



Monthly Update and Reminders
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HOT ITEMS

Convention Information:



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

This is a repeat, repeat notice 😊 . It and any updates will be re-posted each month prior to the convention in April for the convenience of our members. Sorry for the redundancy, but we feel it is important to keep this convention information in the forefront of everyone`s attention. We hope you will consider joining the fun in Las Vegas, but if you can`t (gasp) make it for some unimaginable reason (like falling off a



ladder while cutting a tree limb with a chainsaw) we will be sure to include photos of all the attendees frolicking to and fro and thoroughly enjoying themselves in the next issue of the Golden Contrails magazine. We want you to see how much fun you missed and to feel the appropriate degree of regret at having missed the "ball"!





Below is the hotel booking process for our annual convention/reunion on April 2-5, 2019. Clicking on the links provided in blue text will give you access to the booking tools. The hospitality suite will be in full swing on April 3rd and the convention business meeting and banquet will be on April 4th. Golfers and other early arrivals will arrive on the 2nd and member checkout will occur on the 5th.

MAKING RESERVATIONS

A dedicated website is now available for attendees to book their hotel rooms online. Reservations can be made at this web address:

Booking Website:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/GoldenEagles201>

The cutoff date for hotel reservations is March 13, 2019. The link for reservations is up and running already on the website. The dates and times for the events are there as well. The cutoff for banquet meal reservations is March 21.

April 2 - 5, 2019 (*save the dates!*):

Tuesday, April 2:

- Golfers arrive

Wednesday, April 3:

- 9 am: Golf

Angel Park Golf Club

100 South Rampart Blvd., Las Vegas, NV

888-4GOLFLV or 702-254-4653

website: www.angelpark.com

Directions: From Tropicana Hotel to

Angel Park Golf Club:

North on Flamingo Rd. Take ramp
onto I-15N. Take exit 42A, merge onto

95N. Take exit 81A, merge onto
Summerlin Parkway, left onto Rampart Blvd.

You will then find the course on your
left.

**You will put on the [Convention Form](#) if
you want to play golf. *There is no 18 hole option this year, only 9 holes
@\$50***

Tom Doherty is coordinating the Golf event.

His convention email

is: jkated@gmail.com

- 3 pm to 11 pm: Hospitality Suite

Thursday, April 4:

- 7:30 am to 9 am: Hospitality Suite

- 10 am: Business Meeting

- 11 am: Ladies Luncheon

- 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm: Cocktail Reception

- 6:45 pm to 9:30 pm: Dinner, Entertainment and

Raffle

- 9:30 pm to 11 pm: Hospitality Suite

Friday, April 5:

- 8 am to 9:30 am: Hospitality Suite

**NOTE: Complete details for the convention/reunion are available on
our website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, under the Convention heading.**

STANDARD RECURRING REMINDERS



REMINDERS - New ones in red

1. The current password for accessing the Golden Contrails magazine, the member rosters and the archived emails is **flare**.

2. The annual dues of \$35 **were** due on December 31. Members who have not made their dues payment by May 1, 2019 will be listed as delinquent and not in good standing. Delinquent members will be removed from all Golden Eagles communications and denied member benefits after May 1. Refer to the Membership section of the Golden Eagles website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, for details.

3. Keep your contact information up to date by using the Roster Update Form in the Membership Section of the Golden Eagles website, www.thegoldeneagles.org. *Remember you can access any member`s contact information in the long form member roster in the Membership section of the Golden Eagles website under "Roster Download".*



4. If you are reading this, then **PLEASE** use our **STORE** on our website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, to make payments to the Golden Eagles rather than mailing a check.

SPAM ISSUES

This has been mentioned several times in the past but bears repeating. Our email software has the capability to indicate to whom our emails have been delivered and also will show who has actually opened the delivered email. We have a fairly high percentage of addressees, on average approximately 25%, who do not open what

we show as delivered emails, and we hope to resolve this problem by alerting our members via our various means of communication. Any software/email program can and will occasionally send something that is read as SPAM by the receiving browser due to certain content in the message or subject. Therefore we suggest that everyone periodically check your spam folder to see if you have randomly missed an important message from the Golden Eagles. If you feel you are not getting all of our blast email notices, they could be going to your spam folder. If so, you can select a prompt labelled "not spam" for the subject message that should be in your email provider program; and hopefully as a result of taking this action future emails from our software will not be placed in spam. Putting our email addresses in your address book can also help prevent our emails from being blocked by your server. You should at a minimum have *president_elect@thegoldeneagles.org* and *EVP_EmailCoordinator@thegoldeneagles.org* in your address book for the Golden Eagles since our blast email notices are sent from one of these addresses. Also, you can access our archives of all past blast emails that have been sent within the past couple of years or so by going to the Golden Eagles website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, Membership section and Archived Blast Emails subsection. If you see some emails that you don't recall receiving, then perhaps you are one of those affected as described above and should attempt to correct the problem. Any of the Golden Eagles officers are available to assist you with this issue as necessary.

THE REST OF THE STORY

AIRLINE NEWS:

Biggest Dreamliner: United Airlines now flying Boeing's 787-10

TODAY IN THE SKY

[Ben Mutzabaugh](#), USA TODAY Published 12:20 p.m. ET Jan. 7, 2019 | Updated 4:18 p.m. ET Jan. 7,

2019





United Airlines' first Boeing 787-10 Dreamliner is seen at Washington Dulles on Nov. 16, 2018. (Photo: Ben Mutzabaugh, USA TODAY)

United Airlines' newest aircraft type – the Boeing 787-10 Dreamliner – is now in service at the carrier.

United [Flight](#) 2418 marked United's official debut of its “Dash 10,” [departing from Los Angeles at 8:49 a.m. local time](#) (11:49 a.m. ET) on Monday morning en route to Newark, New Jersey. Though United touted the flight as the 787-10's "entry into scheduled service," the airline has quietly subbed the 787-10 onto some flights in recent weeks ahead of the formal debut.

Now, United will roll the 787-10 onto more of its existing flights that already connect the carrier's hubs at Newark Liberty and Los Angeles. In addition to the LAX-Newark flights that begin today, United's 787-10s will begin to pick up some of its Newark-San Francisco flights starting in February.

The 787-10s expand to international service in March, when United adds the jet to routes from Newark to the European cities of Frankfurt, Germany; Paris Charles de Gaulle; Barcelona, Spain; Brussels and Dublin. United also will fly the jet between Newark and Tel Aviv, Israel.

The 787-10 is the newest and biggest version yet of Boeing's Dreamliner. Essentially a stretched version of the smaller 787-8 and 787-9 variants, the 787-10 is 18 feet longer than the 787-9.

United, which already had the other two variants in its fleet, is now the only carrier in the world to be flying all three versions of the Boeing Dreamliner.

United touted its new 787-10 in a statement, [saying](#) that its addition “continues United's comprehensive fleet plan, while providing an improved experience for customers. The aircraft is United's first Dreamliner model delivered with the airline's signature Polaris business class seats, and new United Premium Plus seats.”

TODAY IN THE SKY: [United reveals first international routes for new Boeing 787-10s](#)

TODAY IN THE SKY: [Boeing celebrates delivery of its newest, biggest 'Dreamliner' yet](#)

The 787-10 is the newest airplane variant to be rolled out from Boeing, which delivered its first one just this past March to launch customer Singapore Airlines.

United is the first North American airline to both receive and put the 787-10 into passenger service.

United's 787-10s seat 318 passengers. Included in that configuration are 44 of United's new "Polaris" lie-flat business-class seats and 21 international-style "Premium Plus" premium economy seats, United's newest class of service that debuted in 2018. It's not yet widely rolled out to United's fleet, but is being installed on all 14 787-10s that United has ordered.

Completing United's 787-10 layout are 54 extra-legroom Economy Plus seats and 199 in standard coach.

By comparison, United's 787-8s seat 219 passengers and its 787-9s seat 252.

United Regains Its Rank as the World's No. 2 Airline

By

[Justin Bachman](#)

January 9, 2019, 5:13 PM CST Updated on January 9, 2019, 5:35 PM CST



Photographer: Simon Dawson/Bloomberg

The airline world has a new No. 2 after [United Continental Holdings Inc.](#)'s aggressive domestic expansion pushed the carrier ahead of [Delta Air Lines Inc.](#) in terms of passenger traffic.

Early last year, United embarked on an effort to regain market share at its three mid-continent hubs in Chicago, Houston and Denver. Under a three-year push, United is targeting capacity increases of as much as 6 percent annually as it seeks to increase flight connections -- and profits -- at its busiest airports.

United last year recorded 230.2 billion revenue passenger miles, an industry yardstick of traffic that

multiplies the number of passengers by the distance flown, the company said Wednesday in a [statement](#). Delta had 225.2 billion, according to a report last week. Delta took over the No. 2 spot in [2015](#) as Chicago-based United retrenched.

“Our goal is not to be the biggest. We want to be the best and as we implement our strategy, we are looking to build on this momentum in 2019,” United spokeswoman Megan McCarthy said in an [email](#).

[American Airlines Group Inc.](#), which has yet to release its traffic for all of 2018, is expected to retain its title as the world’s largest carrier.

United also led major U.S. carriers in stock gains last year, with a 24 percent jump. The other eight companies on a Standard & Poor’s airline index all lost value.

NEW FEATURE ON OUR WEBSITE

Please take note of this message from our Treasurer/Webmaster Bruce Sprague.

I have posted on our website (www.thegoldeneagles.org), under LINKS and PHOTO/VIDEO ARCHIVES a new link to a great website of historical CAL photos ("**Continental Airlines Memories**"). It was put together by one of our CAL Flight Attendants, Chris Valkoff . Go check it out....there is a lot of stuff there to bring back memories.

Bruce

LAC NEWS:

HILL COUNTRY LAC:

The Hill Country LAC (Austin, San Antonio area) held its quarterly luncheon in Johnson City, TX at the Pecan St. Brewery on January 16, 2019. Attending were Ray Booth, Don Gentry, Bernie Hallee, Bruce Harris, William Jackson, David Judson, Ben McKenzie, Carey McWilliams, Lee Meyners, Dave Newell, Paige Seats, Hal Sheads, Hans Vogelpohl, Buck Wroten, Cass Zabinski and Al Zambrano. In addition we had three guests of Buck Wroten; Bill Eason, Vern Robinson and Alan Sawatsky.

As usual, the food and service was great, the conversations were lively, the lies were almost believable and a good time was had by all. Photos are posted below.



Ben McKenzie, Hans Vogelpohl, Ray Booth, Cass Zabinski, Bernie Hallee, Al Zabrano



Al Zabrano, Bill Eason, Vern Robinson, Buck Wroten, Allan Sawotsky, David Judson



Left side of table: Hal Sheads, William Jackson, David Judson, Carey McWilliams, Paige Seats, Don Gentry, Lee Meyners, Bruce Harris



Paige Seats, Don Gentry, Lee Meyners (wake up Lee!), Bruce Harris

NEW MEMBERS:

Gerry Brown

Van Melroe

PASS TRAVEL NEWS

Kirk Moore, the RAFA Pass Travel Chairman, recently distributed his latest pass travel update and it was sent to our members on Dec 22. It is being re-posted below for the convenience of our members. Thanks as always to Kirk for sharing his pass travel information with us.

Retiree Association of Flight Attendants

Pass Travel UPDATE

December 22, 2018

- 1) EF enrollment CLOSES Dec 29th
- 2) Pay your travel invoice by Jan 15th
- 3) New routes announced
- 4) News from United Daily
- 5) RAFA's website

Read this UPDATE on our website, the links may work better:

<https://www.rafa-cwa.org/page-1836169>

1) EF enrollment for retirees CLOSSES Dec 29th!

.From now until 7 PM CT on Dec 29, 2018 retirees may update Enrolled Friends for the next travel period (Jan 1st to June 30, 2019). Go to <https://ft.ual.com>, log in and click on the "Travel tab"; then click on "Manage pass riders".

If you don't have any changes to make then no action is needed (your current Enrolled Friends will automatically roll over).

Before calling the ETC with questions read the enrollment guide for retirees: <https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retireepasstravel/pass-travel-enrollment-for-retirees>

Here are three important tips: <http://www.rafa-cwa.org/3-Tips-for-Enrolling-EFs>

The next EF enrollment will be in June 2019 for flying July 1- Dec 31, 2019.

2) Pay your travel invoice by Jan 15th

If your taxable pass riders' (domestic partner, enrolled friends) travel was billed between Aug 1 and October 31, 2018 you should have received an invoice (Travel Liability Statement) from United. **Do not forget to pay it!**

You can view your pass rider's travel history in **FT > Travel > Pass Travel > "Pass travel report"**.

Here is information from the Employee Travel Center:

Visit our [W-2 Pass Travel Tax Reporting page](#) for a complete list of resources and tools including:

- [The announcement letter sent to retirees and early out participants in 2017](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [A video tutorial](#) of the changes in employeeRES
- [Quarterly invoice example](#)
- [User guide](#) with:

- Sample screenshots of what you can expect to see in employeeRES
- Sample screenshots of the imputed income calculator
- [User guide](#) of how to view and print your invoice from the Your Benefits Resources website

Click to read: [RAFA's page about imputed taxes](#)

3) New routes announced

As a perfect end to a year in which we lapped our competition by introducing an industry-leading 93 new routes, today we announced new service from ORD, LAX, IAD and IAH to 10 more U.S. cities. Read more here:

<https://ft.ual.com/news/topics/network?read-article=b457af62-698e-49c9-bb4e-5c25c454bf00>

Then scroll down to see **three new international routes from SFO**, including year-round nonstop service to MEL (Melbourne, Australia) and YYZ (Toronto), and seasonal nonstop service to DEL (New Delhi). That's in addition to a second daily flight from SFO to ICN (Seoul, South Korea) and increasing trips from SFO to AMS (Amsterdam), AKL (Auckland, New Zealand) and PPT (Papeete, Tahiti) from seasonal service to year-round. Read more here (scroll down):

<https://ft.ual.com/news/topics/network?read-article=b457af62-698e-49c9-bb4e-5c25c454bf00>

4) NEWS from the United Daily

12/14: [New Preferred seating in Economy Economy fare expands to Trans-Atlantic](#)

12/11: [Basic](#)

11/20: [All F/As to attend Chicago customer svc summit in 2019](#) read comments

5) Have you seen our RAFA website?

Check out the Travel Benefits tab here: <https://www.rafa-cwa.org>

Read the Pass Travel Program Summary, helpful links, phone numbers & more.

For other Pass Travel Topics: [Previous Travel UPDATES](#)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Kirk Moore, RAFA Travel Benefits Committee

December 22, 2018

MyIDTravel cancellations and refunds:

*There have been a few questions related to canceling a reservation and getting a refund when using **MyIDTravel**. RAFA Pass Travel Chairman Kirk Moore has provided the following guidance regarding this issue.*

If you buy a ticket online with MyIDTravel then you go back online to MyIDTravel to cancel and get a refund.

There is a great page on our RAFA website about flying standby on **Other Airlines**: <https://rafa-cwa.org/page-1836104> Refer to section 4d:

4d. To CANCEL/REFUND on MyIDTravel:

Reservations may be cancelled free of charge.

Quick reference guide for refunds on MyIDTravel:

https://ft.ual.com/-/media/ual_intranet/documents/travel/refund_myidtravel.pdf?la=en

Cancel: Use "Flight List" tab, click on Booking Code. If you have multiple segments, put a checkmark on those you wish to cancel; then choose "Cancel" or "Cancel All" from the list of options near bottom of page. Canceling does NOT refund your credit card, you must request that separately:

Refund: First you must Cancel (see above) then use the "Flight List" tab to click on the **ticket numbers**. Once you click on the cancelled **ticket numbers** you may then click on "Refund" and confirm the action by clicking on "Refund Now". Tickets are refunded one at a time. The credit should show up on your credit card in 10-14 days.

Refunds should be requested within 90 days from original purchase; but may be refunded up to 1 year. Unused segments will be refunded, however the MyIDTravelPurchase fees will not be refunded unless all segments are unused. **Therefore it's best to book each segment separately.** Usually there is no partial refund if a business class ticket was purchased and you were boarded in economy (check with the airline).

/Kirk

Jim Morehead, who's official title is currently that of Pass Travel Liaison, is also quite active in social media such as Facebook forums. According to Jim, if you are on **Facebook** there is a great forum called **United New Pass Travel Policies Retirees and Actives**. There are, believe it or not, over 17,500 people on it, both labor and management, and both sUAL and sCAL. The main administrator on that Pass Forum is a former sUAL F/A based in Miami named Anita Ware. Check it out if you do Facebook for lots of good pass travel pointers. Jim also hosts a Golden Eagles page with some good info; look under **Groups** for "**The Golden Eagles**". Both forums are a good source for getting answers to pass travel questions in addition to the other sources for that information.

.....**AND, FROM THE LIGHTER SIDE....**



Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old To spend an additional 5 months in a nursing Home at \$7000 per month..

My grandpa started walking Five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and We don't know where the hell he is.

I like long walks, Especially when they are taken By people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking Is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning, Before my brain figures out what I'm doing..

I joined a health club last year, Spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

The advantage of exercising every day Is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, she looks good doesn't she.'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, Start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise The last few years,..... Just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, Because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

AND

Every time I start thinking too much About how I look, I just find a Happy Hour And by the time I leave, I look just fine.

ADDITIONAL TRIBUTES TO THOSE GONE WEST

Tribute to Bill Leeper from Steve Zavitz:

I did not know Bill that well, what I did know is that I never heard an unkind word when his name was mentioned. There is nothing greater a person could hope for than being remembered as a kind and caring person - even if just by one person. It is obvious very many of us still on life's journey are reflecting back on our special memories of Bill. I am sure it warms his heart, as he begins a new journey.

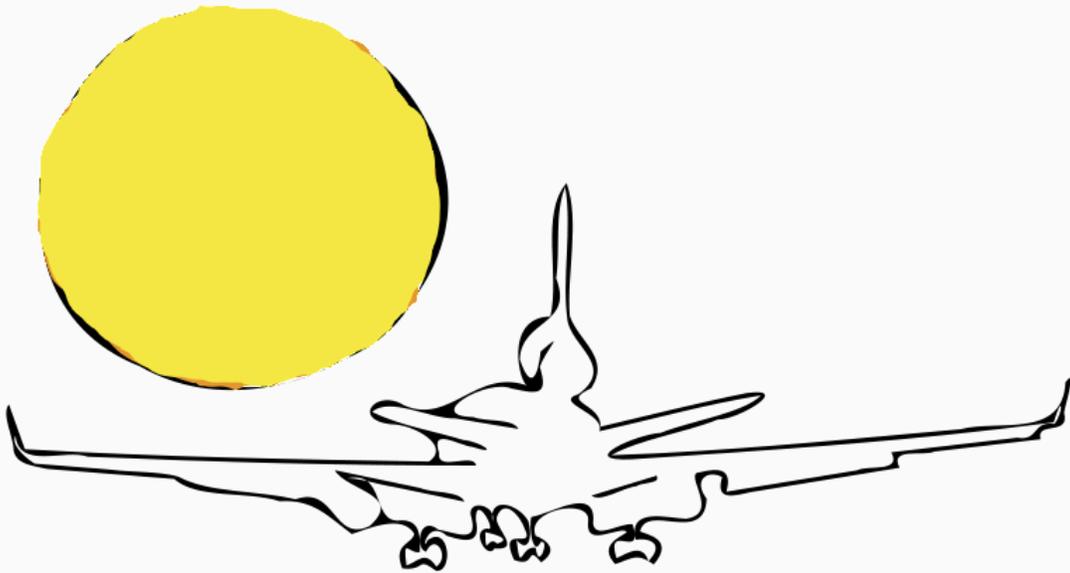
Tributes to Harry Watson:

Blake Lamar:

I had the pleasure of flying with Harry for several months in the DC-3 in Dallas. Back then there was only one room for both pilots on layovers. Our trips were usually 4 to 5 days long. The many days and nights we shared were always fun. He was also a superb airman. The world is a poorer place. Fair skies and tailwinds my friend.

Russ Coonley:

I also experienced Harry Watsons, humor and professionalism. As a young co-pilot with Harry in a DC-3. We were flying from MAF to HOB my leg, when I heard what I thought was a radio call asking if Continental 191 was going to retract the landing gear? I looked at Harry and wondered how they knew it was down. Then to my embarrassment I discovered Harry had made the call on the intercom. Godspeed Harry, you made us all better aviators.



GONE WEST



GOLDEN EAGLES GONE WEST - 2018

Larry Lykins	Jan 19, 2018
Jack Thompson	Feb 28, 2018
Nick Hooke	April 19, 2018
Hans Muller	May 10, 2018
Ed Gorman	May 10, 2018
Herb Jellander	June 5, 2018
Forrest Coffman	July 4, 2018
DJ Lehman	Aug 1, 2018
Bob Hulse	Sept 23, 2018
Mike Bender	Oct 14, 2018
Harry Hansen	Nov 11, 2018
Bill Leeper	Dec 27, 2018
Harry Watson	Jan 10, 2019

CONTINENTAL, NON GOLDEN EAGLES GONE WEST - 2018

Mike Hall	Jan 3, 2018
Robert Walker	Jan 10, 2018
David Becker	Jan 26, 2018
William McCaffrey	Jan 28, 2018
Robert Bracken	Feb 6, 2018
Richard Berry	Feb 7, 2018
Gene Smith	Feb 27, 2018
Robert Cordonier	Mar 4, 2018
Royce Branson	Apr 5, 2018
Glen Lowes	April 21, 2018
H.T. "Swede" Anderson	Apr 28, 2018
Paul Tonnesen	May 2, 2018
Stanley Harrison	May 16, 2018
Wayne Voss	May 26, 2018
Pete Lappin	May 31, 2018
Mitchell Shapiro	June 16, 2018
Roger Sims	July 21, 2018
Tom Thompson	July 24, 2018
Scott Tullis	Oct 10, 2018
Ron Sheppard	Oct 18, 2018
Wayne McKendry	Nov 18, 2018
Kenneth Smith	Dec 9, 2018



That's all folks. See you next month on or about the 15th with another update.

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