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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I urge all of you to read and act on the latest URPBPA update submitted by Jerry Terstiege. If we want to protect our pensions, we must act on our own behalf. We must all write our Congressional Representatives, and the Committee members involved with the appropriate legislation, and ask them to help UAL retirees. Tomorrow may be too late.

We continue to receive Registration Forms for the 2005 RUPA Convention. We ask you to fill out your forms and send them in as soon as possible so the organizers can make the proper arrangements. Remember to make your own reservations at the hotel. Mention RUPA to receive the special rate of \$84.00 per night.

We will have a couple of speakers address our members attending the Convention on Friday evening the 14th. Dorothy Belville will speak on how to get your estate organized and on assessing the risk of your investment portfolio. We will also have a speaker from the United Benefits department to explain our medical plan. In addition, we will have someone from the PBGC speak on the transition of our pensions from the company to the PBGC.

Several months ago, our Webmaster asked for volunteers to step forward to take over for him. No one volunteered, and as a result our website has not been updated for some time because he has been in the process of moving. He sold two homes, one in England, and another one here, a major life crisis. He is finishing the move to his new home so the website should be receiving updates soon. The point being made here is; this is a volunteer operation. When we ask for help we need help, not criticism because the website was not being updated.

Every January we publish a membership roster, and every year we ask you to check to make sure your information is correct. I ask you to take a look at your roster and make sure all your information is correct. If not, send the corrections to Cleve. I have had several occasions lately to contact individuals and find many phone numbers and E-mail addresses incorrect.

The Wall of Honor project with the Smithsonian Museum is finally winding down. We now have at least 1235 names on the list. The panels will be sent to the engravers soon so they may be put on display at the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum near the Dulles Airport in time for our Convention. If you wish to participate, you must act soon. Thanks to all of you for your support.

Rich

How to renew your subscription to the *RUPANEWS*

We constantly get calls from members wanting to know their status in reference to the \$25 postage fee. You can answer this question for yourself by checking your RENEWAL DATE which you will find on the address label on the back page of your most recent copy of the *RUPANEWS*
Send check to Cleve Spring, 1104 Burke Ln, Foster City, CA 94404-3636

UNITED RETIRED PILOTS BENEFIT PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

URPBPA UPDATE

Last Chance:

The only retired UAL pilots who would not be affected by the termination of the Pilots Defined Benefit Plan are those whose pension checks come from an annuity and not from The Northern Trust Company.

Retirees from Pan Am and U.S. Air had to sue to get the correct benefit after the Pension Benefits Guarantee Corporation (PBGC) took over those pension plans.

The U. S. Senate and the House are considering several bills that will affect pensions. **Now may be your last chance to do something to protect YOUR pension. URPBPA will post legislative alerts on the website at www.ualpilotpension.com. Check this site for the latest information. There will be easy-to-follow instructions to assist you.**

For maximum effect, you should communicate with each member of the Committee that is considering legislation, in addition to your own two U.S. Senators and your Representative.

As this is being written, the Senate Finance Committee is preparing to introduce and vote on "Pension Funding Reform Legislation", which will then go to the full Senate. HR 2830 is being considered by the House Ways & Means Committee. As now drafted, these bills are not helpful to UAL retirees. You should send a fax to **EACH** member of these committees, asking them to amend the bills to help UAL retirees. S 1158 and HR 2327 are the Senate and House bills that provide for a 6-month moratorium on PBGC pension plan terminations. Go to www.congress.org to send E-mails to your two U. S. Senators asking that they co-sponsor and support S 1158 to provide time so that alternatives, such as URPBPA's "Split/Freeze" proposal, could be considered to prevent the termination of the UAL pilots pension plan. California retirees should tell Sen. Feinstein that UAL will **NOT** be forced into Chapter 7 if the pension plans remain. Her refusal to support S 1158 is an anti-labor/pro-slash & burn business position.

Litigation Progress:

The PBGC has filed a motion for a summary judgment to allow involuntary termination of the United Airlines Pilots Defined Benefit Pension Plan and dismissal of objections to the termination filed by URPBPA, the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) and United. URPBPA has filed its motion opposing the PBGC's motion. The PBGC is to file their rebuttal by August 4. Judge Wedoff will rule on the PBGC's summary judgment motion on August 18. The URPBPA motion can be found on the URPBPA website, www.ualpilotpension.com.

URPBPA argues that the PBGC, just like any other litigant, has to prove their case at trial. If our arguments prevail, then the PBGC's motion for summary judgment will be denied. Judge Wedoff has set dates in September for a trial to consider Pilot Plan termination

If PBGC's motion for summary judgment is granted, then that ruling will allow termination of the Pilot Plan sometime after August 18. **URPBPA will certainly appeal such a ruling.** URPBPA will do everything it can to protect its members' pension benefits, which will continue to be paid unless and until the Pilots Plan is terminated by court action.

Fraternally,

Jenny Tenstiege, URPBPA Secretary

Foster City, California

DANA POINT RUPA LUNCHEON

Pleasant day in the harbor. High overcast and the blue umbrellas keep the temperature down on the upper deck tables.

The small harbor was kept quite busy with several large ships tying up and fuelling, including one of the flag ships of the Harbor the double masted Spirit of Dana Point.

Some talk on the request by URPBPA of a denial of a PBGC motion for a summary judgment. The pilot plan should be determined at a De Novo trial. I didn't talk to anyone that had read the latest 57 page 'LINK' on the URPBPA. Hope is out there that someone will one more time try to put this all into a language we can understand. Right now it just seems like delays...which keep the pension going...so that's good!

Present were: Carlos Bernhard, Walt Bohl, Bob Brockmier, Bruce Dunkle, Bob Fuhrmann, Pete Hansen, Jack Healy, Rick Hoefler, Ed Judd, Bob McGowan, Jerry Meyer, Bill Meyer, Jack Moody, Bill Rollins, Ted Simmons, Bill Stewart, Joe Udovch.

Tony Testa is on sick leave and his wife Fran said he loves calls at 949 496 9839.

Regards to all, **TED**

DEN GOOD OL' BOYS

The weather was great for the June meeting of DEN Good ol' Boys and we had a good turnout. The grub met most's expectations and the humble coordinator got off a couple of "groaners" that elicited at least grins from the most polite. You have no idea how hard it is to come up with a good (clean) joke every month, although Curly Baker helps out quite a bit.

Jim Krasno updated all on the latest in the situation re: the pension and the URPBPA website has just been updated with additional info.

It was with sadness that the coordinator reported the demise of Retired Capt. Paul Nordstrom. and Warren Mugler's wife, Elaine. Paul lived in Loveland, and is survived by his wife, Margaret.

The business was conducted expeditiously and the meeting adjourned at an early hour.

Those in attendance included: Bill Fife, Bill Hoygaard, Tom Hess, Casey Walker, Al Snook, Rick Madsen, Bob Sannwald, Dick Shipman, Bob Ashworth, Stanley Boehm, Bill Matheny, Ralph Wright, Ed Riehl, Roger DeLozier, Pete Cecchinelli, A. J. Hartzler, Jack Davis, R. C. Smith, Jim Krasno, Jim Hixon, Davis Horwitz, Fritz Meyer, Duane Searle, Hal Meyer, Jack Turner, Gary Gore, Ray Bowman, Herb Giefer, Cliff Lawson, Ed Cutler, Bob Stemple, Jim Harris, George Maize, and the coordinator and Scribe, *Ted Wilkinson*

Address changes, Snowbirds & Others:

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 us know by one of the following methods: Cleve Spring, 1104 Burke Ln, Foster City, CA 94404 – phone 800-787-2429 E-mail clevespring@comcast.net

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

TERMINATION NEWS BY DOUG WILSMAN

(Ramona, CA, 7-21-05) Now that the PBGC has seized all of the other three UAL plans, it's a whole new ball game. Bankruptcy Judge Wedoff previously blessed the agreement between PBGC and UAL that calls for the termination of all four UAL defined benefit plans. It would appear that the judge has decided that all four of UAL's plans need to be terminated so UAL can finance its exit from Chapter 11. So, absent any new federal legislation that would cause the judge to reconsider, the final shoe could ultimately drop one of these days---maybe soon.

ALPA's 2005 Agreement with UAL provides that ALPA will not object if UAL applies to Judge Wedoff for a voluntary distress termination of our A-Plan at any time after the other three UAL plans have been turned over to the PBGC. UAL could do that any day now. With a distress termination, as differentiated from a PBGC seizure, we can expect UAL to give all A-Plan participants a 60-day notification by mail before any proposed distress termination date, which is traditionally set to occur on the last day of a month. So, for example, a notification by July 31st would be expected for a distress termination on the 30th of September.

But nothing these days is totally that simple. There is currently litigation in Judge Wedoff's Bankruptcy Court brought by PBGC. They are asking Judge Wedoff to hand down a summary judgment permitting PBGC to seize our A-Plan as of 12-31-04 on the grounds that, under federal pension laws, they are permitted to seize a plan in order to save PBGC from losing substantially more money if the plan terminates at a later date

This PBGC request for summary judgment is being opposed by ALPA, UAL, and Roger Hall's URPBPA. The judge will rule on August 18th. If he rules in favor of PBGC, the A-Plan will terminate as of 12-31-04. Hall will appeal. If the judge denies PBGC's request for summary judgment, there will then be a trial on the merits starting sometime in September. (PBGC gets a second bite at the apple.)

The second-bite scenario creates interesting complications. UAL is currently making noises that it will be attempting to exit Chapter 11 early in the fall. If they seek to voluntarily shed our A-plan---to protect against the possibility that PBGC may eventually fail in its seizure attempt---the termination date must be no later than the exit date. Therefore, if summary judgment is denied on August 18th, UAL very likely will ask Judge Wedoff for a distress termination as of October 31st---which means our notices would be mailed by August 31st. If we get to that point, Judge Wedoff indicates he will dual-track the two termination proposals, one requested by the PBGC and the other requested by United, and the issue may turn out to be mostly "when" not "if."

That will be really weird. UAL will be arguing against 12-31-04 and for the 10-31-05. And ALPA will be arguing against 12-31-04 and have no comment on 10-31-05. And I suppose URPBPA will argue that their Split/Freeze proposal will cost UAL so little that our plan does not need not be totally terminated---only partially terminated. The Split/Freeze would only terminate half the plan---the part containing the active pilots. Wouldn't that be wonderful! Retired pilots would keep getting all their benefits, including the non-qual's and UAL would continue to be responsible to fund them.

Does anyone get the feeling that all this hocus-pocus may have originated last winter in an attempt to delay a termination date until after the October 26, 2005 sunset of PBGC's five-year look-back rule? About 2,300 participants in the Pilots' A-Plan who have retired after April 12, 2000 will get a higher PBGC PC3 benefit allocation if the termination date is after 10-26-05. About 1,500 current active pilots who are age 53 and older will also get higher PC3 benefit allocations when they ultimately retire if the termination date is after 10-26-05.

That reality would appear to strongly support PBGC's argument in a trial that it will lose lots of money with a termination date after October 26th versus 12-31-04. Additionally, in the 10 months after 12-31-04, PBGC exposure under its PC4 guarantee will have increased by its 2.75% cost of living allowance, and the

assets in the plan will have been reduced by about \$300 million from 10-months of benefit payments, if everything else is equal. Arguing on the merits that PBGC will not suffer losses seems to be a tough sell.

When all this dust has settled, if the plan terminates, there is nothing that has happened lately that would cause me to change anything in the Wilsman PBGC Benefit Calculator, effective if a termination date is 12-31-04. That Calculator is still posted on the RUPA Website at (www.rupa.org). If Judge Wedoff rules in favor of PBGC on August 18, or later after the trial, then the termination date will likely be 12-31-04 and this Calculator is still valid. If there is a later termination date, I will modify the Calculator accordingly. Or better still, maybe we can convince Roger Hall to have his actuaries put a fancy program on his website like ALPA has on their website for active pilots, where a retiree could enter items from his employment history and get the estimated PBGC post-termination benefit displayed on his computer screen. *Doug*

(dhwilsman@aol.com)

DEN GOOD OL' BOYS

The third Tuesday of the month found a good turnout for the DEN Good ol' Boys. The weather was hotter than h***, but the American Legion was air conditioned, so maybe that was the reason for the turnout. At any event happy hour was a rousing success and the caterer managed to accommodate the crowd.

After the obligatory attempt at humor the meeting was turned over to Jim Krasno who updated those assembled about the latest of the pension developments.

The humble coordinator noted the passing of Retired Capt. Patrick Lee Ham.

All business having been conducted, the meeting allowed plenty of time for socializing and fertilizer slinging. Adjournment occurred at an early hour.

Those recorded as present were: Arv Witt, Dave Murtha, Rick Madsen, Jerry Baer, Bill Hoygaard, Tom Hess, Dick Shipman, A. J. Hartzler, Dick Garbrick, Bob Sannwald, George Benkendorf, Curly Baker, Dean Readmond, Bill Hanson, Bill Bates, Maury Mahoney, Bill Matheny, Bob Dietrich, Cliff Lawson, Mike Williams, Ralph Wright, Bill Fife, Al Snook, Jack Davis, Ed Riehl, Kent White, Bob Crowell, Ed Cutler, Bob Blessin, Jim Krasno, Bob Smith, Don Johnson, David Horwitz, Charles Fellows, Dave Stearns, Stanley Boehm, Warren Mugler, Herb Giefer, Russ Ward, Jack Turner, George Maize, Bill Brashear, and the scribe and coordinator, *Ted Wilkinson*

OHIO NORTH COASTERS LUNCHEON

July 21st again found the North Coasters at *TJ's* in Wooster. Our current Poobah, Rich McMakin was off taking care of "family stuff", so we were led by our Poobah Emeritus, Dick Orr. We had twelve souls in attendance, and agreed that we were stressing quality rather than quantity. We solved none of the world's pressing problems, but enjoyed a congenial couple of hours of good conversation and reminiscences. Those in attendance were Rip and Shirley Curtiss, Jim and Monica Burrill, Ed and Barb Griffith, Bill and Dorothy Christie, Dick Orr, Bill Dilzell, Commander Don Karaiskos, and this month's scribe *Ken Wheeler*. Cheers.

<p>United Airlines Retired Pilots Foundation, Inc.</p>

<p>Send all donations for the United Pilots Foundation to: Capt. T. S. "Ted" Bochniarz, Treasurer 11165 Regency Dr., Westchester, IL 60154-5638</p>

BALTIC CRUISE REPORT

Twenty four RUPA members and friends participated in our just completed cruise of the Baltic. We boarded the ship, Holland America's newest, the MS Westerdam, in Copenhagen Denmark. We then sailed to Tallinn Estonia for a day of sightseeing and then on to St. Petersburg Russia where the ship docked for two days while we took in the many sights and splendors of Imperial Russia. The ship then set sail for Helsinki Finland, Stockholm Sweden, and Visby on the island of Gotland, Sweden. At each port we were given a full day to sample the sights and sounds (and tastes) of the area. The next port of call was Warnemunde on the north coast of Germany. Here we departed the ship, walked across the pier and boarded a special train for the trip to Berlin. After a full day in Berlin, it was back on the train for the return to the ship. The next day was spent in Arhus Denmark prior to our return to Copenhagen.

We could not have asked for nicer weather for this trip. Every day was clear with not a cloud in the sky; temperatures were in the high 70's to low 80's. Our only wet spot was Berlin where we experienced a little intermittent drizzle. All in all it was a very enjoyable trip with an exceptional group of people. I highly recommend a trip such as this for anyone who is interested in that part of the world. RUPA members and friends on this sailing: Jim and Corrine Boyer, Larry and Annette Fordham, Leo Roop and Joan Epstein, Lee and Shirley Francis, Milt and Sunee Jines, Bill and Pat O'Connell, Len and Mary Ann Martin, Richard and Gwen Meadows, Dick and Sheila Rybak, Bill and Pat Smith, Forrest McFall and Elizabeth Star, and Rich and Georgia Bouska.

Rich



Men standing, from left to right:

Leo Roop, Bill O'Connell, Larry Fordham, Jim Boyer, Bill Smith, Richard Meadows, Milt Jines, Rich Bouska, Len Martin, Forrest Mc Fall, Lee Francis

Ladies from left to right:

Pat O'Connell, Annette Fordham, Pat Smith, Corrine Boyer, Georgia Bouska, Joan Epstein, Sunee Jines, Gwen Meadows, Mary Ann Martin, Elizabeth Star, Shirley Francis



Bill and Pat Smith



Dick and Sheila Rybak



Jim and Corrine Boyer



Lee and Shirley Francis



Richard Meadows and Len Martin

TOUR AND ACTIVITY PLAN FOR RUPA CONVENTION

We are offering convention attendees a menu of tours and activities including a Coed RUPA Golf Tourney. The tours are historical in nature with the exception of the Winery Tour. Who knows, that might even make history! Some walking will be involved in each of the tours so be sure to have your comfortable shoes. Past weather indicates temperatures between a low of 50 and a high of 68 degrees. The buses we will be using do have restrooms. The plan is for three tours and golf on Friday, three tours on Saturday and then Sunday at the Udvar-Hazy Center with the unveiling of the RUPA Panel. We are going to ask that you sign-up early, with payment, so we can confirm contracts with the bus company. We ask that you indicate a first and second choice. A minimum of 40 participants is necessary for each tour and if there are not enough interested in a particular tour it will have to be canceled and we will move on to your second choice. If that should become necessary, cost differences will be adjusted when you check-in at the convention.

It has been announced in the media that there will be a "Reunion of the Million Man March" on the Mall for the Saturday and Sunday of our reunion. We local folks deem it inadvisable to schedule downtown DC activities for our RUPA visitors due to the expected large crowds and the street closures that usually occur with such gatherings. If individuals have a strong desire to visit the tourist sites on the Mall area, we will assist with directions to the Metro Subway system and would suggest Friday as the more appropriate day even with the usual workday congestion. The Washington Area members of RUPA look forward to seeing and visiting with you. You all come to see us.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14

Coed Golf Tourney at Reston National Golf Course. 0900 Modified Shotgun Start. Golf Package Includes: 18 Hole Round of Golf with Cart, unlimited range balls and use of practice facility one hour prior to Tee Off, personalized scorecards & custom cart signs, Closest-to-the-Pin and Longest Drive Contest Markers, professional scoring with Scoreboard Display and Awards Lunch Buffet. Fees refunded for rain cancellation. Complimentary Thursday practice with \$20 Cart Fee. Local RUPA arranging bag transport between hotel and clubhouse. Course is adjacent to hotel

\$78 pp includes all of the above including taxes and gratuities

Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson with lunch at the Graves Mountain Lodge. This 9 hour trip will Depart at 0700 and Return at 1600. The only house in the United States on the United Nations' prestigious World Heritage List of International Treasures. This is the home of our third President of the United States. Tour the home and gardens and afterwards enjoy lunch and fall foliage at the renowned Graves Mountain Lodge. <http://www.monticello.org/> <http://www.gravesmountain.com/>

\$85.00 pp includes transportation, tour and lunch.

Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery. This 7 hour trip will Depart at 0900 and Return at 1600. Begin with a Potomac River Cruise from the D.C. Waterfront to Mount Vernon, home of our First President, George Washington. Tour the Mansion House and more than a dozen outbuildings including the slave quarters, kitchen, stables, and greenhouse. Lunch on your own at your choice of The Mount Vernon Inn (which offers lunch with colonial-costumed servers, and delicious regional and colonial cuisine) or the new Food Court Pavilion catering to travelers on the go. The bus will pick you up for a drive up the George Washington Memorial Parkway following the river back to Arlington National Cemetery. The 612-acre site contains the Tomb of the Unknowns, the Confederate Monument, and the Custis-Lee Mansion. Changing of the guard ceremonies are conducted at the Tomb of the Unknowns by members of the Third United States Infantry (The Old Guard) every hour, on the hour. Enjoy a 1-2 hour tram tour of the cemetery including Changing of the Guard. <http://www.mountvernon.org/> www.arlingtoncemetery.org/visitor_information

\$75 pp includes bus, boat, entrance to Mount Vernon and Tram Tour of Arlington Nat'l Cemetery."

Sotterley Plantation National Historic Landmark. Enjoy this 18th Century Manor House and Garden with tours by trained interpreter guides. Depart at 0900 and Return at 1500. Find out what life was like for an early 18th century-plantation mistress. Learn about indentured servant Richard Boulton who carved the exquisite Chinese Chippendale stairway in the entrance hall. Discover the secret passage where Dr. Briscoe hid during searches by union army soldiers encamped at Sotterley's gates. Marvel at the elegant English furniture given by financier J. Pierpont Morgan to his daughter Louisa Morgan Satterlee when she and her husband Herbert completed Sotterley's restoration in 1914. Survey the rolling panorama from the majestic portico while enjoying lunch consisting of a selection of fresh-made sandwiches, salads and desserts. Flagstones on the portico came from England as ship's ballast in the early 18th century and are listed in Squire Bowles' 1727 inventory. Although constructed earlier than Mount Vernon, Sotterley's columned portico bears a resemblance to that of Washington's home.
<http://sotterley.com/index.htm>

\$50 per person includes transportation, tour and lunch.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15

Gettysburg Battlefield Tour. 7 hour trip to Depart at 0900 and Return at 1600. This trip features a Step-on Tour Guide for a two hour guided tour of the Battlefields. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania was the site of the largest battle ever waged during the American Civil War. Fought in the first three days of July 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg resulted in a hallmark victory for the Union "Army of the Potomac" and successfully ended the second invasion of the North by General Robert E. Lee's "Army of Northern Virginia". <http://www.nps.gov/gett/>

\$50 pp includes transportation, tour and box lunch for picnic.

Oatlands Plantation, Historical Mansion Tour and Oatlands Fall Antiques Fair Depart at 0930 and Return at 1600. It was 1804 when George Carter, great grandson of colonial Virginia's renowned Robert "King" Carter, began building his Oatlands estate: the mansion, greenhouse, dairy, smoke house, bank barn and gardens. Visitors to the Oatlands mansion and gardens relive a piece of Virginia history as they follow the stories and lives of the families who lived here. Each room has a history to share; every photograph a story to tell. Outside, four acres of formal gardens beckon. Originally designed by George Carter, the gardens produced vegetables and fruits and featured many ornamental specimens. Beyond the gardens, a self-guided, walking tour allows visitors to explore the plantation, aided by interpretive signs that explain the history and significance of Oatlands dependencies. Most notable of these buildings is the country's second oldest propagation greenhouse. Built in 1810 with bricks fired on the plantation. The popular **Oatlands Fall Antiques Fair** is recognized for quality as well as quantity and has developed a huge following over the nine years it has been held at this historic property. More than 75 dealers are expected to participate. Lunch on your own with one of the many vendors. <http://www.oatlands.org/>

\$45 includes bus, Mansion Tour and admission to the Fair.

Loudoun County Winery Tour with Tasting In less than 25 years, Loudoun County's 11 wineries and 15 vineyards have emerged as the leading Virginia producers of vinifera and New World grape wines. Soil conditions, temperate climate, access to technical experts and mentors, and skilled winemakers all contribute to Loudoun's growing reputation as "Wine Country." We will visit two of the 11 Loudoun wineries. You will begin at **Tarara Winery**. On the bluffs of the Potomac River, Ta-

rara is a 475-acre farm devoted to the art of producing fine wines. Uniquely located in a 6,000 square foot cave, the winery, tasting room and gift shop are open all year. Your visit will coincide with the annual Loudoun Farms Tour activities. You will enjoy a "seated tasting" of 11 wines, a tour of the facility and lunch. www.tarara.com

After lunch you will bus to **Chrysalis Vineyards and Winery** This vineyard estate, near Middleburg, gently rolls across 209 acres between the Bull Run Mountains to the east and the Blue Ridge Mountains to the west. They proclaim their mission is "to proudly restore Virginia wines to world renown, and celebrate the homecoming of Norton, the *Real* American Grape!" Not withstanding their affection for the Norton, there will be 12 wines to taste. www.chrysaliswine.com

\$65 includes bus, tour, tasting and lunch.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16

Udvar-Hazy RUPA Panel Dedication/Unveiling Bus transportation from the Hotel to the Udvar-Hazy Center will be available at \$8 pp. Should you have your own transportation, the cost of parking is \$12 per vehicle.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, DOROTHY BELVILLE

An educational presentation will take place at the RUPA Convention in Washington, D.C.

Dorothy Belville, of Belville Financial Advisors, will be a guest speaker on Friday, October 14th, following dinner at the hotel.

Mrs. Belville has 25 years of experience advising United Airline Pilots. She will cover two important topics:

1) How to get your Estate Organized

A free organizer designed by Mrs. Belville will be provided to each attendee to assist with this important process.

2) Assessing the Risk of Your Investment Portfolio

Each attendee will be provided with a Risk Determination Pyramid to determine the risk in their portfolio.

Dorothy will also be available to answer financial planning questions you may have.

RUPA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

October 13 through October 17, 2005

NAME _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____

E-Mail Address (If Applicable) _____

The convention will be held at the Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston Virginia. Call the hotel direct a 703-620-9000, or 800-392-7666 to make your reservations, mention RUPA to receive the special rate of \$84.00 per night. **You must make your own reservation.** There are a limited number of rooms at this price so make your reservations as soon as possible. You are encouraged to register early so that the organizers can make the proper arrangements

COST AND FEES

Registration Fee: \$15.00 per person \$ _____

Thursday Dinner Buffet: \$10.00 per person (Oct. 13) \$ _____

Sunday Banquet: \$18.00 per person (Oct. 16) \$ _____

Banquet Dinner Selection: (Show the number of your choice.)

Chicken _____ Flank Steak _____ Salmon _____

Friday Golf: \$78.00 per person (Oct. 14)
Number of golfers _____ @ \$78.00 pp \$ _____

Tours: Friday, October 14th.

Monticello with lunch at the Graves Mountain Lodge \$85.00 pp

Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery \$75.00 pp

Sotterley Plantation \$50.00 pp

First Attendee: Name _____

First Choice _____ \$ _____

Second Choice _____

Second Attendee: Name _____

First Choice _____ \$ _____

Second Choice _____

Tours: Saturday, October 15th.

Gettysburg Battlefield Tour \$50.00 pp

Oatlands Mansion & Antique Fair \$45.00 pp

Loudoun Wine Tour \$65.00 pp

First Attendee: Name _____

First Choice _____ \$ _____

Second Choice _____

Second Attendee: Name _____

First Choice _____ \$ _____

Second Choice _____

Tour: Sunday, October 16th.

Udvar-Hazy, View RUPA Panel and Visit Museum

Number of attendees for Museum _____ @ \$8.00 pp \$ _____

Total for First Choice tours, Registration, Golf and Dinners \$ _____

If you are awarded your 2nd choice tour, an adjustment will be made upon registration.

Complete the form and make a copy for your records. **Determine total amount due and send a check made out to RUPA, along with the completed registration form to:**

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CONVENTION UPDATES FROM THE EDDIE O'DONNELL GROUP

1. This morning June 22nd Sheraton still has rooms for the Convention at the \$84 rate. Do it now!
2. Hey Golfers, brand new Nike clubs are available for rental at Reston National. There is a limited number and you need to reserve early. For a \$35 rental fee, contact Ms. Angela Baroni, Club Tournament Coordinator at 703-620-2472. Do it now!
3. For those of you who are considering a trip to downtown D.C. I will repeat my previous comments regarding the difficulties related to the weekend traffic and the Million-Man March. Friday from noon-time 'till seven in the evening downtown traffic is a mess. Worse than other days because not only are people going home from work but many who live in DC are leaving for the weekend. Saturday and Sunday will be difficult from the standpoint of street closures, barricades and security measures in the Mall area. Any anticipated large gatherings, no matter how peaceful, entail crowd control and security measures. Monday should be back to normal. I would suggest Friday or Monday for a trip into town. **DISCLAIMER:** As in flight planning, predicted thunderstorms maybe more scattered and less severe than expected. If the Million-Man March draws less of a crowd than previously, you will consider me to have been too cautious
4. Getting to the Mall from the Sheraton Reston At THIS TIME is as follows
 - Taxi (30 min. ride) from the hotel to the Vienna Metro Station (subway) to the Smithsonian Station. Cab would probably be expensive but considering the per person cost of our bus tours it might be acceptable. Especially true if you are sharing the cab.
 - The hotel will take you (on the half-hour schedule) to Reston Town Center (close by) where you will catch a bus (30 min. ride) to the West Falls Church Metro Station and then to the Smithsonian Station.
 - Reverse for the return.

Details such as cab phone# and bus route# will be available when you check-in to the Convention.

It is going to be a good time so you all come see us.

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MARINE AND LITTLE BOY

As the crowded airliner is about to take off, the peace is shattered by a five-year-old boy who picks that moment to throw a wild temper tantrum. No matter what his frustrated, embarrassed mother does to try to calm him down the boy continues to scream furiously and kick the seats around him.

Suddenly, from the rear of the plane, a man in a U.S. Marine Corps uniform is seen slowly walking forward up the aisle. Stopping the flustered mother with an upraised hand, the courtly, soft-spoken Marine leans down and, motioning toward his chest, whispers something into the boy's ear. Instantly, the boy calms down, gently takes his mother's hand, and quietly fastens his seat belt. All the other passengers burst into spontaneous applause.

As the Marine slowly makes his way back to his seat, one of the cabin attendants touches his sleeve. "Excuse me, sir," she asked quietly, "but could I ask you what magic words you used on that little boy?" The Marine smiles serenely and gently confides, "I showed him my pilot's wings, service stars, and battle ribbons, and explained that they entitled me to throw one passenger out the plane door, on any flight I choose, and that I was just about to make my selection.

SAN DIEGO LUNCHEON

At this month's San Diego luncheon, there were five of us present. First timer Paul Whitby; welcome Paul, Pete Moyer Bill Pauling, Hugh Wilson and my self. With our seniority we did not talk too much about the pension mess. None of us had traveled much lately due to our age and the crowds at the airport. We talked a lot about the good times of the past and our aches and pains. We always welcome new faces from the past.

Bob Bowman

SFO NORTH BAY LUNCHEON

The July luncheon meeting of the North Bay RUPA group was held on the first Wednesday of the month, July 6th, and attracted a very nice turn-out for the occasion. After a brief run-down on the latest pension news, hot off the web, the group enjoyed a pleasant repast and excellent company. We were very pleased to see Bill Greene back to lunch with us, looking well after his accident.

In attendance were: John & Sharon Candelo, Alice & Buddy DeCosterd, Sam & Mickie Orchard, Kay & Loran Eldred, Leon Scarbrough, Gary Koverman, Gary & Diane Brauch, Al & Linda Fink (survivors of the Nam Helo pilots reunion in SFO), Dan Bargar, Ken Corbin, George Hise, Bill Greene, Dave & Vivian Stolp, Woody Lockhart, Jim Mansfield, Bill McGuire, Dick Hanna, Carol Ip & John Reed, Dee & Larry Whyman, Sheila & Gardner Bride, Barney Hagen, and this roving reporter.

All luncheons are now on the first Wednesday of each month..12:30 to ??, at the Petaluma Sheraton's *Jellyfish Grille*...745 Baywood Drive, Petaluma, CA. Please spread the word to those not on the E-mail list! Thank You, and come join us!!

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UPDATE ON THE WALL OF HONOR

This is the complete list of names for the Wall of Honor. Please check it for correct spelling of names and check for omissions. Call me at (925) 443-4339 with all corrections. There is space for about ten more names, but you must hurry to get them in. *Rich Bouska*

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LOS ANGELES VALLEY LUNCHEON

Even though on Thursday July 21st the temperature hovered around triple digits, in our air conditioned dining room at Mimi's restaurant it was very comfortable.

The following 24 were in attendance Doug Rankin, Marcene Rankin, Jim Day, Herb Goodrich, Bob Mosher, Jack Moore, Joyann Moore, Mike Herriott, Rex May, Gene Biscailuz, Don McDermott, Yuz Morita, Ray Engel, Jim Miller, Beverly Miller, Marv Jeffers, Denny Fendelander, John Joyce, Dave Tank, Ginny Tank, Jack Hanson, Shirley Hanson, Lee Cameron, and Gary Babcock. This was Gary's 1st RUPA luncheon; he retired in September 2004.

Lee Cameron had some sad news for us. Edna, his wife, who often accompanied him to our luncheons passed away recently.

While we were waiting for lunch to be served there was lots of talk of what will become of our retirement plan if the P.B.G.C. takes it over. Doug Rankin read a couple paragraphs from a letter he received from California Senator Barbara Boxer, in response to a letter he wrote to her. I now quote from the letter she wrote me on July 18, 2005: "As you may know, on May 10, 2005, a U.S. Bankruptcy Court agreed to allow United Airlines (UAL) to terminate its pension plans and shift \$6.6 billion in liabilities to the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). Having supported legislation to enable all airlines to continue funding their pension plans, I am disappointed by this decision and by any attempts by the airlines to cut pensions. That is why I am cosponsoring S. 1158, the Stop Terminating Our Pensions Act. S. 1158 would temporarily prevent companies in bankruptcy from transferring their pension liabilities to PBGC. During the moratorium provided under the bill, Congress could work to fix the federal pension guaranty system while protecting employees at companies such as UAL. Please be assured that I will continue supporting this bill as it moves through the legislative process." End of quote.

Jack Hanson told of Shirley receiving her flying Octogenarian award. To receive this award and certificate one must be 80 years old, have a current FAA medical and the bi-annual flight review must also be current. The one remaining qualification, is you must fly an aircraft as pilot in command. Shirley was 80 on July 19th and on July 20th went to Oxnard, California and flew as pilot in command.

Lee Cameron, as always, had an interesting story out of the past. It was 1937 and he was flying Captain on a United DC-3 over Allentown, PA when he had a mid-air with a large bird. The bird struck the nose and the cockpit was engulfed in white feathers. Come join us at *Mimi's* September 15th for our next Valley Luncheon. Till then, *Doug Rankin*



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WASHINGTON AREA RUPA, EDDIE O'DONNELL LUNCHEON

July 20, 2005. It was evident that there was excitement and anticipation related to our lunch gathering today. Our Loudoun contingent of four arrived at 10:50 to find the parking lot almost full. My concern was that the Westwood Golfers had used the parking area and our lunch attendees would not have parking available. Surprise, surprise! When we entered the club we found at least 20 already in the lobby awaiting our arrival. Seems that our many long distance travelers (Philadelphia, the Eastern Shore, Hampton Roads and Charlottesville) encountered no backups and with smooth sailing arrived very early. It was good to see Steve Jakubowski and Truman Miller back from their health battles. Jane and Roger Hall were our special guests and their presence was greatly appreciated.

We moved to the banquet room and began with a time of remembrance of those who have preceded us in the Flight West and, in particular, those departed since last we met: Capt. Howard Black and Capt. Paul Nordstrom. We remembered the pleasure of their company and the part they played in our lives and our profession.

After lunch, Larry Grube introduced our speaker Capt. Roger Hall. Roger began with the good news that we are all still receiving our pensions months after the PBGC attempted to take them from us. He then continued with background regarding the formation of URPBPA and walked us through the events of the past couple of years with regard to health and pension benefits. He said that on July 15th URPBPA filed its response to the PBGC's request that the Bankruptcy Court dismiss the claims of URPBPA and ALPA and turn the pilot's pension plan over to the PBGC right now with an effective date of 12/30/04. The PBGC now has until the 4th of August to reply and Judge Wedoff will make his decision on August 18th. Should the court rule against the PBGC, there will be a trial on Sept. 21st to decide if the plan will be terminated and, if so, with what effective date. Roger says that the Split/Freeze plan being offered by URPBPA would save the PBGC 750 million and would not be so onerous to UAL that it would interfere with the exit from bankruptcy. There would be no change to the benefits of current retirees and no harm to the benefits of those current pilots who have negotiated their new plan. He is optimistic but recognizes and acknowledges that the outcome is uncertain as legal processes are slow and may be protracted. In addition to soliciting our continued support for URPBPA, Roger reiterated his requests for our contact with Senators and Congressmen seeking support for both pieces of legislation that call for a 6 month moratorium on pension plan takeovers, both of which would retroactively apply to UAL. The group stood to express appreciation to Roger.

Jerry Goebel reported on the recovery progress of Poss Horton, Dick Ferrand, George Paull, Susie Stanley and Jackie Abel and he requested members keep their contact information up to date.

The normally scheduled October 19 Luncheon is canceled. All you local folks are encouraged to attend the RUPA Convention Banquet on October 16th. Locally, we cannot handle convention and luncheon both. Please get your Convention Registration, Banquet Reservation and tour choices in right away. We cannot sign the contract with the Bus Company until the minimum numbers are signed up. The longer we wait the greater the likelihood that the busses will not be available.

You should have heard the murmur of excitement when the Golden Vessel appeared for the drawing. Michael Bennett drew winning tickets for Al Buff and Terry Davies.

Among the 61 attendees today were first timers Dick Burke, Chuck Heid, Russ Kuhl, Bob Magdaleno, Chuck Pierce and Larry Schulte. Also attending were: Jane Hall, Roger Hall, Pat Austin, Jon Beckett, Michael Bennett, Lloyd Blackwell, Al Buff, Chet Castle, John Cerisano, Hal Cockerill, Tom Coffey, Gary Cook, Gil Coshland, Gene Couvillion, Dub Crawford, Ed Crowther, Terry Davies, Billy Davis, Doug Deidrick, Bob Engl, Jack Evans, Jim Foster, Denis Getman, Paul Gilson, Jerry Goebel, Dale Grigg, Larry Grube, Bob Huguley, Steve Jakubowski, Fred Keister, Roger Lemieux, John Linderman, Joe Lubozynski,

Dave Malone, Frank McKenzie, Jim Meadows, Lew Meyer, Ed Miller, Truman Miller, Dan Murphy, Bill Nolan, Ralph Pasley, Herb Petitt, Larry Rooney, Joe Rozic, Bill Salisbury, Bernie Schwartzman, Jerry Shuts, Jack Sodergren, Sim Stidham, Fred Streb, Wade Weeks, E.K. Williams, Powell Williams, Andy Yates.

Gentleman, we need your help in keeping the mailing list up to date. 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 *Westwood Country Club* in Vienna, Virginia and we invite any of RUPA to join us. Social time begins at 1115 with lunch served at noon. Our next luncheon is Stag on **Wednesday, January 18th, 2006**. 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

TOP HOAXES OF ALL TIME

SIDD FINCH

In its April 1985 edition, Sports Illustrated published a story about a new rookie pitcher who planned to play for the Mets. His name was Sidd Finch and he could reportedly throw a baseball with startling, pinpoint accuracy at 168 mph (65 mph faster than anyone else has ever been able to throw a ball). Surprisingly, Sidd Finch had never even played the game before. Instead, he had mastered the "art of the pitch" in a Tibetan monastery under the guidance of the "great poet-saint Lama Milaraspa." Mets fans everywhere celebrated at their team's amazing luck at having found such a gifted player, and Sports Illustrated was flooded with requests for more information. But in reality this legendary player only existed in the imagination of the writer of the article, George Plimpton.

THE SWISS SPAGHETTI HARVEST

In 1957 the respected BBC news show Panorama announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in, and many called up wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti trees. To this question, the BBC diplomatically replied that they should "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best."

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LETTERS

JACKIE PANCOAST ABEL

Lou's birthday is Aug. 7 --- check sent to Cleve.

Incredible ----- after 13 yrs, my lung cancer has re-
curred. The surgeon said I was not a good surgical
candidate due to the location of the cancer. So, ----
- I just went thru 5 weeks, 6 days a week of Radia-
tion. I received this treatment on a brand new state
of the art machine. The process is called Tomo-
therapy. Side effects were very minimal. I didn't
get any burns but I am very tired, which the Dr.
says is normal and will get better. I will close this
with my usual statement ----- I beat it 13 yrs. ago
and I will beat it this time. *Jackie*

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JOHN H. ANDERSON—Green Valley, AZ

This July marks the 20th year in retirement.

I may have missed it, but I don't think we publicly
thanked the flight attendants for saving our butts by
releasing us and ending the strike.

Peggy died this year. She left behind 5 fine chil-
dren, loyal, loving friends and I'm stronger in some
ways because of the rigors of caregiving.

She had Parkinson's. That, combined with other
unfortunate incidents, put her in a wheelchair for
the last four years. The doctors did the best they
could with the medicine available, but, they deal
with symptoms and mostly depression, with no
cure in sight unless Embryonic Stem Cell Research
is given a solid assist.

I kind of enjoy my solitude.

Best regards to all. *John*

M. H. "ANDY" ANDERSON—Henderson, NV

Hi Cleve, Sorry I'm late with the check, but we had
a family emergency. All is taken care of and we
are ready to get on with our life.

I want to thank all of the people who are involved
in producing the *RUPANEWS*. You all do a great
job.

Dawn and I took our two grandchildren to Flag-
staff, AZ for a week in July to get away from some
of the heat here in the Vegas Valley. Had a great
time.

Let's hope we can get some good news about our
pensions this year. We need it.

Thanks again, *Andy*

CHUCK BLOOM—Missoula, MT

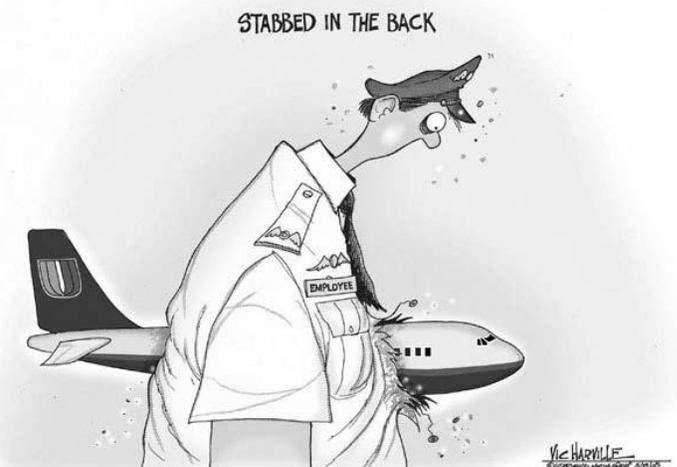
Hi All, at least this year my renewal is postmarked
June albeit the end of the month; a first.

I can't believe it's been ten years since I retired. At
the time I hated the thought of retirement but in
hindsight it's ok.

My wife, Peggy, and I returned to our home town
of Missoula, Montana and it's been a fun ten years.
We have both been blessed with good health. We
have been busy with hobbies, Peggy hooking
primitive (early American) design rugs and me re-
storing Model A Fords and flying around in my lit-
tle Kitfox.

The Kitfox is certainly a step down from a 747 but
with the tundra tires, there are lots of backcountry
mountain airstrips to land and have a picnic under
the wing.

My thanks and deep appreciation to all of you who
put so much time into getting this publication put
together and mailed out. It has to be a labor of love
and is certainly well received. *Chuck*



CORRINNE & JIM BOYER—Deerfield, IL

Greeting from beautiful NE Illinois. We are still renting here in Deerfield while our townhouse is being completed. We should have been in by May but now we expect to move in sometime in August.

The past year has been fairly uneventful - after we left Naples, FL - a Sarasota friend e-mailed me during the peak of the hurricane season and wondered if we were clairvoyant! Just lucky.

As some may remember, I had seed implant and external radiation to combat prostate cancer and after 8 years my PSA is still undetectable and very flat gland during my last physical last month. I'm very grateful that I found the Seattle Prostate Institute during my research of the problem.

We're looking forward to the Baltic cruise the end of this month. And also the convention in October is on the schedule. Should be a busy summer as we go up to northern Minnesota for a tennis tourney with a number of our Naples tennis friends. Yeah, still playing tennis and still trying to get all the strokes down correctly.

We're enjoying our grandkids - 12 at last count - they keep us busy with all their activities and our obligatory attendance. Wouldn't have it any other way.

Thanks Ted and all of the RUPARIANS who keep everyone informed. See you on the cruise and/or convention. Check in the mail to Cleve.

Fraternally, *Jim*

CLIFFORD W. CHANEY—St. George, UT

Dear Cleve, Thank you all, Folders & Stuffers, and the geniuses who are able to put together the random thoughts of retired air line pilots.

It was kind of a laugh trying to fit everyone's ideas into formalitive cognizance when I was council chairman. But not the pressure, now.

For all you people who were born in July, happy birthday. I specifically have been wishing Scotty

Devine, Steve Fusco, and the late Howard Anderson. And Howard, wherever you are, you are thought of and missed. Happy birthday.

Hard to believe it has been 27 years since I flew a scheduled airliner. But have been blessed by good health, so am still flying, instructing a little, and staying active. Thank you father.

Phyllis, bless her heart, keeps me busy with some of her little projects, plays her music, and finds new places to take me for lunch. Haven't found a \$100 hamburger yet, but was intrigued by the thought of going to marble canyon. Might have possibilities.

Talk to Jack Horrell quite often, he has the most wonderful attitude of anyone I know. Hard to keep Jack down. He sends his best to all.

If anyone is interested in my airplanes, they are for sale. Check aeroprakt.com; an A22 Varlet and an A26 Twin Vista, great fun, burn 5 gph, auto gas, and fabulous performance.

Have a great 2005, will be in touch.

Cliff & Phyllis

CARL CHRISTIANSEN—Incline Village, NV

Cleve, Another year plus a few months have passed since my last check so, unfortunately, this check is late.

Martha and I have taken two cruises, Sealover Cruise Lines, and had two wonderful sailings. In March, we sailed from Singapore for 14 days, and just got back from the second cruise to and from London. This one was very interesting, as we visited Berlin, Germany; Falia, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; and Stockholm, Sweden.

Much of our future free time will be spent fighting prostate cancer, which has now invaded most of the large bones in my body. I've been fighting this cancer since 1998, but the hormonal treatment has recently failed.

All the best to all who produce and send out the RUPANEWS. *Carl*

ALZHEIMER'S IMPOSTOR

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL—Alzheimer's disease has been in the news more and more often lately, particularly with the passing of President Reagan. Alzheimer's may affect as many as 4 million people in the US alone. It usually appears after age 60, and the first symptoms are often memory loss and confusion. Knowing the initial symptoms and how they differ from another condition called normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH) could be the key to saving a loved one's life.

We know that NPH is rarer than Alzheimer's, but there are no good estimates of how many people actually have the problem. It can go unreported or get misdiagnosed as either dementia or Alzheimer's.

NPH is a condition in which spinal fluid builds up in the brain and creates pressure—resulting neurological problems. The first symptoms generally associated with NPH are the feeling of one's feet being "glued to the floor," resulting in a shuffle when walking; urinary incontinence; and mild memory loss. Unlike Alzheimer's, severe memory loss and confusion appear later in NPH. And unlike Parkinson's, NPH normally isn't associated with tremors.

Unfortunately, because of misdiagnosis it generally takes between 7 to 9 years before it's discovered that an individual actually has NPH and not Alzheimer's. However, it can be detected through the use of brain scans or through a spinal tap. There is no cure for Alzheimer's, but NPH can be treated successfully by draining the extra fluid surrounding the brain.

The Hydrocephalus Association feels that as many as 375,000 of the 4 million individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's may actually be suffering from treatable NPH. If you know of someone diagnosed with Alzheimer's, make sure his or her doctor has ruled out NPH. Because of a misdiagnosis, some patients have suffered for as long as 20 years with the belief that they had Alzheimer's disease. And during that period, they gradually begin to suffer from the same type of symptoms—such as losing their memory or their ability to walk or speak, and experiencing progressive dementia. Once the pressure on the brain is relieved, their whole symptom picture improves and they begin to recover.

NEWS TO USE FROM AROUND THE WORLD/ *Alternatives* June 2005

INTERESTING IDEA

Paramedics will turn to a victim's cell phone for clues to that person's identity. You can make their job much easier with a simple idea that they are trying to get everyone to adopt: **ICE**.

ICE stands for **In Case of Emergency**. If you add an entry in the contacts list in your cell phone under **ICE**, with the name and phone number of the person that the emergency services should call on your behalf, you can save them a lot of time and have your loved ones contacted quickly.

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Paramedics know what **ICE** means and they look for it immediately.

ICE your cell phone **NOW!**

CHUCK COREY—Evergreen, CO

Dear Ted: It's that time of the year again. Not too much traveling this year. Emily had hip replacement surgery in May. That went well, but two weeks after surgery blood clots formed in her leg and in her lungs, which knocked her down quite a bit. She's doing well now.

George McCullough's letter brought back memories of the Flying Box Car. I have a few hours in that bird. The 4360s were fine but the 3350s were a little touchy when flying formation on a drop in Korea or where ever. Saw a few jugs go through the cowlings.

Thanks to all who put out the *RUPANEWS* and especially to Cleve. Checks in the snail mail.

Chuck

ROSE COSGRAVE—Kenmore. WA

Dear Cleve: Since I am very late with dues this year, I'm enclosing another twenty-five for next year. Please forgive me and just blame it on my age (83 in Nov.), for forgetting important things like thanking all of you there who work so very hard to put out this interesting and informative journal.

My health is not the greatest I have my share of the usual aches and pains - but still drive, and get around fairly well. I thank God for my family who are so helpful and keep me "feeling" young by producing my sweet great grandchildren - 4 at last count!

Again I send to all, my heartfelt thanks for a job well done. Stay optimistic and keep well!

Best Regards, *Rose*

THOMAS E. COSGROVE JR.—Potomac, MD

I would like to thank all the folks who have kept us abreast of the dealings with the problems at UAL, pensions, insurance, etc. etc.

At times I feel like a mushroom...kept in the dark and fed a lot of b...s...!

This is my 75th summer and time sure flies by.

We had our last Capital Airline picnic this past fall.....a passing of a great tradition.

Had the second knee replaced this winter. Peg & I became great grandparents for the first time. Elected to the sports hall of fame at the University of Maryland this spring.

Getting ready to take the whole gang to the shore for our annual trek.

Check is in the mail. *Tom*

PATRICK DONOVAN—Blenheim, NZ

Hi Ted;

Thought I had better check in and add my thanks to all at RUPA from the edge of the known Universe; you are almost my only lifeline to the interesting times that we all live in. I quit four years early and moved to New Zealand where I am growing grapes; one of my better decisions in life. I live in a fairy tale valley at the north end of the South Island near the town of Blenheim. I had planned to grow grapes as a hobby, but as I am not yet 60 years old, there won't be much left of the "A" fund to live on so I guess my farm will be my subsistence. I chose a pleasant place to be poor in at any rate. New Zealand does not have an age 60 rule, so there is a possibility I can find some flying. I had a job flying DC-3s in Tonga, but Tonga went broke, again, just after I finished ground school. Still having much fun down here with my old Lockheed flying around the spectacular scenery.

If anyone is down this way, get in touch and I can translate 'Kiwi' to 'Yank' and point you towards the best parts of NZ.

Regards,

Pat Donovan lockheed@mlb.planet.gen.nz

BILL ENGEL—Easton, PA

Dear Ted: Not much change from last year for Nancy and me. I did have a TIA (Mini Stroke), but the ultimate results were just about back to normal. As for United Airlines, they are trying hard to bring the company back but there always seems to be something to slow the process. This time very high fuel costs, and it looks like they will last a while. So what next? I guess we just hunker down and await developments.

My best to all. *Bill*

LEE FRANCIS—Penn Valley, CA

Hi Cleve, Already it's three birthdays since I set the brakes on a -400 for the last time and I am putting a check in the mail. Thank you for all your good work.

Shirley and I are enjoying retirement in spite of the mess at UAL. We spend part of our time at our place on the North coast, taking short trips and going to social events. In April we took a short cruise in the Caribbean as part of a financial seminar. On my birthday we disembarked from the RUPA cruise in Copenhagen. We had a new ship, smooth seas, good weather at every port and it was a pleasure being with fellow retirees and spouses. Rich Bouska and Jerry's Travel Service did a fine job of setting up the cruise and getting choice seats in the dining room. There were 12 couples and we would have liked to see more of you.

On the way home we stopped in London. The subways were back in operation except the areas that were bombed. A visit to Churchill's war rooms is very interesting. It is just like it was in 1945 plus a new museum addition. We spent one day at the American Air Museum and Imperial War Museum at Duxford. It is a living and working museum where aircraft are restored and some are flown as well as displayed. Getting there involved a 50 minute train ride from London to Cambridge and about a 45 minute bus ride to Duxford.

Thanks to all of you who keep the *RUPANEWS* informative and interesting. *Lee*

MIKE AND CLARE GALLAGHER—Sparta, NJ

It's two years since I retired and we have been busier than ever. Five grandchildren plus one on the way keep us running. By the time this is published our pension fate should be known. Last year I wrote an article for the NY Report but they elected not to print it.

The Brother/Sister Hood is Over

Most of you New York pilots know me. I am retired Captain Mike Gallagher. Spent 36 plus years with United Airlines. Worked for ALPA for 30

plus years. As a young pilot I was pension chairman at EWR, later schedule chairman at EWR and then JFK. You could also find me at most union meetings. I also ran for council chairman and lost to Charlie Walters. I was involved.

In 1985 I had a choice to make. I was offered a contract with a pay raise. For all you pilots not hired yet there was going to be the B scale. The company was bribing all us old pilots, hoping we would sell you out. Hey, what did we owe you, you weren't even hired yet. Did we take the bribe, hell no. We did the morally right thing and walked the line. Did we win, no, but we did get the B scale slowed down and stopped fully in later contracts. **We old pilots fought for you and you were not even on the property.**

In fact there were many pilots who honored the picket line in 1985 who were very close to retirement. Some retired off the picket line, quite a retirement flight wouldn't you say. The issue of a 'B-scale would never affect them, except for – **what it would do to the profession.**

Now it's 20 years later. To me it appears that over 70% of you have forgotten about the brother/sisterhood and what it means. You too were also offered a bribe in this contract. You were given \$550 million and 6% into a C fund for rolling over and not fighting for me and the retirees. (The rest of the unions are not rolling over, you should be ashamed of yourselves.) **You took the bribe.**

So what's the bottom line? I put my job on the line for you in 1985 and until now never regretted it. I can walk with my head held high because I know I did the morally right thing by fighting for you and the future. **What can the 70% of you who voted to take the bribe say?**

Till next year, *Mike & Clare*

CHUCK GEORGE—Stanwood, WA

This is my third or fourth attempt to sit down and write this letter. The other times were interrupted by various other people who thought they had claims on my time more important than RUPA. My wife gets these delusions of grandeur from time to

time, and since I am afraid of her well, it's not fear so much as a desire to keep eating, being able to sleep with both eyes closed, and not wanting my plate to get thrown into the street. For those of you who think you know my wife, just remember, you actually thought your pensions were safe, so we can't rely on your appraisals. Anyway, I forgot what it was I was going to tell you, so suffice to say, I'm still among the living, and really appreciate all of your efforts to keep us informed. I've always lived by the premise that ignorance was bliss, but it's nice to be able to make some plans in case the worst happens. The check's in the mail I hope.

Chuck

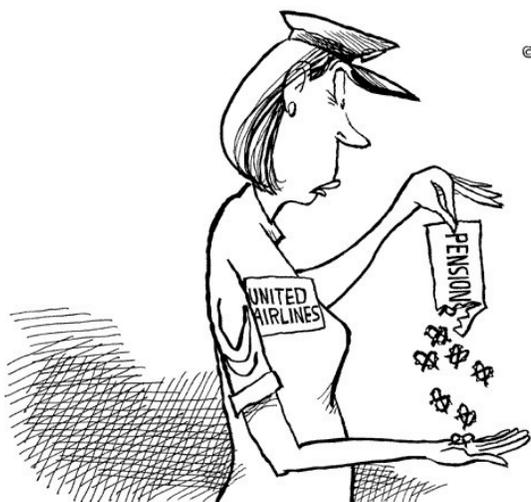
BILL LAWRENCE—Snohomish, WA

Hi Cleve, Not a lot to report from here. My 88th birthday is coming up on August 3, so I figure I may make the deadline for once.

Oneida's only 87 so she's still bowling. I still shoot a good target once in a while but it didn't get any easier when I had to start shooting left-handed when I developed a blind spot in the center of my right eye.

That's about all the excitement we need these days. I've been married to the same woman for 62 years and I hope we can stretch it out to 72. However it ends, I don't want to be here without her.

Check is enclosed and many thanks for all you guys do. *Bill*



CHARLES B. LEWIS—Montgomery, AL

Cleve, Please accept my apologies for the late check. No excuses. Just didn't get my "round tuit!" Sign me up for next year too.

Bette and I are still putting around down here in Montgomery, AL. We managed to escape the fury of Charlie, Ivan and Dennis with very little damage. Of course, the summer/fall season is just beginning. Hope our luck holds out.

Keep the *RUPANEWS* coming. We both enjoy it.

Thanks, *Chuck*

DWIGHT AND ELAINE LUBICH—Los Altos, CA

*That was us, once.....*The early SoCal arrivals from BSR on the OAK 151 slide towards Menlo x and SFO. Later, through my left window, crossing the bay on the Dumbarton Bridge while enjoying Rhapsody in Blue (one of management's better calls), I muse watching the sleepy crews of the 'heavies' arriving from Pacific-rim cities, attempting the perfect slam dunk - "more flaps (and maybe gear now), wait, not yet!" - two man crews with no S/O's to supervise! Out my right window the corkscrew, overhead departures from SJC, mostly desert colors or no paint at all and a mere few in Wall Street livery. Through the windshield a steady stream of more desert colors and maybe Shabu or Shamu, headed for OAK. At destination, leading tours on Hornet's flight deck, a continuous escape of Herb's armada making noise overhead off Oakland's 29 (wasn't UAL there once)! In the winter months, it's the OAK 11 vs. the SFO 19 ILS's airshow. Driving down I-280 from San Francisco, my final snap shot is the steady, jeweled conga line of landing lights, eagerly awaiting to roost on SFO's 28's - maybe our protégées coming home? These sights, which I enjoy every day, help me remember and savor - that was us once, **all of us!** The pages in our mind's scrap book recount other sights so often enjoyed while crisscrossing our nation on so many flights - Niagara Falls, the Grand Tetons, the Grand Canyon, the mountain / volcano range from SFO to SEA and beyond, New England's fall colors, the big city lights, the magnificence of the towering CUs, the sun / moon rises and sets. Those who flew beyond these shores have additional images, I'm certain.

That was then - the years we produced for our company. Now on our final leg, the destination has gone below minimums forever. The alternate (which we didn't choose) is PBGC; a short runway with a gusting crosswind, no precision approach nor DME, a part-time tower and limited facilities. However, we do have some place to set down. We flew United's airplanes, remain proud of our profession and are grateful for a wonderful career. We got to do what so many others didn't, but we did - we got to fly those airplanes, equipment far superior than anything most of us could have dreamed of in the beginning. Thus, one must honestly ask, what else would I have done (or would have wanted to do) in this life?

Check gear, hook and flaps - clear deck

Paddles

W. (BUD) LUNDE—Pleasanton, CA

Cleve, I just read through my July *RUPANEWS* and realized I was way overdue on my postage money! Before writing my check, I noticed the letter from Milt Jines regarding excuses for being late! That was very funny and also I know I better not try any new excuse.

So far so good with my eight year confrontation with prostate cancer. I am feeling good and expecting to enjoy a family reunion at Gold Beach, Oregon during late July 2005.

Thank you all for the fantastic job in producing *RUPANEWS*!

Sincerely, *Bud*

SHERM MANCHESTER – Novato & Palm Desert, CA

Hi Ted,

The check is in the snail mail to Cleve.

Not much new to tell this year... oh yeah, we married off the last kid a week ago. We now have one living in Mudgee, NSW, Australia, one in Montpelier, VT, and one in San Diego, CA. I also attended my 50th High School reunion in Coronado. They've

had a nice tradition there for the last 30 years, or so. They invite the class from 50 years prior to come and participate in the graduation. They give out new diplomas to the old farts. One of my classmates is a long time high school teacher. He said it was the most orderly, and civilized, graduation he'd ever seen. I think the military influence is still pretty strong there. The junior NROTC is active, and the honor guard brought in the flag. One of the students sang the national anthem, and everybody actually stood with their hand over their heart. All of the kids were well dressed, with dress shirt and tie under their robes for the boys. They had a startling number of advanced degrees showing among the faculty; amazing, for a public high school. Another factoid that kinda startled me was that almost all of the men in my class had spent time in the military, some for full careers. Being Coronado, most had been in the Navy, and for only having about 40 guys I think 10 flyers was a lot! We do tend to forget the influence the draft had on our lives.

Thanks for keeping the *NEWS* coming. I read it cover to cover every month.

Sherm

MAC MC CROSKEY—Vancouver, WA

Dear Ted.

I'm coming up on 14 years of retirement next month. I don't know how I ever had time to work. I moved this year to Vancouver, WA from Portland, OR to lower my tax bill. They even have a county income tax in Portland.

Still enjoy skiing and boating. I'm on my 14th round trip between San Diego, where I winter, and the northwest in my Hans Christian, Independence Trawler. This summer will make my 10th journey to South East Alaska via the inside passage.

Still get together with Charlie Kettering in the winter to ski the Colorado Rockies

Thanks to all who make the newsletter possible.

Regards, *Mac*

ONE WAY TO REVERSE LUPUS (IT ISN'T DRUGS)

If you have any neurological disease, lupus, or a rheumatic disease, it may not be a disease at all. It could be an allergy!

A major rheumatology journal report described three cases of diagnosed "lupus," a serious so-called auto-immune disease where the pundits think your body is attacking itself. In each of these cases, the cure for lupus wasn't drugs. It wasn't even supplements. And it costs nothing!

Case #1: A 20-year-old female who had struggled with health problems from birth. She failed to thrive as a baby, and has always suffered from malaise and abnormal sweating. Diagnosed with lupus, she was placed on steroids and became resistant to them by age six. Then she was given immune-suppressive drugs (the common orthodox treatment when they just don't know what else to do).

By age 17, she graduated from the pediatric drug pushers and was seen in an adult rheumatology clinic. There, one bright fellow thought to check for gluten sensitivity. She was positive. When she eliminated gluten, her symptoms vanished within six months! Her blood tests normalized, and all drugs were stopped.

Case #2: Another 20-year-old female developed MS-type complaints (blurred vision, headaches, generalized weakness, and heaviness of legs). Tests for MS were negative. She was diagnosed with lupus and given aspirin. A few years later, she developed severe neurological symptoms. One side of her was partially paralyzed. She staggered on her feet. She was checked for gluten sensitivity and was positive. After six months of a gluten-free diet, her methotrexate (chemotherapy-type drug) was stopped, as it wasn't needed anymore.

Case #3: A 54-year-old female developed persistent headaches by age 40. She had a high ESR (classic lab marker for inflammation) and low white blood cell count. By 49, she had generalized hives, facial edema, and a very high ESR. Eventually, she made it to an astute gastroenterologist who found she had gluten sensitivity. A gluten-free diet cleared all her symptoms and brought the ESR test to normal.

Here's the important thing for you: If you're sensitive to gluten, the only symptom you may have is neurological dysfunction. Ataxia (staggering) and peripheral neuropathy are the most common signs. (I'm asked repeatedly about peripheral neuropathy!) Only one-third of these patients will have evidence of intestinal disease, the classical signs of gluten problems.

It's estimated that at least 1% of the U.S. and European population have this disorder. And for every patient with intestinal signs, there are at least eight others with silent gluten sensitivity (meaning no intestinal signs). Conventional medicine is finally admitting that there's a cause for at least some of the "idiopathic" inflammatory diseases. (Idiopathic means "we don't know what's causing it, so it must be you.")

If gluten can fool the pundits into thinking a problem is lupus, it's very possible it could be causing your inflammation.

If you have any strange malady, joint problems, neurological disease, or inflammation of any kind, I strongly suggest a test for gluten. There are two types of problems you'll need to look for — those inside the intestine and those on the outside of the intestine. Each requires a different test.

To test for gluten problems within the intestine, you'll need to get tests called antiendomysium (100% specificity) and tissue transglutaminase antibodies. (Don't worry about learning the names. Just show this to your integrative doctor and he'll know what to do.)

For symptoms outside the intestine, the antigliadin antibody test is a must. Antigliadin antibodies have been reported in as many as 23% of diagnosed lupus patients. That's a whopping number.

A final test that I've found useful is a tissue-typing test. It's much like a blood-type test. If the test says you have type HLA DQ2, it suggests gluten sensitivity.

Gluten is found in the following grains and all their byproducts: wheat, barley, oats, spelt, kamut, and rye. Please check for gluten sensitivity should you have any inflammation of "unknown" cause or a so-called autoimmune disorder. I personally don't believe in "autoimmune" diseases. I think all such diseases are your body's reaction to something in it that should not be there (such as an allergen, poison, metal, or infection). You could spare yourself a lifetime of steroid and chemotherapy-type drugs with all their terrible toxicity.

Ref: *Ann Rheum Dis*, 2004;63:1501-1503.

Looking for an integrative physician near you? These organizations can help:

International Oxidative Medicine Association — For a free list, please call my publisher at 800-728-2288.

International College of Integrative Medicine - 866-464-5226 or www.icimed.com

American College for Advancement in Medicine - 800-532-3688 or www.acam.org

Dr. Robert Jay Rowen's **SECOND OPINION** / July 2005

THE POTATO GARDEN

An old man lived alone in the country. He wanted to dig his potato garden but it was very difficult work as the ground was hard. His only son Fred, who used to help him, was in prison.

The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Fred, I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my potato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here, all my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me.

Love, Dad

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Dad,

For heaven's sake, don't dig up that garden! That's where I buried the BODIES.

Love, Fred

At 4 am the next day, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day, the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Dad,

Go ahead and plant the potatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love, Fred

WARREN MUGLER—Denver, CO

Dear Ted,

It is with sadness that I want to report the passing of my good wife, Elaine.

We just completed 60 years of marriage on May 4th and she passed away June 11th. The last four years had been hard for her following a stroke. We are content knowing that her pain is over and she is with the Lord she loved.

I do appreciate all the work you folks do in getting this publication out.

Thanks, *Warren*

JIM NUGENT—Reno NV

Hi Cleve, The check's in the mail.

It's been quite a year in Reno. We broke a 70 year snow record this winter and just broke a record for the most days in a row over 100 degrees.

Norma and I are well. We moved into our new home 5 days before Christmas. After apartment living for a year and a half even that was a good time. We sold our home in the mountains to get out of the snow and came home from Maui this winter to find three feet of snow in our driveway at the new house which was supposed to be out of the big snow belt. They had nine feet at our old house so I don't feel too badly.

I'm still flying for Orbis which has been a real worthwhile experience. I have seen some miraculous surgery in the third world countries to which we fly the plane. United has dropped Orbis almost as fast as they dropped our pensions and Fed Ex has taken over our support. They train us, supply most of our fuel, maintain the airplane and even supply one of their mechanics to travel for a year with the airplane. Some of the old United guys are retiring from the operation and we are seeing more Fed Ex pilots on our flights. This year I've been to Havana, Shengang China, Delhi, Dublin (for a fund raiser) and just returned from a place called Kashi, China. It's as far west in China as you can go without leaving the country. We flew the airplane from there to Subic Bay where Fed Ex has its Far East hub. They let us park the airplane there free of charge between missions. I love the flying and will continue as long as I am able. A couple of our younger pilots have taken jobs with Jet Blue and Clay Lacy because they know they can't live on their PBGC pensions.

I thank all the guys who work so hard on this wonderful publication and thank Doug Wilsman for all the time he has devoted to keeping us informed on the pension issue. *Jim*

R.M. "BOB" PURYEAR—Trinity Center, CA

It is time for my annual letter to RUPA to fulfill the requirements of membership. My check is in the snail mail to Cleve Spring.

This is the 24th year of retirement for me. My 84th birthday is Bastille Day, July 14. I know I share this birthday with several RUPA friends. Happy Birthday to you all!

The main event in our life this past year was the 2 months spent in Loma Linda CA where I received the Proton Beam Therapy, for prostate cancer, at Loma Linda University Medical Center. We spent all of December and January in Loma Linda. Thus, we accomplished two goals. I had my cancer eliminated and we eliminated the chore of shoveling snow for the entire season.

I cannot say enough positive things about the treatment at Loma Linda. It was recommended to me by numerous RUPA members who had nothing but positive things to say. In the July 2004 *RUPANEWS* Carl Hankwitz provided a very complete analysis of the facility and the treatment. I certainly agree with all his points, The treatment has no bad effects. There are none of the terrible things that most of the Doctor-recommended therapies imply-No incontinence, no impotence, no hot flashes, no pain-nothing except positive treatment in an outstanding medical facility, by very caring, competent people., My first PSA, 4 months after treatment was 2.4. The last PSA I had, before treatment, was 7.2. It is expected to go down with each 6 month check up. I am confident that I have been cured of this cancer. I heartily recommend this treatment and the facility and personnel.

If you want to research the Proton Beam Therapy check out the Loma Linda website: www.llumc.edu for the entire history and technical details There is also a patients' organization that provides a wealth of information: Proton Bob: www.protonbob.com.

We have signed up for the RUPA Convention in October. Hope to see lots of our old friends there. Warm regards to all Ruparians....*Bob*

HANDFULS ON PURPOSE ... CHARLES SCHULZ PHILOSOPHY

The last sentence says it all.

Charles Schulz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read straight through and you'll get the point.

Name the five wealthiest people in the world.

Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.

Name the last five winners of the Miss America.

Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.

Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.

Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.

Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.

Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.

Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.

Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

Pass this on to those people who have made a difference in your life. "Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia." (Charles Schulz)

LOCKED YOUR KEYS IN YOUR CAR?

If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone on your cell phone.

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the other person at your home press the unlock button of your key fob (clicker), holding it near the phone on their end. Your car doors will unlock and save someone from having to drive your keys to you.

Distance is no object you could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk!).

JOHN M. REED—Sausalito, CA

Dear Ted,

Another year has passed and what an active one it has been. Life after retirement is full, busy, and rewarding.

I'm on the board of a non profit organization that is restoring a 455' long metal hole in the water. We're restoring the USS Red Oak Victory, a WW II cargo ship. (www.ssredoakvictory.org) It is a formidable task, but great progress is being made by an all volunteer group. Right now we are trying to figure how to best spend a \$1M+ grant. It sounds like a great deal of money, but we are finding that it disappears fast on a project like this!

Just for fun, I'm working on a Technician class amateur radio license. My Stearman and Waco cabin biplanes are restored to museum condition and we're now in the final stages of restoring a 1944 vintage deHavilland Rapide. For those who remember him, it used to be owned by Bob Puryear, UAL retired. Each day finds me with a long list of things to do. I'm sure that many of our group can relate to this.

Carol and I just returned from another cruise, this one on Norwegian Cruise Lines around the Hawaiian Islands. It was all very interesting, but we'll try to continue our cruising with Holland America Line as we have found them to be excellent in every respect.

I always enjoy news and articles in the *RUPANEWS* and thank all who work to produce it.

Best, *John*

New address: jmreed82@sbcglobal.net

BOB REFVEM—Reno, NV

Dear Cleve, Enclosed is my check for another year.

Just had my 85th, a grand celebration. Kids and grandchildren flew in from all over the country.

Pat and I surprised the family and got married last year.

The git in my git-a -long is a little slower these days, but I have more hair than my 50 year old son!

Thanks for all you do. *Bob*

RICK SABER, aka NORTON I—San Rafael, Ca'la

One odd life change came unexpectedly to me this January when I was given the role of "Norton I", Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico. My predecessor, a larger than life, portly, historian, had carried on in the role of Emperor for 25 years, until his death, to the delight of numerous civic groups, tourists, my Brothers in the Ancient and Honorable Order E Clampus Vitus, of which I have been an active member for a quarter century. The original "Norton I" was an early San Francisco character in the gold-rush era of 1849 till his death in 1880. His eccentric nature, characterized by the wearing of outrageous military garb including feathered plumes adorning his top-hat, was honored by all in the City of St. Francis. Numerous Norton proclamations were published, such as a mandate to build both the S.F. Bay Bridge as well as the Golden Gate, were made about 70 years before the actual building. He abolished both houses of Congress...perhaps not such a bad idea to some. The man I follow until I, too, march into the "Golden Hills" was about two hundred pounds heavier. Therefore, I have been dubbed "Norton Lite".

If anyone out in Rupa-Land would care to become titled, such as Czar, Duke of Cumulus, Airworthy Prince or whatever, I'd be happy to formally arrange your proper elevation, for a slight stipend. (Chuck Nemish need not apply, as we all know of his numerous titles). Now, back to Imperial business.....

Royal greetings to all, *Emperor Norton I & Dutchess Al-deana*



HOWARD A. SHAW—Coram, NY

Hi Ted

It's been a tough year. Two of Florida's September hurricanes played havoc with our Fort Pierce Condo. We were unable to go south until April. Of course it was a cold and snowy winter. The shortage of material and skilled labor made the repairs very slow. Here it is July and I am late with my letter but the Condo is livable and we are on our way home to Long Island. Weather permitting we will return to Florida in November. *Howard*

HASHAW25@aol.co

TED SHOLL—Kapolei, Hawaii

Hi All--Almost 10 years since I last set the parking brake on a 767 at IAD. So many events since then it makes my head spin. First I would like to thank all who do so much for us--the RUPA officers and the guys who publish the *RUPANEWS*, Doug Wilman for his invaluable researching and insight in getting us the straight scoop long before UAL or the PBGC even think of it. (And it may be years until they do.) And especially Roger Hall and Jerry Terstiege for forming URPBPA and fighting for us retired guys. Thanks a million, guys.

We are living in Kapolei, Hawaii in a resort on the western shore of Oahu--a great place called Ko Olina. We still maintain links to San Diego, CA, where our son Reid and his family live. We kept our sailboat, the Sound of Silence, a Catalina 380, in Coronado and spend a month or two on board every year, which gives me a chance to play golf with some old Navy and UAL buddies.

Since the A Plan seems shaky at best, I have begun real estate training in the event things get bad (last time I tried something like that was May 1985.) There are at least 2 other UAL retired captains doing the same out here.

Marion and I are in good health so far, and working hard at learning to hit the little white ball. (Golf) Had to give up tennis because of hip and knee probs, but still manage lots of physical exercise.

Have enjoyed getting together with other retired UAL folk out here at the monthly lunch meetings. Good folks.

Loads to and from HI are in the 90% area, so I guess UAL will soon cancel them for lack of improvement. Can't wait to see the new "Business Plan" whenever they come up with one.

Our best to all our friends. *Ted*

PS: check's in the mail!!

FRANK SWAIM—Birmingham, AL

Dear Ted:

Greetings and thanks to all for continuing our great RUPA letter.

Doing ok for 90 (retired 30) still looking down at the grass, passing 1st class physicals and no medications. I'm fortunate and very grateful.

No travels due to Evelyn's declining health - diagnosed with Alzheimer's in December and Diabetes in April. So, I am full time care-giver on a strict schedule.

We're keeping our Garden Home account the conveniences, but must stay close by.

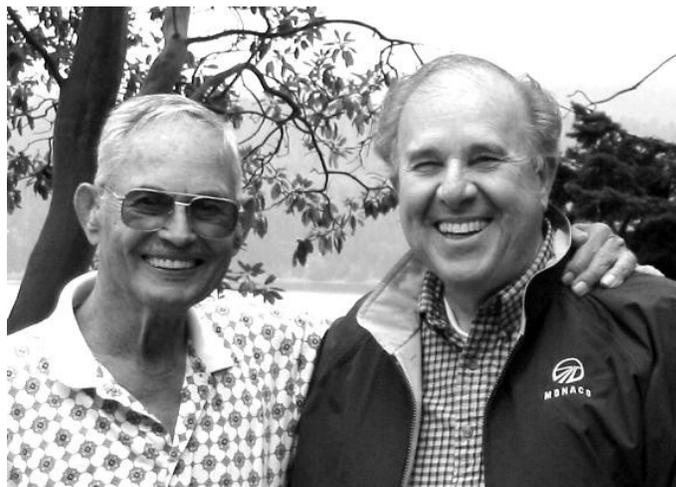
Hope to report in 2006. Have a great year for yourself.

Check to Cleve. Best regards, *Frank*

DON & DONETTE WRIGHT

Dear Ted;

We were Honored with guests from our past and wish to include their picture and some information of interest to most of the older LAXFO guys and gals.



Donette and I were honored to have Capt Wally Sitton and his lovely wife Leilani, visit with us for about a week in July. We notified Judy, Capt Ben Harpers very good friend, of the visit and decided to surprise Ben with all of us for dinner at his Sequim, WA home. Ben was really surprised to see all of us at his house, two of his old copilots and Donette from the LAX flight office, all there for dinner on him. A good time was had by all. See included picture.

Love to all, *Don & Donette Wright*

IN MEMORIAM

PAUL A. NORDSTROM

Paul was a good friend and neighbor. We had flying, music, and coffee in common. The back of the program at his memorial contained the following verse:

*Coffee is the best drink
in the world
Of all the worldly drinks.
It livens the soul
and strengthens the spirit,
and goes from the top of your head
to the bottom of your feet.*

- Old Swedish saying -

Paul and Maggie enjoyed the *RUPANEWS* and I know Maggie would enjoy any communications from old friends. Their address is in the annual RUPA info publication. Paul's birthday was in August. I'll make sure that his annual postage is paid so Maggie can continue to receive the *NEWS*.

Thanks for all you do.

KD (Ken) Anderson, Capt., retired

PATRICK LEE HAM

Retired Captain Patrick Lee Ham passed away on July 16, 2005 at his residence in Ft Collins, CO. Pat served in the Army Air Corps during WW-II, primarily in the CBI Theater. He married his wife Phyllis in May, 1944. After the war he separated from the military, but rejoined the Air Force reserve in 1950. He joined United in 1945 and flew for 34 years.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, two sons, Michael and Patrick, one daughter, Susan, and two brothers, Coy and Robert. He also had six grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

HOWARD W. REID

It is with regret that I report the final flight west for Howard W. Reid. Howard was 93 years of age. He had pancreatic cancer.

An obit will be sent as soon as we can get it together

Ted Wilkinson

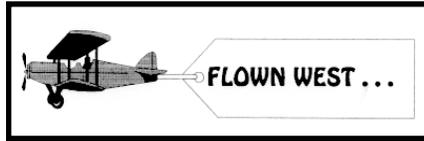


CORRECTION

It was reported in the July, 2005 *RUPANEWS*, that JOHN R. TURNER had Flown West. We are delighted to report that he has not.

We apologize to Captain Turner and his wife Barbara for the error and for the discomfort that it has caused.

Ted Larusson, Ed.



FRANKLIN T. RUSHMORE	12/14/2004
EARL G. THOMAS	2/15/2005
HAROLD L. ANSELL	5/04/2005
JACOB H. HURST	5/11/2005
PAUL B. FRANZ*	5/30/2005
PAUL A. NORDSTROM	6/13/2005
PATRICK LEE HAM	7/16/2005
HOWARD W. REID	7/21/2005

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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

- 1st Thu. SFO North Bay---*Petaluma Sheraton*
2nd Mon. SW FL---*Olive Garden, Ft. Myers* - 239-417-8462
2nd Tue. San Diego Co---*San Marcos CC*- 760-723-9008
2nd Tue. Nov-Apr Treasure Coast Sunbirds---*Mariner Sands CC* - 772-286-6667
2nd Thu. Oct-Apr. SE FL Gold Coast--- *Flaming Pit* - 561-272-1860
2nd Fri. PHX Roadrunners---*Best Western En Suites Scottsdale Airport, AZ* - 480-948-1612
3rd Tue. DEN Good Ole Boys--- *11:30am American Legion Post 1* - 303-364-1565
3rd Tue. LAS High Rollers---*Memphis Barbecue* - 702-896-8821
3rd Tue. NE FL---*Spruce Creek CC* - 386-760-9736
3rd Tue. Dana Point CA--- *Wind & Sea Restaurant* - 949-496-2691
3rd Thu. LAX---(Even Mo.) *Hacienda* - 310-821-6207;
3rd Thu. LAX---(Odd Mo.) *Mimi's, Chatsworth* - 818-992-8908
3rd Thu. Ohio Northcoasters---*TJ's Wooster* (Always coed.) - 440-235-7595
3rd Thu. SEA Gooneybirds---*Airport Marriott* - 425-893-9154
3rd Thu. So. Oregon (MFR)---*Pony Express, Jacksonville* - 541-245-6896
3rd Thu. TPA Sundowners---*Boston Cooker* - 727-787-5550
Last Thu. Hawaii Ono Nenes---*Mid Pacific Country Club*

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---*Westwood CC* - 540-338-4574

Semi-Annually Scheduled Lunches

- Call. Mar, Nov. Tucson---*Tucson Country Club*---520-797-3912

Deadline: August 24, 2005

Mailing: September 7, 2005



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