



Monthly Update and Reminders APRIL 2021

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RECURRING REMINDERS AND NEW NOTICES

The **current password** for accessing the Golden Contrails magazine, the member rosters, the Golden Eagles documents and the archived blast emails on our website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, is **heading**

All current Golden Eagles members are now members for life and no longer need to pay annual dues.

TELL YOUR NON-GOLDEN EAGLES FRIENDS....Those eligible for membership can submit a new member form from our website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, pay a one time

expire. Every pilot, active or retired, age fifty and over, from any pre-merger subsidiary airline of United Airlines is cordially invited to become a member of The Golden Eagles. Complete details and instructions for becoming a member are on our website, www.thegoldeneagles.org in the Membership section.

Revised Rosters on Website

The revised member rosters for **April** have been uploaded to the Golden Eagles website Membership section and are available for access by our members. Please check your contact information on the rosters and advise our Secretary, David Rossetter, drossetter@yahoo.com, of any needed corrections. Corrected information can be submitted to us by using the Roster Update Form on our website in the Membership section under Roster Update.

Captain Pete Hernandez memorial

Thanks to Bruce Sprague for this report on Pete`s memorial

A small group of CAL pilots came today to Pete Hernandez's memorial service, at his home in Kingwood, Texas. Pete passed away March 15, from a short battle with liver cancer. Rich Bulger, John Downey, Mike Snowden, Jim Davis, Mike and Martha Machemehl, Steve Cady, Rick Bixby, Bill Vaughn, Bruce Stone, John Stipitich, and Bruce and Ok Su Sprague attended. His wife Maria, and her entire family from Bogata, Colombia were also there. Pete has many aviation memories in his home, and he touched the lives of countless CAL pilots. Pete will be sorely missed by all. May his final flight West be a smooth flight, with clear skies.



Some of the guys at Pete Hernandez's memorial

PASS TRAVEL NEWS

Q & A:

Q. If I do not get a seat will you send my checked bag on original flight even if I cancel to rebook to a different routing?

If I plan to connect through, what are the chances of my checked bag connecting?

A. It will go to your final destination even if you change to a different route yourself, but if there was too short of a connecting time in the connecting city, they will put your bag on the next flight out, even if it's the next day.

You must have a seat assigned before your bag will be loaded for international flights.

[Doug Etc](#)

[UNITED New Pass Travel Policies, Retirees and Actives](#)

Folks, please understand that there is a difference between an app and a website. An app, such as the United app, is an application that you install on your mobile device or computer, from an app

websites are NOT the same thing, and they work differently.

Why do I bring this up? I regularly see people reporting that they can't book on the app, only to find out they weren't actually using the app, but were using Flying Together or employeeRES on a browser. Sometimes, people also say that they can't use eRES, but it turns out they are using the United app. For people to properly answer your questions and help you solve your issues, you need to be sure you are clear in the actual tool you are using. So please, when reporting an issue or asking a question about using the app or eRES, please make sure you are clear in your question or statement about whether you are in fact using the United app (downloaded from the Android or Apple app store), which while it allows pass travel booking for employees and retirees, it is NOT employeeRES; or if you are using employeeRES, which is accessed using a web browser on both computers and mobile devices and is NOT the same as the app.

What are the pass travel codes?

Order	Boarding	Auto	Seniority	Description
NO	Priority	Upgrade	Applies	

25	SA0V	No	Yes	UA employee, Retiree, Eligible Spouse/DP and accompanied pass riders on vacation pass
	SA0X			Regional partner employees and accompanied pass riders on their own metal
26	SA1P	No	Yes	UA employees, eligible spouse/DP and accompanied pass riders on personal pass
27	SA2R	No	Yes	UA Retiree, eligible spouse/DP and accompanied pass riders on personal pass
28	SA2X	No	Yes	Regional partner employees and accompanied pass riders on other regional carrier metal
29	SA3X	No	Yes	Regional partner retirees on all regional carrier metal
30	SA3V	No	Yes	Eligible pass riders traveling on vacation pass
31	SA2B	No	No	OA employees on company business
	SA4P			Eligible pass riders on personal pass
32	SA4S	No	Yes	United Suppliers

	SA4X			Regional partner employee's unaccompanied pass riders on own metal
33	ID90	No	No	OA employees on ID90 Tickets
34	ID95	No	No	OA employees on ID95 Tickets
35	SA5B	No	No	OA employees on company business
36	SA5P	No	Yes	Early-out participants
	SA5X	No	Yes	All regional partner employees/retirees/eligible pass riders on UA Mainline
				Regional partner retiree's unaccompanied pass riders on all regional carrier metal
38	SA6F	No	Yes	Extended Family Buddies
39	SA7U	No	Yes	Regular Buddies
40	SA7P	No	No	Revenue Customers from ceased operations
41	SA8A	No	No	Star OA employees on ZED tickets (Not in use at this time)
42	SA8Z	No	No	OA employees on ZED tickets
43	SA9W	No	Yes	Active UA employees fee-waived

United launches free inflight messaging trial on select planes



Zach Griff

Staying connected while flying with United might be getting much easier.

The Chicago-based carrier will pilot a **free inflight messaging** trial, giving select flyers the option to connect to various internet-based chat platforms without needing to [purchase a Wi-Fi package](#).

Only certain pre-downloaded apps are eligible for the pilot, including iMessage, Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp and WeChat. The free messaging functionality excludes sending SMS texts, photos, videos, as well as web browsing.

Note that the pilot is limited to flights between April 12 and April 18 on a subset of Boeing 737-900ER aircraft. Specifically, it'll be available on what United dubs the "37K" variant, of which the carrier has more than 120 in its fleet. You can check the aircraft assigned to your route [roughly two days before your flight](#) using the [United mobile app](#) or website. Click on "amenities" and check if it lists "free messaging."

Connecting to the free messaging service takes just three easy steps, as follows:

1. Join the United Wi-Fi network
2. Go to unitedwifi.com
3. Click on the "free messaging" option

United's positioning this pilot as a test that could be expanded depending on performance and feedback. The carrier confirmed that it's considering rolling this out more broadly, but that'll be based, in part, on the six-day trial.

United upgrades 14 outdoor-focused routes for the summer

Over the weekend, the Chicago-based carrier filed a significant schedule adjustment for 14 routes, primarily aimed at bringing vacationers to national parks and other outdoor destinations in the West. The full list of changes is below, per Cirium timetables, from June through August.

Chicago (ORD)	Cody-Yellowstone Regional, Wyoming (COD)	Saturday-only service resumes on July 3
Chicago (ORD)	Jackson Hole (JAC)	From 1x daily to 2x daily
Denver (DEN)	Aspen (ASE)	From 4x to 7x daily
Denver (DEN)	Vail/Eagle (EGE)	From 2x to 3x daily

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Denver (DEN)	West Yellowstone Regional, Wyoming (COD)		from 2x to 4x daily
Denver (DEN)	Gunnison–Crested Butte, Colorado (GUC)		From 1x to 2x daily
Denver (DEN)	Jackson Hole (JAC)		From 3x to 5x daily
Denver (DEN)	Kalispell/Glacier National Park (FCA)		From 3x to 5x daily
Denver (DEN)	West Yellowstone, Montana (WYS)		From daily to 12x weekly
Houston (IAH)	Jackson Hole (JAC)		From 1x daily to 8x weekly
Houston (IAH)	Key West (EYW)		Daily service extended to Sept. 7, from June 30
Los Angeles (LAX)	Aspen (ASE)		From 1x to 2x daily

LAC NEWS

HCLAC

Dave Newell

The Hill Country LAC will have its "quarterly" luncheon at Pecan Street Brewing in Johnson City, TX on THURSDAY, April 22 at 1130. Governor Abbott has removed the statewide mask mandate and the restrictions on business openings and customer service, so the socializing should be easier. The address is 106 E. Pecan Street in Johnson City. The restaurant is now closing on Wednesdays, so we had to move our regular scheduled luncheon to Thursday. As usual, guests are welcome.

Dave



DENLAC

Dennis McDonald

Fellow morning breakfasters, it appears that the end is finally near. And normalcy is on the horizon. (But I said that a few months back and then the second wave hit!) Most of us



Spike Christiansen, Lonnie Blilie, Bill Brock, Norm Edson, Fred Buhle, Dennis McDonald



Right photo - Brent Domoney, Ed Stapleton, Paul Sciera, Tom Young, Chris Dyer, Tom Burk, Will Jackson

Late arrival who flew in from Durango - John Morse

Dennis



Kingwood LAC

Bill Chambers and Bruce Sprague

The Kingwood Golden Eagles slowed down when the pandemic hit, but we have been meeting now for many months, *every Tuesday morning* at La Madeleines, in Town Center of Kingwood, Texas. Just about everyone has had their Covid shots. Usually by 8 am there are fifteen or many more old pilots there having a good time (I think the record was

problems, helping each other with our technical problems, and other "very important stuff". Everyone is welcome, including non Golden Eagles members and pilots from other airlines. Plus we get free coffee and drinks, and veteran discounts on everything else! Also, once a quarter, we meet with the Conroe and The Woodlands pilots. More information and LAC member photos on the Golden Eagles website (www.thegoldeneagles.org).

Bill



Bruce



Nine guys from the Kingwood LAC went on their annual trek to get a burger at Tookies, in Kemah, Texas. From left to right is Phil Lindner, Steve Cady, Jim Davis, Mike Snowden, Rick McDonald, Jett Jackson, Bill Chambers, Bruce Sprague, and Rick Bixby. Everyone managed to extinguish their **LOW LEVEL GREASE LIGHT**.



Below are photos of the 21 guys who showed up for the Kingwood LAC breakfast on April 13





AIRLINE NEWS

US Air Travelers Top 1.5 Million for First Time Since March 2020



Monday, 22 March 2021

The number of U.S. air passengers screened topped 1.5 million Sunday for the first time since March 2020, as air travel continues to rebound from a pandemic-related drop, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration said Monday.

COVID-19 devastated air travel demand, with U.S. airline passengers down 60% in 2020. But with a growing number of Americans getting vaccinated, demand and advanced bookings have started to rise in recent weeks.

United Airlines Exceeds Pre-Pandemic Schedule To Latin America

- by [Sumit Singh](#)

United Airlines has today shared details about its upcoming schedule. Along with progress on coastal routes, the Chicago-based carrier is will be flying over 100% of its pre-pandemic schedule to Latin America this spring.



United Airlines will fly 46% of its international schedule compared to May last year. Photo: Vincenzo Pace | Simple Flying

Heading south

According to a statement released this morning, in May, the airline will be exceeding its 2019 schedule to Latin America. There will be more flights to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America.

Towards the end of last year, United announced that it is launching [new routes](#) to Latin America. Flights include additions to the likes of Cancun, Belize City, San Jose, Liberia, San Pedro Sula, and Santo Domingo. So, these launches contribute to the scaling up in recent months.

The abundance of vacation hotspots and strong family ties would have contributed to the Latin America schedule increase.

Resumptions across the continents

Latin America isn't the only region that will see progress following the severe downturn since the global health crisis. There will be resumptions between Chicago and Tokyo Haneda. Moreover, passenger services from New York/Newark to Milan and Rome are on the cards, along with the return of trips from Chicago to Amsterdam, Munich, and [Tel Aviv](#).

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“As we rebuild our schedule to meet that demand, adding in seasonal point-to-point flying is just one of the ways we are finding opportunities to add new and exciting service. And as we have done throughout the entire pandemic, we will continue being nimble and strategic with our network to add the right service to the destinations our customers want to visit.”

In the domestic realm, United is adding 26 new nonstop routes between Midwest cities such as Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Milwaukee and popular vacation spots, including Portland, Maine, and Pensacola, Florida. Resumptions to over 20 other domestic routes are expected. Notably, a launch of an operation from Orange County, California to Honolulu, Hawaii is also being planned.

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Positive notions

In total, United plans to serve 52% of its schedule compared to May 2019. In comparison, the figure for May 2020 compared with the year before was 14%.



There is plenty of pent-up demand for travel. Photo: Vincenzo Pace | Simple Flying

Overall, the rise in service to Latin America reflects the improvement in flight conditions between the two regions. Many of the stringent travel restrictions such as outright travel bans and blanket quarantine requirements have been dropped for passengers across the network. Testing procedures have largely replaced these measures in several countries. Furthermore, some nations, such as Costa Rica, don't even require testing to enter.

The optimism, however, isn't so strong across the Atlantic. Many Latin American countries and the US are still banning general visitors from Europe. Moreover, numerous European nations still have bans for most of those flying in from across the pond.

[United](#) will undoubtedly be also be keeping an eye on these transatlantic restrictions. It will be keen to continue the ramp-up of flights.

United Airlines sees sunny summer, adds host of beach routes



United Airlines has announced a wave of new summer routes from midwest US cities to east coast beach destinations, indicating it believes American passengers will be ready to vacation this year as the COVID-19 pandemic passes.

The flights will be operated by regional carrier GoJet Airlines using Bombardier CRJ-550 aircraft. The CRJ-550, the brainchild of GoJet president Rick Leach, seats 50 passengers in a 10-20-20 format; 30 of the seats are either domestic first class (10) or premium economy (20).

The 26 new routes are from Cleveland ([CLE](#)), Columbus (CMH) and Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky (CVG) in Ohio; Indianapolis (IND); Milwaukee (MKE); St. Louis (STL); and Pittsburgh ([PIT](#)). The beach destinations being connected include three airports in South Carolina, Pensacola (PNS) in Florida, Portland (PWM) in Maine and Savannah (SAV) in Georgia.

"In the past few weeks, we have seen the strongest flight bookings since the start of the pandemic," United VP of domestic network planning Ankit Gupta said.

"As we rebuild our schedule to meet that demand, adding in seasonal point-to-point flying is just one of the ways we are finding opportunities to add new and exciting service. And as we have done throughout the entire pandemic, we will continue being nimble and strategic with our network to add the right service to the destinations our customers want to visit."

New United Express domestic routes

Airport	New route	Frequency
Cleveland (5)	Charleston, S.C.	3X Weekly
	Hilton Head, S.C.	3X Weekly
	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	3X Weekly
	Pensacola, Fla.	3X Weekly
	Portland, Maine	3X Weekly
Cincinnati (4)	Charleston, S.C.	3X Weekly
	Hilton Head, S.C.	3X Weekly
	Pensacola, Fla.	3X Weekly
	Portland, Maine	3X Weekly
Columbus (3)	Charleston, S.C.	3X Weekly

	Hilton Head, S.C.	3X Weekly
	Portland, Maine	3X Weekly
Indianapolis (3)	Charleston, S.C.	3X Weekly
	Hilton Head, S.C.	4X Weekly
	Portland, Maine	4X Weekly
Milwaukee (5)	Charleston, S.C.	2X Weekly
	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	2X Weekly
	Pensacola, Fla.	2X Weekly
	Portland, Maine	2X Weekly
	Savannah, Ga.	2X Weekly
St. Louis (2)	Hilton Head, S.C.	3X Weekly
	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	3X Weekly
Pittsburgh (4)	Charleston, S.C.	3X Weekly
	Hilton Head, S.C.	3X Weekly
	Pensacola, Fla.	3X Weekly
	Portland, Maine	3X Weekly

United Adds Domestic Flights as Travel Demand Rebounds

United Airlines is adding dozens of new flights to its domestic schedule starting Memorial Day weekend amid what it sees as a pickup in demand for domestic travel.

[M. COREY GOLDMAN](#)

United Airlines ([UAL](#)) plans to add more than two dozen new flights to its domestic schedule starting Memorial Day weekend amid what it sees as a pickup in demand for domestic leisure travel as U.S. vaccination rates rise.

Starting in May, United will operate 26 nonstop flights from seven Midwestern cities to three destinations in South Carolina, one in Florida and one in Maine, according to a company [statement](#) Thursday.

The new service follows the November addition of direct flights to Florida from the East and Midwest that avoided the company's hubs in Chicago and Newark, New Jersey.

The strategy reflects demand from vacationers for nonstop service that keeps them away from large, potentially congested airports amid the coronavirus pandemic, even as U.S. vaccination rates increase. "In the past few weeks, we have seen the strongest flight bookings since the start of the pandemic," Ankit Gupta, vice president of United's domestic network planning and scheduling, said in

Faced with a severe dearth of business-passenger and international traffic, major airlines including United have moved to revamp large parts of their networks to focus on serving leisure travelers. Most of the new flights will connect cities in the Midwest to tourist destinations, such as Charleston, Hilton Head and Myrtle Beach in South Carolina; Portland, Maine; Savannah, Ga.; and Pensacola, Fla.

Chicago-based United also said it planned to offer more flights to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America in May than it did during the same month in 2019.

United said it expects to operate 52% of its overall schedule compared to May 2019; in May 2020 United operated 14% of its overall schedule compared to May 2019.

Shares of United were down 1.63% at \$52.95 in trading on Thursday

This is a link to a very well done video of United 328 engine fire after takeoff in Denver on February 20, 2021.

You will have to put up with a few adds, but it is worth it. Thanks to Golden Eagles member Captain Bob Warner for sending this to us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8C074FDH2j4>

Breaking: Southwest Orders Another 100 Boeing 737 MAX Aircraft

- by [Joanna Bailey](#)
- March 29, 2021

Southwest Airlines has today placed a significant order for Boeing's 737 MAX aircraft. The US low-cost airline has ordered 100 737 MAX jets, alongside options for 155 more. The deal increases Southwest's MAX commitment to more than 600 aircraft, split between the 737 MAX 8 and MAX 7 variants.



Southwest retains commitment to an all-Boeing fleet

Southwest Airlines has reaffirmed its commitment to Boeing and the beleaguered 737 MAX today, placing the largest order since the type's ungrounding at the end of 2020. The airline has made a firm order for 100 airplanes, in addition to placing options for 155 additional jets.

Gary Kelly, Southwest's chairman and CEO commented,

“Southwest Airlines has been operating the Boeing 737 series for nearly 50 years, and the aircraft has made significant contributions to our unparalleled success. Today’s commitment to the 737 MAX solidifies our continued appreciation for the aircraft and confirms our plans to offer the Boeing 737 series of aircraft to our Employees and Customers for years to come.

“We are proud to continue our tradition of being the world’s largest operator of an all-Boeing fleet.”

Southwest has been mulling what to replace its aging 737-700s with, and had been rumored to be [considering the Airbus A220](#) as a fit for the 140-150 seat niche. However, today's deal confirms that Southwest remains committed to Boeing, and that this smaller aircraft need will be met by the 737 MAX 7. The airline has ordered a mix of 737 MAX 7 and 737 MAX 8, alongside options for either type.

No Airbus for Southwest

While the order of the 737 MAX will come as a blow to Airbus, likely hopeful to add another US airline to its A220 operator list, for Boeing, it's a sign of some much-needed confidence in the MAX program. The airline has reportedly undertaken a multi-year review of its fleet, which has led to today's significant order. The airline already has commitments in place with Boeing for a number of MAX jets. If it goes ahead with the options contained in today's deal, Boeing will end up building more than [600 737 MAX for Southwest Airlines](#).

In total, Southwest's order book stands now at 200 737 MAX 7s and 180 737 MAX 8s. More than 30 of these have already been delivered to the airline. In addition to this, the airline now has a total of 270 options for either of the two models. Southwest is reportedly also planning additional MAX capacity through deals with third-party lessors.

Stan Deal, president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, commented on today's orders saying,

“Southwest Airlines has long been a leader and bellwether for the airline industry and this order is a big vote of confidence for commercial air travel. As vaccine distribution continues to pick-up, people are returning to the skies and fueling hopes for a full recovery and renewed growth across our industry.

ensure that our entire 737 family will be building new airplanes for Southwest for years to come.”

While there was a lot of noise about a [possible A220 order](#) from Southwest, many believed it was nothing more than hot air – perhaps a bargaining chip for the airline to secure a world-beating deal on its new 737s. Today, that sentiment appears to have been correct as Southwest will remain an all Boeing-737 operator for many years to come.

United Airlines Resumes Hiring Of Pilots As Recovery Intensifies

As airlines in the United States begin to recover from last year’s collapse in travel demand, the good news keeps coming. Today, reports are emerging of an internal memo from a United Airlines executive. That memo says the airline is going to re-hire around 300 pilots.

Last week, United Airlines Senior Vice President of Flight Operations, Bryan Quigley, [emailed his 12,000 plus pilots](#) telling them the unexpectedly strong rebound in domestic travel demand would see the airline start hiring again.

“I’m excited to share that United will resume the pilot hiring process that was halted last year,” the memo said. *“We’ll start with the approximately 300 pilots who either had a new hire class date that was canceled or who had a 2020 conditional job offer.”*

The move signals a reverse of the 2020 trend of laying off airline industry workers. In the latter half of 2020, around 1,000 pilots left [United Airlines](#). Vigorous lobbying by pilot unions brokered a deal in late September 2020 that potentially prevented far more lay-offs.

United Airlines expects to have all of its existing pilots back working their normal number of hours by May.



United’s CEO optimistic about the airline’s future



Adopting an optimistic and forward-looking tone, Scott Kirby spoke at length about the future and the new-normal at United Airlines. Like many other companies, he's used the travel downturn to re-engineer the way United Airlines works.

"We're going to be a stronger airline on the other side of this," he says.

United Airlines is not the only airline looking to take on new pilots. Fort Lauderdale-based low-cost carrier [Spirit Airlines](#) resumed hiring pilots and flight attendants in February in anticipation of a bumper summer of flying. Spirit Airlines hasn't said how many workers they'll hire, but it will be staggered. Like United Airlines, it will also target former employees let go last year.

While the news from United is good today, Bryan Quigley does add a caveat. He's shooting for 300 pilot hires. However, he says the exact number will depend on how the recovery goes and is subject to unpredictable rebound road bumps.

United Airlines to open flight school later this year in hiring push, plans to increase diversity

- United said it plans to train 5,000 pilots in its flight academy by 2030 and aims for half of those students to be women or people of color. 🤔🤔
- The airline plans to hire 10,000 pilots by 2030 to account for growth and a wave of retirements.

United Airlines Seeks To Raise \$10.75bn As Revenue Improves

- by [Jay Singh](#)
- April 12, 2021

United's previous guidance. Also, while core cash burn improved significantly from the fourth quarter of 2020 to the first quarter of 2021, United announced it intends to commence a private offering to raise \$5.5 billion and enter into additional loan facilities to raise a total of \$10.75 billion.



United's first-quarter revenue was down 66% compared to the same quarter in 2019, which was at the lower end of United's guidance. Photo: Vincenzo Pace | Simple Flying

United's first-quarter revenue guidance

The first quarter of 2021 started off slow but picked up by the time March rolled around, leading to an improvement in revenue for the airline. The airline expects its total revenues to be about \$3.2 billion for the quarter. This was a decrease of 66% versus the same quarter in 2019. The improvement was not unique to United, as other carriers, including [American](#) and [Alaska](#), also indicated improvements toward the end of the first quarter.

United had previously indicated it expected revenue to be down anywhere from 65 to 70% versus the first quarter of 2019. While it seemed that revenue might be down at the higher end of that spectrum at the start of the year, the airline saw a forward acceleration in customer demand in new bookings in March 2021.



March was a good month for United. Photo: Vincenzo Pace | Simple Flying

As such, March turned out to be cash positive for the airline – the first month in a year – and overall first-quarter cash burn was remarkably low. The average daily core cash flow for the first quarter is expected to be approximately negative \$9 million per day. This is an improvement of about \$10 million per day compared to the fourth quarter of 2020.

United also announced today that it intends to commence a private offering equivalent to, in the aggregate, \$5.5 billion. The offering will be split into two series of notes. One set will be senior secured notes due in 2026, while the other is senior secured notes due in 2029.

United also intends to enter into a new \$3.5 billion senior secured term loan facility due 2028. In addition, the airline also plans to enter into a new \$1.75 billion senior secured revolving credit facility due 2025.:

The \$5.5 billion in the notes offering plus the \$3.5 billion term loan facility and \$1.75 billion revolving credit facility will give United \$10.75 billion in fresh cash. Turning cash-positive in March was a very good sign for the airline. As the summer approaches and bookings continue, the airline is hopeful it can continue seeing similar results and turning a profit again.

From a liquidity standpoint, United stated it had access to \$21 billion in available liquidity as of March 31st. This included \$1 billion under a revolving credit facility and \$7 billion under the government loan program. There is still a ways to go before United Airlines gets back to profitability. It will also need to wait for the return of long-haul business travel to start to see higher margins on its profits when those days do come.

United is betting on a recovery with [plans to train new pilots](#) in the long-term and [hire new ones in the short term](#). The [airline is bringing back its schedule](#) and has [exceeded its pre-pandemic schedule to Latin America](#). As the company looks forward, its [CEO expects more travel in the coming years](#) as customers have already made some of their big-ticket purchases that would inhibit their ability to pay for travel. To that extent, [United even upped its order for Boeing 737 MAX jets](#).

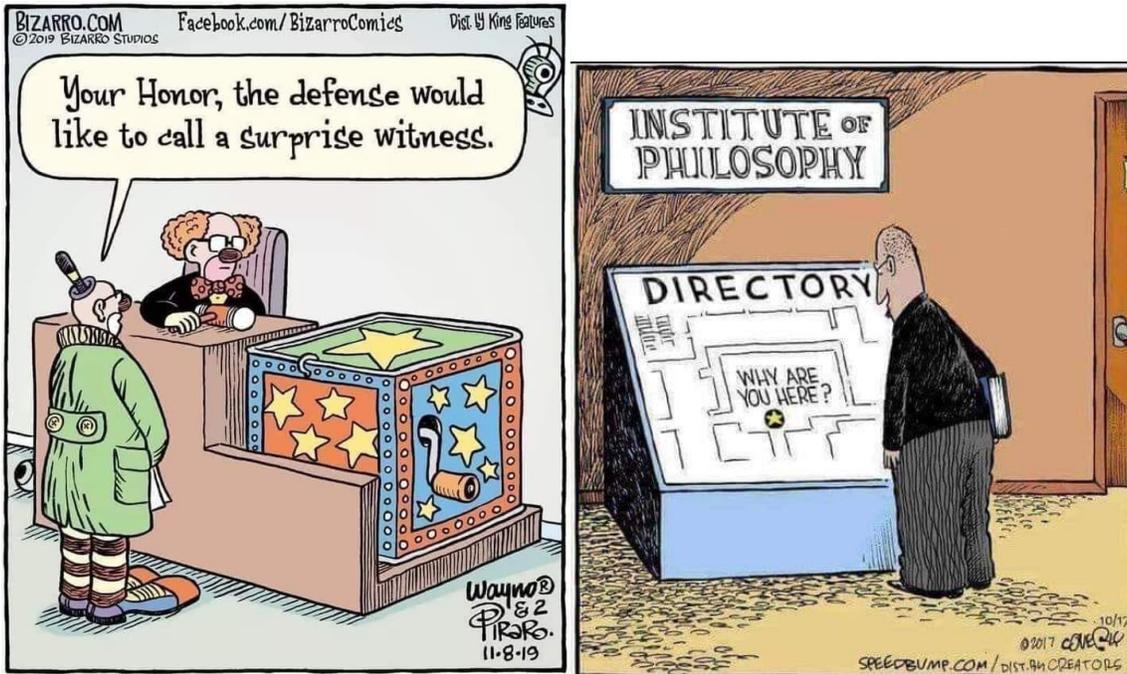
Ultimately, United's team believes it is on the right track. This new guidance shows an improving situation, and United is even raising new cash to pay off other debt and shore up its liquidity. As the future remains uncertain, the airline will continue to monitor its cash and operations.

NEW MEMBERS

Wes Zimmerman
Charles (Mike) Hatten
Darrell Johnston

Welcome aboard..... 

“Trouble knocked at the door, but, hearing laughter, hurried away.” – Benjamin Franklin



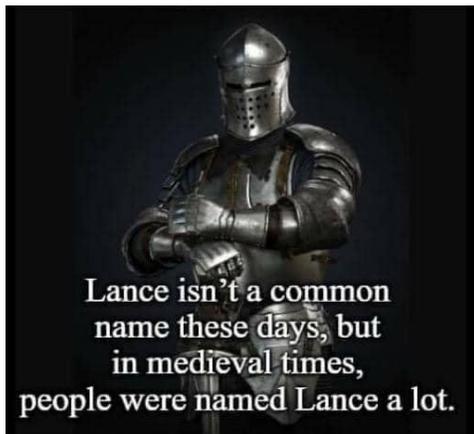
A man returns home a day early from a business trip. It's after midnight. While en-route home, he asks the cabby if he would be a witness, because the man suspects his wife is having an affair, and he wants to catch her in the act. For \$100, the cabby agrees. Quietly arriving home, the husband and cabby tip toe into the bedroom. The husband switches on the lights, yanks the blanket back and there is his wife, naked as a jay bird, with a man, totally nude also. The husband puts a gun to the naked man's head. The wife shouts, "Don't do it! I lied when I told you I inherited money."

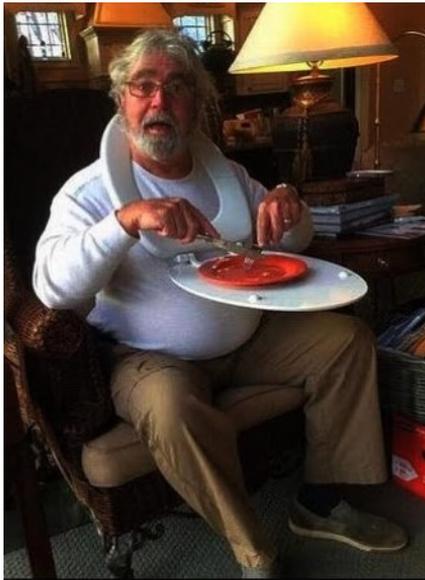
- HE paid for the Porsche I gave you.
- HE paid for your new 25 ft. Ranger Fishing Boat.
- HE paid for your Football season tickets.
- HE paid for our house at the lake.
- HE paid for your Golf Trip to St Andrews and your new 4 x 4.
- HE paid for our country club membership and he even pays the monthly dues.
- And because of HIM, I can put an extra \$2,000 in our checking account each month.

Shaking his head from side-to-side, the husband lowers the gun.

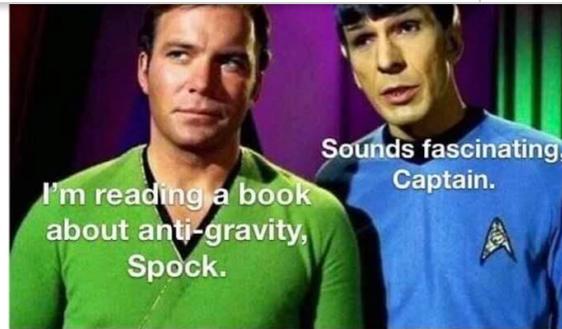
A woman walks into a pharmacy and asks the pharmacist for some arsenic. He asks "What for?" She says, "I want to kill my husband." He says "Sorry, I can't do that." She then reaches into her handbag and pulls out a photo of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife and hands it to him. He says, "You didn't tell me you had a prescription..."

I caught my son chewing on electrical cords. So I had to ground him. He's doing better currently. And conducting himself properly ...





**TV TRAY FOR RETIRED
AIRLINE PILOTS**



GONE WEST

Captain Neil Whittlesey Flies West

We just recently learned of the sad news that retired Continental Captain **Neil Whittlesey** took his last flight west in October of 2020. RIP Captain, and Godspeed on your final flight.



GONE WEST

* Denotes Golden Eagles member

Names in red denote gone west announced since last update

2020

Jim McBride	Jan, 2020
Daniel King	Feb 15, 202
Ray Shubert	Mar 8, 202
Roger Stephens	Mar 10, 2020
Thomas Lund	Mar 11, 2020
Howard "Tick" Loitwood	Mar 14, 2020
Dave MacCormick	Mar 30, 2020
John Nelson *	Apr 1, 2020
Billy Ray Mills	Apr 30, 2020
Claude Perret *	May 14, 2020
Alex Alexander	May 20, 2020
Bill Darrow*	May 29, 2020
Barry Schultz	June, 2020
Allen Timms	June 8, 2020
Paul Britton	June 18, 2020
Mike Perry *	July 3, 2020
Emily Howell-Warner	July 4, 2020
Richard Mahoney	July 14, 2020
C M "Red" Stubben *	July 29, 2020
Wes Coss	Aug 10, 2020
James "Jim" Bryant *	Aug 15, 2020
Bill Baddorf *	Sept 01, 2020
Jim Buick *	Sept 05, 2020
Lawrence Kelly Irving	Sept 15, 2020
Mike Bowers	Oct 8, 2020
Neil Whittlesey	Oct, 2020
Loren Furlong	Dec 6, 2020
Bill Gilbert *	Dec 9, 2020
Tom Carr	Dec 28, 2020

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Larry Camden *	Jan 21, 2021
Pete Hernandez *	Mar 15, 2021

That`s all folks. See you next month around the 15th with another



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