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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and by the time you get this it will probably be about two weeks before Christmas. It seems that when you reach retirement age the time just goes by too fast.

And speaking about how time flies, don't forget to mark your calendar for the 2007 RUPA Convention which will commence September 20<sup>th</sup> and end September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the *Seattle Marriot Airport Hotel*. The Seattle volunteers are working on the special events and tours that will be made available to the attendees. We hope to have more information available for you in the February *RUPANEWS*. Remember, we mail you the 2007 RUPA Directory in January instead of the *RUPANEWS* magazine.

I'm happy to report that the RUPA 800-787-2429 number is back in operation so feel free to use it when making changes to your file. We prefer you send them by e-mail if possible as it helps to eliminate errors on our part. In last month's message I said the deadline for sending changes for the 2007 RUPA Directory was December 10<sup>th</sup>. The printer has extended that to December 15<sup>th</sup> so if you get this before that date you can still update your personal file.

As mentioned before, Jim Olson has moved and his new information is listed below. Please send your dues checks to him.

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Happy Holidays to you all! Cheers, *Cleve*

### 2007 RUPA CONVENTION

The date has been set for the next RUPA Convention. It will be held in Seattle Washington, with registration on Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup>, and closing with the Banquet on the night of Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have selected the *Seattle Marriott Airport* hotel as our headquarters. The *Marriott* is an outstanding hotel that has recently undergone a complete renovation with frequent courtesy airport transportation. We are sure you will be pleased with the sleeping rooms and banquet facilities. The group in Seattle, headed by Dick Anderson and Robert Reid, will be arranging the tours. Certainly one of the highlight tours will be a visit to the Boeing plant. There are many interesting things to see and do while in the Seattle area; see the sights, visit with friends, and have a good time. Now set aside these dates for the 2007 RUPA Convention.

Submitted by *Rich Bouska*

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## DANA POINT RUPA LUNCH

Hi Ted

Busy time. I am sure I'm not the only one putting a lot into their calendar and still not getting it all 'done'! The result was, I almost missed the Lunch at the Harbor. Good thing I had sent out a reminder to the group (which included me)... even that reminder was almost late.

Great day at the Harbor. The visitors are gone for a while and the locals, like us, were able to find good parking and a sunny table under the blue umbrellas.

On The Deck were: Park Ames, Jim Grosswiler, Jerry Meyer, Bill Rollins, Bill Meyer, Ted Simmons, Bill Stewart, Tony Testa, Joe Udovch and Ed Kreiger.

Rick Hoefer showed up in the parking lot after the lunch. Seems he has a heavy cold and did not want to share it with our group. At any rate several of us lingered after the lunch with Rick, in the parking lot... while Park and Bill Meyer held forth with a string of jokes that kept us going for another half hour.

Good to see Tony back with us again. He seems to have got a handle on his illnesses. One of his stories related to a low wing 1936 9A Monocoup (hope I got that right). It had a 90hp engine and was a great two-seater that had full aerobatic capabilities, 9G included. It took him almost 2 years back in 1947 to get it in good shape to fly. What was wonderful then was that flying in southern CA was 'straight line' with rules and regulations were almost unknown other than land somewhere before you run out of gas. "LA south had a lot of small fields available then" Tony said. "You know that was 60 years ago".

Bill Stewart mentioned that with the changes that came from last election we may have some greater voice from the Pension reform group, including giving Miller more clout. Maybe some hope for our personal case...?

Glad to Jim Grossweiler back with us ...2 months in a row... are you becoming a regular Jim?

Next meeting Tuesday 19 December

**TED**

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## NORTH BAY RUPA NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

The North Bay RUPA group gathered for lunch on the first Wednesday of the month, November 1st, at the *Petaluma Sheraton's Tolay Room* for a pleasant few hours of: a meal, a review of the latest industry news, some good stories...and a few bad ones..and more encouraging information from our esteemed Health Chairman, George Hise. The latest URPBA update was passed around, as well as several uaua related subjects, and the group was told that one of our stalwart regulars, Jim Mansfield, was recovering slowly from his knee operation..get well soon and join us again, Jim! The welcome news that our Health Chairman produced was, recent studies seemed to point out, that test rats..some obese, and some kept trim..had few health differences if the obese rats were fed a large dose of red wine daily! Unfortunately, the amount of wine equivalent in a human would be in the neighborhood of 100 bottles a day..but they're working on it!!...more later...way to go, George!

Attending: Norm DeBack, Ted Graves, Barney Hagen, J.R.Hastings, Gardner Bride, Al Fink, Bill Greene, Bill McGuire, Dick Smith, John and Sharon Candelo, Merle and Deke Holman, Dan Bargar, Don Madson, Bob Grammer, George Hise, Woody Lockhart, David Gerig, Phil Simon, Bob and Doris Donegan.

The group sends it's Best Wishes to All for a healthy, happy, holiday season, and New Year!!

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## UNITED MAKES CHANGE TO IMPROVE INTERLINE PLEASURE TRAVEL TICKETING PROCESS

Effective Nov. 1, 2006, U.S.-based employees, retirees and their travel dependents will be able to contact Detroit Reservations to build a passenger name record (PNR) for same-day, immediate-need interline reduced-fare pleasure travel. Once created, the PNR can be presented to a ticketing representative at the airport.\*

Previously, same-day ticketing was restricted solely to an airport lobby transaction.

\* This change was made based on feedback from traveling employees, the Travel Advisory Committee and customer service staff, that obtaining same-day interline pleasure travel tickets at airports was difficult due to the complexity and time needed for the ticketing transaction in a busy airport lobby.

\* Eligible employees may obtain interline pleasure travel tickets in three ways:

- 1) by calling Detroit Reservations at 1-888-874-1581 at least two weeks prior to travel;
- 2) by visiting any United-operated airport ticket counter; or
- 3) by calling Detroit Reservations for same-day, immediate-need tickets.

\* Employees should try to arrange interline travel well in advance as interline tickets are paper and the preferred method of ticketing is by mail. If airport pickup is required, try to allow ample processing time (ideally 72 hours) as customer service representatives (CSRs) may not be immediately available to issue interline tickets during peak travel times.

\* Employees must do their flight research and have an itinerary available BEFORE requesting interline tickets.

Neither reservations sales and service representatives nor CSRs are able to assist with trip planning.

\* For employees based outside of the United States, the interline ticketing process has not changed. However, this process is always under review and any future changes will be communicated as developed.

\* For complete information on the interline ticketing process, visit "Interline Travel Benefits".

From the Travel page on SkyNet.

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## SAN DIEGO LUNCHEON

We would like to welcome Brad and Roda Green, back for the winter. Also present ,Bill Palling, Bob Harrell, Paul Whitby. We welcome one and all to join us 2nd Tues. ea. month at *San Marcus CC*.

*Bob Bowman*

### ABOUT THE COVER

AIRBUS A380 OVER THE ALPS

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## **DEEP THOUGHTS FOR THOSE WHO TAKE LIFE TOO SERIOUSLY!**

1. Save the whales, collect the whole set.
2. A day without sunshine is like...night.
3. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
4. 42.7 % of all statistics are made up on the spot.
5. 99 % of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
6. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
7. He who laughs last thinks slowest.
8. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
9. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
10. Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
11. A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory.
12. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
13. If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
14. How many of you believe in psychokinesis? Raise my hand.
15. OK...So what's the speed of dark?
16. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
17. Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
18. Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have any film.
19. How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
20. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
21. What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
22. I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.
23. Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
24. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.
25. Just remember - if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off.
26. Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
27. Life isn't like a box of chocolates...it's more like a jar of jalapeños. What you do today, might burn your butt tomorrow

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## DEN GOOD OL' BOYS

The November meeting occurred on a fantastic fall day and a good turnout eventuated. *The American Legion* does a good job for us and seems to like having us at their facility.

Happy hour was reportedly its usual rousing success, and the bell sounded at somewhere near noon. Somehow (all due to the purest chance) the humble scribe and coordinator found himself at the head of the buffet, but the cuisine held out and all were eventually served and the coordinator heard no complaints.

Following the repast, the humble scribe and coordinator related new developments in subminiature computer chips that can store and play music inside women's breasts. This is considered to be a major breakthrough because women are always complaining about men staring at their breasts and not listening to them. Discussion ensued on the ramifications of the recent court decisions that apparently went against the retired pilots interests.

The humble coordinator related discussions he had with representatives of AOL regarding interception and blocking of E-meeting notices. Basically each AOL recipient must select to receive the monthly meeting notices, otherwise they will be automatically directed into the 'spam folder'.

It was certainly good to see Dick Kobayashi and Chuck Fellows, both of whom have been hors-de-combat recently.

The 'dog ate my notes', but I believe it may have been Jim Harris who reported that Bill Meston is now a resident of *Springwood Retirement Community* in Arvada.

The meeting adjourned at a convenient interval.

Those in attendance included: Bill Hanson, Jim Harris, Russ Wright, Al Dorsey, Pete Cecchinelli, Rick Madsen, Phil Spicer, Curly Baker, George Benkendorf, Roger DeLozier, Henry Suta, Maury Mahoney, Tom Johnson, A. J. Hartzler, Mack Connelley, Ralph Wright, Edgar Riehl, Hugh Moore, Fritz Meyer, Barry Edward, Don Swift, Mike Williams, Bob Blessin, Stanley Boehm, Dick Kobayashi, Duane Searle, Sam O'Daniel, Bill Bates, Cliff Lawson, Dave Murtha, Bob Clipson, David Horwitz, Russ Ward, Chuck Fellows, Bill Fife, and the scribe and coordinator, *Ted Wilkinson*

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## THE PHOENIX ROADRUNNERS

The Phoenix Roadrunners met on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Charlie Schwob and Mike Carlin who greeted the guests, collected the money and ran the luncheon. Frenchy is still out recuperating. He and Millie hope to make the January 12<sup>th</sup> RUPA Luncheon. Present at the luncheon were Doug Baker, LeeAnn Bourgeois Blunt, Mike Carlin, Ginny Coleman, Russ Cottle and Dorothy, Don and Jan Eiken, Frank and Roxanne Grona, Don and Sharon Jackley, Ralph Johnson, Ed and Phyllis Nelson, Warren and Marge Phelps, Don Preston, Charlie Schwob, Roy and Lois Scroggs, Jerry and Marybeth Smith, Billy Walker, David Perrine, Carl Hankwitz, George Raymond and Bob and Charlie Berkey. Billy Walker talked about his test pilot job with Jet Blue. Ralph Johnson talked about his days flying mail for the U.S. Post Office and "protecting" the mail with a holstered gun. Ralph thanked the group for his \$100 birthday gift and reminded those present that they now had an incentive to live to 100 to collect their \$100. We will miss seeing everyone in December (no meeting) but look forward to the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 luncheon.

*Millie and Frenchy*

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## **GOLF**

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks

"Golf is harder than baseball. In golf, you have to play your foul balls.

If you find you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip: your life is in trouble.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

The term "mulligan" is really a contraction of the phrase "maul it again."

A "gimme" can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ... neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink.

If your best shots are the practice swing and the "gimme putt", you might wish to reconsider this game.

Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.

## **SENIOR'S DAY AT THE COURSE**



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## SOUTHWEST FLORIDA RUPA MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2006

The second meeting of the season was off to a good start with 39 members and guests turning out. A short business meeting was held which included a financial report that stated that the group was in good financial health. It was noted by Faith Osborne that you should check with your financial/tax consultant about taking charitable contributions directly from your IRA and possibly avoid being taxed on the withdrawal. Plans were then made for the December meeting.

There being no further business your host then introduced our guests; Capt. Tom Baker visiting from Chicago, Capt. Don and Judy Browning, from Sarasota, And Dot Prose along with her cousin Maryanne Lenahan from Glenview, IL. Dot Prose is Ed Prose's daughter and a retired Navy Captain and lives in Sarasota. (See Ed's letter in the November *RUPANEWS*) Happy 90th Ed!

Capt Browning was gracious enough to give an impromptu talk on his experience as an X Pan Am pilot. He missed the transition to United by one number. Then he went on to experience several different flying jobs. A true aviation mercenary.

All of us here in SW Florida RUPA would like to extend to all of you a happy and joyous holiday season and best wishes for the coming new year!

Attending were: Wallis Alves, Neil Bretthauer, Lewis & Carol Brubaker, Al Cavallaro, Gene Chapman, Will & Sara Collins, Rip Curtiss, James Druyor, Jim & Susan Goodson, Harvey Hallberg, Ray Hill, Skip Irwin, Michel Jones, Don Kincaid, Harry & Marvis Long, Al May, Faith Osborn, Ed Prose, Jim Ralph, Don Sullivan, Jim Sutton, Jack Taffe, Mamie Thompson, Dick Travas, Ellis Van Alstine, Earl Walsh, Ray & Twila Mae White, guests Tom Baker, Don & Judy Browning, Dot Prose & Maryanne Lenahan,

Finally, none other than yours truly, *Gary & Janice Crittenden.*

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## GOLD COAST NOVEMBER RUPA MEETING

The November meeting and lunch was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> to a good attendance. Next month, the meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. The MIA flight attendants have been meeting at the same restaurant that we have been meeting at for some time now, on a different day. We are going to get together with them for a joint meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. That should be a hoot. Everyone will of course be required to sign the appropriate affidavits and pledges. We will sit, boy, girl, boy, girl, boy, boy, etc. Hope everyone will make a special effort to come.

In attendance on Thursday were, Jim Carter, Terry Lewis, Sid Sigwald, Stan Blaschke, Tom Llewellyn, Walt Kimmey, Jim Morehead, Dick Bodner, Art Jackson, Jim Good, Lyn Wordell, Noel Summer, Duane Harrison, Hank Fischer, Bill Garrett, Ed Wheeler, Dan Kurt, Ned Rankin, Bob Smirnow, Warren Hepler, Ham Oldham, Dave Peat, Peter Gallant and me, *Jerry Bradley.*

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## ATTENTION

Jim Olson has a life—it is not RUPA. People are calling his home at all hours for information (ditto, our president, Cleve). Unless it is an emergency- and your inconvenience is not an emergency-

1. Send an email. Best for all the officers.
2. Call the 800 number and leave a message.
3. Send an email on a friend's computer.
4. Mail a letter.
5. Go to a cybercafé; have a cup of gourmet coffee while you send an email.
6. Yell! Real loud.

Prospective members need to fill out a membership application to send with their check. An application can be found on the RUPA website; [rupa63.org](http://rupa63.org)

Please pass this on to prospective members.

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Thank you for your cooperation, -Ed.

## GOODBYE MOM

A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around.

If he stopped, she stopped; furthermore she kept staring at him.

She finally overtook him at the checkout, and she turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease; it's just that you look so much like my late son."

He answered, "That's okay."

"I know it's silly, but if you'd call out "Good bye, Mom" as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy."

She then went through the checkout, and as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Goodbye, Mom."

The little old lady waved, and smiled back at him

Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his Groceries.

"That comes to \$121.85," said the clerk.

"How come so much ...I only bought 5 items..."

The clerk replied, "Yeah, but your Mother said you'd be paying for her things, too."

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## THE SEATTLE GOONEY BIRDS

The Seattle Gooney Birds met for lunch and hanger flying at the *Airport Marriott* on Thursday 10/19/06. Brent called to say he was laying carpet and couldn't make it. (There is a joke in there somewhere) Marc Gilkey came to collect his birthday presents from last month, but he was too late. We welcomed Larry Rose, recently retired, to our group and it was nice to see Clyde Strauss again. We discussed briefly the state of our pension litigation and solicited a few other jokes from the group before we adjourned until next month. In attendance: Marc Gilkey, Herb Breivick, Jeff Roberts, Clyde Strauss, Russ Stephens, Dean Turner, Bob Wulff, Al Haynes, Chuck Westphall, Larry Rose, Herb Marks, Jack Brown, Eric Malm, John Turbeville, Dave Carver, Howard Holder, Alex Dunn, Neil Johnson, Ray Dapp, George Nicolai, Don Anderson, *Bill Brett*

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## THE SEATTLE GOONEY BIRDS

The Seattle Gooney Birds assembled for lunch and camaraderie on Thursday, November 16. A welcome addition to our group was Laurie Anderson and Margeret Reid. The RUPA convention to be held next year was discussed and volunteers to help out were solicited by Dick Anderson. Bob Reid announced the passing of Ray Alverson's son who was a victim of a house fire. We were all saddened by the news. After much hanger flying and a couple of jokes, we adjourned until next month. In Attendance: Verl Roth, Al Teel, Dean Turner, Herb Breivick, John Turbeville, Dick and Laurie Anderson, Fred Sindlinger, Chuck Westphal, Dan Jessup, Gerry Pryde, Howard Holder, Dave Gardner, Bob and Margie Reid, Dave Carver, Herb Marks, Jack Brown, Don Anderson, Tom Smith, Chuck Podhaskey, *Bill Brett*.

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## TREASURE COAST SUNBIRDS

There were 16 at *Mariner Sands CC* today for another fine buffet. We had one newcomer, John Pinter of the CLE Crazies and two who joined us last year, Bob Langevin and Joe Hagan. The old timers here were Pete Granata, Skip Larocque, Bob Schaet, Andy Lambert, Clay Grant, Ted Osinski, Jack Boisseau, Dave Hoyt, Del Gartner, Paul Andes, Dave Arey, Don Jefferson and me. The next lunch will be on Dec.12th @1130. As of now, the only co-ed gathering for the season is planned for Feb.13th. Anyone reading this, and is interested in joining us, can email [jpinter@foldedwings.org](mailto:jpinter@foldedwings.org) with their personal info to get on our roster. If you plan to attend next month, please call Bob Langevin @ 772-219-0905 or email [boblntla@aol.com](mailto:boblntla@aol.com). For those who might come to MSCC, a few Regulations; 1. Collared shirt is required 2. No smoking in clubhouse (does anyone still do that??) and 3. No cell phone use in clubhouse. The newer guys expressed interest in more co-eds and a possible golf outing. Skip l briefed us on UAL Health Insurance options & the consensus was we should probably keep the coverage we have (?? Depending??).

Call JP, BL or me, *Jim Dowd* if you'd like to join us

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## A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

61 of us attended yesterday's NY Skyscrapers' semi-annual luncheon, held at *Hostaria Mazzei*, in Portchester, NY.

Lively conversations made for a boisterously good time before lunch was served. Then, raffle drawings were held to stave off our hunger pains, as the food slowly emerged. And raffle prizes were distributed, as the lunch-goers continued their animated conversations. The space could have been larger and the noise absorption could have been better, but these limitations didn't deter our New Yorkers from showing how much they enjoyed getting together once again.

Special thanks to those who traveled great distances to attend:

Bob Fiedler from Florida, Jim Handshaw from central Pennsylvania, Pete Kohlsaat from Rhode Island, Koop Koopman from Colorado, Ken and Kari Perkins from New Hampshire, Gene Peterson from Cape Cod, and John Rains from Vermont. Ken is preparing to celebrate his 77th birthday this week.

We welcomed first-timers Vince Ciriello, Bob Fiedler, Koop Koopman, Joan McIntosh, Susan Mitchell (Al's daughter) and John Rains.

And continuing perfect or near-perfect luncheon attendance records were Ray and Sharon Amato, Howie Aronson, Bud Berlingeri, Jan and Patti Conover, Ron Denk, Jack and Glinda Hill, and Hank Lopez-Cepero. Jack and Glinda will be moving soon to Washington, North Carolina.

Our widows contingent continues to grow, as Winnie Balboni, Dorothy Gates, and Joan McIntosh joined us. Winnie contributed an aged bottle of whiskey for a raffle prize.

Ed DeChant announced his offer to contribute a new website for our use, to be available soon:

[www.NYSkyscrapers.org](http://www.NYSkyscrapers.org) Its focus will be on photos, announcements, and issues specific to our local group and discussions, with an effort to avoid duplicating what's available at the other RUPA and retired United pilots' websites.

Mike Severson was busy taking photos, and getting a get-well card signed for Bob Falco, whose double-knee surgery will require long and difficult physical therapy. Mike writes:

"... Bob is doing well after a double knee replacement. I talked with him after our luncheon and he's in great form. The GOLD STANDARD for the knee is 100-115 degrees of motion (normal max is 135 -for young adults -not us retirees) He got 110 & 105 respectively in yesterdays' session, so the operation was a great success. Now he has a painful, tough and lengthy rehab/recovery period to successfully heal. He'll be in formal rehabilitation in the hospital through next Friday Nov. 3 - then about 4 months more at home.

"Cards to: Peconic Bay Medical Center, SNF/ room 3128, PO Box - 9009, Riverhead, NY 11901"

And once again, the generosity of our group has led to a large contribution (\$400) to the United Airlines Retired Pilots Foundation, which assists older retired pilots' families who are finding it difficult to survive on little or no retirement monies.

Special thanks to the guys who manned the sign-in desk: Ken Ernst and Bob Lawson, Gene Peterson and Bob Fiedler, and Bob Scott and Hank Lopez-Cepero.

Our 61 attendees:

Ray and Sharon Amato, Howie Aronson, Winnie Balboni, Bud Berlingeri, Ray and Pat Bernosky, Jim and Betty Brady, Chuck Brown, Bob Burns, Vince Ciriello, Jim Colligan, Jan and Patti Conover, Ed DeChant, Ron Denk, Bob Duckworth, Wayne Erb, Wes Erbe, Ken Ernst, Bob Fiedler, Ray Foreback, Ray Furlan, Larry Gardner, Dorothy Gates, Jim Handshaw, Jack Hansen, Fred Harris, Dave and Paulette Heilbrun, Jack and Glinda Hill, Pete Kohlsaat, Koop Koopmann, Matti Kosonen, Jim Lattimer, Bob Lawson, Hank Lopez-Cepero, Joan McIntosh, Augie and Margaret Miller, Al Mitchell and daughter Susan, Gerry Nindorf, Mike Perry, Ken and Kari Perkins, Gene Peterson, Charley and Bobbi Pocher, Tom Purrington, John Rains, Dave Redfield, Bob Scott, Mike Severson, Peter Sofman, Chan and Mattie Stoughton, George Williams, and Woody Woodworth.

Unable to attend, but sending regards:

Bob Beavis, Ed Borkoski, Bob Carey, Roger Crawford, Vince Daly (recovering from a bad infection), Skip and Billie Fairman, Bob Falco (knee replacements), Joe Guccione, Al Heller, Carol Hanley Hooey, Joe Holub, Doug Horne, Dave Hoyt, Bob Hughes, Ron Jersey, Jody Kraly, Dorothy and Marie Lippincott, Harry and Jane Lloyd, Walt McNamara, Chuck Melbourne, Denny Morell, Rip Munger, Ned and Rae Rankin, Laurie Reeves, Bill Rossiter, Irv Soble, Bob Spielman, Ron Tsolis, Al Venskus and Joe Vitelli (broken arm and torn rotator cuff).

Next luncheon will be held at the *Montclair Golf Club*, NJ, in June 2007. See you all then.

*Pete Sofman*

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## THANKSGIVING DIVORCE

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; 45 years of misery is enough. "Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this,"

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "They're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

Pickles/Brian Crane



# LETTERS

**MYRWIN H. "ANDY" ANDERSON**—Wailea, HI

James,

Sorry I'm so late with my renewal check. I had hip replacement operation and I thought my wife sent it in for me. (Yea, yea, blame the wife).

Didn't do much this year. Not entirely due to my hip, which is healing nicely. My Grandsons did though. One went to Spain and France and the other went fishing in Alaska. (Caught a 90 pound halibut).

Will be more diligent in the future with the renewal.

*Andy*

**VERN BALDESHWILER**—Cheyenne, WY

Greetings from high, wide, wonderful Wyoming. Did I forget windy?

We are three inches short of our average of thirteen inches of precipitation, so I have been busy caring for all my trees and shrubs during the drought.

Paula and I have been sticking to travel in the good old U.S. Enjoyed a week in Maui last winter, and found it is getting pretty crowded also. In spring we went to Washington, D.C. to visit the WW II Memorial and the new Udvar-Hazy Center of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum at Dulles airport. I was too young to serve in WW II but I got fairly choked up at the memorial remembering what the "greatest generation" sacrificed for our country.

The new Air and Space Museum is a must see. It is beyond description. I was delighted to find my name in two places in the Wall of Honor, one as a captain on the RUPA panel, and as Air Force general on another.

We took a motor trip around Wyoming including a visit to Yellowstone National Park (was fifty years since our last visit) and the Buffalo Bill Museum at

Cody which has gotten quite large and is definitely worth several days to see. Then in October we went again to D.C. for the dedication of the Air Force Memorial with 32,000 other proud Americans.

Great to see United getting back on its feet, and certainly hope it can continue.

Thanks again to all who work to get out the *RUPNEWS*.

*Vern*

**RAYMOND BERNOSKY**—Flemington, NJ

The year 2006 has much to be desired! The day after celebrating our 49th anniversary the snow storm gave Pat and I a bad break. The car went latterly and we managed to destroy our auto and the Chrysler that got in our way. Little damage to the four occupants because of seat belts. USAA insurance did well by us.

Gave up my pharmacists license(s) and now rely upon my two daughters, (also pill pushers) to keep me abreast of the drug world.

In mid-July had an annual physical and my normally low PSA jumped from the mid 3's to 4.8. The urologist said my digital exam was normal but we did a biopsy just in case. The pathology report was positive and I elected radical surgery to give myself the best chance of long term survival. It has been three months in another week and still no control of my bladder. The surgeon said to be patient and with time all will improve. Trouble with his comments are: 'He is not wetting his pants'. I'm a big boy now and have my very own pull up pants and I am hopeful.

The point of letting everyone know is to caution that my PSA was in the low to mid threes for the past 20 plus years. I caught the spike in my blood chemistry to 4.8, not very alarming, but I did have cancer. Post operative the lymph nodes are clear and I am clear of Cancer by most standards. Keep records of your test results and watch for the unexplained rise in the values obtained earlier.

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Will celebrate our 50th in February, some trips planned and much time spent at our lake retreat. Wishing all the best of good health and happiness 'til next year.

Respectfully, Ray and Pat Bernosky

*Raymond Bernosky*

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**MONTY BLATT**—Sycamore, IL

Greetings,

This year has been good to us. We have the usual aches and pains but no disaster like last year. Joane and I did a little traveling to see my daughters in Albuquerque, NM. All is well with them. I can't believe how fast my two granddaughters are growing...especially since I don't feel (or look ?) any older. Took a short weekend visit to Conover, WI to visit with Nancy (Joane's cousin) and Jerry Urban. Had a good time swapping UAL stories and getting a family update. Less than a month ago we spent a week in St. Croix, V.I. visiting with good friends. The weather was great...hot and humid, just the way I like it. For you golfers, they have 2 or 3 golf courses that are absolutely beautiful. With the ocean trade winds blowing, you couldn't ask for any better playing conditions.

I have learned something that I want to pass on to the RUPA readers. I've had a hearing problem for many years that got worse the last 5 years with UAL. I dreaded having to get hearing aids until my wife threatened me with the loss of food and maybe sex if I didn't do something. :-))

I spent about 10 days with five different hearing specialists, interviewing them and their products. I have found a gentleman that I can recommend without reservation. Erik Lindberg is not only an excellent audiologist, but also a biomedical engineer. He worked for Beltone for many years designing and supervising the manufacture of their hearing aids, especially their latest design. He has an office in Elgin (75 Market St.) and a new location in Crystal Lake on Rt.14 (181 N. Virginia St.) Try him. I think you will like the experience and so will your loved ones.

What made this experience all the more pleasant is that BCBS picked up most of the tab. I was not

aware of this until I called and checked with them. I ran my bill through Medicare, but it was denied. They will not automatically send your bill to BCBS. You must do that yourself. It will take about 4 to 5 weeks to process the claim.

I can't believe how much better I can hear and my wife loves me for it and I have gained a few pounds. :-)) As the saying goes, the check is in the mail for another year of good reading.

*Monty & Joane Blatt*

**RICHARD C. BOUSKA**—Livermore, CA

Hi Ted, Cleve, and Jim Olson,

Thanks guys for keeping this organization rolling along so smoothly. This is my birth-month and time for an update. The years just keep flying by, 11 since I retired, and this one has been busier than ever. Just after the Washington DC Convention, I started working with Ron Jersey on the 2007 Convention to be held in Seattle. It could be our best Convention ever.

During the last part of March and first part of April, Georgia and I took a tour of northern Italy with some friends from the days when we were in SAC flying B-47's. We went with a company called Grand European Travel, great company, and in 16 days visited Milan, Verona, Cortina and the Dolomites, Venice, Tuscany, Florence, and Rome with lots of interesting stops in between.

In October things really got busy. We bought a cabin near Donner Summit with my daughter and her husband, went to Minneapolis for the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion of the 310<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing, (B-47's) came back home and a week later went on the RUPA Cruise to the Caribbean. We had a great time with 32 other RUPA members. If you haven't attended a RUPA cruise, you are missing out on a fantastic time. There is nothing like traveling with a bunch of your friends and sharing quality time together. Ron Jersey reserved rooms for us at a hotel near the JFK airport with transportation to the ship. Upon our return, the bus was there to take us back to the airport, a smooth and seamless transition back to reality, thanks Ron.

It is already time to start planning the next RUPA cruise. If you have any suggestions on cruise



destinations, let Ron Jersey know, (ronaldjersey@aol.com). Ron is working closely with our cruise agent, Jerry Poulin to set up the next one. Popular cruises fill up fast. As soon as the cruise company releases the dates and destinations for the 2008 season, Jerry has to block the number of cabins he thinks we will fill. For instance, I was looking to take a cruise-tour of Alaska in June of 2007; all the cabins are already booked! Ron will need to know your desires for the next cruise destination so he and Jerry can go to work for us. I hope to see you on the next cruise where ever it goes, I'm hooked. I am sending a picture of all of us on the Caribbean cruise taken during our first get together welcome party. I hope Ted can find room to publish it.

That's it for this year. I hope to see you at the Convention in Seattle next September and the next cruise where-ever it is in 2008.

*Rich* SFO 66-95

**GLENN DE FORGE**—The Villages, FL

Greetings Ted, I've just about completed my first year probationary period as a retiree and it looks like Sue may allow me to stay in status for the foreseeable future.

In September, we moved to The Villages, FL., and still can't get over having sunshine just about every day. As newly professed snowbirds, however, we'll keep our little townhouse on Lake Champlain in New York's North Country for summer living. Snow-free at last, snow-free at last, etc.

Sure appreciate the *RUPANEWS* for keeping us in the loop. Many thanks to all you volunteers.

Regards,

*Glenn* DCA ORD IAD '79-05

**ROD FARLEY**—Longview, WA

Greetings Ted, Here it is that time of year again and I'm only two weeks late with this renewal. The check is in the mail to Jim Olson.

We have had a great year here in the Northwest and





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are now busily getting ready for our RV trip to Mexico for the winter. We stay at an RV park in the town of La Penita de Jaltemba (about an hour north of Puerto Vallarta). Mostly Canadians down there so it is reminiscent of New Hire School where about half of my class were "Ice backs". A great group of people!

Hope that all the guys and gals are doing well and not having too much pain from the United debacle. Thanks to you and all the stuffers and stampers, your efforts are greatly appreciated. *Rod*

**CHUCK FELLOWS**—Denver, CO

Gentlemen: Thank all of you for your time and effort. Our Newsletter is very well done, and much appreciated! 2006 was cruising along nicely until late July, when I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Mantle Cell Lymphoma.

I have had two chemotherapy treatments with four more to come; one every three weeks. In Jan. 07 they will take some stem cells from my blood, and then give me a "high dosage" chemo treatment, following which, they put the stem cells back into my blood. This is all supposed to kill the cancer cells, and leave me alive- barely.

When I have survived all of this, I will join the ever growing ranks of RUPA cancer survivors.

My wife, Sandy, had a spinal laminectomy in 2005 (very delicate spinal surgery) to relieve pain in her back and leg. Didn't work! Now we discover that her right hip is "shot", and she is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Oct. 30. Sure hope that this makes her mobile, and pain free. Your good thoughts, and prayers are very welcome!

2006 hasn't been all bad. I enjoyed the ski season very much. Skied with Ron Schafer, John Alien, Dick and Carol Bennett, and Jay Fellos Frisch to name a few.

I also stumbled into a group of mostly older people that play doubles tennis three times a week. Three of these men are WWII vets. One, Bernie, was shot during the "Battle of the Bulge". Another, Harvey, had his B-24 shot to pieces on a Ploesti raid.

He flew it on one engine down to Yugoslavia, where he survived the bailout, and spent three months fighting Guerilla warfare with some of Tito's partisans. He was finally "rescued" by the Russian Army. I'd say that I am in haloed company. Wouldn't you?

I tell you, this experience causes me to offer a prayer of thanks every morning when I wake up- just for waking up.

My best to all of you, *Chuck Fellows*

**JUDGE FRAZIER**—LaMoille, NV

Hi Ted, My check is in the mail to Jim and only we bit late but I have an excuse (don't we all?). The entire month of October, including my seventieth birthday, was spent on jury duty in far away Reno - that's over 300 miles from my house. It was a Federal criminal case involving multiple counts of medical benefit fraud by a doctor. By the time it ended I had learned more about otolaryngology and sinus surgery than I ever wanted to know. We looked at medical and surgical records, anesthesia records, insurance claims, hundreds of CT images, and pathologist's slides. Truly an education and quite interesting too.

Ten years of retirement have gone fast. Barbara and I live happily with our nineteen dogs and other assorted critters that try moving in. The latest was a pack rat that took up residence in the garage. They're harmless critters but the dogs went nuts so I trapped him for relocation. Barb stays busy working with her animal rescue group. That's why we seem to collect so many dogs but we've both had a life long fondness for them and, living in the country with lots of room, we manage to make do. I'm still busy with Masonry and on my fifth year as a member of the Board of Governors of a Shriners Hospital for Children.

Hunting was another bust this year since I didn't draw any big game tags but I did manage a fly fishing trip to Sun Valley. My son-in-law owns a Cessna XL biz-jet. He's not a pilot so he has a full time crew that fly him around the several development projects his company has. He and my daughter flew into Elko, picked me up, and off we went to their place in Sun Valley for three days of fishing. It was also a great chance to see my grandkids. We fished, ate too much at night, and played with the little ones. Back on his jet for the return to Elko before they headed home to Phoenix. Life's tough all over. No, I didn't fly the XL for fear of embarrassing myself.

The wild fires burned a million acres in our county but once again none of our land was touched. Some rancher friends were devastated with the loss of grazing land and some livestock. Even with reseeded it will take at least three years to recover the range that burned. The loss of wildlife habitat will have a much longer impact.

Many thanks to you loyal workers that keep the RUPA Journal coming - it is deeply appreciated.

*Judge*

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## JOSEPH NEWMAN'S ENERGY MACHINE

The Bob Livingston Letter---October 2006

### WHAT I SAW & WHAT I THINK

- Infinite source of FREE power!
- Is it possible? Yes
- Is the technology real? Yes
- Is the technology in existence? Yes
- Is it perfected? It appears to be perfected or near perfection.
- Did I see it? Yes, on September 1, 2006 in Mobile, Alabama.

Can you see it? Yes. Go on the net: [www.josephnewman.com](http://www.josephnewman.com) and see a live demonstration of the technology and an explanation of the source of infinite FREE power by Joseph Newman, with updates.

When did this vision by Joseph Newman happen? 1965.

Why did it take this long (September 2006)? (1) Trial and error with the technology and (2) many years of working to get a patent from the U.S. patent office.

Guess who the power brokers are who kept the patent from being issued. Answer: the people who sell you energy and their political partner the U.S. Government. We live in an entrenched "fear and greed" system perpetuated by "unseen authority."

Can the Newman Energy Machine break the monopoly power that rules the earth and keeps the public suppressed with psychological terrorism and economic suppression? Yes.

What machine did I see? A prototype that performed — issuing thousands of times output over input triggered by a battery system that the energy machine ITSELF recharges — no external power of any kind. Its source of energy is the magnetic field. This machine runs cool. There is no cooling system, unlike internal combustion engines.

Is there anything that appears to be unknown about this magnetic field source of infinite FREE power? I don't know, but enough is known to make the engine work.

Is this the first of its kind in history? As far as I know.

Why is the Joseph Newman—Energy Machine not in production? 180 patents are applied for, all over the world. None have been issued in the US. Guess why? Seven patents have been issued on his original patent in foreign countries.

There has been much trial and error in getting financing. Why? "Fear and greed."

Can the energy machine go into production without a patent? It legally can, with "Patent Applied For."

What is Joseph Newman's philosophy? He says he wants the people to have FREE energy — everybody. This is squarely against the establishment of political and economic, monopoly. Readers of *The Bob Livingston Letter* know this.

Will production of this energy machine happen? Only with Divine intervention.

Has Divine intervention happened so far? Yes, because FREE energy has been discovered and the inventor of the energy machine is still alive.

Is Joseph Newman afraid? He is fearless!

Is it possible now to go into mass production so you can have FREE energy? Yes. How? I am told that there are substantial offers to invest in manufacturing without strings.

Here is the principle — when enough people become aware of the Newman Energy Machine, it will happen. The force of public sentiment cannot be ultimately held back, regardless of the most powerful energy monopoly in the world. It will be a tsunami force for good, clean, FREE energy — the first ever. It can be done with faith!

View this technology at [www.josephnewman.com](http://www.josephnewman.com). They promise regular updates.

If you have questions about this, or about your personal contact with Newman Energy in the past; contact Joe Nolfie at 205-835-9022 or email — [joenolfie@yahoo.com](mailto:joenolfie@yahoo.com).

This is clean energy with zero pollution!

*This sure looks real, but what do you think? If we assume "Global Warming" as valid, this would be the answer.—Ed. P.S. I was also a fan of Star Trek!*

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**BILL GARRETT**—Coral Springs, FL

When my academy classmate called to tell me he had traded his home in Albuquerque for one in Beijing for the summer and asked if I wanted to join him, I had only one question, “How much will it cost me?” When he answered “Nothing”, my summer was set.

We flew standby first class Chicago to Beijing. It was almost like the old days. The stews were senior to me.

Beijing is gearing up for the 2008 Olympics and the pace of construction is awesome. One fourth of the construction cranes in the world are in use in Beijing. The residents of Beijing have a proclivity for spitting in the street. The government is trying to get them to stop so they don't look bad to the tourists. It's more likely to become an Olympic event. The wall was impressive, the vendors intimidating. In 21 days we only saw blue sky twice.

We were lucky to get on the new train to Tibet. We rode 48 hours over 16,000 feet high mountain passes and across the permafrost. We saw fox, deer, marmots, hawks, eagles and huge herds of sheep, goats and yak.

The Tibetans are very endearing. Unfortunately, their devotion has prevented any progress for a thousand years. They prostrate themselves before their Buddhas, spin their prayer wheels and wear their WWBD bracelets. It was sad to visit the “monument to the peaceful liberation of the Tibetan people”. Yak butter tea and “chang” (liquor) are acquired tastes that may take me more than one lifetime to acquire.

The Yangtze River trip is obligatory and the dam is impressive. It displaces 2 million people and their farms.

Shanghai is an interesting blend of the old and the new and beautiful at night.

Traffic is a nightmare. I would be very frustrated if I spent the effort and paint to put the lines on the roads that are universally ignored.

The food is an adventure and even in the big cities if you order “Chinese food”, the waitress will just stand there and stare at you quizzically.

We really enjoyed China but we especially enjoyed sinking into the first class leather for the polar all-night (total daylight) flight back to Chicago.

I wish everyone could enjoy mandatory retirement as much as we do.

*Bill & Francie*

**CARROL IANDOLI (Mrs. Louis)**—Middletown, NJ

Dear Capt. Olson,

Enclosed is a check for *RUPANEWS* it is always enjoyed.

My son and I recently visited the Wall of Honor—all our family is proud of Lou's career with United Airlines. Sadly he didn't have an opportunity to see the engraved names of many of his friends and co-workers who are honored in the same way.

Sincerely,

*Carrol Iandoli*

**AL JOHNSTON**—Keowee Key, SC

Hi Ted, Yesterday birthday, # 82 already. Things still quiet in here in Keowee Key, S.C. I need to live another 10 years or so to shoot my age. Still no health problems. Did have cataract surgery on my right eye a couple weeks ago, & it turned out very well, can read 20/20 uncorrected with it now. Plan to have it done on my good (left) eye in a few months & the Dr. says I can throw away my glasses then. Always look forward to receiving the newsletter every month, keep them coming. Plan on wintering again in Hawaii for 3 months, 1st of the year.

Famous last words (The check's in the mail) today to Jim. Happy holidays everyone.

*Al Johnston*

**JIM MC GREGOR**—Walnut Creek, CA

This month marks my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my retirement – OH BOY!

Check in the mail to James Olson.

I could not help but notice that I have a different memory about the DC3 antennas than described by

Ed Prose in the Nov. News. The way I remember it, the United DC3s never had a rotatable loop but were equipped with both a fixed loop and an ADF as shown in the enclosed Photo.



Regards to all, *Jim* (1942-1981 - mostly SFO, DC3-B747)

**DICK MCKAY**—Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
Hello all,

Well it is the birthday of Medicare and senior discounts .... Just wish UAL didn't discount my paycheck as well. We are still traveling a lot. We go to Vegas, Maui, Seaside Oregon, New York, and occasionally get to Europe and Eastern Europe in the form of Romania as well. It is for fun, not to check how empty the planes are, that is for sure.

I am still working on the red Beech Staggerwing I bought from Bert Jensen (yes... That Bert Jensen, who turned 90 this September). It is a work in progress, with probably another year to go. The fuselage is at the Torrance airport, and the flying surfaces are at the Chino airport getting acquainted with new spruce and fabric. After that will come necessary panel additions and some paint. Sure glad I still have something to spend my money on!

Between the RUPA lunches, QB meetings, and another great outfit, The Red Barons, I still see a lot of the guys that I graduated with from LAX... It's great fun!

Cheers,

*Dick McKay*

**JOHN MILES**—Ophelia, WA

Life is still good here in Virginia on the Chesapeake Bay. Fishing, boating and crabbing with time left over for golf. Health is good since prostate cancer removed and worn out knees replaced. Pension remains unchanged because I was never one of the "Fat Cats", so lifestyle remains as before.

My very best to all my old flying buddies and my thanks to all who put out the *RUPANEWS*.

*John*

**PAUL A. MILLER**—Mechanicsburg, PA

Here I am on Veterans' Day. I flew right by my birthday in October. My daughters Paula and Susan had me out for a good birthday dinner. For me, it is most fortunate to have two daughters living so close to me in PA, especially when both were born in VA and went through VA schools and colleges.

Veterans' Day means a lot to me. I have stayed in touch with the B-29 crew for over 61 years. Five of the 11 crewmembers are deceased, the most recent death this last April. The oldest crewmember died in 2004. He had two sons, Pat and Mike. I was proud to have PAT & MIKE painted on the side of our aircraft number Z-56 of the 500<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group on Saipan.

I still drive locally and carefully. During 2006 two real nice events happened to me when retired pilot friends from the Washington, D.C. and Virginia area came to visit me two different times. Their visits were a great pleasure that I will cherish forever. Names of Bud Ruddy, Ed Miller, Herb Pettitt, Jack Evans, and E.K. Williams. Thanks so much for the visits. Thanks also for all the work that goes into the printing of the *RUPANEWS*.

*Paul*

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P.S. My check has been sent to Jim.

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## SHOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE

By Dr. David Williams

There's no stronger reminder of how rapidly you're aging than watching how quickly your children grow up. Our youngest son will soon be turning three, and even though he matures a little more each day he will always be one of our "babies." As parents we always feel the need to protect our babies. This sense particularly hits home every time I strap him into his car seat and wonder if I've done everything possible to protect him. Results of a new study have eased the stress somewhat by confirming that the middle back seat is the safest seat in the car.

University of Buffalo researchers studied all car crashes involving a fatality in the US between 2000 and 2003 in which there was an occupant in the rear middle seat. They discovered that the occupants in the back seat are 56 percent to 86 percent safer than the passengers in the front seat. And, the person in the middle back seat is 25 percent safer than the other back seat passengers.

When all factors were considered, the middle back seat was by far the safest seat in the car. First, this position has a larger "crush zone," the area of the car designed to help absorb the impact—which is particularly true with side impact crashes. Second, in rollover crashes there is less rotational force on the middle passenger than on passengers near the window. While the middle seat is usually the least comfortable and the least desirable among both children and adults, it is definitely the safest.

While we're on the subject, I should mention some earlier findings from these same researchers on seat belt use among rear passengers. It should be a "no-brainer" that survival rates from crashes increase dramatically when everyone wears a seat belt, regardless of where they sit. But most state laws address only front passengers and seat belts. Keep in mind that even if you're in the front with your seat belt on, your chance of surviving a head-on crash drops dramatically if the rear passengers are unbuckled. In effect, they become "back seat bullets."

An earlier study analyzed information from every fatal crash in the US between 1995 and 2001. It was found that the odds of death for a belted driver seated directly in front of an unrestrained passenger was 2.27 times higher than if seated in front of a restrained passenger. Side impact crashes didn't result in an increased risk. (*AcadEmerg Med* 05;12(2):130-134)

I guess the lesson to be learned is that it's safest to sit in the middle (with your seat belt on, of course) if you ride in the back seat. (It's also the best place to put the car seat for children.) And, next time you're in the front and buckle up, do yourself and the passengers behind you a favor by asking them to buckle their seat belts as well.

*Alternatives*

November 2006

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**ROGER NEILL**—Seattle, Washington

Hi All:

Another year has passed and Dorothy and I are enjoying life to the full. We feel surrounded by love from family and many, many friends. In mid-May we had our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We celebrated this wonderful event in style in August when we took an anniversary cruise to Alaska with all of our family and many friends from near and far. Our group was 26, including eight young people. The weather was good to us and we had a wonderful time.

In October we drove to Cedar Falls Iowa to attend our grandson, Eric's, Eagle Scout Court of Honor. What an accomplishment for a lad only thirteen years old! In addition to his scouting activities he sings, plays the piano, marimba and drums, plays soccer and baseball, takes part in many youth activities at his church, has a paper route and still maintains straight As in school. Are we proud of him, or what? When he attended the National Jamboree near Washington DC last summer he was chosen to sit on the podium when President Bush gave his address to the Scouts. He is slated to attend the International Jamboree in England next summer.

I continue with my duties as Docent at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Whenever I pass through the ground floor of the Personal Courage Wing I am reminded again of the great sacrifices made and the enormous personal courage of the men and women who flew and fought in WW II. I realize that they had the whole nation behind them. Men and women back home also made sacrifices and worked hard to provide the fighting troops with the best they could of material and moral support. Unfortunately we don't see any of that effort in our present war. All of us in these pages, including myself, continue to enjoy luxury cruises, expensive vacations abroad and to play with our high-priced toys while our young men and women in the military and their families carry the burden for us. What a shame! I wonder how many more years and how many more 9-11 disasters it will take for our children and grandchildren to wonder why we did not do more while we had the chance?

Thanks again to all who produce the *RUPANEWS* –

**ROG**

SEA-LAX-ORD-DEN-SFO

**BOB & DEE NORRIS**—Redwood City, CA

The activity level is still somewhat intense, providing litigation support for attorneys in the field of aviation, lots of readings, depositions and reports with an occasional trial. Have conducted CRM two-day workshops for small carriers and charter companies, and flying our Fleet biplane twice a week. Enjoy flying the EAA Young Eagles several times a month (they love the open-cockpit biplane). Son Bruce just bought a 1952 C-195 with a 300 Jacobs (round-engine, it's a "10" inside and out!) I am checking him out in the aircraft, will be hangared at SQL. The extended family took a month's vacation to Italy, Switzerland and Germany this past summer. Before we left son Bruce and I got our seaplane ratings and rented a seaplane out of Lake Como; great fun. Our youngest son Craig just put his bid in for the A-320 Captain, giving up the good life flying the B-767 to the Islands as a copilot (he was flying captain on the B-737 before 9/11). Dee is a Chaplain at the county jail and still involved in her art projects at the junior college. With two grandchildren graduating this next June we will be taking them on their world trips, one wants South Africa, the other Paris and Ukraine (one of our grandchildren and her husband are in the Peace Corp in Ukraine). Many thanks to the RUPA volunteers, Officers, Board of Directors for keeping the troops up to speed.

**MIRIAM & JOHN O'CONNELL**—Sycamore, IL

All is well in Sycamore but like everywhere else the growth is stifling. Bringing with it TRAFFIC, crowded schools, TRAFFIC, newcomers demands, TRAFFIC, expansion into valuable farm land. We are surviving and enjoying the grand kids and family outings.

Thinking back: How many remember DOG HOUSES, Midway, ORD, SEA and others. How about periods of TDY where you were responsible for your own living accommodations? Copilots were assigned to the Capt for the month and bunked together while the F/E (later became S/O) had his own room? Let's not forget the reading of the tea leaves and the monthly Capt's evaluation of his crew. Then there was the House Mother of the

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Ben Franklin, Mr. Best. All this we took in stride if my memory serves me right. Anyone with the rest of the story?

Thank You for all your efforts to keep us informed in the publication that should be "required reading". YES?

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all,

*John* SFO 56-65 ORD 65-90

**RALPH L. PASLEY**—Midland, VA

It is hard to believe that on November 15th, I will have been retired 29 years. I had a second occupation - repairing and building houses, so I became a full time contractor until about 4 years ago. We have moved from Fairfax County to the country (Fauquier County). But, I still drive into town about 5 days a week to see my friends. My health is good - no aches or pains, and I feel like I did 25 years ago.

Thanks to the team that puts this magazine together. *Ralph*

**BILL POWELL**--Tullahoma, TN

October brought me number 73. I'm still doing the Pilot's Data Base. It's been twenty-one years since I began back in 1985. I never would have thought that I'd still be at it.... after all these years. We're about 2,000 pilots less than where we were on 911. And another 2,000 are out of schedule due to Furlough, LOA, S/L, and Military Leave.

Medical problems are making my "Golden Years" kind of a drag. I would be remiss were I to not mention all the time and effort Doug Wilsman put in working on the PBGC info to keep us all informed of how things would work out. An unsung hero! Thanks Doug.

I live one town west of I-24 right in the middle of Tennessee. I'm still waiting for some to drop in and take me to Hardy's for a Senior Coffee.

Thanks for keeping the RUPA thing going. More unsung heroes there too.

*Bill* wspotwell1@aol.com 931-461-1263

**NEAL RIDENOUR**—Downers Grove, IL

Everything is going fine with me. Marianne and I celebrated our first wedding anniversary on October 15. We have taken a few trips on United and had very good luck with our passes. We got on First Class KOA to ORD on the way home from our Hawaii honeymoon. We live in my house on the Brookeridge airport (where I have lived for 38 years) and I have a Cessna 182 in which we have had several nice trips this last year. I am still flying gliders at the Chicago Glider Club. Health wise, we are both doing great. I still volunteer at the United 727 exhibit in the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. I really enjoyed my 36 years at United and all of the great people I flew with. Thanks to all the people that work so hard to keep RUPA operating and the newsletter flowing.

Sincerely, *Neal* MDW-ORD 51-87

**EDGAR & RUTH RIEHL**—Boulder, CO SFO (one month)-DEN-LAX (eleven months) 1946-80

Ted, twenty six years ago today, I took the controls of my final United Airlines flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, thus ending an airline career that started on April 12, 1946. Thankfully, that career took place when flying was so enjoyable that many of us would have paid for the privilege.

Another snow storm is in the forecast, so it must be time to head south again. However, please keep our Boulder address in the Annual Directory since that is our home address, and our FL address is just a "snowbird" roost. (All subject to change on short notice).

On our way south last November, we spent three nights in Branson and took in several shows. That is always a fun stop, though I think we'll by-pass it this trip. Winter in Florida was fine, especially since there was no snow to shovel--though I did have quite a few shingles to clean up that hurricane Wilma had ripped off the house next door.

In driving home in early May, I thought this may be the last time we would drive back and forth. Upon arising the morning of our departure my left leg didn't want to support me. After a bit of exercising, was able to hobble around and lock the place up and get behind the wheel. It really showed no improvement over the eight days we spent on



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the road--on each stop, I would have to slide out, stand on my right foot while hanging on to the car door, exercise the left leg, then walk a few steps on tippy toe before that foot would rest properly on the ground--and, I really thought there must be a hairline fracture just below the hip. To top that off, on the second day my right hand swelled and became very sore--to the extent that I could not turn the key in the ignition, nor use it to eat with. But, with Ruth's aid we managed to complete the trip safely. She insisted I get to my doctor right away, but had so much to do to get settled in--and, not wanting to be grounded before doing so--a week passed and the symptoms evaporated in the meantime. One highlight on that trip, while driving the crest of the Winding Stair Mountains in eastern Oklahoma a huge black bear ambled across the road in front of us. In all my years of hunting, fishing and camping in California and Colorado, I never saw a bear in the wild.

Took a test run at the end of September and into October by driving to Mesa, AZ for a reunion of the 38th Bomb Group (SW Pacific). We decided to make it into a scenic tour and went over to Utah visiting Arches NP, San Juan Goosenecks, Monument Valley, then south rim of Grand Canyon NP, and Oak Creek Canyon in Arizona. MyOhMy, how Mesa and vicinity have changed since my short stint at Williams Field in 1945--and, even since we traveled through there last in 1980. Not many of our old group are still on the green side--only one with whom I was acquainted while I served in the unit in 1944, but several who I have met at past reunions. Now that time is taking its toll on the crews, the remaining individuals seem to mix more. Had an entertaining three days there--excellent accommodations and food, a visit to Falcon Field Aircraft Museum, a night at the Dinner Theater featuring A Chorus Line, and lunch at the Organ Stop Pizza while being entertained by a concert on the world's largest Wurlitzer Organ. Rather thought this might be the last time we would try to get the group together, but to my surprise it was decided to hold a reunion every year vice the two year interval between reunions up until now.

Upon leaving Mesa, we went east to Deming, NM where our eldest daughter and her husband have just had a roost built. They have been full-timing in their 5th wheel rig for about seven years after

having retired and selling their beautiful home in Escondido, CA. A good part of that time they spend working as volunteers in various National Parks, Monuments, etc., and, have pretty well covered the U.S.--and, a good part of the world when not volunteering.

Our return brought us up the western edge of NM where we visited a few Anasazi ruins of the 1000-1300 A.D. era, to Durango, CO for a two day visit with our grandson who is attending college there (he is to spend the spring semester in Germany near Munich). Twelve days and 2459 miles after our departure we arrived back home in good shape and feeling ready for the drive to Florida.

In mid-June we flew to D.C. for the High School graduation of our eldest granddaughter. Managed to get on the third flight we stood by for--and, into Dulles, rather than Reagan as planned. Of course, our baggage went to Reagan (shouldn't have been a problem as our daughter was finishing her shift there just before we were to arrive--she knew we had boarded the Dulles flight--and found my bag before heading to Dulles to greet us on arrival). Someone from Baltimore had picked up Ruth's bag--which was returned to us the night before graduation. On trying for a return flight a few days later, all airline flights to Denver were overbooked. In searching the internet, our daughter was able to find two seats on the same United flight that we had listed for a day earlier, so we were only 24 hours late in our return--of course, we had to pay full (inflated) fare, costing us twice what round trip fare would have cost had we bought tickets in advance. So much for 60 years seniority.

The summer was quite busy for us with each of the granddaughters spending some time with us, and with Ruth being treated for that painful back that has bugged her for many years (haven't yet convinced her to consult the doctor whose "magic potion" has made the past three years bearable for me).

Two weeks before the start of our Arizona trip I had cataract surgery with implant on my right eye, and three days after our return, had same done to the left one. It's a whole new world out there!

Again, thanks to you, Ted, and to the folders and stuffers for your efforts. They are greatly appreciated. *Ed*



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## FLYING

By Edward Frederick

Imagine yourself waking up on a cool Sunday morning. You walk to your back door and take in the sight of the sun peeking over the horizon. You think to yourself, "What a great day for a drive in my car to just put the worries of the upcoming work week on the back burner, take in all this great country has to offer and to just enjoy my life."

You check the pressure in your tires, open up the hood and check all the fluids, let the engine run for a minute or two in your driveway and pull out onto the open road. You got up early and have the millions of miles of this country's highways at your every whim.

Five miles from your house you are pulled over by two military Humvees and ordered out of your car and forced to lay on the ground at gunpoint. You are not read your Rights; you are treated like a criminal. Just for enjoying a morning drive in your car? Correct, you are detained for several hours for simply driving your car. Why? Because you didn't call the Department of Motor Vehicles and see if it was legal for you to drive your car today. Is that the type of America you would like to live in?

If your hometown team is playing baseball, you cannot leave your house without supervision. If the President is within 30 miles of you, you cannot leave your house without supervision. You forgot to ask for permission and supervision to drive to the pharmacy to pick up some medicine for your child - you lose your license for 180 days.

You may no longer visit the Grand Canyon, because someone drove his or her car off the North Rim. You may no longer drive with the windows down on your car, because the manufacturer does not specifically say you are allowed to. You have to tell the D.M.V. what time you are leaving your house, how long you plan to be gone, how many people are going to be with you, what time you will arrive at your destination, and call them when you arrive. Is this the America you want to have?

That is the type of America that pilots have to endure every day of week. You wish to impose more restrictions on pilots, on where they can go, what they can and can not do, and why? Because they simply choose to enjoy life in a manner different than you, and in a manner that you deem unsafe, and "scary"? I should hope that your wish to impose more restrictions on people who value freedom is really what you want, because what is to stop the restrictions from spreading to your boat, your car, your bicycle, or even walking, when airplanes are completely prohibited in this country?

Is that the America you want? An America where you are no longer allowed to drive where you want to go? An America where you must provide federal identification to ride the bus? An America where you are not allowed to visit your mother in the hospital because the bus service does not go there? An America where you are watched constantly by the government that questions every turn you make, and every destination you hope to visit? One where you must show your papers to the authorities at every turn? I should hope not. It is not the America I want. I value the freedoms we have in America. I would hope you do too.

With Reverend Niemoller in mind...

First they came for the Pilots, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Pilot.

Then they came for the Boaters, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Boater.

Then they came for the Cyclists, and I didn't speak up, because I was a Driver.

Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak up for me.

Be careful what you wish for.

Edward Frederick

Commercial Pilot

Aircraft Owner

Airport Manager

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**JACK SCHAUF**—Ocala, FL

Greetings:

Another year and number 21 in retirement. We wonder where does the time go. All is well with us and the family. With age 81 we have the usual medical issues. Five minutes into a walk I had light chest pressure, no pain, and shortness of breath so off to our Dr., ER and a stint in rapid succession. I am confirming the advise of fellow RUPA members in getting to ER promptly, it is the smartest thing to do. Had great care by the medical profession and all is well now. Will be with family for the up coming holidays and to Dallas for a Dec. 30 wedding of a nephew and a family reunion for all of us five siblings.

I enjoy the *RUPANEWS* and appreciate the efforts of so many who make it possible. Is nice to keep in touch with all who made my career so enjoyable. Check is in the mail to Jim.

Best Regards,

*Jack and Mae Schauf*

**DIXON SMITH**—Issaquah, WA

First and most important - Thanks to Cleve, Jim and all the hard working people who keep the *RUPANEWS* going! Check was in the mail about a month ago.

Started aviation life as a Navy A6 Bombardier/Navigator in the late 60's, and have come full circle, I am now a Navigator in Production Flight Test for the Boeing Co. Retired a few months early in 2003 off of the 777 in SEA, and with the subsequent "handling" by the company and ALPA, I don't miss it a bit. Stayed retired for about 2 years to finish up a restoration project of a 1960's Unlimited Hydroplane I worked on when in college. Anybody interested, a WEB site about the restoration is [www.missbardahl.com](http://www.missbardahl.com). About the time that project was nearing completion, I got an offer from Boeing to go to work as a Navigator. I am one of the few people left in the world that has a FAA Navigators license. Work for Boeing is interesting, have been to India, China, Hong Kong, Hawaii, Saipan and Majuro Atoll on delivery flights. It is really interesting to see how different airlines operate Boeing airplanes.

I also get to participate in future cockpit development.

Some of the things coming down the pike in the next 10 years as far as navigation capabilities and cockpit display technology are really impressive. My impression is the industry and some foreign regulatory authorities are way ahead of the FAA in supporting some of the advanced capabilities of the new airplanes. Boeing's age limit on pilots is 63, so I don't get to fly large aircraft any more, only simulators now. I have a C-172 on lease-back with one of the local flying schools, so I still get my 3 landing every 90 days and am 1/10 owner in a Christian Eagle II, for fun flying.

Keep the blue side up when appropriate, and as we say occasionally at Boeing, "take the rest of the day off with pay!"

*Dixon Smith*

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**BILL TAYLOR**—Loudon, TN

I'm closing in on my 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of retirement. Wow! It's been great! I think I once heard that a pilot's life expectancy after retirement was only a few years. I figure every day from now on is pure gravy. But I must say I've been impressed by reading the exploits of many of our older brothers in the pages of *RUPANEWS*. Kinda vicarious thing, I guess.

I've long since got over the bad feelings of 1985 gone, but not forgotten, as it were – but, I'm surprised now at the depth of my feelings of betrayal and disgust generated by United's bankruptcy machinations, and ALPA's complicity. A contrived and deliberate screw job, if ever there was one. It's not something I dwell on, but I totally understand those who say they'll never again set foot in a UAL aircraft.

This past summer, Terry was diagnosed with non-Hopkins lymphoma, stage three. It was discovered after a swelling of the lymph glands on one side of her neck. After an interminable series of tests, scans and biopsies, she finally started a chemo regimen in October. The treatments are spaced about three weeks apart, and she's about halfway through the first round. She'll soon be scheduled

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for another body scan to determine the efficacy of the treatments.

Fortunately, she's had minimal side effects from the chemo. Just extreme fatigue for a few days after each session. She's had wonderful support and encouragement from her friends (near and far), and our church family. We can't begin to thank them all enough. Plus, her sister is an RN, who has also successfully fought breast cancer, and she has been a great resource of information for us. Terry's not out of the woods yet, but her spirits are good and she has a positive attitude. She fully intends to be a survivor.

With timely wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I hope you all have good health and good fortunes.

*Bill*

**SID TIEMANN**—Dundee, IL

Hi all,

Thanks to all the *RUPANEWS* staff for their good work.

It's time to say "Hello" again,—already! The earth seems to orbit the sun a little faster each year ; - my 75th birthday is just slipping in mostly unnoticed. I was surprised to hear at our annual luncheon at the Museum of Science and Industry that I had been helping man the exhibit for ten years. I would have thought much less; perhaps there are two us there with the same name.

Anyhow... thanks to everyone for being such good company all these years. I've spent a large part of the past two years commuting (like flying a schedule with very long layovers) to San Jose to help my brother care for our mother. Mom passed away in April, mentally alert and with her cheer and humor to the end.

This durable lady was born (Sept 1903) before the Wright brothers flew at Kitty Hawk and so had lived through all of the time of powered flight. She enjoyed air travel. She is greatly missed.

We have had good luck and very few delays with our pass travel on UAL. Our companion travelers did as well, although we held our breath a few times during the ski season.

I have not traveled overseas since I last wrote to RUPA but Louise did make it to Australia touring with the Elgin Choral Union (she is now the senior member and working on their history) and to Alaska on a cruise with her family. We were able to make several trips together for skiing and to visit family and friends.

We continue to enjoy good health; we ski, bicycle, she sings, I fence.

I look forward to the RUPA luncheons.

Regards to all,

*Sid* tiemansidney@sbcglobal.net

**RUTH VERPLANCK**—Las Vegas, NV

Ted and Jim,

I'm sorry to be late sending my check. Thanks to all who keep the *RUPANEWS* coming. Everything is fine now... I've learned not to move furniture by myself. It's hard to find a strong young kid in this area. Check in the mail to Jim.

Sincerely,

*Ruth Verplanck*

**T. D. "TOM" WILLIAMSON**—Lorton, VA

Dear Ted—

I can't believe it's been eleven years since I was the junior man in RUPA. I start each issue with the Flown West column to see if I should bother with the "President's Message". A year and a half ago, John R. Turner's name appeared in "Flown West", turns out the report was somewhat in error. It took me two days to screw up my courage to call his wife. John answered the phone much to my vast relief.

Last Christmas my granddaughter was here and we got to talking about United. My question was where did United get the name "TED" for their new airline? She tells me "Grand Dad" it's the end of United. After 41 years I finally think I've got it figured out. It is the end of United.

Sincerely,

*Tom*

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**CHRIS WITTENFELD**—Bonney Lake, WA.

Hello RUPArians,

The old saying time flies when you're having fun is a true test of retirement. It is amazing how fast another year has flown by. I am still in love with retirement! The freedom retirement offers is wonderful! I did play a bit too hard skiing, hiking and white water kayaking last year causing a childhood injury to flare up requiring a few months of lower back therapy this spring. As one ages, Dirty Harry's law applies more and more, "A man has got to know his limitations" that applies both physically and mentally, I am afraid. Age adjustments must be made in the same manner as one does with the loss of retirement monies; acceptance, flexibility and the willingness to adapt are the keys to one's survival and happiness. With that in mind, retirement losses and new wetland restrictions; resulted in pending sale and development of our property. The sale should finally close, after almost 2 years of development challenges and highly restrictive environmental issues, in December. On the lighter side of life, I have a wonderful cute 2 year old grandchild by my youngest daughter Toni. Lauren, who is extremely active, full of energy and mischief, refers to me as Bapa. WOW, could I use some of that energy!

Good fortune, good health and happy retirement,

*Chris*

*This letter was written last month, before Captain Dunicliff flew west on November 8<sup>th</sup>. His family would still like to obtain the video of his final flight to copy if necessary.—Ed.*

Hello

I have an unusual request, and I hope you may be able to either help by posting this, or point me in the right direction.

My Dad retired as a DC-10 Captain out of SFO on November 30, 2000. His name is Steven L. Dunicliff. His final flight was to Honolulu. His wife was on the flight, and some of us kids met the plane at the airport. It was a great day, and a member of the flight crew did a substantial amount

of video taping during the flight and subsequent landing.

A current UAL employee spent several hours researching the flight to try and find the guy's name, but it seems UAL only keeps flight records on retirees for 4 years, so we ran into a dead end.

My Dad no longer remembers the flight crew member's name, but I have attached a photo of him.



He's the one holding the video camera! Anyway, it would mean a lot to my Dad and the family if we could track the guy down and hopefully get a copy of the tape.

Arvid has posted this on the RUPA website, but as of yet I have not gotten any response. I think your group may generate more active visits from pilots, and I was hoping there may be some way we could alert them to the fact that identifying this pilot would be a wonderful gift for my Dad.

Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to provide

*Steve Dunicliff*

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# IN MEMORIAM

## EDWARD COOK

It is with great sadness and regret that I report the passing of fellow RUPA member Edward Cook. Ed died on Oct. 21 after a long and courageous battle with leukemia. A memorial service was held on Oct. 24 in Burlington, Wisconsin and was attended by many of Ed's fellow pilots as well as family and friends.

I met Ed on Jan. 30, 1956 as we began our airline careers at the Capital Airline's new hire class at National Airport in Washington, D.C. Ed was a good friend and I will miss him for a long, long time.

The following poem was read for Ed at the service. It is titled "The Old Pilot" by Donald Hall. The author was recently appointed Poet Laureate of the United States.

## THE OLD PILOT

He discovers himself on an old airfield.  
He thinks he was there before,  
but rain has washed out the lettering of a sign.  
A single biplane, all struts and wires,  
stands in the long grass and wildflowers.  
He pulls himself into the narrow cockpit  
although his muscles are stiff  
and sits like an egg in a nest of canvas.  
He sees that the machine has rusted.  
The glass over the instruments  
has broken, and the red arrows are gone  
from his gas gauge and his altimeter.  
When he looks up, his propeller is turning,  
although no one was there to snap it.  
He lets out the throttle. The engine catches  
and the propeller spins into the wind.  
He bumps over holes in the grass,  
and he remembers to pull back on the stick.  
He rises from the land in a high bounce  
which gets higher, and suddenly he is flying again.  
He feels the old fear, and rising over the fields  
the old gratitude. In the distance, circling  
in a beam of late sun like birds migrating,  
there are the wings of a thousand biplanes.

Sincerely,  
*Bob Pike*

## WILLIAM H. DEPNER

William H. Depner, born Feb. 8, 1916, passed away Oct. 16, 2006, loving husband to Chervyl; father, stepfather, grandfather and great-grandfather. Retired United Air Lines Captain, WW II veteran, Air Transport Command. Loved tennis, old Jaguars, big dogs, theatre, good books and history. Born in Mt. Carmel, PA, died at home in Hinsdale. Memorial Service Nov. 4, 2006 at 11 a.m. CST Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield, Hinsdale, IL 60521. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Union Church of Hinsdale or the American Cancer Society are suggested.

## STEVEN L DUNNICLIFF

The Santa Rosa Press Democrat reports the passing of Retired United Airlines Captain Steven L. Dunicliff on November 8th, in Healdsburg, CA.

A private family service will be held, and a Celebration of Life is planned for the Spring

## LANDON R. "LR" JONES

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I regret to inform you of the death of Mr. Landon R. (LR) Jones (Captain, retired) on October 18th.

I talked to LR's daughter, Mrs. Alana Heuermann on October 26th and she told me that LR went to the hospital for a bladder infection. While there they discovered he also had lung cancer and one lung was removed. Following that he contracted a staph infection which could not be cured and resulted in his death.

His body has been cremated and is awaiting burial in Arlington Cemetery.

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Dear Ted, I'm sorry to inform you that the wife of Bob McAfee has passed away. Bob was a very popular pilot flying out of SFO. He has many friends around the United system. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from them.

*Rich Bouska*

**PHYLLIS CARLENE MCAFEE**

May 27, 1929 – Oct.14, 2006

Resident of Livermore

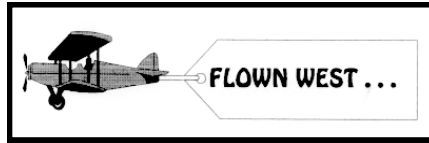
“a gentle, sweet spirit...”

Phyllis McAfee, 77, died peacefully in her home on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> surrounded by her family, following a six-month illness. Born May 27, 1929 in Jacksonville, Ill., she was a 37 year resident of Livermore. She was an active member of Cedar Grove Community Church, and she enjoyed singing hymns and listening to gospel quartets. She also enjoyed traveling the world with her husband and visiting her family and many friends throughout the United States. A devoted wife and mother, her greatest joy was being with her family, and most especially, her precious grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Robert McAfee; daughters Debbie O’Neal and her husband, Allan, of Livermore, Vicki Ingram of Newberg, Ore., Cindy DeRouchey and her husband, Tom of Livermore, and Melanie Howland and her husband, Craig, of North Bend, Wash.; brother Donald McDermith of Summersville, Mo.; and half-sister Doris Morton of Morton, Ill. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her parents, Jesse and Mabel McDermith; and a brother, James McDermith, preceded her in death.

A memorial service to celebrate her life was held at Cedar Grove Community Church on Monday, Oct. 23, 1 p.m., with a reception following. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore, CA 94550, or Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568.





## FLOWN WEST

<b>BAMA D. CHAMAS</b>	<b>07/09/2006</b>
<b>ROGER D. GRAHAM</b>	<b>07/08/2006</b>
<b>EDWARD L. HENRY</b>	<b>07/25/2006</b>
<b>LESTER J. HAFFERKAMP</b>	<b>09/04/2006</b>
<b>RODNEY M. STAIR</b>	<b>09/27/2006</b>
<b>WILLIAM H. DEPNER</b>	<b>10/16/2006</b>
<b>LANDON R. JONES, JR.</b>	<b>10/18/2006</b>
<b>EDWARD A. COOK</b>	<b>10/21/2006</b>
<b>TOM A. HUDGENS</b>	<b>11/02/2006</b>
<b>STEVEN L. DUNNICLIFF</b>	<b>11/08/2006</b>
<b>WILLIAM J. "BILL" SAMUELS</b>	<b>11/18/2006</b>



## 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*

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## 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* - 702-558-9422 or 702-565-7175  
3rd Tue. NE FL—*Spruce Creek CC* - 386-760-9736  
3rd Tue. Dana Point CA— *Wind & Sea Restaurant* - 949-496-2691  
3rd Thu. LAX—(Even Mo.) *Hacienda* - 310-821-6207;  
3rd Thu. LAXV—(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* - 425-702-0989  
3rd Thu. So. Oregon (MFR)—*Pony Express, Jacksonville* - 541-245-6896  
3rd Thu. TPA Sundowners—*Daddy's Grill* - 727-787-5550  
Last Thu. Hawaii Ono Nenes—*Mid Pacific Country Club*

### Bi-Monthly Scheduled Lunches

1st Wed Mar, Jul, Nov. Chicago Area—*Itasca CC* - 630-832-3002  
2nd Tue Jan, May, Sep. McHenry (ORD)—*Warsaw Inn* - 815-459-5314

### Quarterly Scheduled Lunches

3rd Wed. Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct. Washington Area—*Westwood CC* - 540-338-4574

### Semi-Annually Scheduled Lunches

2nd Tue. 11:30am May, Nov. Inland Empire RUPA---*Davenport hotel, Spokane*---509-455-8888  
1st Tue. Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Tucson RUPA Group---*Tucson Country Club*---520-797-3912

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