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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Ruparians: I have just returned from attending our very successful RUPA Convention in Washington DC. Kudos to Rich Bouska and E. K. Williams, and all his volunteer helpers who checked us in and organized all the great tours and events. The only event that didn't go quite as expected was the Golf tournament due to the fact that fewer golfers participated than were expected. I'm not sure how many members played, but I did hear that the course was a little wet and it took five hours to complete. There was rain for the whole week prior to our arrival, but we had great weather except for a few sprinkles on the first day. On Sunday, 200 people were at the Udvar Hazy Museum and 173 attended the Banquet at the hotel that night.

E. K. arranged one very special event and that was the laying of a wreath at the *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* in the name of RUPA. He, Jay Plank and I had the honor of placing the wreath and it was a very moving event that I shall never forget.

A very special Ruparian who attended the convention was Jack Holst who is the only surviving one of the 65 pilots who started RUPA in 1963. Jack will be 100 years old in January 2006. The picture included with this message was taken in the museum with Jack. From left to right are Jim Olson, new Sec/Treasurer; Cleve Spring, new President; Rich Bouska, former President; and Larry Wright, new Vice President.

Several members took pictures at the convention and have promised to send them to us. We haven't time to put together a photo layout for this issue, but hope to in the December issue. If any of you have pictures you think we could use would you please send them or email them to me.



The present plan is to have our next convention in Seattle in 2007. I talked to Dick and Laurie Anderson, who put together our convention in Maui many years ago, and they said they would help. We hope some of you *Gooney Birds* up there in Seattle will volunteer to help out where you can. We have a new *Convention Sites Chairman*, Ron Jersey, and Rich Bouska has said he will help with special events. Joe Ferrie said he would continue to help with the RUPA cruises.

I still assemble the annual directory of active members that is mailed out in January in place of the *RUPANEWS*, and it has to be at the printer the first part of December. I know some of you have not updated all of your information, so would you please check the old directory and make sure you are up-to-date. I've had the occasion to email some of you recently and have found that some of the email addresses are no longer correct.

One last thing, whenever possible, please use email when submitting your letters for the *RUPANEWS* and send them to our editor, Ted Larusson, tlarusson@comcast.net. You don't have to format; just send it as you would any email message. I've had to decipher many handwritten letters that included the member's email address. If you can email or type a letter it makes sure that we publish what you really wanted to say. Remember, we're all volunteers and this small effort can save us a lot of time.

We look forward to hearing from all of you and learning about your most recent experiences and activities. Cheers, *Cleve*

Now Listen UP!!!

There is a new Secretary/Treasurer in town starting this month. Jim Olson is taking over this position so from now on please send your checks and other information, such as mailing address changes, E-mail address changes, telephone number changes, etc. to him.

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Snow Birds

Snow Birds remember that the Post Office will only forward the *RUPANEWS* for 60 days and then they return the back page to us with your forwarding address. If we don't have any old issues left you won't get a new copy.

Don't forget to update your information for the new 2006 Directory!

As I said in my Presidents Message, I have to have the Directory at the printers the first part of December so please check and make sure the information we have is correct.

Thank you for your cooperation. *Cleve*

PENSION BENEFIT SECURITY

(Written 10-21-05 by Doug Wilsman) No word yet of Wedoff's written decision---his verbal decision was rendered on September 27th. If his written decision is the same, then we will have to wait until the legal appeals are ruled upon. If the appeals are unsuccessful, then PBGC will become the plan's trustee. It is anyone's guess how long it will take before PBGC starts sending out benefits that are reduced from the pre-termination amounts----it could be in the spring.

What follows has no impact on about 2,600 retirees and widows who will be made whole by the PBGC PC4 max guarantee according to their age on 12-30-04. For the other 3,600, I have found out the method PBGC will use to factor in the so-called "\$1.5B UAL paper" that a post-Chapter-11 UAL will deliver to PBGC. This is referred to in the statute as the "recovery." It is my opinion at this time that if PBGC established a present value of this UAL paper at \$1.5B as of 12-30-04, then it will raise the PC3 funding percentage by 9%. At this time I believe it is more likely that PBGC will establish the present value closer to \$1.0B as of 12-30-04, in which case the PC3 funding percentage will increase by about 6%.

I also believe that when PBGC starts sending out the post termination checks in a reduced amount that the impact of the recovery will not be factored in----I believe they will wait until the final benefit determinations are made about three years after becoming the trustee to start including the recovery in the monthly payments.

It is worthy of note that any retiree who will benefit from the recovery will have also benefited from the overpayments from January 1, 2005 until, say, March 1, 2006. He could then be underpaid for three years because of the absent recovery factor.

At that point, maybe March of 2009, every retiree will get an accounting from PBGC which will include the calculations of the net over-payments and under-payments since 12-30-04 and the final monthly benefit amount, retroactive back to 12-30-04. There will be a period for each individual to protest PBGC's calculations. If there has been a net under-payment, PBGC will send a lump sum including interest. If there has been a net over-payment, PBGC will reduce the final monthly amount by 10% each month going forward until it recovers the net overpayment with no interest.

To sum up, it looks like the *ultimate* 12-30-04 PC3 funding percentage is apt to be 86%. That is substantially higher than the 74% estimate I made last January----which is good news. I believe that the original post-termination amounts will be calculated using a funding percentage of 80% and after about three years the final monthly PBGC amount, retroactive to 12-30-04, will be calculated using an 86% PC3 funding.

If the legal appeals to Wedoff's decision fail, I will update my PBGC Benefit Calculator to show the impact of the latest available factors. *Doug*

PRECIOUS MOMENTS GENERATE

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UAL RETIRED PILOTS FOUNDATION.

Our 2005 RUPA Convention is now history but at least one of the fun moments still lingers. A certain amount of good humor was generated by the raffle of the "statue" of an airline captain wearing a cap featuring the UAL Pilots Cap Emblem. In addition to the good humor, we generated \$465 in contributions to The United Airlines Retired Pilots Foundation, Inc. Capt. Ted Bochniarz, Treasurer of the Foundation, was present and received the contribution with the smile that is unique to Ted. There have been several requests for information regarding the figu... uh... statue. It is item #958840 on the www.preciousmoments.com website. We acknowledge, with appreciation, Pat and Paul Gilson who originated the idea for the raffle.

E.K. Williams

DANA POINT RUPA LUNCHEON

One more 'rainy' day at the Harbor drove us indoors to our comfortable tables overlooking the boats. *The Wind and Sea* people looked after us really good in our private corner.

Attendance down a bit. Several of our members got the word in time to attend the memorial service for Ed Payne which was held in Corona Del Mar at 1200 Tuesday the 18th. Ed was the Admin. Officer at LAX Operations.

Check in included: Park Ames, Carlos Bernhard, John Grady, Pete Hansen, Ed Judd, Earl McKenzie, Jerry Meyer, Bill Meyer, Bill Rollins, Bill Stewart, Tony Testa, Joe Udovch, Ted Simmons, and Wayne Henderson. Welcome Wayne glad you could join us again. Wayne actually came hoping to see Snuffy who showed up at our last meeting... they were contemporaries starting with UAL back in early 50's.

Rick Hoefer checked in as he said "somewhere over Greenland". Had his laptop in action. Going or coming from/to, where not mentioned... report to come at next meeting Rick? Just traveling!

Bill Meyer was 'coerced' into standing up and saying a few words about the RUPA convention (5 min. limit before the buns start to fly). Bruce Dunkle and Jack Healy were seen there also. He reported that a "Real" person from PBGC gave a talk. Too much info to report.

This person was (Stephen Pawela, Division Manager, TPD8, Benefits Administration Payment Department, of PBGC), note: Steve's contact numbers as follows: 1-800-400-7242 ext 3391 pawela.steve@pbgc.gov .

This person did say that if we have to give back any money that results from the calculation that the PBGC does to determine what the correct amount per mo. each of us should receive, the give back would be 10% per month. For further info call Bill Meyer. He did say that all had a great time at the convention!

Bill Stewart reports that the PBGC has a regulation on the books known as "RESTORATION FUNDING" up to 30 years.

Question was never answered why this rule could not be applied to us. Another rule is that the PBGC can give back the pension to the company once they have become solvent. Never asked for by ALPA? Why?

Following web site (www.pbgc.gov) can make for a lot of thought!

Enough for now.

Best to all

Next meeting Tuesday Nov. 15.

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SAN DIEGO RUPA LUNCHEON

At our monthly luncheon, we had the following: My wife Ruth, Brad Green and wife Rhoda, Pete Moyer, Bill Pauling, Don Trunick, Paul Whitby, Roger Baker, Hugh Wilson . Brad Green who lost an arm in a cycle accident told about the problems flying with one arm and how cooperative United was. The FAA was not so helpful. Roger Baker talked about his recent experience of flying a restored Spirit of St. Louis.

Bob Bowman

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LAX HOLIDAY RUPA LUNCHEON (EARLY)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW.

Thursday, December 8 at the Hacienda hotel
located at 525 North Sepulveda Blvd. in El Segundo.

This is one mile south of LAX.

This is early in the month to avoid the Christmas rush.

All RUPA members, active pilots, present and former flight office personal and active or former flight attendants are invited. Also widows, widowers, spouses and friends of any of the above are invited.

No host bar at 1100 and followed by a sit down lunch at noon.

Cost is \$23.00 per person payable in advance.

Send checks to Rex May, 6677 Vista Del Mar, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293-7545.

Checks must reach me by Saturday, December 3 as I must pay and confirm in advance.

Validated parking is \$3.00 so with that and the price of gas think about car pooling.

I really hope to see you there. *Rex*

NORTH DAKOTA: This text is from our county emergency manager this morning. Amusing...
This is for real—Ed.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Up here in the Northern Plains we just recovered from a Historic --- may I even say a "Weather Event" of "Biblical Proportions" with a historic blizzard of up to 24" inches of snow and winds to 150 MPH that broke trees in half, stranded hundreds of motorists in lethal snow banks, closed all roads, isolated scores of communities and cut power to 10's of thousands.

George Bush did not come....FEMA staged nothing....no one howled for the government...no one even uttered an expletive on TV...nobody demanded \$2,000 debit cards.....no one asked for a FEMA Trailer House....no news anchors moved in.

We just melted snow for water, sent out caravans to pluck people out of snow engulfed cars, fired up wood stoves, broke out coal oil lanterns or Aladdin lamps and put on an extra layer of clothes.

Even though a Category "5" blizzard of this scale has never fallen this early...we know it can happen and how to deal with it ourselves.

Everybody is fine.

EXCERPTS FROM THE TRIAL TRANSCRIPT

by Doug Wilsman on 10/19/05

I have secured a copy of the 254-page transcript of the trial in Judge Wedoff's Federal Bankruptcy Court on September 21, 22 & 27 wherein he made a verbal ruling to terminate our plan as of 12-30-04. (As of this writing, his written ruling is still pending.) Obviously, it is a risky subjective exercise to select the highlights when they will be confined to a little more than a page, but here goes.

For example, PBGC's actuaries claimed its losses would increase by \$53 million if the Pilots' Plan terminated on January 1, 2005 versus two days earlier on December 30, 2004. And for a termination as of June 30, 2005, the losses were pegged to increase by \$101 million, versus 12-30-04. ALPA's actuary argued that the losses were calculated too high by PBGC and that their actuaries pegged the correct numbers at \$44 million and \$79 million. About half of the first day was devoted to this disagreement between actuaries.

The relevant federal statute is described as follows: *"PBGC is authorized by 29 U. S. Code, Paragraph 1342(a)(4) to commence proceedings to terminate a plan whenever PBGC determines that the possible long-run loss of PBGC with respect to the plan may reasonably be expected to increase unreasonably if the plan is not terminated."*

PBGC argued that even if ALPA dollar numbers were accepted by the court the PBGC additional losses were still unreasonable. And PBGC argued it was an important element in its interpretation of the meaning of statute that the Pilots' Plan was very likely to terminate at a later date if PBGC did not seize it as of 12-30-04.

ALPA argued that in the grand scheme of things, it was not unreasonable when PBGC's out of pocket cost was \$1.4B for a 12-30-04 termination and it would go up only by \$79M for a termination 6-30-05. Over the same span UAL Ground Plan would have increased by \$287M and PBGC didn't attempt to seize it on 12-30-04. And there was nothing unusual in the increases in the Pilots' Plan between December 30 and June 30---that these increases would have occurred if UAL had not been in bankruptcy and that there were dozens of other plans out there where larger increases in liability were occurring and PBGC was not attempting a seize them.

And finally, ALPA argued that it was not necessarily likely that without a PBGC seizure the pilots plan would be terminated at UAL's request. ALPA's attorney made an impassioned plea for the judge to not assume that ALPA's promise to voice no objections if UAL sought to terminate our plan after 6-30-05 meant that ALPA supported a plan termination. Specific language to that effect was placed into the ALPA/UAL 2005 agreement.

URPBPA actuary, Thomas Levy, gave no direct verbal testimony. He referred Wedoff to two exhibits he wrote on the split/freeze. He was briefly cross examined by a PBGC lawyer about his Split/Freeze concept, where United would continue the plan for retirees and terminate it for active pilots. Levy was asked whether he had any evidence that UAL was receptive. He said no---that UAL's CFO Mr. Brace rejected it.

Then Levy said there were two ways PBGC could implement the Split Freeze: (1) it could have pressured UAL to get an agreement with ALPA to adopt the split/freeze or (2) PBGC, after it becomes trustee, can do the split and restore the retirees' half and hand it back to UAL. He wasn't asked if he believed PBGC could do that over UAL's dead body and no mention was made by anyone of PBGC agreement with UAL not to restore any terminated UAL plans. (In the judge's opening remarks he warned URPBPA that he considered the Split/Freeze plan to be irrelevant and in his verbal ruling at the end he characterized the Split/freeze as not being an alternative to termination.)

URPBPA attorney argued that if all PBGC needed to do was show that a plan's liabilities would increase over time, then PBGC could seize just about any plan, regardless of the sponsor's financial capabilities. He also argued that the increases in our plan's liabilities in the first six months of 2005 had probably occurred in the same magnitude in prior years and PBGC didn't attempt to seize the plan then.

United had an attorney at the trial who made an opening statement and was not heard from thereafter. She stated that UAL believes that all of its plans must be terminated, and UAL reserves its right to seek a later termination, depending on the outcome of this litigation.

Near the end of the closing arguments on September 22, Wedoff made a profound statement that, in my view, telegraphed his verbal ruling on September 27. He said that it was obviously in PBGC's best self-interest not to terminate plans that don't need to be terminated. He agreed with PBGC's argument that the statutory requirement of an "unreasonable increase" might incorporate the notion that the plan was likely to terminate.

In his verbal ruling on the 27th, he said an "unreasonable increase" as provided in the statute is a situation where there is both a substantial increase in the dollar amount and a likelihood that the plan will eventually require termination. He said he believes PBGC had successfully established both of these elements during the trial. *Doug*

A SUNDAY MEETING

A young boy was walking down a dirt road after church one Sunday afternoon when he came to a crossroads where he met a little girl coming from another direction.

"Hello," said the little boy.

"Hi," replied the little girl.

"Where are you going?" asked the boy.

"I've been to church this morning and I'm on my way home," answered the girl.

"Me too," replied the little boy. "I'm also on my way home from church."

"Which church do you go to?" asked the boy.

"I go to the Baptist church back down the road," replied the little girl. "What about you?"

"I go to the Catholic church back at the top of the hill," replied the boy. They were both going the same way so they walked together.

They came to a low spot in the road where spring rains had partially flooded the road so there was no way that they could get across to the other side without getting wet.

"If I get my new Sunday dress wet my Mom's going to skin me alive," said the little girl.

"My Mom'll tan my hide too if I get my new Sunday suit wet," replied the little boy.

"I tell you what I think I'll do," said the girl. "I'm gonna pull off all my clothes and hold them over my head and wade across."

"That's a good idea," replied the boy. "I'm going to do the same with my suit."

So they both undressed and waded across to the other side without getting their clothes wet.

They were standing there in the sun waiting to drip dry before putting their clothes back on when the boy, who had been visually appraising his new friend, finally remarked:

"You know, I never did realize before, just how much difference there really is between a Baptist and a Catholic."

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DEN GOOD OL' BOYS

Weather was perfect for the October meeting of the DEN Good Ol' Boys: sunny skies and warm temperatures. Our esteemed scribe and coordinator, Ted Wilkinson, was AWOL, having chosen to attend the Washington area RUPA Convention. We all missed his monthly "groaner."

Our long-time luncheon caterer, John Marinos, outdoes himself every month, presenting an excellent buffet at a reasonable price. His October offering was no exception: salad, strip steak, baked potato, green beans, garlic bread, desert, and coffee—all for \$11. This is the kind of bargain pilots are known to seek.

Following lunch, URPBPA representative Jim Krasno answered questions concerning the latest activities in bankruptcy court. He provided candid, informative answers to the many questions presented to him.

It was suggested by our guest-host that we could increase our influence in many areas through increased membership. More voices can garner more attention. Encourage eligible retirees to join RUPA. If you have not joined URPBPA, please consider doing so.

The usual suspects were present for our October meeting: Curly Baker, Phil Spicer, Tom Hess, Maury Mahoney, Joe Kenney, Bill Hoygaard, "AJ" Hartzler, Ed Riehl, Roger DeLozier, Dean Readmond, Hugh Moore, Jack Davis, Ed Cutler, Ralph Wright, Cliff Lawson, Warren Mugler, Dick Kobayashi, Bill Fife, Ray Bowman, Dick Brinkworth, Tom Gordon, Pete Lynch, Al Snook, Russ Ward, Jim Krasno, Frank McCurdy, David Horowitz, Stan Boehm, and Bob Sannwald.

For our November meeting, we're reminded that we may invite spouses, significant others, or a good friend to share in the conviviality of our get-togethers.

"I'm just a fill-in..." *Bob Sannwald*

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA LUNCHEON

The South Florida group had the first luncheon of the season on Thursday the 13th of October. The turnout wasn't great as many of our members are still up North. We all had a good time renewing friendships following the summer. We of course had a discussion on pensions and heard one really disgusting joke. I think that was me that told it, but it was passed on to me by another member and he took credit for it.

Present on Thursday were Howard Baugh, Dick Wiley, Jimmy Carter, Les Eaton, Dick Bodner, Jerry Bradley, Hank Fischer, Bob Dodson, Joe Jenkins, Bill Lancaster, Dave Dryer, Tom Llewellyn, Paul Livingway, Ed Wheeler, Paul Dunne, Bob Smirow and Ham Oldham.

Next lunch will be November 10th at the *Flaming Pit Restaurant* in Pompano Beach. If you have any questions about our meetings, call Jimmy Carter at (561) 272-1860 or Stan Blaschke at (954) 581-0145. If you would like to be on our e-mail list, call me at (561) 994-6103.

For Jimmy and Stan, I am *Jerry Bradley*

*The Third Annual SFO Area
RUPA
Holiday Party*

All Members and Friends Welcome

This party was such a hit last year, were going to have it again
You are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy, for the Toys for Tots Program
We will have the same orchestra as last year for your dancing pleasure

Wednesday December 7, 2005
Sheraton Gateway Hotel
600 Airport Boulevard
Burlingame, California

6:00 to 7:00 Cash bar with dinner to follow

\$50.00 per person includes wine at the table with your choice of
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Last Name

First Name

Spouse/Guest Name

Meal Choice (Indicate #): _____ Prime Rib _____ Salmon _____ Chicken with Scampi

Check enclosed for the amount of \$_____

SW FLORIDA RUPA LUNCHEON

RUPA returned to, Oct. 10th at the *Olive Garden* restaurant in Fort Myers, with 21 members turning out for the start of the monthly meetings. Our esteemed leader T.J. Sobota was out of town and Chuck Monahan, former emcee, chairman and fill-in called in with the flu; that left yours truly in front when all others took a step back when a volunteer was requested. ~~There was discussion concerning pension matters~~ and it was urged that members write their representatives to support the pending legislation for pension reforms. Yours truly gave a brief report on Coast Guard missions to rescue hurricane Katrina victims, as was reported to me by one of the CG pilots. They did a heroic job and you can be proud of your US Coast Guard.

Next meeting will be November 14th at the Fort Myers *Olive Garden*.

Those attending were: Ellis VanAlstine, Bill Mills, Gary Burrus, Rich Meadows, Jim Rigsbee, Harry & Marvis Long, Ray Hill, Ray & Twila White, Lew & Carol Brubaker, Mike Jones, Brian Leiding, Al May, Gene Chapman, Jim Sutton, and yours truly *Gary & Janice Crittenden*.

SFO NORTH BAY RUPA LUNCH

The North Bay RUPA lunch gathering was held on the first Wednesday, October 5th, at the Petaluma Sheraton's freshly renamed restaurant, now known as Tolay. A new, and enhanced menu was welcomed by the group. Mention was made of the recent E Clampus Vitus event, held at the Shiloh Cemetery in Windsor, presided, most nobly, by our very own Captain Rick Saber, (Emperor Norton); those resting there were honored, and in particular, our departed friend, John Biggs...also a "Clamper". In the audience were John's Widow, Carolyn, and his son. A touching and most appropriate ceremony.

Absent from our luncheon, was the founder, Leon Scarbrough, who was busy attempting to find workers to harvest his grapes...there were some volunteers who offered assistance in "stomping the grapes", others preferred to wait for the final product.

A most recent communique from Retired Captain Joe Stans to Captain Saber was read to the group, and enjoyed by all. Joe remains an absolute master of the language, and a true "Wordsmith". His feelings about the current situation are representative of many...he just puts it so much more eloquently than most.

Captain Al Fink brought a guest, Don Brink, former manager at both LAX/OAK centers...Al and Don were on their way to a QB convention in SF.

United Airlines Retired Pilots Foundation, Inc.

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TOP HOAXES OF ALL TIME

PLANETARY ALIGNMENT DECREASES GRAVITY

In 1976 the British astronomer Patrick Moore announced on BBC Radio 2 that at 9:47 AM a once-in-a-lifetime astronomical event was going to occur that listeners could experience in their very own homes. The planet Pluto would pass behind Jupiter, temporarily causing a gravitational alignment that would counteract and lessen the Earth's own gravity. Moore told his listeners that if they jumped in the air at the exact moment that this planetary alignment occurred, they would experience a strange floating sensation. When 9:47 AM arrived, BBC2 began to receive hundreds of phone calls from listeners claiming to have felt the sensation. One woman even reported that she and her eleven friends had risen from their chairs and floated around the room.

THE PREDICTIONS OF ISAAC BICKERSTAFF

In February 1708 a previously unknown London astrologer named Isaac Bickerstaff published an almanac in which he predicted the death by fever of the famous rival astrologer John Partridge. According to Bickerstaff, Partridge would die on March 29 of that year. Partridge indignantly denied the prediction, but on March 30 Bickerstaff released a pamphlet announcing that he had been correct: Partridge was dead. It took a day for the news to settle in, but soon everyone had heard of the astrologer's demise. On April 1, April Fool's Day, Partridge was woken by a sexton outside his window who wanted to know if there were any orders for his funeral sermon. Then, as Partridge walked down the street, people stared at him as if they were looking at a ghost or stopped to tell him that he looked exactly like someone they knew who was dead. As hard as he tried, Partridge couldn't convince people that he wasn't dead. Bickerstaff, it turned out, was a pseudonym for the great satirist Jonathan Swift. His prognosticatory practical joke upon Partridge worked so well that the astrologer finally was forced to stop publishing his almanacs, because he couldn't shake his reputation as the man whose death had been foretold.

UFO LANDS IN LONDON

On March 31, 1989 thousands of motorists driving on the highway outside London looked up in the air to see a glowing flying saucer descending on their city. Many of them pulled to the side of the road to watch the bizarre craft float through the air. The saucer finally landed in a field on the outskirts of London where local residents immediately called the police to warn them of an alien invasion. Soon the police arrived on the scene, and one brave officer approached the craft with his truncheon extended before him. When a door in the craft popped open, and a small, silver-suited figure emerged, the policeman ran in the opposite direction. The saucer turned out to be a hot-air balloon that had been specially built to look like a UFO by Richard Branson, the 36-year-old chairman of Virgin Records. The stunt combined his passion for ballooning with his love of pranks. His plan was to land the craft in London's Hyde Park on April 1. Unfortunately, the wind blew him off course, and he was forced to land a day early in the wrong location.

KREMVAX

In 1984, back in the Stone Age of the internet, a message was distributed to the members of Usenet (the online messaging community that was one of the first forms the internet took) announcing that the Soviet Union was joining Usenet. This was quite a shock to many, since most assumed that cold war security concerns would have prevented such a link-up. The message purported to come from Konstantin Chernenko (from the address chernenko@kremvax.UUCP) who explained that the Soviet Union wanted to join the network in order to "have a means of having an open discussion forum with the American and European people." The message created a flood of responses. Two weeks later its true author, a European man named Piet Beertema, revealed that it was a hoax. This is believed to be the first hoax on the internet. Six years later, when Moscow really did link up to the internet, it adopted the domain name 'kremvax' in honor of the hoax.

In attendance: John and Sharon Candelo, Dee and Larry Whyman, Al Fink, Don Brink, Bill Greene, Sam Orchard, Dave England, Dick Hanna, Bill McGuire, Stan/Lee Anderson, Rick Saber, George Hise, Bill Smith, Dick Lammerding, Doug Howden, and this one.

From the group, a wish for a most pleasant holiday, to all!!

Bob Donegan

TRAVEL DESK TOLL-FREE NUMBER

This is a free service where you can talk with someone who is actually there to assist with flight schedules, load and listing information. This service is provided by RUAEA.

The toll-free number is **888-278-7038**. The number goes to the Portland travel desk, which is open for business **M-W-F from 1000-1400 Pacific Time**.

There is a distinct possibility that Seattle will also get a toll-free line next spring. The popularity and success of this line has been extraordinary and provides a good service. Feedback indicates that the electronic listing has been less than satisfactory and of course, reservations does not want to talk with you!

RUPA will be helping to support this service. We have members who are working at the travel desk. This information was supplied to us by Susie Clack who works on the desk.

Write this information down and keep it with you when you are traveling as it is very hard to change your listings when you are away from home.

MASQUERADE

A couple was invited to a swank masked Halloween Party. She got a terrible headache and told her husband to go to the party alone. He being a devoted husband protested, but she argued and said she was going to take some aspirin and go to bed, and there was no need of his good time being spoiled by her not going.

So he took his costume and away he went. The wife, after sleeping soundly for about an hour, awakened without pain and, as it was still early, she decided to go the party. Since her husband did not know what her costume was, she thought she would have some fun by watching her husband to see how he acted when she was not with him.

She joined the party and soon spotted her husband cavorting around on the dance floor, dancing with every nice chick he could, and copping a little feel here and a little kiss there. His wife sidled up to him and being a rather seductive babe herself, he left his partner high and dry and devoted his time to the new stuff that had just arrived. She let him go as far as he wished; naturally, since he was her husband.

Finally, he whispered a little proposition in her ear and she agreed, so off they went to one of the cars and made out. Just before unmasking at midnight, she slipped away, went home, put the costume away and got into bed, wondering what kind of explanation he would make for his behavior.

She was sitting up reading when he came in, and she asked what kind of a time he had. He said:

Oh, the same old thing. You know I never have a good time when you're not there.

Did you dance much?

I'll tell you, I never even danced one dance. When I got there, I met Pete, Bill Brown and some other guys, so we went into the den and played poker all evening. But you're not going to believe what happened to the guy I loaned my costume to... "

THE PHX ROADRUNNERS

The PHX Roadrunners resumed our 2nd Friday of the month luncheons on Oct. 14th at the *Best Western Inn* at SDL Airpark. To show their appreciation for our RUPA group attendance, we were given complimentary drinks in the Lounge. Followed by Buffet Lunch in the adjacent Dining Room.

Our Senior member Ralph Johnson (99 yrs.) brought a friend of his, Billy Walker, as his guest. I asked Ralph how long the two of them had been friends. Ralph said I knew him when he was a twinkle in his Mom & Dad's Eyes. It seems that Billy's parents & Ruth & Ralph are very close friends from days back in Cheyenne. Billy was the MEC at Frontier during the 1986 attempt by UAL to merge Airlines. He was with America West Training Dept. for years and is currently Chief Test Pilot on the A320 for Jet Blue. Billy will be our guest speaker at our Nov. 11th luncheon. P.J. & Ken Killmon were in charge of the Drawing. Winners : Linda Smith & Don Eiken.

Thanks again to the Killmon's for helping the Bourgeois'; we do appreciate your help very much.

ATTENDING: Fred Anderson, Bill & Lillian Bay, Frenchy & Millie Bourgeois, Mike & Dawn Carlin, Ginny Swallow Coleman, Don & Jan Eiken, (Don & Sharon Jackley, welcome to our group) Ralph Johnson, Ken & P.J. Killmon, Cory Liston, Phil & Pat McDonald, Jim & Sue Mennella, Gene Paquette,

ABOUT THE COVER

Aircraft: Boeing 720-022

On Approach to DEN (Stapleton International) against a Rocky Mountain sky. July, 1964

Photographer: David Schulman

Hi Ted,

I have no problem at all with your use of my photo. The only factor in my submission of the photos to Anet [*www.airliners.net--Ed*] was that others might enjoy viewing them even though their quality is nowhere near the standards of those photographers that submit today. Your intended use of the photo is just "icing on the cake" for me.

Respectfully,

David Schulman

Thank you, David. We are delighted to have your photograph on our cover.

Roy & Lois Scroggs, Lynn & Linda Smith, Charlie Schwob, Billy Walker, Scott Smith (Son of Lynn & Linda)

Our next Luncheon will be Friday Nov. 11th at the same place. Please make reservations by calling Millie & Frenchy at 480-948-1612 or E-mail Fbourgeois@earthlink.net The Killmon's will NOT be taking res. for the Nov. meeting. Hope to see a big group of Happy Faces; we need more smiles & less frowns.

AGREE? *Millie & Frenchy*

P.S. Frenchy never mentioned his spinal surgery coming up on the 20th but Millie would like to ask you to add him to your prayer list. I will do my best to be a good care giver & have plenty Air on Hand, Oxygen that is. *M.*

NYSKYSCRAPERS REFUSE TO BE DETERRED BY HIGH GAS PRICES!

The New York Skyscrapers held their Fall luncheon Wednesday October 19th at *Manero's Steakhouse* in Greenwich, CT, for the final time at this famous landmark. The building will be torn down and replaced by condominiums. The restaurant has been unable to find a reasonable replacement location.

Turnout was pretty good, considering the poor memories of our retirees, the cost of gasoline these days, and the drying up of our pensions.

Ken and Kari Perkins drove some 4 hours from New Hampshire to join us. And many others drove up to 2 1/2 hours. Mike Perry and Hank Lopez-Cepero collected money and sold raffles at the door, until relieved by Ted Garrity and Howie Aronson. And Ray Amato and Jan Conover helped out during the raffle.

Recently retired Doug Garrett, who was based in DCA but retired to Killingworth, CT, joined us for the first time.

Dorothy Gates, widow of retiree Bill Gates, also joined us and offered to help attract more wives and widows to attend the luncheons. The ladies' presence is very helpful in keeping the guys in line. :-))

A search committee has been established to find a replacement for *Manero's*. Mike Perry, Jim Lattimer, Hank Lopez-Cepero, Ted Garrity and Pete Sofman will scour the countryside, lunching far and wide, and we'll be deducting the costs as medical expenses, essential to our mental health.

Once again the NY Skyscrapers are contributing raffle monies (\$200) to the United Airline Retired Pilots Foundation, which helps support needy UAL retired pilots and their widows. If you can read this, you probably are ineligible to apply for benefits from the foundation... yet!

Next luncheon for the indomitable Skyscrapers will be held during the Spring of 2006, at the *Montclair Golf Club* in NJ. So start saving your money if you'd like to join us.

Our lunch-goers included:

Ray and Sharon Amato, Howie Aronson, Bud and Mary Berlinger, Jim Brady, Jan and Patty Conover, Ed and Ona DeChant, Ron and Betty Denk, Bob Duckworth, Wayne Erb, Ray Furlan, Doug Garrett, Ted Garrity, Dorothy Gates, Jack and Janet Hansen, Fred Harris, Al Heller and Judy Barteau, Jack Hill, Pete and Judy Kohlsaas, Mattie Kosonen, Hank Lopez-Cepero, Augie and Margaret Miller, Neil O'Malley, Ken and Kari Perkins, Mike Perry, Gene Peterson, Charlie and Bobbi Pocher, Dave Redfield, Bob Schaet, Pete Sofman, Chan and Mattie Stoughton, and Woody Woodworth.--*Pete*

A NEW PASTOR

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners.

At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a card and wrote: "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message: "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

RETIREE Q&A

Q. When is a retiree's bedtime?

A. Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Q. How many retirees to change a light bulb?

A. Only one, but it might take all day.

Q. What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

A. There is not enough time to get everything done.

Q. Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

A. The term comes with a 10% percent discount.

Q. Among retirees what is considered casual attire?

A. Tied shoes.

Q. Why do retirees count pennies?

A. They are the only ones who have the time.

Q. What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

A. NUTS!

Q. Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

A. They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Q. What do retirees call a long lunch?

A. Normal

Q. What is the difference between a worker retiring and a student going on summer vacation?

A. Summer ends

LANDING ANNOUNCEMENT

After landing in San Francisco on a United flight from Denver, the Flight Attendant announced: "On behalf of all our crew, we realize you have a choice of bankrupt airlines, and we thank you for choosing United."

WASHINGTON AREA EDDIE O'DONNELL OCTOBER REPORT

As announced in July, the Eddie O'Donnell Lunch was canceled and in its place we had a Dinner. The following 37 locals were in attendance at the RUPA Convention buffet or banquet: Bob & Jane Aldridge, Ray Best, Celeste Brodigan, Gary & Linda Cook, Gil & Pat Coshland, Gene & Amy Couvillion, Terry & Dayle Davies, Kevin & Peggy Dillon, Jack & Jeannie Evans, Larry & Ellen Grube, Fred & Patricia Keister, Bob Magdaleno, Dave & Betty Malone, Frank Mckenzie, Lew Meyer, Herb & Laura Petitt, Bud & Theresa Ruddy, Bernie & Bonnie Schwartzman, Sim & Helen Stidham, Billy & Sarah Wellborn, And E. K. & Betty Williams. 150 other RUPA members from around the country joined them.

We had a great time with the festivities moderated by RUPA President Rich Bouska. The United Airlines Retired Pilots Foundation was presented with a little over \$700 from the Precious Moments Raffle and the Golf Committee Auction. Ted Wilkinson, the "DEN Good Ol' Boys Lunch" coordinator, told a joke that was so bad that he blamed it on the "Eddie O'Donnell Lunch" coordinator. It was a shameless effort to escape responsibility and surely no one gave it one iota of credence.

Gentleman, we need your help in keeping the mailing list up to date. Please send to me any changes to your address, postal or email. Also remember, that if you do not keep Jerry Goebel informed of illness and death in the group, he will not be able to give the information to the phone tree in a timely manner.

Our luncheons are quarterly, the 3rd Wednesday of Jan, Apr, July and Oct, at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Virginia and we invite any of RUPA to join us. Social time begins at 1115 with lunch served at noon. Our next luncheon is Stag on **Wednesday, January 18th, 2006**. Contact Jerry Goebel 703-719-6353, or E.K. Williams 540-338-4574 (EKWJR@earthlink.net) to ensure a place at the table and a bean in the pot.

E.K. Williams, Jr., Washington Area Representative

WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter.

The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup.

Turning to her he asked, "Daughter, what do you see?" "Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied. "Look closer", he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face. "Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity, the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new. "Which are you," he asked his daughter."

When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?" In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us. Which one are you?

This story courtesy of <http://www.homeholidaysfamilyandfun.com>

Q. What is the best way to describe retirement?

A. The never ending Coffee Break.

Q. What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

A. If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Q. Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

A. He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

BARGAINING WITH GOD

One day, after a near eternity in the Garden of Eden, Adam calls out, "Lord, I have a problem."

"What's the problem, Adam?" The Lord replies.

"Lord, I know you created me and have provided for me and surrounded me with this beautiful garden and all of these wonderful animals, but I'm just not happy."

"Why is that, Adam?" comes the reply from the heavens.

"Lord, I know you created this place for me, with all this lovely food and all of the beautiful animals, but I am lonely."

"Well Adam, in that case I have the perfect solution. I shall create a 'woman' for you."

"What's a 'woman', Lord?"

"This 'woman' will be the most intelligent, sensitive, caring, and beautiful creature I have ever created. She will be so intelligent that she can figure out what you want before you want it. She will be so sensitive and caring that she will know your every mood and how to make you happy. Her beauty will rival that of the heavens and earth.

She will unquestioningly care for your every need and desire. She will be the perfect companion for you." replies the heavenly voice.

"Sounds great."

"She will be, but this is going to cost you, Adam."

"How much will this 'woman' cost me Lord?" Adam replies.

"She'll cost you a leg, an arm, an eye, an ear, and part of your nose."

DILBERT by Scott Adams



LETTERS

RAY ALVERSON—Olympia, WA

Cleve: Lots of years since "Spring Tower" Huh. Damned fine years for me, hope the same is for you. [*Yes Ray, they have been!*]

Thank you for all of the RUPA work, means a lot to all the rest of us.

Have phunn! *Ray*

JIM ANDERSEN—Denver CO

Well it's time again, 14 years now. Heart's still pumping away with 5 stints. My neighbor and I play golf about once a week. We cheat a lot. My son keeps telling me "that's not golf", but we enjoy it. He bids 60 hr lines so he has more time to work his real estate business. He has partnered up with my granddaughter Kristen, his niece. They work out of a Keller Williams brokerage office in Reston, VA. and are doing quite well.

My 11 year old granddaughter AnnaSophia Robb, who I wrote about last year, is in her 5th movie now. They are shooting down in Louisiana of all places. She was lucky, and had days off before both hurricanes. The movie is called "The Reaping" for now. Hillary Swank plays the lead. The story is kind of weird. Her last movie "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is still playing here in Denver. If you saw it, she was the girl that chewed bubble gum and blew the bubbles. She did that with Katty on the Today Show too, when they were doing promos for the movie.

Elly and I just got back from Boston and DC, visiting family mostly. Had to ride in coach. Just checked and the monthly deposit from UAL arrived on time. It's doesn't quite add up to 6 figures per year, but would be missed.

Till next time. *Jim*

BOB BERKEY—Enumclaw, WA

Having gotten behind by about two years in my dues it is time to catch up, pay up or whatever it takes to become current.

I've been keeping in touch by attending some of our RUPA luncheons here in SEA and otherwise find retirement very busy. How did I ever find time to fly? Anyway, almost nine years of fun and new surprises every day.

Will be moving from the Pacific Northwest to the PHX area within the month as our permanent residence and am looking forward to new friends, new experiences, new lifestyle and much better flying weather.

For anyone who wants to get in touch it's kich@skynetbb.com or rwberkey@earthlink.net.

Either one will work. Glad to be caught up and look forward to the copy of *RUPANEWS*.

Thanks, *Bob*

TED BOCHNIARZ—Westchester, IL

Hi Ted,

Thought I'd report on the state of our Retired Pilots Foundation. The contributions have dropped so that they don't even pay half of our commitments to the recipients. The saving grace is that the monies from prior years, under the direction of Bernie Sterner who is doing a grand job investing, will not only enable us to meet our commitments but should show a positive position at years end.

Retired nineteen years now. How things have changed in that period of time! Dolores and I are in pretty good health and have done some traveling. Kids and grandkids all live near by, so we get to do all the grandparent things like attending their sports and school activities. Oldest granddaughters will be graduating from college next year. Guess we must be getting old. Thanks for all your efforts with the RUPA news letter.

Ted

WALT BOHL—Fountain Valley, CA

Hi Cleve, Eleven years of retirement that has really been enjoyed by both of us. Wife Marnie, a UAL flight attendant for 35+ years, retired three years ago.

The only airline trip we made this last year was on Air Canada LAX to YVR. It was with space available ID95 tickets in May.

Son Howard, a 1985 570 hire UAL pilot, has been flying as captain on the B-747-400 for just about a year. Grandson, Howard, Jr., has over 7,000 hours of flying time and is currently a copilot with United Express carrier Sky West flying a 30 passenger Embraer "Brasilia" turbo-prop that cruises at 310 knots. My oldest son is with US Airways that just came out of its second chapter 11 bankruptcy and merged with America West on September 27th. The new carrier keeps the US Airways name but is run by the America West executives.

Thanks to all who put out the *RUPANEWS*. A check for \$25.00 postage is coming by snail mail, and on time for the third year in a row. *Walt*

NEIL BRETTHAUER—Marco Island, FL

Fellow Ruparians:

I have survived another year of watching the horror show that emanates from the headquarters of our once great airline.

My health remains good at the end of year five of retirement. The Medicare card is in hand. I was intrigued to find out that now that United's exposure to my health situation is greatly diminished, they actually charge me a higher premium for the "Medigap" coverage. Go figure.

Vicki continues busy as ever with consulting and volunteer work. She was recently named to the Board of Trustees at Rice University, her alma mater.

I stay busy as a professional loafer. I play some tennis, work out, and read all the good books I can. Winter is spent on Marco Island, summer in Illinois and on the boat in Racine. We took the boat on a cruise through Door County, Wisconsin and as far north as Escanaba, Michigan in early summer. Even then, the price of fuel was a real shock. It only got worse.

The *RUPANEWS* remains my favorite reading, and I cannot thank all of you enough who work so hard to make it possible, both now and in the past.

Keep the faith, at least we can look at ourselves in the mirror and see what honor looks like. *Neil*

GEORGE BUTZ—Marco Island, FL

Dear Ted, I'm sending the postage fee to Cleve. A couple of weeks late for my birthday, but it's still the right month.

I thought we would get a respite from the hurricanes after last year, but it doesn't look like it. So far we have been very lucky. Katrina was supposed to go right over us so we moved all of the outside furniture in and put down all of the shutters. When we got up in the morning it had gone a little south of us. We ended up getting about 3 inches of rain which we really needed.

Thanks once again to all of you for the great job you do in publishing the *RUPANEWS*.

George

HAL CAMPBELL—Weaverville, NC

Sent my check prior to my birthday! The computer doesn't forget or have senior moments; it just entered it automatically 10 days before in my check register! Not much happening here. Pat and I are still struggling with our health problems, she with throat spasms and back pain, and me with BPH, IBS, a worn out back, and arthritic shoulders! Son is finally going to get married next spring @ 35; trailed me by a year. Highlight of the year was visiting Washington, D.C., with he and his fiance for 4 days. Visited all the memorials + Battle of Bull Run, etc. and my highlight was the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum. I sent some of the pictures to pilot friends over the net; if anyone would like to see some send me an email @ prchfc@charter.net.

CARL CARLSEN—Lake Stevens, WA

Hi all. Bend over, you're gonna like it. I hear Dick Ferris is personally delivering the first PBGC retirement check to everyone!! He volunteered to do the job! For several years his parents used to rent our condo in Kona, until they trashed it one year and we refused to rent it to them again. Wonder if they ever got married?

Not a lot of excitement around here in the past year. Though we both have a tussle with Arthritis (no more Vioxx, or Bextra), health hasn't been too bad. Maybe we have just gotten used to living with our

problems? Only one major trip in the past year and we didn't fly. Headed East on June 5th and drove to NY (car - NOT motor home) via old highway 2 just below the Canadian border. Spent about 7 weeks at our cabin in NY. Attended Barbara's reunion in Virginia on July 30th and came directly home from there. Nice trip, but getting kinda old for that sort of "sport" any more! At least gas was \$2.00 a gallon instead of \$3.00! (except Washington state and NY who had the highest prices we hit during the trip).

Heading for Dallas in mid-December for grandson's birthdays (twins 17) and our daughter's graduation. Yup, after 27 years she went back to college and will graduate on Dec. 17th. Bought non-stop tickets, so there is little to say that would defend my advancing senility!

I still get hit with acute prostatitis every 1.5 years or so. Just getting over a bout of it now. Barbara will be finishing a major dental program in a couple of weeks (there goes the new car, is planning some minor surgery right after that, and probably a new left knee (R-2002) during the winter?

Our youngest is a 767 Capt with NWA, so you know how he feels right now! He was in the middle of selling his house and buying another, and managed to stop at the most opportune time ... his is gone and he is renting .. and plans to do so until their rough ride levels out and he knows what he can (or can't) do.

Check to Cleve and many thanks to Jim Olson for stepping up and taking the Sec/Treas. Position. Thanks too to all who work so hard getting out the news and newsletter.

Good Health and Best to all.

Carl

JIM CHILTON—Seattle, WA

Another good year has slipped by in the Great Northwest and I'm still busy with golf and volunteering at the Museum of Flight. Dr. Bonnie Dunbar is the new MOF President and CEO. She's quiet and impressive lady; has logged 5 shuttle flights and has a resume' as long as your arm. She should be a real plus for our museum.

Tessa and I investigated several assisted living places and decided they are not for us. We'll stay right here in our home with our beautiful yard and view of Puget Sound as long as we can. We find we can hire help when we need them.

Our greatest joy is seeing our children prosper and our grandchildren grow up and head off for various universities. What an exciting time for them.

Thanks to all who make the *RUPANEWS* possible and hope the coming year brings a resolution to the many problems of UAL.———*Jim*

GARRY R. CLARK—Poplar Bluff, MO

Hello everyone, It's been 18 months since my last update, no excuses though. We finally sold the farm after 2 years of trying...had 2 cash offers in one day. Go figure. Took the first offer which required us to be out in 30 days. Man, were we busy. Gave away, threw away or auctioned off a ton of stuff. Found things I didn't even know I owned. Kinda like Christmas in a way. We moved into a small ranch home on 3 acres in town (still too much grass to cut), much closer to Carol's work...10 miles vs. 40. The farm got to be too much work, it seemed like I was always on the tractor; always something to do.

We are both doing well both mentally and physically, kids are fine. Had our first grandchild in Dec 04, what a hoot! Flew out to Corona, CA to visit the proud parents over Thanksgiving. Southwest was only \$50 more than a pass on UAL so we went positive space and wore jeans. They treated us well. Haven't flown on UAL for years.

Going to Ireland again in Feb 06. We usually take AerLingus, but AA started ORD-DUB (Dublin) and the fare was cheap! Then, too, we are AAdvantage members getting close to 100k status. Will UAL ever serve Ireland? Answer...yes, after the Continental merger. My opinion on mergers - Northwest and Delta; UAL and Continental. Would still like to retire in Ireland, but will have to wait till Carol retires from the hospital. If Ireland recognized pharmacy licenses from the USA I'd throw the cats out in the woods and be on a flight tonight. Having grown up in New Mexico I really love the rain.

I have my beloved 1969 Ford Torino GT up for sale. This is the first new car I owned (with the help of the United credit union) but just don't have room for it. Still runs great.

Northwest sent a letter to my son's company saying they are not going to pay the \$481,000 they owe. My uncle was a VP at Northwest and is rolling over in his grave at their bankruptcy.

Can't think of much else to say, so be safe.

Garry & Carol

PS Col/Capt. Lloyd... Can't believe Harry Jr. is retired from the USAF. Wasn't it just yesterday that our kids were running around on bikes together?

R. A. "SPEC" DANIELS—Johnstown, PA

Dear Cleve; First, let me add my thanks to you. We appreciate all the work you've done for RUPA. The dues are late as usual so I guess on time for me.

September is a significant month for us. My birthday, got my USAF wings, married Marilou six days later, was hired by UAL, and of course retired, all in September. We had a daughter in September, our son slipped into October, and we just celebrated fifty-three years of marriage. Couldn't be any better!

We have discovered ocean cruising is great fun. We've been to Alaska but the timing was off for a Baltic cruise, which we would have liked to go on. We'll settle for seeing all who are going to Washington.

Sincerely, *Marilou & Spec*

KEN ERNST—Martinsville, NJ

Thanks to all the Folders and Stuffers. I enjoy *RUPANEWS* every month, except for the flown west section, but Sept. seems to be my favorite. Lots of good stuff and from a lot of folks I knew on the line. Especially outstanding in Sept., was the editor's note calling out of olde #1, from MIA, it's about time. Just remember, being #1 in the whole world and \$3, will get you a cup of coffee at Starbucks!!!!!!

My family is very fortunate, we're all in good health, but I'm keeping a file on all the medical info made available through this publication just in case. Good health has been aided by saw palmetto for prostate, cosamine ds and flax seed oil for knees and tennis elbow, which has permitted my tennis game to return.

Have traveled some, commuting to Colorado, one son in Breckenridge and the other at CU, Boulder. We usually get first class, but it takes a lot of time on SkyNet.

We had a huge apple set on the farm this year, and the deer are loving it. Got promoted to vice chair of the yacht club race comm., and got to oversee more than two dozen races with four different fleets this summer. Got both the old Corvette and Cobra on the road this year, amazing! !!! I see Ralph Ridge is digressing for 1960's Corvettes to 1950's, way to go Ralph.

Everyone stay well, and hang tough with all Co. problems that are flying around.

Fraternally, *Ken*

HERB GIEFER—Evergreen, CO

Hi to all you other old farts, hope you are enjoying retirement as much as I am. Retired two years now, and still have trouble fitting in my golf, skiing, grandkids, gardening, riding bike & motorcycle, plus a little fishing and traveling.

As of Oct 1, I have given up on saving the pension and have put the big house up for sale. We'll downsize in this same area. I have the same problem as all of you with UAL's greedy and incompetant leadership, but have decided just to deal with the results and not get upset. Better for the blood pressure that way.

Good job and thanks to all of you at RUPA.

Herb

LOUIS GUST—Mt. Prospect, IL

All is well in the Gust household. Twenty five years have passed since retirement. Oldest son is in the Peace Corps stationed on the Island of Madagascar.

Best regards to all, *Louis*

The Journal of the American Medical Association estimates that over 125,000 Americans die each year from side effects of FDA-approved drugs.

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TEN RULES FOR SAFER DRUG USE

Rule 1: Have "Brown Bag Sessions" With Your Primary Doctor and Fill Out A Drug Worksheet.

It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of this first and most crucial step in preventing adverse drug reactions. Whenever you go to a doctor you have not previously seen or to one with whom you have never had a brown bag session, put all prescription and over-the-counter drugs you are using, have used in the last month, or are likely to use in a bag, and bring them to the doctor so a list can be made and you can start to fill out your drug worksheet with the names of drugs you're taking, the prescribing doctors, the reasons you're taking them, dosages, possible reactions, possible interactions and other information. (A Drug Worksheet is included with WORST PILLS, BEST PILLS).

Doctors should never prescribe a drug or renew a prescription, nor should you be willing to get a new prescription, without full up-to-date knowledge of all drugs already being taken or likely to be taken. And that includes over-the-counter drugs.

Rule 2: Make Sure Drug Therapy Is Really Needed.

Ask your doctor to explain all the alternatives, and the pros and cons of each. The guiding principle is to use as few drugs as possible, in order to reduce adverse reactions and increase the odds of properly taking the ones that are really necessary.

Rule 3: If Drug Therapy Is Indicated, In Most Cases, Especially in Older Adults, It Is Safer To Start With a Dose That Is Lower Than the Usual Adult Dose.

"Start low, go slow." The lowest effective dose in any patient is always the best, because a lower dose will cause fewer adverse effects, which are almost always related to dose. In the elderly, some experts suggest starting with one-third to one-half of the usual adult dose for most drugs and watching for side effects, increasing the dose slowly and only if necessary to get the desired effect.

Rule 4; When Adding a New Drug, See If It Is Possible to Discontinue Another Drug.

If your doctor is considering the addition of a new drug, this should always be used as an opportunity to re-evaluate existing drugs and eliminate those that are not absolutely essential. The possibility of an adverse drug interaction between the new drug and one of the old ones may force dropping or changing a drug.

Rule 5; Stopping a Drug Is As Important As Starting It.

Do not take a drug any longer than is necessary.

Rule 6; Find Out If You Are Having Any Adverse Drug Reactions.

Even before you have a brown bag session with your doctor, if you develop any of the following reactions after beginning to use any drug, contact your doctor. Ask if you really need a drug in the first place and, if you do, whether a safer drug can be substituted or whether a lower dose could be used to reduce or eliminate the adverse effect.

Mental Adverse Drug Reactions: depression, hallucinations, confusion, delirium, memory loss, impaired thinking, and insomnia.

Nervous System Adverse Drug Reactions: parkinsonism, involuntary movements of the face, arms, and legs (tardive dyskinesia), dizziness on standing, falls (which can sometimes result in hip fractures), automobile accidents that result in injury because of sedation, and sexual dysfunction.

Gastrointestinal Adverse Drug Reactions: loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, bleeding, constipation, and diarrhea.

Urinary Tract Adverse Drug Reactions: difficulty urinating or loss of bladder control (incontinence).

If you or a relative or friend have any of the above problems or develop other problems arising after starting a new drug, notify your doctor or tell your friend or relative to notify his or hers.

[WORST PILLS, BEST PILLS includes adverse reactions associated with drugs you may be taking.]

Rule 7; Assume That Any New Symptom You Develop After Starting a New Drug Might Be Caused By the Drug.

If you have a new symptom, report it to your doctor.

Rule 8; Before Leaving the Doctor's Office or Pharmacy, Make Sure the Instructions for Taking the Medication are Clear to You and a Family Member or Friend.

The chance of adverse reactions is high enough that at least one other person—a spouse, child, or friend—should know about these possibilities.

Rule 9: Discard All Old Drugs Carefully.

Avoid the possibility that they might be taken inadvertently.

Rule 10; Ask Your Primary Doctor to Coordinate Your Care and Drugs.

If you see a specialist and he or she wants to start you on new medicines in addition to the ones you are on, check with your primary doctor first—usually an internist or general or family practitioner. It is equally important to use one pharmacist, if possible.

DAVE HANST—Huntington Beach, CA

September makes 27 years since I last occupied a seat in a United cockpit. I continued flying my Cessna 182, and the Citabria for a few years, then handed over the keys to my son, now a Captain with American flying the 777 LA to Tokyo.

I'm still in pretty good health, 5 ½ years since the five-way heart bypass operation at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, 1 ½ since the left knee replacement at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Hopefully I won't be visiting any medical facilities in the near future.

It has been a year since either Marian or I did any non-rev traveling on United; most of the seats are used by cheap ticket travelers.

I keep busy with the usual minor repair jobs around the house, playing with the computer, and doing some reading.

Thanks to all of the retirees who keep the *RUPANEWS* going. *Dave*

DAVID B. HOYT—Westport, CT

Hi Cleve, Six years in and still as busy as ever. Maybe even busier as my yacht delivery business has landed me a full time Captain's job. Gamefully employed on a 63 foot Vicem motoryacht. Go to Vicemyachts.com if anybody is curious what I am running as *Cap'n Dave*. Not a lot of money for what I am doing and hours spent, however, I am having fun and doing something that I love. Having been brought up on the water since 6 years old, I've turned another hobby into a job as I did in '66 with UAL.

Summers will find me in New England and winters in FL. Eight grandchildren keep Ellie and I busy visiting them and they us. Son Scott flying tankers out of NH as a back operation in Walter Reed took him out of the F-15. "No ejection seat aircraft". He's involved with a lot of the stuff that "If I told you, I'd have to kill you" type. I question no further.

Looking forward to the Treasure Coast group this winter as I run my boat down in 3 weeks and the owner's Nov. 1. That ought to have Jim Dowd starting up our monthly meetings for the season by then.

Regards to all, *Dave*

JIM HUFF—Vancouver, WA

Cleve: Hope it's O.K. that I send you this, as I understand you are finally "retiring" after the many years of fine dedication to the RUPA organization as Sec/Treas. Mahalo for your fine work!

Everything's about the same in our family, fortunately! I'm concerned, as we all are, about the final results of our pensions. Of course, if we all had six figure pensions, and were God's Greatest Gift to the aviation industry, guess we wouldn't have to worry.

Regards to all, *Jim*

RON HUFFMAN—Enumclaw, WA

Dear Ted:

We enjoy reading all the news of fellow retired pilots. Ron reaches age 67 October 2005 and we remain in good health. No major changes this year except e-mail address: barronhuff@aol.com and #10 grandchild born Nov. 2004.

We continue to travel (both by air and land), enjoy grandchildren and tend to our country home (the salmon are now spawning in the creek). Ron visits Starbucks twice daily and we finally purchased some stock in it. :)

Thanks for compiling great news journals!

Ron and Barbara

LOUIS & CARROL IANDOLI—Middletown, NJ

Louis's annual check is enclosed. He was seriously ill and unable to write. He is recovering and feeling better now that he is getting therapy.

He sends his best wishes to all. Sincerely, *Carrol*

CHUCK KETTERING—Reno, Nevada

I'm early for a first. A little January quad bypass surgery added more excitement than I needed as I approach # 75. Now I'm fighting to get my FAA physical restored; two months later they kicked it back to provide information which I sent originally. I guess we all remember that FAA!!

I am very impressed with what medical science can do. I've never felt better and looking forward to skiing the Rockies with Mac McCroskey again this year. I have about 200 hours on the Murphy Elite I built and will hopefully be adding to that soon.

Viv and I enjoy reading *RUPANEWS* every month. Many thanks to the staff, and all who keep us together during these sad times for our once great airline.....*Chuck*

CHARLES KREKORIAN—Mill Valley, CA

Cleve: Thanks for your everlasting help in maintaining the treasury balance for RUPA. Plus, thanks to all the other officers of the association. Being old fashioned makes work for a clerk/typist or whatever.

Enclosed is my payment for this year's continuation of my receiving the *RUPANEWS*.

For my 82nd birthday, the wife and I are off to India for about three weeks of looking at some of the areas of the northern part not usually covered by an overload of tourists. This should be quite an adventure after the earth quakes in that part of the world.

My pension check still came from the bank and from a government agency. Who knows what's next? Things could get worse.

Respectfully, *Chuck*

DON KYTE—Ft. Myers Beach, FL

Well, I almost made the deadline for the October newsletter. Just too busy. It seems the older we get the more time it takes to do less and less! [*Amen!*]

We had quite an adventurous trip in our newly purchased used RV from our permanent home in Florida to our summer home in North Idaho. It was fairly new with only 20,000 miles on it so we assumed all the systems were in good shape. There wasn't time to do a good check on everything before leaving as the sale of our tried and true older RV and location of this "gem" happened just before our departure date. The roof air-conditioner and slide-out were major problems but the worst was having simultaneous blow-outs on the left rear duals on a busy freeway on the Memorial Day weekend. Fortunately this happened within a few miles of our destination in Michigan for a surprise birthday party of a dear friend of ours. A cell-phone call to them quickly produced a deputy sheriff to block traffic while a mobile tire repair van changed our tires and got us to the party on time. All this help was provided by our friend's son, son-in-law, and their friend that had all grown

up with together. They had us rescued and on our way before our emergency road-service provider could even locate someone who might have been able to do the job. We couldn't have picked a better place to have a serious problem. All the permanent repairs have now been made and we THINK we are in good shape for our return trip to Florida in a few weeks.

My major project for the past year has been writing and publishing a major re-write of the booklet I wrote last year about the Alaskan flying I did with my Seabee between '88 and '98. The booklet was 42 pages and this one is greatly expanded with 168 pages and lots of pictures. It's about the size of a Readers Digest. RUPA policy doesn't allow advertising for something we are selling, but if anyone is curious they can contact me at my Florida address. Our email is all screwed up so I will have a new email address when we reach Florida.

We are planning a trip to S.E. Alaska next summer to visit bookstores for a series of book-signings. I have been encouraged with the response so far.

As the years go by I appreciate the *RUPANEWS* more and more. A big THANK YOU to all of you that are involved. (and the great letters from fellow retired birdmen, and birdwomen. I wish more of you would respond.)

Don



When you are in deep trouble, say nothing, and try to look inconspicuous.

LOW CHOLESTEROL IS DANGEROUS?!

By Dr. Bruce West

Low cholesterol, especially in older people, correlates with an increased risk of death. People suffering from diseases like AIDS, chronic fatigue, and cancer very often have very low cholesterol readings. It is now indisputable that for those people approaching old age— 75 years and older —low cholesterol is a very, very bad finding. This seems unbelievable because doctors, even at these later ages, still continue to try to lower cholesterol with drugs.

If lowered cholesterol in older ages carries a higher risk of death, doesn't it make sense that the earlier you start on drug-therapy to lower cholesterol, the higher your risk of death would be? My experience definitely shows this, but the **Honolulu Heart Program** study truly makes it clear. Published in the August 2001 issue of *The Lancet*, Vol. 358, No. 9279, this quote from the program really sums it up:

"Our data accord with previous findings of increased mortality in elderly people with low serum cholesterol, and show that long-term persistence of low cholesterol actually increases the risk of death. Thus, the earlier patients start to have lower cholesterol concentrations, the greater the risk of death."

In case you didn't catch that fully, the study findings showed the following: The information discovered about low cholesterol was the same as most all other cholesterol studies. That long-term lowered cholesterol in older people increases the risk of death from all causes. And the earlier you start to have lower cholesterol, the greater your risk of death.

If You Are Sick, Keep Your Cholesterol Up

Normal cholesterol levels run around 150 to 250, but thanks to the pharmaceutical push, doctors are trying to get cholesterol down around 80 to 130— a dangerous proposition for sure. It is at values around 100 or lower that people with serious deteriorating diseases and cancer succumb.

If you have cancer or any other serious infectious disease, you need to check your cholesterol level. If it is below 130 you are in trouble. If you are also taking statin drugs and your cholesterol is this low, ask your doctor to stop this prescription ASAP. Your life could depend upon it. The best way to tell if low cholesterol is contributing to ill health is a simple assessment of how you feel— especially how you feel while on statins vs. how you feel after 90 days off the drugs.

If you stop the drugs and feel much better, you need to get your cholesterol back up to normal. And that can be tough, especially if you are very ill. You will need to eat a traditional diet with lots of egg yolks, whole milk, butter, cod liver oil, bone broth preparations and more. Even then it could take a couple years to get your cholesterol levels back up.

Cholesterol is Essential

And remember, when sick you are under stress, and stress hormones are made from cholesterol. Also, your brain is made of large quantities of cholesterol. And you can't have healthy bones without cholesterol transformed to vitamin D in your skin by the sun. In other words, the vitamin D needed for strong bones is made from cholesterol. Indeed you can't live without plenty of good cholesterol —and the statistics of older folks and those with serious diseases now prove this indisputably.

If Your Cholesterol is Naturally Low

If your cholesterol is critically low and always has been— without drugs —this is another situation altogether. I have to imagine that low cholesterol is genetically normal for some people. But having said this, when I see a patient with cholesterol below 130, I take notice. While there may be no apparent problem or disease, the possibility of premature death is certainly real.

If this is you, make sure there isn't undiagnosed liver disease; blood tests can usually make this determination. Make sure you are not doing regular fasts, severe and repeated detoxification procedures, too many bowel cleanses, juice diets, taking too many herbs, avoiding meat and meaty broths, and living only on sprouts, grains, fruits, seeds, and vegetables. These kinds of habits combined with low cholesterol can lead to "wasting" diseases.

It is always best in these cases to start on a more traditional diet. A tablespoon of raw cod liver oil daily (Carlsberg makes the best) is in order. If cholesterol stays very low, start on nine *Livaplex* (by Standard Process) daily. Allow two years or more for complete recovery.

Physicians' Accountability

Today well-meaning physicians are forcing cholesterol levels to extreme lows by inhibiting the liver's ability to produce this much-needed substance. This may help to prevent a few heart attacks, although even this is subject to controversy. By starting people toward cholesterol levels below 130 earlier and earlier, one must ask just how many thousands of cases of cancer, other diseases, and deaths are being caused.

As doctors, we need not look much farther than our own experience with people wasting away and dying early while reducing their cholesterol. If this isn't enough evidence, we need only look at the medical literature itself to make this connection.

What is a Traditional Diet?

Special thanks to researcher and physician Tom Cowan, MD, for some of the information in this article. Dr. Cowan writes the "Doctor's Corner" articles for the Weston A. Price Foundation's wonderful journal, *Wise Traditions*. His "Low Cholesterol" article was from the Spring 2005 issue. When one needs information on traditional diets and foods, this organization has the data you need.

Just go to www.westonaprice.org for what has been deemed "alternative" by modern medicine. But in every sense of the word, articles like this, and all the information on proper diet and natural foods found at the Weston A. Price Foundation, are indeed ***traditional***.

HEALTH ALERT

September 2005

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DANGEROUS FALLS PLAGUE SENIOR DIABETICS

With the links between diabetes and disease states such as obesity Alzheimer's disease and depression so clear, it's no wonder senior diabetics -- **particularly those living in a nursing home or assisted living setting** -- are more prone to dangerous falls.

The numbers really speak for themselves: Out of 139 nursing home patients monitored for some 300 days, **78 percent** of those who suffered from diabetes fell. Conversely, only **30 percent** of residents without diabetes experienced a fall.

Why the increase in falls by diabetics? Researchers believe diabetic patients have problems with the peripheral nerves that affect sensations in their feet, thus making them far more likely to fall.

Falls are **the leading cause of accidental death** among seniors in this country (baby-boomers are starting to fear them too), but they can be avoidable.

Probably the best way to prevent falls is one of the simplest: Get moving on an exercise program today! If you need some guidance on how to get started, I recommend reviewing Paul Chek's Awesome piece on balance training for the elderly. http://www.mercola.com/2005/apr/9/balance_training.htm

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SKIP & JEANNE LA ROCQUE—Hobe Sound, FL

Skip and Jeanne LaRocque are alive and well, living in Hobe Sound, FL. Sorry I didn't write my letter last year, but we were busy with 2 ladies; "Frances" and "Jeanne" (no comments, please). Both hurricanes made landfall 5 miles NE of our house. We evacuated for "Frances", but stayed in our house for "Jeanne". We were very lucky. Our house damage was minimal. We only had to have 12 aluminum panels replaced on the porch roof.

After recovering from the hurricanes, we were scheduled to go on a Princess cruise to the Eastern Caribbean in November. Princess oversold the cruise, so we gave up our cabin for a 10 day cruise to the Panama Canal over New Year's. In December we did our annual drive north to Virginia to spend Christmas with our family. We left Virginia on the 26th and drove thru a snow and ice storm in North Carolina. To say it was exciting is an understatement; came close to losing the SUV once. We were very happy to get to the motel in one piece that night. On the 28th we were sailing out of Port Everglades on the Coral Princess. It was fun celebrating New Year's Eve at sea; always wanted to do that.

In March we drove to San Antonio, TX for my USAF cadet class 50 year reunion. The hotel was across the street from the Alamo and a stone's throw from The River Walk. It was nice to see old classmates and reminisce. Then we drove up to Wimberly, TX and visited an old friend from high school days. Then over to New Orleans to visit Tom and Sande Zander. Driving home we stopped overnight in Biloxi, MS. Jeanne hit the \$lot\$ again; came home with \$\$\$'s in her pocket.

In June we drove to Virginia for our grandson's high school graduation. The next day we drove over to Bethany Beach, DE and visited with town friends and tennis friends for a few days. We drove back to Virginia where we had a gathering of family and friends to celebrate Jeanne's mother's 100th birthday. Three of her former neighbors were there, which was a big surprise for her.

On the road again driving to Massachusetts to spend a week with my cousin at her lake house. She organized a "gathering of the clan" at a family cookout. We also got to visit with many old friends.

Drove back to Virginia where we 'vacationed' at Lake Anna for 2 weeks. Both daughters and grandkids came; commotion from morning 'til night. After our 6 week odyssey we arrived home in early August.

I'm still playing tennis 3 days a week. Father Time has finally caught up with me. I haven't missed a step yet, but my reaction time is a half second slower than it was last year. Oh well!

Health wise, we're doing OK. I had some skin cancer removed in May and my PSA is still 0.1. Jeanne had a cataract removed from her left eye in September. She is scheduled to have the right eye done in November. To all our friends; good health, good fortune, and a long life.

Tail winds, *Skip and Jeanne*

JACK LANGE—Fort Collins, CO

Dear Ted,

Sorry to be so late, but now trying to catch up with some obligations with a check for *RUPANEWS*, and brief update on where we have been hiding out. This past summer I became involved in a concerted effort to finally get my wife released from the nursing home, where she has been trapped for almost 2 yrs, and back in our home environment. Am happy to say I was able to get her home on Aug.16 and so far have been able to make it work. She is very dependent and I have had to enlist far too much help but she is still gaining and in excellent spirits. Although I am totally immersed and have been for more than three years, am still completely committed to this project and hope to be able to renew my retirement some time in the future. In the meantime a lot of things will have to take a back seat. It sure hasn't helped to have so much turmoil going on with UAL and our benefits which could have made things a lot easier.

Although I have 30 years of flying with United to look back on and so many great associates, many who have passed on by now, I am not personally acquainted with most of the many who have been serving RUPA so well, for so long. For you all, a hearty THANKS and my greetings to all the fine people I worked with who are still hanging on to their retirement. Our best to you all. *Jack*

KEN LEDWITH—Roseville, CA

Hi Ted, For once I will try to be early. Just found out that UAL has wiggled out of their pension obligations for all the retired pilots. At least I got a few years out of the plan. Time to pull the belt in a couple of notches and try not to get too negative. We are still spending our summers in Thailand which is a nice break. Still flying my Luscombe and having a good time. Kids keeping me very busy. *Ken - - I'll bet!*

PETE LYNCH—Golden, CO

Still banging my head against the wall with Netjets, and will have another shoulder surgery in October thanks to them. Just recovering from knee surgery from a huge bag falling on me in June. When the shoulder is OK again I am going to join several other RUPARIANS who have quit that lousy outfit!!

Nancy and I enjoy the *RUPANEWS* and appreciate the time you guys put into RUPA. Hoping maybe to get to Boys Night Out this season to see all the friends I made when flying out of SFO.

Thanks Again, *Pete*

P.H (WHITEY) MYERS— Bellingham, WA

Hi Cleve, I am very late (6 months) at letting RUPA know where we are and what has been going on. Cheryl and I have moved to Bellingham, WA as of this past March, full time. We have been spending approximately 6 months here for the past 8 years but decided to make it a full time thing. We are presently building a new home just north of Bellingham and living on the boat while doing this.

After reading Judge Wedoff's decision on the 27th, it is interesting to note that one of the only two reasons that he gave for terminating our pensions was the decision ALPA made against us.

In regard to the question as to whether United management had prior knowledge to the judge's decision; or on their own, decided to stop distributions on Sept. 23, the old cop in me started thinking. Somewhere in the back of my mind it seems that I had heard that Northern Trust had to have information by the 25th of the month to stop our pension payments by the 1st. The 25th of Sept. fell on a Sunday, so UAL would have had to let them know on the 23rd of the month. I received

my pension stub today for the qualified portion. It was postmarked Sept. 27th, the date of the judge's decision. Could it be that good ol' UAL management has gotten caught with its hand in the cookie jar? Usually my stub is postmarked prior to the 27th of the month. If information can be gotten from Northern Trust that my suspicions are correct, I think that UAL has a real problem. Would you please forward this thought to the proper person or persons?

Thanks for your hard work

Regards, *Whitey*

BILL NEAL—Mexico

Hola, Cleve, I hate to see you leaving this job, I don't think anyone can fill your shoes! I understand why.

Thanks for getting my address changed. The address is a mail box etc. The new phone number calling from the USA is: 01152 (376) 766-3123.

The end of April we sold everything in Mississippi. I loaded all that was left; Alice and the three dogs. We started driving south by south west. We were delayed less than 30 min. at the border. The next day we arrived at our new home; Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico, on Lake Chapala. First of May. Thirty min. drive south of the Guadalajara airport. We love it here, the best weather I have encountered in all my travels.

We have met a lot of nice people here. One UAL retired Pilot.

Anyone like to know about this area send me an e-mail: freewilliam@msn.com. If you ever get down this way let us know, give us a call.

It made me sick hearing about Mike Melin, we were class mates in new hire.

Tell your Bride hello, *Bill*

PIERRE NEY— Anacortes, WA

Annual Greetings to all,

Having been instructed not to write about conspicuous consumption by the upper echelon of the RUPA power structure, I will have to omit describing the fantastic weekend I shared with Paris Hilton, my next door neighbor on the French Riviera. Common courtesy will prohibit my describing in any gory detail the decline of my wife

Lisa's or my health. Common sense and the threat of obvious editorial red lining will eliminate sharing my feelings of George Bush and his insane thugs. Extreme sadness and mental health image blocking will exclude mentioning my feelings on United's management team, and as for ALPA, I am speechless. That leaves a fairly lightweight, hopefully non-controversial report: Just installed a new automatic primary chain tensioning device in my Harley Davidson Dyna Glide. The unit works fine. Life is good here in Anacortes. Hope you all have a good year.

Cheers, *Pierre*

JIM NOBLE—Barrington, IL

First, to Cleve. My most hearty thanks for all of the time and effort that you have expended in behalf of RUPA. We owe you much. Also, thanks to all mailers, stuffers and Ted Larusson for a job well done.

After ten and a half years of retirement Jan and I are in good health, our three children are self-supporting (thank God!) and our three grandchildren are growing up too fast.

We had a busy year with a trip to Branson, MO where we saw six shows in two days! Last November we took a Crystal Cruise from Lisbon to Ft. Lauderdale on a ship that normally holds 650 passengers and a crew of 650. With only 300 passengers aboard, the service was extraordinary. We spent the month of January in Key Largo at a condo that we rented. We enjoyed visits from friends and my brother & his wife, did a lot of sightseeing and enjoyed the wonderful seafood. In February we skied with our son in Park City, Utah where skiers over 70 ski free! The snow was good and the slopes were not crowded. April found us in a caravan of twenty Corvettes driving to Bowling Green, Kentucky for a four-day C-5 bash. There is a Corvette museum and factory with tours there. It's worth a stop if you're driving that way. In May we flew to Washington D.C. and visited every war memorial and Arlington Cemetery. The war memorials are a grim reminder of the price of freedom. Our grandson from San Diego flew in to join us for a trip to Detroit to see the Henry Ford Museum, River Rouge Assembly Plant, Ford's mansion, etc. after which he and I drove to Indianapolis to see the Indy 500 race on Memorial Day. In September we visited Springfield, Illinois

to see the new Lincoln museum, his home, law office and tomb, plus the new and old state capitol buildings plus the governor's mansion. The museum alone is worth the trip. Later we flew to New York to visit my brother and his wife in the Finger Lakes area. We had tickets to see an IRL race at the famous Watkins Glen road course. Ray had gotten garage passes so we were able to wander into all of the garages and saw the mechanics change a race engine in less than two hours! It was an impressive display of team work as four mechanics were working on it simultaneously. In October we flew to San Diego to visit our daughter and family and to see the Miramar Air Show. It was a great show and the weather was perfect. Three weeks from now we're off to New Zealand for a tour of North and South Island, then on to Sydney and the Great Barrier Reef before returning home on December 3. In between trips we keep busy with bridge, biking, tennis, walking and watching our grandchildren's sports events.

I feel good about the years that I spent at United with the greatest pilots in the world. I hope that United can pull out of the hole so that the employees don't feel the anxiety and worry that they have. We had the good years and didn't know it!!! Lastly, my thanks to Doug Wilsman who was the best council chairman (ORD and LAX) that this union ever had. Also my thanks to Doug for his work on the pension problem.

Until next year - - - keep the flat side down.....

Jan and Jim

ROBERT SCHNEIDER—Miami, OH

Cleve, Only a month late this year!

Thank you for all your hard work for us over the years and thanks to Jim Olson for taking over.

As one of UAL's few retirees living in Delta's second biggest pilot domicile, I have suddenly become the local "Expert" in matters pertaining to retired pilots and airline bankruptcy. I tell the Delta guys to contribute to their version to URBPBA which I think is called "D-3." I pointed out the neither Delta or ALPA has their best interests at heart!

As the old Latin saying goes "Don't let the "b _ _ _ _ _ ds grind you down."

Sincerely, *Bob*

CHARLIE SCHWOB—Goodyear, AZ

Hi Cleve and all of the Folders and Stuffers. Can you believe it! My dues are actually on time, although a little late in the month.

Things are finally cooling in AZ, and I'm looking forward to 9 months of delightful weather.

I had two new knees a year and a half ago and just got two new eyes, cataract. What a difference. I highly recommend it. The cataract surgery takes only 15 minutes and is not at all painful. They do each eye about a month apart to be sure everything is OK. I am back to 20/20, but have to use readers for the news paper.

Thanks to all of the "Folders and Stuffers" for your yeoman work. *Charlie*

ED SLOBODIAN—Ellensburg, WA

Dear Cleve; Sorry this is late, but not by too much! The last year has zipped by so fast we are wondering where it went. The best thing we have to report is that so far there are no major medical problems and the Doc has given me at least another clean bill of health.

Looks like the first shoe has finally dropped on the pension and the other one will probably hit us around the end of the year. No doubt we will have lots of company before this fiasco ends, with Delta and NW joining the bankruptcy ranks. Who's next???

Thanks to all of you who keep RUPA functioning. The check is in the mail.

Regards to all, *Curly*

DONALD J. SOBEY—Oro Valley, AZ

Well, much to my surprise I have completed 13 circumsolar space available trips since retirement without too much trouble. The accommodations seem to be getting a little more crowded and the food a little less tasty but all in all nothing to provoke a call for trip cancellation.

Golf is still the prime pastime along with staying active in the local Miata club. The little roadster is fun to drive and there are plenty of twisty mountain roads in Arizona to challenge the gear jammers.

Regards to all the rest of you space travelers. Hang on tight and remember to SCATTA!*

*Stay calm and try to adjust! *Don*

JOE SVENDSEN—Yorba Linda, CA

Hello to all. Have had a great year, and a couple good trips. One was a great River boat trip down the Danube. Great to see the Eastern Balkan Countries. Made it to the Black Sea and then to Bucharest. Home from there to LAX by the way of Paris.

Just came back from five days in London and to New York on the Queen Mary Two. Even got first class from JFK to LAX.

That's all for now, health is still good, so can't complain.

Thanks to all the Folders and Stuffers. **Joe**

ERNIE THOMAS—St. Helena Island, SC

Bonjour mes amis: No foreign travel this year with the angst over the future. But lots of golf, socializing, singing (barbershop), PT, and some grandchild visiting. Life is still good, except for the uncertainty. Health is excellent, only a few extra pounds.

If my present situation becomes untenable financially, I may go to Europe and live for a while, not because it is cheaper (certainly not), but because I have always wanted to do it and this may be the catalyst. Thanks to the RUPA dudes, and good luck to all.

Ernie

DON TRUNICK—Escondido, CA

Has been 21 years this October since I retired, last flight a 747 HNL/LAX. We have not flown anywhere the last 3 years, too much trouble. Did take a 15 day cruise ship SAN-Hawaiian Islands and back to SAN. Our health is good considering we are getting older. We are planning to move to a retirement home here in Escondido. After 18 years in our two story, 3400 sq ft. house on almost one

acre, it is getting to be too much work to keep up at our age. Will move to an "Independent Living Apartment or Cottage" with the option to Assisted Living, when or if needed.

Am in my 15th year at the San Diego AEROSPACE museum each Sunday to avoid weekday traffic. Recent new exhibits are the PQ-IK PREDATOR UAV. It is one of three on exhibit in the U. S. Also the APOLLO 9 Command Module. The reproduction of the GEE BEE racer is 3/4th complete. Also the Boeing P-26A.

Do not see many names that I remember in the *RUPANEWS*. Hope the UAL will come out of bankruptcy soon. Appreciate all the work of those putting out the *RUPANEWS*.

Check is in the mail to Capt. Spring. *Don*

BOB VOGTRITTER—Honolulu, HI

UAL not only continues to hold on but hopefully may exit bankruptcy in the near future. It's been a long painful experience for everyone involved. I agree with my friend Carl Jordan in faulting some RUPA members for beating up on UAL on these pages. The company and it's current employees have been involved in a long desperate struggle to survive. We have ended our careers, they are beginning theirs. On a lighter note, many earth shaking events have taken place this year not the least of which was shooting my age (76) last March 31st at the Hickam AFB golf course here in HNL. For some unexplained reason I'm playing better golf now than I have in many years. We'll see what the future holds.

Bob

JOE WILDBERGER—San Francisco, CA

Hi Ted and all: I thought for sure that I would have this in on time this year since I thought about it a number of times during September but here it is October and I'm late again. From reading other letters I take some solace in the fact that I'm not the only one who is late - I guess it goes with the aging territory.

Another year has whisked by - hardly seems possible that I've been retired for six years but that's what the calendar tells me. Got what is probably my last pension check from UAL this month.

Actually, they kept coming a lot longer than I thought they would when all this started three years ago. I give a lot of credit to all the hard working people at URPBPA for that.

A lot of travel this year. Took the QM 2 from New York to London. Sailing out of New York is worth the price of admission by itself. It's a great way to get to Europe - no jet lag and the ship is so big you never really feel like you're on the ocean. Another cruise from France up through the Baltics and then a seven day cruise to Alaska followed by a week in British Columbia and Alberta. Figured I might as well spend the money while it's still there.

Thanks to all you guys for all your hard work in keeping us all up to date. *Joe*

NORMAN E. WITT—Palos Verdes Estates, CA

My 78th was on May 2 (Letter 5 mos. late). Not only the usual procrastination, but I wanted to write, what I think will be a newsworthy letter.

My grandson, Lance Corporal Andrew Chambers, U. S. Marine Corp Reserve, was called back to active duty on June 1, 2005. He had been trained at The Army Artillery School, Ft. Sill, OK as a forward controller. Since the Marines were short of troops and no need for forward artillery controllers, he was retrained for door-to-door and hand-to-hand combat.

"Drew" has now been in the Al Anbar Province between Ramadi and Fallujah for about 6 weeks. He had been assigned to the Cleveland area military reserve unit, which has had about 50 men killed--which is more than any other unit in the U.S.



That unit is now supposed to be on their way back to Cleveland. Drew is now with a different unit. I will forward a picture of him standing guard over 6 captured terrorists, who are sitting along the highway, handcuffed and blindfolded. Their weapons are laying on the ground in front of them. The picture was sent to me by e-mail. A friend enhanced the picture and printed it on photo paper. It is now a very good quality picture. (I will mail a glossy print.) I want to explain a provision of the BUSH "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT of 2001". Most parents are unaware of SECTION 9582, which states that high schools must permit military recruiters in high schools, or the school will lose Federal Funds. A little known provision is that parents must notify the school in writing if they do not want their child solicited to join the military service.

The NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT is a misnomer. In the case of Drew, he is now 3 college years behind his high school peers. If he returns from Iraq next year, he will be 4 years behind in getting a college education. I began a college fund for all of my grandchildren when they were very young. Two of my grandsons have graduated from U. C. San Diego, my granddaughter is a sophomore at UCLA and Drew's younger brother is at Cal-State Fullerton. I am very much against recruiting children in high school when they are very naïve and believe what the recruiters tell them. I was in the Navy during WWII, became a high school teacher and later a USAF pilot during the Korean War. I earned a Doctorate in Education from UCLA in 1969. It was very difficult to do around a constantly changing flight schedule and low seniority.

During the Korean War, I accompanied the remains of a very good friend, Lieutenant Jake Friend for burial in Arlington National Cemetery and 3 days with his grieving mother and siblings in Romney, WV.

His mother clawed at the casket after it was brought into the house to get one last look at her son.

My other best friend Lieutenant John P. Shaddick III was with me in USAF Pilot Training Class 51-D and later in B-29 Combat Crew Training. John was shot down on his first mission to bomb power plants in North Korea on the Yalu River. By coincidence, one of our classmates from 51-D was

assigned to a Search and Rescue mission and dropped a radio to him. He identified himself by stating the name of the dog mascot at Reese AFB, Lubbock, TX.

Three attempts were made to pick him up, but fire from the ground then placed the rescue team at great risk and the attempt was abandoned. John was later seen in a prison camp. He was not exchanged at the Panmunjom prisoner exchange in 1954. His name was one of 450 whose names appeared in the Congressional Record of men missing in action and never accounted for. I later met with John's mother in Coral Gables, FL and she told me how badly she was treated by the State Department. She had bought an airline ticket to Seoul, Korea and was in a position to pay ransom for John's return. The State Department lifted her passport, when changing planes in Hong Kong and prevented her from going to Seoul. Now two generations later, I cannot help but wonder what the fate of Drew might be and the horrors of war haunt me every day.

Major Norman E. Witt, AF Res., Retired
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CHRIS WITTENFELD—Bonney Lake, WA

Hello RUPArians,

I retired 2 ½ years early; boy am I glad I did! It has been wonderful! November 13, 05 is my original retirement date, at least I got to enjoy full pension benefits until then. I had planned to retire number 1 on the world's number 1 airline, how times have changed. I have not been on an airplane, nor worn a watch, since I retired; sounds crazy I know, but my life has been busy and most enjoyable. For now, my body has allowed me to continue my simple pleasures, skiing; hiking, golfing, diving, fishing, sea and whitewater kayaking along with occasional volunteer work. I love the freedom of retirement, add self-motivation, an endless variety of hobbies, opportunities and goals, life is good. In the coming year as the full impact of the United Bankruptcy settles in, acceptance, flexibility and the willingness to adapt will be a key to ones happiness. I have no intention of allowing United to steal that from me too! Good luck, good health and happy retirement, *Chris*

IN MEMORIAM

DANIEL S. HENNESSY

It is with great sadness that I report the death of my friend, Capt. Dan Hennessy. Dan passed away on Oct. 4th in Danbury, Connecticut. He was born in St. Louis, a naval aviator, and spent the majority of his career at JFK. He retired there in the left seat of the 767 in August of 2000.

He is survived by Dottie, his wife of 40 years, two sons, Michael and Brian, and his granddaughters Mattie and Katie, the lights of his life. Brian is a furloughed UAL pilot and another naval aviator.

An excellent pilot, a devoted husband and father, and a meticulous craftsman - all of these things describe Dan Hennessy, but for those of us who were privileged to know him, I think the words, "a real gentleman" say it best.

You will be missed.

Jack Marsden Capt. UAL Ret

Dear Friends of Mike Melin,

For those of you who attended the Memorial, thank you so much for making the effort to be there. I know Patty, Ingrid and Stephen really appreciated your efforts. For those who could not due to other circumstances, we know your thoughts were there for Mike.

Below is a synopsis of the celebration of his life.

At 11 am, on Friday, Oct 7th, close friends and family met at the Sausalito Yacht Club and boarded three boats to scatter Mike's ashes at sea. We motored to a small cove off Angel Island in the San Francisco Bay where Mike had sailed and raced his various boats for the past thirty-plus years. Patty had asked Cort de Peyster to read a few prayers from the bible in lieu of a minister as both Mike and Cort were raised Episcopalian.

Mike's ashes were scattered by Ingrid and Stephen. Patty then placed a beautiful floral wreath on the water. This was followed by Taps played by Mike's friend, Armand, a former Marine and fellow tennis partner.

The flotilla returned to the SYC about 12:00 pm to be greeted by a Marine detail, in dress blues, consisting of a Captain, Sergeant and a Corporal. All veterans of the Iraq war.

Invited guests started to arrive about 12:30 and a flag folding ceremony followed shortly thereafter culminating with the Marine Captain presenting the folded American flag to Patty, with the statement "This flag is presented to you, Mrs. Melin, on behalf of the President of the United States for Captain Melin's service to his country". Not many dry eyes in the crowd. A hosted bar then opened and everyone mingled over appetizers and drinks.

At 1:30 pm Cort gave a brief welcoming statement and a heart felt tribute to his best friend. This was followed by Steve Mainwaring (his oldest friend) giving a 40 minute roast starting with their college years through retirement.

Approximately twelve others stepped forward to the microphone, gave tribute and told stories of their own experiences and friendships with Mike.

There were about 300 people in attendance which is apparently the largest memorial in the history of the Sausalito Yacht Club. A tribute of how much Mike meant to all of his friends.

Near the end of the speeches, the Blue Angels, practicing for the "Fleet Week" celebration on the San Francisco Bay, flew over the Yacht Club in what appeared to be a missing man formation.

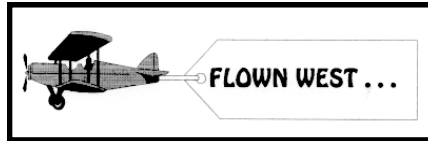
Somewhere on the East Coast, at the same time, former Marine friend and retired UAL Captain Tom Magee flew his private T-28 in the missing man formation over the "Moving Viet Nam Memorial" in honor of Mike. The T-28 was the very same plane that Mike flew in the Marine Corp pilot training program.

The Memorial started to wind down by about 6 pm as old friends joined up for dinner at the surrounding Sausalito and San Francisco restaurants. It was a picture perfect day in Sausalito and a most touching ceremony.

Mike will be missed!

Nancy de Peyster

Reno, NV



FLOWN WEST

PATRICK L. HAM	7/16/2005
JOHN F. TRIPLET	7/26/2005
BYRON S. MC FARLAND	9/24/2005
PAUL E. FIDLER	10/2005
DANIEL S. HENNESSY	10/04/2005

** Indicates Non-Member*



HIGH FLIGHT

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling 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 wind-swept 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.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr., September 3, 1941

RUPA'S SOCIAL CALENDAR

Monthly Scheduled Lunches

- 1st Wed. SFO North Bay---*Petaluma Sheraton*
2nd Mon. SW FL---*Olive Garden, Ft. Myers* - 239-417-8462
2nd Tue. San Diego Co---*San Marcos CC*- 760-723-9008
2nd Tue. Nov-Apr Treasure Coast Sunbirds---*Mariner Sands CC* - 772-286-6667
2nd Thu. Oct-Apr. SE FL Gold Coast--- *Flaming Pit* - 561-272-1860
2nd Fri. PHX Roadrunners---*Best Western En Suites Scottsdale Airport, AZ* - 480-948-1612
3rd Tue. DEN Good Ole Boys--- *11:30am American Legion Post 1* - 303-364-1565
3rd Tue. LAS High Rollers---*Memphis Barbecue* - 702-896-8821
3rd Tue. Dana Point CA--- *Wind & Sea Restaurant* - 949-496-2691
3rd Thu. LAX---(Even Mo.) *Hacienda* - 310-821-6207;
3rd Thu. LAX---(Odd Mo.) *Mimi's, Chatsworth* - 818-992-8908
3rd Thu. Ohio Northcoasters---*TJ's Wooster* (Always coed.) - 440-235-7595
3rd Thu. SEA Gooneybirds---*Airport Marriott* - 425-893-9154
3rd Thu. So. Oregon (MFR)---*Pony Express, Jacksonville* - 541-245-6896
3rd Thu. TPA Sundowners---*Boston Cooker* - 727-787-5550
Last Thu. Hawaii Ono Nenes---*Mid Pacific Country Club*

Quarterly Scheduled Lunches

- 1st Wed. Feb, May, Aug, Nov. Chicago Area--- *Itasca CC* - 630-832-3002
2nd Tue. Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct. McHenry (ORD)---*Warsaw Inn* - 815-459-5314
3rd Wed. Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct. Washington Area---*Westwood CC* - 540-338-4574
3rd Thu. Feb, Apr, Oct, Dec. NE FL---*Spruce Creek CC* - 386-760-0797

Semi-Annually Scheduled Lunches

- Call. Mar, Nov. Tucson---*Tucson Country Club*---520-797-3912

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