



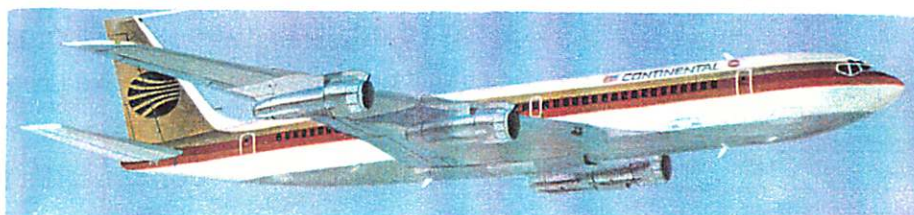
GOLDEN CONTRAILS

... 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 1994



GOLDEN EAGLES



Continental





Golden Eagle "Chief"



The San Diego Golden Eagles Convention is now pleasant history and we're looking forward to our 1995 meeting in San Antonio.

There were several stand-out events at the San Diego meeting, namely: the Scott Netter musical group's entertainment at the hospitality room cocktail hour; the appointment of Pleggie as our President Emeritus and Jim Gamble's puppet show at the banquet.

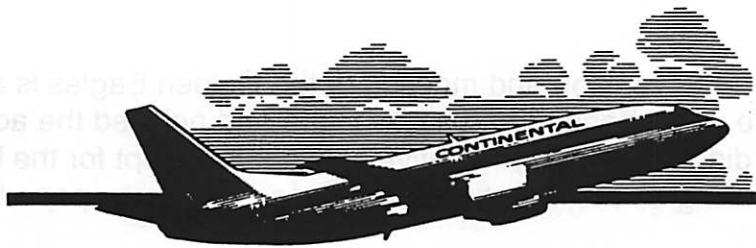
The Netter music was smooth and dreamy enough for Jean Hart to give us a beautiful solo vocal and lively enough to get a couple dozen of our contemporaries out onto the heavily carpeted floor for some very athletic "rug-cutting" to some of Netter's "swing era" tunes, (Very proud of all of them!)

Pleggie's honor is for many fine years spent as an Eagles founder, officer, RAPA delegate and chaplain as well as an all-round good-will ambassador. No-one deserves it more.

Jim Gamble's show was outstanding! It's easy to see why he's so much in demand. Thanks again, Jim.

Our thanks go not only to the Netter group and to Jim Gamble, but also to Hal and Sandy Ross for many hours of work and successful planning; to KD Thompson for arranging our entertainment; to Alice Powers and Jean Hart for providing table favors and decorations; to Joanne Gentry and Casey Thompson for their very able help in the hospitality room; to Jan and Bob Kinsey for running the drawing; to Bud Battley for providing plaques and programs and to Gary and Lanetta Wilsey for bringing some of their wine products down from St. Helena for door prizes and some sampling.

Our thanks, also, to the Continental Pass Bureau for providing passes for door prizes (especially the one that wife Kathy won).



As per directions from those present at the San Diego business meeting, we have "locked-in" the place and dates for our 1995 Convention. We'll be at the Marriott Riverwalk in downtown San Antonio, Texas, on the 24th and 25th of September. We all know that hotels are a bit expensive down in San Antonio, but I don't believe that any of you ought to miss this one. Our hospitality room will be on the 30th floor looking straight down at the River Walk and also out at the downtown area and Alamo Plaza. More of that later.

As per further direction from the members at San Diego, we are now in the process of "locking-up" the Tokyo Room of the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas for our 1996 Convention on October 2d and 3rd of that year. The Tokyo Room is the one that we used the last time that we were in Las Vegas (1993). It's directly above the Nairobi Room that we used for so many years. The Tokyo Room is just a bit larger than the Nairobi Room.

One more item. As many of you already know, Amous Cann has notified us of his wish to resign as our treasurer as of January 1, 1995. Therefore, in accordance with Article V Section 7 of our By-Laws and with Ken Alrick's consent, the Eagles Executive Board has appointed Ken Alrick to serve as treasurer from January 1, 1995, until the next Convention (and forever thereafter?).

Many thanks to Amous for these six years that he has given us. It's always a pleasure to work with him.

Our association seems to get most of its strength and steadiness from the able and devoted treasurers that serve us. We've had six years with Amous, before that there was Tommy Thompson and now we'll have Ken Alrick. We're lucky!

Best regards,

Bob

RESERVE CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The 22nd annual reunion and meeting of the Golden Eagles is now history. Hopefully everyone who attended had a good time and enjoyed the accommodations and facilities. We didn't hear many negative comments except for the kamikaze circular drive to parking on the 11th floor which was a real eye opener!

I heard that Jan Kinsey told Bob that there was no way she would ride back down and that she would take the elevator and Bob could pick her up street side. Way to go Jan!

I would like to once again thank Scott Nutter and his group: Carl, Randy, Bill and Joanne, for providing the music for our hospitality room. Scott is a first officer on the DC-10 and graciously offered his band for our entertainment which fit in very nicely. As a matter of fact, they probably started a trend as now everyone wants music during the first night sign-up and get together. Well done Scott, et al.

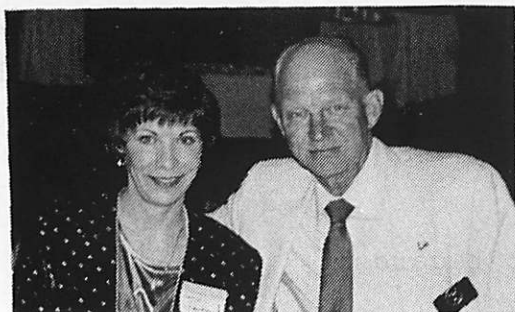
Jim Gamble and his puppets provided us with outstanding entertainment on the night of the banquet. After seeing Jim perform, it is easy to understand why there is such a demand for his shows and why he is so busy. Thanks again, Jim and Marty; we wish you continued success.

As this was my first reunion with the opportunity to participate in the preparation of the festivities, I would like to offer some personal observations and comments.

We cannot thank the Ladie's Auxiliary enough for all the time, effort and hard work they put in to make our reunions so enjoyable. Believe me ladies and gentlemen, I watched Sandy Ross on the go for three days and she never missed a beat. She was ahead of the program at all times and just kept on charging. It was very impressive and I know we would not have had the great time we did without her and the other ladie's efforts. A big thanks to her and all the wonderful women who pitched in to help with the hospitality room. It was a big job, especially with no sink handy!

Sandy and some of the other members of the auxiliary are already gearing up for San Antonio. Please be ready to offer assistance whenever possible. I know they will need and appreciate all the help they can get.

In closing, we had some "old", familiar faces who are now new members which is very nice and we look forward to having more new members join us in Texas. Hope to see all ya'll there!



Experience is a hard teacher. First comes the test, then the lesson.

Stephen Coonts: "The Cannibal Queen"

This one is for our Chaplain and President Emeritus, our beloved fellow Golden Eagle, Captain Clifford M. Pleggenkuhle.

THE AIRMAN'S WORD

*He sees the hand of God at work
a thousand times a day.
Above the land, detached from care,
his thoughts can find the way
to understanding sharp and clear,
untouched by human strife.
Above the haze, his soul is free.
He feels his precious life.*

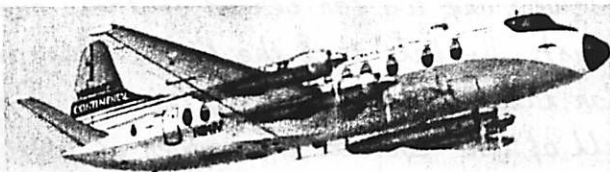
*Yet his is not the gift of words
to worship, to express
his gratefulness, his awe, delight,
the Lord of All to bless.
Where is the word acceptable
to Him, who was and is?
The Psalmist's song is on his tongue.
The Lord's own words are his.*

*The dawn comes, and the word,
"O Lord, how excellent thy name
in all the earth," and now he knows
that David felt the same.
Then, winging past the drowsy farms,
the fields well-kept and trim,
"Pray what is man, O Son of Man,
that thou dost care for him?"*

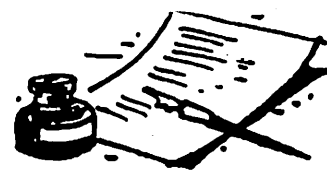
*But now the fog lies on the land.
The speakers come to life
with clearance, weather, "hold, maintain."
His peace has turned to strife.
And yet the need to concentrate, to work,
though robbed of sight.
"Grant me thy peace, O Lord, my God,"
and guide my hands aright.*

*On lightning sears black sky ahead,
reveals the slanting shower,
the awesome storm of fire and rain
and turbulence and power.
Once more the words the Psalmist sang
give consolation birth.
"My help it cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth."*

*And so the airman finds the word.
Expression floods his heart.
His world is different from the rest,
but still it's just a part.
The song is there for every man.
It surely will be heard.
"The Lord my light, whom shall I fear?"
Praise ye the Lord, the Word.*



R. S. Grigsby



FRONT COVER- Pleggie accepts honor of President Emeritus. Depiction of Boeing 320 accents the pinnacle of his career. Later on, accompanying his letter of thanks, the Lockheed 12A marks the beginning of it.

BACK COVER- Dick Grigsby's grandson, Tim Harrison, has once again blessed us with our Christmas Card. This one he painted with water colors. It is his concept of a holiday celebration on some far planet. Don't you just love the little green "schnoodle?" **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

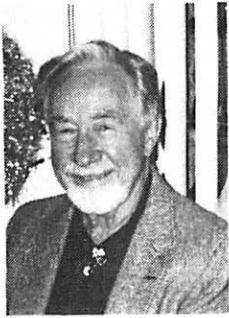
FUN AT THE CONVENTION- The hospitality room, with the band (Scott Nutter, Carl, Randy, Bill and Joanne), Jim Gamble and "The Flasher", Ken Alrick-Don Ballard- Hal Ross, Gene Neuman with Audrey Meadows Six at Rizzoli's book store in Beverly Hills, Schy, Larry Marinelli- Bob Hiemstra, Jack and Cecile Johnson, Bud Moyer-Harold Spores, Dick Grigsby- Walt Jennings- John Zetsman- Chuck Hernet, Ellie Straight with Sandy Ross.

Fun At the Banquet- Don Ballard, John Zetsman, Bill Childress with Ann Pleggenkuhle Park, Marty and Jim Gamble, Ralph and Shirley Anne Musser, Larry and Gaylene Leavelle (guests of K. D. and Casey Thompson), Max and Nona Meinen (Nona's points of light halo goes with her wherever she goes), Chuck and Kathy Hernet, Dave and Helene Streit, Don and Joanne Gentry, Bill and Judy Lively, Don and Marian Leseberg, Ken and B. J. Bellerue, Ernie and Marilyn Islava, George and Mary Hemminger, and Gomo and Wendy Green.

NEXT ISSUE- the next issue of Golden Contrails is planned for mailing late in July (about 2 months before our convention in San Antonio). It will contain all of the information about the convention complete with reservation forms, directions, and fun things to do in San Antonio. There is really not much to report in the interim, so we are splurging with color in this issue, and we plan to do the same then, so the cost should remain fairly constant.

ROSTER- We are inserting a complete new roster with this issue along with self-addressed envelopes to those who are too far behind on their dues (we really don't want to lose you guys). We felt that the financial report deserved a separate page in color this time, considering Amos Cann's six years of dedicated service to all of us. Look at the number of postage contributors. WOW! That sure makes Gene and Dick feel good. **THANKS!**





BILL CARPENTER'S FAMILY
(The "flying" CARPENTERS)

Family: Spouse, former Eva M. Trahern from Sublette Ks. married 1940 (a farmeress & bookkeeper) Children, Karon K. & Billie R. ALL PILOTS (The "flying" CARPENTERS)

My interest in flying began when my parents arranged for Riley Burrows to take my sisters, Jean, June and my self up for a plane ride. After that plane ride my interests changed from trains to planes.

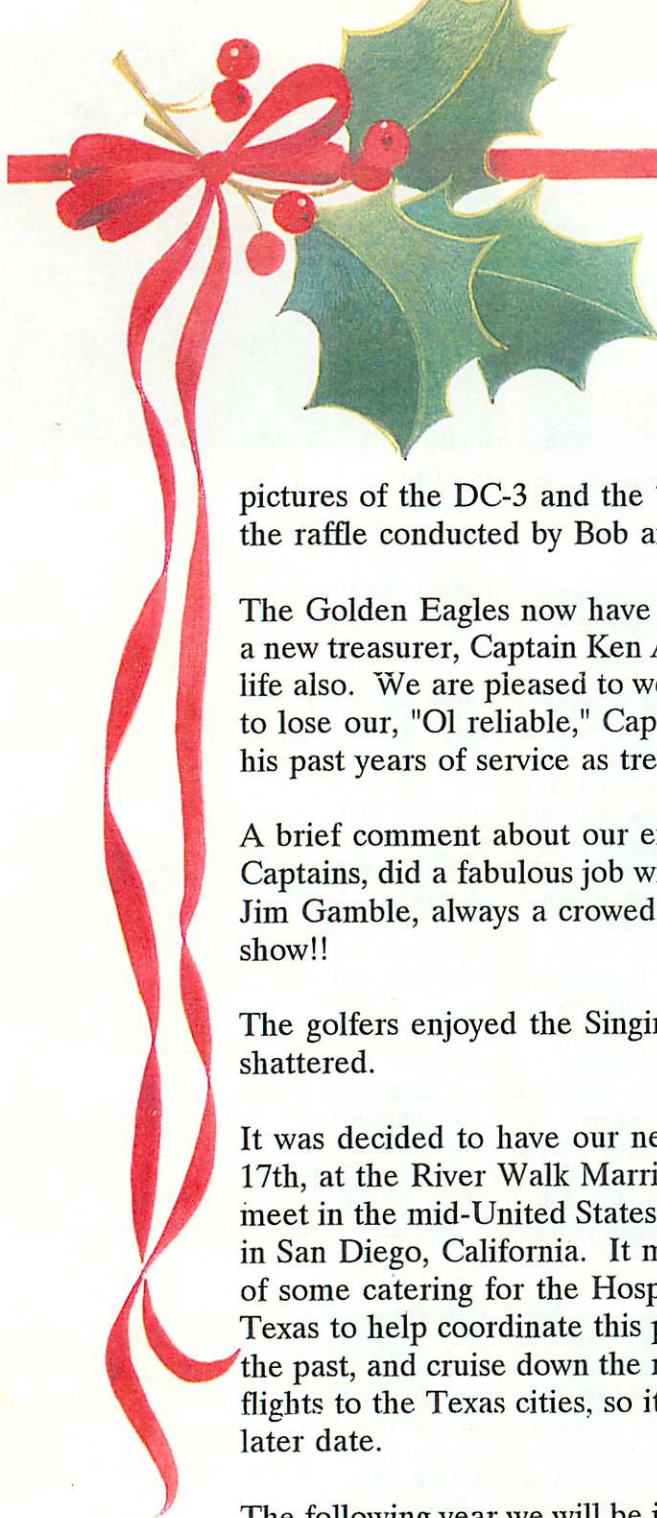
To finance this interest, I started by putting out 5 acres of wheat and when harvested I doubled up by taking all the wheat and seeding as many acres as it would go. And then like every thing else a crop failure and by 1931 wheat was selling on the farm in Western Kansas for nineteen cents a bushel. So aviation didn't look to bad by those standards. A deal was made whereas: for \$500.00 Riley Burrows agree to sell me the same plane I took my first ride in and supervise me on maintenance, plus flying instruction. I agreed to work for him for one year free of charge. Riley soloed me in the OX-5 powered Eagle rock in November 1931. Received my Limited Commercial license #29017 in spring of 1933 and then built up my hours to where I got my Transport License in 1934 from the U. S. Department of Commerce. I obtained my Aircraft and Engine license later. Riley Burrows had Transport license # 798.

I owned and operated several different planes, giving flying lessons to many different people and barnstorming around the mid-west. I alternated between flying and farming until the fall of 1939 when I was recommended to be Owner and Contract Operator of The Civilian Pilot Program, co-ordinate with Southwestern College at Winfield, Kansas. I was on the Faculty from 1939 until 1941. I sold the operation and was associated with Rawdon Brothers Flying Service at Wichita, Kansas. I obtained my Instrument rating and decided to go with the Airlines.

I was hired by Continental Airlines May 1, 1942. At that time I was number 26 on the pilots seniority list and when I retired 30 years later my seniority number was #3. I flew as Co-pilot for a year. Then instructed in Douglas C-47's for a year. Checking out as Captain in the spring of 1944. In the span of 30 years on the line as Co-pilot then Captain, the first plane was the Lockheed Loadstar, a crew of two pilots, one Stewardess, 14 passengers, and the gross weight was 17,500 lbs. The last and the greatest plane was the Boeing 747, flight crew of three pilots, 13 stewardess, 2 cabin attends called Director of Passenger Service, a crew of 18 total, and the total gross weight was 710,000 lbs. By this time you can see that Lockheed Loadstar wouldn't carry all the crew of the Boeing 747, not counting the 365 passengers. During my airline career I checked out on the following planes: Lockheed Loadstar, Douglas DC-3, DC-6, DC-6B, DC-7, Convair 240-340-440, Viscount, Boeing 707 series, 720B, 320C, and Boeing 747. I feel the greatest advancement made was in navigation air called I. N. S. or Internal Navigation System. The same as used by the Astronauts on going to the moon.

Upon retiring I had accumulated a little over 30,000 hours. The many times I flew over Southwestern Kansas during my airline flying and it was always interest to me. THE GARDEN-SPOT OF THE WORLD. Just a little S W of Garden City, Kansas.

Bill



Dear Golden Eagles:

For those of you that were unable to attend our last convention in San Deigo, you missed a fun time. We enjoyed good drinks, food conversation, especially our entertainment, and the hotel accomodations. The pictures of the DC-3 and the 747 from Hal Hundley helped with our expenses, as well as the raffle conducted by Bob and Jan Kinsey.

The Golden Eagles now have an Emeritus For Life, Captain Cliff Pleggenkuhle, and also a new treasurer, Captain Ken Alrick. Even though Bill Lively suggested we keep Amos for life also. We are pleased to welcome these two gentlemen to their new positions, but sorry to lose our, "Ol reliable," Captain Amos Cann. We all owe Amos a debt of gratitude for his past years of service as treasurer, and he will again be retired.

A brief comment about our entertainment, Scott Netter, one of our younger Continental Captains, did a fabulous job with his musical group and everyone enjoyed them very much. Jim Gamble, always a crowd pleaser, had some very ill behaved puppets -- what a great show!!


The golfers enjoyed the Singing Hills Golf Courses, but I don't believe any records were shattered.

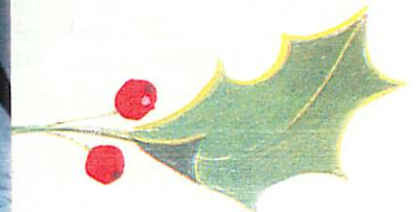
It was decided to have our next convention to San Antonio, Texas, on September 24th - 17th, at the River Walk Marriott, in central downtown. This will be the first time we will meet in the mid-United States. We will try to make this convention as nice as our last one in San Diego, California. It may be a little harder to supply ourselves, and the possibility of some catering for the Hospitality Room may be necessary. We have a lot of talent in Texas to help coordinate this problem. We expect to see some long lost Texas folks from the past, and cruise down the river for lunch. Hopefully Continental Airlines will still have flights to the Texas cities, so it won't be difficult to travel. We will have more on this at a later date.

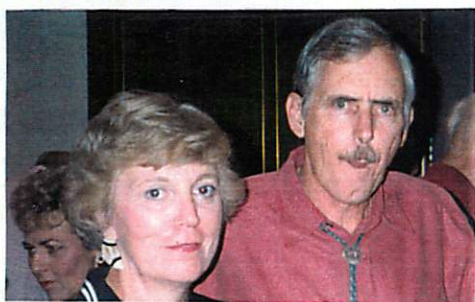
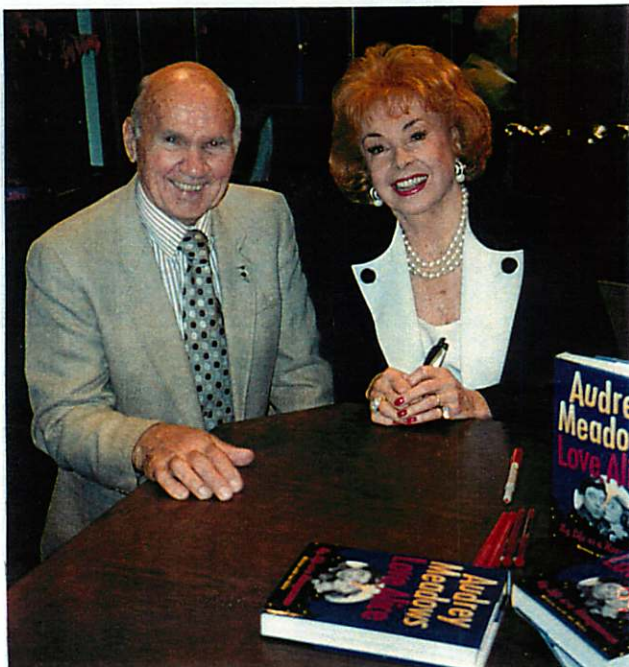
The following year we will be in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the Tropicanna Hotel. Hope to see as many as possible in Texas.

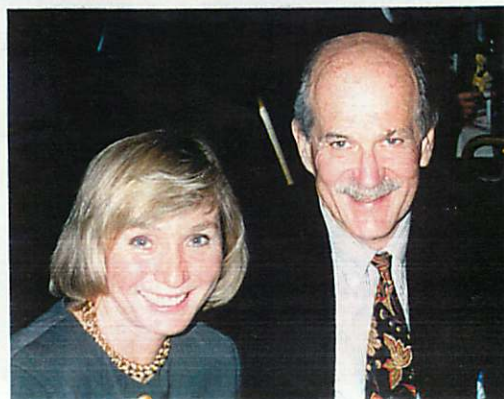
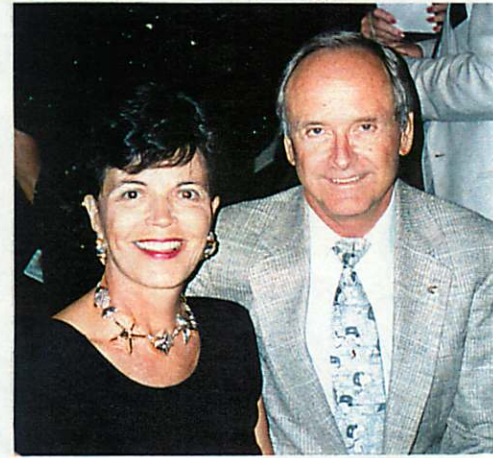
Good Luck and Good Health,

Sincerely,


"Ol" Secretary, Hal Rose









To: Captain Robert Hiemstra
Officers and members of
The Golden Eagles.



Remember always
nature was here before
and will be here after.

A force
stronger than anything,

yet willing
to help and to guide.

Respect yourself
as you respect nature;
trees,

rocks,
water,
animals.

Know the rivers will always flow,
the waves will always crash,
and the wind will carry on
forever.

Do not stop
to believe
the overused
language of humans.

Follow the sounds
of animals in the night,
water on rocks,
and wind in leaves,
for nature
is the only truth
left
on earth.

Sarah Cann



The
Nature
Conservancy.



I wish to thank all of you who attended our last
business meeting in San Diego for honoring me by
installing me as President Emeritus of the Golden
Eagles and presenting me with the beautiful plaque
which reads as follows:

CAPTAIN CLIFFORD M. PLEGGENKUHLE

SEPTEMBER 1939 - SEPTEMBER 1970

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR 31 YEARS AS A
PILOT, DELEGATE, CHAPLAIN, GOODWILL AMBASSADOR
AND A FOUNDER OF THE GOLDEN EAGLES ASSOCIATION
OF RETIRED CONTINENTAL AIRLINES PILOTS

WE HEREBY DECLARE YOU

PRESIDENT EMERITUS

OCTOBER 1994

I feel humble and proud to have been chosen for this
prestigious honor and I pray that I can continue
to serve the goals of this fine group of pilots,
all of whom I have had the pleasure of knowing and
sharing the cockpit with over these many years.

The purpose of the Golden Eagles organization is
to promote and continue the close friendship and
association of the members and to promote their
general welfare. With this in mind, I encourage
all pilots over 50 and all who have retired to
join us in our annual reunions and participate in
our activities.

Many thanks to Jean Hart, Alice Powers and others
who organized the Ladies' Auxiliary about 10 years
ago. Their Hospitality Suites are "where the action
is," where we gather to renew old friendships and
make new ones.

Thank you all for the many kindnesses you have
shown me and my family.

Pleggie

We never leave our roots. We just grow new branches.

Audrey Meadows: "Love, Alice"



GOLDEN EAGLES TREASURERS REPORT TO DEC.1, 1994

		INCOME	TOTAL
OPENING BALANCE 1-01-89	1-01-94		<u>\$10,515.58</u>
INCOME TO	12-01-94		
DUES		\$4,220.00	
POSTAGE		\$1,286.00	
CONVENTION 94		\$5,257.00	
HOSPILITY ROOM		\$1,066.00	
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TOTAL INCOME TO	12-01-94	\$11,828.00	\$22,343.58
DISBURSEMENTS	12-01-94		
MARRIOTT SAN		\$4,999.82	
CONV. SUPPLIES		\$557.78	
PLAQUES		\$240.25	
RAPA		\$387.50	
GOLDEN CONTRAILS		\$3,268.83	
CONV. CANCELLED		\$618.00	
DEN-HOSPICE		\$50.00	
MARRIOTT FOR	SAT-1995	\$1,000.00	
TROICANA FOR	LVS-1996	\$500.00	
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BANK BALANCE	12-01-94	\$11,822.18	(\$11,822.18)
			<u>\$10,721.40</u>

MAKE DUES PAYMENT TO GOLDEN EAGLES:
 >>>SEND ALL DUES AND ADDRESS KEN ALRICK
 CHANGE OR CORRECTIONS TO:>> 30339 CHANNEL WAY
 CANYON LAKE, CA 92587

REPORT ON 1994 CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO

	INCOME	EXPENSES
BANQUET & IADIES	\$5,257.00	
KITTY, DC-3 / 747 ,RAFFLE	<u>\$1,085.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,322.00	
MARRIOTT BANQUET & ETC.		\$4,999.82
HOSPILITY ROOM SUPPLIES		\$557.78
PLAQUES		\$240.25
BANQUET REFUNDS		<u>\$627.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$6,424.85

POSTAGE FUND AFTER SEPT. GOLDEN CONTRAILS

HARRY TANNEYHILL	JOE MULLINS	JACK ALLEY
BARNEY BARNWELL	DICK GRIGSBY	AL O'NEAL
BILLIE CARPENTER	TED HERBERT	DICK McCOY
WALT JENNINGS	JOHN BENDER	KEN LAKES
TOMMY THOMPSON	JAY WORLEY	WES COSS
RALPH EIKMEIER	B.R. WHITAKER	BOB CURTIS
THOMAS E. GREEN	JOE KUNZ	BOB RAWLS
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LARRY MARINELLI	DON GENTRY	JACK DANIEL
ROLAND OLSON	JOHN BLACKIS	MAX MEINEN
MARK SCHELLENBERG	PAUL SANWICK	WALT HONAN
CARL DOMSCHKE	BILL LIVELY	PLEGGIE JR
PETE PETTERSON	GENE FREEMAN	JO ROGERS
LENORA CORBETT	JOHN ZETSMAN	HAL HUNDLEY
GEO HEMMINGER	FRANK RHODES	TOM RUSSEL
K.D. THOMPSON	BILL CHILDRESS	BLAKE LAMAR
RALPH MUSSER	MIKE ROCHE	HAL ROSS
HAL HUNDLEY	BOB KINSEY	GARY WILSEY
WALT BYBEE	GENE NEWMAN	JANE FANNIN
HARRY PARKER	ALICE POWERS	PAUL CONROY
BOB WENHOLZ	BUD WALTER	JACK DANIEL
ED GORMAN	KEN ALRICK	BUD BATTLE
GEO DIDLAKE	JIM HIGBY	JACK MURRAY
DICK HUGHES	PHIL NASH	KEN BELLERUE
MONTE DOYEL		PEARL KELLY

NEW MEMBERS IN 1994

LORI KILLOUGH	CARL DOMSCHKE	NEAL DYER
JERRY HARDESTY	GLEN FOX	PHIL NASH
DIFF DIFFENDERFER	JOSEPH MASINI	JOHN WALL
WAYNE NAKAGAWA	EDWARD COX	BOB SHANKS
MONROE MATHIAS	FRANK TULLO	JERRY HARE
JOHN HOWARD	BILL HILL	BOB GOLEY
BOB HULSE		

KEN ALRICK WILL BE YOUR TREAS JAN. 1, 1995

REPORT BY TREAS. A. J. CANN



Dear "GOLDEN EAGLES" and "WIVES":

Phew! Waiter, another glass of wine, please. Yea!! We Did it, another convention year has been completed. from the beginning, we tried to possess imagination so that we could initiate some influence, in a positive direction to reach our goal -- to make this convention

run smooth. This would include our hospitality suite/our banquet dinner/the meeting rooms/each hotel suite--but most important of all on our list of priorities was to ensure everyone who attended our convention would go away feeling better about renewing friendships with their comrades.

It was my pleasure to work closer with many of you. Thanks for all of your kind comments and notes. I wish there would be space to reproduce them. We are fortunate to have many wonderful, hardworking members. Please don't think for a moment all of your hard work went unnoticed.

Kathy Heimstra served as our nominating chairperson. The following ladies were elected to serve for next year. Secretary, Ollie May Didlake, Vice Chairman, Luvern Alrick, and Chairman Sandy Ross. We congratulate these ladies and as they begin to formulate plans we call upon all of you to offer your support by sharing your ideas and suggestions. This will enable us to continue with new ideas and projects. If we all continue to play a small role then the work is shared by all and not just a few. This organization is a "life link" to many widows and we want to ensure them they are very important to all of us and their ideas and talents will always be welcomed.

May Gold's blessing be upon all of us as we start this new year. In San Antonio, Texas Marriott where our next convention will be held there will be new and interesting sites and places to go.

As the holidays approach, our thoughts turn toward family and friends. Hal and I wish for all of you a wonderful, warm holiday season. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Love,

Sandy Ross
Sandy Ross



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trive to be a better person in 1995



GONE WEST:

BOB CORB:

BOB died in September in Green Valley, AZ.
(No other details available).

DICK MCCOY: Nov. 19, 1994.

DICK had been afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease for about 3 years. Contributions in his name may be sent to ALZHEIMERS, 825 Speer Blvd Suite #1, Denver, CO 80218.

HARRY TANEYHILL: Nov. 29, 1994.

HARRY had been afflicted with painful arthritis for many years. More recently, following complications after a broken ankle, he had his leg amputated below the knee. BARNEY BARNWELL, JOHN BENDER, A.J. and LAVERNE CANN, TOMMY AND ADAH MYRLE GREEN, FREDDIE ANN GREY (FRED GREY'S DAUGHTER), DICK GRIGSBY, and JIM HIGBY were at HARRY'S gravesight on the afternoon of Dec, 2nd.



ILLNESS/SURGERY:

RIP THORNBERRY:

RIP lost 30 pounds last summer, and during his hospital stay, anemia was diagnosed as his medical problem. He has gained a pound or two at home, and he is still anemic, but feeling a little better.

CHRIS IMBODEN:

CHRIS broke her ankle in early September, and is recovering at home.

JANE RICHARDS:

As a result of being bedridden for some time, and because painful shoulders prevent her from lying on either side, JANE'S backside was found to have some dead skin tissue from lying constantly on her back. The area of dead skin was removed and replaced with a skin flap recently. Even though JANE is spending most of her time in a bed with a circulating air mattress, the affected area is very slow to heal....

BETTY NEWMAN:

After six days in a hospital, BETTY continued to take intravenous antibiotics four times each day at a Convalescent Home, to rid her blood of a poisonous infection. At the Home BETTY was able to be driven to her own home each day from 3:30PM to 7:30PM (between IV treatments). She returned home to stay on December 2nd.

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

THIS'N THAT:

One hundred and forty-seven Golden Eagles and guests attended the GOLDEN EAGLE BANQUET in San Diego. A.J. CANN reports they were JACK AND JEAN ALLEY, KEN AND LUVERNE ALRICK, JUDY AMERSE, DON AND BETH BALLARD, BUD AND LA VERNE BATTLE, KEN AND B.J. BELLERUE, JOHN AND MICKEY BENDER, JOHN AND LEVA BLACKIS, WALT AND ALICE BYBEE, CASEY AND NORMA CAMERON AND TWO CAMERON GUESTS, A.J. AND LAVERNE CANN, BILLIE CARPENTER, BILL AND AMY CHILDRESS, LENORA CORBETT, ED AND KAREN COX, BOB AND BETTY CURTIS, DICK DAHSE, TED AND VICKY DANIEL, JACK AND ANN DANIEL, GEORGE AND MAY DIDLAK, BUD AND TINA DIXON, DIXIE DICKSON, CARL DOMSCHKE, JERRY DONEVANT, RALPH AND DORIS EIKMEIER, JANE FANNIN, JIM AND MARTY GAMBEL, DON AND JONNE GENTRY, GOMO AND WENDY GREER, DICK AND SUE GRIGSBY, PAUL AND GAIL GROVER, JEAN HART, GEORGE AND MARY HEMMINGER, CHUCK AND KATHY HERNETT, BOB AND KATHY HIEMSTRA, JIM AND LOU HIGBY, DICK AND DOTTIE HUGHES, ERNIE AND MARILYN ISLAVA, WALT AND JANYCE JENNINGS, JACK AND CECILE JOHNSON, BOB AND JAN KINSEY, JOE AND MARIE KUNZ AND TWO KUNZ GUESTS, BLAKE LAMAR, DON AND MARIAN LEASEBERG, LEE LIPSKY, BILL AND JUDY LIVELY, LARRY AND JOAN MARINELLI, MAX AND NONA MEINEN, NORM AND BLONDIE MEYER, BUD AND GALE MOYER, JOE MULLINS, GEORGE AND MARIE MURPHY, JACK AND MARGARET MURRAY, RALPH AND SHIRLEY ANN MUSSER, GENE NEWMAN, AL AND BERT O'NEAL, HARRY AND DOTTIE PARKER, GLADYS PARKER, HERB AND ALLINE PERSING, PETE AND CONNIE PETTERSON, CLIFF, FLORA, PLEGGENKUHLE, CLIFF, JR AND ANN PLEGGENKUHLE, ALICE POWERS, HAL AND SANDY ROSS, PAUL AND JEAN SANWICK, SHY AND LEONA SHEIHAGAN, HAROLD AND JEAN SPORES, DON AND ELLIE STRAIGHT, DAVE AND HELEN STREIT, K.D. AND CASEY THOMPSON AND TWO GUESTS, FRANK TULLO, MARILYN WALKER, BOB AND MARY WENHOLZ, BUFORD AND ANNA WHITAKER, GARY AND LANETTA WILSLEY, JAY AND WILMA WORLEY, AND JOHN ZETSMAN.

KATHY HIEMSTRA did not come to San Diego with BOB. She stayed home until the last minute so that she could care for their diabetic dog...

THIS'N THAT:

TOMMY AND ADAH MYRLE GREEN drove to attend a Colorado Springs wedding on October 8th. When they returned home, quite tired from the trip, they decided to cancel their plans to attend our San Diego meeting.

Others who made reservations but were unable to attend include **BARNEY AND JOAN BARNWELL**, **INGRID BONDI**, **WES AND ANNETTE COSS**, **BOB AND BETTY CURTIS**, **LOU AND OVEDA CUTHBERTSON**, **ED AND ALICE GORMAN**, **TED AND JOYCE HERBERT**, **DORIS MCCOY**, **BETTY NEWMAN**, **MIRA SLOVAK**, **RIP AND LA VERNE THORNBERY**, AND **BUD WALTER**.

DICK GRIGSBY advised that **BOB AND BETTY CAMPBELL** were unable to attend, as **BOB** is taking chemotherapy and treatment for leukemia. **DICK** also mentioned that **JOHN AND SHIRLEY WALL** could not come because **JOHN** is taking 35 treatments for cancer of the prostate.

The hospitality room provided a great time for everyone to renew friendships during our first evening in San Diego. When a band arrived and started to play, many "old folks" began to dance, including the **ALLEYS**, **ALRICKS**, **BATTLEYS**, **DIDLAKES**, **GAMBERS**, **GRIGSBYS**, **PLEGGENKUHLES**, **ROSS'S**, **SPORES'S**, **STRAIGHTS**, **STREITS**, and **K.D. THOMPSONS**. When he wasn't dancing with **HELEN**, **DAVE STREIT** was tapped to "trip the light fantastic" with **JEAN HART**, and **ELLIE STRAIGHT**!

JEAN HART sang "BILL BAILEY" near the end of a fine evening.....

SANDY ROSS, aided by **MARILYN WALKER**, took great care of our hospitality room... At the business meeting **KEN ALRICK** generously agreed to relieve **A.J. CANN** as Treasurer. **A.J.** received a resounding "round of applause" for his many and appreciated years in office. **K.D. THOMPSON** mentioned that Southwest Air will write a Round Trip Ticket (at their Ticket Counter, upon presenting an Airline I.D.) for \$50.00 If you board at the originating station you will most likely not be bumped at intermediate stops, as Southwest people do not want to bother with the extra work and time involved. Inquire about the "KY9" Fare when buying a ticket on US AIR... **JOHN ZETSMAN** suggested that we have a central source of pass information, and he graciously accepted the job of putting all the information in his computer. Please send him your input, and when it is all complete, we will publish the information in an issue of the **GOLDEN CONTRAILS**. **JACK MURRAY** plans to send a "Barge Outing" Questionnaire to the membership well in advance of our next meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

A.J. CANN advised that only about 20 golfers entered the Golden Eagle Annual Golf Tournament this year. All had a good time, with **DON BALLARD** shooting an 82 to win for the men. **DORIS EIRMEIER** had the winning score for the ladies... Golfers planning to play next year, in San Antonio are requested to make reservations with **A.J. CANN**.

ALICE POWERS headed the Banquet Table Decoration Committee, which included **JIM AND LOU HIGBY**, and **JEAN HART**.

ERNIE ISLAVA gave a short talk, following the banquet, mentioning that, after he left Continental, he had the opportunity to compare airlines. And he said that he found that Continental had superior cockpit crews. He credited that fact to **TED HAUETER**, **RED STUBBEN**, **DON BALLARD**, **DON STRAIGHT**, **JACK ALLEY**, and others.....

JIM GAMBLE'S puppet show was very entertaining, especially when a lecherous male puppet made his "feelings" known for **B.J. BELLERUE**!

HAL ROSS donated two helicopter rides as raffle prizes...

DR. LARRY MARINELLI helped many of us during our careers as airline pilots--now is helping acrobatic pilot, **BOB HOOVER**, pass physicals in Australia and Canada. (But so far, not in the United States).

HAROLD SPORES offers to give friends a ride to the racquet-ball court; but only those that he knows that he can beat!

LEE LIPSKY AND BILL LIVELY are flying as Flight Engineers on LAX-HNL-LAX flights. That results in full pay for flying only eight days each month!

JOE AND MARIE KUNZ brought their daughter and Egyptian son-in-law as guests.

BOB WENHOLZ still flies one trip each month to Santa Ynez, Baja California for the Flying Samaritans. In keeping with tradition, **BOB** brings his screwdriver and tools along, and takes care of maintaining the clinic's electric power supply, dental drills, etc.

It was interesting and enjoyable to observe **WALT JENNINGS** and **GEORGE MURPHY** discuss insurance and residuals in the Hospitality Room....

Congratulations to **DICK GRIGSBY**: He received a plaque from the NATIONAL LIBRARY OF POETRY for "Outstanding Achievement in Poetry". His TOP O'CLIMB Poem was judged to be in the top 3% of all poems submitted in that category!

Our Historian, **DICK GRIGSBY** reports, "Our Golden Eagle (Porcelain) was damaged in the Jan. 17th earthquake. It has been repaired except that is it missing the tip on one feather on the left wing. Perhaps that's symbolic for us Golden Eagles---No one is perfect!"

THIS'N THAT:

C.M. (RED) STUBBEN still does consultant work. Recently he flew to Khartoum, Sudan, in Africa. In his tour of that country's airline he was shown into a hangar with a Boeing 707-320 in the process of getting a "D" maintenance check. Most of it was in parts on the hangar floor, accumulating dust. It turned out that the "D" check had been started two years prior to that time!

DON STRAIGHT was approached with a job offer by **HAWAIIAN AIRLINES** in mid-November of 1993 to set up their DC-10 Operation. He accepted the challenge, even though **HAWAIIAN AIRLINES** did not have an approved FAA Training Program, and even though DC-10 flights were optimistically scheduled to begin early in 1994. **DON** had an approved Training Program within three weeks, and pilots qualified to fly the DC-10's practically in accord with **HAWAIIAN**'S original plans. The pilots were trained (with minimum problems), with the aid of **STEVE GRIMES**, who is now with the FAA. **DON STRAIGHT** is Vice-President, Flight Operations, for **HAWAIIAN AIRLINES**, and they operate DC-10's HNL-LAX, HNL-SEA-PTL, HNL-TAHITI-AMERICAN SAMOA. The DC-10's average utilization is 10 hours per day, and load factors are in the 60% area. (Editor's Note): After **DON**'S sad story at last year's Convention, it was very gratifying to hear about his change of fortune!

NORM MEYER'S NEWS NOTES

JIM HIGBY is finally closing out his interests in the Monument area of Colorado, a truck stop being one of the last properties to be handled. **JIM** still plays tennis three times a week. He and **LOU** have now lived the same Palos Verdes home for thirty five years.

KEN ALRICK is president of the 600 member Canyon Lake Travel Club, which plans day trips as well as world wide tours. Laverne writes a news letter and handles reservations for the club. **KEN** will be Treasurer for the Golden Eagles in 1995.

DORIS MCCOY is doing fine since she got her pacemaker.

RALPH AND SHIRLEY ANN MUSSER live on an 80 acre farm near South Bend, Indiana which has been in **SHIRLEY**'S family for three generations and one hundred and ten years. In 1957 **RALPH** traveled from Kansas City to Denver for his interview. **WADE JOHNSON** invited him to ride in the cockpit and **RALPH** says that as a country boy fresh from lightplanes, he thought the DC-7B was about the biggest airplane in the world.

RAY MELBERG lost his license 2 1/2 years ago due to surgical repair (successful) of a heart mitral valve and is working on reinstatement of his physical. He would like to resume flight instructing in order to fly more cheaply. **RAY** is still working on his No. 4 biplane and an all metal Ultraplane, also keeps busy with 20 fruit trees, a 12 year old live-in grandson, softball and horseshoes. **TROVA** still works 4 days a week at a home for the handicapped. (Editor's Note): **RAY** sold his two-place biplane (without engine and wings), and is designing and helping to build the wings. When finished, **RAY** has computed that the biplane will cruise at 169 miles per hour!

RIDGE BROWN bought a home in Dillon, Colorado in 1971 and moved into it in 1979. He lives there seven months of the year and in Tucson for the other five. **RIDGE** hunts, fishes and skis, and both he and **MARY** play tennis.

MARLON GAMBER is building a home in Castle Pines, north of Castle Rock. He has been based in LA, flying to London. **MARLON** spends time with his computer, on which he does astrology for his wife, who is a clinical psychologist.

DOC O'BRIEN moved to a new home in Steamboat Springs in May of this year and is still finishing landscaping, complete with sprinkling system, waterfall and pond. he says he has finally found the right flies, can now catch all fish, lake or stream. **DOC** will retire in December, will winter in Houston after Nov. 1 and return to Colorado in May.

GENE DAHLQUIST has been retired since 1991 and he and **DOROTHY** live in Brighton. **DOROTHY**'S father is from Sweden, so **DOROTHY** and **GENE** spent a month this year traveling in Sweden and Norway. They spend their summers in Blaking, Minnesota, north of Brainerd.

The annual pilot banquet co-hosted by **CHUCK SULLIVAN** and **MERRIL MOORE** was its usual success. Ninety six pilots and a total one hundred fifty attendees admired the view from Mt. Vernon Club on fine Colorado evening in September. To illustrate how Continental and the airline industry have become fractured, of all the current and former **CAL** pilots present that night, at least eight are now flying for that many other different airlines.

CASEY CAMERON is a volunteer researcher for both the San Diego Aerospace Museum and the March Field Museum. **CASEY** believes he must hold the record for the shortest **CAL** furlough. One afternoon in 1954 **JACK WEILER** furloughed **CASEY** and **DEAN MAXWELL**, and they turned in their company belongings. Next morning at 07:00 **WALT WEBB** called **CASEY** to fly a trip to Colorado Springs with **CHUCK HART**. **CASEY** went, sans uniform or even official employee status, and that was the end of his furlough.

FRANK MILLS moved six years ago back to Sheridan, Wyoming where he was born and raised. He lives in a log home on two acres, six miles out of town. When he leaves home he comes to a fork in the road, where he feels he should flip a coin - left to the Big Horn Mountains and fishing, right for golf. Decisions, decisions. **FRANK** enjoys cooking and is president of his Knode Homeowners Association. he is only three months or so from retirement.

BUD AND THELMA MOYER live in Bellfair, Washington, southwest of Bremerton on the Hood Canal. They have a pickup camper and a 20 foot boat to move about in. They usually spend three months each year in Alaska where the hunting and fishing are good. **THELMA** paints, quilts, and does miniatures. **BUD** took retirement on a physical at age 53, but flies with Civil Air Patrol wing which has Cessna 182's, 206's and a Mooney 185.

JOHN AND LEVA BLACKIS still summer in their beautiful ridge top home at the 8800' level southwest of Boulder, complete with million dollar view. In October they head southwest by motorhome, visiting Nevada, Arizona, California, Oregon, and their condo in San Clemente, returning to Colorado in May. **LEVA** quilts and gardens, **JOHN** works about the house and forest and motorhome, and belongs to many civilian and military aviation groups. He has established the **JOHN T. BLACKIS FOUNDATION** for needy students and Children's Hospital, and is named on a wall plaque in the Experimental Aircraft Assn. Museum in Oskosh as a special contributor.



NORM MEYER

On a recent visit **RAY MELBERG** noted that **DICK MCCOY** was down to 119 pounds. He also visited **BOB AINSWORTH**, who was using a walker, but he did not see **TED HAUETER** because **TED** does not recognize anyone anymore.

PLEGGIE (CLIFF PLEGGENKUHLE, SR.) has been elected a National Governor of the OX5'rs.

DICK AND SUE GRIGSBY each had enjoyable flight in a helicopter, piloted by **HAL ROSS**, during a recent weekend in Palm Springs.

JOEL N. DANIEL is a Boeing 747 Captain with KOREAN AIR.

BOB STUNKARD wrote that he is, "Still here at MGM Grand Air. Manager of Internal Evaluation. I do a continual internal audit of Maintenance, Operations, Training, Dispatch, etc., examining their records, procedures, and policies, then recommending changes I feel are improvements, will save costs or will insure MGM stays out of trouble with the FAA. I'm probably learning more than they are, particularly in Maintenance. I can at least hold my own in a staff meeting while discussing MX."

DOUG SELBY wrote, "Unlike **MIKE BENDER**, my poison of choice at UPS is MSP-RFD-MSP. Staying away from the long haul may allow me to retain my health for retirement."

ELLIE FRAZIER wrote, "In Nov. 1993 **TOM (FRAZIER)** took a long over due treadmill test, and flunked. So off to see the Cardiologist who recommended a Cardiac Catheterization (Angiogram). When that was completed it was discovered that there was 90% blockage in two of the main arteries leading to the heart. So the decision was made to go to Seattle's Providence Hospital & have a procedure known as Rotational Arthroectomy (roto rooter) performed. That procedure is done with very tiny drills in the artery to remove the calcification. After four days in bed Tom was able to walk out of the hospital. One month later he had a follow up treadmill test. That was OK. Four months later he had a second treadmill test & that also was OK. Then in Oct. he had a third follow up treadmill test and passed with flying colors. The Cardiologist said he'd see **TOM** Oct. 1995. Because he was such a good patient, the Dr. gave him the little rotors that were used to perform this procedure."

WAYNE A. NAKAGAWA is a Boeing 747 Captain with EVA AIR.

PAUL GROVER has been installed in the Football Hall of Fame. He was the winning quarterback when the University of Oregon won in the 1958 ROSE BOWL! **PAUL AND GAIL BRUMM** were married in July, 1994.

LEE MEYERS wrote that he, "Hit the big '60" on Aug. 15th. Continental offered me either a gold watch or a Flight Attendant as a retirement gift---had a gold watch, so took the Flight Attendant. P.S. **PAM** has been with Continental (old) 25 years. (Editors Note: **LEE** and **PAM WATTERS** were married in Wimberly, Texas, on Sept. 24, 1994).

JOHN CAMPBELL is owner of a Fixed Base Operation (Flying School, etc.) in Texas.

THIS'N THAT:

BARNEY BARNWELL flew his Cessna 182 on another long trip recently. This time **BARNEY** and grandson **MARK** flew to Churchill, Canada. They used a "Global Positioning System" navigational aid as their primary instrument in flying point to point (usually 5 hour legs). On their last leg when they taxied into their parking spot the GPS indicated they were one-tenth of a mile off! **BARNEY** said that the five hour legs were sometimes too long. On one flight he asked ATC to add a half hour to his estimated time of arrival, as he was making an enroute stop for "physiological reasons".

Several Golden Eagles attended **AUDREY MEADOWS SIX'S** Book Tour at **RIZZOLI'S** in Beverly Hills, on Oct. 26th. Among those present were **BARNEY BARNWELL**, **JOHN BENDER**, **TOM DEMPSEY**, **DICK GRIGSBY**, **GENE NEWMAN**, AND **RED STUBBEN**. **AUDREY** graciously autographed books for all!

Your editors have received several complimentary notes regarding the Golden Contrails:

1. "I really enjoy Golden Contrails and being able to keep up on everyone. Now that **CAL** is out of **PDX**, news doesn't travel so fast. Thanks for keeping me on your list. God Bless, and best wishes to all."

SHARON BOHAN

2. "Dick, I truly enjoy reading the **GOLDEN CONTRAILS**. You and Gene Newman provide some interesting reading".

MARY ESTHER SIMMONS

3. **BRUCE WEBB** wrote a long letter about how, "He enjoyed reading every word in "Golden Contrails", about the foresight and ability of **ROBERT F. SIX**, about his own flying experiences, and about how he was fired for not traveling to Houston (in accord with his doctor's recommendation) for a medical examination on a date that was just three weeks after he had surgery. (**BRUCE** hopes that arbitration in early 1995 will result in his return to flight status).

4. "DEAR CAPTAIN **GRIGSBY**,
JOHN BENDER has sent me the August issue of the Contrails which highlighted the article on **AUDREY SIX'S** "Love, Alice", which you noted I had assisted in writing. It was most complete and gracious, and she is most thankful for the attention, as, of course, I am. I was VP-Public Relations at **CAL** from 1968-80 and I'm sure we met at sometime during my time on watch. It was a grand period in my career, especially the time each day I spent with **BOB SIX**. As has been said, "they didn't make two of him and I'm sure glad I met the one in my life" ".

Best---**JOE DALEY**

5. After **DICK GRIGSBY** sent a complimentary copy of Golden Contrails to **MR. GORDON BETHUNE**, President of **CAL**, **DICK** received a personal phone call thanking him for sending the August issue, and saying, "It is very gratifying to realize that the original Continental Family stays involved with current projects and is concerned about each other." NOTE: **MR. BETHUNE** is a experienced pilot, rated on some of the newer trans-ports, and he recently acquired some DC-3 practice with **CAPTAIN JIM MINOR**.

Here is another **BOB SIX** anecdote:

"I had a Ford LTD in HNL which I kept in beautiful condition, so fine that the head doorman at the Royal Hawaiian would often ask if it was for sale. He wanted it badly. One lovely evening I left it in his care while enjoyed the sunset from the Banyan Court. When I returned to the entrance he personally went to deliver the car to me. While I was waiting, **MR. SIX** and **AUDREY** walked down the entranceway steps and, seeing me, **MR. SIX** exclaimed rather gruffly, "What are you doing here?" Taken aback, but trying not to show it, I answered, "Waiting for my car." About that time **CARLOS** came up, car sparkling clean in the torchlights, and stood aside, holding the door for me, with Hawaiian music from KCCN soft in the air.

I politely asked **MR. SIX** if I could drop them anywhere. He replied, "Ah...Ah... No, we have a car coming." With that, I waved, climbed into the driver's seat, and very sedately drove away, V-8 purring.

I knew that Continental was in the hotel business, but didn't think that **MR. SIX** had bought the Royal Hawaiian---yet!"

DICK GRIGSBY

Your editors hope that the quotes from the five letters and the anecdote above will stimulate our members to include a note when you send in your dues to **KEN ALRICK**. If you have already paid your dues, send your contribution to **DICK GRIGSBY** or **GENE NEWMAN**. We are particularly requesting news from our newer and younger members.....

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