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## Editor's Notes

I note from the calendar that some of our more southerly lunch groups are taking a summer break while their snowbirds head north for the season. To all of you, whether you lunch or not, if you move for the summer, please let Cleve Spring know—a phone call will do it, his 800 number is just over the page. Do it now, while you remember. He has an answering machine, so you can call any time without fear of disturbing his slumbers. That way, you will ensure an uninterrupted flow of the *RUPANEWS*.

I not infrequently get phone calls from members who are missing their latest issue, and usually it is due to one of two things. Either the member was remiss in paying the subscription (Cleve does cut some generous slack to allow for long vacation absences, sickness etc., before cutting off the subscription.) or the issue was merely delayed in the mail. I didn't get my April issue until the 19th, after having helped deliver it to the mailing facility not three miles from my house—so don't despair until it is three weeks since the mailing date—which, as is noted on the back cover, is always the first Wednesday of the month. Oh, and it's not that I don't enjoy hearing from members, although most of them are on my answering machine or email, but the proper person to handle queries about subscriptions or address changes etc. is the redoubtable Captain Cleve. There is not much we can do about the vagaries of the U.S. Postal service, but the bulk mail price is right—first class postage would quickly deplete our resources or necessitate an increase in the subscription price, and it's not as though *RUPANEWS* is filled with timely information—like most good stuff, it will keep!

Occasionally, while proofing letters etc. I see references to the recent passing of a RUPA member. Regrettably, these are of little use to me in placing their names in the Flown west section. I need to know, at a minimum, the person's full name or with middle initial, and date of birth (Day, month, year.) and if possible his last domicile, or if he commuted for his last couple of years, the domicile where other pilots are likely to have known him. Incidentally, if you want to ensure the widest dispersion of the news of the deceased's passing, don't forget that ALPA's *AIRLINE PILOT* magazine has an *in memoriam* section for pilots who retired as ALPA members in good standing. UAL's house magazine also has a section listing anniversaries, retirements and deaths.

It is once more approaching the time when our more footloose and fancy free members and their spouses initiate their world-girdling travels. I anticipate news of their travels in due course. Jock

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## WIDOWS COORDINATOR

Jackie Pancoast Abel, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

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April 2000 - I have finally become part of the new century, thanks to a birthday present computer from our two younger children. I have a lot to learn, however, everyone assures me that it is easy and I can't really hurt the thing. Boy, that remains to be seen, I will probably find a way.

In February my first great grandchild arrived. I am not getting old, just blessed.

Sorry I was unable to attend the DCA/IAD Council 11 April luncheon. All reports said that it was terrific. Eleven widows attended.

I thoroughly enjoyed Pat Palazzolo's interview with Captain Dubinsky, UAL Master Chairman, (March 2000 *RUPANEWS* page 23). These issues are still pertinent to all of us.

I have not had any complaints from widows about Caremark or Blue Cross/Blue Shield. My complaint is that they send me checks, every so often, saying explanation will follow, it never does - and then at a later date, I get a bill from the Dr. for the exact amount of the check. I can't figure out why it didn't go to the Dr. in the first place since I have designated that it does. [*My complaint, too. Ed*]

Another comment on Companion Passes. The following quote says a whole lot. If so much revenue is being generated, it seems that they would only generate more if the widows had companion passes.

“From a comment card: Could you please provide information on companion passes. How many are used yearly? How much revenue have they produced yearly? - Scott Gorham, DENM

Response: Last year, 973,768 companions traveled on United. Companion travel generated nearly \$57 million.”  
*Our Times*, 9-12-99

Reminder -RUPA Cruise - Mexican Riviera - Nov. 3, '00. Need a roommate? contact Scotty Charnley, (she is listed in the RUPA Directory).

To end this, I want to say thank you to Cleve Spring for all his help, promptness, listening, and advice. The widows benefit from all this.

'Til the next time: **Jackie**

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**Also**

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

**INFORMATION about Membership & Postage Fees:**

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**OJAI BARBEQUE**

**This may be the last Barbeque.**

**The Flight Crew members, Dispatch personnel and friends barbecue at the Barnard Ranch, 505 West Fairview Road, Ojai, CA, at 2:30 PM on July 15, 2000, will feature barbecued New York steak or chicken at a cost of \$22 each.**

**Persons desiring to remain in the Ojai Valley may do so at the Best Western motel, the Casa Ojai, at 1302 East Ojai Avenue, Ojai, 805-646-8175. If you are a member of AAA, they offer of a discount. Call 800-255-8175 (their own 800 number).**

**Last year there were 30 rooms rented by RUPA members at this Best Western.**

**Other motels:**

**Los Padres Inn, 1208 East Ojai Ave, Ojai. 805-646-4365.**

**Capri, 1180 East Ojai Ave, Ojai. 805-646-4305.**

**Casa Manana, 11794 North Ventura Ave, 805-646-6697.**

**E1 Camino Lodge, 406 West Ojai Ave, Ojai. 805-646-4341.**

**Ojai Rancho, 615 West Ojai Ave, 805-646-3907.**

### **Birthday Checks Received Mar. 22 thru Apr. 20, 2000**

A Roger Anderson, Frederick A Anderson, H Walter Anderson, Samuel G Anderson, Nettie Aucutt, John H Baker, John W Bare, David A Bartlett, W Clay Barton Jr, William J Beck Jr, Ronald A Berkowitz, Richard J Bevington, John E Bisbey, Robert H Blessin, Donald A Boerner, Raphael L Bowman, Glendon L Brown, Harley L Brown, Ernest R Burmeister, Lyle W Burry Jr, Dave M Carver, William M Charney, Ward A Clemmo, Robert V Cloud Jr, Mckinley B Cohagan, Michael C Conde, Kenneth A Conn, Joseph R Cook, Ronald P Cordes, William M Corotis, J Russ Cottle, Raphael C Courtney, Norbert P Cudnowski, Larry L Darnell, Charles S Davis, Jack W Davis, Phillip R Davis, Buddy E De Costerd, Jolene De Jonghe, Donald P Devine, Ralph S Dilullo, Lawrence H Dube, Adlem J Dunn, Robert A Ebenhahn, Virginia E English, Thomas V Erickson, John S Erskine, Fred P Euler, Margaret Ewald, George B Ferguson, Dale R Fernandes, Philip W Fisher, Nathan T Folwell, John E Foster, Victor L Fox, Kenneth A Francis, Raymond French, Ethel May Gardiner, Frank O'b Garrett, Eugene L Gawenda, Roger B George, Richard A Gilbert, Gordon C Gimple, James P Goodson, James T Guest, J Bernard Hagen, Burl K Hamilton, Peter H Hansen, Thomas J Harkins, James L Harmon, Elaine Harris, Kenneth S Hendrickson, Thomas A Herdklotz, Herbert F Herndon, Rodney M Hobson, Edward J Hoffmann, Roy L Holmes, Richard W Hooning, Van Q Hough, James V Huemann, Herbert V Hymas, Robert O Johnson, Donald R Jones, Charles J Karolek, Frederick T Keister, Kenneth L Killmon, Wesley C King, James B Kinne, Joseph C Koshay, Matti S Kosonen, George T Krosse, Delroy H Leavitt, Maureen Lewis, Philo W Lund, Richard W Markee, A Leonard Martin Jr, Larry G Mason, Russell Mc Donald, Charles F Mc Erlean, John A Mc Fadden, Robert E Mc Gowan, Dan L Mc Kee, Lois Means, G Edward Meisenheimer, Harry A Metz, August H Miller, D G Mitch Mitchell, Raymond G Moffett, Harold E Morris, Thomas K Morton, Billie Muizers, Donald R Murdock, John D Musick, Patrick H Nugent, William J O Connell Iii, C Wesley Olney, William L Parker, Dale R Paterson, Frederick K Patterson, Eugene G Peterson, Arthur J Peterson Jr, Oakley W Porter, Bruce R Pottorff, Kingsley G Purton, Thomas A Raley, William J Rankin Jr, Robert C Ray, Robert E Reid, William L Reimsnider, Barry E Remely, Sidney S Rhodes, W Don Rice, Wes Ronning, Edward P Rooney, Raymond P Schlage, Werner H Schmid, Robert J Schmiedeke, William O Scholes, William C Schuermann, Edward R Schwab, Terry J Seanor, Eleanor Sells, Sidney F Sigwald, Robert Silwanicz, Keith A Simecek, Donald P Sinel, David A Smith, H V Sam Spade, Jack R Steidl, Mary Lou Stoner, Irvin Story, John M Thielen, Fred Tonyes Jr, August Tuit, N Ramsey Unalp, Gerald C Urban, Lyle J Uren, Russ M Van Tuyl, Paul L Wallace, Wayne H Wallis, Robert S Wayt, Robert E Wells, Joseph G West, William E Wieland, A Hamilton Wilson Jr, Richard A Woodin, Vincent J Wormser, Ralph D Wright, Werner R Wulff, Dan E Wynia.

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### **Statendam Cruise**

Jock; A short follow-up on our Mexico cruise. As I wrote, we took the same trip on the same ship as the coming RUPA trip. All went as stated, and every sailing time was on time. We treated ourselves to S class and the price given to RUPA is very good. We have been on six cruises now, and have worked our way up the food chain to the top deck. We are now fully spoiled and plan on staying on the top deck or staying home. Our daily cost for shore trips, dinner wine and shopping was right at \$100. Gaming win or loss is something else. I again say to you who read this, *go* and enjoy. *We* did and are signed up for another Holland America trip in Aug. Again thanks to all the workers that keep the show on the road.

*CB and Sue LEESER*

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**LEE & RICHEY GRUDE** 884 Hanover Ave., Sunnyvale CA 94087

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### ***Buyer Beware***

It's not birthday month yet, but thought people might be interested in the following. We just returned to the USA after jumping ship from our World Cruise Company 7 Continents trip, which was so poorly planned and such an overall disaster that we had to bail out and forfeit 5 weeks of the trip (Fremantle to Athens.). We bought their world cruise, having delighted in every moment of the last one we took with Royal Cruise Line. If you ever hear anyone mention traveling with World Cruise Company (Toronto) please tell them to *run*, not walk, as fast as they can in the opposite direction!

I have five pages of notes on the incredible ineptness and deception of the people representing World Cruise Company on board. Can you imagine missing three ports in the first two months, then giving the passengers four *hours* in Sydney, as well as incredibly shortened port calls in many other places?

It became evident almost immediately that the schedule was planned too tightly by the fact that we missed three

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ports before the cruise was half over, and this was the reason for missing Pitcairn, not the "engine trouble" the islanders were told. We knew from the start that our chances of getting on shore there were not good, even though staff repeatedly assured us that it was a sure thing. We still felt it was highly unlikely, given the shore and sea conditions that exist, as well as the large numbers of passengers involved. Personally, I think this company is so unethical that it's possible Pitcairn was placed on the itinerary to sell tickets. If that is the case, it worked. I talked to many passengers for whom Pitcairn was the primary reason for this cruise, as it was ours.

Our cabin was certainly smaller than we expected considering the price we paid and its description as a "superior outside." In fact, their advertising was so deceptive that we feel compelled to write and let you warn others. Their library of 1,000 books was a joke until the passengers began contributing their own. The Panama Canal was advertised as a daytime crossing, but in reality we went through at night. Their slick advertising for a Buenos Aires New Year's Eve gala was nothing at all like the event that was promised in the pre-cruise mailing. It was not a private riverside venue, there was no live band, and the place was a fire-trap, with passengers and friends separated on three separate and overcrowded floors.

Not to mention pursers with no money aboard, a non-English-speaking doctor who prescribed mustard plasters for coughs, and a 45 minute landing in Antarctica instead of several days...well, I think you get the picture. :-)

Now we receive another brochure advertising yet another world cruise in November. I had hoped they would learn a few lessons from our trip, but evidently they haven't. Here is the first glaring error which makes one wonder about their knowledge of geography: the new itinerary for November 2000-March 2001 has Seven Continents as a headline despite no stop in North America. They also plan to leave the Falklands on Dec 28, get to Antarctica by Dec 30, spend three days there and then have half a day in Ushuaia...all this by January 3, an impossibility in the best of circumstances.

Forearmed is forewarned. I hope you agree.

(s) Richey/Lee Grude

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### Denver Good Ole Boys

Dick Wagner

18 April 2000; Golden, Co.

We had 20 "Good Ole Boys" at our luncheon today and welcomed first-timer: Capt. Kevin B. Jeffery.

June 20th will be Ladies Day and we invite all the wives and solo ladies to come on out to the *Country*

*Buffet*, 7200 West Alameda (Villa Italia); 1130 hrs. Our May luncheon will be on the 16th of May. Those present were:

Bill Fife,

Joe Kenney,

Bill Hoygaard,

John Holody,

Bill Pearce,

HW Reid,

Tom Hudgens,

Bob Clipson,

Bob Blessin,

Dick Bennett,

Virg Vaughan,

R. O. Stewart,

Dick Wagner,

Jim Harris,

F. W. James,

Kevin B. Jeffery,

Bob Crowell,

George Maize,

Frank Bennett,

Pat Murphy.

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**Seattle "Gooney Birds"**  
**14th Annual "Co-ed Luncheon"**  
Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel Banquet Room

18 May 2000 11:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Dr. George J. Kidera  
Buffet Luncheon - Fifteen Dollars per person

Send check as your RSVP by May 13, 2000 to:

Ray Dapp  
37 72 SW 300th Place Federal Way,  
WA 98023 (253) 838-37 72

Separate guest invitations will be sent to our "Single Ladies"

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October 22,1999

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

Subject: RUPA 2000 Cruise

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

Cruise Line: Holland America

Ship: *Statendam*

10 Day Cruise

Date: November 3, 2000

Itinerary : Mexican Riviera,

From: San Diego

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

**Inside Cabins:**

Category \$1298.

Category M \$1368.

Categories L, K J and I add \$30.00. per category.

**Outside Cabins:**

Category H \$1498.

Category G \$1549.

Category FF \$1559.

Category F \$1599.

Category E \$1619.

Category D \$1649

Category C \$1689. Promenade deck

Category B \$1949.(w/veranda).

Category A \$1999. (w/veranda)

Suite \$2499.

Pthse. Ste. \$4599

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

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MS STATENDAM NOVEMBER 3, 2000  
MEXICAN RIVIERA**

**NAME (S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE (H)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(W)** \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY BOOKED** \_\_\_\_\_ Upgraded to **CATEGORY** \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Category upgrade subject to availability on outside cabins only. Suites and verandas not included

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

**DINING PREFERENCE** **MAIN** \_\_\_\_\_ **LATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please charge my credit card:

MC                      VISA                      AMEX                      DIS (circle one)

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

Office use only

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

**N.B. Millbury Travel advises that category “A” cabins are sold out, and verandah cabins are scarce. Over 80 cabins have been booked as of March 28th. I suggest booking ASAP, as the ship is selling out. You can waitlist for verandahs and suites.**

**Holland is providing transportation from various spots in Los Angeles County; bus pickup can be arranged through Millbury Travel. The pickup is on the day of the cruise only. Joe Ferrie**

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### **Southeast Florida "Goldcoast" Group**

The Goldcoast boys met on Thursday, the 13th of April, for the last meeting this spring. The next lunch will be in October. We bid everyone out there a great summer. (Great summers don't have hurricanes.) We had one very sad note this day, Jack McGeehane passed away about three weeks ago. Those that knew Jack will be saddened. He was one terrific guy. A wonderful sense of humor packaged into a genuine professional airman. One of my favorite people to fly with many years ago. We'll all miss you Jack.

We had a good attendance considering that Sun and Fun was in progress at the same time. Attending on Thursday were:

Stan Blaschke,	Dick Baese,	Bill Dutour	, Jimmy Carter,	Hank Fischer,
Warren Hepler,	Charlie Steward,	Jerry Bradley,	Bill Henderson,	Jack Wink,
Ned Rankin,	Dave Peat,	Terry Lewis,	Ham Oldham,	Carl McQuigg,
Paul Livingway,	Andy McQuigg.			

I want to make a correction from last month's letter. I had written about my cancer problems, I being Jerry Bradley. I forgot to sign the letter so the editor interpreted it to mean that Stan Blaschke wrote it. So those folks who read it and said, "Oh! poor Stan Blaschke had cancer." can rest better, it was poor Jerry Bradley who had cancer. If you read my letter, you know that I no longer have cancer, nor does Stan, but he never did have it. Is that clear? At any rate, the letter I wrote still made the point I was trying to raise, so nothing ventured, nothing lost. I would like to blame the editor, Jock, but to my great misfortune, it wasn't his fault. (Assigning blame, has always been one of my greater virtues.) I am surprised, though, that he would print an unsigned letter. Maybe this should be discussed with him. Maybe I'd better keep my mouth shut.

I'll write a note in the September *RUPANEWS* to remind everyone of the October meeting. If you would like to be on our postcard list, please call me at 561 994-6103. See you in the fall.

Jerry Bradley for Jimmy Carter and Stan Blaschke (who is just fine)

*Well, I'm glad we got that all sorted out. There are unsigned letters, and then there are unsigned letters. This is a good reminder for everyone to please let me know who is corresponding with me. As I mentioned before, email monikers such as "royeagle", or "Viking" are not too informative. Glad all are well. Ed.*

Captain Cleve Spring, RUPA Secretary/Treasurer, has given me the financial report for the first quarter of our current year. It is correct in all respects and reflects the continuing sound financial condition of our association. Respectfully submitted, *Floyd L. Alfson*, Director Audit Committee

### **LAS VEGAS HIGH ROLLERS LUNCHEON**

Clyde House [702] 896-8821 clydie@concentric.net

The March luncheon was held at the Pahrump winery, and all seemed to think it was a great outing. After a tour of the vineyard and the wine-making process, we sat down to a wine tasting followed by lunch. Quite a few members were seen stocking up their wine cellars after lunch. With personalized labels, it looks like some great gifts will be received by someone in the near future. Our next meeting will be held in Summerlin at a place to be named later, so stay in touch to find out where. We welcomed three new guests and hope that they will become steady participants in our monthly luncheons. The following were in attendance:

Andy and Dawn Anderson	George Atteberry (NEW)
Bruce Barton and his son	Bill Balboni
Ruth Dixon	Larry and Mary Doyle
Gerald and Barbara Metzgar	Oak and Fern Porter
Jim Price and guest Carol Starbuck	Mary Lamski
Bob Roland	Dave Smith and guest Merry Card

Hal and Shirley Morris

and yours truly

Clyde House and Marie Loquet

### **AIR FORCE REUNION**

AF Pilot Training Class 53-C is having its third re-union in Washington, D.C. on September 27, 28 and 29 of 2001. Classmates not yet in touch, contact: Class 53-C 7741-A South Curtice Drive Littleton, Colorado 80120 (303)797-0420 E-mail KCE7741@aol.com

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## McHenry Lunch

The second meeting of the McHenry Co. branch of Chicago RUPA was held at the *Warsaw Inn* McHenry IL on April 11. In attendance were:

Rob McCutcheon,  
Hap Arnold  
Phyllis Capuzelo,  
Gene Conrad,  
Merle Peterson,  
Dale & Glenys Bird,  
Jim & Pat McCusker,  
Ken Hobbs,  
George Keller  
Ted & Dolores Bochniarz,  
Jerry Collins,  
Al McNutt,  
Paul and Linda Wember,  
Bob Mannion,  
Joe & Sandy Carnes,

Tom Wedel,  
Milt Jensen,  
Bob & Dotti Pike,  
Doc Manny,  
Tom Fasiang,  
Don Gregg,  
John & Debbie Miron,  
George Fox,  
Ben Ulrich,  
Roger & Sue Dreher,  
Muriel & Ken Bergsma,  
P.T. Miller,  
Willie Anderson,  
Dick Murdock,

Bill & Joni Silvester,  
Ray Potsic,  
Ole Sindberg,  
Jerry Drummerhausen,  
Laverne Reu,  
Bob & Carolyn Kelly,  
Duane Buchsath,  
George Bracke,  
Marty Gallagher,  
Leroy Bair,  
Jim Rosater,  
Jim & Jan Noble,  
Barry Davidson,  
Claude Nickell,

We had Ron and Chris Rogers as guests. We prevailed on Ron to talk about some of the aircraft he has been testing for ALPA . He also took questions from the group. Thanks Ron.

Next meeting for the McHenry Branch will be July 11 at the *Warsaw Inn*. We are still working on our Data Base, so if someone who should be getting notices is not, please let us know at 815-459-5314 or 815-459-1177.

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## N.E. FLORIDA MEETING

The NE Florida group met at *Spruce Creek Country Club* on April 18. Cocktails and lunch were served, and a good time was had by all. Everyone enjoyed seeing and talking to Earl and Tottie Myers . It was good to see both of them, as they had not attended for some time. Others attending were:

Nelson Funkhouser,  
Phil & Marylyn Harman,  
Jesse & Dottie Jernigan,  
Bud Gammill,  
Nelda Ewald,  
Charlotte Forte,  
Anne & Lowell Johnston.

Ed Stegman,  
Steve Moddle  
Dick & Wilma Russell,  
Fred & Sandy Schryver,  
John Thompson,  
Dave & Gloria Bishop,

Bill & Mary Oliver,  
Larry & Janet Horton,  
George & Mary Norwood,  
Rich & Mary Ann Yoder,  
Bill & Glen Lea Steger,  
Donna Paulsen,

The next luncheon will be on June 20 at the *Spruce Creek Country Club*. As usual I will be calling or mailing notices to our local people. If anyone is in the area or would like to join us, please give me a call. The June meeting will be coed.

*Lowell Johnston*

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## PHOENIX ROADRUNNERS

The Phoenix Roadrunners met for Lunch at the *Wigwam C.C.* in Litchfield Park on Friday April 14th. Including guests there were 34 of us. Following Our Happy Hour and Lunch we had a brief meeting and then drove a few miles to the Goodyear Airport. With Bob Adams (friend of ours) as our Tour Guide we were guided thru the Modification Hanger. Saw 1 DC 10-30 undergoing overhaul, another UAL DC 10 ready for a Flight to have a main Cargo door installed. On an unused runway were 24 DC-10's from AAL and UAL parked waiting their turns to be converted to DC 10 F's. All of these Aircraft are owned by FedEx. Finished our tour at about 3:15 p.m. All of us would like to Thank Bob for answering all the questions and the very special Tour.

We will resume our Luncheons in October. Plan on keeping the 2nd Friday of each Month for our Luncheon dates. Wishing all of you a SAFE and HEALTHY SUMMER.

Bob Adams (Guest)

Ken Killmon

Howard & Polly Blomstrom

Otis Kline

Mac & Betty Bleser

Karl Runkle

Frenchy & Millie Bourgeois

Jim & Ginny Dopp

Don & Joan Toepfen & Guest

Phil & Betty Johnson

Mary Riter

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Tom & Bev. Worker  
John & Shirley Prestegaard  
Don & Jan Eiken & 2 Guests

Jim & Nancy Staib & 2 Guests  
Rocky & Virginia Kreis

Ralph & Ruth Johnson  
Virginia Swallow Coleman

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### SEATTLE GOONEY BIRD APRIL MEETING

The meeting was well attended. Many lies and a few jokes were told. No news was shared, which is good. We hate sickness or death announcements.

Present were:

Ralph Stevens,	Jeff Roberts,	Bill Stoneman	John Cordell,	Ralph Vrtacnik,
Dick Wiesner,	Dan Jessup,	Bob Weimar,	Jim Bleasdale,	Howard Holder,
John Bley,	Chuck Westpfahl,	Dave Carver,	Bob Berg,	Ray Hanson,
Chick Renn,	Ivory Brummett,	Gerry Pryde,	Roger Baird,	Fred Sindlinger,
Mark Gilkey,	Chuck Podhasky,	Bob Berkey,	Bill Stock,	Ron Locken,
Bob Wulff,	Bill Brett,	Keith Blue,	Vince Evans,	Vince Wormser,
Merle Aikens,	Neil Johnson,	Bob Harper,	Garry Dunn,	Alan Grout

Respectfully submitted, Dick Weisner

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### TAMPA SUNDOWNERS

Jim Fenely, 3246 Hyde Park Dr., Clearwater, Fla., 33761-1813 727-785-5971

Three First Timers plus nine regulars made for a congenial gathering at the long table in the Oasis Room of the Countryside Country Club. Hopefully Wes King, Ron Steiner and Matti Kosonen make it a regular event every month.

The others attending were:

Ken Vanderhyde	Jamie Krapf
Bud Huffman	Stan Crosier
Paul Fidler	Jim Irwin
John Papadakis	Me (Jim Feneley)
Ray Schlage	

Approximately one dozen new names have been added to our mailing list, and cards will continue to be mailed monthly.

Operator incompetence still seems to plague the sending of e-mail messages. After punching "send", his machine said, "good-bye" Anyway if you can make it, please come.

JF/RS/JI

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### TREASURE COAST LUNCHEON, APRIL 18, 2000

The April lunch of the Treasure Coast Sunbirds was held as usual at Miles Grant C. it was , as it was last April, a free lunch. At each of our luncheons the members kick in a little extra toward our contingency fund. Near the end of our year (April) if we haven't needed to draw on the fund, we have our free lunch. Miles Grant put on their usual nice buffet for everyone's enjoyment

Our next lunch will be at the same location on May 9th (2nd Tuesday). All retired UALer's are welcome.

See you there.

*Bob Schaet*

### REMEMBER "85" PICNIC DANA POINT CA

Place: Doheny State Park Picnic Area

Time: 1600 (earlier if you like to come to the beach)

Date: May 17, 2000

Further info call: Ken Dey at (949) 493 7126 or Ted Simmons (949) 496 2691 e-mail [tsimmons5@home.com](mailto:tsimmons5@home.com)

The Park is located at Dana Point Harbor, Dana Point Just turn left at the first turn as you come into the harbor.

**COME ONE COME ALL...WIVES, FRIENDS, KIDS....**

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## Washington Area RUPA, Eddie O'Donnell Luncheon

On April 19 the gathering of the Washington Area RUPA was enlivened by the presence of the Ladies of RUPA who indeed brought the brightness of springtime to our luncheon. Special guests were eleven of the wives of our friends who have Flown West. Several of the invited ladies who were unable to attend sent their greetings to the RUPA group. Captain Roy Liggett, Chief Pilot for the Washington Domicile, and Mr. Herb Pettit, Domicile Administrative Manager, also were our guests, but as part of our program for the day, were required to "Sing for their supper." Ed Miller our Norman M.C. was out of town and a substitute was drafted. One comment overheard was that it was feared they would have to shoot the fellow to get him away from the microphone.

It was reported that Alma Eblen is hospitalized but expecting to return home in a couple of days. John Cerisano continues to improve and is able to get around without the cane. Mary Commerce is recovering from a broken wrist. The group took particular pleasure in having Woody Hayes and Carl Miller present. We acknowledged the departure of a long list of our contemporaries with a moment of silence.

After congenial conversations over a lunch of Chicken Belle Haven served over a "pool of Watercress Sauce", Captain Liggett and Mr. Pettitt brought us up to date on the number of UAL pilots, current hiring forecast, and three-year Captains. Dulles will begin expansion with a new mid-field terminal to replace our 31-year-old temporary structure. An extensive question and answer time ensued. In response to a question about airport parking for retirees, it was stated that parking permits are available for retirees who volunteer at Traveler's Aid. The group was most appreciative of the two gentlemen and the good humored candor they brought to the presentation.

Once again our grape specialist spared no effort in his diligent search for the grape of the month. It amazes us that he is able to turn up with selections of that quality. Once again he was able to locate in northern Loudoun County a bottle of fine grapes, much to the delight of Ulla Chunn, whose name was chosen in the drawing. Rachel Woodings was present to vouch that last month's winner did indeed bring the wine to dinner and present it with appropriate ceremony.

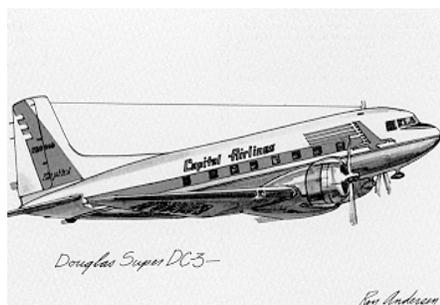
There were 54 in attendance. All appeared to enjoy the company of the others, as evidenced by one attendee who called a friend during the pre-lunch social time to insist that the friend run by the shower and come join the fun. It is interesting to learn that some attendees drive such distances for our lunch. Leaving the Philadelphia area before 0800 drive the I-95 rush hour for our 1115 start is impressive. I have been told that it is easy to remember the meeting dates, because it is always the 3rd Wednesday after the UAL Credit Union pays the dividend. Speaking of good times, mark your calendar for the Council 11 Annual Party, September 16 at 6 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel (formerly Ramada) in Alexandria. More details next month.

Attendees:

*Paul Andes, Jeannette Bond, Lee Boyd, Bill Carrigg, Ulla Chunn, Tom Cosgrove, Ed Crowther, Dave & Ann Dyer, George & Ginny Elliott, Jack & Jeannie Evans, Brad & Judith Fleming, Eleanor Forsythe, Jean Franklin, Tex Goppert, Woody Hays, Arlyne Hettermann, Earl Jackson, Roy Liggett, Joyce Lopez, Don Mainwaring, Dave Malone, Ernestine McMann, Lew Meyer, Carl & Susie Miller, Murph Murphy, Ophelia Nickel, Bill Nolan, Faith Osborne, Bob Patterson, George Paull, Dick Perry, Herb Pettitt, Bud & Theresa Ruddy, Ralph Sewell, Chuck Smith, Janice Smith, Joe & Gloria Soltis, Slim & Helen Stidham, John Turner, E.K. & Betty Williams, Helen Gillespie Wilson, Betty Wolfe, Cliff & Marilyn Wolff, Rachel Woodings.*

Our luncheons are quarterly, the 3rd Wednesday of Jan, Apr, July and Oct, at the Belle Haven Country Club south of Alexandria and we invite any of RUPA to join us. Social time begins at 1115 with lunch served at noon. We are planning Prime Rib on July 19. Check the RUPA Social Calendar for the dates. Contact Bud Ruddy, 703-858-1552, Jack Evans, 540-882-3496, Jerry Goebel, 703-719-6353, or E.K. Williams, 540-338-4574 (EKWJR@compuserve.com) to ensure a place at the table and a bean in the pot.

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



**JOHN W. BARE**— 8616 Warren Drive NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335

Our thanks to all the RUPA staff for the wonderful publication. As a neophyte retiree, having completed my first year, I am happy to report that it is a compatible activity that fits my life style well. Jan and I spent three and one half months aboard *Klatawa*, our Delta Marine motor yacht, cruising the waters of British Columbia and Alaska last summer. Now, we are doing some building on some acreage near our home, including a warehouse to store all the toys in. Our two sons, Jeff and Brian both live in the area, and are still single. We are looking forward to another fun summer with a limited cruise and some stay-home activities.

Check for postage is enclosed.

Best regards, **John**

### **Blessin Update**

Dear Jock and Gang!

Another busy and most enjoyable travel year. Ann and I did some trailer camping in Oregon, Washington and B.C. last August. I also managed a 4-hour Nuclear Submarine ride with my son-in-law (Weapons Officer *USS FLORIDA* Blue) in the Hood Canal, two hours submerged.

In June 16 of us took a 4 day, 680 mile cross-country motorcycle trip from Reno to Lehi Utah. We followed the old Pony Express route through some incredible terrain, and managed to find most of the old way stations. For the most part, they were in a sad state of repair. We made prior arrangements to cross private ranch land and government property and had to open and close at least 100 gates along the way! A lot of riding was on dry lake bed, streams, sand, rocks etc. We all got through with only minor mishaps such as tipping over on slippery rocks in icy-cold streams. One has to admire the tenacity of those pioneers. I will do some more off- road motorcycling with my buddies next month near Moab, UT.

Last fall we did a cruise in the Western Mediterranean and North Africa. We even made the very enjoyable RUPA convention in LAS. Many thanks to Barry Dixon and crew for the superb organization. And finally, we managed to shorten the winter by spending Jan. and Feb. on Oahu. Hope to see you all on the RUPA cruise.

Sincerely,

Bob and Ann Blessin

**RAY L. BOWMAN**—6645 S. Apache Dr, Littleton, CO 80120 ray777@uswest.net

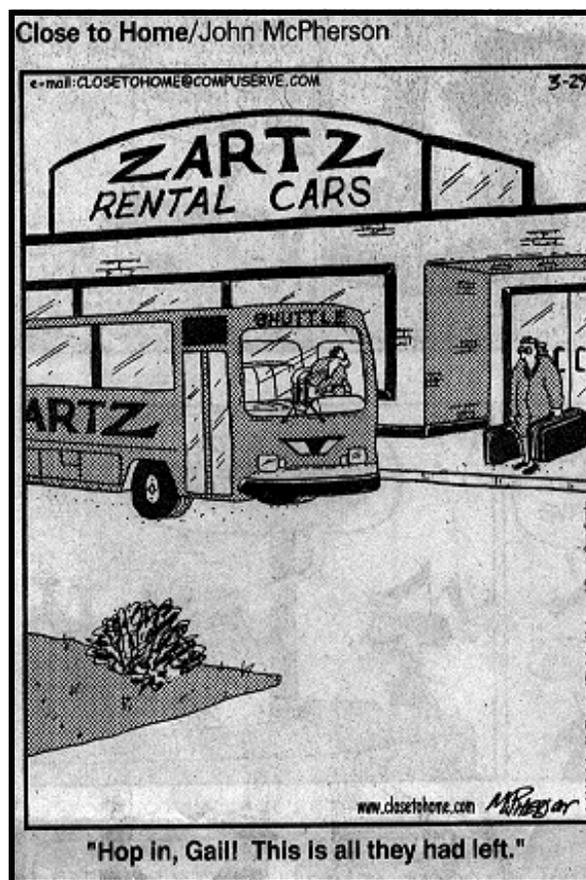
Ladies and Gentlemen: I was wrestling in my mind about renewing my membership after reading the certificate that came from RUPA. Didn't know if I wanted to be associated with people that had receding hair-

lines, and expanding waist lines. My waist line has already expanded, and it doesn't need any more of that. As to the hairline, there ain't any. But after reading the magazine for several months, I agreed with myself, and decided to renew.

I am truly enjoying retirement, but need to thank all of the men that worked so hard on the R&I committees. They have done a great job of making it not our twilight years, but the highlight years. Thanks also, to Dick Wagner for setting up the lunches here in the Denver area. It is great to see all of the men that taught me to fly. They had great patience, and forbearance to put up with me.

We have traveled 14000 miles in the motor home to Sun & Fun, Oshkosh, and around this great country. The things I love about the motor home, it leaves when I want it to, always get a first-class seat, and have the best flight attendant in the world with me. And the view from eight feet is a lot better than 35000. Have two antique fire trucks from my home town in Washington that are getting restored, so that takes a great amount of time. They are about 90% done, and have about 90% to go. Seems we get one thing done, and two more crop up, Not unlike restoring an airplane, I'm sure.

And most of all thanks to you folks that are putting out the monthly *RUPANEWS*. You are doing a fantastic job. Ray



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**JIM BOYER**, Naples, FL.

S. W. Florida March Luncheon Report in  
RUPANEWS April issue

Hi Jock: Just a note to clarify the March Report by Carl Jordan of the S.W. Florida RUPA Group. I don't know who Carl talked to concerning the *RUPANEWS* reporting on the current-day matters on the airline, but he wasn't speaking for me. Nor for a number of other members of our group that I have talked to recently. We all owe our benefits to the negotiations of ALPA, not only during our tenure, but to previous pilot negotiations. To say that now, after retirement, we don't have any interest in the state of negotiations is tantamount to sticking your head in the sand. I, for one, receive council 12's *BANNER* and daily e-mails on the MEC, Hotel Committee, and the Negotiating Committee. What better way to keep abreast of the day-to-day happenings on our Airline than to get it from the horses mouth! Better than the *Friendly Times*. If the pilot group has to "walk the line" this time around to obtain a decent contract, I'd be honored to carry a picket sign and help. I recall a recent retiree during our strike who carried a picket sign, and when interviewed on ABC channel 7 at O'Hare, told the interviewee in no uncertain words what he thought of the company's attempt to break the strike and ALPA. Willie Anderson certainly kept abreast of the day-to-day climate during the negotiations and subsequent work stoppage.

Council 12 has been publishing excerpts of Pat Palazzolo's *FROM WOODEN WINGS* since last summer and they are outstanding. I think Carl, and anyone else who would view the situation on UAL from a head in the sand perspective, should get a copy of *FROM WOODEN WINGS* and study what happened leading up to, during, and after the strike.

Thanks for letting me blow off a little steam Jock. I have called Carl to express my views and informed him of my intent to write a note to *RUPANEWS*. Keep up the good work!

Fraternally,

**Jim Boyer**

**HARLEY L. BROWN** 17050 Arnold Dr.

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Hello Jock: Another busy year getting settled at Air Force Village West in Riverside, CA.

Seems I am having a streak of good news & bad news. The bad news is about the time my Prostate Cancer is about gone I find I now have Colon Cancer, just over a year later. I can't win!! But as I have been healthy and lucky most of my life I guess its time to pay my dues.

The good news is two good happenings. I was invited to be on the Panel at the Friends of the Aces Symposium south of LAX at Northrop Grumman Recreation Club. There were 17 Ace Fighter Pilots there, including one German Ace: for two days, and with all expenses paid, we really had a smashing time. The other good news was while visiting my Nephew who has a nice Ocean Front Home near Cabo San Lucas I caught my first Marlin. It was 9 ft. long and weighed approx. 120 pounds. When friends ask if I had it stuffed I reply by rattling my stomach saying yes right here. Cheerio, Harley "The Red Baron"

**BUDDY DE COSTERD**—46-149 Meheanu Loop  
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Family & Friends, ALLELUIA! Our Lord has Risen! We hope this finds you all well and happy wherever you are. We are keeping busy here in beautiful Kaneohe, and enjoying life.

After our Easter celebration, I will be flying to Florida so that I can drive my mom back to Wisconsin. We will stop on the way to visit family, including our two "Ohio" grandchildren.

We plan to spend June in California with our children and grandchildren there. July will probably find us back in Hawaii, and in August we are doing a house-exchange in Paris for the month. The apartment is in the Latin Quarter, and we're very excited about it.

In September there is the National Airlines Reunion in Miami, where I hope to renew some old friendships. We haven't any special plans for the rest of the year, but we'll see what comes up.

A Blessed Easter to you all.

Fondest Aloha, Alice & Buddy

**ERNIE BURMEISTER** - 1040 S. Norbury Ave.,

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It seems that 1999 was a very busy year for Lorraine and me, even if we didn't get much accomplished.

Our kids think we have a new hobby: going to funerals of friends and relatives, but these were partly offset by the arrival of two great grandsons, one in Allen, Texas and one in N. Aurora, Illinois. That brings the count up to 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Since most of them live away from Illinois, we have made good use of our passes and the motorhome getting to see them. We've also gone on weekend trips with our RV club each month during the summer and sing in a barbershop quartet. We took part in the annual seminar of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators in Boston last fall, and hope to take in this year's seminar in Shannon, Ireland this October. we had a fairly exciting Y2K thus far. In January, we went on a Caribbean Cruise to celebrate my brother's 50th wedding

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anniversary. On the third night, 5 minutes after midnight, the silence awakened us as the engines and ventilation system suddenly stopped. We had no lights, water pressure, or toilet operation either. After about 15 minutes, an announcement came over the battery-powered P.A. system that a generator had caught fire but was under control. Ten minutes later, the message was repeated followed by a statement that the fire was out and that the ship would be underway again as soon as possible. The cabin temperature got up to near 90 degrees, so we went up on deck. Shortly after 1:00 am, we saw about 20 crew members coming from below with buckets of sea water and disappearing into the top-deck electrical distribution shack with the water, then going back below for a refill. The *first* electrical fire had started there, overloaded the generators until they caught fire, and the automatic extinguishers put out the generator room fire. The original fire wasn't extinguished until an hour after it had been announced that the fire was out. It took until 0700 to get auxiliary electrical power to the engines and controls and another 7 hours to get into Montego Bay, Jamaica, where we were told the cruise was cancelled and we were flown back to New Orleans. Our fare was refunded and we were given coupons for another 7-day cruise at any time. My only concern was that they never once suggested that the passengers take their life jackets with them in case they couldn't get the fire out, and they let half-drunk college kids wander about the interior of the ship smoking, even though they had no water pressure to put out any additional fires that might start. Wrote my concerns to Carnival, but haven't heard from them.

Their Cruise Director sure would flunk a P.C. in Denver! Three days after we got home, my heart was beating so slow that it went into atrial fibrillation and I had to have a pacemaker installed. It's a good thing we weren't still at sea as we were scheduled to be!

Lorraine and I both enjoy reading *RUPANEWS* and like the new format. Our thanks to all. Postage money to Cleve.

**Ernie**

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While attending Council 52's latest retirement party, I looked around at the pilot group - retirees, past retirees and active pilots, and I thought - "what a great group of guys & gals."

As they say, "Many times, something good comes from a difficult experience." In our case, the 1985 strike really brought us together & unified the pilot

group like nothing else could have. Our "Squadron was under attack" - an attack so vicious & ruthless that I shall never forget it.

My thinking is, that somehow, someday, the post 1985 pilot group, must be "brought up to speed" on what the United Pilot Group went through in 1985: it is not beyond the realm of possibilities that that type of situation may occur again. If they don't think that there are still individuals out there that would like nothing more than to take away all we have earned - i. e... "the pampered, overpaid pilots, etc.", they are sadly mistaken. History is a great teacher. All one has to do is look at what transpired in the last four or five decades. It is not always an "up" market and things have a way of reversing course. I realize that this is a hard sell to someone sitting in the left seat after only a few years with United - "Can't get any better than this."

It seems like only yesterday when Chicago Federal District Judge Bua declared that evidence indicated that Hill & Knowlton, a public relations firm, was on United's property as far back as November of 1984 - a good six months before the May 1985 strike.

I mentioned this at the time to a friend who happened to be in the public relations field and his reaction was shock. He said, "Bob, do you know who you are dealing with and who Hill & Knowlton are?" He went on to say that they are the most powerful, successful and ruthless strike breaking firm around. They have offices worldwide, and their chief lobbyist is Michael Deaver, personal friend of President Ronald Reagan. "You people are really against the 'heavies'. They will stoop to anything to accomplish their objectives." He then said, "Bob, be careful, keep your guard up, and tell others that you fly with to do the same - don't leave anything on the CVR or say or do anything that people can use - in other words, check your six!"

I realized his info was pretty accurate when I saw the full-page ads recruiting replacement pilots, or as they called them "Fleet Qualified" pilots, for \$75m for Captains & \$50M for F/O'S. We then started to receive letters to our homes offering us a DC10 captain position, and stating that the alternative was to be replaced with "Fleet Qualified" pilots.

A not so subtle attempt to create unrest & discord in one's family was calling up and leaving a message with my 13-year-old son to "tell your father if he doesn't fly his next trip he will be fired."

I remember the first time I left the house to picket at LGA and my son said "Dad, you can't go in uniform, their letter said they would fire you if you picketed in uniform."

I then realized what a ruthless outfit we were dealing with. It is hard to believe now that this actually took

place.

Maybe the newer pilot group should be reminded again and again, of what actually transpired in '85. Like the fence erected around the Cherry Creek Inn to protect the scabs United was housing there ( the city of Denver made United remove it); or the blacked-out bus that they used to transport scabs back and forth – so we couldn't identify them; or the scabs wearing Groucho Marx nose and glasses to hide their identity; or perhaps the knocking down of a wall in ORD Ops - so the scabs would be able to access it from the ramp without encountering us.

Or even worse – after our return to work; instituting a “Code of Conduct” that was so punitive and vengeful that it is difficult to imagine anyone stooping that low. One of the provisions, I remember, was that anyone the company designated as a Management Type, such as the head of a cabin-cleaning crew, could give a direct order to the Captain in charge of the flight, and if the Captain refused the order he was subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal. How about that? Weren't they sweethearts?

Sure, it has been 15 years, but you know something? I'll never forget those who abandoned their “wingmen.”

Can't say it too often, “In unity there is strength.”

Fraternally yours, **Bob**

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Uneventful but enjoyable year to report. Both healthy , still fat. Number of grandchildren holding at fourteen – all smart, beautiful and healthy. Took some trips to new places like most of us do. I'm still flying for Orbis – sneaked through my PC in January and called that my last. (said that last year, but I mean it this year) Will probably fly one or two more trips. Went to our annual retirement party for JFK – gets bigger and better every year. You know you're getting old when you see the guys who were your Second Officers who are now wide body Captains. Glad to see the promotion cycle reduced – these “kids” have a great career ahead of them. I envy them – but I have no complaints about my stint with United. Best regards, Frank

**BOB CHABER** P.O. Box 310 Boyes Hot Springs CA 95416

Jock, Great [April] issue!!!

A few comments:

The SW Florida Outlaws are off base and I like your response about not editing by committee. I was pleased to see Pat's interview of Dubinsky in the last issue. I tried to download the Bayliner, but it wouldn't

download, so the *RUPANEWS* was the only chance I had to see that article.

If these Florida guys are professionals, they should be very interested in the developments in their profession. What happens at ALPA should be of great concern to them. They want better insurance and passes and all sorts of things. Only ALPA has the slightest chance of getting the retirees anything good. It would be wise to pay attention.

For the occasional retiree who has zero interest in anything ALPA, may I gently suggest he just turn the page.

And then there is the Dave Pettey's letter. He points his finger at Charlie Bryant and declares that this one union man caused the loss of thousands of job opportunities. Why doesn't he point his finger at Frank Lorenzo, the one man who was really responsible for the loss of tens of thousands of jobs?

I could go on, but I won't. My active pilot friends tell me the tensions at United are rising again. I trust Dubinsky far more than I trust Pettey. If there is another strike, management will again come to the retired group looking for interviewers. They've probably put Pettey's letter in their files.

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**GARRY CLARK** HC 6, Box 260 C, Doniphan, MO 63935 deerepilot@woldnet.att.net

Dear Friends,

My first retired Captain's Report! It's been 6 months since I decided to take early retirement. After 32+ years Carol and I decided to call it quits. To be honest, I was just burned out and didn't look forward to another 3 1/2 years, even near the top of the seniority list. I know some will think I am crazy, but I would just rather be down on the farm piloting a John Deere instead of a Boeing out of ORD. We have a perfect guy - place here - a 1 BR apartment with a 60x62 garage attached! Carol, however, wants a real house, so we poured the basement walls last week and it hasn't stopped raining since. A swimming pool is in the plans, but not in the basement. So sad to read that Zeke Darby had passed away. Some of my fondest memories are of flying the 727 out of EWR with Zeke. Thanks for the memories Zeke.

Some of you may remember Carol (CLESW). After the strike in '85 she decided good 'ol United wasn't the place to be, so she decided to go to pharmacy school. She graduated from the Univ. of Illinois with a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm D); high honors to boot. She still has flying dreams...I dream of antique tractors. As for travel plans, after spending over eight years of my life in a motel room (I counted 'em guys) I have no

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plans to leave my zipcode. Occasionally, I will leave my area code, but then only to buy tractor parts.

Everyone is welcome anytime if you can find us. We are way, way out in the country. Oh, one final thing. The bull is only aggressive if you are on a motorcycle. Regards,

**Garry**

**BILL CONN**— 16054 Berryvale Lane, Culpeper, VA 22701

It has bin a wile since I rote to let you no how wee were doing. You mite as well know my fillings were hurt. I kept running into sum of you who were shore that my Marty must be writing the litters for me. We were so upset about it that she, uh, that is, I just quit putting hour notes in the male. We cot up on are dewa a wile back, butt I well put in a check four next year sense my birthday seams too come around sew fast. Hope this gets me back in awl your good graces. I'm shore I kin rite a note this thyme with know help me and Spell Check can't miss!

Seriously, we're both doing fine, though very busy with our "Elderlies." We now have full or partial responsibility for three aging relatives: Marty's sister (Jean), whom we brought from Florida to live in a nursing home near us; my mother (Mo) who probably should be in a nursing home but is determined to stay in her own home in PA; and Marty's stepmother (Ella), who will move from CA to an ALF near us here in Culpeper as soon as she can get rid of the accumulation of 92 years of living and sell her mobile home! Marty is pretty much retired from her professional writing career. It wasn't a conscious decision; it just seems to be working out that way. But she does have a bee in her bonnet about another book, so who knows? Our kids are both doing fine with their respective airlines. Rick, a captain with US Airways, and his wife Amy are bringing up three terrific grandchildren. The oldest, Lauren, soloed on her 16' birthday while her proud instructor grandfather and her dad and Uncle Dave cheered her on. All three grandkids are just marvelous, couldn't ask for better. Dave, a captain with American, takes his sweet wife of three years, Terry, along on many trips and in between they take full advantage of their pass privileges.

I still can walk down to the hangar, in my front yard and choose either the 450 Stearman, Cessna 180, or Aeronca Champ to fly. This retirement life is all right! Before I forget to remind you, please note that the county has changed the name of our street again. This time it was because we changed the route of the road coming into this airport community so that it no longer crosses the runway but goes around the end of it. Much safer. Please note the new address

and write or come to see us when you have a chance. Best wishes to all. Bill

**JOSEPH R. COOK**— 22 Willow La, Belmont, CA 94002

Beverly and I have enjoyed the winter and spring cruising the Caribbean. In August, we had our sailboat transported from Mexico to Tahiti to Vancouver. In Vancouver, we boarded the transport ship and lived aboard our cradled RED DOT for a three-week cruise that took us through the Panama Canal and finally arriving in FLL. Just now we are in Saint Lucia In the West Indies. We'll continue the Caribbean adventure until hurricane season begins in June. Then we'll cruise the East Coast of the U.S. and into the Chesapeake. Hope all retirees are enjoying sailing through the days of endless vacation as much as I am. Thanks to all for keeping RUPA afloat.

**Joe**

**RONALD P. CORDES**

Jock: Check is in the mail to Cleve. I always enjoy reading the *RUPANEWS*. Thank you for the work you and all the others do in getting it out. The big news in my home is I remarried early this year. Mary was widowed and has been a family friend for many years. She has known my kids since they were small children. We are now having a wonderful life together. Ron

**RUPANEWS Cover Pix**

Jock: That picture [of a Boeing 247-D] sure brings back fond memories. Old 361 took me on my first airplane ride April 20, 1937. I boarded it (reluctantly, then, I must admit) and flew to PDX for a job interview with the United Portland Division Super at the time--O. C. (Rich) Richerson. Captain was Eddie Garbutt, but I disremember the FO and stew--tho she later married a PDX radio operator named Johnny Linscott. Got the job--and flew back to Pendleton that same evening, where I commenced work as a Station Attendant at .79 cents an hour. One year later United transferred me to SLC as a radio operator with a big raise in salary to \$115 per month.

Them were the fun days!

Regards

**Chuck Fitch**



**CHARLES S. DAVIS**— 15 N. Harbor View Dr, Essex, CT 06426

Hi Jock, Everything going good with us this year. Getting ready to evacuate Florida for Connecticut for the summer. Have used passes numerous times with pretty good luck. Numerous trips to LAX. Enjoy them all.

Thanks, Charlie

**NATHAN T. FOLWELL IV**— 206 Rainbow Dr. PMB 10608, Livingston, TX 77399

Well, we've made it thru 6 years of retirement and RV travel and are still having a great time. This year has been a busy one: Julie had hip replacement in September, in October we sold our house and became "homeless" (except for our motorhome), and we spent the winter months in Mesa, AZ. We continue our travels around the country, dropping in on fellow UAL members.

**Tom**

**THOMAS J. HARKINS**—3104 Coastal Hwy, St. Augustine, FL 32095 JFK,LGA,EWR,ORD,SFO  
Cleve: Hilde and I leave mid April for six to eight weeks in Italy. Am paying up front (on time) for a change. Thanks for your time and efforts Fraternally, Tom email tomhark@gateway.net

**PHILLIP D. HARMAN**

Jock. New address for me: 1814 Roscoe Turner Trail, Daytona Beach, FL 32124-6838. Just moving a few blocks but the pain is the same. Will have more room to maneuver around in. Also new email: Philipharman@cs.com

Always look forward to the NEWS each month....keep up the excellent work.

Lowell Johnston gets us together for lunch....when he can find us.

Check via regular mail.

Regards, "P.D." Harman

**TOM HERDKLOTZ**

Only three days late. Maybe next year I will be on time. Check to Cleve is in the mail. Hope and I enjoy the RUPANEWS and want to thank all of you that make it available to us.

We missed Oshkosh this year because walking is pretty slow. They say I need a new hip, and I was just about to have the operation when they shut me off because of my diabetes and irregular heartbeat. Many tests later they now say I can have the operation but I am too stubborn and will use the one I have as long as I can.

The weather this year is sure goofy. 70s in March and

the lakes are wide open, so last night three inches of heavy snow changes us back to winter. The joys of living in the north woods. Not much other news, so will send this and get the wife to do a better letter later.

**Tom Herdklotz**

**JOHN T. JENKINS** flagg10@juno.com

Hi Jock: You probably don't remember me at all, but we ran into each other a lot for a space of years when I was working on the development of the CLR program out in the Denver area and some follow-on activities connected with that program. I worked on the same committee that our esteemed Chief pilot in Seattle (till he retired too) was on. We were the two ALPA members, me being the junior member of the team, that ended up putting the video cameras in the sims.

I have finally joined the ranks that all of us shoot for when we sign on and "take the Queen's shilling". I flew my last trip on the 24th of March and have just had a nice send off from all the kids and friends that were able to make it. I look forward to the activities and all that RUPA has to offer.

I really enjoy getting the magazine, just got the newest one, and will hit the online site more and more to see what is up there too. It looks real nice and that is where I am mailing this note from now, I just hit on your name as the one I knew the best. I just had a nice get together with my pilot training group also and two of the guys in the class are retired United pilots also, Lyle Burry, and Joe Wildburger, so United was well represented at that affair too.

Jan and I plan to loaf and get my back in shape after all the years of sitting in those seats. It does take a toll after 32 years. My best to you and all, I am proud to be a member here, as I was to wear the uniform all those years.

John T. Jenkins

777, ORDFO (ret)

*Welcome aboard, John. Since I don't check my box at rupa.org too often, the best way to send me email is to my CompuServe box at jock\_savage@compuserve.com (don't forget the underline between the names.) Ed.*



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**FRED & PATRICIA KEISTER**— 6142 Path Valley Rd, Fort Loudon, PA 17224

Ten years retired and still feel like I just flew my last trip a few months ago. *We spent an eventful winter here in Hawaii* with the usual number of house guests. This is the third year of severe drought here so not very green on the south and west side of the island. Back to PA for the summer. Fred

**TOM KENNEY**, UALTOM@webtv.net  
Reference the Editor's notes in the March *RUPANEWS*: PUTATIVELY, NEXUS, AU COURANT--WOW!!!! [*Just think of the time or money you saved by neither having to subscribe to nor go to the library to borrow a copy of Readers' Digest for "How to increase your word power."* Ed.]

As you may notice from my address, I use WebTV. For the "computer shy" it is an easy, inexpensive way to get online. Incidentally, isn't "less unencumbered" an oxymoron?) [*Intentionally, Tom. Say, you're not one of those guys who believe that virtual incoherence is a sure sign of sincerity, and enjoy editor-baiting as a blood sport are you?* Ed.]

With WebTV, you use your TV screen as the monitor. the terminal (about the size of a cable box) plugs into your phone line, and with your wireless keyboard you are in business. No computer classes to go to--it's simplicity in itself. You can do just about anything on the Internet that a computer can do.

For those interested, check it out at Sears, Best Buy, Circuit City, Wards and others. The terminal is \$250.00, the keyboard is \$50.00, but you can shop. Be sure to get a "Plus" model, Not a "Classic". Monthly Internet Service Provider (WebTV) fee is \$24.95.

**GEORGE & PAT KROSSE**, 2208 Alta Vista Dr, Newport Beach, Ca 92660  
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Hi Jock: Big 77 today. Nothing changed. Been doing lots of cruising, mostly ship placement. End of month H. K., Shanghai, Pusan, Vladivostok etc. Should be cold. So what's new.  
Check to Cleve.

**George & Pat**

**WINSTON R. MC CALL**—2710 S. Winding Waters Dr, Avon Park, FL 33825

Sorry Gentlemen, Just realized that I am late. Enclosed is my check for 2000 and 2001. At least I am early for the next year.  
Not near my typewriter or computer so must apologize for the handwritten note.  
Regards, W. R. McCall

**HARRY METZ**, 205 Fiddlers Point Drive, St Augustine, FL, 32084 amazing@ilnk.com  
Greetings, The past 12 months have held some interesting times. We received our hurricane baptism when not one but two swept by, fortunately far enough off shore to do minimal damage. I was worried about our skylights leaking, but we had no problems  
We did another Elderhostel in Richmond VA this March. This was our fifth and probably the best of all. We visited our daughter and family in Charlotte NC on either side of the trip to Richmond. She had her third son (our sixth grandson) in January.  
I am still digging with the city archaeologist and enjoying myself. We have been working in the area near the fort, which has been in use for 300 years. Haven't found anything exotic or valuable yet.  
Much to my surprise, I am still getting calls about my 1998 letter about moving. So I just checked my data, and here it is. If you are contemplating a move in your future, *WRITE THIS DOWN AND SAVE IT!!! As a UAL Retiree you are eligible for the UAL Corporate discount of 61%. BUT, the move must be set up and coordinated by HASSET.*

**Harry**

**DUKE MILLER**, 46-075 Meheanu Pl. #3366 Kaneohe, HI 96744

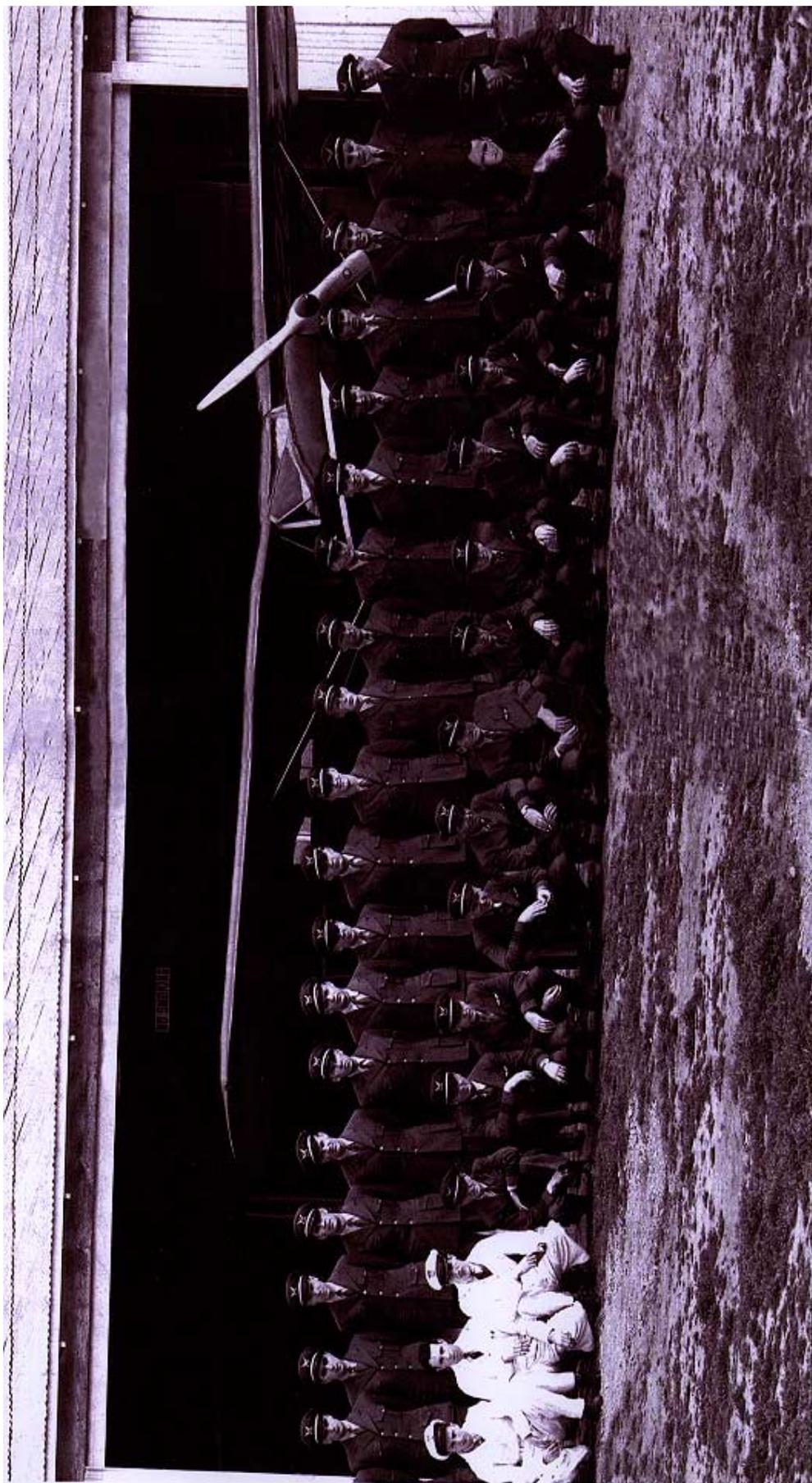
Dear Jock: I can't believe it's that time of year again. Five years since retirement and starting Medicare this month. Still spending a lot of time over here, but did re-establish residency in Calif. for two years, in case we want to sell our San Carlos home. Just got back last week from Sedona, Arizona, where our daughter Shannon got married. What a great setting. Next month Janine and I are going back to Calif. for our son's graduation from law school.

Since they got rid of the two-class 747's we seem to have a better chance at first class going back and forth. Just have to check Apollo and see what days look good. Still playing golf with our UAL retiree friends, who live out here. We enjoy it, even though we can't seem to improve our scores. Check in the mail for Cleve.

*Duke*

**DONALD M. ANDERSON** 5805 Bunning Dr., Downers Grove, IL 60516.

Dear Cleve, Had a birthday last month, it was my 76th and I think I'm beginning to feel it.  
Enclosed my check for stamps, etc.  
Thanks to all the people who work so hard to put out a great publication.  
Yours truly, *Donald*



United Airlines Co-pilot School at Tracy, Cal., Class # 2, Jan.1941

## HISTORIC PHOTO

As promised, here is the second of the Tracy Aces series provided by "Hoot" Moninger, who also provided the list of names to accompany it. Since the list is somewhat sketchy, and if our printers do their usual good job in reproducing the photo, I anticipate letters from some old-timers filling in some blanks. Ed

United Airlines Co-pilot School at Tracy, Cal.,  
Class # 2, Jan. 1941

From left to right

1 L.R.Grady, 2 J.Grosso Deceased,  
3 G.T.Henderson Deceased, 4 V.H.McVey De-  
ceased, 5 H.B.Anders Deceased,  
6 W.E.Schroeter, 7 B.C.Ryder Deceased,  
8 H.T.Halverson, 9 J.T.Herndon Deceased 1943,  
10 Unknown, 11 J.T.Johanson Dismissed 1945,  
12 Unknown, 13 T.L.Bergbower,  
14 K.A.Simko Deceased, 15 H.J.Jacobson Dis-  
missed, 16 P.B.Sayre Deceased,  
17 L.I.Powell Dismissed.

From left to right (kneeling)

1 Unknown, 2 Unknown, 3 Unknown,  
4 G.Willingham, 5 Unknown, 6 Unknown,  
7 Unknown, 8 Unknown, 9 Unknown,  
10 Unknown, 11 Unknown, 12 Unknown,  
13 Unknown, 14 Unknown, 15 Unknown,  
16 Unknown.

## Tale of Tracy

Hi Jock:

Just received *RUPANEWS*. I thought the Tracy pictures turned out rather well. You mentioned an interest in the pictured aircraft. The bi-plane is a Waco "C", the monoplane a Fairchild "24". If you're interested - or even if you're not - the Tracy fleet consisted of two open cockpit bi-planes, a Boeing "203" (tail # 1) and I think a Stearman - although I'm not positive. There were three Fairchilds, two "24s" (tail #s 10 & 11) and a "22" which had a Warner radial engine - the "24s" had Ranger in-lines. The "22" had tail #13, - ask Russ Cottle if he remembers that one - he should!! The Waco's tail # was 23. Then there was the Howard DGA - which Ben Howard designed and built and named DGA because it was a "Damned Good Airplane". To the best of my knowledge the only student that ever got to fly the Howard was Lloyd Treece. My solo cross-country was in the Waco from Tracy to Bakersfield - over the Tehachapi's - to Daggett and back. There was very little check-out in the airplane, and as I look back, it was pretty sporting of the school to trust a 22-year-old with very little time

with what at that time was a pretty valuable piece of machinery. I took my instrument rating in # 11, the Fairchild, and passed even though I managed to ground-loop it on landing (no damage) At that time I believe the test was done on needle, ball, and air-speed only, no attitude indicator.

Is there a needle and ball in a 747-400?

So much for my meandering. If you like, I can send you some pictures of the Tracy fleet to do what you wish with them.

*Hoot*

## More Tracy

Jock,

The two aircraft pictured in April's Center Section are: (1.) Fairchild 24, 175 HP inverted Ranger. The student pilots agree that a good looking airplane will be a good airplane. (2.) Waco S, (Cabin Waco), 240 HP Continental.

Both aircraft were used as Commercial License trainers as well as Instrument Rating trainers.

Fraternally, **Scotty Devine**

**HAL MORRIS** Henderson, NV 89014-0687 MDW, EWR,JFK,EWR,IAD,SFO `61-'95 Late for the birthday, but still in March. Still in "shock" with the arrival of my Medicare Card. Can I be 65? Early June saw Shirley and me RVing to Mackinac Island, Michigan and the Grand Hotel. Returned through Montana-Big Fork, Flathead Lake, And Glacier National Park. July was vacation time in Florence, Oregon at Honeyman State RV Park with son, Lew, Sharon, and the Grand Kids-great sand dunes. August 21<sup>st</sup> was the wedding day for our son, Scott, and Cristen Carlentini in La-Jolla, California. October saw us in Vancouver, BC for a Trans-Canada rail trip; Vancouver, BC to Halifax, NS. Then rented a car and spent eight days touring Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and New York. Spent another week in New Jersey celebrating five birthdays of relatives.

The NTSB says they hope to have their final report of The TWA 800 downing completed by the end of the year. I highly recommend anyone interested in this event read "Altered Evidence" by James D. Sanders; website [www.altered-evidence.com](http://www.altered-evidence.com) for another perspective: Be sure to read all related to the trial and Exhibit A, Overview of Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC). This book has much investigative reporting that might alter Captain Ray Brice's opinions as recorded in RUPA 464-42. Also the events Richard Russell experienced, RUPA 454-54 and the Downing of TWA Flight 800 RUPA 467-25.

Check in the snail mail to Cleve.

Looking forward to the RUPA Cruise in November!

**Hal & Shirley**

**WES OLNEY**@aol.com

It's my birthday so a letter to Jock and a check to Cleve. It has not been the best of years for me but no major complaints when I read of others problems.

In Dec.'98 I had a TIA which led to surgery on my left carotid artery. The follow up to this revealed some serious plaque in my heart and so in June '99 I had four way bypass surgery. I felt great, was walking for an hour at nearly a fifteen minute mile pace four days a week. I also was playing what I now call golf three times a week. A little over a week ago I was standing on the first tee and without any warning I fell to the ground.

So I was carted off to the emergency ward of the hospital and after every test in the books they have no answer. Now I am wearing a heart monitor and it appears that I will have a pace maker in the near future. I am feeling good so I will ease back into my walking and back to the golf course in about a week.

Wes

**TED OSINSKI** 145 East Tall Oaks Circle, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-4467

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With IRS obligations complete, mind is now clear to respond to annual RUPA roll call. Been busy relocating in-laws to our area into an assisted living facility. Also a new hip for one and onset to Alzheimer's for the other. Things are settling down now and am able to fly my Maul more frequently, although I probably will postpone the Alaska trip that I was hoping to take. Enjoying the treasure coast luncheons under Bob Schaefer's stewardship and excellent company. Keep the blue side up, regards

**Ted.**



**GENE & JOANN PETERSON**, PO Box 1392, E. Dennis, MA 02641 carvgene@gis.net  
BOS, EWR, JFK, CLE, JFK

Hello: Another year and not too much has changed. We are finally in the new house here on Cape Cod and settled. We like it very much, with the possible exception during the summer when the mobs of tourists come to enjoy it with us. The further problem is that the season is getting longer and longer as folks come earlier and stay later in the year.

Good to see a picture of Jack Healy, one of the Boston crowd back in y very early days as a DC-6/7 plumber. You don't look any different, Jack. I also enjoy the "new hire" pictures of several of the Captains I flew with in BOS and EWR. The one thing that is discouraging is the number of guys I flew with that are now at the JFK retirement party as retirees. I think it was about 9 or 10 this year. Makes one feel a bit older. We have traveled very little this year due to the house project. With painting, gardens, lawn and a couple thousand other projects, we have worked and stayed local. Hope to get further afield this year.

We are both presently in good health and hope to stay that way. I walk 2.5 miles almost daily, and we are ready to get back into the bike season as the weather is turning very nice early this year.

Our best to all, God bless  
*Gene & Joanne*

**ARTHUR J. PETERSON** P.O. Box 11748, Prescott, A.Z 86304

Jock: I keep getting later and later each year getting this message off. Time flies when you're having so much fun. Fran and I are doing well, keeping busy and staying well. After driving a large motorhome for a couple of years and then a 5th wheel for 8 years, we downsized to a van motorhome in January, and have taken trips to New Orleans, Las Vegas, and various other locations nearby. Much easier to drive this smaller RV. And just like UAL's airplanes, you can't see the wingtips unless you open the side window. Have sent a check to Cleve. Have a good one.

**Arthur J. Peterson**

**JOE PURVES** jpurves@aol.com

Annual Report

Politics may well be the most important thing in one's life. Hitler, Stalin, and every other tyrant rose to power because of the citizenry's apathy and/or indifference toward politics. It is possibly more important than one's religion as it can well determine whether or not one is permitted to practice one's religion. Rational discourse and disagreement can often enlighten those who do not research what the politicians are

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really doing. This is the responsibility of every citizen in a free country, else the demagogues will rule. Since this quote is not political, but from another well known book of prayer, perhaps it can be printed. "The wicked walk on every side when the vilest men are exalted."

Psalms 12:8

Joe Purves

*Joe: Your comments, which were, I suppose, prompted by my Book of Common Prayer quote, are unremarkable, and I'm sure, shared by most people. Politics is indeed of paramount importance, and should be a major concern of all. The rub comes when one is to decide whose politics is to rule. The same goes for religion. Both of those are contentious issues – as millions of war dead over the centuries will attest.*

*On a personal note, Joe, let me say that, as a Scot, there is nothing I love more than a spirited and intelligent discussion about either religion or politics (you may have heard about the four sailors castaway on a desert island. Two were Scots and two were English. When they were rescued four years later, the captain of the rescue vessel asked them how they'd fared. Well, said the Scots, they'd formed a Caledonian society, a golf club, a Presbyterian Kirk and a debating society; while the two English were still waiting to be introduced.) So it's not because I have nothing to say about politics – but this is not the venue for it. Ed.*

**WILLIAM J. RANKIN, JR**—306 Cove Rd, Queens-town, MD 21658

Dear Cleve: We had a good year at this household with our daughter having graduated from college and gainfully employed, Gail having retired after 36 years as a stewardess/flight attendant for United, and I am still vertical except for picking up golf balls. Gail really enjoyed the European flying but finally had enough of the quote "spoiled arrogance" of some of the 570 flying international Captain. Sounds like a repeat of the "Tracy Ace" syndrome that was on the property when I started in 1954.

In late August we attended a "reunion" of retired and very senior flight attendants from our days in the DC 8 Honolulu operation. Lake Tahoe was the site and I must admit I forgot how spectacular that spot is, although those 12-15 foot poles next to the roads for the snow plows did temper my enthusiasm. Incidentally, the gals named their group the "Air Bags" ..... this was cleared by Gail. We also spent some time in Palm Springs where the 95 degree temperatures with only about 10% humidity was wonderful compared with the 90/90 days we have during the summer. Two weeks in Kona playing golf on the sides of hills ended our Western spring.

After fleeing the 10 inches of snow we had at the end

of January we spent February once again at Spruce Creek and managed to attend the luncheon with the local RUPA group.

Thanks again to all the grunts who keep the operation green side up.

Warm regards, *Bill & Gail*

**EDWARD P. ROONEY**—2420 Kings Lake Blvd, Naples, FL 34112

Dear Cleve, Please accept my check to cover the membership and postage fee for joining RUPA. I've got six legs (three landings) remaining before my April 24th, 60th birthday, and as I sit in this layover hotel, reading the latest edition of *RUPANEWS* I recognize many names of fine aviators who paved the way for me in this wonderful career. I am happy to join them, again, through this association. Best regards, Ed

**JERRY SAUL**, TGSAUL@aol.com

Jock; Just got home from a very nice houseboat trip on Lake Mead. It was through Elderhostel, so was guided and lectured. Excellent trip! Weather cooperated for cruising enjoyment and we were lucky enough to go up the Grand Canyon almost to the point where motor boats and rafts are forbidden to pass.

For those who are not familiar with Elderhostel, I would suggest you get in touch with them at [www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org). They provide excellent opportunities for those over 55 yrs. to travel relatively inexpensively.

The real reason I'm writing to you, is because I think the captions under the Tracy Ace photo on page 20 of the April 2000 *RUPANEWS* may have been somewhat transposed. I believe the fellow second from the left is Walt Warner. I don't know D.V. Mayne, but I do know Walt quite well and he still has that steely square-jawed look.

**Jerry**

**RAYMOND SCHLAGE**— 9510 Hyacinth Way South, St. Petersburg, Florida, 55705

Many thanks for the RUPA Newsletter, and thanks to all the folders and stuffers. Enclosed check is for the usual postage and what not. Not seeing as many names as I recognize anymore, so I guess I'm getting old along with the rest. I'm sure the news of Don Deyer 's Flight West has come to your attention. Many years ago I had the privilege of flying with Don in Chicago, both out of Midway and O'Hare in Convairs, out in the corn belt.

Haven't done much this year, spent the summer in North Carolina, took several side trips around the state, and a couple up into Virginia, some very nice country to visit. Then

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back to Florida. Had a real gaggle of people here for Thanksgiving, sure was a mob. Our poor cat couldn't find a corner to hide in. Christmas was spent with our oldest son and his wife, in their new home in Boca Raton. Hello to all and keep the faith.

PS Remember what Edna St. Vincent Millay wrote;

*"My candle burns at both ends,*

*It will not last the night;*

*But, ah, my foes, and, oh, my friends*

*It gives a lovely light."*

**Ray**

**WILLIAM O. SCHOLLES**—2733 Starbird Dr, costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear Cleve, One year of retirement, where does the time go! Gay and I have been busy, travel, golf and visiting the grand children.

I haven't miss the airplane too much and have not missed the PC or revisions at all. I do miss the people and have enjoyed golf and social with the So Calif retired golf group

Enclosed is stamp money. Thanks for your efforts. Bill

**SIDNEY F. SIGWALD**—8928 S.E. Star Island Way, Hove Sound, FL 33455

Hi Guys, Only four months late but who's counting.

There are just too many other things to do in Florida that I just can't keep focused on birthdays.

To all my many friends out there. Thanks, I have a ton of great memories. *Sid* (aka Frank)

**DAVID A. SMITH** 155 Old Squaw Pass Road, Evergreen, CO 80439 DENFO

Jock - I've sent the usual \$20.00 to Cleve. Here is my annual RUPA letter, even though I am not qualified to be a member yet. I firmly believe that your organization is providing an exceptional service and I thank you for stepping to the plate in running the newsletter. I look forward to my retirement and "official" membership in RUPA. Enjoy, and best wishes.

I wrote the following article (edited) for our LEC news rag – thought you might enjoy....

The United pilots have had it good lately – maybe a bit too good. The standard joke of whenever there is a merger or furlough that attendance at local council meetings increases tenfold is sadly very true. I know that we wish no catastrophic event for the United pilots – but the fact is that it could and probably will happen. Cabotage, mergers, code sharing, alliances, globalization, regional jets are but a few issues that are and will continue to affect our careers. Where else will you turn when the going gets tough? Your family

and your union are the ones who truly have your best interests in mind. Management fills their pockets with our hard-earned cash today so they can make a quick exit when times get tough.

I've only run into a relative handful of "old timers" here at United that are jealous that the "younger generation" of United pilots have had it so good. Most "old timers" are quite happy that those hired since 1985 have not had to endure furloughs, downsizing, mergers and the other fun, life-changing events that their careers endured. I feel it is the "younger generation" of United pilots' turn to step up to the plate to make the next generation of United pilots career exceed their wildest dreams. Many have already undertaken that challenge – sadly the vast majority have not. When someone expresses how great things are around here and does not give the proper credit to those prior United pilots and ALPA volunteers who have made it possible – I shake my head in disbelief. I guess when you are 30-years-old making \$ 150.00 per hour you think that it is through the benevolence of the corporation that you got to that point. Wrong! I recently looked at my father's pay stubs when he was a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727 captain in the mid-1960's. Unbelievably – adjusting for inflation – he made about the exact same as I do today! The "gains" we have enjoyed in this industry are hard fought and have not led to the failure of any airline. Simply put – it does not really matter what you pay your people – what matters is how the airline is managed. Ask any Pan Am, Continental or Eastern pilot we have on the property. Unfortunately, the pilot group at any given airline has the most to lose (and the most to gain) by having a well-managed successful airline. I cannot take my seniority number to some other airline and use it there. All I can do is hope that my current airline succeeds and prospers. This is why being involved in your union and understanding your history is absolutely critical to your future. Ignore history and we will repeat it. Remember – it used to take over a decade to get out of the flight engineer seat and we even had pilots on furlough for many years around here. I hope history does not repeat itself – but I guarantee you that there will be some "major" event that occurs in coming days that will get your attention. Globalization of the airline industry threatens you and your family's future. I want to personally thank the retired United pilots for making it so good for me today. The obligation for the current generation of United pilots is to make it better for your children and grandchildren. I sincerely hope we live up to that task. Best wishes to all retired United pilots – especially those that gave so much of their time unselfishly for our union.

Fraternally, **David A. Smith**

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**BERNIE STERNER** 839 S. Euclid, Villa Park, Il. 60181 Very little to comment on this time. Last May we joined George & Pat Krosse for a few days in Paris and four days at Normandy. If you have never been to Normandy I highly recommend it. The U.S. National Cemetery near Omaha Beach is a beautiful thing to see, not to mention inspiring. ORD to Paris is not a bad ride, especially Business Class.

Regards,  
*Bernie*

**GERALD C. URBAN**—14557 Eagle Ridge Dr, Ft. Myers, FL 33912 oh-to-fly@webtv.net  
Hi Cleve, In a few months it will be five years since I flew my last trip. I now get my kicks out of a 172 that I keep in Wisconsin for the summers. I play a lot of golf, build golf clubs, and have developed a product used by some pro-golfers, Tiger Woods, John Daly, Brian Gay, etc, lineaputt.com.  
Family is fine, if I knew grandkids would be this much fun I would have had them first. We spend winters in Florida and summers in Northern Wisconsin. We enjoy the newsletter. **Jerry**

**BOB WAYT** 2993, Young, Tustin CA 92782 '43 – 77 CHI-EWR-LAX  
Last November, our son and I placed Bob in a wonderful care home for those with Alzheimer's dementia, where he gets loving, personal care in a home environment. He had finally gotten to be too much to manage alone, especially when he wandered out the door in the night, so after five years I finally realized that the time had come to turn his care over to those who are equipped to do so. I praise God for the wonderful place I found, and for the care and provision the Almighty has given me and my family.  
On April first, our son, his wife, and I celebrated Bob's 83rd birthday with a cake and some cards I had saved over the years. We did it for us, I suppose, as Bob couldn't have been less interested.  
Just one week ago I took my first flight on UAL in five years, when I traveled to Chicago to attend funeral services for Bob junior (59), Bob's oldest son, who died following a massive stroke. It seems strange that Bob doesn't realize anything about it.  
After being in NV, OR and WA for 18 years, we are once again living in Southern California, in Tustin, with our son, and Bob in Mission Viejo.  
I guess I didn't write last year. Thanks for listening.  
Yours truly, **Dottie Wayt**.



**ROBERT E. WELLS**—18160 Cottonwood Rd. #399, Sunriver, OR 97707 rwells@aol.com

Dear Cleve: Seems that I am a little late this year, but after 21 years of retirement what's a month or two amongst friends. Betty and I just got back from a month in Hawaii on the beautiful island of Kauai so I had to see if I had enough left in the checking account to pay my dues. I don't think the check will bounce. We are both in good health and living life to the fullest.  
Keep up the good work. Aloha!! *Bob & Betty*

**JOSEPH WEST** 1620 NW Dixon, Corvallis, OR 97330  
Dear Jock: Almost on time! At least I suppose that nine days before one's birthday is almost on time. As some of the other gentlemen say, it is interesting to read about the really fine things some of them are doing, but as for me, I'm strictly "Dullsville". Yes, we travel quite a bit between here (Oregon) and California because that's where the best grandkids in the world happen to live, but for yours truly this year has been another plodding effort on stroke recovery, which redefines the word slow. One can expend considerable energy on recovery, and any progress is almost imperceptible. However, being able to walk, swim, and move around is a blessing that most doctors and other medical professionals said was very unlikely. I suppose that if one of us found a very appealing and engrossing activity or place to visit, he would selfishly want to keep it a secret rather than share it. Well, guys, I haven't found either one, and I keep secrets very well – so work on that one for a while.  
Jock, I'm truly thankful we have you doing such a very credible and excellent job as editor. Check to Cleve.  
Joe West

**DICK WOODIN SEA** 1954-1988 Kenai, Alaska 1988 - 2000  
Greetings from the last frontier. We survived another Alaska winter, though this one seemed longer and meaner than previous years. Total snowfall in Dec. and Jan. was 6 ft. but with temperatures ranging between -20 to +40 the snow compacted down to 4 ft. Now, on March 31st we have about 14 inches remaining. It will be at least another month before we have water to launch the float plane. I can hardly wait!  
I enjoyed seeing many friends recently at the SEA retirement party and the Gooney Bird luncheon. It is heartwarming that guys who haven't seen each other for 12 years can pick up their conversation as if they were together just last week. I think a lot of that closeness stems from the adversities we shared in 1985. We

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are truly a Band of Brothers.

I had intended to tell you about my flight to Chicago last August in a deHavilland Beaver. But then I read the letter from the guy who set three trans-continental speed records in one of his many business jets and decided not to mention my lowly effort.

Had a great time at the Reno Air Races in September. Felt privileged to visit with such aviation greats as Bud Granley, Dave Cronin and Bob Hoover. I told Bob that I want to be just like him when I grow up.

**Dick**

## **COLON CANCER PREVENTION SECRETS**

The #2 Cancer Killer Is Surprisingly Easy to Avoid

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Colon cancer is diagnosed in 130,000 Americans each year . . . and 50,000 die of the disease. That makes colon cancer second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer deaths in this country.

These statistics are doubly tragic because colon cancer can almost always be prevented.

Tumors in the colon and rectum usually begin as tiny mushroom-shaped growths. Most of these polyps are harmless, but a small percentage turn cancerous.

The progression from benign polyp to cancerous tumor takes at least five years. That's ample time for detecting and removing any polyps before they threaten your health.

If cancer cells are detected in the colon, removal of the polyps is curative in 92% of all cases.

Unfortunately, only one in four Americans undergoes the periodic screenings necessary to check the colon for growths.

Not smoking and getting regular aerobic exercise help cut your risk. Here's what else you can do to prevent colon cancer...

- Have periodic colonoscopies. Colonoscopy is an outpatient procedure in which a long, flexible viewing tube inserted through the rectum is used to examine the entire length of the large intestine. If polyps or tumors are detected, they can be removed on the spot - the colonoscope doubles as a cutting tool. People are understandably reluctant to undergo colonoscopy. If you are properly sedated, however, you should not feel any discomfort.

There is a small risk of complications, about one in 1,000. The most common complication is a perforated intestine, which requires immediate surgery.

The test is extremely accurate. When you have periodic colonoscopies, there's no need for sigmoidoscopy, barium enema or any of the other tests often recommended by doctors.

If you're in good health and have no family history of

colon cancer, ask your doctor about having a colonoscopy once every 10 years, starting at age 50.

If you have a family history of colon cancer, have your first colonoscopy no later than age 40...and perhaps even earlier.

The starting age and the frequency of exams depends on how many of your first degree relatives had colon cancer ...and the age when it was diagnosed. A first degree relative is a parent, sibling or child. Ask your doctor which schedule is right for you.

An experimental technique called virtual colonoscopy uses X rays and computer technology to create a 3-D view of the colon's interior. Less invasive, virtual colonoscopy is a bit like having a computer tomography (CT) scan. Virtual colonoscopy should be available within the next few years.

- Consume at least 25 g of dietary fiber a day. Fiber binds to special digestive juices known as bile acids in the intestine and carries them out of the body in the stool.

This is critical, because the interaction of bile acids with intestinal bacteria releases carcinogenic byproducts. It's fine to boost your fiber intake with fiber supplements such as Metamucil. But research suggests that it's more effective to have at least five servings a day of fruits, vegetables, beans, peas and whole grains. Unlike fiber supplements, these food sources of fiber contain vitamins and minerals that reduce your risk for cancer. Examples: Yellow, orange and dark green vegetables and fruit are rich in vitamins A and C. Peppers, squash, broccoli and cauliflower are rich in vitamin E, folic acid and selenium. Colon cancer occurs much less often in parts of the world where people eat lots of plant-based foods. Fiber is found only in plant foods.

- Eat less fat. Fiber gets most of the attention, but cutting back on dietary fat may be even more critical for preventing colon cancer. That's because bile acids are produced largely in response to the presence of fat in the small intestine. Reducing fat consumption to 20 % of total calories is ideal. If that level is unrealistic for you, keep your fat intake under 300 of total calories. That means roughly 45 g of fat a day.

Cutting back on or eliminating red meat, butter and snack foods - and switching to nonfat dairy foods - is often enough to lower fats to the right level.

Don't eat charred meats. When animal fat is exposed to barbecuing with charcoal or to a direct flame in the broiler, carcinogens similar to those in tobacco are created.

Self-defense : When broiling or grilling, don't let the flames touch the meat. Avoid grilling with charcoal. Eat fish three times a week. Fish contains fatty acids that the body uses to reduce the potency of

Prostaglandins and other tumor-promoting chemicals in the body. Salmon and mackerel have the most fatty acids. People who don't like the taste of fish sometimes take fish oil supplements. There isn't enough research to show they work, however, and they can give perspiration a fishy odor. Eating fish is better.

• Get 1,000 to 1,500 mg of calcium a day. Three servings of low-fat milk or other dairy foods supply about 1,000 mg. Calcium fights colon cancer by preventing rapid growth of cells in the colon.

Helpful: Antacids such as Tums contain more than 500 mg of calcium per tablet. They're a less costly source of calcium than calcium supplements. Use the sugar-free kind.

Ask your doctor about taking aspirin. Aspirin, ibuprofen (Motrin) and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) seem to help keep polyps from forming by inhibiting prostaglandin production.

These drugs seem to have a cancer-inhibiting effect when taken over the course of many years, even at low dosages.

Caution: Regular use of NSAIDs can cause ulcers and other problems, especially in people with a history of gastrointestinal bleeding and those over age 65.

NSAID therapy should be implemented only with your doctor's okay.

*Bottom Line Health March 2000*

### **U.S. General Accounting Office Report**

A March 2000 report of the GAO finds that although guidelines recommend annual fecal occult blood testing for all people aged 50 and older, only 9 percent of fee-for-service beneficiaries received that test each year. Use rates for flexible sigmoidoscopy are significantly lower and have also remained constant at about 2 percent of beneficiaries (HMOs were about the same). Various factors contribute to the low use of screening and diagnostic services. Key among them is poor patient awareness of recommendations and coverage for screening.

Before January 1, 1998, Medicare covered the fecal occult blood test, sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, and barium enema only for diagnosis and treatment of a specific complaint. After 1998, coverage was extended for these services for screening purposes, with no co-insurance and deductible for the fecal occult blood test, and for all others the cost sharing is the same as for treatment services. Medicare now pays for occult blood tests every year and sigmoidoscopy every 4 years. High risk patients may have colonoscopy every 2 years. A barium enema may be substituted for the sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy. Those with full UAL supplemental coverage should have Blue Cross pick up the balance of any remaining costs. So, cost should not be a factor—have those tests as recommended! Ed.

### **AIRLINE HISTORY**

*Before the UAXs, a network of regional airlines existed. This is from the UAL employee newspaper of 1957 From the September 1957 SHIELD: LOCAL SERVICE CARRIERS and the areas they serve:*

- \*Allegheny Airlines -- Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, New York, District of Columbia, Ohio and West Virginia
- \*Bonanza Air Lines -- Nevada, Arizona, Utah and California
- \*Central Airlines -- Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado and Missouri
- \*Frontier Airlines -- Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming
- \*Lake Central Airlines -- Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania
- \*Mohawk Airlines -- New York, New Jersey and New England
- \*North Central Airlines -- Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota
- \*Ozark Air Lines -- Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Tennessee
- \*Piedmont Airlines -- Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina and D.C.
- Southern Airways -- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee
- \*Southwest Airways -- California
- Trans Texas Airlines -- Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee
- \*West Coast Airlines -- Washington, Oregon and Idaho
- \*Connect with United's Main Line.

*Also from the same issue.....*

New For Pacific Northwest --The first nonstop air service between Seattle-Tacoma and New York was inaugurated by United on September 15. The schedules, long sought by Pacific Northwest cities, cut travel time to the East Coast to just 7 hours, 40 minutes. To introduce the DC-7 "Red Carpet" service, United operated the first east-bound trip as a special preview flight for 50 Seattle-Tacoma civic and business leaders, and press representatives. With the new flight, United is operating 11 daily trips from Seattle-Tacoma to the Midwest and East, providing a daily seating capacity of 686.

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## LIVING WILLS

How to Get the Care You Want When You're Too Sick to Ask for It

Everything You Need to Know About Living Wills And Other Advance Medical Directives

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If you're like most Americans, you've failed to sign an advance medical directive - a living will and/or a medical power of attorney.

A living will is used to spell out in detail what sort of health care you wish to receive should you become incapacitated unable to communicate in any way and doctors judge that you are near death.

A medical power of attorney is used to appoint a healthcare agent. That's a person who makes medical decisions on your behalf if you are incapacitated whether you are near death or not.

Having an advance medical directive brings peace of mind for you and your loved ones. It frees them from the burden of having to make tough medical decisions at a time of great upheaval and psychological distress. Having a directive can also help avoid the family conflict and protracted legal battles that often arise when there is disagreement about what sort of treatment you should get.

No one knows when an illness or accident may strike, so every person age 18 or older should complete an advance medical directive either a living will or a medical power of attorney.

### LIVING WILL

A living will specifies your wishes regarding health care at the end of life. It takes effect only if you are terminally ill or permanently unconscious.

If you recover, of course, you're free to make your own decisions. You may also revoke a living will at any time as long as you are able to communicate your wishes.

The living will covers decisions about the use of feeding tubes, respirators and antibiotics. Pain medications would still be administered, even if your living will called for life support to be withdrawn in case of terminal illness.

### Medical power of attorney

A medical power of attorney for health care, also known as a durable power of attorney for health care or a health care proxy, is broader and more flexible than a living will. It lets you designate as your agent someone close to you a friend, relative, member of the clergy, etc. This person legally makes medical decisions for you if you become incapacitated.

Unlike a living will, a medical power of attorney applies to survivable illnesses, such as a stroke, as well as to terminal ones.

Also, unlike a living will, a medical power of attorney does not generally state such specifics as whether doctors should attempt to prolong your life by administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), placing you on a respirator, etc. Instead, your health-care agent will express your wishes.

### MEDICAL DIRECTIVE

Statutes governing advance directives vary from state to state. A few states recognize only a single basic form known as a medical directive. In this document, you can explain what you want in terms of life support ...and appoint a spokesperson. It takes effect only in cases where a living will would apply.

To obtain copies of the appropriate documents for your state, contact Choice in Dying, 1035 30 St. NW, Washington, DC 20007 (800- 989-9455/www.choices.org. None of the medical directives requires a lawyer's help.

### PICKING A HEALTH CARE AGENT

Your health care agent must be at least 18 years of age. To prevent conflicts of interest, avoid picking your primary care physician or any other health care professional involved in your care. Many states prohibit you from doing this unless the practitioner is related to you by blood, marriage or adoption.

Discuss your wishes with your health care agent before you execute the medical directive. Be sure the person you select is psychologically resilient enough to make critical decisions under stressful circumstances.

Good idea: Designate an alternate health-care agent, just in case your first choice is unable to fulfill the role. As you consider potential agents, ask yourself...

- Is this person comfortable talking about death?
- Is he/she assertive enough to see to it that I get the care I want even in the face of opposition from my doctors or members of my family?
- Does he understand and respect my values?
- Is he capable of exercising good judgment in case an unforeseen situation arises?

Once you decide whom you'd like to be your agent, spend some time rehearsing how you'll broach the subject. Many people find it best to begin the discussion when the whole family is present.

Whatever you say, make sure to explain things in detail. Many people complete advance directives too hastily, without considering all their options And without describing fully their wishes for end-of-life care.

Don't try to cram everything into a single discussion. Several may be necessary. During these conversations tell your agent just what you think about "extreme measures" doctors might use to prolong your life. Do you want every treatment available, no matter how limited the benefit might be? Or would you rather

forgo treatment once it becomes clear that death is inevitable?

After considering these questions, you may find that there is no one you trust sufficiently to become your health-care agent. If so, it's probably best to stick with a living will which does not require you to appoint an agent.

**WHERE TO KEEP THE DOCUMENT**

Whichever advance medical directive you choose, be sure that key family members and/ or friends have a copy. Your loved ones should be able to press photocopies of the document into the hands of your doctors and nurses.

Your physicians and your HMO should also have a copy, just in case. Many hospitals and nursing homes also request copies upon admission.

If you have multiple residences: Prepare an advance medical directive for each location.

If you spend half the year in one state and half in another, have forms filed with your doctors in both states. Make sure each document conforms to the requirements of that state.

*Bottom Line Health, March 2000*

**Chubb Crater**

A Delta Air Lines jet was traversing Arizona on a clear day.

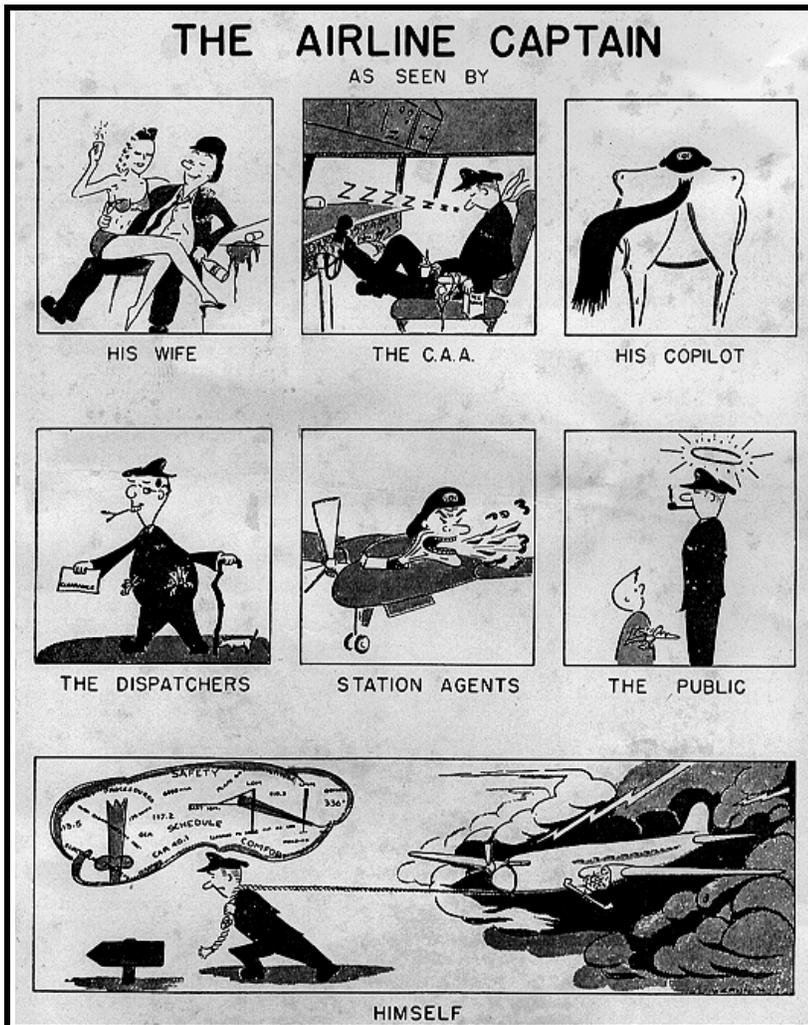
The copilot was bombarding passengers with remarks about landmarks over the PA system.

"Coming up on the right side of our cabin, you can see Meteor Crater. A major tourist attraction in northern Arizona, it was formed when a lump of nickel and iron weighing 300,000 tons, 150 feet across, struck the earth at 40,000 miles an hour, scattering white-hot debris for miles in every direction. The hole measures nearly a mile across and is 570 feet deep."

From the cabin, a passenger was heard to exclaim: "Wow! It just missed the highway!"

**Oops!!!**

Delta airlines acft was taxiing to the ramp and was being sprayed by a fire truck as it was the captain's last flight when the acft right wing struck the boom on the fire truck, the acft sustained minor damage to the leading edge slat, no injuries were reported.. Atlanta, GA. From FAA incident report.



**MILO BACON**

I do enjoy reading the RUPANEWS, altho' if I remember 3 or 4 contributors in each issue, I have done well. The picture of the "Tracy Aces" in the last edition were especially interesting to me, as I knew most of them.

Enclosed is a copy of a picture sent to me in 1958, from the ALPA magazine of that date. I have had it, framed under glass, since I got it. It depicts a "long ago era" of airline pilots, and I thought the latest retirees might enjoy it. I especially liked the airline captain as seen by his co-pilot, and the one as seen by himself. How many times did we ever imagine flying through the worst thunderstorm on earth on one engine, and bringing all safely home?

I am looking forward to more Tracy pictures as furnished by "Hoot" Moninger, a long-time acquaintance and friend. I do hope that you will find it convenient to publish this picture in a future issue.

The work done by you people is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, **Milo Bacon**, retired Jan, 1970  
*Here it is, with a Tracy photo on page 20. I fear that the public perception of pilots is being purposely eroded so as to also erode their pay. Changed times indeed! Ed.*

## I'M ON A COMMITTEE

*Oh, give me some pity! I'm on a Committee,  
Which means that from morning to night  
We attend & amend & defend & suspend  
Without a conclusion in sight.  
We confer and concur. We defer & demur.  
We reiterate all of our thoughts.  
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda & consider a load of reports.  
we compose & propose. We suppose & oppose, And the points of order are fun!  
But though various notions are brought up as motions,  
There isn't a whole lot gets done.  
We resolve & absolve but we never dissolve.  
That's out of the question for us!  
What a shattering pity to end our committee!  
Where else could we make such a fuss?*



## OBITUARIES

### MAVIS WYATT

This is a note to let all the old friends of Tex Wyatt know of the passing of his Widow, Mavis. She passed away on Sunday March 26 while preparing to pick up some friends and drive them wherever they were going. The South Bay area will sorely miss the joyous personality and helpful caring soul that has graced their area for many years. Those of you who knew Tex will know that the trumpets in heaven have been playing Dixieland jazz welcoming the new arrival.

J. FRANK COWLES - 7 Berkshire  
Dove Canyon, CA 92679

### EARL EATON BACH

It is with great sadness that I report the death of my beloved husband, Earl Eaton Bach on February 14, 2000. We were at the Canyon Ranch Spa in Lenox, Massachusetts when he had a massive heart attack. As he had told everyone, he expected to play tennis until he was one hundred, unfortunately that did not happen. Until the end he was playing tennis at least five days a week – seven in the summer. He still flew small planes out of the Jersey Aero Club and sailed his boat on Barnegat Bay.

Earl was a kind, generous and loving father and husband. He will be missed.

Happy Landings.

**Alyce W. Bach**

### WELLS, JOHN RAYMOND

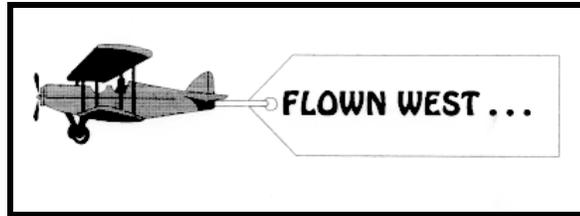
Saturday, March 4, 2000, at his residence, JOHN R. WELLS, husband of Robbie M. Wells; uncle of John M. Stearn and Henry G. Stearn; great uncle of J. Michael Stearn and Penney L. Pack. Graveside services were held Monday, March 13, 2:30 p.m., at Mt. Com Ray is survived by his wife, Robbie at 2401 Cameron Mille Road, Alexandria, VA 22302-3302

Ray was a Dispatcher for Capital and United Airlines. Many will remember him for the trips he made on the jumpseat to record for the blind the sounds of the flight and his narration of the trip.

**EMIL J. SMITH**, 89 of Sarasota, died March 28, 2000.

He was born August 23, 1910 in Elizabeth, N. J. and came to Sarasota in 1975 from Long Island, N. Y. He was a United Airlines pilot for 40 years and a member of Retired Airline Pilots Association. He was a pilot in the Air Transport Command during World War II

Survivors include two daughters, Stephenie Smith, and Nicole Doolittle of Ocala, A son Emil J.III of Dunnellon a stepson Donald Podolsky of Jupiter, a step grand daughter, Jill Podolsky . a brother Richard and wife Ada of Tallahassee, three grandchildren, Emil J. III, Danielle Smith and Michele Charney and one great grandson, Alex Charney all of Ct.



VICTOR FORTE*	IAD	7 FEB 2000
EARL E. BACH	JFK	14 FEB 2000
EMIL J. SMITH	JFK	28 MAR 2000
H.C. "CHRIS" CHRISTENSON*	IAD(EXO)	3 APR 2000

\* nonmember



**HIGH FLIGHT**  
By John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered  
wings:  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tum-  
bling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds – and done a hundred  
things  
You have not dreamed of – wheeled and  
soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights with  
easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of  
God.

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## RUPA'S SOCIAL CALENDAR

### Regularly Scheduled Lunches

- 2nd Mon. SW FL Outlaws – *Summer Break*– 941-793-5251  
2nd Tue. FL Treasure Coast Sunbirds – *Miles Grant CC* – 561-747-2796  
2nd Tue. LAS High Rollers – *To Be Advised* – 702-658-6168  
2nd Thu. SE FL Gold Coast – *Summer Break* – 561-272-1860  
2nd Fri. PHX Roadrunners – *Summer Break* - 480-948-1612  
3rd Tue. DEN Good Ole Boys – *Country Buffet* - 303-279-4348 (Coed 20 Jun)  
3rd Thu. LAX – *Hacienda*, (Even Mth.) *Billingsley's* (Odd) - 310-373-2283  
3rd Thu. Ohio Northcoasters – *TJ's Wooster* (Always coed.). 330-262-5811  
3rd Thu. SEA Gooneybirds – *Airport Marriott*. – 206-242-1242 ( Coed 18 May)  
3rd Thu. TPA Sundowners – *Countryside CC*. (odd mths. Stag) 727-785-5971

### Other Events

- 17 MAY NY Skyscrapers – *Pals Cabin* – 908-782-3612  
20 JUN NE Florida Lunch—*Spruce Creek C.C.* (Coed).  
11 JUL ORD McHenry lunch – *Warsaw Inn* – 847-872-4081  
15 JUL Barnard BBQ – Ojai – 310-645-2260  
19 JUL DCA O'Donnell Lunch – *Belle Haven CC* – 540-338-4574  
3 NOV RUPA Cruise – *Mexican Riviera* – 800-966-6007

**Deadline:** Always the second last Wednesday of the month.

**Mailing AKA Folders & Stuffers:** Always the first Wednesday of the month

**June Deadline** – 24 May

**Folder's & Stuffer's** – 7 June



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