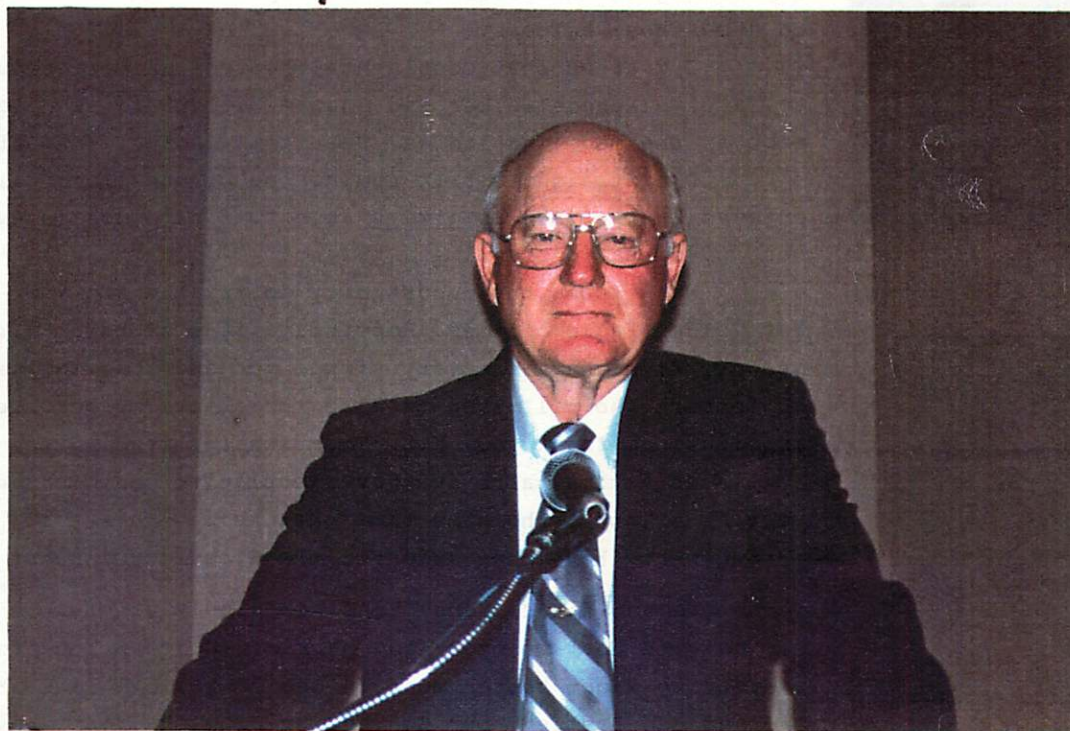




GOLDEN CONTRAILS

... 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 1993



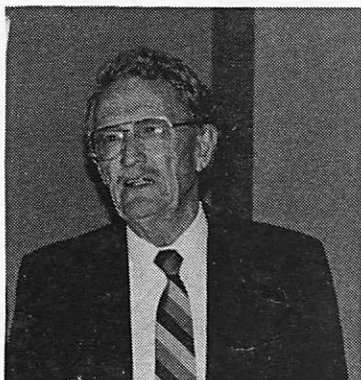
GOLDEN EAGLES

Continental





CAPTAIN'S CORNER



KEEPING
MEMORIES
ALIVE

Another warm, delightful reunion of the Continental Golden Eagles!!

It was so good to see that Lenora Corbett, wife of one of our founders, made it in from Fort Worth. So good, too, to have Pete Anderson join us (seemingly straight off the afternoon Convair trip from Denver to Kansas City and back--968/963). What a pleasure to watch two generations of the Flying Pleggenkuhles spreading warmth and cheer while tending the hospitality room bar together! For the first time in many years I was able to visit with Frank Mills and Paul Grover(both still flying). Frank and I used to share those 10 DC-3 landings enroute from Denver to Kansas City by way of the Arkansas River Valley route. Paul, Sam Shirk and I shared what I believe may have been a record marathon MAC trip a couple of decades ago.

I mention the above to point out that if it weren't for our Golden Eagles reunions I'd probably have lost contact with these fine flying friends forever. That's what it's all about, folks---nurturing memories and long-time friendships. May it never end!!

Many thanks to Laverne Thorneberry and her corps of helpers for making the hospitality room hospitable! I'll leave it to Laverne to name those helpers.

How about that Continental hostess uniform show? Many thanks to Marilyn Muncie Walker and Joanne Wittenburg, the leaders, and to each of the modeling ladies. Beautiful ladies! Wonderful show!

Don Straight's talk reminds me of many long talks that we've enjoyed in that Don is always able to find humor in even the grim-mest of situations. Quite a talent!

We welcome the opportunity to try the two-year-term format for Golden Eagle offices. Hopefully, it will help to remove the mystery from what is a very simple job and thus increase the number of members who will step forward for a term of service in the association. Thank you, K.D. Thompson for leading the way.

As you may already know, we plan to meet in San Diego next year at or about the same time that we met this year. Preliminary arrangements have been made for the Grosvenor Inn but those arrangements are not final. Sandy Ross has kindly offered to intercede for us with her employer, the Marriott Corporation, to determine whether we might better meet in one of the San Diego Marriotts. She and Bud Battley, our Convention Site Chairman, have advised Marriott of our needs and we should be able to make a decision soon. Thank you, Sandy, for coming forward with your offer to help.

As you may already know, Sandy is our new Golden Eagles Auxiliary chairperson. Sandy takes over leadership on the tenth anniversary of the Auxiliary. It was in the fall of 1983 at the Tropicana that the Auxiliary was formed under the leadership of Jean Hart. Happy Anniversary, Auxiliary!!

Please do start planning now for the 1994 Golden Eagles Convention in San Diego in mid-October.

...
Smiles and good humor are the seasoning that
makes everyday living taste better.
...

Bel



CO-PILOT'S CORNER



Dear Members:

"Hail and Farewell" -- is the order of the day! After a year of dedicated service we say "FAREWELL" to the following ladies.

Pres. La Verne Thornberry

Vice Sandra Williams

Sec. Jan Graunke

To these fine ladies we extend our heartfelt thanks for continuing the traditions of the "Golden Eagles".

Early Tuesday morning, while many of us were traveling toward Las Vegas, La Verne and Kathy Heimstra were busy organizing our "Hospitality Suite". They were about finished and the hotel notified them they had changed our group to another suite. Unknown to most of us, they packed everything up, moved it, and set up another room. These ladies deserve a gold star and then some.

Thanks to the greeters at the door, the ones who tended bar, those who unloaded stacks of boxes of liquor and soda, refilled food trays, provided honey baked hams (Aldendifers and Higbys), baked cookies and breads, those who graciously cleaned up the kitchen, those who shopped for the fresh food items, without "YOU" it just would not have run so smooth. We all say thank you.

This was my third year attending the "eagles" convention. It was great fun working with the "crew". It gave me an opportunity to become better acquainted with everyone. Many folks spent a great deal of the last day inventoring the left over items. The perishable ones were taken to a church and school, so nothing went to waste. We did package up all usable items and they are being stored in the Cann's garage. This wonderful couple do many things to ensure the continued success of this group. Another "angel", is Alice Powers. For those who are unaware of this lady's talents -- she prepares the decorations for our banquet each year, ships them to the convention site, at her cost and she and Lou Higby decorate the tables. Thanks Alice, your generosity is really appreciated by all of us.

"KEEPING
MEMORIES
ALIVE"

As we close the chapter on 1991, we introduce our new slate of officers. We say "Hail" --

President: Sandy Ross

Vice Pres: Jan Graunke

Secretary: Peggy McGowen

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your President. We graciously accept the challenge to explore new avenues of ideas. It is an honor to serve and we will fulfill our duties in the very highest manor. Those who served before us set the groundwork, now we will take up the challenge, so the continual success is assured. The responsibilities place upon us an unspoken, but binding obligation to carry them out with conviction and courage. It will be our duties to organize things and then to ask for your help to make sure the convention runs smooth next year in San Diego.

My wish for all of you;

Strength -- Be strong in what you believe

Wisdom -- Be wise, but profit from errors made

Courtesy -- Be kind and considerate of all you meet and be willing to lend a helping hand

Patience -- A characteristic in which we all can learn and therefore help one another.

Keep in touch, Love, Sandy Ross

Sandy Ross

OFF-DUTY CREW CORNER

A LAST WORD:

The year I spent as President of the Golden Eagles made me more aware than ever that our group of aviators are a special breed. When you think about it, our gathering had some in their 80's who started flying in the 30's mingling along side others who were not yet born at that time. It's fascinating to witness the common bond that all seem to share. Added to this mix were former and current flight attendants gracing us with their wonderful show. The Golden Eagles should welcome them to be part of our annual convention whenever they can. Also a thank you to Don Straight as our featured speaker and to Dr. Larry Marinelli who was unanimously welcomed into our group as an Honorary member.



I had very little to do with the success of our convention. All credit must go to the help that I had. Bob Hiemstra, Amous Cann, Bud Battley, Jack Murray and Dick Grigsby (through his efforts as Editor of the Golden Contrails) were indispensable. More than ever, the women in the Ladies Auxiliary outdid themselves. A very special thank you must go to La Verne Thornberry who was so co-operative and did so much to bring joy to us all.

Bob Hiemstra will be at the helm for the next two years and with the help of K. D. Thompson, Hal Ross, Amous Cann and the women in the Ladies Auxiliary we can all look forward to even better times together. Thanks for the memories.

"KEEPING
MEMORIES
ALIVE"

Don Ballard
Don Ballard



"JUST TAKE IT SLOW AND EASY, BOYS...
WE'VE GOT THE FAA ON BOARD TONIGHT."





OFF-DUTY CREW CORNER

Dear Ladies of the Auxiliary and EAGLES:

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!!! How beautifully exemplified by the Gathering of the GOLDEN EAGLES in Las Vegas on October 12-14-93.

To our EAGLES, thank you for again having us as your guests; we know you could have had a Tailhook Party. On behalf of the Auxiliary Board, a big THANK YOU and much appreciation go to a lot of people who took a special part in making this event a grand occasion for all.

My memory and space do not permit me to name each individually; but I must tell you that LOU HIGBY, banquet table decoration chairperson, drafted Captain JIM into her act. Special table favors were again provided by ALICE POWERS who also baked 1000 cookies for the hospitality room. We were fortunate to have so many furnish 'goodies' and faithfully serve K-P in the hospitality room. Your help & action were by no means insignificant and only by those combined efforts our part in this convention was a success.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST!! Continental's hostess-stewardess-flight attendants' uniforms from the past to present including NOW when the attendant is kept on flying status during pregnancy. K. D. THOMPSON, we shower you with thanks for the laughs you gave us showing how the attendant graces the isle now in her maternity frock. We appreciate each lovely lady who proudly modeled each uniform. What an enjoyable presentation so tastefully done by the lovely and talented JO ANN WRIGHT WINTENBURG and her charming assistant, MARILYN MUNCY WALKER.

On behalf of the out going members of the Board and my last official duty as your president of the Golden Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, I sincerely thank each of you, chairpeople and members for your support and the execution of your duties which have made this term of office one of cooperation and enjoyment. Thank you for giving me the honor of serving as your president.

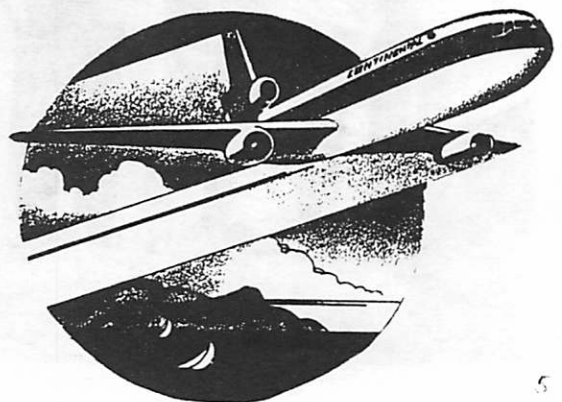
It is now my privilege and pleasure to pass this leadership and honor to our new Board. Our new president comes with many honors and perfect achievements. Our new officers are: SANDY ROSS, president; JAN GRAUNKE, vice president and PEGGY McGOWAN, secretary. May we all pledge to them our full support.

Thanks for the memories and

Best regards to all,

La Verne Thornberry
La Verne Thornberry

"KEEPING MEMORIES ALIVE"



RESERVE CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Captain Richard:



Enclosed is the negative of the picture we were talking about in Las Vegas. The picture was taken at Chicago O'Hare in May of 1961. Freddy, Hal and Dean had just flown in on a turn and were on their way back to LAX. I was on my way to PHX. It was just one year later, in May of 1962 that Freddy, Ed Sullivan and Dean Allen perished on Flight #11 over Missouri.

Hal Ross had transferred to ELP to fly Captain on the Viscount, or he would have been the Co-pilot.

Do you still have a copy of the poem which appeared in the Denver Post after the tragedy? I don't have a picture of Eddie Sullivan--- he was a helluva pilot, but not much on publicity.



R.D.
R. D. Thompson



Finest of Pilots

I wrote the following poem for Capt. Fred Gray (pilot of the bombed Continental airliner) on the occasion of his 50th birthday. Would you print this as a eulogy for the finest pilot to ever take the controls of an airplane?

TOP O' CLIMB

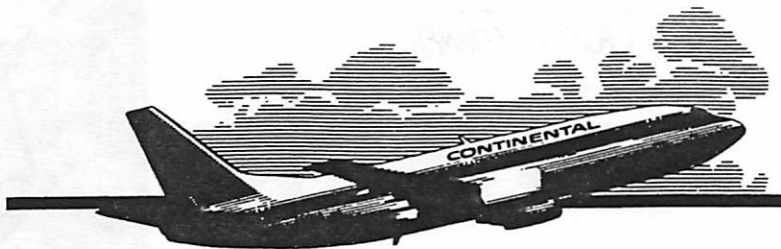
The big jet starts to roll reluctantly,
For flight ahead is long, and there is fuel
Which must be burdened, else it cannot be
That cunning will be victor in the duel
With Time and Space.
What power it takes to lift away from ground—
To blast such heavy burden into flight!
A thousand banshees couldn't wail the sound,
A thousand winged horses match the might of this great bird!
Her climb is rapid, now that speed is gained.
She flashes upward, forward, winning free;
But still the awful power must be sustained
To lift her into Nature's rarest sea,
Far in the sky.
At top o'climb, the battle all but won,
She settles down, her only labor just
To cruise a close companion to the sun,
Before she drops her power to "idle thrust,"
Descends the other side.

RICHARD S. GRIGSBY
Capt., Continental Air Lines
Denver

"KEEPING MEMORIES ALIVE"



SCRIBE'S CORNER



As your newly elected secretary replacing "Ol George" (Kid Keoki) of Honolulu. It was with regrets the "Cramps" could not be with us in Las Vegas. Ellie had an emergency operation during the time we were there. We understand she is doing fine and well on the road to recovery.

To those of you who missed the convention, it was very enjoyable and an entertaining program. A lot of nostalgia from our flight attendants, and a very interesting talk by Don Straight. It made us realize how things have changed since the late forties to the eighties and the difficulties beyond. It is very challenging to be successful in the aviation business today.

We had the pleasure of having Dr. Marinelli, our former company doctor join us at our banquet. He is now a FAA examiner and he is now located at 9601 South Sepulveda, Los Angeles, Ca., telephone number (310) 215-6020.

There are many wonderful retired and current pilots and wives in this organization, the Golden Eagles. Many of you attended our marriage ceremony, here in Las Vegas, last year. Sandy and I recently celebrated our first anniversary. President Ballard recognized several couples who had recently celebrated their "Golden Wedding Anniversaries". Whether or not our marriages in the second half grow or die, depends in part how the culture around us interprets a relationship. Does it invigorate long standing love by helping us to understand it's unique challenges and it's rewards? Or does it undermine such love by ignoring it's special qualities and stereotyping marriage as uneventful, boring, or just beautiful? With so many Golden Eagle Anniversaries, it must be beautiful!!!

Accolades -- to the Ballards, Thornberrys, Canns, Alleys, Kinseys, Hiemstras, and so many more couples for all the extra work. Also to one of our newest members, and my buddy at the bar, young Pleggie, Jr.

Setting up and breaking down the hospitality room requires a great deal of time and effort. More accolades to those very diligent people.

The golf was very enjoyable in Mesquite, Nevada. To program a group of golfers is almost as difficult as coordinating a group of pilots -- thanks, Chuck Sullivan.

Looking forward to next year in San Diego --- CHEERS!!!



Your "Ol fixed wing pilot turned Roto wing"

Hal Ross
HAL ROSS

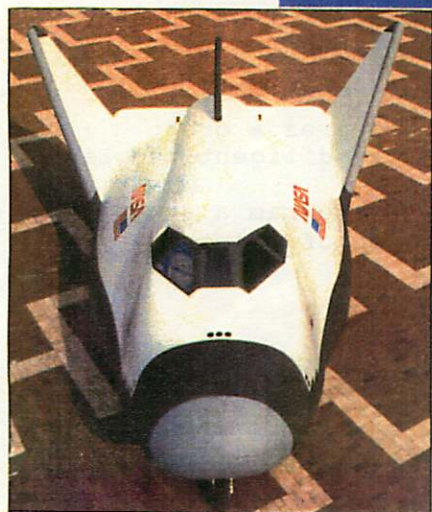
"KEEPING
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The Aviator

Oh, I am the
Aviator
Who taught the world to fly.
One of the few
With sticks and glue
Who learned to tame the sky.
To pay our debt
To Lafayette
Above the cannons' roar,
I took the chance
To die in France
In the war to end all war.
I flew the mail
Through rain and hail,
Barnstormed across the land.
I found the way
For meager pay
Where airline routes are planned.
I've looped and spun
Against the sun
At shows and county fairs.
I raced the best
So we could test
The aircraft factories' wares.
I tested ships
With stalls and slips
Until the way was clear
To find the way
One wondrous day
Up to the stratosphere.
I've trod the moon
And one day soon
I'll reach beyond the sky.
For I am the
Aviator
Who taught the world to fly.

Vern Dallman





EDITOR'S CORNER



FRONT COVER

President Don Ballard presides over the 1993 Banquet Program. The theme of his talk emphasized "KEEPING MEMORIES ALIVE". He remembered with us Freddy Gray and his crew; Joe Smith and Clark George; the Flight Attendants who were lost in those tragedies; and some Golden Eagles who worked hard in ALPA and other areas to improve our pay and working conditions. His talk has prompted photographs of some of those outstanding people, and we include them in this issue.

POETS' CORNER

Once again the bread cast upon the water returns! Dick and Sue Grigsby recently flew 1932 WACO (The Lady With A Past) to the third annual Western Waco Association fly-in at the Nut Tree Airport for the MUSEUM OF FLYING. Vern Dallman, who donated Beachey's "Little Looper" to the Museum, hosted an evening barbeque at his Ala Doble Ranch. His poem, THE AVIATOR, tells much about tying in the past to the future. Thank you, Vern!

SPACE STATION LOUNGE

TIM HARRISON has once again contributed his artistic talent to a scene of holiday celebration in a space station crew lounge. Note the Continental Space Shuttle heading back to earth. Thanks, Tim, for our Christmas Card!

LARRY MARINELLI

What an appropriate time it was to have Dr. and Joan Marinelli with us just when our program included "BLAST FROM THE PAST". Talk about keeping memories alive! Welcome to GOLDEN EAGLES, Larry and Joan!

BACK COVER

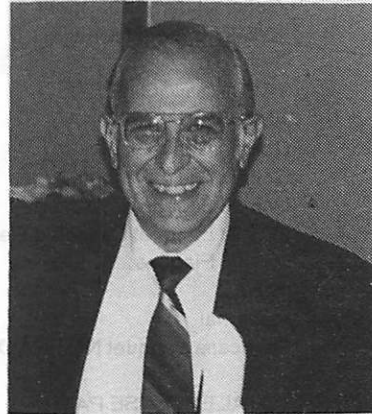
Our memories were certainly enlivened by the efforts of Jo Ann Wintenburg and Marilyn Walker in helping La Verne Thornberry produce "A BLAST FROM THE PAST". Thanks to all of the participants: Lisa Loitwood, La Verne Thornberry, Laverne Cann, Gail Brumm, Ellie Straight, Casey Thompson, Kathy Allen, Sue Croll, Amy Childress, Diane Chimko, Lynn Kaiser, Mary Lyden, Janet Jennings, and Sharon Doerlitz. Comedy star of the show was our own president-elect, K. D. Thompson!



"KEEPING MEMORIES ALIVE"

November 11, 1993

Gene J. Newman
Richard S. Grigsby
730 Toyopa Drive
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272



Dear Dick and Gene:

It was indeed an extreme pleasure for my wife and I to join the Golden Eagles at your annual convention last month in Las Vegas. I find it difficult to express the sincere joy of seeing so many friends from the past and it made me feel like a lost soul who had found his family again after a long period of absence. My wife Joan also wanted to express her appreciation to the wives group for their friendliness in making her feel at home with them.

I was surprised to see that nobody looked any older and also the relatively great shape that everyone was in. I hope that this was at least in part due to all that good medical care I gave you while we were working together as part of the Continental Airlines family. While renewing old acquaintances during the day I was thinking of some way I could convince you to accept a flight surgeon as part of your retired pilots group.

When you made me an honorary member of your organization, this was the highlight of my career. To be recognized by the friends that I provided medical services to is a much greater honor than any recognition that I have received from my peer group of physicians. I want to thank every member of the Golden Eagles on behalf of my wife and I for accepting us as part of your family and we will look forward to seeing you all again every year at your annual conventions.

Warmest personal regards,

Lawrence Marinelli, M.D.



GOLDEN EAGLES

GOLDEN EAGLES TREASURERS REPORT

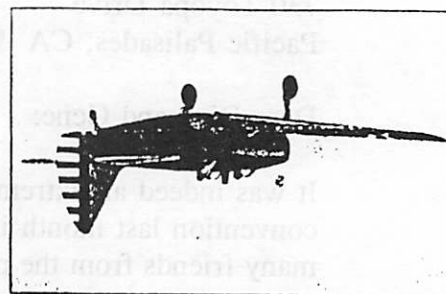
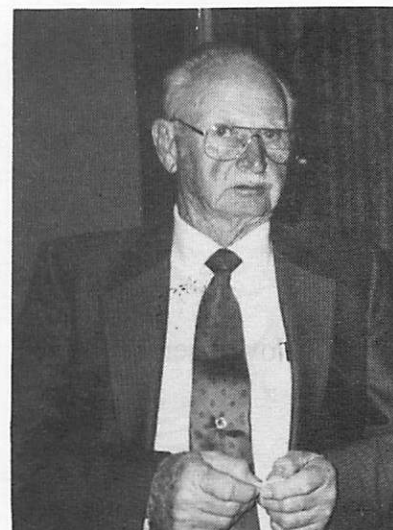
BALANCE	1-01-93	\$7,800.80
STATEMENT	5-01-93	\$8,383.30
STATEMENT	8-01-93	\$8,058.80
INCOME STATEMENT FOR 1-01-93 TO 12-01-93		
RECEIPTS		
Membership Dues For 1993		\$3,730.00
Postage Fund For 1993		\$1,726.50
Golfer's Loan Repayment		\$1,000.00
LVS-93 Banquet & Kitty		\$7,684.50
TOTAL INCOME		\$14,141.00 \$21,941.80
DISBURSEMENTS		
Golden Contrails		\$1,941.50
Golfer's Loan		\$1,000.00
LVS-93 Expense		\$1,173.47
LVS-93 Banquet Canceled Refund		\$392.50
LVS-93 Plaques		\$246.59
RAPA		\$187.50
Memorial		\$50.00
*Tropicana Banquet NOT PAID.....		0
TOTAL EXPENSE PAID		\$4,991.56 (\$4,991.56)
BANK ACCOUNT AS OF 12-01-93		\$16,950.24
TROPICANA EXPENSE ESTIMATE		\$6,000.00

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JOHN BLACKIS	CHARLIE BROOKS	MARILYN WALKER	GARY WILSEY
OLIGSCHLAAGER	BRUCE WEBB	PEGGY CARPENTER	TOMMY GREEN

You make our effort worthwhile. Thank you! Eds. Phil Nash

GOLDEN EAGLES GOLF

The second Annual Golden Eagles Golf Tournament was played at the Peppermill Golf Course in Mesquite, NV. on Oct. 11th & 12th. There were 24 of us playing golf while others enjoyed sight seeing, shopping, and the Peppermill. The weather was great, with the golf and camaraderie all had a very good time. We hope to have more golfers in San Diego in 1994. JOIN IN YOU GOLFER'S



GONE WEST:

DUB EWING: April, 1993

LANS IRESON: May, 1993

TOM BOHAN: November, 1993

PEGGY WILSON: November, 1993

Your editors were not advised of the deaths of DUB EWING and LANS IRESON until our October Business Meeting in Las Vegas (by LEM BELL). More recently, LA VERNE THORNBERRY wrote with the same information. Members are asked to volunteer this information pronto, please.

In October of this year TOM BOHAN had a heart attack after completing a trip in the Pacific. He had a triple bypass, and he spent a week in a Honolulu Hospital, before he returned home. On November 26th his wife SHARON discovered that he had unexpectedly died in his sleep. Contributions in honor of his memory may be sent to the American Heart Society.

PEGGY WILSON died on November 24th, after a long bout with cancer. Contributions in honor of her memory may be sent to the Arizona Cancer Center in Tucson, AZ.

ILLNESS/SURGERY:

FRANK IMBODEN: Frank is seriously ill with lung cancer.

LOU HIGBY: Lou is again having some difficulty in breathing.

READERS ARE INVITED TO SEND NOTES OF SYMPATHY, CONDOLENCE, ETC.

THIS'N THAT:

Our Golden Eagles 1993 Meeting was a huge success! We broke all records with 164 Banquet Meals served. Outgoing President, DON BALLARD, introduced our newest Honorary Member, DR. MARANELLI, and DON STRAIGHT, our Speaker for the Banquet, gave us a history of his life after leaving Continental, convincing us that we really didn't want to become a President of an Airline! The evening concluded with a parade of flight attendants, wives, daughters, friends, and one retired pilot, dressed in Continental uniforms, that were worn from 1956 until the present time. JOANN WINTENBURG introduced each person in uniform as they were admitted by CAPTAIN RIP THORNBERRY. It was a very enjoyable finale.....

TOMMY GREEN took photographs of each Golden Eagle couple, and of the singles, too. There are more than 50 photos as a result, and TOMMY should be congratulated for his professional talent. Of course, we all agree that he had handsome and gorgeous subjects...

According to our latest information the following Golden Eagles, wives, widows, or guests, attended the banquet. MARGIE AGEE, JOE and CYNTHIA ALDENDIFER, JACK and JEAN ALLEY, KEN and LAVERNE ALRICK, PETE ANDERSON, DON and BETH BALLARD, BARNEY and JOAN BARNWELL, BUD and LA VERNE BATTLE, LEM and LOIS BELL, JOHN and MICKEY BENDER, JOHN and LEVA BLACKIS, CHARLIE and MARGE BROOKS, WALT and ALICE BYBEE, A.J. and LAVERNE CANN, BILLIE CARPENTER, WAYNE and PAULE

CASE, CRAIG CHAPMANS, BILL and AMY CHILDRESS, RAY COMBEST and GUEST, LENORA CORBETT, WES COSS, CHUCK and SUE CROLL, DICK DAHSE, JACK and ANN DANIEL, GEORGE and MAE DIDLAKE, BUD and TINA DIXON, RAY and DEAN DURDEN, IKE and DORIS EIKMEIER, DON and JOANNE GENTRY, ED and ALICE GORMAN, JAN GRAUNKE and GUEST, TOM and ADAH MYRL GREEN, DICK GRIGSBY, PAUL and GAIL BRUMM GROVER, JEAN HART, GEORGE HEMMINGER, VIRG and JENINE HEMPHILL, BOB and KATHY HIEMSTRA, JIM and LOU HIGBY, WALT and FLO HONAN, JIM and VENETIA HOOPER, RAY and JOAN HOUCHEN, DICK and DOTTIE HUGHES, RAY and RUTH JEHLIK, WALT and JANYCE JENNINGS, BOB and JAN KINSEY, JOE KUNZ'S, WALLY LEO, LEE LIPSKY and GUEST, BILL and JUDY LIVELY, RAY MELBERG, NORM and BLONDIE MEYER, FRANK MILLS and GUEST, MERRIL and BONNIE MOORE, BUD and THELMA MOYER, JOE and LYNN MULLINS, JACK and MARGARET MURRAY, GENE and BETTY NEWMAN, ROL and LOIS OLSON, DICK PEKRUL and GUEST, PETE and CONNIE PETTERSON, CLIFF and FLORA PLEGGENKUHLE, CLIFF PLEGGENKUHLE, JR, ALICE POWERS, BOB and JENNY RAWLS, FRANK and ARLENE RHODES, BIM RICHARDS, ROBBIE and MAY ROBBINS, HAL and SANDY ROSS, HANK and EILEEN SCHNIEDER, GEORGE and STORMY SEIFERT, HAL and JEANE SPORES, DON and ELLIE STRAIGHT, RED and LUDDY STUBBEN, CHUCK and CAROL SULLIVAN, TOMMY and ADDY THOMPSON, K.D. THOMPSON, JACK and MAYDEE THOMPSON, RIP and LA VERNE THORNBERRY, BUD WALTER and GUEST, BOB and MARY WENHOLZ, JAY and WILMA WORLEY, and JOHN and DIANE RICHARDS ZETZMAN.



THIS'N THAT: (continued)

PETE ANDERSON showed up, after a long absence. After we pass 80 years of age, wouldn't it be great if we could look as well as PETE, JOHN BENDER and RAY MELBERG look?

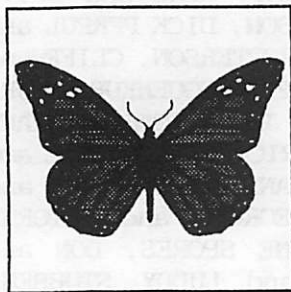
BOB HEIMSTRA proposed several changes in the By-Laws, and they were approved, without any dissent at our Business Meeting, which was attended by 70 Golden Eagles. Please note that the term of Office is for two years, and also note that the Office of Vice-President has been retitled.

TOMMY GREEN refused to present a bill for all those photographs he took during the banquet, so he is being given credit for a huge contribution to the Postage Fund, and a HUGE "THANK YOU" from your editors...

The Hospitality Room had the biggest demand for Vodka (8 bottles @ 1.75 ltrs each), and Scotch (6 bottles @ 1.75 ltrs), while regular beer (3 1/2 cases) and light beer (2 1/2 cases) were almost even. Diet coke (2 1/2 cases) edged out Sprite and Seven Up (both 2 cases) in the soft drink category. And let's not forget the tasty ham donated by JOE ALDENDIFER and JIM HIGBY, augmented by the delicious breads and pastries donated by the Ladies Auxiliary, chaired by LA VERNE THORNBERRY.

JAY WORLEY sent your editors the Oct. '93 issue of "La Mariposa Hospice" which is affiliated with Providence Hospital in El Paso, Texas. This issue mentions that MONT ROPER met MAXINE at Braniff Airlines, where she trained flight attendants. MAXINE borrowed MONT'S car to take her driver's test. Afterwards MAXINE wrote MONT a "thank-you" note, and that eventually led to their marriage. (MONT died a few months before their 47th wedding anniversary).

The article goes on to mention that both MONT and MAXINE were active at the WAR EAGLES MUSEUM, and that the Museum's restored DC-3 has been named CAPTAIN MONT ROPER!! MAXINE is very active as a volunteer at "La Mariposa Hospice" (The



Butterfly Hospice), and she wants to encourage everyone to try volunteering, and learn

how rewarding it can be....

ROBBIE ROBBINS flies a 747 out of Honolulu, AND he is well prepared for compulsory retirement when he reaches age 60 next year. He has an FAA Approved Fixed Base Operation, and he holds A&P, I-A, and CFII licenses. He plans on being 100% active in general aviation in 1994. Good going, ROBBIE!

BRUCE WEBB writes (note his address in the enclosed roster) that he is "emotional" on finding that he is old enough to become a Golden Eagle, "with the best of my pals--the admired ones--my heroes. It's not so much getting older, but rather the memories--Rose Mateus, introduced by CAPTAIN BUCHANAN--who said I needed more dual; and he provided it! CAPTAIN CRAMP, CAPTAIN JOHNSON, CAPTAIN HERSHEY, and an endless list of other's who made a difference in this pilot's life".

Your editors hope you find the following "remembrance" as memorable as we did:

"Flying lead in the "Missing Plane Formation" has kept me busy since the passing of Bill Whitthorne. It's hard for me to refrain from picking up the phone to chat with him or send the usual FAX every Friday from a financial report that we shared. The habit of talking to someone everyday is hard to break.

Bill was a fighter. His past few years were very difficult due to his heart condition. but his will to live was unsurpassable. His humorous nature made it easier for all those close to him. One day I called and he said he was to see his doctor that day. Knowing he had seen him a few days before, I said, "I thought you just had an appointment." His reply was, "I've got a season ticket to Scripps."

Missing him most of all is Gloria, but she is doing great. As a matter of fact, we talk to her about every day.

They were looking forward to the Golden Eagles Convention in Las Vegas this year. With the new "pace maker" we were just positive they would be there.

Just because he has flown over the Last Horizon doesn't mean we will ever forget him."

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