



GOLDEN CONTRAILS

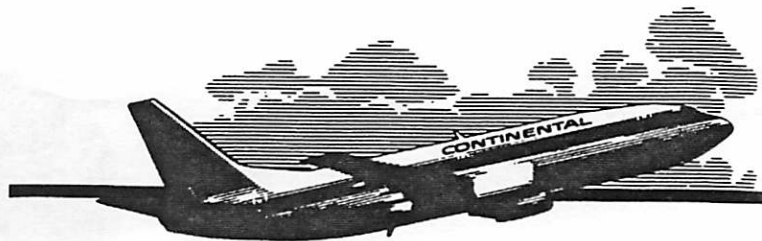
... and oft' the setting sun is pleased to trim the clouds with molten sails,
and lace the way of passing jets with golden condensation trails. December 1992



GOLDEN EAGLES

Continental





CAPTAIN'S CORNER

December, 1992

Dear Golden Eagles:

To Walt and Alice Bybee and all those who have given so much of their time this past year, thank you so much.

What a wonderful reunion we had. Great crowd, wide diversity and more new members than ever. Through the devoted efforts of the Ladies Auxillary, the Hospitality Room has proven to be a real winner and their efforts toward making our banquet environment most enjoyable are truly appreciated.

The Tropicana in Las Vegas has confirmed Oct. 11-13 for our get-together in 1993. Golfer's make tentative plans for Oct. 9-10 as well. In the interim lets make an effort to contact more of our Continental pilots who are eligible and encourage them to join the Golden Eagles.

Dick Grigsby has done a magnificent job as Historian and Editor of the Golden Contrails so keep your memorabilia and pertinent info coming. The Contrails is our conduit for keeping the Eagles aloft.

Since we have many new members who may not be acquainted with our Honorary Life and Associate Members, may I just say this; they represent those who made possible in so many ways the special life we enjoyed as pilots over all these years with Continental. Our senior Honorary, John Bender, will be 86 when he joins us again in 1993.

At our bussiness meeting, after several refusals, just remember that you got your last choice as President however, it should be comforting that Bob Hiemstra as V/P is only a heartbeat away, and a big thank you to A.J. Cann who, without hesitation, agreed to serve as Treasurer once again. George Cramp as Secretary and myself are the new boys on the block and will need all the help we can get. Since simply getting from A to B and year to year is our main task anymore I will close by giving you this quote that may be of help to some along the way:

"Speak softly about your winnings, recognize your limitations, be flexible, and most of all, keep things in perspective. The investment game is important, but when you come right down to it, its just numbers. During the course of a lifetime, the pursuit of numbers is likely to prove less important than the quest for love, health, family and service. So keep your priorities in order. At times a lesser return on your investments may make sense in exchange for a higher return on your life."

Sincerely,

Don Ballard
Don Ballard

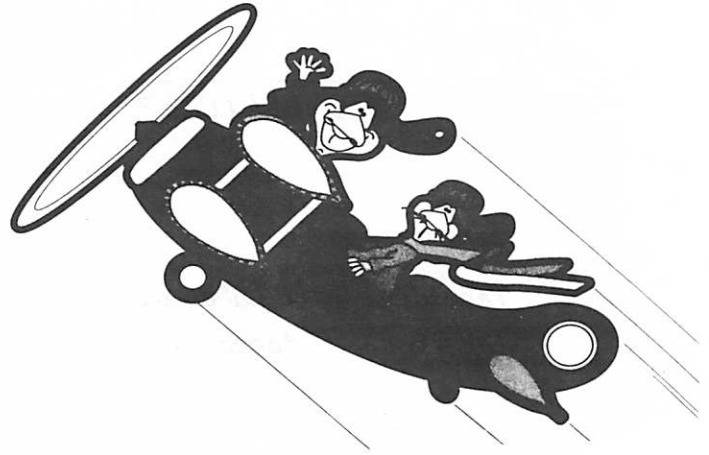
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When all other means of communication fail, try words.

If you want to experience true humility try praying in the nude.

CO-PILOT'S CORNER

November 9, 1992



Golden Eagles Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Members:

I am very complimented that you have elected me to serve as president of the Golden Eagles Ladies Auxiliary for the next term of office.

Alice Bybee and her Board did a magnificent job this past year -- leaving a prime act to follow! I will do my best to follow procedure.

I do feel very privileged that you elected Sandra Williams, vice president and Jan Graunke, secretary; I am delighted to serve with these ladies. With their knowledge and your support, I believe, we shall have an exciting year.

Thank you for honoring me as president of the Ladies Auxiliary. I look forward to working with each of you in our wonderful organization. And, most of all, enjoying your dear friendship.

Cordially yours,

La Verne Thornberry

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As we enter the Holiday Season Rip joins me in wishing for each of your lives to be blessed; sharing Joy, Happiness and Good Health with family and friends.

*"Having it all
doesn't necessarily mean
having it all at once."*

— STEPHANIE LUETKEHANS



GOLDEN EAGLES

EDITORS' CORNER



FRONT COVER

President Walt Bybee opens the festivities in the Tropicana Dining Room, Las Vegas, October 14, 1992.

BACK COVER

The portrait quality pictures were kindly provided by Tommy Green.

Featured are (top to bottom, reading left to right): Nanjony (ramp cones), Ben Richards, Alice Powers, Ray (combat @ wife, Jane Richards, Walt and

Alice Bybee, Hal @ Sandy Ross, Ben @ Sandra Williams, Walt @ Joyce Jennings, Flora @ (Lift) Pleggenbale, (Charlie Oligachlaeger, Red Stubben, Dick Dahoe, Don Ballard @ Barney Barnwell, Nina Slovak @ Ingrid, Peg Wilson, Jan @ Bob Kinney, Merrill Moore, Bob @ Joyce Gray, Lou Higby, Bud @ Lawrence Battley, Steve Grime. In attendance at the banquet were 151 Golden Eagles and friends. We wish we could have used pictures of you all!

"SOARING FREE"

Two days after returning from the Golden Eagles Convention Walt and Alice Bybee's grandson, Randy King, was tragically killed when a truck made a left turn in front of his motorcycle less than ten minutes from arriving at work. The essay is part of his work for an English class at Junior College. Walt writes that they shared many things together... their birth date, work at Sailplane Enterprises, Homet, water and snow skiing, and of course, flying. Randy soloed sailplanes at 14, obtained his Private Pilot's License at 16. He was scheduled for his commercial written on November 1st, anticipating becoming 18. Our hearts cry for Walt and Alice and for all of Randy's relatives and friends. We are proud to print Randy's fine essay and his picture for all of us to know and remember.

"WINGS" AIRPLANE CARDS

We will resume publishing the collection of these cards picturing classic airplanes in color in the May issue of Golden (Canada).

MERRY CHRISTMAS, GOLDEN EAGLES, TO YOU AND YOURS!

MOST SINCERELY, GENE @ DICK



A DESERT CHRISTMAS



The full moon o'er the desert hangs, as many years ago
the star hung over Bethlehem, where cradled far below
the Babe in humble glory lay
'mid straw and angel-glow.

While shepherds plodded to 'ards the star, and wise men gathered 'round
and angels, "Halleluiah" sang, for joy at what was found
that God his gracious love had poured
on David's holy ground.

Now Christmastime to many folks means hollywreath and snow
and evergreen and frosty air and sprig of mistletoe
and cozy hearth with stockings hung
and fireplace aglow.

But Christmastime, it seems to me, means desert, still and bright
the brilliant star, the balmy air, the moon's white-bathing light
where angels can come down and sing
and shepherds watch the sight.

R. S. Grigsby

(cont'd on page 16)



Retired Airline Pilots Association

REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE DELEGATION ATTENDING THE 1992 RAPA CONVENTION

The 1992 RAPA Convention was held in the Hyatt Hotel in Sarasota, Florida, on October 20, 21 and 22. Jack Alley and I attended as Golden Eagle delegates.

At the 1991 convention in San Diego much time was spent in restructuring the group fee format. This year focus was mostly on increasing group memberships, increasing income, planning a lobbying program and electing new officers.

In an effort to increase group memberships Shad Shadowens, then the RAPA senior vice-president, recently met with a group of retired PanAM/National pilots to urge that they join RAPA. We understand that they will vote on such membership shortly.

RAPA continues to urge the Delta and American retiree groups to join RAPA. For that reason the 1994 and 1995 conventions will be held in Atlanta and Dallas, the home bases of those airlines.

When we speak of a lobbying program we're talking of trying to influence various airlines and ALPA as well as Congress and certain government agencies. As an example of lobbying airlines for retiree benefits, let me tell you about Malcom McDonald, a former vice-president of Pan American who is now president-elect of the Pan American/National Retiree Association. We are told that he has talked to more than ninety airlines, both foreign and domestic, in regard to obtaining some type of reduced fares for his group of retirees. Twelve airlines have made arrangements for 50% to 75% discounted fares for the PAA/NAL retiree group. Some of those 75% discounts are reported to even apply to positive space "specials". Shad Shadowens has met with McDonald and is to write a report for RAPA in reference to obtaining similar benefits for all RAPA members.

In another area, Past-President Ferrara recently toured ALPA/Washington to test the waters for possible financial help from ALPA. Most of the Board considers such aid unlikely in view of ALPA's poor financial condition and because of the historical disinterest that active pilots have shown re: retiree problems.

RAPA intends to continue using Shadowens (FTL) and Ferrara (BNF) in lobbying the various airlines, ALPA, Congress and government agencies; whatever it takes to gain RAPA's goals and objectives. There no plans to use paid lobbyists at any time.

While considering RAPA objectives, you may recall that there was a resolution passed at the San Diego convention that called for "the RAPA president to make all best efforts to seek recognition by all ALPA-represented Part 121 carriers of bona fide retirees of all other Part 121 carriers, past and present". Then-President Ferrara delegated the implementation of that resolution to Shad Shadowens, who was the senior vice-president.

Early-on in this convention Ferrara let it be known that be-

REPORT OF THE 1992 RAPA CONVENTION

fore stepping down from the presidency at the end of the Sarasota convention he would appoint himself Vice-President RAPA/ALPA Liaison, from which position he would continue his lobbying efforts. At the same time that Ferrara left the presidency Shadowens would be moving up the progression to assume the presidency.

Because of the above situation, the Golden Eagles delegates submitted the following resolution;

WHEREAS at the 1991 RAPA Convention the Board di
unanimously pass the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the RAPA president
use all best efforts to seek recog-
nition by all ALPA-represented Part 121
carriers of bona fide retirees of all
other Part 121 carriers, past and present
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the
RAPA president and the RAPA/ALPA Liaison vice-
president shall constitute a standing committee
to impliment the foregoing 1991 Convention reso-
lution.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

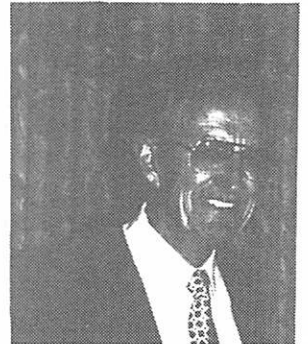
Our purpose in submitting this resolution was to keep the
the 1991 resolution from getting lost in someone's back pocket.
With this resolution we have RAPA's two most active lobbyists
responsible for the implimentation of the 1991 resolution and
they will be required to give a committee report on same at each
meeting of the Board.

Both Howard Wincele, of Alexander & Alexander Insurance
Agency, and Jill Cook, of Hartford Life, spent time with the Board
discussing insurance coverage. We understand that Alexander & Alex-
ander will be mailing brochures to all of us re: their RAPA Long
Term Care Policy and Hartford will be mailing brochures on its
RAPA Medicare Supplement.

President Ferrara presented the following panel for election:

Lamont Shadowens (FTL)	President
Harold Miller (TWA)	Senior Vice-President
William Brewer (REP/NWA)	Vice-President
Ted Maselko (USAir)	Secretary
F. Joe Buskirk (REP/NWA)	Treasurer
Michael Ferrara (BNF)	RAPA/ALPA Liaison

The panel was elected by acclamation.



Bob Armstrong

GOLDEN EAGLES

BEGINING	BALANCE	1/01/92		\$7,863.00
ENDING	BALANCE	5/01/92	AS REPORTED	\$8,724.80
ENDING	BALANCE	8/15/92	AS REPORTED	\$8,131.22

INCOME STATEMENT:

RECEIPTS

MEMBERSHIPE DUES	\$2,100.00
POSTAGE FUND	\$843.00
BANQUET & LADIES	\$6,079.50
KITTY & RAFFLE	\$831.00

\$9,853.50

INCOME 8/15/92 TO 11/10/92

DISBURSMENTS:

GOLDEN CONTRAILS	\$1,004.45
LVS BANQUET & LADIES	\$5,605.91
HOSPITALITY ROOM	\$530.00
BANQUET DECOR	\$65.00
BANQUET DINNER CANCEL	\$352.50
R.A.P.A. EXPENSE	\$400.00
TROPICANA 1993 RES.	\$250.00
RECON.SPEC (PLAQUES)	\$833.25
ELEC.PEN (MEMBER CARDS)	\$50.64

Missing man formation



EXPENSES

\$9,091.75

BALANCE 11/10/92

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TREASURER A.J. CANN

\$8,892.97

NICE JOB,
SIR!

1992 BANQUET ACCOUNTING--REFLECTED IN FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TOTAL COLLECTED FOR BANQUET & LADIES LUNCH		\$6,079.50
CANCELLATIONS REFUNDED	\$352.00	
TOTAL PAID TO TROPICANA (\$250.00 WAS DEPOSIT)	\$5,855.91	
INCOME: CASH KITTY AND RAFFLE (VERY GOOD)		\$1,269.50
CASH BOX	\$40.00	
CASH HOSPITALITY ROOM SUPPLIES	\$98.50	
CASH BANQUET "ENVELOPE PRIZES"	\$350.00	
HOSPITALITY ROOM, BANQUET FLOWERS PAID BY CHECK	\$595.00	
FAVORS FOR LADIES FROM ALICE POWERS, MUCH OF THE GOODIES SUPPLIED BY THE LADIES.		\$2,385.00
DEPOSIT FROM LVS DUES, POSTAGE, BANQUET, ETC.		

DUES PAYMENT

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK \$_____ TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:
 MEMBERS NAME _____ DUES \$ _____ POSTAGE \$ _____

DATE HIRED _____ DATE RETIRED _____
 Make check to GOLDEN EAGLES: A.J. CANN

MAIL TO: 30725 SORREL LN.
 CANYON LAKE, CA. 90274

POSTAGE FUND AFTER SEPT. 92 GOLDEN CONTRAILS

TOO GOOD
FOR WORDS!



CHARLEY BROOKS	BOB APPLETON	HAL HUNDLEY	TOM GREEN
DON BALLARD	HAL HALL	DICK GRIGSBY	DICK PEKRUL
JACK ALLEY	IKE EIKMIER	BOB KINSEY	BILLIE CARPENTER
FRANK RHODES	BILL CHILDRESS	DICK HUGHES	BILL HIMMELREICH
JOHN HODGE	WALT BYBEE	GENE NEWMAN	BARNEY BARNWELL
JIM HIGBY	BOB CURTIS	GEO DIDLAKE	RAY COMBEST
BUD BATTLE	JACK MURRAY	ROLLY OLSON	JOE ALDENDIFER
WALT HONAN	RAY MELBERG	HERB PERSING	NORM MCGOWAN
TOMMY THOMPSON	LEM BELL	JANE THORN	LOU CUTHBERTSON
GEO CRAMP	PAUL CONROY	K D THOMPSON	FRANK IMBODEN
BOB HIEMSTRA	TED HERBERT	KEN ALRICK	RAY JEHLIK
"PLEGGIE"	BUD MOYER	WALT JENNINGS	JACK THOMPSON
RALPH MUSSER	JIM JAMES	GENE NEWMAN	JORDAN JONES
JAY WORLEY	BEN WILLIAMS	GLADYS PARKER	BOB GREEN
BIM RICHARDS	TED DANIEL	BILL KNOWLES	BOB RAWLS
GEO HEMMINGER	CHUCK SULLIVAN	JACK JOHNSON	GARY WILSEY
JIM HLAVACEK	WAYNE CASE	TOM GLEASON	OLIGSCHLAEGER
ROGER WILLIAMS	WALLY LEO	STINKY STINBRINK	JAN GRAUNKE
GEO SEFERT	MERRIL MORE	DICK DAHSE	JIM MAGEE
RIP THORNBERRY	JOE KUNTZ	BUD KOOTZ	HAL SPORES
DICK McCOY	WALT MIGLINAS		

NEW MEMBERS IN 1992

GOLDEN EAGLES

SHAUN RYAN	DICK PEKUL	WALT GREEN	DAVE MORAN
BILL KELLEY	BILL CURTIS	GENE CHANCY	RUSS RUSSELL
GEO MATYK	MONTY DOYL	JIM MINOR	BOB JENNINGS
BOB PRIES	JOE DENTZ	DALZ LUTZ	JOE ALLEE
WALT LOFLIN	RON CHAVES	LOU COLOMBO	BOB LESTON
STEVE GRIMES	JOE SANSING	MIRA SLOVAK	JOEL DANIEL
PAUL KASPER	GEN DAHLQUIST	CHUCK HERNETT	DICK CAPP
MIKE BENDER	GOMO GREER	MAX REINING	MIKE GLEASON
FIDEL SANCHEZ	CARL MAAS	ROGER WILLIAMS	FRANK MILLS
PHIL LANDRY	HERB JELLANDER	DON DUFFER	BUD KOOTZ
DALE HAAS	JOHN ZETZMAN	JACK MURRAY	BOB MOYER
PAUL BRITTON	KARL NEWTON	JOHN ZETZMAN	JIM HLAVACEK
JACK JOHNSON	OLIGSCHLAEGER	STINKY STINBRINK	WALLY LEO
ERNIE ISLAVA	THOMAS W. GREEN	WALT MIGLINAS	

VERY COOL



ASSOCIATE MEMBER IN 1992 CHARLEY BROOKS



GOLDEN EAGLE GOLF

"When you retire
you go from who's who
to who's that."
—WALTER WRISTON

The First Annual Golden Eagles Golf Tournament was played at the Peppermill Golf Course in Mesquite, Nv. on Oct. 12th & 13th. There were 25 players including wives. Bill Laughlin, Bob Glau, Merrill Moore, Amous Cann, and Harry Parker were the money winners for the Guys.

Doris Eikmeier, Bonnie Moore and Carol Sullivan were the money winners for the ladies. The weather was great, and the golfing and camaraderie made for a good time. We hope every one enjoyed the tournament. We plan on this becoming an annual event, prior to the meetings.

Chuck Sullivan, Tournament Chairman.

"SOARING FREE"

I stand alone on black asphalt far older than myself. The runway is only seven feet wide, but its length stretches out of my sight. The wind blows right through me like icy fingers it penetrates my clothes and skin and chills me right to the bone. The air is cold, but it feels alive around me. Dancing, swirling dust coats everything in sight with a dull blanket.

I take a deep breath and the acrid smell of aviation fuel burns my lungs. I like it here. Paint peels from the old office like bark from an old tree, adding to the timeless nature of this place.

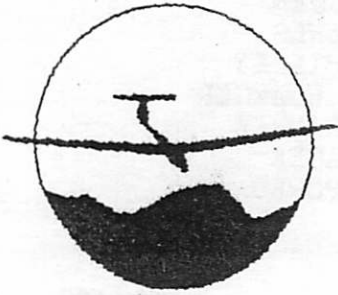
As I stand, the sun peaks over the ten thousand foot granite mountain in the distance. Like a sleeping giant this towering grey monolith dwarfs everything around it. The sunlight from the top of the mountain pierces my eyes like a laser; its brightness nearly blinds me as I fish in my pocket for my sunglasses.

I walk eastward into the blinding light. Gravel crunches beneath my feet like dry bones. To the north my field of view is filled by gaudily painted fire bombers. They sit, ready to extinguish any forest fires with their liquid payload.

As I look to the south my view is of several dozen oddly shaped trailers. Enclosed within are sailplanes, bright gleaming white aircraft without engines. These magnificent carbon fibre machines are the purest form of flight, they possess wingspans of over forty-five feet that flex and bow with every movement of the aircraft.

This is why I am here, to fly, to soar free of the earth, to follow the birds upward out of sight, to fly silently with only the wind and my mind.

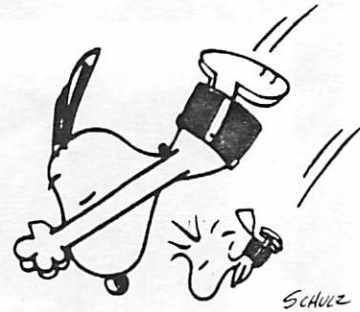
As I ponder these things, a sailplane dives from out of the distant sun like a giant raptor, long wings gleaming as they flex. A muted whistle fills my ears. I can see the pilot's face clearly. He is as intent upon his task as an operating surgeon. The glider races past at over one hundred and fifty knots, its wing only feet from my head. I smile.





In Memory Of
Randall Thomas King II
"Randy"

Walter Bybee, Grandfather



OFF-DUTY CRAW CORNER

December 1992

Dear Golden Eagles and Eagirls,

We had a wonderful turnout for our Convention in October. A good time was had by all. We missed those of you unable to attend.

Very little time passes that we don't give thanks for our association with Continental Airlines. This association with Continental has to do with the people. This passed year has intensified our appreciation for all of you.

Thank you each and every one for the support, help, direction and counsel afforded us and each other as we travel down this lifes road.

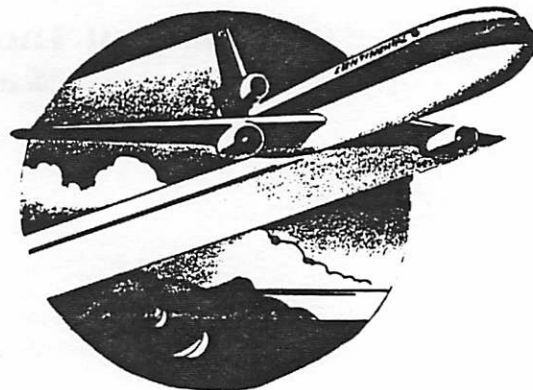
A special wish and thanks to Don Ballard, Bob Hiemstra, George Cramp, Amos Cann, LaVerne Thornberry, Sandra Williams, and Jan Graunke. May you all have many helping hands with the wind at your back and blue skies for a very pleasant flight of 1993.

Thank you sincerely,

Walt & Alice

Walt & Alice Bybee

We could go places
together!



ARECA.... Sounds like the Greek "Eureka" (I have found it!)



Well, maybe so! Quite a few Golden Eagles have found ARECA and have made significant contributions to its programs. Some of us, however, don't yet know what ARECA is all about, so the following excerpts from The Golden Tale will inform about some of the activities of this fine group. Charlie Brooks' theme during his presidency has been "GET INVOLVED", and for us Golden Eagles to involve ourselves in the many activities of ARECA would be a fine thing!

So why not fill in the application right away and send it off to our good friend, Miriam Taylor. I'm sure she will consider dues paid now as good for 1993. The members of ARECA thank you and welcome you to our good times!



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| Dec. 5 | Saturday | Dallas-Fort Worth - Christmas Party - Summit Hotel (see page 10) |
| Dec. 6 | Sunday | Los Angeles - Southern California Chapter Christmas Luncheon at the Proud Bird Restaurant (see page 13) |
| Dec. 8 | Tuesday | Denver - Christmas Luncheon - HeatherRidge Country Club (p. 11)
PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A DATE CHANGE FROM THE 3RD TO 8TH! |
| Dec. 10-15 | | Mississippi Queen Cruise |
| Dec. 17 | | Colorado Springs Christmas Dinner Party at the Officers Club |

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| April | | SPRING FLING - Orange County, California - more information later |
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CARM OUTING

The CARM group has had their fun and inasmuch as we were the Wagonmasters, it is our pleasure to tell you all about the campout.

This outing was unique in that it was tandem to the ARECA Fall Fling. We all enjoyed the dinner and program that Mabel Rainer arranged, then 26 CARM gathered for three days of fun! Many of the group stayed in the Garden of the Gods Campground during the ARECA meeting, which gave two more days of camaraderie.

The usual agenda was followed....you know, happy hour, potluck dinner, and the White Elephant gift exchange. The highlight, especially for us, was the trip to the top of Pike's Peak on the tram. You could see to eternity from the top! Also, a trip to Old Colorado City was enjoyed by some. There were so many things to do that we're not certain what everyone did on their own. Didn't hear any complaints, though.

The last night, all attendees went to the Flying W Ranch for a chuckwagon supper, with barbecue beef, beans, coffee in a can....you know, the good stuff. A great western show was part of the program.

The Mavericks included:

Joe & Lucille Coulter
Bud Diehl (all the way from Pennsylvania)
Ralph & Doris Eikmeier
Dean & Erma Haney
Jean Hart
Gene & Nancy Jensen
Joe & Catherine Martina
Dick & Sue Grigsby
Earl and Dorothy Pickett
Al & Margaret Schroth
Harold & Jean Spores
Mary & Bill Miller
Leva & John Blackis

*Oh, we know how it feels just to kick up our heels
and be happy the rest of our days;
and we perish the thought that old mavericks ought
to be put out to pasture to graze.*

*So we've folded our wings, but held onto the things
that personify challenge and charm;
and we're spreading the fame of our Maverick name
by cavorting together in (ARM!)*



*(ARM Spring Outing '92
Havasu/Laughlin*

You are not getting old as long as:
Your fling is not flung,
Your song is not sung,
Your bell is not rung,
Your spring is not sprung,
Your fun is not done!

(Submitted by Larry Bishop)



We hear from JIM GAMBLE, a new ARECA member and former LAX pilot, that he is now enjoying a full-time second career as a professional puppeteer. He got his start performing for many Continental parties, Company Picnics, etc. His company has recently produced five commercial video tapes called "Musical Classics for Children," as well as a video about how to make puppets. They also provide some 2500 live performances annually for children and adults (a cabaret show). For information about videos (they sell for only \$15 which includes the airline discount), or about performances, contact Jim Gamble Puppet Productions, 6777 Vallon Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274, or call (310) 541-1921.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

When Continental's Rica Reed spoke to those attending ARECA's Fall Fling in Colorado Springs, she said that:

THE BENEFITS DEPARTMENT HAS A LONG LIST OF CONTINENTAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT CLAIMED THEIR PROFIT SHARING ACCOUNT. THE PERSON WOULD HAVE HAD TO BE AN ACTIVE EMPLOYEE OF CONTINENTAL BETWEEN 11/1/82 AND 12/31/83 AND RETIRED AFTER 1/1/84.

IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE AN ACCOUNT, OR IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO FALLS INTO THIS CATEGORY, PLEASE CALL THE BENEFITS DEPARTMENT. THE PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS ARE LISTED ON THE INSIDE BACK PAGE OF YOUR ARECA ROSTER.

FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS:

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 following Application and mail to Miriam Taylor. Dues are \$15.00 per year for regular and auxiliary members and \$10.00 per year for Associate members (spouses of deceased members). Lifetime membership is \$150.00

Make check payable to ARECA and mail to : Miriam Taylor
1065 Lomita Blvd #132
Harbor City, CA 90710

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

Name _____

Street _____ Apt _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Spouse's Name _____

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

Date Hired _____ Date Retired _____

ARECA CREDO

Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; working together is success



GONE WEST:

NONE SINCE LAST ISSUE.....

ILLNESS/SURGERY:

TOMMY E. GREEN: Angioplasty recently--Nothing serious found, but taking medication.

DICK MCCOY: Fell and broke his hip--recovering in Nursing Home following hip replacement.

BILL WHITTHORNE: Angioplasty in September of 1991, followed by a heart attack. He is taking an experimental new treatment and is better.

BURT O'NEAL: Prior to playing golf, BURT broke a bone in her foot while sight seeing in Zion Nat'l Park. She is doing fine under AL O'NEAL'S care.

BETTY NEWMAN: Recently hospitalized twice for tests to discover cause of high infection (no diagnosis so far).

Members are invited to send "Get Well Soon" notes, etc.

THIS'N THAT:

New members include JOE ALLEE, DICK CAPP, PAUL BRITTON, RON CHAVES, GENE CHANCEY, LOU COLUMBO, BILL CURTIS, JOEL DANIEL, JOE DENTZ, GENE DAHLQUIST, MONTE DOYEL, MIKE GLEASON, THOMAS W. GREEN, WALT GREEN, GOMO GREER, STEVE GRIMES, DALE HAAS, CHUCK HERNETT, JIM HLAVACEK, ERNIE ISLAVA, BOB JENNINGS, JACK JOHNSON, PAUL KASPAR, BILL KELLEY, BUD KOOTZ, PHIL LANDRY, WALLY LEO, BOB LESTON, WALT LOFLIN, DALE LUTZ, CARL MAAS, GEORGE MATYK, WALT MIGLINAS, FRANK MILLS, DAVE MORAN, BOB MOYER, JIM MINOR, JACK MURRAY, KARL NEWTON, CHARLIE OLIGSCHLAEGER, BOB PRIES, DICK PEKROL, MAX REINIG, SHAUN RYAN, RUSS RUSSEL, LOREN STEINBRINK, JOE SANSING, AND JOHN ZETZMAN. New Associate member is CHARLEY BROOKS. WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

The 1992 GOLDEN EAGLES CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS WAS A ROARING SUCCESS WITH 151 AT THE BANQUET. WALT BYBEE gave a short talk, and presented 20 placques to new members, and those who had not received them earlier. DICK GRIGSBY introduced the speakers, including RED STUBBEN, DON BALLARD, and BILL KNOWLES.

(cont'd pg 17)



Behold, I am Coming.

Advent.
Color it purple.

Purple. Color of Kings.
Royalty. Rituals. Reverence.
Rich robes and banners,
Color to set the heart beating.
Awe.

Purple. Color of Mourning.
Lost opportunities,
Kindness forgotten,
Lifetimes mis-spent in a fever,
and silence passed by.
Tears.

Purple. Color of Advent.
Time for the abject and regal
to meet once again.
Time for the shadow of death
to be lost in the daybreak.
Time to announce — God —
Coming to earth. Peace.

Bob and Louise Hermanson

Editor's note:

*The Reverend Bob Hermanson
was Pastor of the Pacific
Palisades Presbyterian Church
when this Christmas card was
created.*

*It is likely, though, that
Louise was inspired to write
the verse.*



Among those who haven't come often, or who came for the first time are:
WAYNE/POULE CASE, RAY/ANNETTE COMBEST, GEORGE/ELLIE CRAMP, TED/VICKY DANIEL, TOM/ADAH MYRL GREEN, STEVE/JANICE GRIMES, TOM GLEASON, GEORGE HEMMINGER, JIM/RHODA HLAVACEK, JIM JAMES, RAY/RUTH JEHLIK, WALT/JANYCE JENNINGS, JACK/CEIL JOHNSON, ROSE JOHNSON, BILL KNOWLES, BILL /SALLY LAUGHLIN, WALLY LEO, BILL LIVELY, JIM/LYLA MAGEE, NORM/PEGGY McGOWAN, MERRIL/BONNIE MOORE, BUD/THELMA MURRAY, CHARLEY OLIGSCHLAEGER, AL/BURT O'NEAL, DICK PEKRUL, FRANK/ARLENE RHODES, TOM RUSSEL, MIRA/INGRID SLOVAK, ROGER WILLIAMS, GARY WILSEY, AND JOHN ZETZMAN. GEORGE CRAMP brought guests, including his daughter, MARGE. TOMMY/ADELINE THOMPSON also brought three guests, including their daughter and son-in-law. And the FRANK IMBODENS canceled (CHRIS had a bad back), the GENE NEWMANS canceled (BETTY in hospital), and the RIP THORNBERRYS canceled (LAVERNE had sickness in her family).

The attendees at the Annual Golf Tournament included:
DON/BETH BALLARD, A.J./LAVERNE CANN, RAY/DEAN DURDEN, RALPH/DORIS EIKMEIR, HAL/WANDA HALL, JIM HIGBY, BOB/JAN KINSEY, BUD/MARGARET KOOTZ, BILL/SALLY LAUGHLIN, DON/MARGE MITCHELL, MERRIL/BONNIE MOORE, HAL/SANDY ROSS, and CHUCK/CAROL SULLIVAN.

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(FROM AMOUS CANN, TREASURER):

Total collected for Banquet and Ladies Lunch	\$5,852.00
Total paid to Tropicana	5,855.91
Income: Cash Kitty and Raffle	699.00
Hospitality Room Expense	608.00

Favors for Ladies from ALICE POWERS, and much of the goodies were supplied by the ladies. THANK YOU ALL! ! !

On the last day of the Convention (Thursday), HAL ROSS AND SANDY were married at the "Chapel of the West" (Hacienda Hotel). DON BALLARD was the Best Man, and others in attendance included JOE/CYNTHIA ALDENDIFER, JACK/JEAN ALLEY, BETH BALLARD, ED/ALICE GORMAN, DICK GRIGSBY, JIM/LOU HIGBY, ALICE POWERS, and RED/LUDDY STUBBEN.

Our sympathy to JACK AND ANNE DANIEL, whose son recently had a cardiac arrest, and required 26 shock treatments to force his heart to begin working properly.

Our sympathy also to WALT AND ALICE BYBEE, whose grandson died, following a motorcycle accident.

BILL AND AMY CHILDRESS invited JOHN BENDER to go along for a 1500 mile drive to Mott, North Dakota to look over their newly purchased 50 acre ranch. Before they drove back ten days later, they went pheasant hunting, with both BILL and JOHN bagging enough birds for a few dinners.

MONT ROPER is taking radiation treatment, and his anti-nausea pills are a big help...

PEG WILSON and HAL ROSS are also getting chemo or radiation treatment--we pray that the treatment for all three is successful!

RICA REED and AMOUS CANN have mentioned that the "Widow's Aid Committee" figures mentioned in the last issue of GOLDEN CONTRAILS are not exactly correct, but are an approximation. RICA has all the exact figures for each retired pilot, and she is the final authority.....

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(FROM CHUCK SULLIVAN, GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN):

The First Annual Golden Eagles Golf Tournament was played at the Peppermill Golf Course in Mesquite, NV on Oct. 12th & 13th. There were 25 players, including wives. BILL LAUGHLIN, BOB GLAU, MERRIL MOORE, AMOUS CANN, AND HARRY PARKER were the money winners for the guys.

DORIS EIKMEIER, BONNIE MOORE, AND CAROL SULLIVAN were the money winners for the ladies. The weather was great, and the golfing and comaradie made for a good time. We hope everyone enjoyed the tournament. We plan on this becoming an annual event, prior to the meetings.



DICK AND SUE GRIGSBY recently returned from their 5th Ocean Cruise. SUE has another 3 Cruises to make a total of 8! Can anyone top these totals?

JACK PAINTER had to give up golf temporarily. He has had difficulty walking with the cause of the problem as yet undiagnosed, even after a Catscan. His therapy includes a Vitamin supplement, and he hopes to resume playing golf soon.

GENE NEWMAN'S hip replacement surgery has been delayed until BETTY'S health improves.

AL SHELLY recently flew to New York to visit his 97 year old brother. And not too long ago AL celebrated his 84th Birthday!

DICK GRIGSBY noted that he had seen Flight Attendants JOLEEN WOOD DENTON, GERI ALISHOUSE, MARGE CRAMP, PAT KELLY, and MYRA CLAYTON at ARECA or GOLDEN EAGLE Meetings this fall....

After retirement WES COSS bought a 41 foot, twin Diesel Fishing Boat, and cruised about 75 miles out of Santa Monica Bay on two or three day fishing trips from 1983 to 1988. For two years he loaded 1,000 pounds of ice aboard, "long-lining for shark". But it was difficult to make it profitable, considering the the additional expenses of a crew and ice required, etc. Fishing in 600 feet of water for bottom fish (rock cod, etc.) was not much better so WES docked his boat in Ventura Marina in 1988, and spent lots of time personally refurbishing it. He sold it at a satisfactory price just recently, and now vacations by going salmon fishing in Lake Michigan, with a retired UAL Captain, who has the responsibilities associated with owning his own boat, giving WES plenty of time to match wits with the fish.

BOB CAMPBELL reports that the severe thunderstorms of November 22nd that resulted in such a great loss of life and property in the southern States, did not harm his home in Woodstock, GA, but that there was extensive damage nearby. A neighboring church served as the refuge for many parishoners, and the storm became so frightening overhead that all the children and adults crawled under the pews for safety!

JOHN BLACKIS was honored as a hero of a World War II Ploesti Bombing Mission at the Santa Monica Airport on Nov. 15th. Out of about 40 departing B-24's, JOHN'S was one of the 14 that returned from this extremely dangerous assignment! BARNEY BARNWELL and JOHN BENDER shared memories with JOHN for about 15 minutes during that afternoon when JOHN BLACKIS and his fellow B-24 pilots were remembered and highly honored....

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(FROM DAVE MORAN, FORMER CHIEF PILOT, DALLAS):

(A few of his best memories) CAL was in the process of updating uniforms and the shirtwings were changing from the old submariner look-a-like to the golden eagle motif. These new shirtwings were in very short supply, so when Dallas pilots DON FAULL and BOB STRAUSS were in LAX on a short turnaround, they went over to the General Office to see if any could be found. They inquired at Annette's desk and she just about went ballistic - she did have a bit of a temper as you may recall. "You're the fifty-fifth Dallas crew to ask about shirt wings today! We don't have any, we don't know when we'll be getting any, now get lost!" About that time another pilot came to her desk with a different problem: a pass request form or something similar--Annette jerked open a drawer in her desk, and--lo and behold--the drawer was filled with shirtwings! STRAUSS looked at FAULL; FAULL looked at STRAUSS, and Annette's complexion looked fiery red. Recovering quickly, she said, "Those wings were for the new hires." FAULL'S comment to her was "Hmm, I wonder how many of those new hires are Captains?"

Remember when the Viscount First Officer had to tell the girls that it was OK to deplane the passengers, only after he had observed that the number three prop had stopped rotating? Long before anyone had ever heard of the term "hydroplaning", BUCK ROGERS and KEN MORGAN slid off the runway at (Houston) Hobby. All four props buried themselves in the wet gumbo; whereupon KEN turned to the Flight Attendant and said, "OK on the door, Hon."

A short written test, prior to a simulator check was usually accomplished in the Chief Pilot's office. KEN MORGAN (again) went to take his, and I believe BILL KNOWLES was the Chief at the time. As it was close to lunchtime, BILL said, "Come sit at my desk and do the test without any distractions." A short while later, BILL stuck his head in the door, and asked, "How's it going, KEN?" The response from KEN was, "BILL, I've only been in the Chief Pilot's chair for ten minutes, and already, I hate those line pilots".

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