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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

March has been a very busy month. It started when Marie and I loaded up the car and headed for Texas. Along the way, we encountered heavy snow, torrential rains, and tropical storm winds. And that was just the first day. The second day dawned bright and sunny and stayed that way until we arrived in Conroe, TX.

Gas for 2,000 miles \$250, Motels for 4 nights on the road \$320, Being greeted with open arms by our grandchildren Priceless!

On March 7th, I attended a luncheon held by the Golden Eagles (CAL's pilot retiree group). It was a pretty good turnout for a Monday. A rousing good time was had by all. It was just like being at a RUPA luncheon. The war stories of the good old days were similar, just the names were changed. Lorenzo for Ferris. If you know any CAL retired pilots, invite them to your luncheons. They are very interested in learning how things are done at UAL. On March 17th, Marie and I will be attending a co-ed luncheon with another Golden Eagle group. Will update that meeting in the May issue.

In last month's issue I stated that I would be attending a meeting at WHQ with regards to the integration of UAL and CAL. The meeting was attended by representative of the retiree groups and hosted by Donna Towles, VP of employee relations. I was very impressed with her presentation. She came to WHQ from CAL. She started with CAL 29 years ago as a part-time worker in LGA. Because of her strong work ethic, she rose through the ranks to become a trusted advisor to Jeff Smisek. The meeting started with the topic that was on everyone's mind, the pass policy. At that point in time, the policy had not been finalized but she said it would be published by the end of March. She stated that not everyone would be happy but given her strong belief in the seniority system, it may not be too detrimental to UAL retirees. CAL retirees will benefit as their pass policy is terrible. Basically the meeting was a meet and greet affair. Nothing earthshaking was resolved but we all left with the feeling that at least the company is listening to the employees and retirees. My impression of Donna is that she is what I would call an "old school manager." Her co-workers testified that her philosophy is "a happy employee is a dedicated and loyal employee." We haven't seen that attitude since the days when we were considered a family of UAL. It was refreshing to listen to an "Ivory Tower Suit" who actually understood the meaning of Human Resources and Employee Relations. By the time you read this, the pass policy should be published. I hope my optimism will be justified.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to the editors of the newsletter. Cleve has agreed to continue on as editor and Bruce has agreed to be available if needed. Both of these men have performed above and beyond the call of duty. The long term survival of RUPA depends on volunteers. Unfortunately, not too many volunteers have come forward. Even the enticement of a small stipend could not attract a new editor. Thankfully, the hard work of the local area reps has kept the monthly luncheons a success. Keep up the good work. *Ron*

*Do not send money here, letters only, please*

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## ABOUT THE COVER

The first United Boeing 747 with the new livery.

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



If you have already read the Presidents Letter you know that I have decided to stay on as the *RUPANEWS* editor. I'll be doing this strictly as a volunteer, no pay involved. Bruce will no longer be an editor, but he will always be available when needed.

Most of you may not be aware, but Bruce has always been our technical Guru. He has bailed us out of computer problems more times than I can remember. Occasionally, whomever he helps buys him a beer to thank him for his assistance.

I would like to address a couple of things that have been published in the magazine. The first being the ability of retirees to receive a discount for shipping packages with FedEx. Apparently, this discount isn't available at all FedEx locations and not at all at FedEx-Kinko stores. Some members advised me that they did get the discount at a

regular FedEx location but not at all of them. The Continental retirees do get the discount now, so hopefully when the merger of our two airlines is completed all retirees will get a discount.

The second thing is in reference to an announcement on page 15 of the March *RUPANEWS* about the SFO RUPA Annual Picnic. I don't know where this was hiding in my computer, but it was for the 2009 picnic and I obviously didn't check it for accuracy. For your information, **THERE IS NO SFO PICNIC PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR.**

#### **From Pass Travel Committee Chair Captain Pat Palazzolo:**

For UA employees wishing to pass ride on 70-seat regional jet United Express flights to and from CO hubs, United employees should list on EmployeeRES found on SkyNet. These flights feed CO hubs but have UA flight numbers as a result of the recent arbitration decision in ALPA's favor.

These particular United Express flights are not shown on Weblist but do appear in Continental's EmployeeRES with a UA flight number. The Company says UA employees listing on these flights through EmployeeRES will be subject to normal UAX boarding priority as if we had listed on WebList and pay our normal service charges -- which happen to be free in Economy class.

We're always looking for articles and items that would be of interest to our members and can be used as "fillers" in the magazine. These are needed to finish filling up pages when we have included everything received for a month and we still have some blank pages. The printer requires us to work in multiples of four pages. For example, if we've put everything in and we end up with 29 pages then we need to fill three more pages. So if you find something you think would be of interest to our readers please forward it to us.

We also need color pictures of airline aircraft to use on the cover. Our supply of this type of picture is almost exhausted. If the picture is digital it must be of high enough resolution so that we can enlarge it to fit the dimensions of the cover.

If possible, we like to receive all information and pictures by email. If you only have a paper copy you can send that and we will scan it and send the original back to you if requested.

I'm looking forward to receiving some interesting articles and pictures from you. As editor, I do reserve the right to accept or reject anything that you send to us. Cheers, *Cleve*



**Retirement is the best medicine.**





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## DANA POINT RUPA LUNCHEON

Once again we were the first on the Deck for Lunch under the Blue umbrellas. Quite a beautiful day.

Present were: Park Ames, John Arp, Bruce Dunkle, Ron Dye, Jack Healy, Jerry Meyer, Bill Rollins, Ted Simmons and Joe Udovch A small but vocal group.

The benefit of getting an e-book reader like Kindle was bantered around. Just the thing for weak vision, portability and extensive memory capability. Bruce showed the cameras capability plus brought up the latest in the Cannon line.

Bob McGowan sent a message saying he injured his spinal cord. Seems he has some 40' bamboo that he was having topped to 15'. His workers cut the top 25'off and he was helping haul away the branches, all of which had a very sharp ends. He grabbed one that was hung up between the bamboo stocks and tried to pull it down away from the bamboo hedge. He got tripped up and the bamboo stock cut into his neck at the top of the spinal column. The injury to his spinal cord was severe. As he said "that began three weeks of misery." Good news is after several visits to the hospital he is on the mend and is feeling much better. Saying that he has been 'bamboozle-ied'? He says he will make the next month.

Of interest is the following (not from Park Ames)

Year to date statistics on Airport screening from the Department of Homeland Security:  
Terrorist Plots discovered (0), Transvestites (133), Hernia's (1,485), Hemorrhoids (3,172),  
Enlarged Prostates (8,249), Breast Implants 9(,350), Natural Blonds (3).

Next Month's meeting April 12. All the best, *Ted*

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## DENVER GOOD OL' BOYS RUPA LUNCHEON

It's possible the weather was too good for the Feb. Meeting. of the DEN Good ol' Boys, as the attendance suffered. Presumably the golf course was calling. Happy hour was its usual rousing success however, and the zymurgists and oenophiles bellied up to the bar and no reports were received of insufficiencies. Tonsillar lavage being the order of the day.

The bell sounded somewhere around noon and no complaints were heard on that score. Somewhere following the repast, the coordinator made the usual attempt to start the meeting with a little levity, but brought forth only groans.

In the boring business meeting it was noted that UAL proposed to divide \$224 megabucks in profit sharing money among the active employees, and that Delta Airlines was similarly distributing \$313 megabucks. The passing of John Thielen was noted as was that of Hal Krouse's wife, Katherine.

Those in attendance included; Dick Garbrick, Bill Hanson, Curly Baker, Phil Spicer, Ed Riehl, Bernie Stoecker, Maury Mahoney, Tom Hess, Al Dorsey, Stanley Boehm, Dick Shipman, Sam O'Daniel, Carl Harder, Cliff Lawson, Casey Walker, Ed Cutler, Jim Reid, Duane Searle, Bill Fife, Claire Fife, Bill Hoygaard, Eve Hoygaard, Ray Bowman, George Maize, A.J. Hartzler, and the coordinator, *Ted Wilkinson*

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## S.E. FLORIDA GOLDCOAST LUNCHEON

The Pompano Beach RUPA lunch was held on Thursday March 10th. The turnout was a little lighter than the previous month, possibly due to the fairly rough weather which persisted most of the day with the approaching cold front which eventually came through. By my count there were 16 people here and when the ceiling and visibility went down below CAT 2 minimums and the heavy rain scattered golfers and the golf carts, we were attempting to junior man to see who might do the walkaround. Dick Bodner made it clear that he was not the junior man and he wasn't going to do it!

We had the usual fun time together and look forward to our next and season final lunch on the Second Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April. (written for us by Jim Morehead)

Those in attendance were; Lyn Wordell, Ed Wheeler, Jim Carter, Jerry Bradley, Murray Warren, Bob Beavis, Dick Bodner, Jim Morehead, Dan Kurt, Bill Garrett, Bartlett Rolph, Ham Wilson, Warren Hepler,, and Stan Blaschke and Paul Livingway, and Yours truly *Ned Rankin*

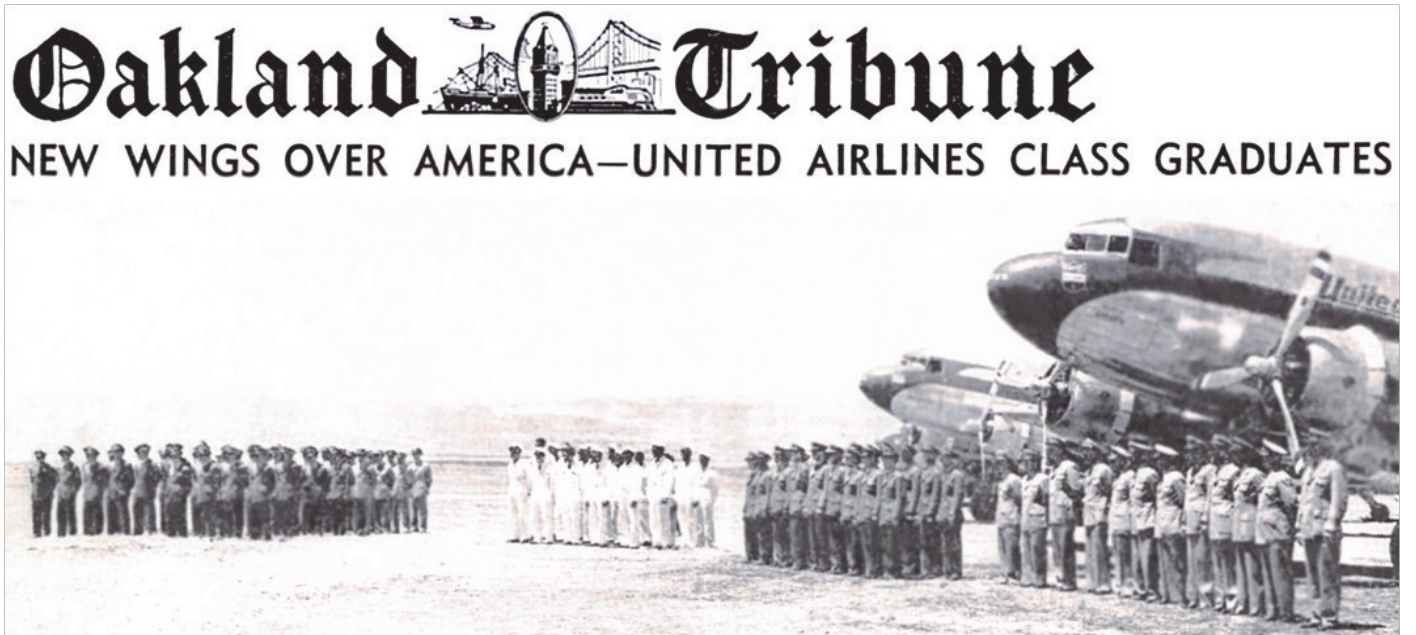


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The Tracy Inn at Tracy, California the "Residence of the Tracy Aces" - then (left) and more recently.

In October 1940 United Airlines leased the Tracy airport and established the Tracy School as an expansion of the Boeing School of Aeronautics at Oakland. In March 1941 the Air Transport class at Oakland was notified that their training would be completed at Tracy. After five months training at Tracy, pilot classes returned to Oakland for a month and received 15 hours of flight time in a United B-247 or a United DC-3.



"Nineteen members of the first United Airlines - Boeing Pilot Training School class at Tracy received their "wings" yesterday at graduation exercises and took over their first assignments as first officers aboard the companies "Mainliners" which ply the nation. One graduate - S. M. Anderson - was from Oakland. Photo shows students and graduates of the school lined up on the airfield with the company's giant transport planes forming a backdrop. Army officers attended the ceremonies." (Oakland Tribune photo & caption) by Marvin Berryman from UAHF's archives.

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## S.E. FLORIDA TREASURE COAST SUNBIRDS LUNCHEON

I'm real glad to be able to report (once again) to you about a terrific monthly Luncheon at our 'favorite hang-out' Mariner Sands CC. As usual, the OUTSTANDING (Awesome) Buffet (many hot and cold - DELICIOUS choices) was 'ravished' by the 15 (frugal) Retired UAL Captains and Crew Scheduler that attended. Heck, we even had the usually boisterous group pumped up by a SURPRISE visitor from the North, and Northeast and Far West as well. I've heard many people who know him say....."he's ALL OVER the place". I'm not quite sure that I know for sure WHAT they mean by that....but WOULD venture a 'guess'. (Note: you'll notice that I did NOT say "visitor from the East".....if I had, that would have been Carnac The Magnificent). (Although, now that I think about it, they may be related - common traits and characteristics ya know). Yes, our visitor was no one other than the infamous (legend in his own mind) Jim Morehead. To no one's surprise, Jim had much information to share with us about many things.....some of which was even documentable and more than likely TRUE.....! Just to be sure (on the safe side if you will) - an Internal Investigation is being conducted and I don't mean a Colonoscopy either. If I remember, I'll let you know next month what 'comes out of it.'

The 15 UAL'ers that witnessed and were part of this dog and pony show were: Paul Andes, Dick Baese, Jack Boisseau, Bill Cole, Jim Dowd (our host), Del Gartner, Frank Guglielmino, Don Jefferson, Skip LaRocque, Andy Lambert, Bill Northup, Don Onofrio (gave out some phantastick Bumper Stickers that were rather 'Conservative in nature'), Ted Osinski, John Pinter, the above mentioned Jim Morehead, and myself, Bob Langevin.

Our April 12th Meeting (we always meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month) will be at Mariner Sands CC again and will be our last meeting there for this Season. For future planning purposes, I 'think' that we will be returning to Shrimper's for our May Luncheon get together. As I've mentioned B4, we'd love to have any UAL guys passing through South Florida to stop in and join us. At \$13.00 (including tax and tip) for the (unlimited) Buffet which is scrumptious and is an unbeatable value. A Captain's SPECIAL and you don't even have to wait for Happy Hour pricing. For more information, contact Jim Dowd at FlyJim1@aol.com or at (772)286-6667. Hope to see some of you at our April Luncheon and for our buddies in the Midwest and Northeast, I wish you an early arrival of Spring. *Bob Langevin*

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## SAN DIEGO COUNTY RUPA LUNCHEON

Dear Editors. Cleve & Bruce, I wonder if you are still doing this job. You have certainly earned a retirement. However, if you are still there, or if there is a new guy, congratulations or possibly something less? The San Diego County luncheon group met on the second Tuesday as usual and present were; Bill Pauling, Bob Bowman, Don Trunnick, and Paul and Bobby Whitby. Paul had some surgery on a kidney and now looks and feels great.

We were all in fine fettle, and had lots of banter. No one has yet responded to my list of archaic terms mentioned in last month's letter, so I'll add one more. What does A.D.I. stand for? Possibly *Always Drive Insanely* or something else? One more- What and where is/was the Green Lantern?  
Yers Awreddy, *Bob Harrell*



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## THE INTREPID AVIATORS OF SOUTHERN OREGON

Greetings to the RUPA world from Southern Oregon. We had our February luncheon at the Pony Espresso, our usual haunt. And, though missing some of the usual suspects, we were powered by the following, starting in front with Harvey Saylor and clockwise to the left, Bob Keasby, George Elliott, George's daughter and computer whiz, Catherine Dimino, Leann and Steve Fusco, Scott Lee, Bill Monfort and last, your scribe, Bob Niccolls.



Worthy of note is that Bill came in from his Winter digs in Florida...now some may take note of that in sight of the temperatures there and here (snowing today), so he is the recipient of our Hero Award for the lunch. We missed our photographer Rob Miller so Chris, the proprietor of The Pony Espresso was gracious enough to fill in for him. Also of note, we should mention that Dave Ellis is celebrating his 100th birthday. Dave and Joanne recently moved full time to their California home and they are missed, but not forgotten. Happy Birthday Dave!

Mentioned some time ago I think, Steve flew as a Reserve F/O on a Boeing 377 on the Honolulu flights when Dave was a senior Flight Engineer. This was so long ago they probably used an abacus for calculations.

Thus, good fellowship, good friends, good food, good 'war stories' and though not unexpectedly, dubious jokes ruled the day.

We send our greetings and an invite to all to join us on the third Thursday of each month at the Pony. And to our retiring editors of the RUPAN our many thanks for a job very well done! THANK YOU!

Cheers to all, **Bob**

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## SEATTLE GOONEY BIRDS LUNCHEON

The Seattle Gooney Birds met for lunch and to pay tribute to Capt. Ray Dapp, who passed away on the 12th of February in Tacoma. Ray's daughter, Bonnie Jones, joined us for lunch and before leaving said that he had passed away peacefully with a smile and that the Gooney Birds meant a lot to Ray.

He was our host and RUPA representative for many years and was a friend to all. After the testimonials to Ray and a few jokes we adjourned. Thanks for everything, Ray, and RIP.

In attendance: Al Haynes, Dave Carver, Herb Breivik, Gere Pryde, Howard Holder, Bill Lamberton, Alex Dunn, Norm Richards, Jim Chilton, Fred Sindlinger, Dick Weisner, Don Anderson, Chuck Westfphal, Bob Reid, Neil Johnson, Dan Jessup, Herb Marks, Doug Christianson, Marc Gilkey, Vince Evans, Special Guest: Bonnie Jones, and **Bill Brett**



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## THE MONTEREY PENINSULA RUPA LUNCH BUNCH

We had 16 show up for lunch: Jon Rowbottom, Milt and Sunee Jines, Robert and Mary Gifford, Will and Fran Blomgren, Carlos and Judy Quintana, Dave Mackie, Barrie and Sharon Nelson, Diane Ellis, Brett Morris, and Paul and Brigitte Olson.

I explained the fixed menu idea to the group. The \$13.95 price plus tax and tip could be covered with a \$20 bill per person which would solve the problem of individual checks and the time consuming process of running credit cards and getting change. I asked for a show of hands and 11 liked the idea. We agreed to try it next month and then poll the group at the end. Carlos suggested they include a beef and a fish dish. I mentioned those choices might increase the fixed price. Our server explained that the fixed menu would speed up the ordering process and the kitchen as well as the checks.

I briefed the group on an email I received regarding an ORD 777 CAP who was in his hotel room in Tokyo when the quake hit and what happened in the following two days. There were seven flights inbound to NRT that diverted to Osaka and another that turned back to ANC. NRT reopened on Friday afternoon.

There was some discussion of the recent meeting at WHQ regarding Retirement Travel. A decision should be announced by the end of March.

Hopefully, next month the private room will be open and we will be back to our social time before sitting down to eat.

*Many thanks to Jon for hosting and providing the above information. Next RUPA lunch is April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Rio Grill, Carmel. With great anticipation we hope the private room will be completely renovated and ready – we're ready!!! Please be sure to RSVP – we need an accurate count. Phyllis Cleveland*

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## LOS ANGELES SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LUNCHEON

It was good to see the good turnout for our March 10th luncheon at Mimi's. The following twenty people attended: Rex May, Claude Giddings, Don Tanner, Larry Lutz, Eugene & Susan Biscailuz, Norm Marchmont & Trudy Buck, Tom & Mary McQueen, Don & Gloria McDermott, Jack & Joyann Moore, Ray Engel, Bob Mosher, Dick Unander, Doug & Marcene Rankin, and Doug Bielanski.

Don McDermott passed out printed information for those of us who were interested in more details about Flight Schedule Changes, recent MEC Meeting, Contract Negotiations, etc. Don also noted that on March 5th he and Doug and Marcene Rankin attended the memorial service for Gerry Beyer who recently "flew west".

Jim Day recently "flew west" and Nan Day stopped by briefly to give Don a copy of Jim Day's Obituary which will be in the RUPANEWS. Rex May read it to us and also told of how when he and Jim would fly together it was and case of "May-Day"!

Doug Bielanski then took the floor with the latest information pertaining to the PBGC. Also he passed out printed info regarding the activities of the United Pilots for Justice group.

The last bit of business consisted of Claude Giddings telling some jokes. Our next Luncheon at Mimi's will be Thursday, May 12th. Hope to see you then. *Doug & Marcene Rankin*

### Pickles/Brian Crane



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## THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY-SIDERS LUNCHEON

We had a nice turnout for our March Bay-Sider's luncheon which happened to fall on Mardi Gras this year, so it was "*Laissez les bon temps rouler.*" With 31 in attendance, the main topic of conversation was still speculation on the retiree's new pass privileges after the merger is complete. There didn't seem to be as much "gloom and doom" about it as there was in our last meeting. It looks like we will be keeping what we have now until the beginning of 2012.

We had a new attendee at the luncheon. Ray Littlefield decided to drive up from San Jose to join us for lunch. He is new to our gathering, but is a long time member of RUPA at the ripe old age of 90. Welcome aboard Ray!

In attendance were: Marty Berg, Rich & Georgia Bouska, Ken Breitschopf, Bob & Roz Clinton, Sam & Billy Cramb, Bob Ebenhahn, Rich & Cyndi Erhardt, Dick & Jeri Johnson, Howie Jundt, Bob Kallestad, Karl Kas-tle, Gaylan Kessel, Bob Kibort, Tom Kirby, Bob Lawrence, Ray Littlefield, Joyce Lopez, Norm Marshall, George Mendonca, Walt & Mary Ramseur, Norm Rupp, Cleve & Rose Spring, Gene & Carol Walter.

Our Luncheons are always on the second Tuesday of the month. The next luncheon will be April 12, 11:00 am

at Harry's Hofbrau, 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA. Cheers, *Cleve*

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## SOUTHWEST FLORIDA RUPA LUNCHEON

Our regular March meeting was held at the Olive Garden and everyone was in a good mood, as the fellow-ship was cheery and friendly. Twenty-nine members and guests were present. There was no new or old business to discuss so the lunch orders were submitted. The Olive Garden staff and service was outstanding.

Attending: Alves Wallis, Bill Bates, Jim Boyer, Neil Bretthauer and son Steve, Will & Sara Collins, Norbert & Carol Cudnowski, Rip Curtiss, Jim Howard, Skip Irwin, Don Kincaid, Buzz Osterbusch, Ray & Twila White, James Downing, Bob Kelly, Jim McCusker. Gusts: Dot Prose, Gene Chapman, Harry & Marvis Long, Don Sullivan and Earl Walsh.

Regrettably, no one has come forward to take over hosting the meetings, so the baton may remain on the floor. Hopefully, before the November meeting someone will come forward. In any event the SW FL RUPA meetings will remain on the schedule, i.e. Nov. 2011, Jan., Feb. and March 2012. However, if no one takes over hosting, there may not be any report of such gatherings.

For the record I have in my possession the following items that belong to RUPA. Hopefully I will be able to pass them on to the next host.

1. Financial records. At the end of Monday's meeting the balance on hand is zero.
2. Attendance records.
3. Miscellaneous supplies; i.e. name tags, pens, 50/50 tickets, sent postcards and blank name stickers.
4. A scrap book of meeting minutes, pictures, obits, and other things of interest.
5. Data base of e-mail and USPS addresses.
6. The latest RUPA directory.

Interested members can contact me at [gjcritt5@comcast.net](mailto:gjcritt5@comcast.net), ph 236-540-9112, address: 822 SW 56<sup>th</sup> St. Cape Coral, FL 33914. More than likely Janice and I will be attending future meetings, just not as your host.

Thanks to all of the members for your support over the last six years! *Gary & Janice Crittenden*

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I've been diagnosed with C.R.S.  
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# JOE CARNES NW ILLINOIS RUPA LUNCHEON



Will Return

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

At the 31 North Banquets & Conference Center  
(the old Warsaw Inn), 217 North Route 31, McHenry, Illinois  
North of the intersection of Bull Valley Road  
South of the intersection of Route 120 and Route 31  
On the West side of Route 31



SPOUSES  
WELCOME!

RSVP by Thursday, May 5, 2011

Please, we need a closer count on the number of attendees

Cash Bar @ 11:00 a.m. - Lunch @ Noon  
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## SAN FRANCISCO NORTH BAY RUPA LUNCHEON

The North Bay RUPA Luncheon was held at the Petaluma Sheraton on Wednesday, the 2nd of March, on a cloudy and sometimes rainy day. A good sized crowd showed up in spite of the weather and the absence of our beloved leader, The Padre, Bob Donegan and his lovely bride, Doris. We missed his memorabilia he always brings to the luncheon.

We welcomed two new attendees and their husbands, retired Captain Ellen Thompson and husband Kenneth, and retired Captain Linda Morley-Wells and husband Walt, retired US Air. And another guest, working UA 777 F/O Eileen Tyson.

H&W Chair, George Hise, gave his normal "booze and chocolate" is the best cure for what ails you. Your host gave a few updates, the best one being that Cleve is staying on as Editor, and that hopefully, sometime in March a new pass policy will be announce. But so far, nothing. Hopefully, our web master will be putting that on his front page as soon as it is announced. [www.rupa.org](http://www.rupa.org).

If you live in the North Bay, please join us. Spouses and girlfriends included, and the lunch prices are reasonable, and the camaraderie is worth the trip.

In attendance were: John Baczynski, Dan Bargar Gardner Bride, John & Sharon Candelo, Ken & Shirely Corbin, Tom & Joyce Grey, Barney Hagen, George Hise, Deke & Merle Holman, Dick Lammerding, Jules Lepkowsky, Don Madsen, Bill McGuire, Al Milotich, Linda Morley-Wells & husband Walt Wells, Sam & Mickie Orchard, Leon Scarbrough, Ellen & Kenneth Thompson, Eileen Tyson (working UA pilot), Joe Vaughn (guest of Dick Lammerding), Larry & Dee Whyman.

Loyal Substitute Scribe & Host, *Leon Scarbrough*



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## CHANGES ARE COMING

1. **The Post Office.** Get ready to imagine a world without the post office. They are so deeply in financial trouble that there is probably no way to sustain it long term. Email, Fed Ex, and UPS have just about wiped out the minimum revenue needed to keep the post office alive. Most of your mail every day is junk mail and bills.
2. **The Check.** Britain is already laying the groundwork to do away with checks by 2018. It costs the financial system billions of dollars a year to process checks. Plastic cards and online transactions will lead to the eventual demise of the check. This plays right into the death of the post office. If you never paid your bills by mail and never received them by mail, the post office would absolutely go out of business.
3. **The Newspaper.** The younger generation simply doesn't read the newspaper. They certainly don't subscribe to a daily delivered print edition. That may go the way of the milkman and the laundry man. As for reading the paper online, get ready to pay for it. The rise in mobile Internet devices and e-readers has caused all the newspaper and magazine publishers to form an alliance. They have met with Apple, Amazon, and the major cell phone companies to develop a model for paid subscription services.
4. **The Book.** You say you will never give up the physical book that you hold in your hand and turn the literal pages. I said the same thing about downloading music from iTunes. I wanted my hard copy CD. But I quickly changed my mind when I discovered that I could get albums for half the price without ever leaving home to get the latest music. The same thing will happen with books. You can browse a bookstore online and even read a preview chapter before you buy. And the price is less than half that of a real book. And think of the convenience! Once you start flicking your fingers on the screen instead of the book, you find that you are lost in the story, can't wait to see what happens next, and you forget that you're holding a gadget instead of a book.
5. **The Land Line Telephone.** Unless you have a large family and make a lot of local calls, you don't need it anymore. Most people keep it simply because they've always had it. But you are paying double charges for that extra service. All the cell phone companies will let you call customers using the same cell provider for no charge against your minutes.
6. **Music.** This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It's the lack of innovative new music being given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it. Greed and corruption is the problem. The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is "catalog items," meaning traditional music that the public is familiar with. Older established artists. This is also true on the live concert circuit. To explore this fascinating and disturbing topic further, check out the book, "Appetite for Self-Destruction" by Steve Knopper, and the video documentary, "Before the Music Dies."
7. **Television.** Revenues to the networks are down dramatically. Not just because of the economy. People are watching TV and movies streamed from their computers. And they're playing games and doing lots of other things that take up the time that used to be spent watching TV. Prime time shows have degenerated down to lower than the lowest common denominator. Cable rates are skyrocketing and commercials run about every 4 minutes and 30 seconds. I say good riddance to most of it. It's time for the cable companies to be put out of our misery. Let the people choose what they want to watch online and through Netflix.
8. **The "Things" That You Own.** Many of the very possessions that we used to own are still in our lives, but we may not actually own them in the future. They may simply reside in "the cloud." Today your computer has a hard drive and you store your pictures, music, movies, and documents. Your software is on a CD or DVD, and you can always re-install it if need be. But all of that is changing. Apple, Microsoft, and Google are all finishing up their latest "cloud services." That means that when you turn on a computer, the Internet will be built into the operating system. So, Windows, Google, and the Mac OS will be tied straight into the Internet. If you click an icon, it will open something in the Internet cloud. If you save something, it will be saved to the cloud. And you may pay a monthly subscription fee to the cloud provider. In this virtual world, you can access your music or your books, or your whatever from any laptop or handheld device. That's the

good news. But, will you actually own any of this "stuff" or will it all be able to disappear at any moment in a big "Poof?" Will most of the things in our lives be disposable and whimsical? It makes you want to run to the closet and pull out that photo album, grab a book from the shelf, or open up a CD case and pull out the insert.

9. **Privacy.** If there ever was a concept that we can look back on nostalgically, it would be privacy. That's gone. It's been gone for a long time anyway. There are cameras on the street, in most of the buildings, and even built into your computer and cell phone. But you can be sure that 24/7, "They" know who you are and where you are, right down to the GPS coordinates, and the Google Street View. If you buy something, your habit is put into a zillion profiles, and your ads will change to reflect those habits. And "They" will try to get you to buy something else. Again and again. All we will have that can't be changed are Memories.

## HOW TO RECOGNIZE A STROKE

Doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke immediately by asking a person to do four things.

- Ask a person to smile.
- Ask a person to speak a simple sentence coherently.
- Ask a person to raise both arms.
- Ask a person to stick out their tongue.

If the person can't smile correctly, can't speak a simple sentence coherently, can't raise both arms correctly or if their tongue goes to one side or the other that is an indication of a stroke.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

## THE CORRECT TIMES TO DRINK WATER

*This may or may not be true, but it can't hurt!*

Drinking water at certain time maximizes its effectiveness on the body:

- 2 glasses of water after waking up helps activate internal organs.
- 1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal helps digestion.
- 1 glass of water before taking a bath helps lower blood pressure.
- 1 glass of water before going to bed avoids stroke or heart attack.

Pickles/Brian Crane



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## RED BARON' HONORED AT HOME

Legacy of WWI Ace fell victim to change of border

By Ryan Lucas, Associated Press

Baron Manfred von Richthofen buzzed above the muddy World War I battlefields in his red Fokker tri-plane, downing a record 80 Allied aircraft on his way to becoming the war's top fighter ace and earning the famed "Red Baron" nom de guerre.

But von Richthofen, who was shot down and killed just before his 26th birthday in 1918, has been a legend in limbo since Poland's borders moved west after World War II and swallowed the baron's hometown of Schweidnitz - today called Swidnica.

The neglect has been largely due to apprehension about honoring a German, a legacy of the brutal Nazi invasion and occupation of World War II. Swidnica resident Jerzy Gaszynski is trying to change that with a new memorial to the Red Baron, and reckons he might even pull in a few tourists at the same time. "I think that with a figure this well-known around the world, it's a bit of a sin that he's not even that well-known here and that there's really no effort to remember him," Gaszynski said. "Everybody here kind of said under their breath 'baron this, baron that,' but he was neglected, nobody was doing anything."

In June, Gaszynski erected a memorial plaque he sculpted in the garden of the von Richthofen family home, a three-story villa set among oak trees and other stately mansions. The cast iron plaque, set atop a granite slab, bears a bust of the flying ace and the words: "In this house lived the best pilot of World War I, the Red Baron. Born May 2, 1892, he died in aerial combat April 21, 1918, Manfred von Richthofen."

Honoring a German soldier in Poland, which lost some 6 million citizens under the Nazi occupation, can still be a touchy issue. The two countries continue to wrestle with efforts by some Germans to regain property lost to Poland when the borders shifted west after World War II.

Gaszynski received a lukewarm response from town officials, and got a handful of snide e-mails and comments on his Internet forum. "For many people, a German pilot means World War II," he said. "They look at him through the prism of World War II, but aviation in World War I functioned on entirely different rules."

Though he is best known as a combat ace, Gaszynski said the baron was so well respected as a person and noble adversary by his enemies that when he was shot down, British and Commonwealth troops buried him with full honors in Bertangles, near Amiens, France.

He was later exhumed and buried in Berlin in 1925, then moved again to Wiesbaden, Germany.

"His rivals respected him, and held such a funeral for him that I don't know if even his countrymen would have given him such a send-off," Gaszynski said. "So why should we in Poland be against him?"

Gaszynski enlisted a number of local companies to help pour cement and mount a granite slab for the memorial. He also sought out the help of an 80-year-old man who has lived in the former von Richthofen former home since 1950.

Jerzy Pawelski helped convince the six other families living in the apartments now located in the house to agree to the memorial. "You have to respect every hero," Pawelski said. "It's an honor to live in the same villa as such a hero."

The Red Baron went to school at a building just off the main town square, lined with candy-colored townhouses. A granite monument dedicated to him stands in the park across the street from his childhood home.

But under communism, the Polish government strove to downplay the region's German history and Red Baron's story fell into the shadows while the monument fell into disrepair. Now, moss and graffiti cover the granite stones.

Von Richthofen joined Germany's fledgling Air Force in 1915, and shot down his first plane in September of





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the following year. "He had an enormous innate skill," said Mark Whitmore, director of collections at the Imperial War Museum in London, which has the engine from the plane in which von Richthofen was shot down on permanent display.

"Like a lot of aces, he wasn't necessarily a brilliant aviator, in the sense of flying a plane like an airline pilot would. Where he was absolutely brilliant was flying a plane in combat, flying it absolutely to the edge of its capability and gaining the extra edge that makes all the difference, particularly in dogfighting."

Von Richthofen quickly moved up the ranks until he headed a squadron known as "The Flying Circus," one of Germany's premier aerial units. "He was certainly a thorn in their (Allied) side, and they had an enormous amount of respect for the ability of the flying circus," Whitmore said. Baron Hartmann von Richthofen, the son of Manfred's youngest brother, welcomed the Gaszynski's efforts to remember his uncle, calling them "a very good idea, certainly within the wishes of the family."

"He was an airman and fought against the British and the French on the western front. There's no real reason that we shouldn't (honor him). He was a decent man and a soldier like many others as well," he said in a telephone interview from the German city of Baden-Baden.

Swidnica locals also seem to be coming around to the idea.

"I don't know exactly where the house is, but he's a very interesting figure and warmly remembered around the world," said Wielsaw Michalak, 54, as he walked past von Richthofen's old school with his wife, Elzbieta. "He's a person that I think that could bring the spotlight on Swidnica."

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## THE NEW ALPHABET FOR OLDER PEOPLE

A is for arthritis.

B is for bad back.

C is for the chest pains. Corned beef? Cardiac?

D is for dental decay and decline.

E is for eyesight--can't read that top line.

F is for fissures and fluid retention.

G is for gas (which I'd rather not mention) And other gastrointestinal glitches.

H is high blood pressure.

I is for itches.

J is for joints that are failing to flex.

L for libido--what happened to sex?

Wait! I forgot about K for bad knees.

(I've got a few gaps in my M-memory)

N is for nerve (pinched) and neck (stiff) and neurosis.

O is for osteo-

P is for porosis.

Q is for queasiness. Fatal? Just flu?

R is for reflux--one meal becomes two.

S is for sleepless nights counting my fears.

T is for tinnitus--bells in my ears.

U is for difficulties, urinary?

V is for vertigo.

W is for worry-

About what the X--as in X ray--will find,

But though the word terminal rushes to mind, I'm proud, as each

Y - year - goes by, to reveal A reservoir of undiminished

Z - zeal---For checking the symptoms my body's deployed, And keeping my twenty-six doctors employed.

# LETTERS

**PAT AUSTIN**—Culpeper, VA

Hello to all, Woke up this morning, always a good start, and the calendar said today I'm 70! Precise calculations showed that I have been in the ranks of the retired for ten years. Since I've never furnished an activity update to *RUPANEWS* I will break precedence and pen a few words this year. First, annual dues are in the mail for me and my fishing partner and longtime friend Hal Stepinsky with whom I share a common birthday.

A common thread I see in other's reports is a health synopsis; fortunately Glenna (my wife of 45+ years) and I enjoy good health so far. Only bumps in the road were about five years ago Glenna had a sudden allergic reaction to something, quit breathing, anaphylactic shock, three days in ICU, full recovery but carries EPI pen now just in case. Never really found source of allergy but could have been cats. Don't have cats anymore. My only health issue was an eye issue. Eye guy had been telling me for several years that I was developing cataracts in both eyes; finally about three years ago he says now it is time to do something about it! Had multifocal lens implants in both eyes (about two weeks apart) and what a difference. FAA doc removed lens restriction from my medical certificate as did the DMV. So much for health.

Travel activities are somewhat scattered. In the Summer of 2001 we purchased a BMW car with European delivery. Comes 9/11 and BMW says your car is ready for pickup in Munich. As everyone recalls, the weeks after that terrible event were almost surreal as far as air travel goes. Eventually we, and about 20 other folks, got on the flight to MUC, picked up the car and spent a couple of weeks driving around Germany, Italy and Austria. We were going to stay longer but with the after-shocks of 9/11 it seemed like we should be back home so we came home.

Up until this year a few of us, Bill Brashear, Tom McFadden, and others would get together in Chicago for a friendly gin tournament but SA travel, especially for those in Atlanta, has been tough so we missed last year. One get-together we do enjoy is Bill Brashear's annual golf tournament in Daw-

sonville, GA. Always a good time and an opportunity to see old friends and make new ones; even Delta guys.

Another annual event that some of us have enjoyed for over thirty years is a fishing trip in Northwest Ontario. Attendance varies from as few as 6 to as many as 16. For several years a few of us (anywhere from 4 to 20) would spend a few days in the Baja fishing. The last year for that was whatever year Hurricane Katrina hit. It seems like interest in that trip has waned somewhat. Don't know if it's been a result of the economy or a reluctance to fuel the economy of Mexico.

Some time about six or seven years ago a group of four couples, Bill and Betty Brashear, Warren and Michelle Nelson, Chuck and Ruth Pierce, and us established a tradition of rotating New Years get-togethers. Some years in Georgia, some in Chicago, and some others here in Culpeper, VA. Always looked forward to and greatly enjoyed.

Our latest travel adventure was last October when we and the Pierce's went to France where we chartered a river/canal boat for a week and traveled through Burgundy on the river Saone. After a week on the boat, we made our way to England and spent a week with relatives of the Pierces in Wolverhampton. As far as the SA experience to Europe and back I'll only say: It ain't what it used to be! Think middle seats under the rudder.

So, that's about it for now. Perhaps, Lord willing, I will offer another contribution in 2021.

Thanks to all who made this publication possible. I hope it can continue. *Pat*

**MIKE BARRETT**—Absecon, NJ

Once again it's time for the annual verification of my health and longevity, and gratefully I can respond positively on both accounts. No recurrence of Melanoma, and another grandchild on the way, so almost all is well. You can fill in the blanks on all the things that aren't.

For those of us who live in the forgotten New York area the Continental-United merger opens up some pass-riding opportunities that previously didn't exist, like seeing my daughter and her family in IND. What an unbelievable hassle on United! Hope all is well for everyone, take care, *Mike*

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**BOB BROCKMEIER**—Villa Park, CA  
10 years! Still alive and busy. Still at the same address since 1972. Still married to each other for 47+ years. Wow!

We just finished our 17<sup>th</sup> cruise on Silver Sea Cruise line. 18 days up the West Coast of South America from Valparaiso, through the Panama Canal to Fort Lauderdale. We really enjoy the cruises having amassed 375 cruise days in the past 11 years. We are looking forward to 2 more cruises this year. Regarding getting to or from the port, we actually purchase real airline tickets! Imagine that! Space available isn't what it used to be and I don't see any change even with the merger.

Barbara keeps busy with her bridge, needlepoint and tennis friends, and I do handyman work in the neighborhood. Lots of work out there and it's fun. I'm still president of the American Aviation Historical Society. ([www.AAHS-online.org](http://www.AAHS-online.org)) Give us a look on the internet for some wonderful articles regarding Aviation in the U.S. We've been publishing for 55 years. Contact me and I'm sure I can get you an airline discount on membership.

Barbara and I are blessed with 4 sons, 4 daughters in law and now 9 grandchildren! (3 boys and 6 girls). We see them a good amount but stay out of their lives.

I recently had surgery to remove a large cyst in my neck. Great fun, but it beats the alternative. Now I will take Tums forever as the surgery also involved removal of the thyroid.

With the age 65 rule in effect I see where there are few new members as well as the older group going elsewhere. All groups have encountered this and a solution does not seem to be at hand. Hopefully the soon to be retiring pilots will realize that the RUPA Journal is a great way to stay in touch with former pilots.

Anyway, hope all is well with all of you.  
Best regards, **Bob** ([bnbbrock@yahoo.com](mailto:bnbbrock@yahoo.com))

**JIMMY CARTER**—Delray Beach, FL  
On my last birthday in the 70's. I must admit I think I'm getting older. Nineteen years of retirement, hard to believe. But every morning I get up with the Florida Sun is a great day.

We all have so much to be grateful for. We had the best of times.  
Bottoms up. *Jimmy*

**BEN CONKLIN**—Doylestown, PA  
Hi Cleve and all, Retirement year number 29 and still on the go.

Rose and I are still able to get around. Not breaking any speed records but at this age, who's trying.

All in the immediate family are doing fine. Granddaughter is about to graduate from college and grandson from high school. So time marches on.

Hope RUPA comes up with a new editor. You guys have certainly done a good job and many thanks to everyone for hanging in there. Dues in the slow mail.

Regards to all. *Ben*

**CORT DE PEYSTER**—Reno, NV  
This might not get published with the retirement of Bruce and Cleve. I think it has hit home how dedicated these two volunteers have been to keep *RUPANEWS* going. We all owe them a huge debt of gratitude!

Anyhow, still flying a Citation X for a 135 charter company, XOJET. Had a nice 6 trip to Stuttgart and Munich last month (Picture attached with my co pilot and F/A on the ramp at EDDM). We had enough time to take the train down to Salzburg, Austria for a lovely visit.

Nancy and I continue to commute between Reno and Lopez Island WA. Our son, Brooks (23), is at Golden Gate University Law School (San Francisco) and is on the Dean's list in his 1st year. Alexandra (21) is a Junior at University of Oklahoma studying elementary education.

In April Nan and I plan to take one of Ed De Chant's river barge trips in the Alsace Lorraine.

We read *RUPANEWS* cover to cover every month and will miss it, terribly if it folds.

Best to all of you in 2011.

Regards, *Cort* DCA-ORD-SFO '67-'06

**HELENE A DENTON**—Palos Verdes Estates, CA  
My husband, William J Denton, was the pilot. His birthday is Nov 15, 1920. Mine is March 30, 1923. I was a stewardess for 3½ years. DC-3, 4, & 6. He was on the jets up to the 747. Before the airlines it was B-17, B-24, and B-29, and Air Force Reserves, ending up with 34,000 hours flying time. *Helene*



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**RALPH DILULLO**—Charlotte Ct House, VA  
Here are my dues plus a little x-tra--Thank you for your work.

2011 marks 50 years for Jodie and I. 50 years as a Marine Officer.

Our youngest son, Major Matthew is going to Afghanistan. Son Mark has a contract with NASA. Son Mike is running the farm.

Sorry, no computer or typewriter. (*No problem Ralph*) And a joke from Ralph. :)

What has an IQ of 160 and goes 1,500 mph? Flight of four Marine fighter pilots. *Ralph*

**DALE DOPKINS**—Hampshire, IL

I believe this is the first birthday letter that I have written to the *RUPANEWS*, and I have decided to borrow a line from that Late, Great pitching legend and philosopher, Satchel Paige, who said, "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you was?"

So sticking with that idea, I don't know how long it's been since I retired, but when I was flying the skies were still friendly.

Life is good for Pam and me out here on the farm in Hampshire, Illinois, although I don't have the stammina I used to have. I used to be able to read those letters from members telling about their wonderful (and exhausting) trips all the way through without stopping. Now, however, lots of times I have to stop about half way through and take a little rest.

We don't travel much anymore, but right now if everything works out alright, we are planning a little trip for next month down to the Walmart in Dekalb. Other than that it's just tending our dog and cats and watching the corn grow.

Thanks to all the workers who keep this ship called RUPA afloat. I just wish I could be there to help! Special thanks to Ron, Leon, Cleve and Bruce and all the rest. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

*Dale*, MDW, ORD, SEA, DENTK, ORD, EWR, ORD, SFO, 1959-1993

**DAVID ELLIS**—Sacramento, CA

Please find check enclosed for my dues. This was the 99th birthday on Feb 5, so will try to make it to the next one, the big 100.

It's been a great life, and I am in pretty good shape for my age. I have a little arthritis in my knees but

still walk the dog each day and enjoy a few chores in the garden in California.

We sold the Oregon cabin and live in California permanently now. It was a good 44 years on the Rogue River but the fish will have to bite for someone else now.

Keep up the good work. I enjoy the *RUPANEWS* even if I don't know many people anymore; the activity of the people who write in is always interesting.

Sincerely, *David*

**PAUL "WES" ERBE**—Allentown, NJ

Enclosed my dues check for \$25.

Appreciate your work for RUPA. 82 trips around the sun. WOW. *Wes*

**DAVE FORBES**—Atherton, CA

Hard to believe it has been 12 years since I retired.

Still have the houses in Trinity Center, CA and Atherton, CA. Also, built a hangar with a one bedroom apt at the Mogollon Air Park at Overgaard, AZ. Still working on the Lancair 360 and the 1929 Davis.

Pat & I are still in good health with both of us still flying. *Dave*

**BUD GIMPLE**—Grand Junction, CO

Greetings to all from Western Colorado. We have been here for thirty two years. We left Illinois in 1979. This is a great place to live. We have four seasons, but none too severe. Having said that, we have a house south of Tucson for mid-winter breaks.

I lost my first wife, Jeanne, in 1995. (Lung cancer). I remarried eleven years ago (2000) to Kennie Ruth. She is instrument rated and has a 1959 Cessna 182. I am very lucky to have her as a loving companion.

I am very concerned about the future of our country. The powers that be are racing us toward insolvency at a rapid rate. We hope this trend can be reversed, soon.

The UAL/Continental combination looks like a winning one.

The best to all. Give us a call or stop by.

*Bud*, MDW-ORD-DEN-OAK-SFO-DEN

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**JAMES GLENDENNING**—Mt. Vernon, WA  
Another year and I haven't seen my name in the  
flown West section yet. So far, so good.

We hit a bit of a speed bump this year. Yvonne was  
diagnosed with two small cancerous tumors on her  
right kidney. The options were removal or watchful  
waiting. Yvonne is not fond of waiting so she had  
the kidney removed. All went well. Two days in  
the hospital and then a month and a half of recovery  
before she was completely back to normal. There  
was no sign of further cancer and the Doc gave her  
a 95% chance of no further problems. We feel  
blessed.

That, along with a 60th high school reunion, a  
cruise through the Panama Canal, a week in Whis-  
tler, BC, and a lot of time spent at TEA Party rallies  
kept us off the streets and out of the bars.

We're now enjoying a La Nina winter here in Puget  
Sound. It's wetter and darker than usual.  
(Arrrgghh!!) Will be going someplace for some sun  
by the time this is published.

Many thanks to all who put this publication to-  
gether. It's still a good read. *Jim G.*

**MIKE HEPPERLEN**—Crystal Lake, IL  
My 75th year was going like gangbusters until I hit  
a bump in the road last September. I was on a cross  
country in my RV-8 to see my youngest son and  
family in Denver. After arriving, I had trouble get-  
ting my thoughts in order for a couple of minutes. I  
thought I should get it checked out. When I got  
back home I went to my Doctor to get his opinion.  
His idea was a TIA, or "mini-stroke". I had an MRI  
and his diagnosis was confirmed. Therefore I put  
my RV-8 up for sale, and considered myself  
grounded. I sold the RV earlier this month, so I am  
out of toys.

My life style has not changed, except for a baby as-  
pirin each day, so I still consider myself lucky.

I am helping my Dentist build an RV-7 which is my  
entertainment since there is no more solo for me. I  
enjoy building almost as much as flying so loosing  
flying is tempered by the building challenge.

Other than the TIA, both Peg and I are in good  
health, which is a blessing and we are both active in  
the Anglican Church that we helped to start. *Mike*

**BOB HUSKEY**—Hendersonville, NC  
I'm a month late due to a stay in the hospital for a  
prostate cancer surgery. All this was in conjunction  
with a heart problem I was not aware of. I seem to  
be recovering well now, but it got a little scary for  
awhile.

My surgery was with a robotic machine and my re-  
covery has been very fast as compared with conven-  
tional surgery or chemo and radiation. I recom-  
mend it to anyone needing prostate surgery. Please  
get a PSA blood test at least once a year so that a  
trend will be picked up and catch any problems  
early.

The rest of my family is doing well and I plan to  
enjoy every minute with them. You "guys" all do  
the same. *Bob*

**STEVE JAKUBOWSKI**—Grasonville, MD  
I'm a little late but I have a good excuse. On April  
13th of last year Linda and I were lucky to escape a  
fire that broke out at 0100 and destroyed our home  
of twenty years and all of our possessions that we  
accumulated over forty three years of marriage.  
There's a little FYI lesson here that I never imag-  
ined might happen. I had six smoke detectors in the  
house that I had just replaced all the batteries in a  
couple of weeks earlier when daylight savings time  
rolled around. I never heard any of them. What  
woke me up was the roar of the flames and the win-  
dows exploding as the gas between the pains heated  
to the point that they just blew up. I thought I was  
dreaming but the second window to go had me leap-  
ing out of bed to investigate. As soon as I opened  
the bedroom door, which was on the first floor, I  
saw flames and black smoke consuming the two  
story home. This is where our evac training paid  
off. I starting yelling as loud as I could back toward  
the bedroom for my wife to "get up—the house is  
on fire—run run run," repeated several times. We  
made it out the back, her in a robe and me in my  
shorts, but we made it. One mistake I made was not  
to close the slider after I got through as the fire just  
fed off the oxygen and followed me right out the  
back.

As with most things that happen to us, there was a  
huge blessing as well. My youngest son was just  
married two days before at the Naval Academy and  
our second son Eric, his wife and three kids were  
staying with us for the ten days prior and left to re-  
turn to Hawaii just twelve hours before the house

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burned to the ground. They would not have survived as they were spread out upstairs. The next day after the fire, I was sitting on the electrical box out by the street still watching the smoke coming from the ruins when my good buddy stopped over and exclaimed "Steve, you got hit by a star, you just don't know it yet." I had no idea what he was talking about then, but now as we have moved back into a brand new home this past weekend built where the old one once stood, with everything new, home, furnishings, clothes etc. I know now what he meant. It's been a tough eleven months, but for the loss of all the memories in the form of picture albums and the various records lost on all the computers, we are blessed to have everyone alive to start over.

So that's why the dues is late.

Regards to all, *Steve & Linda*

**DAVE JONES**—Trent Woods NC

In my letter which was published in the February 2001 issue, I reported meeting an active United pilot who lives here in New Bern and commutes to Washington. Unfortunately, I gave the wrong name for him. He is Rusty Bell, not Rusty Strong!

My apologies to Rusty and to the *RUPANEWS* readers. I suppose having a brain f--t at my age is the same as a senior moment. *Dave*

**RICHARD LANGFORD**—Austin, TX

Holy Mackerel! It's April 2011. Fourteen years since I retired. Went almost as fast as the 41 years of flying before.

A wonderful year! A new baby granddaughter, new pool, new deck, new backyard!

All here are in good health and spirits. We are blessed! *Richard*

**TOM LIBUDA**—Rio Verda, AZ

Time to renew the *RUPANEWS* and be thankful for another good year.

Thanks to all on the RUPA staff for keeping the *RUPANEWS* coming.

Cheers and good health to all! *Tom & Renee*

**DON MC DERMOTT**—West Hills, CA

Dear Bruce, Cleve and my fellow RUPA members, I am sure that both of you need a long break from all the jobs you both have done over the years for RUPA. It reminds me of a statement that Rex May

(LAX Rep.) made to our luncheon group, "Sometimes I think that the only way to be replaced in RUPA was to die."

It has been over three years since I have written to all of you. My time seems to fly by faster each year.

As many of you know, I have experienced serious respiratory problems since 2007. Having not found the cause by my local doctors, I was sent to UCLA's pulmonary treatment center. After extensive laboratory tests, they discovered that I had an Aspergillus (mold) infection in my bronchial tree. I was asked at the time if I had worked around pigeons. I told the doctor "No." What I had forgotten was that I had removed a dozen old, much used, bird nests from the eaves of my son's home. I did this without wearing a protective mask. Each time I removed a nest; there was a cloud of dust from their droppings. So a word to the wise, don't do anything like that without a mask. I was treated for four and a half months with high doses of Prednisone and a very expensive drug called Voriconazole to kill the mold infection (\$2,500 per month). I am much better now but I still suffer from some residual effects and take breathing treatments every day.

As far as travel is concerned, we went to the Kona Coast with our son, Mike and his family. We left LAX on August 14<sup>th</sup> for 8 days. We went over on UAL in a B757 and returned on a B767. We bought Economy Plus seats and it was worth it for the added leg room. We used our Eagle points for this trip. The cost was about \$740.00 per person. No wonder UAL didn't mention their Mileage Plus program as an asset during the bankruptcy. We also flew to DFW in October to visit our daughter, Anne Marie and her family. We flew a Sky West RJ (70 seat model) both ways and I guess were lucky to get on since their employees are boarded first. Let's hope that we have some pass travel left at the conclusion of the merger with Continental.

Thanks again to our editors and staff for this great magazine.

*Don McD* ('64 – '97 DEN, LAX, ORD, LAX)

**AUGIE MILLER**—Scotch Plains, NJ

Hi Cleve & Bruce, Thank you for all your time putting the *RUPANEWS* together, it is nice to keep in touch.

I missed sending a letter last year, too busy haaa!



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Sorry. I really don't have much to report, very little travel, my longest trip was back to PA, PIT area, we had a great time at my sister Louise's 90th birthday party, over 200 people came, family & friends, Louise could easily pass as 60.

I fell & broke my arm last month, returning home from QB meeting, got out of car, temperature 31, slipped on a wet spot (I thought) & went down hard. The first time I ever had a broken bone. Just had the hard cast removed, and have to wear a removable splint support a couple more weeks.

I'm really sorry to lose my old flying & hunting buddy, Russ Wright, he went back to the Boeing 247. He took off from old Charleston WVA airport (at river level) in heavy fog one morning with Bill Riley flying co-pilot, they lost an engine, could not return to airport because of wx, but he did coax it up out of the fog & crashed on top of a hill. The 247 did not have feathering props and was not advertised to be able to climb on one, but they did. There were no fatalities, and the most serious injury was a lady with a broken back. An old seniority list shows Russ's date of hire 10/24/1938.

I'm still married to my first wife; 61 years last Sept. and we both have turned 89 this year.

My RUPA dues check is in the mail.  
Regards, *Augie*

**CHUCK MINOR**—Los Altos, CA

At 92 plus years, I've out lived most of the pilots I flew with. Thanks to all What A Great Trip--"1943-1979"

Time to say, good bye, *Chuck*

**GEORGE NIXON**—Tasmania, Australia

It's two long years gone since I wrote on my birth month. I apologize for being behind.

Not much has happened to report. Heather and I are doing well physically. I will have my 76th birthday on the 13th of this month (March). My liver cancer is in remission since my surgery last July. Our children are well and happy.

Greetings and good tidings to all. God willing you'll hear from me again next year.

*George & Heather*

**GEORGE NOLLY**—Castle Rock, CO

First of all, a big THANK YOU to Cleve and Bruce. I hope you've found someone to give you guys a well-deserved break.

Another year gone by way too fast and I'm now at what the folks at Social Security call "full retirement age." The PBGC celebrated the event by reducing my monthly allotment from \$1730 to \$1126. Fat chance I'm going to retire!

Fortunately, I have my health, and a consulting job that keeps bread on the table. In 2010 I traveled to Japan (4 weeks), Russia (2 weeks), Bolivia, Panama, Mexico, Canada, Portugal and a bunch of domestic places to perform IATA Operational Safety Audits. I have feelers out for some full-time positions, but no nibbles so far.

I'm in the final stages (perhaps a better word is "throes") of completing my dissertation for a Doctor of Business Administration degree, specializing in Homeland Security. My dissertation is at the university awaiting approval (or return for a re-submit), so hopefully I'll be Captain-Dr. by summer. My classmates who have already graduated have indicated that a lot of employment opportunities have magically appeared after receiving the degree, so I'm hoping for the best. The PBGC, and my own mismanagement of my B-fund, have pretty much guaranteed that I'll be working for quite some time yet. I suspect Homeland Security will be a growth industry for the foreseeable future.

Although I still have the occasional dream about showing up at the airplane and discovering I've forgotten my flight bag. Every time I travel by air (which is quite often) I realize I'm glad I'm no longer in that rat race. Oh, and by the way, United pilots no longer carry flight bags! *George*

**JOHN O'CONNELL**—Sycamore, IL/Prescott, AZ

FIRST THINGS FIRST: Thank you Cleve & Bruce for your expertise and dedication in the sophistication of a magazine of information, news and camaraderie. Your efforts are appreciated and you deserve a well earned time out. THANK YOU AGAIN AND GOD BLESS.

Check was sent on time. The note is late. Since challenging our class to check in I felt the need to do the same. No response to the challenge however. Yes, I also remember you Jim Berquist with good memories, and enjoyed your letter. More of our

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group should bring us up to date. I've noticed again some excuse responses, "no names I recognize." I recall when Felix Jones signed off with that excuse and the letters that responded, "We remember you Felix." question? Whom do we remember more readily? Those we plumbed or copiloted for or those who did that for us? Keep us in the loop please. Off the soap box.

Miriam and I enjoyed the Sept Cruise. Thank you to all those who made it possible. The time with old friends and the opportunity to make new ones are appreciated. The Ports of call were great. Many were in our bucket.

We are downsizing this year with plans to move to a retirement complex in Geneva, IL. There are all levels of care on a golf course, near a rail station for transportation to Chicago, and a mile from shopping to satisfy any wives needs. A major medical facility close. It is still under construction but we see progress every time we check it out.

Right now we're enjoying the high country here in AZ. We'll return to the farm in May when gardening time rolls around.

I'm still active with the 727 at Science and Industry. What fun it is to talk to interested and interesting people from all over the world. My favorites are the little kids, some of which will not believe they are standing in a real airplane. The rolls are being narrowed so if anyone is interested let me know.

That's all for now. Take care and God Bless,  
*Miriam & John*

**GARRETT PAULL**—Joplin, MO

Dues in the mail, plus some extra for "stuff". Want to thank everyone for the great publication. You guys and gals do a wonderful job.

I, like everyone, still have dreams about United, flying, and the crew desk. I'm never prepared for the trip. Having read this same from so many, I guess that it is normal, I hope.

I haven't written for a few years so wanted to send in a note. 71 years old, WOW! I'm in good health which I give thanks for everyday.

I do some exercising, and am still active on a daily basis at my business, Powersports of Joplin. We sell Honda, Yamaha and Suzuki. What could be better than airplanes and motorcycles?

I have not flown since I retired, which I thought

would have been impossible. That is something that I will do soon. I keep my FI licenses (fixed wing and rotor wing) current attending a bi-annual FIRC. Won't teach again but I enjoy the clinic and worked so hard for them that I just don't want to give them up.

As many write, I think about and miss the great people that I worked with for so many years. When you are a New Hire it is impossible to imagine that someday you will retire. While I was working, the time progressed about right; now, however, it "flies by". I will look up and see contrails and think, "you know, you did that once". Oh well!

I want to say hello to those I had the pleasure of flying/working with and think fondly of all of you.

Thanks for a truly great time, *Garrett*

**JOHN PEDRETTI**—Madera, CA

I am late with a letter but did pay my dues on time-I did not expire.

I just cannot believe that I have been retired for over 17 years or that I am 77 years old. How did I get so old so damn fast? Beats the alternative though.

Not much new around here but did some RV traveling. No exotic places and no plane trips. Hope to make Oshkosh this year. I'm just enjoying golf and a quiet and peaceful life. My backyard is still the third hole of our golf course. I have no complaints about my health. Life is good.

I thank both Cleve and Bruce for devoting so much to RUPA-well done. *John*, LAXFO

**DON PFEIFFER**—Poplar Grove, IL

Greetings to all, checks in the mail.

Thanks to all the people responsible for this wonderful magazine these past years. I have enjoyed hearing what others are doing but haven't responded myself. Going on 14 years since escorting my last passengers to O'Hare.

My wife, Charlene, is still cutting a trail at United as a F/A for 40 years now. I stayed active flying a Citation and a B200 for some eight years including trips to Europe, especially Southern Europe, the Caribbean and Central America. I'm through with , but continue to fly an RV8 I finished in 2005 with a group of great guys who are retired with American and Delta.

One son flies 130s and Airtrans/South West.

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Our health has been very good and hope to keep up that quality a while longer. We live at the Poplar Grove airport where there is a slew of other vagrant UALers that we have to put up with. Miss the rest of you guys. It was a great trip. *Don*

**J T RYAN**—Las Vegas, NV

The long recession has really hit Las Vegas. Unemployment stuck at 12% or higher, the housing market is bad. Good news if you want to move to Las Vegas, you can get houses that sold for over \$300K in 2006 for about a third of that now.

Now that the swine flu never really showed up as expected it is time to catch up on Costa Rica. It gets cold here in the winter so that will come in handy. Going to be interesting to see how the travel passes work out. Be nice if we can keep the date of hire, but I can understand CO's policy, IE workers come first.

Health is good. I walk an hour a day. All good, no bad. Seems like a lot at first but after a while you get in the habit and miss it if you skip a day. Anything to stay out of the hospital. It boosts the immune system. According to Dr Rowen, that is your only defense against cancer. He recommends not even testing for cancer. Western medicine can't help either your immune system will prevail or it won't. Might be a good idea to boost your immune system, walking and a glass of red wine. My kind of medicine.

The government bailed out the banks, now the banks won't do what the banks are supposed to do, IE, lend money to get the economy going. The banks have taken that bail out money and are trading options. Maybe the banks know something I don't. Took a few classes in option trading, not all that bad. Now I am a trader, junior grade. I game fun at least if your p and I is in positive territory.

I wish I could have flown the 777 to New Zealand. Spent too much time on the DC-8. Should have stayed on the 727 flying the Alaska route until I could hold a line on the 10. I can remember flying the 8 with the big engines into Maui in the afternoon, always a cross wind from the right, 20 gusting to 40 knots. Windy. Couldn't fly wing down with the big engines. I have seen some hairy approaches and landings at Maui and that is the voice of experience. Little ditch just before the approach end so you would always get a sinker over the fence. It

was fun to watch the guys from TK. Nice layover, go for a run on the beach to calm my nerves. And we got paid for that. Those were the good old days. *J T*

**RANDY RYAN**—Tucson, AZ

Another enjoyable trip around the sun for the Ryan family.

The big family news is the Greg and Yolanda are going to be moving to Australia. We will miss having them nearby and hope that all will go well for them in their new adventure. Kathy and Ken still live outside Sacramento and Kathy decided that she really missed having a horse so she took corrective action. Ken continues to be very active in the sports world.

Pam continues as a Docent at the ASDM (Arizona Sonora Desert Museum) and teaches for the American Red Cross. This year she added another volunteer job as a driver at Tucson Medical Center, the largest single story medical facility in North America (hence the need for drivers to take people to the far reaches of the facility.)

Pam was elected to be the AZAD (Association of Zoo and Aquarium Docents) delegate from the ASDM so we drove to Chicago to attend their convention. En route we spent a week in Santa Fe during Indian market, then Denver visiting with friends, and on to Chicago to visit Jim and Jan Noble. The return took us through Park City, Utah for a week enjoying hiking and the trees turning their fall colors.

Also during the year we took a two week trip through northern Mexico that included lots of interesting places including, for example, Mata Ortiz and Copper Canyon. Jim and Jan Noble talked us into taking the trip with them and it was quite safe and enjoyable.

Randy continues to play bridge, tennis, and golf, and is on the Board of St. Luke's Home in Tucson. He hosts the annual pilots' luncheon here every January and works for H&R Block during the tax season. The pay isn't great but he really enjoys his clients.

If you can get to Tucson we would love to hear from you. Even if you are here in one of our hotter months we now have a cabin up at 8,000 feet on Mt. Lemmon (25 miles north east of Tucson) so the temperature is really quite pleasant.



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If you would like to attend the next luncheon in January of 2012, just send an email to the address below and we will make certain that you get notified.

Thanks to the people who work so hard to keep RUPA alive. Let's also hope RUPA gets an editor. Cleve and Bruce have worked hard for so many years that they need a break.

*Randy*, randyryan40@msn.com

**SHELDON SCHIAGER**—Portland, OR  
Early! Notify the Media! Not much news. I think I now have more metal parts than my new Camry!

Life is good, but speeding along.

*Sheldon*

**JAMES SCHULTZ, JR**—Dover, DE  
Dottie & I are in our 7<sup>th</sup> year of "my" retirement! Both still in relatively good health—one good knee between us. Just normal wear & tear (aging).

Thank goodness I stayed in the AF Reserve and now have a decent retirement check (more than twice my UAL (I mean my PBGC) ck) and Tricare for Life. We waited till 66 to take SS and that was a nice "Pay Raise" last March. We're both the same age, born in March of '44!

We took our annual trip from Dover to the West Coast the beginning of Oct. Visited Dottie's Sister and her Husband in Tucson, AZ, my Brother in Orange County, CA and attended the 24<sup>th</sup> "Going Out of Business" Reunion Luncheon of TIA (TA)—Trans International Airlines (later Transamerica Airlines), Oakland, CA. TIA was the 1<sup>st</sup> of my three airlines—UAL last, Pan Am in between.

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roles as Aunts and Grandmother, plus giving advice to the "new" parents.

Health to All. *Jim*

**F. WELDON SMITH**—Cary, IL  
Enclosed is my dues for another year. This birthday will be the 30th anniversary of my retirement from United. It was not the same airline that it has become. *Weldon*

**ISABELL TRAUBE**—Hillsborough, CA  
To All of RUPA--This is a thank you to all of you--for permitting the office staff to be part of your organization and receive the publication you put out each month.

To me, it is such a pleasure to know about each one of you and your life as it goes forward.

It was my good fortune to serve and work with you at SFOFO for so many years. I still consider you my friends and "my guys".

*Isabell* SFOFO 1964 to 2004

**JIM TROSKY**—McHenry, IL  
Hope springs eternal here in Surprise, AZ this winter. Sure glad that I'm not up in the Chicago area at this time.

Not much new to report. Still fly my C-170B during the good months in Illinois. Good golf is still a goal although I'm considering lowering my expectations. Life is good.

Keep up the great work that you do.

*Jim*, N2999C@aol.com

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**RAY WOLFF**—New Bern, NC

Hi Leon: I was hired by UAL at OAK as a radio operator in the later part of June 1940 (exact date unknown).

I made my first trip as a flight radio operator to Alaska with Jack O'Brian and Paul Reeder.

I was assigned to Pacific Operations and made my 1<sup>st</sup> flight to Australia with Capt Chris Pickup, and made the last flight with Pac Ops to Tokyo and return ,landing in SFO 12/7/46.

Back to being a ground radio op until 3/6/49 then on SFO/HNL duty for 5 short weeks, and then back to ground duty at SFO Communications. We became ARINC in Dec. 1949.

I was Manager of DEN ARINC, then MIA and last Washington.

Had some great connections with people in UNITED, and enjoyed every bit of it. Hope this answers some of your questions. *Ray*

**GERRY ZIMMERMAN**—Brighton, CO

Just had 84th. B-day and am feeling very good.

My wife Jane and I travel between our two homes a lot, Brighton, CO and Savannah, GA. She likes Savannah and I prefer Colorado. Our house in Savannah is on a large river, so we have a 19 ft. Glastron boat to play with.

I still fly my P-35 Bonanza a lot and just bought a 1992 Decathlon to loop and roll in. I eat a lot of bananas as I was told they taste the same coming up as when going down.

I had heart surgery in '07 but have felt very good since then. Hope to keep flying for a while yet.

I am teaching my Grandson to fly in a Cessna 140. At age 22 he catches on quick.

Till next year. *Gerry*

## IN MEMORIAM

**GERRY (Gerald P.) BEYER**

Gerry Beyer died peacefully on Sunday, February 27.

Gerry was born in Hospers, Iowa, on December 19, 1922, the youngest of five children.

He was a veteran of World War II, when he repaired U.S. airplanes for the Navy. But most of all, he had a life-long passion, and career, in flying.

He lived to fly, first learning the basics (including mechanical repairs), and then single engine, multi-engine, and amphibious aircraft under the GI Bill.

After leaving the Navy, Gerry owned and managed a small rural airport near Sheldon, Iowa, doing crop-dusting from there for almost 5 years. In 1951 he joined United Airlines as a First Officer, flew everything from DC-3s to Boeing 747s. He was a United Airlines Flight Manager for 14 years, and eventually retired in late 1982.

Shortly thereafter, he retooled so he could continue flying. He got his rating in Learjet's at age 62, and flew as an executive jet pilot until finally and permanently retiring just before his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Gerry is survived by his wife of 67 years, LaVonne A (Schafer) Beyer, three children, two grandsons and numerous nephews and nieces.

A memorial service was held March 5th at the St James Presbyterian Church in Tarzana, CA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rotary Foundation, c/o Clare Short, 19165 Rosita St. Tarzana, CA 91356.



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**MICHAEL C. CONDE**

Michael, a longtime resident of Thousand Oaks, passed away February 22, 2011 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He started his career with United Airlines in 1963 and retired on the 747 after 37 years of service.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rosa, a son, three grandchildren and many relatives.

Michael's hobbies were talking of flying, traveling in his motor-coach, his dogs, movies and music. He will be missed terribly as he loved to entertain at his home with his wife, Rosa.

**RAYMOND W. DAPP**

Raymond W. Dapp passed away in Tacoma, Washington on February 12, 2011 at the age of 88.

Ray was born May 17, 1922, grew up and attended schools in Portland, Oregon. In 1942 he started his career with United in Passenger Service at the Portland Airport.

Ray enlisted in 1943 as an aviation cadet with the Army Air Corps. Upon graduating from pilot training he was assigned to the B-17s which he also instructed in before going on to fly B-29s and being assigned to Guam in the Third Photo Recon Squadron. He retired to the reserves as a Major.

Returning home in 1946 he rejoined UAL in PDX. There he met Jacqueline Walker in United Reservations and was instantly smitten. The feeling was mutual, and they were married April 16, 1948.

Ray was assigned to the first school for pilot-engineers in August 1948 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Three and a half months later he was sent to Seattle where he spent the remainder of his career. He flew all the Douglas fleet rising from First Officer to Captain before going on to attend one of the first B-727 schools.

Ray and Jackie added a son and a daughter, creating a family, and purchased a lovely home on the shores of Puget Sound. Ray was an avid sailor as well as into powerboats. Busy, happy years. He remained with the B-727 until retirement in May of 1982. He was very active with the Seattle based Gooney Birds, organizing, serving as spokesman and putting together the popular co-ed annual luncheon. Ray and Jackie traveled the world, spent many sunny winters in Maui, enjoyed the warmth of family and

their many wonderful friends.

Jackie passed away in October 2010 and Ray, lost without his co-pilot, flew west to meet her in February 2011. He will be missed by all.

Memorial contributions are suggested to be made to your local hospice or a charity of choice.

**DRUEHL JAMES DAY**

Druehi James Day died February 2, 2011. Jim was born in Utah in 1919. He joined the Air Force in 1938 and by the age of 19 had achieved the rank of Major. He was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1946 Jim hired on with United Airlines as a pilot. While flying the Hawaiian run he met Nanette Kemp who at the time was a stewardess working the same route. In 1957 they were married in Denver, Colorado. They enjoyed traveling together, especially Hawaii. In 1979 Jim retired from United, but continued to fly as a passenger.

Jim is survived by his wife, Nanette, two daughters and two grandchildren. Jim's daughter, Sandra also joined United airlines in 1985 as a flight attendant and is still flying today.

**DONALD P. DEVINE**

Donald Devine flew west December 13, 2010 at age 75.

Don was born in Jersey City and moved to the Somerset section of Franklin Township in 1964.

He served his country as an aviator in the United States Navy from 1955 to 1961, and then in the United States Naval Reserve until 1970. He retired in 1995 as a captain with United Airlines after 36 years of service.

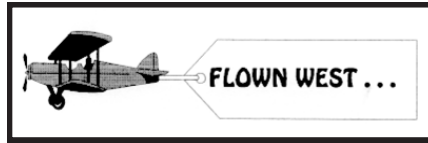
He was a founding parishioner of St. Matthias Church in Somerset and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 9925.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Margaret, five children and 13 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Capt. Devine's name may be made to St. Matthias School, 170 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Somerset, N.J. 08873.







Byrne B. Sands	Nov. 14, 2010
*Alan Wayne Moe	Dec. 02, 2010
Donald P. Devine	Dec. 13, 2010
*Earl G. Buelow, Jr.	Dec. 17, 2010
Raymond W. Dapp	Feb. 12, 2011
*Clifford F. Wolff	Feb. 15, 2011
*James G. Hannah	Feb. 15, 2011
*Terry J. Seanor	Feb. 21, 2011
Michael C. Conde	Feb. 22, 2011
*Maurice R. Pillsbury	Feb. 22, 2011
*Alexander McNutt	Feb. 24, 2011
Gerald P. Beyer	Feb. 27, 2011

*\*denotes 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*

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Tucson (January)—*Tucson Country Club*

#### **California**

Dana Point CA (2nd Tuesday)—*Wind & Sea Restaurant* - 949-496-2691

Los Angeles San Fernando Valley (2nd Thurs, Odd Months)—*Mimi's, Chatsworth* - 818-992-8908

Los Angeles South Bay (2nd Thursday, Even Months)—*Hacienda Hotel* - 310-821-6207

Monterey Peninsula (2nd Monday)—*The Rio Grill Crossroads or TBA please RSVP* - 831-622-7747

San Diego Co. (2nd Tuesday)—*San Marcos CC* - 760-480-7420

San Francisco Bay-Siders (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)—*Harry's Hofbrau*, Redwood City, CA

San Francisco North Bay (1st Wednesday)—*Petaluma Sheraton*

#### **Colorado**

Denver Good Ol' Boys (3rd Tuesday)— 11:30am *American Legion Post 1* - 303-364-1565

#### **Florida**

N.E. Florida (3rd Thursday, Feb, Apr, Jun, Oct, Dec)—*Spruce Creek CC* - 386-760-0797

S.E. Florida Treasure Coast Sunbirds (2nd Tue. Nov thru Apr)-- 772-286-6667

S.E. Florida Gold Coast (2nd Thursday, October thru April)—*Galuppi's Restaurant & Patio Bar*

S.W. Florida (2nd Monday, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar)—*Olive Garden, Ft. Myers* - 239-540-9112

Tampa, Florida Sundowners (3rd Thursday)—*Daddy's Grill* - 727-787-5550

#### **Hawaii**

Hawaii Ono Nene's (Last Thursday)—*Mid Pacific Country Club*

#### **Illinois**

Chicago Area (1st Wednesday, Mar, Jul, Nov)—*Wellington Restaurant, Arlington Heights* - 630-832-3002

McHenry, IL [ORD] (2nd Tuesday, Jan, May, Sep)—31 N. Banquets & Conference Center - 815-459-5314

#### **Nevada**

Las Vegas High Rollers (3rd Tuesday)—*Memphis Barbecue* - 702-558-9422 or 702-565-7175

Reno's Biggest Little Group (3rd Wednesday)—*Macaroni Grill* - 775-250-2672

#### **New York**

New York Skyscrapers (June)—*Montclair Golf Club, West Orange, NJ* - rupapetesoman@optonline.net

New York Skyscrapers (October)—*The Assembly Steak House, Englewood Cliffs, NJ* - 203-322-0724

#### **Ohio**

Cleveland Crazy's (3rd Thursday)—*TJ's Wooster* (Always coed.) - 440-235-7595

#### **Oregon**

The Columbia River Gezzers - (TBA) - Ron Blash - [rblash@mac.com](mailto:rblash@mac.com) - (H) 503 636 3612 - (C) 503 504 5324

The Intrepid Aviators of Southern Oregon (3rd Thursday)—*Pony Express, Jacksonville* - 541-245-6896

#### **Washington**

Seattle Gooney Birds(3rd Thursday)—*Airport Marriott* - 360-825-1016

#### **Washington D.C.**

Washington D.C. Area (3rd Thursday, Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)—*Marco Polo Rest, Vienna, VA* - 540-338-4574