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Type: Mail-passenger, Accommodation: 4 passengers, 1 pilot, 500 lb. Mail, Power Plant: P & W Hornet
525 h.p., Empty Weight: 3,722 lb., Gross Weight: 6,075 lb., Max. Speed: 137 mph. Cruising
Speed: 125 mph., Climb: 600 ft/mm., Service Ceiling: 16,100 ft., Range: 535 miles.

*****RUPA NEWS FLASH*****

Since our hard-working and esteemed editor has been temporarily grounded due to health problems, this edition of the RUPANEWS is being brought to you by a rag-tag crew of totally incompetent volunteers, misfits and indentured servants. We hope you will be patient with our less than professional efforts.

We know you join us in sending your thoughts and best wishes to Jock and his family.

The Pres Sez

Fellow Folks of The "In Crowd", [RUPARIANS]

Yaas, I'm still here! Jock's erudite musings for our scholarly journal has left me without a great deal to mutter about. Those of you who know me, know that I can be loquacious and garrulous in person, but the second I sit down to this keyboard, I become a mute. Oh, well! Jock is a bit under the WX this month, so with the able assistance of Cleve Spring, and all of his elves, we are trying to keep the Postal Service going this month. We wish Jock a speedy recovery!

When I read, and reflect on the past issues of RUPANEWS, it seems that all of you out there are doing quite well for yourselves, individually, as well as the local RUPA activities! It also gives me a chance to have a few quite good quiet thoughts of those who have "Flown West".

Don't forget to sign up for the convention in September in Las Vegas, There has been a pretty decent sign up already. Also, this is the year to elect [railroad] a new slate of officers. If you have any ideas, send them please to Capt, James E. Olson, chairman of the nominating committee.

Keep tuned to Bruce McLeod's excellent website, rupa.org, for all the latest hapnins. You may also pick up the link to "TWA800", which is still very much active about the on going "ad Hoc" investigation into this "crash" five years ago this month.

That's about it, gang-just keep doin' whatever blows your hair [or scalp] back!
See ya' all in Las Vegas! Grins, Bill

RUPA WEB SITE www.rupa.org

By Bruce McLeod, Webmaster, bmcl@yahoo.com

Those of you that access our web site on a regular basis may be disappointed with a lack of regular changes. When the site was first on-line, I had envisioned some enthusiasm and active participation by the membership. With only two or three offering information on people and activities in their own areas, no help with the "Sick List", only ONE member offering regular current info for the "Flown West" page, only one contribution to the "PC" pages, it became painfully apparent that the membership had no interest in assisting in keeping the website interesting. Therefore, all the "Membership input pages have been deleted.

Any Information requiring immediate dissemination will, of course, be posted in a very noticeable manner.

Past issues of the RUPANEWS are currently on line. In the future, no issue will be available on-line until three months after its post office mailing date.



RUPA Convention Golf in Las Vegas

It is getting time to sign up for the golf at the convention. We have a two-day golf tournament planned, for both men and women. The first day, Sept. 25th, will be a low net at Angels Park Palm Course, shotgun start at 7:30 am. The second day Sept. 26th, will be at The Legacy Golf Course, and will be a 4-man scramble, also a shotgun start at 7:30 am. Ladies will have a low net the first day and join the men the second day in a 4-person scramble.

The price this year will be \$ 220.00 to include two days of golf and round trip busses to and from the Harrah's Hotel. Busses will leave the hotel at 5:45 am, so that those who wish to purchase breakfast at the golf course may do so.

We need to know soon to know how many players we will have. Give us you Index.

Golf Tournament Chairman Oak Porter

Phone # 541-593-7165, Fax # 541-593-3895, Email- oakporter@dsicomputers.com

REGISTRATION FORM FOR RUPA CONVENTION 2001

The Convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada from the 24th thru the 27th of September 2001. Obtaining accommodations is the sole responsibility of the member. Reservations may be made directly with **Harrah's Hotel and Casino** by calling **1-888-458-8471**. To obtain the special rate of \$81 per room per night, starting Sunday the 23rd thru Friday the 28th, you must use this code **S9 RUPA 1** when booking your reservation.

Interested members are encouraged to register early for events in which they wish to participate, so that the organizers may be assured that they will have the minimum number to hold the event. Some activities could be cancelled for lack of interest. If you register for an event that is subsequently cancelled, your money will be cheerfully returned. If you do not wish to register at this time, please indicate if you intend to participate by checking the space for entering the fee.

Name: _____ Spouse/Companion: _____

Convention Registration Fee & Banquet (Sept 27): \$15 per person:\$ _____

Please indicate your choice: Salmon _____ Prime Rib: _____

Tennis: (Maximum 20 persons) Sept. 24, at Noon, *Flamingo Hilton*, \$20 per person, soft drink included. State level of play.....\$ _____

Golf: Sept. 25 & 26, 0545 pick up at *Harrah's*, breakfast at the course, (own cost) \$220 per person covers both days.....\$ _____

Tour of USAF Thunderbirds facilities at Nellis AFB: Sept. 25 & 26, 0915 depart *Harrah's* by bus, 1000 Tour starts, 1200 Lunch at "O" Club, 1330 return to Hotel. Cost, \$18 per person (includes transportation and lunch).....\$ _____

Sporting clays: Sept. 26, 0815 depart *Harrah's* for Nellis AFB, 0900 briefing for shoot, 1200 depart Nellis for lunch, 1400 return to *Harrah's*. Cost approximately \$32 per Person per round will be paid at Nellis. \$5 to \$6 per box of 25-12 gage ammo. Separate arrangement for ammunition purchases. Lunch will be paid for individually at restaurant. Check on line if you plan to shoot.....\$ _____

Lake Mead Lunch Cruise: Sept. 26, 1030 depart *Harrah's*, 1150 boarding ship, 1200 cruise Departs dock, 1330 ship returns to dock, 1430 return to *Harrah's*. Cost, \$38 per person. Includes transportation, cruise, lunch, \$3 park entrance fee/tax. 60 seats reserved, first come, first served.....\$ _____

Total.....\$ _____

Be advised: some of the hotel/casinos have instituted an energy surcharge per room. This may also be instituted on the transportation costs as well. RUPA has no control over any such charge. *Harrah's* have instituted the surcharge, which is about \$3.00 per day per room.

IMPORTANT:

Fees for the above events are due on registration, no later than 25 August 2001. Last minute attempts to join events at Nellis AFB can not be accommodated on account of security requirements. Names of attendees are submitted to the USAF well in advance of the event.

Send check, made out to RUPA, to Cleve Spring, 1104 Burke Ln, Foster City, CA 94404-3636



Las Vegas

Show Information - - -



A good source of information regarding current shows in Las Vegas is the website: www.lasvegas.com - it is quite complete and will give you just about any information that you might require regarding entertainment, restaurants, sporting events, purchasing tickets, etc. We have listed the telephone numbers of the major shows in the event that you might wish to call them direct for more information.



Aladdin Theatre for
the Performing Arts
877 333-9474

Excalibur
702 597-7600

Arizona Charlies
702 258-5100

Flamingo Las Vegas
702 733-3333

Bally's
702 967-4567

Four Queens
800 634-6045

Bellagio
702 693-7722

Gold Coast
702 365-7075

Boulder Station
702 432-7777

Golden Nugget
702 386-8100

Caesar's Palace
702 731-7333

Hard Rock Hotel
800 - hrd-rock

Casino Royale
702 390-5329

Harrah's
Spellbound Theatre
702 369-5222



Las Vegas

Shows (Cont'd)



Holiday Inn Boardwalk
702 730-3194

House of Blues
@ Mandalay Bay
877 632-7800

Imperial Palace
702 794-3261

Lady Luck
702 477-3000

Las Vegas Hilton
702 732-5755

Luxor
702 262-4400

Mandalay Bay
877 632-7800

MGM Grand
702 891-7777

The Mirage
702 792-7777

Monte Carlo
702 730-7777

New York - New York
702 740-6815

The Orleans
702 365-7075

Palace Station
702 367-2411

Paris - Las Vegas
702 946-4567

Plaza
702 386-2444

Rio
800 PLAY-RIO

Riviera
702 794-9301

Sahara
702 737-2515

Sam's Town
888 464-2468

San Remo
702 597-6028

Silverton
702 263-7777

Stardust
702 732-6325

Stratosphere
702 380-7711

Thomas & Mack Center
702 895-3900

Treasure Island
800 392-1999

Tropicana
Tiffany Theatre
702-739-2411

Venetian
888 283-6423



I Am The Nation

I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. I am the nation.

I am 213 million living souls - and the ghost of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. When freedom called I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the rock of Corregidor, on the bleak slopes of Korea and in the steaming jungle of Vietnam.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas and the granite hills of Vermont. I am the coalfields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the West, the Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific . . . my arms reach out to embrace Alaska and Hawaii . . . 3 million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than 5 million farms. I am forest, field, mountain and desert. I am quiet villages - and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his breadloaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas, and hear the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 110,000 schools and colleges, and 330,000 churches where my people worship God as they think best. I am a ballot dropped in a box, the roar of a crowd in a stadium and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a Congressman.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Tom Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers and the Wright brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Jonas Salk, and Martin Luther King.

I am Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Walt Whitman and Thomas Paine.

Yes, I am the nation, and these are the things that I am. I was conceived in freedom and, God willing, in freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world.

This is my wish, my goal, my prayer in this year of 1976 - two hundred years after I was born.

OTTO WHITTAKER, "I Am the Nation;" Norfolk and Western Railway Company Magazine, January 15, 1976, front cover.

This was originally written in 1955 as a public relations advertisement for the Norfolk and Western Railway, now the Norfolk Southern Corporation, and did not contain the phrase, "the steaming jungle of Vietnam." It has been widely reprinted, generally without attribution, has been set to music, is reprinted by some newspapers every Independence Day, and has been read into the Congressional Record several times. Ellipses in original.

It is now 224 years since this nation was born and the nation is therefore somewhat older and larger than when the above piece was written; however the penultimate sentence remains the wish, goal and prayer of all its citizens as we celebrate this 224th anniversary of its birth. Jock Savage, Editor.

JACKIE PANCOAST ABEL, 16682 Bolero Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

How do I begin to say thank you for the caring, compassion, thoughts and prayers extended to me during this traumatic time? All the cards, flowers and e-mails from my RUPA and airline friends, all over the country, certainly added to my recovery.

Thank you to four special ladies, Scotty Charnley, Eleanor Forsythe, Pete Knapp and Ruth Verplanck, whom each took a week to watch over me when I came home from the hospital. Also, thanks to Bob Schmiedeke for sending and answering e-mails for me. I am blessed with a fabulous daughter who took over all responsibilities while I was in the hospital and rehab, and a great son who gave assistance to her. Presently, I am "sort of" walking with a cane, however, I am WALKING. I have physical therapy 3X a week and hope that soon I will be walking without the cane. I am determined.

Again ----- I say a big THANK YOU to all of you whose support got me to this point and will continue to help me in my recovery. *Jacki*

ALPA Council 11 Annual Party

Saturday September 15 2001 Radisson Hotel, Alexandria, VA (703) 683-6000 (If you want to stay at the hotel, call before 8/14/2001 for the "special" \$109 rate)

Retirement seminars begin at 0900. Cash bars open at 1800. Dinner served at 1900. \$40 per person. Your check and party reservation form must be received by September 10.

Make checks payable to ALPA Council 11 Annual Party. Send your name, address and phone number and list the names of all in your party in the manner that you want them to appear on the name tags.

Mail to: Tom Hunter, 13005 Montpelier Ct. Woodbridge, VA

The following is a list of eligible honorees for 2001. If you know of a member who is retiring and is not on this list; please give me a call: Tom Hunter 703-497-0918

Austin, TP	Good, DE	Liggett, RB	Rosenthal, EJ
Barbour, All	Grube, U	Marshburn,TV	Smithdeal, WT
Bradley,KR	Jenkins,WD	Mashburti, TL	Sudmalis, LS
Clayton, GM	Kennedy, CP	Morgan, JS	Swasko, AP
Cook, GL	Koopmann, WS	Nance, RB	Wertheimer,V
Courage, DS	Kramer,RM	Porch, FW	White, JF
Felix, GH	La Sasso, JT	Rains, JC	Wilkinson, BM
Found, DC	Leighty, DA	Roscoe, RR	Wilson, WR
Getman, DS			

LAS VEGAS HIGHROLLERS LUNCHEON

Clyde House (702) 896-8821 clydie@concentric.net The month of June found us enjoying some of the best barbecue in Las Vegas at the Memphis Championship Barbecue restaurant. Convention news was discussed and a signup sheet was passed for those who wished to volunteer and help out at the upcoming convention. Our July luncheon will be a pool party early in the month so that those leaving to escape the warm weather can depart to cooler climates. Those in attendance were: Andy & Dawn Anderson George Atteberry Bill Balboni John & Neola Drommond Barri Folsom Gerald & Susanne Johnson Hugh & Kathy Mattern Jimmy Price & Carol Starbuck Dave Smith Don Swirnow and yours truly Clyde House & Marie Loquet

SFO RUPA ANNUAL PICNIC CANCELLED

Due to a change in policy at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge and our inability to find a suitable alternate location, this years RUPA picnic is regrettably cancelled. We hope that by next year we will have found a new site for our 2002 Annual outing. If you know of an appropriate locale, please let us know.

NEW YORK SKYSCRAPERS

This month's meeting was special ! Assembled were sixty six pilots, wives, companions and friends. Pals Cabin was the backdrop for camaraderie and hangar flying. From days gone by, John and Laura Glockner made this meeting thanks to Watts Waddell and Irv Soble. Had hopes Bob Bittner, Cornie Di-Lauro and Jack Sylvester might attend but because of previous medical appointment they and others could not make this meeting. We'll continue to press for those old timers to attend. Please make contact with our older retirees, call and arrange transportation for future meetings.

The Honorable Bob Carey, FOSR-ORD, sent along his original colored photos that were previously published in yearbook style. With an increase of "senior moments", viewing the photos made for many pleasant memories. Bob has plans to pass these photos to United or ALPA-52 as a keepsake memento. We're sure others will enjoy them as we did.

As more and more arrived to enjoy each others company, someone remarked about the 24 hour rule. Among those assembled no one could recall any previous restriction and if they did, they just didn't give a d_ _ _! We toasted the pilots who have flown West and were seated for an enjoyable lunch and a great afternoon of telling tall tales. The raffle monies was claimed by Jan Conover, Ray Amato and Pat Bernosky. Originally, I had pre written this article to say the big prize was claimed by pilot "X" and reclaimed by his wife before an eye could blink. I am still trying to convince Pat, my wife, that at half the money is mine !

The New York Skyscrapers decided to forgo flowers when one of our own flies West. As a remembrance to our fallen pilots, we will contribute to the United Airlines Retired Pilots Foundation in his name. Perhaps other pilots or sub chapters in RUPA will consider this as a suitable endeavor. By our action, we may alert those families in need that an avenue of help exists within our organization. The Skyscrapers dug deep into there pockets to help our dwindling postage and now Foundation Fund . Thanks for your generosity.

Our next scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday , October 16th at Manero's Restaurant, Greenwich, CT. Mark your social calendar for this date; no excuses are acceptable if you miss this meeting ! Our sincere thanks are extended to all who made this coed gathering a fun day and that the future meetings will grow in numbers too.

Oldest pilot present, Winfred "Lippy" Lippincott (90 years young); Furthest traveled, Bill Rankin (4:00 hours plus); Longest missing pilot, John Glockner (Welcome home).

Attending were:

Ray & Sharon Amato	Dave & Ellie Hoyt	John Stewart
Howie Aronson	Geo. & Pat Haslett	Hal & Grace Storey
Ray & Pat Bernosky	Augie & Margaret Miller	Dan & Andria Royce
Bud & Mary Berlingeri	Rip Munger	George Stoddard
Bill & Lou Jane Bickert	Marv Odom	Watts & Phyllis Waddell
Frank Calderero	Dave Ormesher	Jim & Mildred Wright
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Frank Decker	Bill Rankin	Bump Hanley
Ron & Betty Denk	Jerry Schlichter	Bob & Elizabeth Maben
Bob Duckworth	George Schnell	Bill & Connie Hedden
Ken Ernst	Steve Scott	Lippy & Dorothy Lippincott
Frank & Marian Farrell	Jack Smith	Pete Sofman
Mike Finnerty	Irv & Mary Soble	Jack Hill & Ms. Glinda
		John & Laura Glockner

Respectfully, Ray Bernosky

DENVER GOOD OLE BOY'S LUNCHEON

Dick Wagner, Golden, CO, 19 June 2001

Wow! We just had the largest turnout of "Good Ole Boys" and Ladies at our June 19th luncheon. We had 60 in attendance as listed below, plus a guest speaker, Capt. David A. Smith, UAL Council 33 chairman, Denver. I think the attendance was due to a more central location, but will see as time progresses, as this was only the 3rd month meeting at this location.

I am also looking for a younger Area Representative, as I have had it for 14 years, and would like someone younger to take over. Curly Baker resigned some time ago, but for some reason, is still carried as a Rep in the News Letter.

We now meet at the American Legion, Post #1, I-25 and Yale, one block east of I-25 on the south side of Yale. Our next luncheons will be on July 17 and August 21.

Dick & Ilene Wagner

John Holody

Edgar & Ruth Riehl

Bill & Luci Pearce

Shirley & Keith Patton

Bill & Eve Hoygaard

Tom Hess

Bill Bates

Bob & Jim-Claire Clipson

Tom & Moyna Hudgens

Monna White

Bill & Mitzi Fife

R.O. & Millie Stewart

Roseanne Owen

Jack Box & Millie Myman

Bob & Ann Blessin

Ted Boerstler

Terry & Steve Terrell

Curly & Opal Baker

Norm & Ann Miller

Karlee Burnham

Clif & Dotti Bloom

Dick & Jean Kobayashi

Russ & Pat Ward

Pat & Dee Murphy

Ted Wilkinson

Corinne Laufert

Joe & Marcee Kenney

Chuck & Sandy Fellows

Bill & Jessie Harris

Tom & Cindi Gordon

H.W. & Doris Reid

Lanell Olsen

Dick & Valerie Brinkworth

Gary & Marian Gore.

SEA GOONEY BIRD'S

The Seattle Gooney Birds met as usual with a fair number present.

We lost another one of our own this month. Charlie Carson died June 12, after a long illness. At his request, there will be no memorial service.

Denney Narog gave us a history of Reginald Froom's struggle with lymphoma, which resulted in his death last month. He first discovered he had it last November. A very intense treatment schedule was instituted, including radiation, and later, almost daily blood transfusions, all to no avail. Reg was held in high regard by everyone who knew him. He died at age 67.

Attending today were:

Don Anderson

Harvey Beery

Jack Brown

Jim Chilton

John Cordell

Vince Evans

Walt Fallon

Ray Hanson

Howard Holder

Bob Howard

Ray Hull

Dan Jessup

Ron Locken

Herb Marks

Denney Narog

Wes Olney

Tom Pierce

Jeff Roberts

Tom Smith

Dean Turner

Chuck Westpfal

Dick Wiesner

Vince Wormser



MYRWIN H. ANDERSON—828 Santa Helena, Henderson, NV 89015

Dear Cleve: Another birthday has arrived. Enclosed is my postage check. I want to thank you guys for all the time you put in to get out the news. It sure helps.

Dawn and I are going to her reunion in Spokane, WA this month (June) so that should be fun.

We are looking forward to the convention this fall. Everyone come and have a wonderful time.

Andy

R. A. CARTER BRIGGS— 321 Main St, Sebastian, FL 32958 bbriggs@aol.com

June is almost over and I have not sent dues money for Carter. The years since his stroke have been tough ones.

The GOLDEN YEARS ain't what they're cracked up to be. He is limited in most of the activities that he was so interested in. Sure hope, by the end of the year, he will be able to get around better. Sincerely, *Bootle Bbriggs*

ROBERT O. BROCKMEIER—9352 Brewer Way, Villa Park, CA 92861

Enclosed is my check for the membership and dues. It's hard to believe that the career came to an end so fast. I returned from my last trip on April 12th, had a small party for 140 of my closest friends on the 21st, and flew to Monte Carlo on the 22nd. Our baggage went to Marseille the following day. Saw Barcelona, Casablanca, Lisbon, Bilbao, Bordeaux, St. Malo, and London up the Thames River to cap a 15 day cruise on Silversea Cruise line. Good interline rates and well worth it. There's so much stuff to do around here, I don't know how I ever got through the last 2 years. We are looking forward to traveling and playing golf (we are taking lessons). We are hoping to get to Kauai in June for 2 weeks in Hanalei. The RUPANEWS is great. I even recognize a lot of the names in it. Cordially, *Bob & Barbara*

GERALD L. "BRU" BRUBAKER—573

Mosher Hill Rd, Farmington, ME 04938

I've been retired almost a year now and must admit I'm not as caught-up on my chores as I thought I'd be. Got the garage cleaned out, but still have the basement and barn to go. Also swore

that after retirement I'd never get on a commercial jet again, but my wife keeps those BP 6's busy. We enjoyed a cruise through the Panama Canal and are giving serious thought to a tour of Cuba and a fishing trip to Alaska. A friend of ours, Marie Nahirny-Fedishen, is wondering if anyone knows the whereabouts of two UAL pilots she was friends with in the 70s: Gerry Monroe S/O SFOFO and Winston "Bill" McCall Capt. SFOFO. Our email address is Bru-Mab@compuserve.com. Thanks, *Bru*

DICK COOLEY—6339 E. Star Valley Cir, Mesa, AZ 85215

Hi Cleve, Things are just about the same in Mesa, AZ, except for a few days of over 100°F. All goes well except for a heart condition found by Mayo makes things a little tougher.

Many year ago I ran a retirement party for Dick Petey, and presented him with a new Thunderbird. I was cleaning out the files and ran across this negative of Dick, also several pictures.

Have a good year and thanks for doing such a great job. Regards, *Dick*

JIM DAY— 20121 Phaeton Dr, Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Cleve, I'm afraid I'm a bit late this birthday month, had to face up to reaching age 82 and it's a bit depressing--but I guess still better than the alternative. Everything goes reasonably well with our family, health okay, we still travel when we can, and still enjoy it. United has been mighty good to us in our travels thru the years. My annual postage contribution is in the mail. Best Regards, Jim

RICHARD L. EMERY— 9415 Nicklaus Ln, Crystal Lake, IL 60014 (815) 455-3249

E-Mail - Ecommander@aol.com

Sorry Cleve I am late again. Betty and I are really enjoying our new home. We didn't think we had it in us but now that it is done we are really happy with it.

Our oldest son (Chris) and this wife gave us a grandson this last year so we are now grandparents for the first time and loving it.

Keep up the great work, both Betty and I enjoy hearing from old classmates and friends.

Best wishes to all, *Dick*.

LARRY D. FIELD—8565 Nolin Dr, Coeur D' Alene, ID 83814

Hi Cleve, Well eight years of retirement under my belt and still enjoying it more each day.

Enclosed is my annual check and also my thanks to all who keep the RUPANEWS up and running.

All is well in Northern Idaho now that spring is finally coming around.

Till next year, thanks again. *Larry*

RICHARD L. FLECK— 6325 Wescates Ct, Brentwood, TN 37027

Dear Cleve, Having just retired June 1st, it will be my distinct pleasure, nomake that honor, to join the ranks of RUPA.

After 32 years with united, the last few were definitely the best. The DC-10 is a great aircraft, and the schedules at ORD had pretty good layovers. It was nice to have a little seniority and fly the ORD-HNL trips every month. The HNL based Flight Attendants are great and were always fun to have along.

Ruth and I moved to Tennessee five years ago and, so far, haven't regretted it. The seasons are moderate, cost of living reasonable, and the neighbors are friendly. We purchased a lake front cabin last autumn, spent the winter remodeling it, and hopefully this summer enjoying it.

Sincerely, *Dick*

MAX FRIEBEL— 6020 91st St. E., Puyallup, Wa 98371 N9463N@cs.com

Dear Cleve, These birth months seem to be coming around much faster than I remember! And I think that after 5 years, I have adapted to retirement! This past year has been pretty busy with a move to a new house this past November, and traveling with both large and small airplanes. We have a very active group of flying families and there are spontaneous flying outings almost every weekend.

The trip to England for the Memorial service for my Uncle and his bomber crew is getting to be a regular outing. There are some wonderful people in a small village in Yorkshire that still pay respects to a crew that ended their lives on a hill just outside their village.

One highlight of this last visit was a visit to Duxford to tour the museum and watch some fuzzy faced youngster wring out a Spitfire. He parked

the airplane about 50' from the 6-8 people at the fence line - climbed out, threw his chute over his shoulder and came over to visit. He is the test pilot on the station, and HAS to fly at least one Spitfire each day! !! Really rough duty!

Must close for this year!

My best to those that have gone before, and those that follow! *Max*

JOHN B. HEALY—618 Aqueduct Way, Solvang, CA 93463

Dear Cleve, I must say, it's hard to believe a year has slipped by – no international travel the past year – however, have off spring all over the U.S., so do a great deal of pass travel – think it's a great benefit.

I'm very sorry to report the death of Rhoda Cox, wife of retired Capt. Don Cox. It was the result of an auto accident on Memorial Day.

After a RUPA luncheon in Van Nuys, went for a ride in Clay Lacy's beautiful restored DC-3 in UAL colors.

Margaret and I are in good health considering our age (80).

I appreciate the effort in the production of the RUPANEWS. *Jack*

WILLARD T. HUFF—6047 Dolphin Rd, Oriental, NC 28571 whuff@coastalnet.com

More good intentions down the drain. I planned to send this in February. This little town sure keeps you busy, but so does a toddling grandson that manages to find more ways to explore things. We have him here just about every day. As busy as it keeps us, it has been a real joy to have him around and watch his development. Still playing tennis from 3-6 times a week. Planned a lot of sailing trips, but they have been put on hold to help take care of my 90 year old mother. Shedding some responsibilities like Commodore of our sailing club, etc. Even in retirement you can't do everything and be everywhere at once like you thought you could. Thanks for sending out all these little tidbits from former (I almost said old) flying partners. *Will*

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WILLIAM C. KLETT—1255 Lassen View Dr, Lake Almanor, CA 96137

Hello Cleve, Here is some postage money. I am starting my third year of retirement fun this month. It gets better each year. Health is good and am having fun flying my new Cirrus SR20, N81BK, the certified (FAA part 23) composite parachute airplane. It's a four place, fuel injected, single with a TCM 360ES six cylinder which gives 160 knots TAS. Not bad on ten gallons per hour. I have a hangar at Reid Hillview, San Jose.
Bill

RAY KUHLMAN—PO Box 1395, Kinston, NC 28503

Dear Cleve, Postage money on time for a change. No news to report---still fogging the mirror every morning, and at age 82, that's enough to ask for. Regards to all our friends in RUPA. Thanks for everything, **Ray**

JAMES B. LONG—8248 S. OOO Rd, Geneva, IN 46740

Dear Cleve, We are spending the week at our lake cottage to get ready for the coming season and I'm staring out of our window in amazement to see several fishing boats on the lake already! The ice just went off the water three weeks ago. We have this summer place, in northern Indiana, that is very quiet in the winter as most of the people around us are "snow birds". We spend some time here during the winter months to enjoy the silence and then return to the farm to enjoy more silence! By now, you get the picture that we enjoy the world according to the way it was before trains, planes, and automobiles! I guess I should mention that I am not intending to bite the hand that has fed me for the past 35 years!! We do like to travel and are planning a fall trip to Italy to enjoy the history, the food, and the vino rosa. We go to great lengths to find a good restaurant, and always enjoy trying some new gourmet treat.

It amazes me that time goes so swiftly. I can't believe that it has been four years since I have had to drive an airplane for a living!! Keep up the good work. My wife and I both read the news from cover to cover. Enclosed you will find my annual check. **JB**

Are you up-to-date with your postage?

ALLAN MAY— 14358-B Harbour Landings Dr, Ft. Myers, FL 33908

Dear Jock: Enjoying good health here in Florida, but getting a little warm for us this time of year. Had a two-week cruise on a Windjammer cruise in May from Trinidad to Freeport. Everything was okay until the last 3 days. 18 foot seas are not good for sleeping in a bunk. Good thing Joan and I don't get mal de mer.

Great to get back home to our amenities here with our docks, health club, pools, tennis courts, members club, golf course, stables, polo grounds, steeplechase course, bowling alley and laundromat. (Some of this may be accurate.)

It's now time to return to our summer residence in the Canadian Maritimes to get cooled off. I was so pleased to read that they are finally getting rid of that silly 72 minute hour in favour of "American Time" up there and will eventually get rid of the 20-hour day. It will make it a lot simpler for us when we go over the border to get our mail in Maine each week.

Thanks for everything you guys do. See you in Las Vegas. **A/**

Where will you be having dinner on September 27th???

RICHARD W. MC BRIDE—202 Chota Shores Ln, Loudon, TN 37774

Dear Cleve, One year of official retirement and I am delighted to find that it is better than I ever imagined. Geneva and I are in good health as are the children. In fact we just returned from the high school graduation of our eldest grandchild. Geneva is involved with all the social activities that ladies can possibly invent and I am still volunteering at the R/R museum in Chattanooga. Lots to do there; all we are short of are manpower and money.

Travel was kept to a minimum this year with the usual late summer Alaska cruise, a short trip to England to visit some museums that we had never seen, and two weeks in Switzerland. When the travel is combined with the local commitments and a number of projects around the house we hardly have time to breathe. All in all, it's a great life.

Hope all is well with you and yours and many thanks to the RUPA staff. Great job! **Dick**

GARY A. MOORE— 9 Bark Cherry, Littleton, CO 80127

Dear RUPA, Another year has gone by and it is time to send in my annual dues check. Thank you for your fine publication and the many hours that all of the volunteers spend to ensure its timely publication each month.

As I read through the RUPANEWS each month, it makes me proud to be associated with such a fine group of fellow aviators. I realize that the many sacrifices they each made during their careers are allowing me to enjoy mine.

The battles never end as witnessed by our latest 2000 Contract agreement and the summer activities that it took to get senior management to realize that our current pilot group is unified and ready to be taken seriously. We achieved a wonderful post ESOP transition contract that put the United Pilots back on top of the industry. I don't believe we would have been able to achieve what we did, without the past history of the pilot groups involvement and impact on our Airline, along with the commitment made by ALPA to fight for and protect what we have already achieved in previous contract agreements. There are still those in our management ranks who remember the effects of our 1985 pilot strike and the long-term effects that resulted from it. So to those who have already passed along the torch to my generation of United Pilots – Thank you for your past commitments and sacrifices that you made during your careers that have made being a United Pilot the best job in the world.

As I am currently an Airbus Captain based in Denver, I look forward to having the opportunity to have you on one of my upcoming flights. Please stop by the cockpit and let me know you're along. *Gary*



WOODY MORGAN—4440 N. Territory Cr, Tucson, AZ 85750 Convaire@aol.com

Cleve Spring, et.al..... That time of year (again) and it's been a busy one. Especially the last six months. One new grandson and a Baron (B55). Nuff said? I just completed my first annual and I got me an education. Does this mean I've sort of worked my way into the "rites of passage" of general aviation? Not sure about that one. Anyway, I've also gotten myself involved with AirLifeLine compassion flying which I really enjoy. Gives a sense of purpose of owning an airplane. The check, of course, is birthday stipend.

Keep up the good work. *Woody & Barb*

RESERVATIONS !!!

BOB O'LEARY—27164 Gading Rd, Hayward, CA 94544 boboleary317@honie.com

Hi Cleve! Haven't seen you since Wednesday. Postage check enclosed. Now that I'm well on my way to being a computer "Geek" I wanted to pass on a suggestion. Many of us served on military airplanes as flight crew. If you ever thought how great it would be to show the kids or grand kids the machine Grandpa flew over Bremerhaven or the Yalu, check your E-mail listings for Air Museums in your area. For San Francisco Bay residents there is a major air museum at Travis AFB with both indoor and outdoor displays. The outdoor display is most complete with many tactical, bombardment and transport machines lovingly restored by volunteers. Pull it up on the Internet for road directions, if you're into helping out with scouting programs that would be a great group thing. In the bay area for us "blue suitors" there is the carrier HORNET displayed at the former NAS ALAMEDA. If you have never seen a carrier close up and personal from the water just looking up at it is inspiring. How could mere man bang together such a huge structure! *"RJ"*

RUDY E. PEKRUL—PO Box 245, Higgins Lake, MI 48627

Just checking in. I came down with a bad case of shingles. Lost the use of my right leg, etc. After about six months of rehab and walks and canes, etc, and a couple of years healing, I'm back to normal. Sincerely, *Rudy*

GEORGE E. PRESS— 13419 n. Calispel Ct, Spokane, WA 99208 '64-'99 ORD, CLE, ORD, SFO

Dear Cleve & Jock, Thank you very much for your most informative magazine. It has been two years since I retired and life couldn't get much better. Glad and I are off to Newfoundland this week for the summer. We will be looking forward to reading your July, August and September issues when we return. There are several of us retired in the Spokane area and we get together with the local RUAEA chapter for dinner once a month. It was nice to see Bill Stookey and wife Lois at our June 2nd dinner at the Coeur D' Alene Inn. Have a good summer. Sincerely, *George*

KERMIT E. REUTLINGER—8111 E. Broadway #303, Tucson, AZ 85710 520-721-2921

Dear Sir, New address above. Aloha to friend and fellow navigator, Cal Ford.

Yours truly, *Kerm*

E.G. (GINO) SALEGUI—PO Box 437, Surfside, CA 90743

Hello to all--for those traveling to Paris, I found an "Airport Shuttle" service for travel to/from the city. You can reserve thru their web site---www.paris-anglo.com/clients/shuttle.html.

Prices are listed on the site---89 FF for two or more and 120 FF for one person. It worked as advertised. Further travel tips: Vienna-- Hotel Bristol (Westin)

Prague--Hotel Maximilan (located in the old city)

Take care---*Gino*

Did you know that the last two years of the RUPANEWS are available on the RUPA Web Site, www.rupa.org?

LARRY L. SCHMIDT— 4909 Hoen Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 Larry757@earthlink.net

Hi, Cleve: Time for another installment. Two years and counting, where has the time gone? Stay busy and stay young...so we are! Madalynn does a lot of singing and I have my Masonic organizations to keep me off of the streets.

We were in the Holy Land in November and were going to extend into Egypt but had to come home early because Madalynn's mother was very ill. A

week from today we leave for a choir tour of Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg and Prague. We are going to extend for eight days in England on the far end of the tour. I guess the biggest news is that I had a heart pace maker implanted in September. Well, enough for this year. Keep up the good work. We both enjoy reading the news and keeping up on people. *Larry*

LARRY A. WATKINS— 751 champagne Rd, Incline Village, NV 89451 SF0 50/85

Hello Jock and Cleve, Just reminiscing about the 1985 events. Sixteen year ago I retired from United on the picket line doing duty in front of the Reno Air Terminal. We had set up regular tour duty schedules, as did other domiciles. During our last TV gathering the troops presented me with a Happy retirement prize, an autographed picket sign!! I later wrote a retirement letter for the Cockpit Magazine stating how proud I was of all the Pilots and Flight Attendants and thanking them for banding together. Can you believe they refused to print it?

I'm currently watching large clouds of smoke billowing over the Mt. Rose mountain ridge between Incline Village and Truckee. The fire closed Highway 80 all day Sunday. Reno has been IFR the last few days with the smoke. The fire came within 2 miles from the Truckee airport and within 7 miles of Reno yesterday. There are 20 Helicopters, 10 Bombers, 18 bulldozers and 3000 firefighters working now. The smoke clouds are rising to above 10,000 feet. We are still in the clear with no smoke yet at the lake.

You are doing a bang up job with the Journal!

Best to all, *Larry*

DAVID G. WESTLAKE—PO Box 28, Reesville, WI 53579

Dear Cleve and Ruparians to whom it may concern, God bless those of you who keep us non-producers in the loop. The RUPANEWS is always welcomed into our home with great interest and enthusiasm.

Year three has just passed and brought one of the great surprises of my sheltered existence . . . social security checks! I was convinced that I'd never see any of that which I have so cheerfully contributed through my years of toil. (Oh, ye of little faith!) Not only that, but I encountered a genuinely pleasant government employee in the

process. Wow, gas for the Harley, food for my four legged, furry hunting companion and some left over for tippets and an occasional micro-brew. Life is good!

Lucky, my bride of 40 years, forces me to the airport a couple of times a year. Our Navy daughter and her Marine Corps husband are in San Diego. It's pleasant to visit them and roam the environs of my long ago service to Uncle Sam. On the other hand, we have been known to become so lacking in judgment as to embark on international sojourns with the likes of Bob and Carol Kelly: England, Ireland and Scotland. Most travel is earth-bound, however, centering around the family, veterans' affairs (Commander, local VFW Post), cold water resources (T.U. State Council and National Resources Board) and, of course, ridin' that "Milwaukee Iron."

Best regards to all my brothers and sisters who held the line.

And, Cleve: The check's in the mail. *Dave*

LLOYD WHITLOW

Hi Cleve, It has been a busy time since I last wrote! In Sept. 2000 we did a cruise from Copenhagen to New York City via France, England, Ireland, Scotland, Iceland, Greenland, and Newfoundland. We had no problem with pass travel, there were only three of us in First out of Chicago to Dusseldorf and no problem getting on SAS to Copenhagen. From New York we flew to Savannah, Georgia for my WWII Bomb Group Reunion.

Then in Feb. 2001 we flew to Japan, then on to Singapore, where we spent a couple of days prior to boarding the "Song of Flower" for a cruise to Hong Kong via Vietnam. Again we got in First on all legs. We were hoping that my son, Bill, would be the Captain on at least one flight, as he is now on the 400, but no such luck!

In May my WWII Bomb Group had a special affair at Hill Air Force Base Museum Complex, where we Dedicated the second duplicate copy of our Memorial Monument. The original is located at the West End of the Old East-West Runway at the Airfield we flew out of during WWII in England. The other duplicate Monument is located at the 8th Air Force Museum, Savannah, Georgia.

Then on Saturday, June 9th, my wife, Donna, had a party at our home to celebrate my 80th Birthday,

which is June 14th. I don't feel 80, but I probably look it!!!!

We had a large crowd, all of my kids, grandkids, spouse of same, some people from my WWII Bomb Group, and also several RUPA Captains, and we also let a couple of Retired TWA Captains attend. My son had a great time talking with all us old Retired Captains. It was a fun party, which I will long remember.

The next trip will be to Cape Town, South Africa where we will board the Crystal Symphony for a 22 day cruise to Lisbon, via the West Coast of Africa. Let's hope that we have good luck on this trip with pass travel, my 51 years seniority helps, but as we all know, its only good on United.

Other than that nothing much is going on!!!!

We have just completed two years in our new home here in Anthem Country Club, there is an Active UAL Captain living here whom I've yet to meet, I've seen his wife in their car and their license plate says: IFLYUAL. Mine says: FLYNHI.

Well, I've rambled on enough! *Lloyd*

GERALD G. YERDON—PO Box 69, Wicomico Church, VA 22579

Dear Cleve, Sorry to be late sending this in. Jerry is a patient at "The Lancashire" and he enjoys RUPA. He just told me about the subscription being overdue. Also, there is a slight change in address. We need a bigger box. Many thanks for taking such good care of us.

Sincerely, *Nancy & Jerry*

For our Pan Am Friends



The New Alphabet for Older People

A is for arthritis
B is for bad back
C is for the chest pains. Corned beef? Cardiac?
D is for dental decay and decline
E is for eyesight--can't read that top line
F is for fissures and fluid retention
G is for gas (which I'd rather not mention)
 And other gastrointestinal glitches
H is high blood pressure
I is for itches
J is for joints that are failing to flex
L for libido--what happened to sex?
 Wait! I forgot about K for bad knees
 (I've got a few gaps in my M-memory)
N is for nerve (pinched) and neck (stiff) and
neurosis
O is for osteo-
P is for porosis
Q is for queasiness. Fatal? Just flu?

R is for reflux--one meal becomes two
S is for sleepless nights counting my fears
T is for tinnitus--bells in my ears
U is for difficulties urinary
V is for vertigo
W is worry
 About what the X--as in X ray--will find
 But through the word terminal rushes to
mind, I'm proud, as each
Y - year - goes by, to reveal
 A reservoir of undiminished
Z - zeal---
 For checking the symptoms my body's
deployed,
 And keeping my twenty-six doctors
employed.

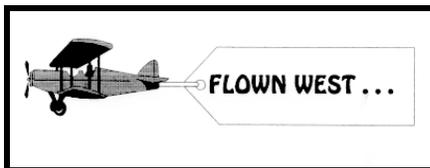


Instrument Flight. The Cat and Duck Method:

1. Place a live cat on the cockpit floor. Because a cat always remains upright, it can be used instead of the artificial horizon. Simply watch which way the cat leans to determine if a wing is low, and if so, which one.
2. The duck is used for the instrument approach. Because any sensible duck will refuse to fly under instrument conditions, it is only necessary to hurl your duck out of the plane and follow it to the ground.
Limitations to the Cat and Duck method:
 1. Make sure your cat is clean. Dirty cats spend all their time washing. Trying to follow a washing cat usually results in a snap roll followed by an inverted spin.
 2. Use an old cat. Young cats still have many of their nine lives left, but an old cat has just as much to lose as you do and will be more dependable.
 3. Make sure your duck has good eyesight. Nearsighted ducks may fail to realize they are on the gauges and go flailing off into the nearest mountain.
 4. Use land-loving ducks. It is very discouraging to break out and find yourself on final to a rice paddy, especially if there are duck hunters around. Duck hunters suffer from temporary insanity after sitting in a freezing blind, and will shoot at anything that flies.
 5. Finally, choose your duck carefully. It's easy to confuse ducks with geese because many waterfowl look alike. Geese are competent instrument fliers but they seldom go where you want them to. If your duck sets off for Canada or Mexico, you can be sure you have been given the goose.

The Three Deadly Sins

A bum asked a man on the street for two dollars. "Will you buy booze?", the man asks, to which the bum replies, "No." "Will you gamble it away?" Once again the bum replies, "No." "Will you make bets at the golf course?" Once again the bum replies "No, I don't play golf" Then the man asks, "Will you come home with me so my wife can see what happens to a man who doesn't drink, gamble or play golf?"



Charles Carson

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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 untraversed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of
God.

RUPA'S SOCIAL CALENDAR

Regularly Scheduled Lunches

- 1st Tue. San Diego Co. -*Quails' Inn, San Marcos* - 760-723-9008
2nd Mon. SW FL Outlaws – *Olive Garden, Ft. Myers* – 941-793-5251
2nd Tue. FL Treasure Coast Sunbirds – *Summer Break* – 561-747-2796
2nd Thu. SE FL Gold Coast – *Flaming Pit* – 561-272-1860
2nd Fri. PHX Roadrunners – *Summer Break*– 480-948-1612
3rd Tue. DEN Good Ole Boys – *American Legion Post 1* - 303-279-4348
3rd Tue. LAS High Rollers— *Location to be advised*— 702-658-6168
3rd Tue NE FL—*Spruce Creek CC* - 904-760-9736
3rd Thu Dana Point CA— *Wind & Sea Restaurant* - 949-496-2691
3rd Thu. LAX – *Hacienda, (Even Mth.) Billingsley's (Odd)* - 310-821-6207
3rd Thu. Ohio Northcoasters – *TJ's Wooster (Always coed.)*. 330-262-5811
3rd Thu. SEA Gooneybirds – *Airport Marriott.* – 206-242-1242
3rd Thu So. Oregon (MFR) - *Pony Express, Jacksonville*—541-245-6896
3rd Thu. TPA Sundowners – *Countryside CC (odd mths. Stag)* 727-785-5971

Quarterly Scheduled Lunches

- 1st Wed Feb, May, Aug, Nov. Chicago Area— *Itasca CC* - 630-832-3002
2nd Tue Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct. McHenry (ORD) —*Warsaw Inn*—815-459-5314
3rd Wed Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct. Washington Area—*Belle Haven CC*—540-338-4574

Other Events

- 24 Sep RUPA Biennial Convention, *Harrah's Hotel, Las Vegas.*
5 Oct Chicago Retirement Party—*Westin O'Hare Hotel.*

Deadline— July 18th.

Mailing— August 1st



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