuck Egbertson in the right. Both always had a cup of coffee in one hand and a cigarette in the mouth. Consequently it was always IFR in the cockpit even if it was CAVU outside. Fortunately cigarette smoke never bothered me even though I am a non-smoker. I remember sitting behind Chuck one day while he was hand flying an ILS to minimums. He sucked on that weed through the whole approach. Hell, we might have been visual at two miles, but the visibility between my eyes and the ALS was zero zero.

It was always a pleasure to work with both of them. Bill Bickert was also one of my favorites. He, John Feil, and I flew a lot together in my early years with UAL. I would like to have seen the letter from Bill that the BOD would not let you print. Bill has a great sense of humor that is expressed in such a way that someone who does not know him might take him seriously. Flying with guys like them and many others are what made my 30 years with United so great. We might not have met the present standards of "political correctness," but everything was sort of "tongue in cheek" and we would "barb" each other as much as anything else. It certainly made the long trips more endurable and enjoyable. **Ron**

*It was nothing to do with being PC, Ron, merely having the good grace not to inflict one's political views on a captive audience – especially in a fraternal publication. There was, regrettably, no humor involved. I know that this is a change from past editorial practise, but it has been some years, now, since the BOD initiated policy change - long enough, one would think, for the penny to have dropped. Ed.*

**DOUG WILSMAN**, 52/85 ORD/LAX

It is a long overdue and welcome sign to see others comment in the *RUPANEWS* about some of the ALPA volunteers they personally knew who got us our wonderful pension. It was obviously a mistake for me to indicate in the November edition my recollection of who was the "father" of certain aspects. I meant no slight to any others. I believe the idea of a variable benefit B Plan sprang from ALPA national headquarters starting in 1954. UAL's Scotty Devine was deeply involved in shepherding the idea to get it made into an ALPA national goal. Thereafter, about ten of the individual larger airline MEC's had their negotiating committees put it into their contracts.

Also, maybe the first person to publicly suggest an ESOP was the famous attorney F. Lee Bailey. On one

of those satellite TV hookups during the 1985 strike, he said that the pilots and the flight attendants should buy the airline. A ton of pilots were involved getting it done. It is my impression that the one who had the most personal financial background and who knew the most about the nuts and bolts and who interfaced with the hired outside financial advisors and who became the MEC chairman representing the rank-and-file pilot owners from a seat on the UAL Board of Directors was Harlow Osteboe. He ranks high on my list of heroes of the hundreds of ALPA activists I worked with during the 20 years of my own personal involvement. I was there in 1982 riding jumpseat on the MEC Pension Committee when Ray Fink and Harlow were piloting it, to secure the innovative last great leap in the UAL pilots' pension benefits. **DW**

**LAURENCE R. "RAY" WOOD** – 29 Oyster Bay Pl, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Dear Cleve, Two years into the "good life", and haven't forgotten my birthday yet! Really look forward to the RUPA News, and want to thank all those responsible for its publication and mailing.

Went up to the Council 12 retirement party in Chicago and really enjoyed seeing everyone there. Hope to make it an annual event!

Enclosed is my check for the year. Thanks again, and keep up the good work!

Best regards, **Cindy & Ray** (LRayWood@aol.com)

**RUSSELL J. WRIGHT** 2695 Alkire St. Golden, CO 80401-1620

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Cap'n Jock: Time marches on and I'm keeping with it to some extent. Zero is colder than it used to be and somebody turned up the gain on gravity. Hi to everybody and a big thanks to the RUPANEWS crew.

Check to Cleve.

Stay Healthy, Russ

**HELENE M. YOUNG** – 33445 Oxford Ct, Livonia, MI 48154

Last March I was in Stuart Florida and spent a weekend with Bobbie and Clark Luther at their lovely home in Willoughby. Like old times, Bobbie and I went shopping, this time at the local flea market. Clark clued me in on the latest computer magic (I'm illiterate). Saturday night, Stevie and Terry Terrill came over for drinks and we all went out for dinner. A few years back, the Terrills and I lived at the same complex in Stuart. It was all great seeing old friends again. I felt really lucky. Helene

**ZELMA KIBLER**, President, RUAEA

Dear President Smith,

Thank you for having me on the mailing list. I enjoy the RUPANEWS. My mailing address has changed to: 1225 Vienna Dr., #584, Sunnyvale, CA 94089.

Congratulations, I know that it had been a busy and difficult year for you to put on such a great convention. I know the feeling you are enjoying after the success of the LAS convention.

I am impressed with the manner in which the editor handled the photos.

Thanks, and have nice holidays.

Zelma Kibler

RUAEA President

**FRANCIS & GLORIA ZURMUHLEN** – 1160 Mainsail Dr, Annapolis, MD 21403 DCA,ORD,DCA 9/56 01/89

Cleve, Just received the December issue of RUPA NEWS and noted that my expire date has passed. Since my pulse is still normal and my respiratory functions are still operational, it must be time to complete the annual renewal procedure.

Purchased a Beach Home/ Summer Rental Property in Bethany Beach, DE in February of 1998. Arranged for direct mortgage payments from my IRA which almost satisfies the 702 mandatory withdrawal requirements, while the three month "Summer Season" rental income almost equals the annual mortgage costs. Sort of a personal REIT. Maintaining both the primary residence and the Beach House really keeps us busy.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you who keep this publication up and running.

Best Regards, **Frank**, (Cappy) to the grandkids



*"Please stay on the line. All of our customer-service representatives are kidding around and throwing paper airplanes at each other."*

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**BERNADETTE A. FOY** – PO Box 6687, Glendale, AZ 85304

Cleve, I'm enclosing the annual check for the stamp fund. Sure wish Charlie was doing this and not me. It's been six months since his death. Miss him much. January 9th would have been his 68th birthday. Take care, I look forward to receiving the newsletter and to joining other Phoenix based RUPA members at events. Sincerely, *Bernadette*

**WILLIAM E. GREENE** – 3806 Clear Ridge, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear Cleve: Enclosed is my postage fee check. At least this one will be on time. So far the first year of retirement has been WONDERFUL!! I have finally adjusted to leading a "normal" life again, and find that I do not miss the job at all. I do miss the people though.

I managed to avoid airports and airplanes for all but two trips, a quick trip to Chicago, and a 15-day trip to China in Oct. The trip to China was business class, full fare, no pass travel. The local airlines we used in China have new Airbus 320, B737 or B767, but have not learned the art of customer service yet. Come to think of it United has not done a very good job with customer service either.

Hope to see you all at the retirement dinner in April. Sincerely, **Bill**

**CALVIN P. JASSMANN** – 7005 roaring fork Trail, boulder, CO 80301

This makes it 16 years. Have 2 aircraft Comanche 250 and Bellanca Scout. Will sell either or both. Howard Morgan (Ret) and I flew out to Howard Reid's (Ret) ranch in November, found why United DC3s had door on the right side. Plus many other interesting facts about early United. **Cal**

**JAMES N. WHITELEY** – P.O.Box 2293, Olympic Valley, CA 96146

Dear Fellow Retirees: Starting my 7th year of fun and games. Diane and I have season passes for skiing here in Squaw Valley and even bought new equipment. That's why there isn't any natural snow until today. Finally starting to look like winter. We still spend part of each month on our sail boat at the Waikiki Yacht Club. Tennis, Golf with my old Aloha Airline buddies, roller lading and sailing keep us busy in Hawaii. Same old fun. I'm looking for a amphibious plane to round out a great retirement. I do get a chance to fly co pilot for my son in a Lear Jet a few times during the summer when the plane is based at Truckee. My thanks to all the helpers at RUPA.

Jim SandorJim@aol.com

**NORMAN A. LITTLE** – 12331 Woods Rd, Worton, MD 21678

Cleve, once again, I am late in getting around to submitting my token offerings and a few words. Where did the millennium go? Retirement continuously reminds me that I used to go to work to catch up on my rest. Been busy fixing things, traveling Europe, fixing things, entertaining and fixing things. Still miss flying and all those great folks at UNITED but sure don't miss the schedules, Crew Desk calls at midnight, and drives to the airpatch in weather not fit for man nor beast. Rosemary and I did a fantastic train tour in November from London through the new tunnel to Paris then all the way to Rome. The fastest 16 days we've had the pleasure to spend. Sold our Cabo Rico 38' yacht, so we're now official land lubbers finding new and different things to do. Loving every minute of the hard earned "good life". Y'all take care now and feel free to come and set a spell. *Norm*

**JOHN C. PEDRETTI** – 19176 Farallon Rd, Madera, CA 93638 61-94 ORD,LAX, SFO,LAX

Cleve, On time, birthday tomorrow, number 6 since retirement. It has been a good year. All our travels were with the RV, including a nice trip to Alaska. Any RV'ers that would like to stop by, give me a call. We have hookups and we are on the golf course. **John**

**LOUIS O. SCHUELER** – 153 Dudley Dr, Fairfield, CT 06430

Dear Cleve, I am just starting my 4th year of retirement, how sweet it is!!!! Cynthia and I spent two wonderful weeks in France last spring. One week in Paris and one in Normandy. Almost as good as a DSM Layover. This year Florence and Tuscany. I hope this finds you all well. You folks are doing a wonderful job. Thank you!! **Lou**

**LINDA SANGSTER-MALLOCH** – PO Box 922, Brookdale, CA 95007

Greetings: First my thanks to everyone who is involved with the success of RUPA, all of the hard work and time that goes into it, for the pleasure of people like me. I must say however, I apologize for being so late with my part, but guess as I get older I forget more often or maybe because I am now in the mountains and time has slowed everything down. Am very glad you still mail my copy to me even though I'm late. Once again, thank you all. **Linda**

# OBITUARIES

## **EDWARD B. ARNTSEN**

Captain Edward B. Arntsen died January 4. Memorial Services were held at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 08.

Ed had an exemplary career with United, a member of the first class of "Tracy Aces" in 1940, he was well liked by all who knew him and well respected by all who flew with him. Throughout his career he performed his service without fanfare or publicity, but when the critical occasion occurred, he performed as a superb professional and was named Flight Crew Member of the Year.

We who knew him so well feel a deep loss and extend our condolences to his wife Alice and family. --*Scotty Devine*

## **DAVID J., DUTCHER**

David Dutcher, a resident of Coconut Grove since 1959, died November 3, 1999 at age 83. He was born in Rochester, New York on March 6, 1916 to Hertha Vogt and Arthur Garfield Dutcher. He was a graduate of Florida Military Academy, St. Petersburg, FL and Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. In 1976 he was retired from United Airlines after 35 years, ending his career as a 747 Captain. He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Coconut Grove and Central Methodist Church of Mt. Airy, North Carolina. He was a member of Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Florence; daughters ~. Darrow Hodges of Denver, Colorado and Pamela of Los Angeles, sons Arthur (Sharon) of San Francisco. David; Jr. of Norfolk, VA and Douglas of Atlanta, GA; son-in-law William V. Hodges, III of Aspen, Colorado and grandson Will Hodges of Aspen, Colorado and granddaughters Kathryn Hodges of Aspen, Colorado and Andrea Dutcher of San Francisco.

**CORYDON C. GATES**, a former Roselle, IL resident, died quietly at his home in Oakbrook, IL on Dec. 28. Cody was born on June 25, 1917 in Pennsylvania and raised in Lakewood, OH. He attended Lakewood High School and went on to graduate from Ohio Wesleyan University. Shortly thereafter Cody was bitten by the flying bug, and this culminated in his graduating from United Airlines Pilot Training School in Tracy, CA in 1941. He became a Captain, Flight Manager and finally B-747 Fleet Manager for United Airlines, where he retired in 1977 after more than 36

years with the company. Among his many flying achievements was test flying the first jet, a B-727, into Midway Airport in the early 1960s. Cody was also among the first pilots to fly the new B747 Jumbo Jet for United in the early 1970's. His many hobbies included playing the trumpet, writing poetry, billiards, bowling; fishing, hunting. Camping, golfing and traveling. He also spent time every year in Hawaii with his children and grandchildren. We will always remember his limitless energy, his poetry and infectious laughter. We were blessed to call him father, uncle, Boopa, Captain, husband and friend. Cody will always live in the heads of those he touched, and nothing loved is ever lost. Cody was loved so much by so many of us. God bless you Cody. We celebrate your life. Cody was predeceased by his wife of over 50 years. Maxine W. Gates; and his sister Viette Wiley. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law

**CAPT. GEORGE OWEN HOWSON**--Born April 15, 1911 in Berkeley, California. Died after dinner with his wife Yvonne at their home in Piedmont, Sunday, November 28, 1999.

He was educated as a civil engineer at Rose Hulman College in Indiana, and then became a pioneer aviator, flying biplanes off one of the first aircraft carriers, the Lexington. He met his wife of 62 years when he was a Naval Aviation Cadet in Pensacola, Florida in 1937.

He joined United Airlines in 1939, and was recalled to the Navy during World War II to help set up the Naval Air Transport Service. He flew troops and supplies in the Pacific during that war and the Korean War.

He retired from United Air Lines as a Captain after his first heart attack in 1964 and became a founding member of the Retired United Pilots Association. He managed that organization for over thirty years as Secretary/Treasurer, writing their monthly newsletter and keeping in touch with his old friends.

He remained active in the Naval Reserve, retiring as Captain. He was an active member of the Admiral Nimitz Chapter of the Naval Reserve Association, the Association of Naval Aviation, the Navy League, the American Legion Post 514, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Throughout the years, he served as an officer in most of these organizations.

He is survived by his wife Yvonne, his daughter Linden Nichols and his son Owen, both from Hawaii, his sisters Mary Jo Dietz and Lorene Bent, his grandchildren Mary Antaya and Melanie and Margaret Nichols, and three great-grandchildren.

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About **GEORGE HOWSON** December 7, 1999

At memorial services today for George Howson, we remembered a man to whom RUPA is greatly indebted. In attendance were many of his friends, including a large number of Navy retirees, and about ten RUPA members.

George's title of RUPA Secretary Treasurer, which he held for about thirty two years, was a gross understatement of his role with RUPA. He originated the Newsletter in 1964, and edited it until his failing eyesight gave him too much trouble. The Newsletter was the catalyst that made RUPA a thriving organization. Censorship was deliberately very limited, encouraging some widely divergent and interesting expression of opinions. For many years, George personally copied each letter in the necessary format of the Newsletter. Every letter or check he received was acknowledged by mail! His thorough and meticulous stewardship of RUPA affairs required several hours work every day, even after he converted from index cards and typewriter to computer. Those of us who leaned on him for help, know that his title really should have been Chief Executive Officer.

*Bob Callaghan* Atherton, California

### **WILMOT "BILL" TYERS**

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of my friend captain Wilmot (Bill) Tyers. Bill left us after a difficult bout with cancer. He was a true Connecticut Yankee through and through. Bill's life, although not long enough, was extraordinary. He grew up on the family farm, joined the naval reserve at 17, and was called to active duty shortly there after. During a Med. Cruise he received a NAVCAT appointment. His first assignment out of flight school was a Med. Cruise, and none of the chiefs could understand how this kid ensign knew where all the bars were in Naples. Bill was posted to the first navy flight deck night turbine unit, and is one of the few survivors of that original group. He went on to become the executive officer of the USNR fighter operation at Floyd Bennett Field. During the mid 1950's Bill joined UAL, and had a long and distinguished career. Flying the DC6, 737, 727, DC8 and DC10. I met him in the early 70's, he a Capt. and I the F/O on the 737. We flew together for 24 months in a row, including hood checks, which I believe is some kind of a record, and we were the orchid letter leaders in the system. In the mid 1980's Bill was the council chairman in N.Y. during our labor dispute with UAL. He did such an outstanding job we had to import several loyal employees just to be shown on the "list". Bill was a super stick, and one the most intelligent individuals I've ever known. I think most of this

information is accurate – if not, it's close, but for sure, all of us who knew Bill will miss him greatly. My deepest sympathy to Mary Alice and the children. Fraternaly, *Ken Ernst*

### **Appreciation of BILL TYERS**

I have just learned that retired UAL JFK Captain Bill Tyers passed away yesterday, December 18. Bill retired about 10 years ago.

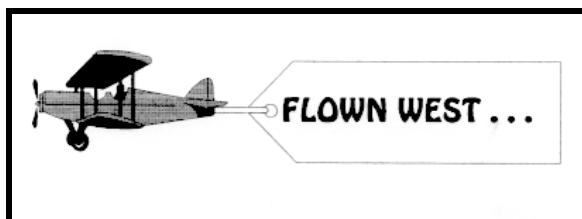
During the strike of 1985 Bill was Council #52's Chairman. I was his Vice-Chairman and Mark Seal was the Secretary/Treasurer. In my opinion, Bill was one of the finest leaders we ever had in New York. A real down-to-earth guy. Bill had uncanny gut instincts doing union work. So many times I would walk away not agreeing with him on a position ..... but he was always right. He had more "feel" for what was right within the union than perhaps any representative I've ever known. I probably drove him nuts as his F/O representative, but I learned so much from his leadership style, I only wish I could have retained more from him. I remember one incident that typifies Bill. It was during a Council meeting in the middle of our strike. Bill, Mark and I were on the dais at the restaurant we used at the time for meetings. Needless to say, the meeting was packed and emotions were running high. Just as the meeting started, Bill turned to Mark and me and said "just follow what I do guys, trust me." Mark & I looked at each other and just shrugged our shoulders. We didn't know what he was up to, but we knew Bill enough to put our trust completely in him.

Bill then opened the meeting by having the three of us stand up and literally salute our membership for the fine job everyone was doing in the strike. It was so corny ... it was so Bill ... and it was so right for the moment. Most importantly, it was straight from his heart.

Bill wanted to have the three officers take turns chairing the Council meetings. When the strike came around, I said to him that he had to run every meeting during the strike as the Council looked up to him in a manner neither Mark nor I could do. So many pilots said to me that while they were uncomfortable being on strike, if it was ok for Bill, then it was ok for them. Bill left three daughters and a wonderful wife Mary Alice. She was a perfect "match" for Bill. Right now, my prayers & thoughts are for her and her family. The family requests any donations be sent to The Michael Bourque Memorial Fund for Children, 14 West Street, Shelton, CT 06484.

We have lost a real leader and a great man.

*Art Mount JFKFO*



<b>KENNETH B. BENSON*</b>	<b>DEN</b>	<b>14 SEP 1999</b>
<b>DAVID J. DUTCHER</b>		<b>3 NOV 1999</b>
<b>CHARLES "CHUCK" WEIDEMAN</b>	<b>SFO</b>	<b>9 NOV 1999</b>
<b>GEORGE O. HOWSON</b>	<b>SFO</b>	<b>28 NOV 1999</b>
<b>CARL JOHNSTON*</b>	<b>JFK / FOSR</b>	<b>17 DEC 1999</b>
<b>WILMOT "BILL" TYERS</b>	<b>JFK</b>	<b>18 DEC 1999</b>
<b>MARTIN POLLARD*</b>	<b>SFO/FOSR</b>	<b>2 DEC 1999</b>
<b>CARL O. "OLE" PETERSON</b>	<b>DCA</b>	<b>2 DEC 1999</b>
<b>JOHN E. SENDE</b>	<b>SFO</b>	<b>27 DEC 1999</b>
<b>*"CODY" GATES</b>	<b>ORD</b>	<b>28 DEC 1999</b>
<b>EDWARD B. ARNTSON</b>	<b>SFO</b>	<b>4 JAN 2000</b>
<b>FRANK KELLY*</b>	<b>JFK</b>	<b>16 JAN 2000</b>

\* Nonmember



## 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

### Regularly Scheduled Lunches

- 2nd Mon. SW FL Outlaws – *Olive Garden* – 941-793-8243  
2nd Tue. FL Treasure Coast Sunbirds – *Miles Grant CC* – 561-747-2796  
2nd Tue. LAS – *Showboat.* – 702-658-6168  
2nd Thu. SE FL Gold Coast – *Flaming Pit.* – 561-272-1860  
2nd Fri. PHX Roadrunners – *Anzio Landing, Mesa* – 480-948-1612  
3rd Tue. DEN Good Ole Boys – *Country Buffet* - 303-279-4348  
3rd Thu. LAX – *Hacienda, (Even mth.) Billingsley's (Odd)* - 310-373-2283  
3rd Thu. Ohio Northcoasters – *TJ's Wooster (Always coed.)*. 330-262-5811  
3rd Thu. SEA Gooneybirds – *Airport Marriott.* – 206-242-1242  
3rd Thu. TPA Sundowners – *Countryside CC. (odd mths. Stag)* 727-785-5971

### Other Events

- 11 APR. ORD McHenry lunch – *Warsaw Inn* – 847-872-4081  
19 APR DCA O'Donnell Lunch – *Belle Haven CC* – 540-338-4574  
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