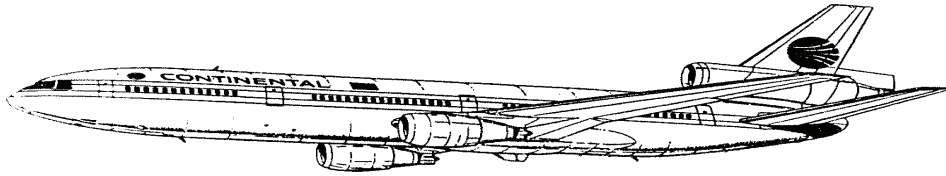


The Golden Tale



ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF CONTINENTAL AIRLINES

Notes from President Mickey Manfre

GREETINGS!

**TIME FLIES LIKE AN ARROW;
FRUIT FLIES LIKE A BANANA.....**

WOW!!! Mother Nature has sure shown us who is in control. Earthquakes and volcano eruptions have taken their toll in human life and property damage. As if the airlines weren't having enough problems, the Iceland eruption played havoc with northern European air service.

I heard somewhere that Ryan Air was planning to install coin slots on the 'blue room doors. Spirit Air is to start charging for overhead carry-on bags. Did you ever notice that in the old movies when they showed people on airplanes they were always in first class with the china and glass service? Boy! What a difference thirty years makes.

Please don't forget the quickly approaching Fall Fling in September! Vegas Al and committee would appreciate any help in making the Fling a success. Volunteers would be appreciated in all phases of the operation of the Fling. So, please think about giving a little of your time when you get there and let Al know your intentions. THANKS.

I hope someone might have one of the old airline posters promoting San Francisco lying around in the way and would like to get rid of it. If so, please let me know.

A BOILED EGG IS HARD TO BEAT...

2010

JUNE

Past Golden Jets

February, 1975:, among the announced TailMover winners were Joe Burns and Jeanette Martin.

April, 1975, article about the last DC-9 flight. Flight 181, DFW, LBB, ELP, and LAX. Capt. Tom Schuchat, F/O Roger Krammer, F/A's-Joy (Word) Ross, Jan Yandell, and Sue Hughes. By the way, that was aircraft 912. I was the one that saluted Tom and crew off the blocks.

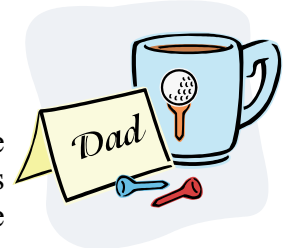
If you have a story of interest and would like to share it with everyone, send it to our editor, Marti, or send it to me and I will get it in the newsletter, if possible.

I just looked out the window and it's getting pretty foggy. Gaby has left to play golf with some neighbors, but I have a feeling they will just go to Panera bakery and have a bagel and coffee (which sounds really good about now).

HAPPINESS COMES THROUGH DOORS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU LEFT OPEN

The old clock on the wall says it is time to shut up and close this issue. So, until we meet again....

**CHEERS,
*Mickey***



EMPLOYEE BULLETIN NO. 9, May 3, 2010

We have decided to merge with United. We made this decision after extensive and careful consideration about what we need to do to succeed and thrive in the changing and competitive global airline industry. We believe this decision, which was unanimously approved by our Board of Directors, is in the long-term best interests of our co-workers, our customers, our stockholders and the communities we serve.

Ever since Sept. 11, 2001, our future has been unstable and uncertain. We've lost more than \$1 billion since then, and every time we've made progress, something bad has come along to set us back. This merger will help us break this cycle.

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COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar!

Denver Summer Picnic August 14 (see page 5)
CARM Spring Outing Mesa Verde, CO June 6-10
CARM Fall Outing , Chama & Taos, NM
Sept. 26-30 (see page 6)

ARECA Fall Fling—Las Vegas
September 21st and 22nd (Tuesday and Wednesday)
Denver Christmas luncheon, Thursday,
December 2, 2010, at the Renaissance Hotel
LAX ARECA Christmas Luncheon—Monday,
December 6, 2010, at the LAX Flight Path Museum

ATTENTION ARECA MEMBERS

We as ARECA Members need to take an active interest in our organization and get involved!

One way to get involved is to volunteer to run for office. Submit your name for one of the ARECA Officer or Board of Director positions available for the 2011 - 2012 term.

The election will be held at the 2010 Fall Fling in Las Vegas.

The positions open are Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director (3).

Incumbents are VP Sam Sweet, Secretary Errol Gomez, Treasurer De Ellett, and Directors Hans DeBeer, Mary Hess, and Miriam Taylor. Let's have more throw your hat in the ring!

I wish to be considered for :

_____ Vice President _____ Treasurer
_____ Secretary _____ Director (3)

Please send your Application and Resumé by May 20, 2010 to:

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4515 Paseo De Las Tortugas, Torrance, Ca 90505-6331

E-mail popovich.donmarlis@verizon.net

Please cc: Marti Treckman, 24125 Verdun Lane, Murrieta, CA 92562-1979

E-mail: martimusician@verizon.net

Note: The incumbents' resumé's are on file with Marti. Therefore resumé's do not need to be sent unless a revision is required.



WHERE TO WRITE OR CALL US

Please note that changes of address and postage donations should not be sent to the Golden Tale Editor. They should be sent to Membership Secretary Mike O'Meara, P.O. Box 1875, Hawthorne, CA 90251-1875, phone: (310) 973-7652; email: irish.mike@juno.com. Please also let Mike know when you haven't received your Golden Tale so he can make sure you are on the Membership list with an up-to-date address.

Sunshine & Raindrops items regarding good news, illnesses & deaths should be sent by the 25th of the month to the S&R Chairperson, Tom Spicknall, either by email to tspicknall@msn.com, or to 10985 E. Berry Ave., Englewood, CO, 80111-3903. His phone number is (303) 887-5345.

Items for the Golden Tale should be sent to Marti Treckman, editor, by the first of the previous month. Address: 24125 Verdun Lane, Murrieta, CA 92562; phone: (951) 698-6116; FAX: (951) 698-8286. Editor also has an e-mail address if you wish to send your articles that way (preferred): martimusician@verizon.net.



2010 ARECA ANNUAL FALL FLING IN LAS VEGAS, NV

SUNCOAST HOTEL AND CASINO, 9090 Alta Dr,
September 21st and 22nd, Tuesday and Wednesday

The SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO has 550 sq ft sleeping rooms. Each room has a refrigerator, 42" plasma television, and a safe, along with a new Serta pillow mattress. The hotel provides free shuttle service to/from McCarran international airport and to/from the LAS VEGAS STRIP.

In order to secure seats on the Airport shuttle to the hotel, you must notify the hotel 48 hours prior to your flight departure. The phone number to call is: 1-877-677-7111 and advise your approximate date and time of arrival. You will then be advised the shuttle you will be on and the departure time of the shuttle.

For Hotel Reservations call 1-866-636-7111 and advise the agent that your assigned Group number is: 1CONC09. This group number will provide you with the following rates available Sunday through Thursday: (YOU MUST HAVE YOUR GROUP NUMBER 1CONC09 when you make your room reservations): Mountain View-\$61.00; Golf Course View-\$66.50. The view over the Golf Course is more scenic than the Mountain View. The cost for rooms on Friday and Saturday is \$124.84 per night.

Other Amenities are: 64-lane bowling alley; 16-screen movie theater; several restaurants with variety of menus; very popular Oyster Bar, golf courses located across street from hotel with reduced group rates and when shows are booked at the hotel, a 500-seat show room with free afternoon shows.

Deadline for making your hotel reservation with your Group number, 1CONC09, is August 15th, 2010

Location of ARECA Reception and Hospitality Room will be announced closer to the date of the Fall Fling.

On Wednesday the 22nd, the Board Meeting will be held at 11:00 am and the General Meeting at 3:00 pm.
Meeting room locations will be posted by the hotel.

OUR DINNER BANQUET WILL START AT 6:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 22ND

Dinner selections:

Chicken Piccata - Cutlets quickly sautéed with lemon butter sauce
Orange Roughy - Served with shrimp with tomato and lemon sauce
Roast Prime Rib of Beef - Au Jus

Meal Cost: \$45.44 per person includes tax and gratuity

Your Cost: \$33.00 per person includes tax and gratuity (\$12.44 subsidized by ARECA)

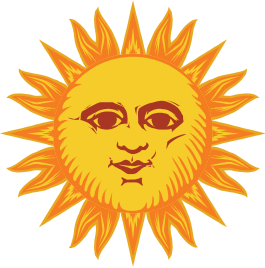
Please mail the enclosed form with your meal selection.

Make check payable to and mail to Peggy Fulgenzi/ARECA,
2621 Mourning Warbler Ave, N Las Vegas, NV 89084-3756. Phone # 310-980-5738

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ persons

Choice of entrée: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____

ARECA MEMBER _____ Spouse or Guest _____



SUNSHINE AND RAINDROPS



RICHARD DAHSE

We received messages from both Bill Champlin & La Verne Thornberry that Dick Dahse has passed away. Champ says: "Russ Hurlbutt advises that Dick passed away April 27. Dick had been fighting cancer for some time. He is to be cremated and returned to Sioux Falls, SD for burial. There will be no services. Dick worked for CALMX for a long time." La Verne said that Dick started flying for Continental in 1961, then worked for other airlines. He lived in Arizona and is survived by two sons, and his sister and her family.

GEORGIA CLARK

Georgia Clark of Midland, TX passed away on April 17, 2010 at the age of 82 after a long illness. Georgia was the widow of Ward S. Clark, a mechanic for Continental Airlines in Midland, Texas.

Cards of condolence may be sent to her daughter, Debbye Dragesic, 1212 Scharbires Dr., Midland, TX 79765

Submitted by: Lucille Gorman, 7947 FM 877, Ennis, TX 75119

Welcome New Members!

None at newsletter deadline

Membership Roster Changes

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(303) 673-9351 - same phone number



**NEW POSTAGE DONATIONS: \$60
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
You are making a difference!**

Allan Cooper, Gerald Drum,
Loraine Engquist, Charles Martin,
Emery Pankratz, Charles Sams

**E-Mail changes/additions since
publication of Roster**

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SUNSHINE & RAINDROPS COLUMN DEADLINE:

Please email items by the 25th of the month to: Tom Spicknall, tspicknall@msn.com, although last minute items may be accepted. Please include as much Continental history about the person as you can. If you wish to mail the information, Tom's address is 10985 E. Berry Ave., Englewood, CO, 80111-3903. If you need to call him, his phone number is (303) 887-5345.

SLIVERS FROM THE BOARD From Beverly Proctor, Director STOP! AND SMELL THE ROSES

You would think that now we are retired, we would all just be sitting around and smelling the roses. However, even now that most of us don't have to report to an official "check-paying" employer five days a week, we almost have to schedule time to stop and appreciate the moment. Oprah recently featured author Eckhart Tolle who has written volumes about "The Power of Now." Seems like the main theme of his books is exactly the same thing – take time to stop and smell the roses and appreciate the present moment. So last week, I scheduled a day trip for my mom and me to just drive through the back roads of Texas and enjoy the beautiful scenery. It is wildflower season now (April) and as my Mom said, "my eyes just can't see enough." We drove 200 miles and saw bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush, phlox, and things I don't even know the name of. Even though our main purpose wasn't to smell these beautiful wildflowers, you get the idea. The scenery was really breathtaking, and along the way we stopped for lunch at The Corner Café in Nacogdoches, stopped at the Antique Rose Emporium near "the birthplace of Texas," bought sausage in Chappell Hill, and just visited folks along the way. It was truly a relaxing, memorable day spent doing nothing and funny how we both felt rejuvenated after our trip.

So, I think we should all actively try to live in the present moment and schedule activities that will allow us to see new things, meet new people, and thereby appreciate each day.

Speaking of, the Annual Fling, to be held this year in Las Vegas, is only several months away. As a fairly new ARECA member, who has attended the three previous Flings, I can assure you it is well worth the time and money spent making arrangements to attend. This is the one opportunity during the year that we can meet our fellow members who are scattered all over the U.S. The business meeting also gives all members a chance to discuss topics of interest to them. So mark your calendars for September 21-22, 2010, and plan to come to Las Vegas – what a fun place to enjoy the present moment. Aren't we blessed to have the freedom to stop and smell the roses?

From DNU - Daily News Update

Produced by Employee Communications

Fri., March 26, 2010

Pass rider policy for through travel to change in April

Beginning April 1, the current Through Pass Rider policy for pass travel will be discontinued for all pass riders. Space available and positive space pass riders will now be booked and cleared on point-to-point flight segments, regardless of the flight number, at the enroute stop. As a result, all co-workers and their pass riders will be treated equally and fairly at all enroute stops, in the exact same way that they would be treated on a scheduled connecting flight, which is based on the pass classification and boarding year.

For example, space available pass riders on a through flight that originates in EWR and has an enroute stop in SEA before continuing to ANC are currently given boarding and upgrade priority over space available pass riders boarding in SEA. Under the new policy, all pass riders boarding in SEA who have a higher pass classification than those who boarded in EWR will be given priority.



Surprise Party for Dale South

Submitted by Patricia Ann London

On this beautiful day in the evening of April 10, 2010 with a sunset storming the skies in brilliant colors and the background of beautiful mountains - a **surprise** party for Dale South began and was held at Dale & Cindy's friends, Gail & Ed Woodson, in their beautiful new home.. Gail, a retired Flight Attendant, and Ed, a retired Captain for Continental. The surprise held fast and some 130 friends and family showed up for this festive event...Many forever friends from many years ago came -- some from out of town to celebrate Dale & his 60th. When Dale & family arrived a chorus of "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by all and orchestrated by Dale's long time friend Mike McKenna. The pastor of their church gave a brief talk about the love & sharing of family & friends.....then with the ambiance of joy, great stories, laughter, heavenly food, & the reunion of many friends of a long ago time and happy memories began.

This awesome surprise party was orchestrated by Dale South's wife Cindy and family members to celebrate his 60th birthday. This was a special birthday for Dale because he will be going in for a liver transplant and all his family & friends wanted to share in love & joy on this occasion.

Dale was a Flight Attendant for Continental from 76-02.

Dale, your Continental family wishes you love & blessings on this journey.

Here's looking at you, kid!!!!!!!!!!!!



INDUSTRY INFO By Al Schroth

Obviously the biggest news has been the volcanic ash coming from Iceland. Normally there are 327 transatlantic flights a day. On an ash day there were 310 canceled, so only 27 flights flew across the Atlantic. The estimates are that the airlines lost several billion dollars, most of this by the European airlines, but it will affect the US airlines. I would think the ones that made money of it would be the European railroads, but I have not seen any predictions.

I have not been able to get all of the details on how the passengers have rated the airlines, but part of what I have is that for the second year in a row, Hawaiian Airlines has been rated the best. The worst is Delta.

As the FAA and the Air Traffic Controllers put their years of bitter bickering behind them and get on with the 21st century, it will lead to dramatic improvement in efficiency. Today the runways look like the Indy 500. They are talking about implementing this program by 2025 at a cost to the airlines of about 6 or 7 billion dollars. That's 15 years from now, and I would guess that the program would be outdated by then.

Mergers are still being talked about. United and US Airways are talking and there are some indications that Continental and United are also talking. [Ed. note: after deadline, we know this is true.] Whatever happens, it will increase passenger costs. The biggest conversation now is the extra charge for carry-on baggage. I guess whatever happens, costs will keep going up.

If you need a lawyer, maybe it would be easier to find one in Washington DC. It's reported that they have one lawyer for every 19 residents.

So Long,

Al Schroth

FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE BLUE COLORADO SKIES

Come join us at the Meyer Ranch and enjoy Norm's hospitality at our 23rd annual Denver ARECA picnic. Bring a dish to share with 8 to 10 ARECA friends. Also bring your plates, utensils, chairs, tables and sunscreen. ARECA will furnish the soft drinks. Out-of-town members are encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010, 11 AM

Directions: Take 285 (Hampden) south. When you pass the E470 turn-off, it will be approximately 13 miles to the Meyer Ranch. Norm has a two-story yellow house located on the right side of the highway in a beautiful scenic valley area. Turn right into the driveway and follow the sign up the hill to the picnic area. Questions: Call Don LeFurge 303-364-1494

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We look forward to seeing you!

CARM Fall Outing

To: All CARM members, visitors & guests
From: Chuck & Evelyn Conger,
Wagonmasters for the Fall Outing 2010
Date: Sept. 26th thru 30th
Place: Chama, NM, 26th & 27th

We will be staying at the Rio Chama RV Park,
phone: 575-756-2303

We will be riding the Cumbres &
Toltec Scenic Railroad in Chama, then
on to Taos, NM, staying at the Taos
Valley RV Park the 28th—30th. The
phone is 575-758-4469.



If you have not already done so, please notify the
wagonmasters if you plan to attend. Call 303-750-8990
or CBOBConger@hotmail.com

*If you are not yet a member of CARM and are
interested in joining, there is a form to fill out below.*

Employee Bulletin— Continued from page 2

This will be a merger of equals. We will keep
Continental's logo, livery and colors, and our Working
Together culture, and I will lead the company as CEO.
We will keep the United name, which has strong global
recognition, and the headquarters will be in Chicago.
We will, of course, continue to have a large presence
and major employment in Houston. Glenn Tilton will
serve as non-executive chairman of the board for two
years, after which I will also become executive
chairman. The board of directors will consist of equal
numbers of directors from Continental and United, along
with two union representatives required by United's
charter.

SLIVERS FROM THE BOARD

From Hans DeBeer, Director

So far our fifteen years of retirement has been fun.
It made Maureen and me realize that besides our family
and friends, play is an important part of us enjoying this
“golden” period of life.

Our membership in Areca has been very
instrumental in keeping in touch with our former work
friends. The Golden Tale is keeping us informed about
the welfare of our friends. The annual reunion meetings
are an excellent opportunity to meet our old friends and
make new ones. Members are coming together from all
over this great country to meet again. The annual gala
dinner is something we always look forward to; it puts
us in a party mood and enables us to sit down and catch
up with the latest news. The event is usually held in the
fall and hosted by our own members located in
different cities.

Oh yes, there is always a hospitality room where we
can talk or just hang around and enjoy our favorite
beverage. Not many company employees have this type
of opportunity to see different parts of the country and
meet friends too. Our rooms and dinners are generally
subsidized by Areca. We have the privilege of getting
to these meetings at a sharply reduced rate or
sometimes even at no charge.

So, we urge you to plan your next visit to Las Vegas
where in September Areca again will celebrate our
friendly get together. This is definitely the place to you
must come, see and enjoy.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

How elementary school students see it:

-"The Wright brothers are two of the Four Fathers in Aviation"
-"Kitty Hawk was the first female pilot"

CARM - AN RV OFFSHOOT OF ARECA

Would you like to join CARM? It stands for Continental Airlines Retired Mavericks, and we go camping all over the
place, enjoying each other's fellowship and friendship. Please fill out the form below.

CARM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Member's Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City, State and Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____ C.B. Handle _____

RV Brand & Length _____ Type (i.e., motorhome, 5th wheel) _____

License Number and State _____ Good Sam Number _____

Special Interests _____

Please enclose your check for \$20 payable to CARM to cover a one-time initiation fee of \$10 and first year
dues of \$10.00, and mail to CARM Treasurer Dorothy Arnold, 1015 Via Prado, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Circle one:
Renewal
New Member

Make check payable to ARECA.

Mail to: Mike O'Meara, P.O. Box 1875, Hawthorne, CA 90251-1875

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to be distributed as follows: Dues \$ _____ Postage \$ _____

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street _____ Apt. _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Regular _____ Auxiliary _____ Associate _____ Dept. employed in _____ City _____

Date Hired _____ Date Retired _____

ARECA was formed in 1978 as a social organization to maintain the friendships, associations and interests of its members. Any retired or former employee of Continental or its subsidiaries who completed at least 10 years of service with the Company may become a regular member. Current employees or ex-employees of Continental who did not complete 10 years of service may join as non-voting Auxiliary Members. Just complete the application above and mail it to Mike O'Meara.

Dues are \$20 per year for Regular and Auxiliary Members.

Associate Members (spouses of deceased members) are \$15 per year.

Lifetime membership is no longer an option. Current Life Membership is still valid.

ARECA CREDO

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

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