



**Monthly Update and Reminders
December 2017**



Here are the the ever-present reminders that we include in every monthly update **with revisions, so please read them to see the changes.....**

1. Annual **dues** are "due" and payable anytime (now), but the grace period for payment begins on Jan 1 of each year and lasts until May 1. Please make dues payment **by December 31st** if possible. After May 1 members who have not paid their dues will be considered "delinquent" and removed from all GE communications. Please refer to the GE website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, [membership section](#), for details and **use the website Store to make all Golden Eagles payments. PLEASE, DO NOT "mail" a check IF you have a credit card and access to the internet (if you are reading this, you must have access to our website STORE)! Having your bank automatically send a check creates the same processing problems as you sending a hand written check. Checks make it **much** harder for your officers to process your payment. Using your credit card to make GE payments makes our job **much**easier, is quite safe since our system is totally secure and you will have the benefit of a record of your payments on your cc statement. Thanks for helping us in this regard.**

2. The **current password** for accessing the Golden Contrails magazine and the member rosters on our website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, is **fuel**.

3. Check out the new program for keeping your friends updated on your current status and activities. Details are on our website under the **Contrails** heading and [Crew Room](#) subheading. **COME ON GUYS AND GALS, LET YOUR FRIENDS**

KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, HOW YOU ARE AND BRING US UP TO DATE ON YOUR ACTIVITIES AND CIRCUMSTANCES

WITH A BRIEF NOTE ON ONE OF OUR "CREW ROOM" FORMS INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW!!



..... besides we need some material for the Golden Contrails! We have learned that when an entry from a member is



posted it tends to encourage others to follow suit.....so start or keep the ball rolling so you can see what other members have been up to.

so you can

4. Remember, in addition to the **Crew Room** entries, we always welcome more in-depth interesting stories related to your airline career or your retirement activities for inclusion in the Golden Contrails magazine. Reach back into your memory bank (what's left of it!) and see if you can come up with a good war story or interesting activity you have experienced. Share them with your fellow Golden Eagles members by sending them to our President Elect/Golden Contrails Editor Gary Small at smallgd@gmail.com.

[*layover stories will be closely screened and/or censored :*]

5. Please support our continuing project of building a complete **photo roster** of all Golden Eagles members by sending a passport size JPG photo to Gary Small at smallgd@GMAIL.com. Complete details are available on our website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, under the Membership section and the Roster Download subsection. **Note:** Gary is no longer using the email address smallgd@outlook.com for receiving photo roster photos from members. In the future please send photos to **SMALLGD@GMAIL.COM**.

To all members: Let your spouse or significant other read this monthly update; maybe that will help us get the photos we need for the website photo roster. See below:

“Attention all Spouses or Partners (guys and gals) of Golden Eagles members.....since we know that as pilots many of us are NOT good at following directions, we are asking YOU to take a photo of your spouse or partner Golden Eagles member and email it to Gary at smallgd@gmail.com. Seriously, we've asked for these photos at least once a month for the past two years, so out of desperation we're now appealing to a higher authority...the **WIVES, HUSBANDS OR significant others. We prefer basic ID photo style of head and shoulders.**



(no BR photos please!). If you don't see your significant other in the photos in the December Golden Contrails, then we need YOUR help...thanks”

6. We continue to request that questions about or problems with your pass travel be initially addressed to references in the [Travel section of the United flying together website](#) or the [Golden Eagles website](#), or by contacting the employee travel center (ETC) at ETC@united.com, phone 877-825-3729 or 800-255-5801 as a last resort help source. If time is critical or you cannot get your issue resolved to your satisfaction using the above resources, you can contact our **current Pass Travel Liaison, Jim Morehead at moreheadjames@aol.com**. If Jim is unavailable due to travel or other circumstances, you can contact **Dave Newell at davebnewell@gmail.com as an alternate source for pass travel assistance**. If you feel the need to contact us regarding your pass travel benefits, feel free to do so at any time.

7. We are planning our next convention for May 14-16 of 2017 at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. President Tom Doherty has made every effort to negotiate reduced rates for the hotel rooms and the banquet dinner and has obtained some good rates for both. Stay tuned for other details. They will be announced shortly.



New LAC formed in the San Antonio/Austin area.

A new Golden Eagles LAC (Local Area Council) has been formed in the San Antonio/Austin, TX area for the benefit of Golden Eagles members residing in the Hill Country of central Texas. *(we got tired of the Houston, Denver and Newark LAC's having all the fun!)* Thirty-five Golden Eagles members residing in this area have been contacted regarding this new LAC and so far twenty-six have responded favorably. We anticipate that as the word gets out we will have additional members decide to participate in the LAC luncheons. These luncheons are planned on a quarterly basis and the first one is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan 17, at 1130 AM in Johnson City, TX at the Pecan Street Brewery and Restaurant.

All Golden Eagles members are invited to join the festivities in Johnson City, so if you live within driving distance and feel like a road trip for getting together with your airline buds, come on down (or up, or out, or over or whatever :). Guests of members are welcome also and will be invited to join the parent organization of the Golden Eagles, to join the LAC and to attend the LAC luncheons at their discretion. We emphasize that these meetings are of a social nature only, no official Golden Eagles business is conducted, no funds are provided from the GE treasury and no agendas of any kind are pursued with only good food and good times being the main bill of fare *(of course prizes will be awarded for the best war stories and the most outrageous lies told)*. If you are in the area on Jan 17, 2018, please come by and join the fun. The food is excellent, the beer is always cold, the location is authentic Western and is a fun place to visit with friends...



A Note on American's pilot staffing problem:

American Airlines and the Allied Pilots Association (APA), which represents 14,500 American pilots, both say the holiday pilot-staffing problem has been resolved and no flights will be canceled in December because of the issue.

The Dallas/Fort Worth-based carrier has acknowledged a technical failure in its pilot scheduling system allowed too many pilots to take vacation at the same time during the Dec. 17-31 period. American offered pilots a 150% premium to pick up thousands of uncovered flights, but APA said the terms of American's offer violated the pilots' labor contract and the union threatened to file a grievance.

Information released late Dec. 3 by APA indicated American has agreed to pay all pilots picking up uncovered flights over the Dec. 17-Dec. 31 period a 200% premium.

"The APA leadership met with American Airlines senior management [Dec. 1] to discuss APA's grievance concerning restrictions on premium pay and trip trading for December flying," APA said in a statement. "APA and management have reached an agreement in principle addressing our respective needs, and we have withdrawn our grievance. With this agreement in principle, we anticipate that American Airlines will be able to maintain a full December schedule as planned for its passengers."

American added: "We are pleased to report that together, American and the Allied Pilots Association have put that worry to rest to make sure our flights will operate as scheduled. By working together, we can assure customers that among the many stresses of the season, worrying about a canceled flight won't be one of them."

The agreement between American and APA ended a multi-day public relations headache for the airline as numerous media outlets warned that American passengers could see their holiday flights canceled.

Notes on Pass Travel:

Presented below is a review of the new Enrolled Friend policy

The following message from **Michelle Pritchett**, Employee Travel Policy and Procedures Representative, Human Resources, is being forwarded to our members at her request. **Note that the enrollment period is from Dec 4 through Dec 28 at 7PM CT.**

United

To: United retiree organization leaders

Greetings,

Starting Monday, Dec. 4, eligible retirees have the opportunity to update their current enrolled friends during the year-end pass travel enrollment period. You are welcome to share this information on your respective organization website and newsletter.

The pass travel enrollment period is between Dec. 4 and Dec. 28 (until 7 p.m. CT). Note: There will be a scheduled Dependent Management System outage from Friday, Dec. 1 through Sunday, Dec. 3. During the outage you will not be able to add or delete pass riders from your pass travel profile or access the pass travel enrollment tool.

During the enrollment period you can:

- Choose your 2018 enrolled friend(s) names
- Remove them to open an available slot to be able to add someone later in 2018

No changes? No action.

If you do not wish to make any changes for 2018, you do not need to take any action.

- Current enrolled friend(s) and spouse/domestic partners will automatically rollover

New for retirees in 2018

Beginning in June 2018, retirees will have the opportunity to change their enrolled friend(s) twice: mid-year and again during pass travel enrollment.

Current 2017	Starting in June 2018
One enrollment period per year	In addition to current year-end enrollment
Year-end enrollment: Dec.	Mid-year enrollment: Jun. 1 – Jun. 28 (until 7 p.m. CT). Travel July through December of the current year.

<p>4 – Dec. 28 (until 7 p.m. CT). Travel January through December the following year.</p> <p>Register maximum of two enrolled friends for entire year.</p>	<p><i>Change one or both enrolled friends per each six-month period or keep the same two for the entire year.</i></p>
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Friendly reminders

- **Know your friends.** If you are providing enrolled friend status to individuals who are not your family members they must be your own close, personal friends and cannot be sold or bartered.
- **Names must match.** Your enrolled friend’s names must match exactly to what appears on their travel documents, i.e. driver’s license or passport.
- **Invoices for tax withholdings.** Starting on Nov. 1, 2017, we will begin to collect any federal and state withholding taxes that apply to your taxable pass travel income via quarterly invoice. The first invoice will be sent in March 2018 for any travel from Nov. 1, 2017, to Jan. 31, 2018, and invoices will be sent every three months thereafter. To learn more, click [here](#).
- **Be sure your mailing address is up to date.** If you need to make a change, go to <http://www.ybr.com/united> or contact the Employee Travel Center from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time, 7 days a week, at 1-877-UAL-ESC9 (from the U.S.) or 1-847-UAL-ESC9 (outside the U.S.), or through [United ServiceAnywhere](#) .

Make your elections early so you don’t miss out! Keep in mind, once the enrollment period closes, **no changes can be made**. Get started on Dec. 4 by going to Flying Together > Travel > Update pass riders and buddies or click [here](#).

Want to learn more? Please visit our [Pass Travel Enrollment page](#) for helpful information and FAQ’s. Still have a question? Try [United ServiceAnywhere](#).

As to be expected, the Employee Travel Center will experience higher than normal call volume and emails related to pass travel enrollment. We ask to please refer retirees to the helpful information section on the [Pass Travel Enrollment page](#) (see image below) before they call or email so that our representatives can best assist everyone.

Thank you,
Michelle

Michelle Pritchett

Employee Travel Policy and Procedures Representative, Human Resources

Retirees on the go deserve convenience on the go. Try our award-winning United app for all your pass travel booking needs. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Changes to Flight Listing Display:

You might like to know starting November 1st that the new listing for your flights in EmployeeRes will have your address at the bottom. This is to verify your address. There are a couple ways within the Skynet system to correct your address if it's not right. This is probably set up for the bills from November start date to require the company to collect tax on the tickets for family members that generate imputed income.

Travel for oversize passengers:

This might be of interest to some. Southwest calls them COS (Customers of Size) meaning heavy and overweight and you can buy a ticket or two tickets for someone needing two seats. As you can see, traveling on a pass there are no guarantees.

Regarding 22Oct17 discussion re: xtra seat for larger pass-riders, the answer received from ETC as follows:

"If the ticket is purchased at MyUA Discount for a confirmed seat you may call epassline number 866-359-3727. But if it's on standby, just approach the gate agent".

.....quoted from Gerald Vargas, Employee Travel Center - HR.

Jim Morehead

Golden Eagles Pass Travel Liaison

Message from Jerry Hunsinger:

The following was received from Golden Eagles member Jerry Hunsinger regarding the availability of Air Micronesia calendars. The artist, Marilee Krinitt, who created the poster that was featured on the front cover of the December Golden Contrails has calendars of Air Mike nostalgia available. Information on how to obtain the calendars is posted below.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As an old Air Mike pilot - '72-'73 - I received this from the artist, Marilee Krinitt, who also was out there during the same period. I don't know what policy is, but both rosters contain lots of members who would like to have this calendar of paintings by Marilee of Air Mike's Yesterdays. I ordered mine.

Thanks, Jerry Hunsinger

Message from Marilee Krinitt:

Shown below is the cover of the Calendar "Air Mike's Yesterday". This is all my Air Mike related artwork I've done thru the years.

Each calendar is \$17. Shipping is USPS Flat Rate Envelope, tracked and insured. \$.6.65. Total: 23.65 I can get 2 calendars in an envelope.

I can take a cheque or cashiers cheque. Marilee Krinitt HC2 Box 5757 Keaau, HI 96749 My e-mail is krinlock@hawaiiantel.net.

Thank you so much for passing this information on.



Tributes to those who have flown West:

This comment is from Golden Eagles member Jay Meinen in tribute to retired Continental Captain **Steve Wyman** who flew West on Nov 18, 2017.

Steve was one of the first gentlemen I met as a new hire at Continental. He was hired one class ahead of me. We met as we were doing laundry during our training in Los Angeles.

Later, he and I commuted from Denver to Cleveland and shared strategies for commuting and time on reserve. We attended numerous recurrent ground school classes including 'glass class' which was required when EFIS was new.

I never actually flew with Steve but I remember his quick wit and that he was always a gentleman.

Jay Meinen
787 Captain

This is a tribute from Golden Eagles member Wayne Curry to former Golden Eagles member Captain **Harold Spores and his daughter Claudia**. Captain Spores flew west on November 12, 2017.

A wonderful, heartwarming story by Claudia Spores Bernt! I never had the opportunity to fly with Captain Spores, but based on this story, I'm certain it would have been a distinct pleasure!

May God grant you peace and comfort during this very difficult time,
Wayne Curry

And now, for this month's giggle, a little story to start your Christmas season in the right spirit.

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure.

Then, Mrs. Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more..

He went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

When he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a glass of cider and a shot of rum.

He went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the rum.

In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor.

He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and an irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'

And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

Not a lot of people know this.

With this final publication of the Golden Eagles Monthly Updates and Reminders for 2017, your Executive Committee and volunteer officers want to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



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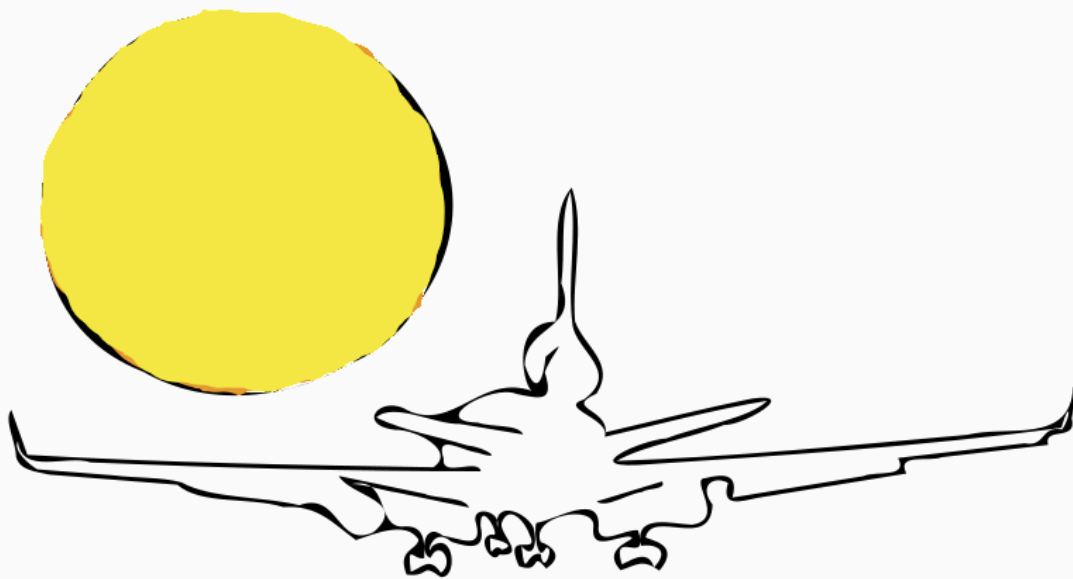
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GONE WEST



GOLDEN EAGLES GONE WEST, OCTOBER 2016-PRESENT

Jim Steinmetz, Dec 7, 2016
Andy Arthur, Feb 1, 2016
Ted Herbert, April 6, 2017
Denis Duffy, April 10, 2017
Wayne Fischer, April 10, 2017
Gary Wilsey, July 31, 2017
Bill Knowles, Sept 1, 2017
Stan Poyner, Sept 10, 2017
Jim Waters, Sept 23, 2017
Mike Dunne Oct 25, 2017
William Hopper Nov 10, 2017
Harold Spores Nov 12, 2017

NON GOLDEN EAGLES GONE WEST, OCTOBER 2016-PRESENT

Bruce Tessmer, Nov, 2016
Joe Hegidio, Jan 27, 2017
Jerry Huerta, Feb 18, 2017
Jocko Harris, Mar 5, 2017
Dale Haas, April 5, 2017
Glenn Fox, April 22, 2017
Daniel James, Aug 1, 2017
Ted Rutherford, Aug 6, 2017
Jim Richman, Oct 19, 2017
Mark Meyer Oct 21, 2017
Robert Cissna Dec 8, 2017

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