



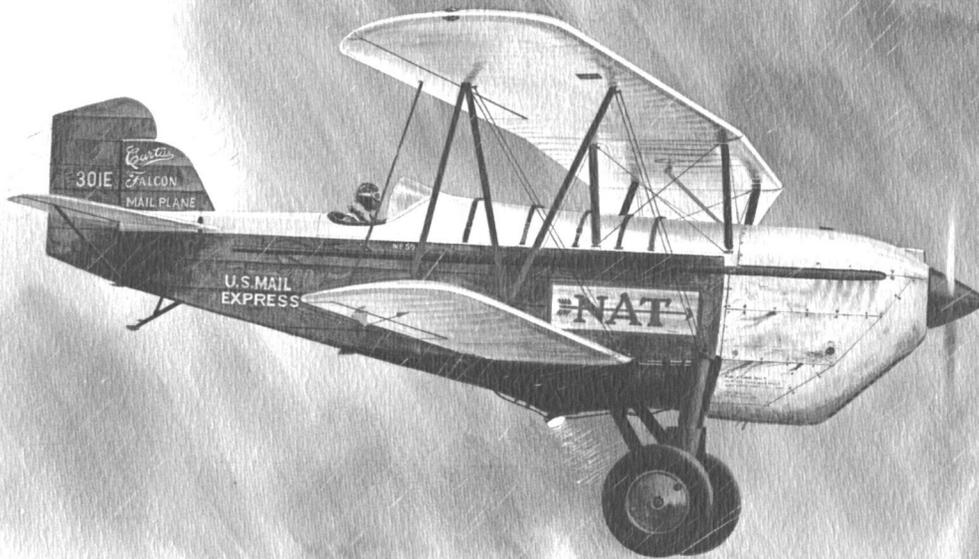
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow RUPArians, This month I had the pleasure of attending the Los Angeles Area RUPA Luncheon. Your Vice President, Noel Kane, and I flew to LAX and were picked up by Rex May, who graciously ferried us to Billingsley's Restaurant in Van Nuys. A great group of about twenty-two were in attendance, and judging by the noise level, a good time was had by all. A question came up on how to check loads on United flights. It was determined that going through Easy Apollo was difficult and cumbersome. One of the easiest ways to do this is to go to www.rupa.org and click on Links. When the Links page comes up, click on SKYNET. Or you can go directly to SKYNET, (<https://united.intranet.ual.com/>).

United has made available to retirees "Friends Plus" coupons to help generate additional revenue for the company. The idea is to give the coupons to leisure travelers who would normally fly another carrier and give them an incentive to try United. Each coupon is good for a 15 percent discount on a selected United Economy roundtrip fare of \$150 or more. (Where can you go round trip for less than \$150??). Travel using "Friends Plus" coupons must be ticketed by May 1, 2003 and completed by May 15, 2003. You can obtain your allotted six coupons by calling the Benefits Service Center at 1-800-482-5236.

If you are interested in getting retired business cards through United, you must make the request through the last office where you were domiciled. Since 9-11, a manager must sign this form before Corporate Graphics of Bedford Park, Illinois will complete your order.

And finally, if you haven't read the Wilsman Report, go the RUPA web site for the most complete compilation of information available to us about our pensions, should United file for bankruptcy. 'Nuff said for now. Fraternally, *Rich* [Most members should be able to obtain access to the rupa web (www.rupa.org) through their local library—they're usually happy to help the computer challenged. Ed.]

WIDOWS COORDINATOR

JACKIE PANCOAST ABEL, (714)846-2119 --- jacquelineabel@aol.com

Hello Ladies, As I told you in the June issue, Pat Palazzolo, ALPA, called me and said he is working on companion passes for the widows. At this time, I am sure his efforts are consumed with the state of UAL.

A copy of my e-mail to Capt. Palazzolo, then reached Linda Lister at WHQHR. Her response follows: "This issue has been denied previously but it re-surfaces periodically. Companion passes were originally developed for single employees who told us they did not have dependents but wanted to travel with someone. We extended the companion limited travel benefit in 1996 to all employees out of fairness.

Retirees then asked that they be given companion benefits and this request was approved in 1998. We have no plans to further extend the program to the spouses of active or retired employees who are living or who are deceased. The benefit is an employee/retiree benefit. We are pleased to be able to offer our surviving spouses a generous unlimited travel benefit.

Single employees (especially junior employees) are now telling us that the program has extended beyond it's original scope and that they feel it is very difficult to use their travel benefit because of decreased flight schedules, full flights and high numbers of standby passengers.

Single employees believe that travel programs only benefit married employees/retirees with families. This is not a good time to further irritate these employees by extending the program to individuals who were not actual employees of UA.

Customer Service has told us that we should not add new boarding priorities because our systems are already too complex for CSRs to administer correctly and quickly. Hence, a lower bp is not doable.

We will be announcing a new 20% positive space discount program on UA which is effective June 15th and which will be extended to surviving spouses. Our objective is to include surviving spouses within the scope of our travel benefits program when we can.

Pat Palazzolo is aware of the company position on this issue. I will commit to review this issue at our next policy review which is scheduled for early next year."

Ladies, this explains the company's position. 'Til the next time, *Jackie*

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The Post Office will forward the RUPANEWS for only 60 days. We can keep two addresses in the database for each member. If you want your address changed, just let me know by one of the methods listed above and I will switch them.

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

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SAN FRANCISCO ANNUAL PICNIC

Plan now for this year's SFO Annual Picnic. August 14th at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 1:PM - 5:PM. We are going to try something new this year. Fully catered! Just show up! Featuring chicken, ribs and sausage, salad and desert. Beer and wine will be provided (no hard stuff this year due to new ABC rules). **All this for only \$25 per person! Send your reservations (and check) to Milt Jines, 1752 Monticello Road, San Mateo, CA 94402-4032 by August 4th. Questions? Call Milt at (650)341-4951.** Funny shoes contest! Wondering what to do with that old pair of tennis or cowboy boots? Get creative. Spray paint, add stuff (feathers, lights, animal fur, etc.), and modify, whatever. Prizes for the most creative, most gaudy and most, just most! *Milt*

“Generations Celebration 2002”

Denver Council 33’s Annual Retirement Party

DATE: Saturday, August 24, 2002

TIME: 5:30 PM Social Hour / Cash Bar

6:30 PM Dinner

PROGRAM: Guest Speaker Capt. Brad Thomann, Managing Director-Flight Standards & Training
Master of Ceremonies – Captain Nate Cloak
Entertainment provided by Dakota Blonde

LOCATION: The Stapleton Red Lion Hotel, 4040 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80216 303-321-6666

ENTREES: Please make a choice:

**Stuffed Pork Loin – Pork Loin Stuffed With Roasted Red Pepper, Spinach and Feta Cheese. Served With a Mushroom Bordelaise.*

**Chicken Brassica – Egg Battered Chicken Breast Sautéed With a Stone Ground Mustard and Honey Cream Sauce With Toasted Almonds*

**Vegetable Wellington – An Assortment of Fresh Vegetables and Cheese Wrapped in Puff Pastry.*

COST: \$50 per person.

Table reservations can be made by calling the ALPA Office

Otherwise, dinner is open seating

Dress is Business/Evening

Make check payable to: Council 33 Annual Party

Mail check & RSVP to:

ALPA

7401 Martin Luther King Blvd. A056

Denver, CO 80207

Questions Call: Gayle Bebee – ALPA Office (303) 780-5070

Steve Jacques (303) 680-6664

Guest Room Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (303) 321-6666

Indicate that you are attending the “Council 33 Annual Retirement Party”

Call no later than Saturday, August 3, 2002 for the special rate of \$59, plus tax.

(Return this portion by Monday, August 19, 2002)

Dinner RSVP

First and Last Name: _____

Entrée Choice: _____

Pilot: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

2002 Council 11 Annual Party

Saturday September 14th, 2002

Radisson Hotel

901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA

703.683.6000

(Call by Aug. 8 for hotel discount rate.)

1800– Cocktails (cash bar)

1900 – Dinner

\$40 per person

Please RSVP no later than Sept. 7

Our Retirees:

ANKER, P.B.
BARBOUR, A.H.
BARFIELD, S.M.
COOPRIDER, C.E.

COSHLAND, G.C.
DURHAM, J.B.
FALKE, R.E.
GLEASON, R.G.

JACKSON, W.A.
JERSEY, R.W.
KLAUSNER, M.G.
MILLER, T.W.

MUELLER, T.R.
OLSEN, R.S.
ROSCOE, R.R.
SCHAD, J.G.

2002 Retirement Party – RSVP

Saturday September 14, 2002

Party reservations must be received by Sept. 7, 2002

NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Number in Party ____ x \$40 = \$ _____ (Make checks payable to **ALPA Council 11 Annual Party.**)

Mail to: **Captain Ted Bybel, 4306 Flower Ct., Middletown, MD 21769** (301.526.7729)

Please list below the names of all members of your party as you want them on name tags:

NOTE: The presence at this retirement seminar/ retirement party of any ALPA officer, representative, member or employee does not constitute, and can in no way be construed as, the endorsement by ALPA, or by any ALPA officer, representative, member or employee, of either (1) any investment management firm, investment manager, or other firm or individual which provides information or advice to the persons attending this retirement seminar/ retirement party, or (2) the information or advice so provided.

2002 ALPA Council 12 Retirement & Recognition Party

DATE: Friday – November 8, 2002

TIME: 5:30/Social hour – Cash bar – 6:30/Dinner

PROGRAM: Retiree Recognition – Entertainment TBD

LOCATION: **The Westin O'Hare, 6100 River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018**
1-800-WESTIN-1 or (847) 698-6000

ROOM RATE: \$109.00 (plus tax) single or double (release date: October 18)

HOTEL SHUTTLE: Departs from the ORD Bus Shuttle Center every 15 minutes

ENTREES: Adobo Pork Chop with Demi Glace & Mango Marmalade – or –
Grilled Salmon Fillet with Orange-Ginger Sauce & Picante Relish – or –
Sautéed Faralle Pasta with Roasted Vegetables & Herbs and Basil Cream Sauce - vegetarian

MENU: Seasonal Field Greens with Red & Yellow Tomatoes, Sweet Chili Dressing, Julienne Carrots & Hericot Verts (Baby Green Beans) with Red Pepper Garnish, and Brown Cow Cheesecake w/ White Chocolate Sauce for dessert

Make check payable to: Council 12 Retirement Party
Mail check to: ALPA Council 12
2350 E. Devon Avenue, Suite #231, Des Plaines, IL 60018

2002 Dinner RSVP -- \$60.00 per person

RSVP Deadline – Wednesday – October 2

✂ *****

Pilot's Name: _____ Entree Choice: **Pork** __ **Salmon** __ **Vegetarian** __

IN WHAT YEAR WERE YOU HIRED? _____ WHAT WAS YOUR RETIREMENT YEAR? _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Spouse's or Guest's First & Last name: _____

Entree Choice: **Pork** __ **Salmon** __ **Vegetarian** __

Table Reservation for Retirement Dinner
Tables of up to 10 people may be reserved. Indicate below with whom you would like to sit.

For information regarding retirees, please contact: Ret. Capt. Bob Blackwell at (630) 325-2238 or leave a message at (630) 325-2236; Kevin Buchar, Council 12 Membership Chair at email: Kbuchar777@aol.com; or the Council 12 Office at (847) 297-2030 or email: ual12@CompuServe.com

CLEVELAND NORTHCOASTERS MEETING

TJ's in Wooster was again the venue for the monthly meeting of the Northcoasters aka "Crazies" on Thursday, July 18th. For some as yet unexplained reason it turned out to be an all male affair. That is, with one exception - Dick Sanders and Rich McMakin showed up wearing "his" and "her" seersucker shirts. We didn't know for sure who the "her" was but the consensus of the group was that Rich looked pretty cute. Their excuse for wearing such attire is that their wives, Mary Lou and Carol, "don't do ironing" anymore and that seersucker doesn't need to be pressed.

The lack of the distaff side in attendance served to bring out the crudeness innate in all testosterone-laden males. (Testosterone - this group -- are you kidding?) Anyway, one raunchy story gave way to another, with the prize going to our esteemed barbershop "warbler" and raconteur, Ken Wheeler, with his "Nursing Home" joke. He was almost censured by the group for that one. A spirited discussion then broke out as to who was the first in the group to check out in UAL's DC-3. (heh, heh).

There were some serious moments. Rich McMakin told the group of the several cruises that he and Carol partook of with *Windstar* cruises - the latest going to the Mediterranean Isles. Our peripatetic square dancer, Bill Christie, told of his trip to a Western Square dance convention in Thunder Bay Ontario. Bill and Dorothy did a lot of dancing, which isn't bad for a guy who just had two stents put in an artery two months ago. Ah, those Scots are tough.

Our grand poobah, Dick Orr, told the group that he wasn't going to run for another term as head of the group. (I'm not sure but I thought I heard some sighs of relief waft through the group.) Dick read the minutes of the first meeting that was held on March 16, 1993. The original group consisted of Glenn Brown, Buddy Fain (now deceased), Brad Green, Dick Orr and Don Karaikos. The group has grown to 65 on our mailing list and is thriving, due in great measure to Dick's efforts. Thanks Dick for your service of the last 9 years.

After a wonderful meal along with Margaritas, beers, and vodka martinis, this noble band of brothers decided to call it a day, (Much to the relief of our erstwhile server, Vicki).

The group meets the third Thursday of every month at 1PM at TJ's in Wooster. It is coed and all working pilots are encouraged to attend when they can. Present at this meeting were: Al Cavallaro, Dick Sanders, Dick Orr, Don Karaikos, Bill Chnstie, Ken Wheeler, John Cusick, Rick Ogden, Gene Whitge and Rich McMakin.

Sincerely, if not respectfully, submitted by *Don Karaikos*

About the Cover: Curtiss "Falcon"

Glenn Curtiss was a pioneer in this country's aviation history, following on the heels of the Wright brothers.

His aerodynamic foresight brought many superb aircraft to the skies throughout the world, continuing through the years of WWII. This 1929, one-of-a-kind "Falcon" had its roots in designs crested for the Army Air Service in 1925. These were hardy aircraft and some were, unfortunately, still in service at the outbreak of WWII.

Though most "Falcons" built utilized the dependable Liberty 12 engine, the National Air Transport version Nixon Galloway has illustrated (Serial #15) was the only "geared Conqueror" constructed at the Buffalo, New York Curtiss facility.

Technical Data:

Power Plant:	Liquid cooled, Curtiss "Conqueror" V-12 600h.p., geared to 2-1 ratio.		
Upper Wing Span:	38'	Useful Load:	805lbs
Lower Wing Span:	35'	Max Speed:	160mph
Length:	28'-3"	Climb Rate:	1,000fpm
Max. Speed:	160 mph	Range:	475 miles

DANA POINT RUPA LUNCH

Ted Simmons

Third Thursday 1200, 07/17/02, *Wind and Sea Restaurant*, Dana Point Harbor

Jock, Once more the "displaced heavy metal pilots" gathered to run the airline again. Without a doubt better! Well maybe..

Gathered outside on the shaded outside deck were Rick Hoefler, Bill Rolling, Joe Udovch, Ted Simmons, Tony Testa, Park Ames, Pete Hansen, Bob Fuhrmann, Bill Meyer and Snuffy Smith.

Snuffy asked to be called a "visitor", but he was no stranger to most of us who had flown with him in the years past. He retired in 1988, but looked, and acted as lively and full of good humor as back in the days I flew with him! Welcome Snuffy drop in again!

Tony Testa was able to be present (Hip replacement good, and he is on way to recovery from other complications.)

The Book "*Navy Wings of Gold*" by Robby Robinson, which came out last year, was discussed. A mesmerizing coverage of initial pilot training, and on through to the last months of WWII.

TEMPO, "In golf, as in life, timing is everything." Next Gathering Tuesday, August 20th. *Ted*

DENVER GOOD OLE BOYS

Dick Wagner, Golden, CO 16 July 2002

It must be the heat, drought and Stock Market that took its toll today as we only had 9 in attendance. That is one of the smallest groups on record. We did have a fine meal served at our tables: salad, steak, baked beans, Texas toast and lemon cake for dessert. I am happy to announce that Capt. Ted M. Wilkinson had volunteered to be a representative for the DEN "Good Ole Boys" to help me out for the time being. (Jock, please note and add his name to the news letter. Telephone:303-337-1306). We always meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1130 hrs, American Legion Post #1, I-25 and one block east on Yale, south side!!! August 20, September 19. We guaranteed 18 attending, so come on fellas, come on down!! Those attending were: Dick Wagner, Ted Wilkinson, Ted O'Malley, Ralph Wright, Bob Blessin, Bob Clipson, Bill Bates, Frank McCurdy, Bill Fife.

JOE CARNES N.W. ILLINOIS RUPA LUNCHEON

62 RUPA members and Guest showed up at the Warsaw Inn in McHenry IL for lunch on the 9th of July 2002. The count and the collection of money were not quite as smooth as it has been because Dave and Rob handled it in the absence of Linda and Eva. But we got it done. Bob Blackwell gave us information about the Council 12 retirement Dinner which will be in Nov. this year. Milt Jensen again handled the M.C. duty in fine fashion as he briefed us on recent actions by the board of directors.

Jim Cook brought as a guest, his Grandson, Lance Wiedenhoft. Lance is a 737 Co-pilot.

LAX LUNCHEON AT BILLINGSLEY'S, July 18, 2002

We got off the blocks 5 minutes early today at 1155 when Rex May introduced two visiting RUPA members from the San Francisco area. They were RUPA President, Rich Bouska, and Vice President, Noel Kane. The others in attendance today were: Mike Herriott, Norm Marchment and his guest, Trudy Ann Buck, Lee Cameron and his wife Edna, Doug Rankin and his guest Son Carl, Rex May, Herb Goodrich, Walt Albright, Jack Moore, Jim Day, Bob Kohler, Bob Cross, Ron Matsuda, Bob Mosher, Ken Williams, Jack Hanson, Dave Kirkendall and his guest Fred Ferdon.

Before lunch was served, Rich Bouska updated us on the RUPA 2002 *Panama Canal* Cruise. He also told us that since 9/11, if you need to order United Airline business cards, that due to security you need to go thru the domicile where you were based when you retired to order them. He also emphasized it would be nice if we all would send an info letter to the editor during our birth month. Rich went on to tell us about our Editor Jock Savage's battle with cancer. Jock is on 100% oxygen 24 hours a day, which means he is grounded from flying on United unless he buys a revenue ticket. The reason is United will not put oxygen

on an aircraft for a space available passenger because the passenger may not be boarded and the S/A passenger cannot bring his own oxygen on board.

Bob Cross then asked has any one like himself had trouble going on Apollo to check loads and space on flights. Rich then told us now this can be done on the United Skynet web site. This information is covered under the President's Message on page 3 of the July issue of the *RUPANEWS*.

Then Vice President, Noel Kane, talked about the Panama Canal Cruise. Rex then introduced a new member, Ron Matsuda, who just retired June 1, 2002. Ron, who lives in Apple Valley, drove all that way to have lunch with us.

The last bit of information comes from Herb Goodrich, who said he has many old issues of the *RUPANEWS* & the United publication, *The Cockpit*, and if anyone wants them to just let him know.

Again we want to thank Rich & Noel for flying down from San Francisco to be with us today.

JUNE SEATTLE GOONEY BIRDS LUNCHEON

The Seattle Gooney Birds held their monthly luncheon at the SeaTac Marriott on Thursday June 20th.

There were two guests: Bob Howard, from the SEA flight office, and John Turbeville, who was visiting the area from Chicago. Herb Breivik announced the death of Francis Smith, a career Flight Engineer, who flew out of Seattle for many years. After a couple of jokes and lots of hanger flying conversation the luncheon was adjourned.

In Attendance were: Bill Brett, Jerry Ackerson, Ray Hanson, Harv Beery, Bob Howard, Wes Olney, Bill Raimer, Les Shea, Herb Breivik, Ken Case, Jim Bleasdel, Bob Takeuchi, Bud Granley, Ivory Brummet, Jim Barber, Vince Wormser, Gerry Pryde, Dan Jessup, Fred Sindlinger, Dick Wiesner, Dick Anderson, Bill Stoneman, Jack Brown, Bob Reid, John Turbeville, Vince Evans, Ray Hull, Eric Malm, and Don Anderson. Fraternally, *Bill Brett*.

JULY SEATTLE GOONEY BIRDS LUNCHEON

The Seattle Gooney Birds gathered for their monthly luncheon at *the Seattle Airport Marriott Hotel*. We had a good turnout for a nice summer day. Hanger flying and jokes were the order of the day, and a good time was had by all. In Attendance were: Bill Brett, Bill, Stonemen, Jim Bleasdale, Ken Case, Dan Jessup, Ralph Vrtacnik, Jeff Roberts, Dave Carver, Ray Hanson, Chuck Podhasky, Al Haynes, Alan Black, Chuck Westpfahl, Harv Beery, Walt Fallon, Howard Holder, Vince Wormser, Ray Dapp, Vince Evans, and Ray Hull. Fraternally, *Bill Brett*

WASHINGTON AREA RUPA, EDDIE O'DONNELL LUNCHEON

From 1100 'til 1200 there was a general hubbub of social activity as the group milled about while catching-up. Guests Gene Couvillion, John Lane and John Cantrell were welcomed. We were glad to see first-timers Herb Petitt and Harvey Hettick in attendance. AB Rainbow returned after a long absence, Paul Andes flew in from MIA and Skip LaRocque drove 1800 miles to attend.

As usual, we stood around the tables in silence as we remembered those who have preceded us in the Flight West. In particular, we thought of those departed since last we met; Mark Kozel, James Scambos and Gene Russell. We remembered the pleasure of their company and the part they played in our lives and our profession.

Judging from the unsolicited comments, the meal of Salmon was a hit. Several expressed appreciation for the substitution of a salad for the cold potato soup on the menu. There was a bit of social table-hopping between the courses. The program consisted of 8mm black and white home movies. Mr. Ray Kelly began with Boeing Air Transport as a Jr. Aeronautical Engineer at Cheyenne in 1930. He became Director of Technical Development in 1959. His home movies have been compiled into a video, narrated by Mr. Kelly, with in-flight footage of the Boeing Tri-Motor, the 247B and every aircraft considered by UAL up to the Concord. Of interest was the three-tailed DC4E operated by UAL and footage of the B707 being rolled during a fly-by. We owe thanks to Clyde Luther for the loan of the video. Hey, you know it is a good show when there is footage of a UH-2A operating off the USS Intrepid!

Our best wishes for improved health and recovery are extended to Jock Savage, Clark Luther and Jack Evans. Jack was, in the vernacular of yester-year, "under the knife" even as we were enjoying our salmon

and mashed potatoes. Late report today is that the kidney removal was uncomplicated and the tumor appeared to be totally contained. It took Bud Ruddy, Hal Cockerill, Sim Stidham and Larry Grube to handle the luncheon day chores normally done by Jack. The assistance they provided is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Bob Goodman and Dan Murphy who manned the reservations office and took your phone calls night and day around the clock without a coffee break or a doughnut.

The whole show then began to break down. The lunch, program and announcements had been tightly scripted and everything was progressing smoothly right up to the end of page 2 of 3. Page 3 of 3 was missing and the MC was suddenly in the position of winging it and making a mess of saying thank you and of saying welcome to the guest and newbies. The prudent thing seemed to be just saying "Goodbye and be Careful on the Beltway". But no, the group was in an uproar---it sounded like an LEC meeting---they wanted the door prize drawing!! (which was on page 3 of the script) George Candelori drew from the Golden Vessel two tickets. Would you believe two tickets with consecutive numbers? Would you believe numbers for two of the guys manning the check-in table? Bud Ruddy and Hal Cockerill, with grins that would make Poss Horton proud, grabbed the bottled fruit and scuttled back to their tables. The rest of the group then departed to vent their disgust on the highways and by-ways of Northern Virginia.

The following were in attendance: Bob Aldridge, Paul Andes, Jon Beckett, Michael Bennett, Ray Best, Al Buff, George Candelori, John Cantrell (John Teague's Guest), Chet Cassel, John Cerisano, Hal Cockerill, Tom Coffey, Tom Cosgrove, Gil Coshland, Gene Couvillion (Sim Stidham's Guest), Dub Crawford, Ed Crowther, Billy Davis, Vince DiFelice, Dick Edwards, George Elliott, Roy Ellis, Jim Foster, Jerry Goebel, Bill Golemon, Bob Goodman, Jack Grooms, Larry Grube, Harvey Hettick, Fred Keister, John Lane (Bill Nolan Guest), Skip LaRocque, Roger Lemieux, Joe Lubozynski, Frank McKenzie, Lew Meyer, Bill Nolan, George Paull, Herb Pettitt, AB Rainbow, John Rains, Bill Rankin, Larry Rooney, Joe Rozic, Bud Ruddy, Bernie Schwartzman, Dick Sherman, Jerry Shuts, Jack Sodergren, Joe Soltis, Dave Specht, Sim Stidham, Fred Streb, John Teague, E.K. Williams, Cliff Wolff and Andy Yates.

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

Our luncheons are quarterly, the 3rd Wednesday of Jan, Apr, July and Oct, at the 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. Next luncheon is COED on October 16th and all you Ladies are welcome to join the Gentlemen. Contact Jerry Goebel 703-719-6353, or E.K. Williams 540-338-4574 EKWJR@earthlink.net to ensure a place at the table and a bean in the pot.

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

Researchers doubt value of vitamin pills

Supplements do not cut risk of illness, says study. James Meikle, health correspondent Thursday July 04 2002 The Guardian. To see this story with its related links on the Guardian Unlimited site, go to <http://www.guardian.co.uk>

Millions of people taking vitamin supplements are probably wasting their time if they think the pills will stave off heart problems, strokes, cancers, and other potentially fatal diseases, researchers said yesterday. Daily doses of vitamins C and E and beta-carotene administered to more than 10,000 patients at high risk of vascular disease over an average of five years did nothing to reduce the threat of death or illness. "They are safe but they are useless," said Rory Collins, lead investigator of the study, while Jane Armitage, another scientist on the project, said: "People are wasting their money. That is what the data says. The reality is they would be better off spending their money on fruit and vegetables."

The study involved the same 20,536, patients aged 40 to 80 who were involved in the trials of the cholesterol-lowering drugs, whose potential to save thousands of lives is revealed today.

Half of those who were taking the drugs were also taking vitamin supplements, the other half were taking dummy vitamin tablets. Similarly half those who were taking the dummy cholesterol-lowering drugs were taking vitamins, the other half dummy vitamins.

The results were published by the Heart Protection Study collaborative group in the Lancet medical journal.

The research, involving patients from 69 British hospitals, found no significant differences between the groups in the incidence of death from all causes, or of fatal or serious non-fatal vascular problems, cancers, respiratory disease, dementia or other psychiatric disorders, bone fractures and osteoporosis, or cataracts. The researchers concluded that "continued recommendation with such supplementation with such vitamins is difficult to justify." The vitamins were given in relatively high doses - 600mg of vitamin E, 250mg of vitamin C and 20mg of beta-carotene.

The results follow quickly on other research conducted on young offenders that a daily package of extra vitamins, nutrients and minerals might cut anti-social behavior.

Other studies have suggested that the vitamins concerned might have had a protective effect against some diseases, and it has been suggested that the anti-oxidant qualities of vitamin E would help to prevent cholesterol being absorbed into the walls of arteries and therefore narrowing them until they restricted the blood supply.

Researchers believe more work will have to be done on determining whether other anti-oxidants play a part in preventing such diseases. Some are already in progress.

But the "unpromising" results so far have led the researchers to suggest that health improvements seen in other studies might be explained by differences in lifestyles. The vitamin and mineral supplement industry in Britain is worth about £163,293M a year.

A spokesman for the Health Supplements Information Service said vitamins had widely proven benefits when taken by the general population as a supplement to a balanced diet or to boost nutrients. They were not intended over a short time to treat or prevent serious illnesses among people at high risk of heart disease. The study had covered a narrow group.

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BIG ROUND ENGINES (Author unknown)

We gotta get rid of these turbines, they are ruining aviation. We need to go back to big round engines.

[Ed. note: Turbines are as round as you can get. What the hell are you talking about?]

[Author's note: Go away! They know what I mean.]

Anybody can start a turbine, you just need to move a switch from "OFF" to "START", and then remember to move it back to "ON" after a while. My PC is harder to start.

Cranking a round engine requires skill, finesse and style. On some planes, the pilots aren't even allowed to do it.

Turbines start by whining for a while, then give a small lady-like poot and start whining louder. Round engines give a satisfying rattle-rattle, click-click, BANG, more rattles, another BANG, a big macho fart or two, more clicks, a lot of smoke and finally a serious low pitched roar. We like that. It's a guy thing.

When you start a round engine, your mind is engaged and you can concentrate on the flight ahead. Starting a turbine is like flicking on a ceiling fan: Useful, but hardly exciting.

Turbines don't break often enough, leading to aircrew boredom, complacency and inattention. A round engine at speed looks and sounds like it's going to blow at any minute. This helps concentrate the mind.

Turbines don't have enough control levers to keep a pilot's attention. There's nothing to fiddle with during long flights. Turbines smell like a Boy Scout camp full of Coleman lanterns. Round engined planes smell like God intended flying machines to smell.

I think I hear the nurse coming down the hall. I gotta go.

Gosh, I feel so safe...on the ground!

USA TODAY -- The government has cut training for federal air marshal applicants and put new hires on flights without requiring the advanced marksmanship skills the program used to demand USA TODAY has learned. TSA officials acknowledged Thursday that they no longer require applicants to pass the more difficult shooting test that some argue was the program's critical requirement. The government considers the marshals, who fly incognito, a critical deterrent to hijackings. <http://airlinebiz.com/wire/05282002#MAIN> (See Full Story!)

LETTERS

ROBERT J. AHRENS— 3914 Christian Dr,
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Another year has flown by. I retired in 1982 and wife and I are in good health, but have slowed down to a slower pace.

I still do volunteer work at our local senior center four days a week and coached my grandson's Little League team.

Last September, with a group of United Retirees, we toured the Southwest Indian Nations: Tohne, O'Oham, San Carllose, Apache, Tonto, Yauadi, Zuni, Navajo, Hopi, Yuma and Mohave both ancient and modern. Also Canyon De Chelly. A photographer's wonderland.

This years plans are not completed as yet. Regards,

Bob

Bob is also a stalwart regular at Folder's and Stuffers. Ed

JERRY ANDERSON—1131 Highland Ln,
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I can't believe it's been a whole year since retirement. I need a trip with a long overnight layover to catch up on some much needed rest. Back at home, I'm still the captain of the ship. Admiral Michelle, however has a "to do" list a mile long! The Admiral used to do the list when I was flying, but when I retired, she also retired. I guess keeping busy is the secret to a long retirement. Keep up the good work. We enjoy *RUPANEWS*.
Sincerely, *Jerry*

JIM ARNOLD— 7926 S. Madison Way,
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Jock, Check's in the mail to Cleve for postage and a "pittance" for the folders and stuffers. Thanks for the work that you all put in to keep the *RUPANEWS* going; I look forward to receiving it each month. Kind of quiet around my house - Wylene is still battling the "fall-out" from Radiation & Chemo treatments in 1973-1974. The good news is that she is still here; bad news is she doesn't feel well most of the time; has been on supplemental Oxygen since January. We did spend some time at Mayo clinic in Rochester last October- quite impressive- and some help was obtained.

Thanks to my two girls who live close by, I have managed to slip away a couple of times to enjoy the freedom of the outdoors on the motorcycle; just returned from a nice trip to Alaska and am headed for the "Vintage" Motorcycle races in Ohio next week. Plan to meet some ex-neighbors from Virginia who I haven't seen for some time.

I also spend a bit of time in Oklahoma looking after the family farm. Not much to do there since we haven't had rain for a couple of years.

Till next year, *Jim*

FELIPE AUE-SANCHEZ—PO Box 1030,
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Greetings: I started from Sevilla the first of May and by way of Ourense arrived in Santiago de Compostela the end of June and then continued to Finis Terre on the coast of Spain. So in two months with 14 kilos or 30 pounds I trekked almost 800 miles. Why? Perennial question with no one complete answer, but I am most pleased that I experienced the Pilgrimage to the Cathedral and remains of Saint James, AKA Santiago. At 67 years of age how do I feel physically? Weary of body but in high spirits. My back is still inflamed, I have sciatica and I discovered areas of arthritis that had remained hidden heretofore. Will I do it again? Probably not. But meeting such a participatory challenge has produced a strong sense of well-being, confidence, and satisfaction within this aging retiree. I have memories now that have great value but no price. My only present problem involves what to do next.....*Felipe*

PS: Some might inquire as to my conversion. No, it didn't happen. I still maintain a happy state of apostasy. Smilingly, I append the observation that I am not sorry to disappoint...F.

WILLIAM C. BARHAM—19 Russell Ln,
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Dear Cleve, I flew my last trip from LAX to HNL and took along a deadheading Captain to fly the return. I had my wife and three daughters on board. As you know, a spouse gets a BP-3, and I bought three full fares for the girls to not hassle with standby falling apart. We stayed four days at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The manager gave us ocean front rooms in the Rainbow Tower with baskets of fruit in both rooms. I see more pilots are flying out and retiring on the layover like I did. The

LAX flight office was really great in making this happen.

I spent the last six weeks getting the house and backyard ready for a retirement party. We had a luau setting around the pool with a caterer. There were sixty in attendance, a mix of working and retired pilots and wives. Several of Councils 57's finest, current and past officers and committee members included.

On my career path, the first half sucked with stagnation, two furloughs and 16 years as a S/O. The second half was great. I leave with many memories, some good & bad. A hijacking to Cuba in the 70's and a landing into Winnipeg returning from LHR on 9-11. In between, more than my share of diversions for WX, mechanicals, passenger medicals, rage, fuel stop/wind bust. I will only miss the socializing and fun layovers. *Bill*

DENNY BERG—5551 Warbler Way, La Jolla, CA 92037

Dear Cleve, Many thanks to you and all the rest who volunteer their time to get out the News! Coming up on three years and it couldn't be better. After 2½, being out of the cockpit, decided I missed it and am back. A couple of guys bought a new Pilatus and me on salary to fly them to Baja, Lake Tahoe and Big Sky, Montana. No bidding and still have a great schedule. 3 on 10 to 15 off,



sometimes 30 off, 1 to 3 on and another 10 to 20 off. It's all play time.

We're involved with our son being recruited by college baseball coaches at this letter writing. He has one more year of high school, then off to college. When he goes we start our big time travel plans next season.

Hope all who read this are happy and healthy. All the best, *Denny*

TERESA BISSON—5290 Canyon Crest Dr, San Ramon, CA 94583

Dear Cleve, Enclosed is a check for yearly postage fee.

I've enjoyed good health this year. I'm leaving on the July 17th to attend my 60th high school reunion. That ought to be a milestone, then on to the Minnesota lake country to visit family and friends. Give my best to all the Stuffers and friends.

Fondly, *Terry*

VAN H. BLAKE—9111 Loma St, Villa Park, CA 92861

Just a short note this year. I lost my 92 year old dad a couple of months ago, and I'm trying to cover all the bases with family, insurance, S.S., IRS and tidy up the estate, etc. That has kept me very busy. Thanks to all who make all of RUPA work and keep us all informed through the *RUPANEWS*. A great appreciation to each and all of you.

Sincerely, *Van*

JERRY BLALOCK—4946 Marlborough Way, Carmichael, CA 95608

Hi Cleve, My check's in the mail for another year of a much-appreciated RUPA magazine. Broke my record, only 4 days late!

Was deeply saddened by John Biggs' passing and attended his memorial service June 9th. It was a wonderful recollection of all John's achievements and contributions to his family, friends, community ... and life. Was nice seeing many of my old friends from United there.

Same ole thing up here in Sacatomato: doing the motorcycle and airplane thing, hitting the gym with a friend and enjoying my kids and grand kids - neat people. Look for my son, the stuntman, in "Oceans 11" - he's the hippy who tries to steal some chips from the casino and gets whopped with a Billy club.

Joined the Sacramento Sheriffs Air Squadron and am really having a great time with super people. Ann's flying mostly Far East to keep food on the table (I'm going to let her retire at age 89). Earl Farnsworth stopped by with his Cessna 180 for a couple of days (up from Sedona, AZ) so we did some flying in his pristine airplane, then mine. He's looking for some hangar space near someplace in Nevada with service from United; anyone knowing of same give him, or me, a call.
Fly high and fast ...*Jerry*

HERB BREIVIK—25010 38th Ave. S, Kent, WA 98032 1957-1989 mbreivik@att.net
Greetings Jock, Mary and I attended Dave Fahrenbach's retirement party last month. Most of the guests there we knew but had not seen for a while. It was a grand party, and as we renewed acquaintances we were reminded of how fortunate we were to have worked with and known so many good folks. Sincerely, *Herb & Mary*

JACK H. BROWN—1258 S. Fernside Dr, Tacoma, WA 98465 1964-1992 SEA
Dear Cleve, Sending check early for first time as my wife and I are heading out the door for a motor home trip to Alaska for the next six weeks. I haven't written a letter in two years, as we have been too busy and on the go. Maybe when we return from this trip, and before leaving for Australia, I'll have a chance to sit down and write one. Sincerely, *Jack & Billee*

JOHN L. BROWN—4221 Yukla Cir, Anchorage, AK 99504
Dear Cleve, Check enclosed. Sorry I missed it on my birthday. That 65th birthday is just too traumatic. A friend from NW says he's flying our 747 rope start and my FEDEX friends are flying our DC-10-30 cargoliners. Wonder why UAL couldn't make a go of it?
Thanks for all your efforts as a volunteer. *John*

MIKE CARLIN—18224 N 52nd St, Scottsdale, AZ 85254
Dear Cleve, Can't remember if sent my mail money for last year... So I'll send twice as much this year.... Senility's a terrible disease
Not much new this year, have been riding the motorcycle a bit touring the northwest and

anywhere the mood moves me. Too hot here in Phoenix for the summer, so will be on the road for at least four months.

Getting used to retirement, but every now and then catch myself thinking that I have to get back and pack for my next trip...Hmmm. Passed the baton to my two boys two years ago and will enjoy watching them, hopefully, have a great career with a great company.

Thanks for all the work you guys do for us. We all appreciate it very much and enjoy hearing from and about old friends. *Mike* Putz3 8605@hotmail.com

CLIFFORD W. CHANEY—904 E. Lizzie Ln, St. George, UT 84790

Dear Jock: when I lay in bed, I compose the greatest letters, most articulate, filled with the most news in the shortest and concise manner. Then when I sit in front of this screen, all is blank. How come? Any way, happy birthday Scotty Devine, he is one day younger than I am, and I have celebrated he and Howard Anderson's birthdays for many years. Steve Fusco's birthday is also in July, and I am sure there are many whose birthday is in July, I just don't know whom.

Everything is well in the Chaney home. Grandson ten, Eyck, is at Sheppard Field finishing T-38 training, will go to Phoenix for F-16 transition. He flew for UAL three years, then received an F-16 slot in the Colorado guard, took military leave, and will receive his wings August 2. He states: military flying is not like airline flying, all the yanking and banking, and performance of fighter aircraft. His stories are something.

Granddaughter, Tennille, is in an E6 squadron and is deployed at the present time. She is based at Tinker AFB, and made LT/JG prior to joining her squadron.

Son-in-law, Tom LaTourette, retires from the 400 in October. I kid him a little and I tell him, "I went to work for UAL before you were born." And that is sure hard to believe. This month I will be retired 24 years. Impossible, only seems like yesterday. In fact, I can remember vividly my captain check-out with Bud Ransom, and it seems like that was only last week.

Son Bill is with the FAA in SLC. He flew for Flying Tigers and Fed Ex for 32 years. You more mature folk will remember him as a baggage handler in LAX, and station agent in Reno. Time

do fly.

I am most grateful for still being in (as my Austrian cousin says) good condition. I have five students, and the 172 performs well. Phyllis has been very busy remodeling; we now have an addition to the house, a casitas, which also is a work-out room. Believe me, that chap in the *Bowflex* ads got that way from the *Bowflex*, because it really gives you a workout.

Thank you folder and stuffers, and for the *RUPANEWS*, long may it continue, and for all of you who contribute, happy birthday.

I note with sadness, many of my wonderful co-pilots-engineers, are leaving us, but know that wherever they are: "clear three". *Cliff & Phyllis*

RONALD P. CORDES—2 Camino Del Prado, San Clemente, CA 92673 roncordes@cox.net
Jock, Life couldn't be better in the Cordes household. We just had a great one week golf outing in Wales with several retired United pilots and their wives. It is sponsored by the World Airline Golfing Alliance and is open to airline employees and their guests from airlines all over the world. If you enjoy golf, traveling and meeting other airline employees, see their web site at <http://www.em.com.au/waga/>
Thanks again for all your good work on the *RUPANEWS*. *Ron*

JOHN A. DAWSON—1296 SW 301st St, Federal Way, WA 98023 silverflight@earthlink.net
Enclosed is my \$50.00 for another two years of fantastic literature — keep up the good work. Hard to believe six years have past since that last "parking brake set".

Between boating activities (I'm currently Commodore of a small yacht club), six grandkids and two or three car trips a year, Linda and I stay busy enough to keep from getting bored. For road trips I still prefer a BMW and nice hotel/motel to a motor home, but at Linda's request for more room, gave up the Z-3 roadster for a somewhat modified 530I.

Fortunately I'm not yet on any prescription medication, but have progressed (read aged) to the point where I'm no longer carded for a senior discount — which brings up an issue of discovery. I now believe that all those people who wanted my donation to lobby for pilots flying to age 62-65

were not interested in pilots being able to continue flying longer, but were more interested in insuring that there would not be a gap between getting an airline discount and getting a senior discount!! For that I would have contributed!

Regards to all and let us not forget those who have flown West. *John*

LES EATON—3020 NE 51st St, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064 leseaton@earthlink.net
Hi, Jock, This was the first full year of my retirement and it has been filled with many happy and memorable events. I've gone to college and military reunions around the country and attended my first RUPA convention in LAS. The most unforgettable was, of course, the retirement party in SFO and I want to thank everyone who made it such a great success.

In retrospect, I want to thank all the pilots I've flown with these past thirty-five years who kept me out of trouble, to compliment the folks in the Flight Office at SFO, LAX and MIA, and the FOSRs who could answer most of my questions. I would especially like to thank Robin McConnell, SFOFO, who made the paperwork transition to retirement painless; I didn't miss a paycheck. Last, but most importantly, I want to thank ALPA for all the endless negotiations which made that retirement check large enough so that I may continue doing all the things I enjoy. Best Regards, *Les*

FRANK EGBERT—23500 Cristo Rey Dr #503G, Cupertino, CA 95014

All is well with the Egberts. I recently learned that Sid Nelson and I have something in common; we were both born in the same month. So the Egberts and the Nelsons got together for a birthday dinner. I celebrated my 82nd birthday, while Sid and Thelma celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary and Sid's 98th birthday.

He reminded me that I was his co-pilot 57 years ago, flying the C-54. *Frank*

MORRIS E. EMIGH—4232 Marina Ct, Cortez, FL 34215

Sorry – just like all the other late payers. All is well in Florida as we cast a sorry eye on the crooks that run our great country, and a sorrier eye on those who run our corporations. Sherry and I hope everyone is surviving the economic mess.

I was truly sorry to note the passing of Emmett Oehlert. Emmett was my hero. His financial quote to me when I asked him about money manager – “I find I can lose my own money as well as anyone – I’ll manage my own.” He was a wonderful man with a heart of gold. *Morris*

DAVID FAIRMAN—515 Knauss Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064 dbfairman@fast.net
Dear Cleve: The check is in the mail. A little late, but maybe we’re allowed a little memory lapse after retirement. Our thanks to all the people who keep the *RUPANEWS* going.
Can’t believe it has been 14 years since retirement. I was 70 years old on May 10, 2002 and plans are underway for a big birthday bash here at the farm on July 20. Just reaching this age with no major complaints is quite an accomplishment.
We’re still farming: growing 4000 garlic bulbs, tomatoes, potatoes, sweet corn and peppers along with a few raspberries, blackberries and strawberries that we sell from our farm stand. This keeps us out of the pool hall and may be a real financial help if the economy keeps tanking.
Our best to everyone and happy 4th of July.
Skip & Billie

ROD FARLEY—2931 Texas Hill Rd, Placerville, CA 95667 rodnjan@jps.net
Dear Cleve, Thanks for the note and gentle reminder that I have had another “Senior Moment”. I am enclosing a check to cover both my late dues and my October 2002 dues—at least I will be early for that one.
It’s hard to believe that almost two years have passed since I set the Parking Brake for the final time. I am thoroughly enjoying retirement but like many of the other guys; I just need more free time. We purchased a 45’ diesel trawler and spend a lot of time boating. We will be leaving the first of August to take it up to Desolation Sound in B.C. We normally moor it in Portland, so we have to transit the infamous Columbia River Bar when we head for Puget Sound and again when we return at the end of the summer.
Jan and I continue to be blessed with good health—other than the normal aches and pains. We spend a lot of time with our eight grandchildren and really enjoy them.
Best wishes to all the troops and a special thanks to

all of you who put the *RUPANEWS* together. *Rod*

GEORGE FOXE—256 Arapahoe Tr, Carol Stream, IL 60188
Jock: I’m writing to describe a small medallion that was given to me to see if anyone knows anything about it.
It’s the size of a quarter and is sterling silver. On one side is a depiction of a DC-3 at the top, flying above some clouds, with the UAL winged crest at the bottom, and in the middle, over the clouds, is printed VE DAY. On the other side are the words, “Token presented to those in flight with United Air Lines.” Beneath this is a rectangular area containing the date, “May 8, 1945”.
The lady who gave it to me knows nothing about it except that it was in her sister’s effects when she died.
I’ve shown it to quite a few people in the Chicago area, including some who were around in 1945, but nobody has seen one before. Perhaps one of our members can tell us about it. It’s pretty obvious what it is – but who received them?
There’s nothing of great interest to report from the Foxe family; just trying to roll with the punches like everyone else. Check to Cleve. As ever, *George*

LEE K. FRANCIS—306 Bryan Dr, Alamo, CA 94507
Hi Cleve, I just finished 38 years at UAL, 36 of them flying airplanes. I had a good ride. It’s time to move on and let someone else do it. It feels good to be retired and looking forward to doing more things we want to do. Regards, *Lee*

STEPHAN R. FUSCO—2921 Amblegreen Dr, Medford, OR. 97504 ssrfusco@cs.com
Jock: Its that time of year again, so just a short note to let you know that all is well with us here in Medford, Or. A cruise to Alaska and shorter trips by auto and our light plane kept us happy and busy during the last year.
We continue to enjoy good health and the *RUPANEWS*. Our sincere thanks to all of you who contribute to producing this fine newsletter. *Steve*

CLAUDE & LAURA GIDDINGS—972 Gloucester Ln, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
Dear Cleve, Someone please give me a hammer and a nail. We have to stop Time. It’s running out

of control. Everyone tells me that I have all the time in the world, because I'm retired. They are kidding!! Aren't they??

I'm up by 6:30 AM, groom, and hit the road with my trusting Cocker Spaniel, Sugar, She likes me more than my wife likes me, I think. Breakfast, newspaper and into my office by 9:00AM—work till 4:00PM. Work!, Work!. To bed by 10:00PM. I'm in my seventh year of retirement. That was yesterday, Ha? I can't complain Janet and I have a strong social life. We seem to get along better as time goes by. Boy does time go by.

Forgive me for being late this year. Thanks for a nice news letter. My regards to my fellow pilots. Here's to you in 2002, *Claude*

BOB AND JUDY GILLETTE— PO Box 97, Stone Lake, WI 54876 A little ORD, mostly LAX, some SFO loyhead@starband.net

Hi Jock, and all you other RUPA folks. I have a feeling writing these annual letters is going to be a lot like writing captain's reports, seldom got time to do them, now I'm retired and have even less time. Heck, last year I didn't even get it done, so this is my first try.

As for you Jock, I always wondered what happened to that witty Scotsman who worked so hard to teach us new hires to fly that GREAT BIG DC-6. I loved it, but didn't know what you were saying most of the time, the hand signals must have worked, (and you just thought I wasn't listening). I've forgotten a lot of names along the way, but I've never forgotten yours. Thanks for all the help back then, and thanks for the great work you and the whole gang in the SFO area do, getting this fine publication to press every month. It's great to be able to stay in touch from up here in the Northwoods. [*Hoots, toots, lad, didn't ye ken the Queen's English—but whatever worked. Ed.*]

Anyway, Judy retired from serving coffee to tired pilots in May, 2000, and I followed in June, 2000. What a day, so exciting! On downwind, a long downwind, after lots of vectors, I got to thinking about how that was the last flight I was not only going to get paid for, but also the last time I would fly on someone else's money! All of a sudden I appreciated the job even more. For the first time in my career I didn't mind the long downwind. I was glad to retire, though, always worried that the guys who want to work past sixty were going to mess it

up for me at the last minute. Life goes too fast, we have to retire early so we can get all our projects done before we (choke) fly west. (That's why I keep taking on more projects.)

Not much travel on United since we retired, as soon as we left the whole Airline went to hell. I didn't know we played such a big role. We did go to Florida to buy a Maule M-5 and flew around down there for awhile, before flying it home in January. We got weathered in, down in Illinois, and missed getting out to L.A. for the annual Retirement Party. Hate to miss those parties, especially now when I know so many of the honorees.

In March I returned to L.A. to knuckle down and finish up the work on the 1940 Luscombe that has been eating up hanger rent for the last five years. I got it finished and all polished up with Bright Red trim, just in time to fly it back to Wisconsin on Memorial Day weekend, before the summer heat would have made it impossible. (A 65hp Luscombe is a bit puny compared to the -400.) We keep both airplanes on the grass strip we have at our place in the woods. (Lakewood Lodge Airport, 14WS, on the Green Bay Sectional, between Rice Lake and Hayward, WI.) Call before ya come, 715-865-2902. We had a great visit with Wally Sitton, on a drive through northwest Arkansas, last winter.

Retirement seems to agree with him too. He was flying a Grand Commander out of his 1,900 foot grass strip until a few months before, but had sold it and "only" flies a "brand new" J-3 Cub now. I think the few captains reports I did write got a little long too, I usually got knocked off the computer before I got them finished, sorry everybody, have a great year, and, thanks again, *Bob and Judy* (Of course, "The checks in the mail").

GARY GORE—6908 N. Village Rd, Parker, CO 80134

Hi gang; check is in the mail!! Try this for a change; Cleve said it would download easier; besides my clerk typist, Marian, is out renovating a new condo with daughter. The way UAL has squandered the ESOP inheritance, looks like we will be in the re-do mode to make the retiree pay. We did have a great four months at Singer Island West Palm Beach; golf for 2 with cart was \$32. Marian, after a new hip and two years away from golf, made a hole-in-one on par 3 -110 yds. with a 5 wood!! She saw it disappear over the approach to

the green and asked if I saw a squirrel grab it!! Big celebration, framing card and ball!

With all the doom and gloom, living next to TK we need to keep our thoughts for those in the trenches, I think they are in a worse time then we were in /85!!

"It's a long way to Tippetrary". Cheers, *Gary & Marian*

JOHN G. GRANT—30161 Outpost Rd, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Wow, the last 10 years have flown by at Jet speed, it seemed that when I was flying, time went slow, but the reciprocal is happening now. I really do miss the work, and feel that my "toys" were grabbed from me, by a big brother. Fortunately, I have been able to maintain my health and humor. We have been doing a lot of traveling from mid February through early July, and it does not seem to be getting any less. Now I am feeling like I am on a work detail but only dead heading every where.

We are enjoying the temperate climate of Southern CA, and that at least helps to keep the sweat down.. I am sending you the postage money for a couple of years. Thank you all for being there and doing that fine job that has been accomplished. *John*

JIM GWINN— 9400 East Grand Ave, Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Birthday cards trigger a reaction- I'm late again, so here is the annual report and contribution. Sixteen years retirement and counting and have yet to miss those forty years in the sky. I loved it all but I have been so busy since retiring that I don't know how I could find time to work.

This past year turned out to be a relay between my wife, Tommy, and I as we took our turns checking into hospitals for a hip replacement (me) on the remaining hip, or for a procedure to clear out some narrowing in the area of the two stents implanted last year (her). I'm happy to report that we are both doing fine now. I was back on the golf course in 27 days with no pain and she has received clearance from her doctor for full activity. She has got her girlish figure back (plus a new wardrobe) and my golf game is returning to a semblance of consistency.

I started attending the Military Order of the World Wars luncheons this year and soon found that I was

the chairman of the ROTC committee. After having the old navy blues restriped, I have acted as a presenter of Scholarship and Military achievement awards at two College ROTC's and one High School JROTC Military Ball. We met such a great bunch of young men and women at these functions. Our future is secure! However, I do believe that those at the Army Ball thought I might be Salvation Army-not too much gold braid in the Rockies. Those at the Air Force functions knew what the navy wings and braid signified.

Still spending about a week each month at the house in San Martin, CA, seeing the daughter and her family while there, and getting in some golf with my oldest grandson. We still travel to several golf tournaments each year, but I am slowing down my tournament officiating with the Colorado Golf Assn.-just a few qualifiers now.

Thanks to all the Staff and volunteers for the great job of getting out the *RUPANEWS*. *Jim*

ROL HAMELIN—5167 Gore Cir, Vail, CO 81657

Hi Cleve, Great work and publication. The September renewal date would actually be normal retirement. Never regretted early retirement; it has been a fabulous five years. Split the time between



Vail, Maui, Sweden and Italy. Ski and golf almost every day. Picking up another new Ferrari at the factory this Fall.

Regards to all the great guys I flew with. *Pol*
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Cleve ... It has been a year since retirement and I am finally starting to slow down and enjoy life. My golf game is getting a little better, and I have finally figured out what "snorkeling" is all about.

We have settled down in our condo overlooking Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, on the windward side of Oahu. All are welcome to stop and say hello when visiting. And if you can believe it ... "The yearly check is in the mail."

I just thought that you might be interested in knowing that several of us are thinking of starting a RUPA group here on the island. *Carl Great, the sooner the better. Let me know who your Area rep will be, and you're in business. Ed*

JACK R. HANSON—65 Cottonwood Cir, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Hi, everybody, Everything is going well here, except we don't have enough time to do things we would like to do. Yesterday was the first time in days we had time to play a round of golf. With Shirley's 99 group meetings, Palos Verdes Woman's Club, and flying a little bit at Santa Paula airport, our Red Baron luncheons, RUPA luncheons (I go to both San Fernando Valley and Hacienda meetings), our four rescue cats that live in luxury here at the house, plus feeding the feral cats at the park every day, our real estate business, both of us work out three times a week--you get the drift. If you aren't a pet lover, you'll think we're crazy.

We went to the *Proud Bird* restaurant for commemoration of Lindbergh's flight, where his granddaughter Susannah gave a little speech. Beautiful, tall, Lindbergh-ish girl, and we had our pictures taken with her.

No "organ recitals" here--(as Rex May calls the sick-in reports at RUPA meetings)--we are happy to be as healthy as we are, precarious though it is. I phoned Frank McElhoes, who is a little under the weather, but is his usual cheerful self.

As you may notice, I am changing my roster listing from "John R. Hanson" to "Jack Hanson", because

that is how everyone knows me. Thanks to the entire group up there who put out the newsletter.

Jack

ALLEN J. HAYES—142 Hanapepe Loop,
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Hi Guys, After a year and a half of playing around, I decided to fly for Exec-Jet (now "Net Jets").

That's keeping me semi-busy and off the streets and out of the bars (for the most part).

My twin Navion, that I bought as a toy, just before retirement in May of '00, turned out to be, well, a piece of – no, I should be more gracious to the old gal, she was in need of a good restoration. Well, the restoration is complete and I'm finally having fun with the grand ole bird. It flies like a dream, but my landings were a whole lot better in the 400. Maybe I need a talking altimeter.

I'm spending most of my free time at my Tahoe condo and get to my Hawaii home about once a month.

Last August I was in Phoenix killing time and decided to brush up on my IFR skills for my upcoming interview. Found a general aviation type sim out at Sky Harbor for \$200 for all you could fly for 30 days. I took the bait and proceeded to self instruct myself. I noticed two furtive looking Middle Eastern "Gentlemen" [*We Brits called them "Wily Oriental Gentlemen—WOGs Ed.*] using the sim, either before or after me, on five or six occasions. The same little short guy always did the flying without any approach plates but a bunch of hieroglyphic manuals. We never had any conversation despite my repeated attempts to do so. After 9/11 I called the FBI. Bottom line is, I was rubbing noses with Marwan Al-Shehi, suspected pilot of UAL 175, the second airplane to hit the Trade Center Towers. Small world. I kick myself for not acting on my suspicions. Never could ID the second character, a much taller, uglier, and menacing looking guy, as opposed to Al-Shehi who, of all things, didn't really appear that sinister. So – be alert out there! And, oh yes, be sure you don't racially profile!

Cheers till next check. Thanks to the "San Mateo Mafia" for all their hard work. *Al*

Cleve – Hi to Uncle Milty and the Gliding Geezer Gang.

BILL AND PAT HAYS—5262 Vineland Dr,
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Hi Cleve, Another year in the bank, and so far things have been going well. We added two more grandchildren to the family this year, courtesy of our son Bill and his wife Lee; and another grandson named Joshua. Thanks to our daughter Kathi and husband Jared, another grandson named Zachary. We now have five grandsons and two granddaughters. We have the privilege of being able to see all of them, thanks to United Airlines. We sure hope that the airline will turn things around and get back in the black. Thanks for keeping us informed through the *RUPANEWS*. Best Regards, *Bill*

DAVID A HENRY—P.O. Box 2103, Pocono Pines, PA 18350 '55-'88 capdah@hotmail.com Hello to all, sorry to be tardy but it has been a busy year. We sold our home in Saylorsburg this past winter and moved back to the community we lived in before transferring to Cleveland back in 1977. It is a resort area but quite a few retirees live here in the summer and that is our intent, summer in Pennsylvania and winter in Florida. We have been doing this for ten years now and it seems to suit our life style.

Lil and I both enjoy good health, she keeps busy with her writing and I with my woodcarving and golf. We stick pretty close to home anymore still have the motorhome, but don't use it as much as we should.

Enjoy the newsletter, my thanks to all involved, check to Cleve. Regards to all, *Dave*

HOWARD HOLDER—5304 Hyada Blvd NE, Tacoma, WA 98422 SEA SFO '60-'88 skhheh@earthlink.net

Dear RUPA Pilots everywhere, Sent check in May, but a little late with the letter. I Got in a four-day raft trip on the Yampa and Green Rivers last summer, and a five-day kayak trip on the Smith River in Montana this June, better weather this year. Saw plenty of polar bears in Churchill, Manitoba in October. I was given a \$3000 credit for a hurricane interrupted cruise by friends, and shared it with a friend, we did a 13 day Windjammer cruise in the Caribbean from Grenada to Antigua in Dec. Beware of the San Juan airport, most confusing I have ever seen. Plan to do the NAVCAD Reunion in Oct. in Corpus Christi. Well enough for the travelogue.

I see fewer names that I recognize, but still enjoy the *RUPANEWS*, and many thanks to those who put it out. Well, enough for this year, I have to quit playing and find a roofing contractor, and its August already. *Howard*

GEORGE W. HOWELL, JR.—12561 Bay Leaf Ln, Rolla, MO 65401, geokate@rollanet.org 1961-1995, ORD-EWR-ORD-IAD-ORD-HNL-SFO-LAX

Just finished seven years of retirement! The vital signs are all good, but the peripheral stuff is sure giving me trouble...nerve impingement in the neck that rewarded me with a partially fused neck, bad-tick bite that caused me to drag for almost two years, debilitating nocturnal lower leg cramps that may be caused by osteoporosis, and tingling/numbness/walking-on-hot-coals in the feet that may be caused by more nerve impingement in the lumbar area. The multiple nerve stuff is probably caused by my bad fall off a sailboat in the summer of 1981. The tick stuff came about even though I had sprayed myself with "Backwoods OFF" and tucked my pants into my socks...the tick was non-pulsed by the OFF and came through the open weave of my sock. I am awaiting the results of a second test confirming the first test for osteoporosis...even though I have taken calcium supplement since my fall in 1981...it has been shown that caffeine will interfere with the absorption of calcium, even if vitamin D is taken with the calcium, and I have been a caffeine user. It is a socially acceptable drug, or, should I say, poison, I have found out! If I am lucky, I get the nocturnal lower leg cramps and the urge to use the toilet synchronized. Then, I wake up only half as much at night. My wife, Kate, says that she can tell approximately how many leg cramps that I have at night by how grumpy I am in the morning. Interspersed into all of that misery was a bit of joy of purchasing some acreage that had a 1,500 foot sod strip with hanger, then purchasing an Aeronca L-16 in California and flying it to Rolla by the southern route. Then, at home, even though the engine had been overhauled by an engine shop just 225 hours before my purchase, my A & P told me that the wood prop was cracked on the trailing edge, over-torqued and cracked under the hub, and the crankshaft was cracked at the thrust-flange, the oil pressure took longer than thirty seconds to show

on the gauge when the engine had sat, and the oil pump turned out to be worn beyond limits, etc., etc. At a cost that almost equaled my purchase price, I now have a safe L-16 in pretty, early WWII primary trainer colors that is a hoot to fly around "low and slow". I have to admit to some interesting landings when the old B747-400 mental landing picture came into view.

I would like to say some things but they would be taken as political, I am sure. I guess I march to a different drummer! I did make the prophecy to the wife of a RUPA member that the WTC buildings were going to be attacked again, just a couple of weeks or less before it happened; I just did not see the weapons that would be used. What I cannot understand is why Bush has continued to hold over the head of the D.O.T. and the head of the I.R.S. from the previous administration. The former is obstructing the will of Congress by not allowing airline pilots the right to carry firearms, and the latter is the person responsible for the unlawful feeding the former White House occupants with information on 1,700 members of the opposing party. *[The smart money in ALPA has it that pilots will never be armed, because they would have to be deputized, and that would make them too difficult to replace in a strike—and the ATA and Bush wouldn't like that. Ed.]*

The best advice that I would have to give to all of the younger folks is "Don't Get Old"! *George*



"You are free to move about the cabin. The Captain has turned on the "NO-Hi-Jacking Sign!"

MONA L. HOWELL—1825 19th Dr, Mukilteo, WA 98275

Dear RUPA Friends; The past year has been a good one for me. I made a commitment to lose some weight very slowly. It has been a successful decision since I feel better than I have in years. In fact, I feel younger and look younger too. It is definitely a good thing.

My sister, Judy, is moving back to the Northwest. This is a wonderful thing for both of us since we only have each other in the immediate family. She bought a home in Arlington, WA. She still works in Houston and will continue to come home every other weekend for several more years.

I know those of you going on the cruise will have a grand time. I love cruising, but had to pass up this trip.

I have had several cousins come here to visit the past year. They live in Norway and tell me they also were very much affected by 9/11. I think we should not be surprised to realize people in other countries also felt our sorrow.

Thank you for the positive and sweet connection you give us through the newsletter.

With loving thoughts, *Mona* (Mrs. Jay H. Howell)

RICHARD L. JACOBSON—27 Mott Dr, Alamo, CA 94507

Hi Jock, The eight years since retirement have truly flown by. It's been a busy year for Kay and me as we started with a *Windstar Cruise* from Costa Rica through the Panama Canal and on to Barbados. The engineering work on the Canal and the obstacles

that were overcome are so impressive — for those of you going on the RUPA cruise it will be a great experience. As we were going through, I had to keep reminding myself, this thing was built almost 100 years ago.

We'll be spending some time on Oregon's Rogue River in August, then on to Roseburg for my 50th High School reunion. Now that ought to be an experience. Then we'll be on Maui for the better part of October. I'm still playing tennis 2-3 times a week, and I'm so grateful that I can still get around the court a little bit. But I spend a lot of time yelling at my partner — 'YOURS.' Our son, Rick, is still flying the A320 out of SFO and has thus far avoided the furloughs. Hang in there UAL !!!!!

Thanks to all of you for the work you do on the *RUPANEWS* — you're doing a great job.

Best wishes to all, *Dick*

DONALD KARAISKOS—719 Danberry Dr,
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Hi Jock & fellow Ruparians. I want to go on
record here and now with my entry in the "fustus
with the mostus" check-out competition. (re: 400
checkout) I was the 1,752nd person to check-out as
a Viscount F/O; the 451st to check-out on the B-737
as a F/O; the 719th to check-out as a 727 S/O:
1,450th to check-out as a 727 F/O and the 1,200th to
check-out as a 727 Captain.

Additionally, I have just found a birth certificate
that proves that I retired 12 years too early. I plan
on presenting it to the company for back pay. All
the foregoing may be authenticated by a statement
from Price Waterhouse and Associates. We have
buildings being blown up killing thousands,
explosives in shoes; the world on the verge of
religious war and the economy in a shambles. The
world has changed for us. But let us take comfort -
- some things never change -- like self-absorbed
individuals believing that when they checked out
on a certain aircraft is really important to the rest of
mankind and the well-being of the world.

Now permit me to indulge in self-absorption of my
own. (Hell, I paid my 25 bucks too). Becoming 72
years of age in the month of August reminds me
that it will only be 18 years until I reach the age of
90. (tee-hee) Why is it that from infancy to 12
years of age seemed like an eternity but the 12
years since retirement seems like an instant? As
Judy Collins sang in one of her songs, "Who knows
where the time goes?"

Bev and I continue to split our time between
Arizona and Ohio. We indulge in the usual
retirement activities -- recreation, travel, and
visiting the kids who are scattered across the
country. During the winter, I volunteer at the Pima
Air and Space Museum in Tucson as a docent
where I drive a tram and present a narrated tour of
the museum grounds. (I also share this duty with
another Ruparian - Tom Workinger.) Another
Ruparian, L.E. Kensick, and I took a little 4 day
tour to Duxford Aviation Museum (Cambridge,
UK) in May. In addition to exploring the museum
we also explored a few pubs and partook of what
one generally does in a pub -- "quaff" Ale. Also,
while visiting a son who lives in Seattle, I took a
"sentimental journey" to the base (early warning
site) where I spent 3 years while in the Air Force
during the early 50's. It was at Blaine, WA which

is on the US - Canadian border at Birch Bay. I was
astounded to find that all of the buildings are still
intact -- even the barracks where I resided. When
the Air Force abandoned it in the early 80's it was
turned over to the Lion's who use it as a camp for
the handicapped.

Also, while visiting a daughter who is a flight
instructor in Denver, I was given a ride in a neat
little airplane called a "Katana." Incidentally, if
any of you in the Denver area are interested in
checking out in a GA aircraft or want your kids to
learn to fly, look up Laura Goudge at Key Lime
Aviation at Centennial airport. She's the best
instructor on the field, (naturally) and teaches
Private through multi including instrument.
That's it from the "Birthplace of Aviation" (Ohio)
until next year. (The Good Lord Willing).
In closing I would like to include a quotation from
an unknown author. PEOPLE MAY NOT
REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR
WHAT YOU SAID, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS
REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

Don

TED C. KATTE—309 Kettleview Ct, Elkhart
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Cleve, Late check enclosed. Them month of May
just evaporated. I went to Flight Safety in Wichita
to get rated in the new Citation Bravo that the
company I do some flying for has purchased. It has
more bells and whistles than anything I flew at
UAL. Not too fast, but a great airplane. It's just
about right for a senior citizen pilot.

After the Wichita experience, Pepper and I moved
back to our Wisconsin address from San Antonio.
And that was what happened, and my lame excuse
for the late check.

Thanks for keeping us all informed on the UAL
happenings. Regards, *Ted*

ROBERT B. KEASBEY—2316 Abbott Ave,
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Enclosed is my postage check for 2002. Eight
years of retirement.

This year I was a fulltime volunteer at the
elementary school where my two young sons were
attending. It was a great way to see my boys since
my "ex" decided to trade me in on a younger model
right after I retired.

I have traveled to Scotland and Ireland to play golf

with the *Shivas Irons Society*, and even got a round or two in with the great Bill Horn, former LAX pilot from Palos Verdes.

I play banjo with a jazz band in Medford, and mandola with a folk band in Ashland, so I keep my music alive.

The Southern Oregon chapter of RUPA is active, thanks to Bob Niccolls.

Do I miss it? No. Would I have missed it, not on your life.

Best wishes to all, **Bob** banjobob@mind.net

KEN KENSICK—860 Wedgewood Dr, Crystal Lake, IL 60014 kenmaur@mc.net

Hi Jock, hope that you are doing well. We've had a lot happen in the last two years. Oldest son, Steve, was married last February in Fresno. He just got back in time for the wedding from the Arabian Sea where he was aboard the carrier, Carl Vinson. He flew 29 missions over Afghanistan in the F-18.

When the carrier came into Honolulu on the way home, youngest son, Dave, and I got aboard and sailed back to San Diego with him. I got a chance to look at some of his bombing film. It was pretty impressive. He left the Navy in June, bad timing for the airlines, but was hired by Madison Air Guard, Dave's unit. So he will take the Navy wings off, put on Air Force wings and fly the F-16.

Mike is on his fourth flying tour on the F-15. He is down at Eglin AFB in Florida with a test squadron. They test the software upgrades to the systems, radar and missiles. He's working with the helmet sight. Mike was married a year ago June, had a nice wedding, on base, at Langley AFB. Maureen is pretty excited, with two of them being married, that her chances of becoming a Grandma look better. Dave is still flying the F-16 with Madison Air Guard. When he's not there, he's First Officer on 737's for United trying to keep the pension checks coming in for his poor old Dad.

I've made a couple of trips over to Europe. Maureen and I went to France. We visited Normandy and the invasion beaches. Took the TGV to Lyon from Paris for lunch. It does about 120 so you can do it with no problem. We flew Red Rug both ways in a 777 and killed their stock of Dom Perignon. Went to London with Don Karaiskos, took the train to Cambridge and bus to RAF Duxford. My second time there, fantastic museum! When we got there a Spitfire was in the

air and later in the day a Corsair.

I just got back from my second trip to Alaska in the 170. This time I went to the West Coast following I-90 through the mountains. Entered Canada at Abbotsford where Maureen got off to stay with her sister. I picked up Tom Gigliotti, who was a meteorologist at RCAF Gimli in the '50s and at 4 Wing Baden. We went up the interior of BC, through the Yukon and into Alaska. We flew Prince William Sound and had a great view of the glaciers. In Talkeetna we hired a pilot and his 185, who flew us around Mt. McKinley and landed on a glacier near the base. Hopped over to Dawson, the Gold Rush city for a couple of days and then back home. I was gone 3 weeks and flew 8,400 miles. Put in 80 hours, so I broke reserve guarantee for June.

I've found a batch of geezers my age and we ride our motorcycles a couple of times a week. I put 12,000 miles on mine this last year with a few overnight trips. With the light airplane flying, the Model A and the motorcycle, I manage to stay out of Maureen's hair.

As always "the check is the mail!" **Ken**

Just read that our old 434 Sqn. was disbanded last March—over 40 years ago when we served. Per Ardua. Ed.

TED & JONI KESKEY—5196 Birch Glen Rd, Lake Ann, MI 49650 tjkeskey@chartermi.net Cleve; Next week I will reach my 61st birthday. It has been an obviously tragic year in many ways, but time continues to march on. Let's all hope for a more peaceful and successful year ahead. Joni (my wife of 40 years) and I are now settled into our new house on Ann Lake, Michigan. (The lake is Ann Lake but the village on the North shore is Lake Ann. Go figure!)

This lake is about 15 miles SW of TVC (Traverse City) and about 10 miles NW of Interlochen, We enjoy the outdoor stuff, i.e. fishing, hiking, biking, kayaking, etc. and have plenty of time for skiing during the winter.

My \$25.00 postage fee is in the mail. I do enjoy the *RUPANEWS*. Thanks for everyone's efforts.

Ted

PEGGY KUHN—1153 W. Camino Velasquez, Green Valley, AZ 85614

Hi, My dues are late but as the saying goes, "they are in the mail".

As you may recall my daughter and her husband had triplets a couple of years ago and a little girl three and a half. She, now, has breast cancer; so I am making frequent trips to New Jersey to give a helping hand, when she has Chemo. We all think positive and the percentages are good, after she finishes with Chemo and Radiation.

I do enjoy the *RUPANEWS* and still recognize some of the names. Thanks, *Peggy*

THOMAS C. LAMBRICK—1830 Shady Hollow Dr, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 Tlambrick@aol.com
Greetings and salutations...it's been nearly two years since my last confession. Still flying the 450 Stearman to airshows up and down California. Have teamed up with a Fedex captain to do formation displays, smoke systems bellowing vegetable oil in all directions. Also moved up to four plane lead, under the auspices of the FAST organization (Formation And Safety Training), and I thought the feds gave tough check rides! Finally back to where I was in 1957 in the RCAF. Now, that's progress! Flying a Bonanza for my next door neighbor and a Cessna 414A pressurized twin for a buddy, all gratis. Where's ALPA when I need them? Keeps me IFR and instrument qualified. Well, sort of...they sure have a passel of different rules for the little guys. You should see the grin on my mug when they have a ground hold on all IFR departures, and I slyly tell ATC I'll take a VFR departure and pick up my clearance enroute. Great bunch of folks involved in general aviation...made some new friends.

Golf game is as erratic as an approach into Kai Tak in a typhoon, with the occasional grease job..ie..breaking 80. Arranged a little golf outing for the guys at Oroville last week, where you can taxi into the adjacent golf course's parking lot...how cool is that? Still going to the cottage on a lake in Ontario every August, where I allow myself to get pulled frantically around the pond on water skis..once...to prove I can still do it...and I only ache for three days or so. Life is good. Now, if only the peckerweeds who are running United into the ground get replaced...and the market rebounds...and I magically learn to putt, overnight...life might just be perfect!
My best to all the great people I worked with.... *Tom*

DAVID L. LINK—10767 E. Santa Fe Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Salutations, Dues on the way plus doughnuts for stuffers and mailers. Second year after fall off boulder, broken back, successful neurosurgery, rehab. Not that kind you animals.

Hunting trips to Africa, New Zealand, Mexico. South Dakota, Kansas, California, and a couple I forget. Oh, yes, fishing in Costa Rica with 15 friends, a marvelous trip. Europe in a Mercedes Rental to visit ancestral relatives in July, Eastern Europe after that. I flew to Amsterdam in March, road trip due to boredom, First Class both ways. Viva UAL pass Policy. Hong Kong in April, Pricey! Pan Am Pearls still open. *Winchester Bar* in Kowloon, pilot hangout, closed, Sayonara! New Airport Passenger friendly, except your roll aboard will not pass size security, so check it early. Selling my Scottsdale house, and not sure where I go next. Kansas, Europe, Asia, South America? My thanks to the willing volunteers. *Dave*

DAVID A. LINSLEY—8 Horseshoe Trail, Barnardsville, NC 28709

Aother year.....*tempus* just keeps on *fugit*-ing. I'll be 65 this month. Hard to figure how all my pals got so old-looking while I stay young and virile. (Hmmm)

All's well here in the Blue Ridge Mts. and Great Smokies of western North Carolina. Any RUPA folks who visit Asheville are invited to stop by for the best coffee and ice cream in the south at my club "The ARC" at 45 Wall St., downtown. The beer and wine isn't too bad, either. Meanwhile, keep the rubber on the concrete and the flat side down...Hung 'em up in '00 after 43 years flying for 21,454 hours. *Dave* - DC-6 DCA, 727 LGA, CVL EWR, DC8 JFK, LAX, 727 DEN, DC10 EWR, 737 ORD, 757/767 ORD-MIA-JFK '67-'97

PETER M. LYNCH—381 Sunrise Dr, Golden, CO 80401 doghouse@who.net

Thanks for the very nice certificate. I was based in SFO until last December, and had a commuter pad at the Franciscan on Foster City Blvd. Small world!

An ex-EAL, where Lorenzo stole my retirement and UAL is such a pittance that I shall have to continue working. I hope to catch up with the DEN Guys sometime though. *Pete*

DAVID C. MACKIE—25691 Meadowview Ct,
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Hi Cleve, Enclosed is annual postage check. Not too much to report about this year. Have been taking a course in Western Civilization at Monterey Peninsula College, which has been very enlightening and enjoyable. It's been a full-year course that spanned from pre-history to the present era in four areas: general history, art/architecture, philosophy/religion, and literature. That's kept me occupied and off the streets and out of the pool halls.

Planning a trip to Turkey next June with a group from the class. Have a condo set for three weeks in Maui where our oldest son and family will join us, then look forward to returning in October for the marriage of #2 son there. Hawaii is an appropriate place I guess, since his origins are in California and hers are in Korea. Also look forward to the upcoming RUPA cruise in Oct. Many thanks for all the efforts put in by all the people who keep this outstanding publication going. Best regards, *Dave*

SHERM MANCHESTER—50 St. Andrews Dr,
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Hi Jock, This is the year I start Medicare. Scary! Not much new around our place in the last year. We did our winter move to Palm Desert, traveled to Marbella, and the Costa del Sol, cruised on *Silversea* from Edinburgh around Britain, the Channel Islands, and Northern Ireland to Dublin. We arrived back home September 9th went to one too many memorials. Children should not die before their parents. Nuff said.

Since I never flew the open cockpits, my "Hanger Flying" is of a more recent vintage.

It was either 1970 or '71; I was co-pilot on a 707 flight from Rio to JFK. As we passed the north coast of South America, the engineer announced that we were losing oil on number 3. We watched it until the pressure light came on, and then shut it down. By this time we were close enough to San Juan to justify going there (where we had maintenance). After landing, customs held us all in a sterile area while our maintenance repaired the broken oil line. I noticed one of our young blond Scandinavian "Stewardesses" was looking rather upset. When I tried to reassure her that there wasn't anything drastically wrong with the airplane, she

told her story. This was her third trip. On her first trip out of New York, she landed in Amsterdam on two engines, having diverted from the bad weather in London. (The early 747's were notorious for shutting down those -3 engines). On their return flight, they were hijacked to Cairo, where they all evacuated the airplane shortly before the terrorist's blew it up. Now she was with us!! Actually, we were all rather relieved when we heard she resigned shortly after arriving back in New York! Talk about having a black cloud following you around! So now let's hear some other stories, *Sherm*

BRUCE MCLEOD, 1110 Southdown Road,
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Ruparians, On the eve of my 70th birthday, I feel compelled to share with all, our past year's events. We have both enjoyed good health.

Steph and I spent much of last fall in the UK at our vacation home near Sherwood Forest. I met Cleve Spring at LHR in late August. We had a great week touring a number of aircraft museums, including Shuttleworth, Duxford, Hendon and Cosford. We went to Eye, a small village in Suffolk, to see the Red Arrows on their annual visit during the Town Fair. Eye's Fair Committee was the first group to invite the RAF to perform a flying display for the public in the early 1920's. RAF aerobatic teams have visited the village annually (except during WWII) since. Cleve and I then joined 6 other retirees on a mission to enhance the worldwide reputation of our group on the "Puffer", which has been well reported by the other travelers. --- Shortly after seeing the "Puffers" off to SFO, Steph and I spent a few days at the house, then headed for Scotland on a short touring holiday.

We stopped for refreshments about 3PM, September 11. I can only say that the horror and disbelief stopped the UK, as it did America. As we continued our travels, every town and village where we stopped, local churches had services or hours of prayer. As Americans and retired UA Pilot, we received many expressions of shared grief and sympathy. In one town visited, The Rector asked us to remain while church volunteers went out to announce an unscheduled service, at which Steph and I were introduced. The church was almost filled with locals and tourists alike. Many more Scots than I expected had friends and relatives in NYC, working in and around the Twin Towers.

The whole trip was heart-wrenching, yet everyone we met shared their sorrows with us. Until now we have shared very few of those days.

We returned to California in October, lots of time to attend the Las Vegas RUPA Convention in November. Needless to say, it was good to see everyone. This event has also been well chronicled in previous issues of *RUPANEWS*.

Christmas in California, New Year in the UK, "The Palm Springs Follies" in February, at least one more short trip to the UK and fulfilling my obligations to the (stag) Gliding Geezer group have rounded out a fairly "quiet" year. So, time to go --

-Bruce

THOMAS B. MEZGER—6217 N. Ponderosa Way, Parker, CO 80134 ualglasscapt@hotmail.com Thank you for recognition, correspondence and previous newsletters. Look forward to a long association.

After my last 777 flight, I flew my 1941 USN N3N-3 from Sacramento to Caldwell, ID via Lake Almanor, Lakeview and Burns, Oregon.

Last week I flew it on to the Denver area via Burley, ID, Bear Lake, UT, Rock Springs and Laramie, WY, then on to OIV, five south of DIA. Ten hours enroute at 100 kts IAS in an open cockpit bi-plane, that was/is flying pure and unadulterated!

I'm opening a business with the airplane. "NAVY BI-PLANE FLIGHT ADVENTURES." Sure to keep one busy. Sincerely, *Tom*

KENNETH G. MILLER—2231 Nordica Ct, Las Vegas, NV 89117 '68 to '96 (702) 254-3937 millerwitz234@Yahoo.com

Five years retired. Today, 10 July, I just bought 100 shares of UAL for \$859; it's time to buy the company!

I drove my RV to Algodones, MX. (Yuma) and bought a years' supply of Viagra (just one pill)! I visited New York in June and the people there still sit in the sunshine because it is for nothing. Airport security at LAS found my buck knife, which I carried for 25 years in my suitcase, they mailed it to my house, a distance of seven miles; the envelope arrived but the knife didn't. I guess I should be glad I wasn't arrested! It's tough out there.

Regards to all my aviator friends, *Ken*

WILLIAM F. MITCHELL— PO Box 1330 Shady Cove, OR 97539. Phone 541-878-2624.

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Dear Cleve, Bill Mitchell was medically retired after a heart attack in 1973 so I realize there are not many of your readers who remember him, but for those that do, I want to let them know he is no longer living in an assisted care home but has recovered from his motorcycle accident, a year ago, to the point where he can now live in his own home, with a little help. He no longer rides his Harley but after sixty years on the road, I think it was time to stop anyway.

Sent by his companion, *Norma*

PATRICK D. MURPHY—PO Box 188, Morrison, CO 80465 303-988-4498 '56-'91

Dear Cleve, Just Under the wire for my birthday letter and the check. Not much to report from Paradise we are slowly burning Up. Hades may be a more appropriate description of Colorado this year, but I can't complain. At 11,000 ft. the temperature is 56 to 65 degrees keeping the Cessna up there all day is the problem.

Thanks to one and all for the work on the newsletter. *Pat*

DICK MURRAY—15375 S. Perry Park Rd, Palmer Lake, CO 80133 ORD, DEN, EWR, SFO, DEN

For those of you still flying light planes, I want to tell you about a fun trip we had in June. It's the "Cayman Caravan"-- a "gaggle" of 70 to 100 aircraft that make the round trip from Key West over Cuba to the Grand Cayman airport. It's extremely well organized and a fun experience. They get all the clearances, permits for the Cuban over flight, and flight planning. We went in our Cherokee 180 and were one of the slowest singles on the Caravan. They have departure times and altitudes planned so you all arrive at the Cayman Islands at five minute intervals. They have no control over the weather, of course, and two planes landed in Cuba then had to return to Miami. It took us 14 legs from Colorado Springs. Anyone interested can check them out on the Web under "CaymanCaravan.com."

Upon arriving back home in Colorado we wondered where the mountains had disappeared to. Visibility was less than 5 miles in smoke. We were

evacuated by the local sheriff the night we returned but snuck back after one night. Fortunately the fire stopped 8½ miles from our ranch.
Many thanks to all of you who put out the *RUPANEWS*. *Dick*

JAMES R. NUGENT—200 Scotch Pine Cir, Reno, NV 89511 jimmyunu@aol.com
Hi Jock, Check's in the mail to Cleve. Norma and I are still kicking in Reno. We stayed close to home this year except for two weeks at the Mana Kai Maui in February and a car trip up to Whidbey Island to visit retirees Don and Donna Brown. We had planned to fly up the day after 9/11, but the airports were in such chaos that we just drove. Driving wasn't so bad. In fact it was a lot of fun so we plan more car trips in the future.
I'm still flying for Orbis but the operation was pretty much shut down after 9/11 due to the money all going to the Trade Center survivors, as well it should. All charities took it on the chin. But we are up and flying again. I flew the last trip before 9/11 from Ulan Bator Mongolia to Macao. Then the airplane sat there for five months before returning to North America for a new paint job, gratis Air Canada, and a B Check, gratis FedEx. United is pretty much out of the operation now that it has parked its DC-10s. FedEx is doing all of our training in Memphis now. Bill Willson and I had a five day transition course in Fed Ex procedures followed by a PC. It amazed both of us how different their procedures are from United's. Pretty intensive week. All new Orbis pilots will now come from the FedEx ranks including their DC-10 manager and his assistant who are already on the list of volunteers. I hear they have a long list of future volunteers. So, just as the operation passed from Pan Am to United, it will pass to FedEx. That company has been 100% committed to Orbis including the loan of one of their mechanics for a year.

I read a lot about how much the active pilots object to the scrutiny that they get at airport security. I have it on pretty good authority that one of the Boston hijackers was in the cockpit with a phony ID and a stolen uniform. This was never publicized but it may account for the current procedures as it applies to pilots. Now it has come to light that crew member hotel rooms have been broken into and passports and uniforms stolen. I guess we can't

be too careful any more.

Thanks for the great job that you and the guys in the Bay Area are doing on the *RUPANEWS*. What a great publication. *Jim*

BOB ODGERS—4632 Woodland Ave, Western Springs, IL 60558 1954-1989 MDW, SFO, EWR, DCA, CLE, DEN, ORD & LAX
Another Birthday! (73) and I am happy and pleased to enjoy another tour of this wonderful world of retirement. No doubt but what a year this has been for all of us! Other than the world and USA news, I was also singed a little by the investment world, but fortunately most of my assets were tied up in cash. (Old response to investment solicitors) Guess I have reached the “NO-GO” phase of retirement living. (as opposed to GO-GO) and my one big trip pass from ORD-DCA this year resulted in an EXTRA SEARCH by those wonderful folks of Airline Security. (This, in spite of my Pacemaker Identification, Drivers License, UAL Retiree Card & Picture, and employee pass ticket). As you can guess, the most obvious chap in the area went sailing on board....go figure.

I have my sincere doubts about how long the public is going to fly with all this. Although, I must admit, being impressed by the employment opportunities in fast food at aerodromes and security operations. It has to have kept the financial bad news at bay, just look around the airports.

My trip was worth the extra attention, just to see my older son graduate from Annapolis in the class of 2002. The air show by the Blue Angels was even more spectacular by having an up close seat by the Severn. NOW THAT IS FLYING! I am thankful for our service academies, and if you lack a little teary-eyed response to patriotism and our military...visit any one of them for parade day and come and doubt no more.

The Navy fixed his vision from 20/400 to 20/15 at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Good enough to warrant Naval Flight Officer in Pensacola this September. His commission as Ensign was Fifty Years and One Month from my own. It's Deja Vu all over again! Now that he has flown the nest, my eleven year old son, Matt, can enjoy our full attention and love that he deserves for being a loving and caring joy to his parents. (Don't they all like to be *only* child?) Apologies are in order for my Email Friends. I am

setting my computer and ISP's and phone companies in order. (Meaning: one address) weeding out the dispensable. Poor Bruce! I cannot imagine the effort he puts in with all us mainliners and changing addresses in the world of the Net. Thanks, again: *Bob* captainjetblast@juno.com

BOB T. OLSEN—32987 Durrell Ave, Avon Lake, OH 44012

Dear Cleve, I never could understand the multitude of apologizes for tardy RUPA checks, now I am one. The extra is for the United Pilots' Foundation. On my second day of retirement, my wife caught me packing an overnight bag - I had gotten pretty proficient at this throughout the years. She explained it was over and I didn't have to do this anymore. I informed her I was going to the "Sun-and-Fun" fly-in to acquire a new toy. I purchased a well equipped RV-6 from a US AIR Captain and I call her "Baby." When I tell the neighbors "Baby" and I are leaving for a few days I receive more than a couple inquiring glances - I always did want to make Chapter 4. The RV-6 performs well on

180hp and the control harmony is outstanding. Sport aerobatics are easily performed and there is only a hint of a "snicker" during my slow rolls. I've been busy building a guest log cabin at our summer cottage at Lake Lookover, NJ. Hopefully I'll complete it this Fall and then set my sights on attempting a log cabin kit. During building I've been occasionally interrupted by curious black bears looking for food, water, or retired pilots. After tossing what was close to me at the time (lost two hammers) they wandered off in search of a pudgy flight manager.

Liz and I have also been enjoying our three grandchildren (one in the hangar). Our two grandsons are in Tucson and Liz makes a nest there a great deal of the time, so much so I am behind in her rent. She also cultivates a flower garden that is the envy of the neighborhood and finds time for her daily "workouts." She bench presses 550lbs, and has warned me to "stand back" - I was informed after retirement it was supposed to be "come this way, come this way..."

We also have a granddaughter in the next town



who, at the age of three, is far more computer literate than I am. She can find the on/off switch. Liz and I have also enjoyed attending two or three "CLE Crazy get-togethers" and lunches and look forward to visiting with our United Family. Enough of this for now. God willing, I will check in again next year. *Bob*

JOHN C. ORGANTINI—1814 Sacramento Ave, Homewood, IL 60430

Dear Cleve, Sorry I'm so late with this – should bring me up-to-date. By the way, I still haven't gotten around to filling out my application to the National Procrastinators Club. Maybe next week. I see their convention, originally scheduled for March, has been put off until sometime in December, and they just mailed out the notices of the change. *John*

HERBERT M. PETITT—13640 Dornock Ct, Herndon, VA 20171

Dear Cleve, I have recently retired from UAL and would like to join RUPA. I have spent over 30 years of my career in Flight Operations, working in IADFO, JFKFO, ORDFO, and CLEFO in various ground positions (I was a crew scheduler when we had the crew desks in the domiciles). My first FO assignment was in JADFO and returned there to work until my retirement. Though out my career I have met a lot of good people and enjoyed the camaraderie that exists within flight Operations. I always anticipated seeing the RUPA newsletter in the office, as it is informative and I never failed to see a communication from someone that I know. I have attached my check in hope that I qualify for membership. Regards, *Herb*
Welcome aboard, Herb. Ed.

THOMAS E. PLEGER—5610 Norwich Pkwy #430, Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

Dear Cleve, Frances and I have moved to a Senior Citizen's home. The years have been catching up to both of us and we now use walkers. We're close to my daughter, Susan, in Lake Elmo, MN and our son Dan in St. Louis Park, MN. It's a beautiful new facility, still not fully completed. Lots of perks and the food's great. We're making new friends, but miss those in Barrington, IL. Have been on a paddleboat cruise of the St. Croix River and visited the Minnesota Zoo to see the magnificent Siberian Tigers and a great porpoise

show.

The 4th of July was my 78th birthday. I started with Capital Airlines in '56, based in YIP and ORD and retired in '84.

Our best regards to the Folders & Stuffers and all that contribute to a great newsletter. *Tom*

MERLE POOL—69525, Dillon Rd. Sp. 26, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241

My birthday isn't until the 29th, but am trying to get all the little tasks taken care of so I can take some kind of a vacation. The past six months have been very busy and I need some R&R. Sold my Condo and bought a home, those stairs in the condo were getting to me. I don't know which was worse, going up or coming back down. I'm sure all of you know, to switch homes is no easy matter (especially at my age) trying to do every thing myself. Where did all this stuff come from. Hope next year will be a little more relaxing. Starting my 21st year of retirement. Believe me the next time I move some one else is going to move me, because I'm quite sure it will be from where-ever I am direct to the oven. Check is in the mail. *Merle*

RALPH B. RIDGE—5085 N. Mesa Dr, Castle Rock, CO 80108 rockymntnridge@aol.com

Hi Cleve, I received my RUPA Membership Certificate in the mail. Thank you very much. I was surprised and touched.

I had a very memorable last flight from SFO to SYD and MEL. Capt. Bob O'Brien (former 400 fleet Captain, now LAX based) was able to arrange to fly as my F/O. In addition to our wives accompanying us, my son, Tom, went along. He is a mechanic for UAL in DEN. He surprised me by showing up for the trip with jump seat authority in hand. He was in the cockpit leaving SYD and was able to videotape us taxing under the "Water Arch" as we left the SYD ramp area, another surprise arranged by Capt. O'Brien. As we departed SYD, We were given the "scenic tour" approval and flew over the SYD Harbor Bridge, which we had just climbed the day before. All in all, a great "last flight."

Now I'm looking forward to finishing the restoration on my '55 Corvette, and doing what I want to do, when I want to do it. Enclosed are my membership dues. I am looking forward to RUPA activities here in the DEN area.

Thanks again for the nice membership certificate.

Ralph

WILLIAM L. RUTHERFORD, JR—9660 Wolf Rd, Geneseo, IL 61254

I'd like to "ditto" Pat Flanagan's comments in the July issue. There are obvious advantages to being "#1", we lived with seniority long enough, but to treat it as an accomplishment worthy of pride seems pretty silly: "I stood in line first," get a life!

Bill

RICK & ALDEANA SABER—828 Pt. San Pedro Rd., San Rafael CA 94901

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Ahoy Jock, Four years into retirement and here I am demoted to top dog with the dubious title of "Noble Grand Humbug" or #1 in *Yerba Buena #1 of E Clampus Vitus*. A CA Organization with over 100K men who have been "taken in", so to speak, we are not exactly unknown. It is described as either a Historical Drinking Society or vice versa. I'm busy! Don't exactly miss the flying, but sure do miss the days off. Our goal is to plaque Ca'la with bronze reminders of all the ole forgotten saloons, bordellos or other tales from the far side.

Currently, my task is to honor (this Sept.) a wondrous forty-niner pioneering woman activist named "Sarah Washington Irving Taylor". Unable to be buried next to her husband, due to "Hatfield & McCoy" shenanigans in 1907, her ashes languished in a wall for about 95 years till I climbed a mountain of red tape and had her removed, then finally buried properly as she had desired. There was one interim period of over five months when she perched on our mantle while awaiting State Parks approval. Here, she enjoyed my bad jokes, a few toasts and the morning paper as she awaited her proper burial next to Samuel Taylor.

The local papers touted a full color story "Modern Knight fights for His Lady" along with concerns that my wife may have been jealous. Additionally, Sarah saved many a young Chinese girl stowaway on ships coming to S.F. from China. Sarah established a Presbyterian Mission in San Francisco to assist these unfortunates from a life of slavery or prostitution, virtually their only choice. Can you just imagine this spunky lady, being rowed out to the arriving ships, then climbing aboard and telling the Captain, "I want your women"? Contact me for more info!

Other than that, things are NOT boring in the least....heck, even snagged ole Capt. Cort de Peyster into the Clampers last month.

Vituscan regards to all and always remember, Humor is the most essential ingredient in life, ask my mentor, Milt Jines!

Cap'n Crunch Saber, 55th NGH

WILLIAM O. SHOLES—2733 Starbird Dr, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Hi Cleve, I just wanted to let you know that I am not going to be in Idaho this summer. I had an angiogram on May 28th expecting no more than a stent at the most. Well, they found a blockage in the worst place, "the widow maker" and I had a 3 way by-pass surgery the next day. I have been recovering very nicely and will be back on the golf course very soon now.

Thanks for all you do for us, *Bill*

HOWIE SHAW— 3 Possum Path, Coram, NY 11727 hashaw@aol.com

I want to thank you, Jock, and all your helpers for the great Newsletter you put together.

My previous letters have been either medical reports or travelogues so I will be brief. We still get to Florida for the winter and back to Long Island for the summer with my daughter doing the driving. My oxygen requirements still make this trip a logistical challenge.

I think that's brief enough. Postage on its way to Cleve. *Howie* You might want to check with *Liberty Medical Equipment* at 800-203-6198 about their portable oxygen maker to see if it meets your needs. *Ed*

ALAN J. STEPHENSON—13503 Whitby Rd, Hudson, FL 34667 ORD

Cleve, Thanks for the membership application.

Enclosed is a little extra for "whatever".

Sold Illinois home and moved to Florida.

Commuted for three weeks, and retired the end of June, unpacking boxes, etc. Never thought retirement could be so busy!

I look forward to attending RUPA meetings and activities. Thanks again, *Al*

CHRIS SWENSON—172 Sunny Dell Ln, Sequim, WA 98382; 8/65-6/98 YIP, LGA, SFO, MIA, IAD, SFO scswenson@earthlink.net

Hard to believe that it's just over four years since I retired! We've kept very busy here but after 9/11, I'm sure many of you have joined us in living life to the fullest doing things you *really* want to do, spending time with people you really want to be with and forgetting about former troubles. My wife, Sharon, loves the PNW and, although I prefer a warmer climate, I have come to love it myself, especially since we (finally) bought our Camano power-boat and have begun to explore the rich cruising waters of the San Juan Islands (WA, USA) and the beautiful Gulf Islands (Canada). Our next trip will take us further north cruising along many stops up to Desolation Sound. Highly recommend it to fellow boaters.

We're really enjoyed "getting back to Nature" living in the rain shadow of the Olympic National Forest and hiking at the top at Hurricane Ridge. We've met some wonderful people way up here in "sunny Sequim" – and are very active volunteers in our church. Sharon does the monthly newsletter and, get this, I'm on the Tech Team – running the new, state-of-the-art soundboard for the music department. Sharon says that I like doing it because it reminds me of all the switches and buttons in the 777 cockpit! Also, we just "retired" from two years in organizing the quarterly luncheons for the North Olympic Peninsula UAL Retirees group, but will continue to attend the gatherings.

Anyway, life is good for us and we're very thankful for it. My best to my old friends out there. A special thank you to all of you who make the *RUPANEWS* a reality. -Chris

RON & SHARON SZOT—114 Amelia Ln,
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Dear Cleve, Enclosed is my check for Postage. Boy, this year went by quick, at this rate I'll be old before I know it.

I have been building a Lancair and this has been taking up most of my free time, the rest has been spent visiting the grandkids and doing some traveling. Any time left over has been spent finishing my airplane hangar and odds and ends. Sincerely, *Ron*

OLIVIA TANNER—PO Box 1299, San Juan
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In April my two daughters and I flew to Bangkok, Thailand, where we had a memorial service for John at the *Oriental Hotel*. With friends, we then dedicated his ashes on the outgoing tide to continue

traveling the world – something he loved to do – having visited 137 countries, all continents and both poles. Over the past 30 years, we visited Bangkok almost yearly – and celebrated birthdays and our 50th anniversary there. The *Oriental* was our home away from home.

I'm still living in our villa here at Marbella. My neighbors are so helpful and kind. I keep busy on the homeowner's board and with family, plus Assistance League and church.

Enclosed, please find my check to cover postage. All the news of mention in your mailing is most interesting even though I don't know those who write in, but it's nice to know what friends of John are doing and other items of interest. Very truly,

Olivia

HOWARD & JOAN THOMPSON—244

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Hi, I really enjoy the *RUPANEWS*, thanks to all who make it possible and interesting.

Howard remains much the same. I have moved him to a place in Twin Lakes, WI, called "Just Like Home." He seems to like it. Thanks, *Joan*

FRED TONYES, JR—2723 SW Olds Pl, Stuart,
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Dear Cleve, Still doing lots of boating and RVing, and all's well here in FL. Please insert my phone number and email address in the next directory.

Fred

LARRY A. WATKINS—761 Champagne Rd,
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Hi Jock and Cleve, Another super year at Lake Tahoe. Mild winter but good skiing mostly at Mt. Rose, it's only 12 minutes drive from our house to a parking lot where we ski to the lift and back to the car after skiing. I'm still flying the Baron at least once a week to exotic places like Chico, Las Vegas, Quincy, Lake Almanor, Davis and Rancho Murieta. Our hiking season started last month so we are on the top of some ridge or mountain peak each Thursday.

The best part is that we are in good health and hope that it was a good year for all of you. I'm sending this article on pain free golf that will help everyone especially golfers. Number 6 Double knee to chest will help lower back problems. Best to all, *Larry*
Sorry, Larry, but the FAX was not legible enough to reproduce.

GENE WHITE—1577 Groton Dr, Hudson OH 44236 DCA, CLE, ORD

Here is postage money for another year's subscription to the *RUPANEWS*. The newsletter gets better and better as the years go by. I find more and more names that I recognize and really enjoy reading the short updates. This has been a good year at the White house. Both my sons got married and my daughter announced her engagement. She will be married this fall and that will be three weddings in fifteen months. With United at \$8. 50/share, this wedding will do some major damage to my ESOP account.

I am finding that retirement is twice as good as I had expected and since 9/11 I appreciate it even more. I don't miss the work but still have dreams of taking a 737 up Main Street at 500 feet. Many years ago I told a Captain that I wanted to do that on my retirement flight. He told me. "Not so son, because the Captain won't let you." I finally got the seniority but then couldn't remember how to find Main Street. Godspeed to all. *Gene*

IN MEMORIAM

ROYALL "CARTER" BRIGGS, JR.

It is with great sadness, to inform you, that my close friend Capt. Carter Briggs has taken that last trip.

We were great friends from the first time we met, 50 years ago, in Virginia Beach, VA. We were based at Norfolk flying the DC 3. Our basic trip was Norfolk to Memphis with eleven stops and return the next day with the same stops.

Carter was an ardent golfer, scratch handicap when we met. We played a lot of ALPA tournaments and Carter won a few. He was good.

I just returned from Sebastian where the Elks Club had a very nice service for him, as he was a member.

He was a good father, great golfer, a Naval Air pilot (NATS). He will be missed by Bootie and his friends. Sincerely, *Joe Fabbo*

Sebastian-Royall "Carter" Briggs Jr., 81, of Virginia Beach died July 14, 2002, in Indian River Memorial Hospital, Vero Beach, Florida after an extended illness.

Carter was born in Norfolk, Va. June 28, 1921. He

was an aviator for the Navy during WWII and he was retired from United Airlines after 32 years of service. He was an avid golfer and sportsman. He is survived by his wife of 51 years Ruth "Bootie" Briggs; three daughters, Lynn Hudgins and her husband Billy, Bonnie Briggs, Mary Bradshaw; a son Roy Briggs and his wife Denise three grandchildren, Marc, Justin and Rebecca; one brother Jim Briggs and his wife Lynda and a sister Juanita Mikles. He was preceded in death by his sister Sandy Standing.

A celebration of life was held in Sebastian, Florida July 19, 2002 at the Elks Lodge. Carter was cremated and his ashes will be returned to Virginia. A memorial service will be scheduled for a later date.

ROBERT W. DRAHEIM

Bob, a resident of Centerville, OH, passed away April 9, 2002 at age 68. He was a US Air Force Veteran. In 1964 he joined United Airlines, serving for 28 years, and retired in 1992 flying the 747 as an international pilot. Survivors include his wife- Jacqueline; children, stepchildren and grandchildren.

WILLARD DUDLEY GRIFFITH

Willard Dudley Griffith, Lt. Col. US Air Force Retired, of Bellview, Washington, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, in his home of heart disease at the age of 91.

Grif was born in the Methodist Parsonage in Atlantic, Iowa on February 11, 1911, the son of Foss and Ruth Griffith. As a young man, he became enthralled with flying after experiencing an open cockpit flight to obtain better weather readings while he was a weatherman in Spokane, Washington. He kept the dream alive and eventually joined the Army Air Corps and completed flight school at Kelly Field, Texas, in June of 1936. Grif piloted over 50 different airplanes during his career, ranging from open cockpit biplanes to four engine passenger jets, accumulating over 25,000 hours of flight time. He flew transports during World War II over Africa, the Philippines and Russia. He flew Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, on an around-the-world highly classified mission during the war. Grif continued flying as a Captain with United AirLines for 33 years and he retired in 1971.

Grif was preceded in death by his beloved wife,

Mary Brown Griffith. He is survived by three daughters, Loretta Griffith-Hawtlitzel, Georganne Griffith-Trandum and Sue Griffith-Mercer ; his son, Willard D. Griffith, Jr.; fifteen grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

KEVIN KENNEDY son of Bruce Kennedy

Fellow RUPA member Retired Captain Bruce Kennedy and his wife Kathy lost their son Kevin on June 26. He was just 39 and left a loving wife and three daughters, ages 9, 5 and almost 2. Our deepest sympathies go to Bruce and his family.

FRANK S. REED

Capt. Frank Reed died Wednesday morning, July 17, at his summer home in Michigan. He was born Sept. 12, 1924 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of the late Robert and Eva Reed. On Oct. 15, 1949 he married Janice Carlson in Chicago. Frank retired having been a pilot for UAL for 33 years. He was a veteran of WW II, having served as a pilot in the U.S. Navy and a graduate of *Augustana College* in Rock Island, Ill. He was a member of *St Paul's Lutheran Church* in Wheaton, the *UAL Pilots Foundation*, on which he served as treasurer for ten years, the *Wheaton WMCA*, he also worked as a volunteer at the *Museum of Science and Industry* at the UAL 727 exhibit. He also enjoyed motorcycling and golfing. Frank is survived by his wife, Janice, daughters and son-in-law, Carolyn, and Greg Rykse; Cathy Reed and Peter Zirbel; and Karen Reed, and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at *St. Paul's Lutheran Church* in Wheaton on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 2:00 P.M.

GENE RUSSELL

Ladies and Gentlemen, I regret to inform you that Captain Gene Russell died July 9, 2002. The Obituary is from *The Virginian-Pilot*. Born in Akron, Ohio, Gene was a retired captain with Capital/United Airlines after 33 years of service. He was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church, Virginia Beach Kiwanis Club, Quiet Birdmen, and Tidewater Seagulls. He is survived by his wife, Jane C. Russell; daughter, Susan R. Fogerty; son, Gene C. Russell; two sisters, one brother; three grandchildren, and one greatgrandson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to All Saints Episcopal Church, 1968 Woodside Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Jane Russell, 2509 Consolvo Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454, 757-481-7364. Fraternaly, *Jerry Goebel*

FRANCIS B. SMITH

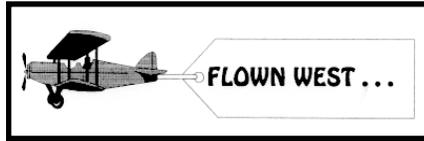
Francis B. Smith (Smitty) passed away June 18th, 2002 from prostate cancer at the age of 83. He started his career as an aviation mechanic with United Air Lines in Cheyenne, WY. He later became a flight engineer and retired in 1979 as a 747 S/O after 38 years with UAL. Smitty enjoyed many hobbies and all were accomplished with total commitment to whatever interest he was involved with at any given moment. A few of which were mechanic on the unlimited hydro 'Slow Motion'; unicycle riding where he built his own. Glider aviation where he purchased a new glider, dismantled it completely and with the factory manual reconstructed it with precision torque setting to Smitty's tolerances, which were zero; ham radio; pistol shooting, kite flying and the list goes on. Smitty pursued his S/O duties with United and his hobbies with his benchmark of 120% effort. He also used his God given talents to help others in need. He is going to be sorely missed by many. We hope there is a hobby shop in heaven awaiting him.

Respectfully, *Mark Gilkey*.

JOSEPH LEONARD MAHNE, JR

Captain Joseph Leonard Mahne, Jr., 79, formerly of Roseland and North Caldwell, died Friday, June 7, 2002 at home in Fort Lee, New Jersey. During World War II, he was a decorated pilot of the Army Air Corps and flew many missions in the China and Indian Theaters flying a B-24. He was a Captain with Capitol and United airlines, and retired in 1984. He is survived by his widow, Grange Mahne Habermann, two sons and a daughter. His memory will forever live in the hearts of many. Work hard, play hard, and pray hard were words that he lived by, thanks to St. John'.





Robert W. Draheim	4/9/2002
Joseph L. Mahne, Jr.*	6/7/2002
Francis B. Smith	6/18/2002
B. Paul Bowers	6/24/2002
Larry Kramer (ORD Crew Scheduler)*	6/2002
Royall A. "Carter" Briggs Jr	7/14/2002
Frank S. Reed	7/16'2002
Albert R. Ricks*	7/17/2002
Gene Russell	7/9/2002
Joseph Bozlinski	

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HIGH FLIGHT

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air....

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark or even eagle flew -
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr., September 3, 1941

RUPA'S SOCIAL CALENDAR

Monthly Scheduled Lunches

- 2nd Mon. SW FL—*Olive Garden, Ft. Myers* - 941-793-5251
2nd Tue. San Diego Co.—*Quails' Inn, San Marcos* - 760-723-9008
2nd Tue. FL Treasure Coast Sunbirds—*Miles Grant Country Club, Stuart*
561-747-2796
2nd Thu. SE FL Gold Coast—*Flaming Pit* - 561-272-1860
2nd Fri. in Oct PHX Roadrunners—*Location to be announced in September*
480-948-1612
3rd Tue. DEN Good Ole Boys— 11:30am *American Legion Post 1* - 303-279-4348
3rd Tue. LAS High Rollers—*Memphis Barbecue* - 702-658-6168
3rd Tue. NE FL—*Spruce Creek CC* - 904-760-9736
3rd Tue. Dana Point CA—*Wind & Sea Restaurant* - 949-496-2691
3rd Thu. LAX—*Hacienda (Even Months) Billingsley's (Odd Months)*
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—*Cuzzins (odd mths. Stag)* - 727-787-5550

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

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