



## Update and Reminders January 2022

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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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](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), is **notam**

***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](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), pay a one time membership fee of \$35 and they will become members for life with no further payment of dues required. Same thing applies to former members who have let their membership 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](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org) in the Membership section.*

The member rosters are revised periodically, usually around the first of every month. The rosters are in the Membership section on our website and are available for access by our members with the use of the current password. The month to which the rosters have been revised is indicated next to the name of the roster on the website. Please check your contact information on the rosters and advise our Secretary, David Rossetter, [drossetter@yahoo.com](mailto: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 ***The revised rosters for JANUARY 2022 have been uploaded to the Golden Eagles website, [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), under the Roster Download heading of the Membership section.***

## GOLDEN CONTRAILS MAGAZINE

In case you missed the notice, the December issue of the Golden Contrails magazine is on the Golden Eagles website, [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org) in the Contrails section.

Our Golden Contrails editor Gary Small needs more input from the members for our magazine. Please consider sending him some of your "remembrances" , AKA war stories, for the magazine. Also don't forget the feature on our website called the "**Crew Room**" under the Contrails heading. There you can let your fellow members know what you have been up to (that you can talk about!) and any information you would like to share with your GE friends, such as a recent move, family news or anything else you think our members would like to know about. The form for submitting this information is located on our website, [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), in the Contrails section and is labelled "Crew Room".

Here is a link to the Crew Room for your convenience: <https://www.thegoldeneagles.org/crew-room.html>

*Input from our members is always needed to use as material for the Golden Contrails Magazine, so help our editor do his thing by providing him with some good stories or updates on your activities. Have you relocated to a new area, added family members, had a really exciting vacation, taken up a new hobby or acquired a new toy?....let us know.*

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES:

**United Airlines Benefits Center** 1-800-651-1007 (M-F 0700 - 1900 hrs Central Time) For Traditional Medical, HMO or Insurance questions; report death of retiree or spouse; change of address & other forms. 1-800-651-1007 (M-F 0700 - 1900 hrs Central Time)

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

**Password Reset (Flying Together)** 1-800-255-5801 United Reservations 1-800-241-6522

**United ePass Line:** From US 1-866-359-3727; Outside US +1 713-324-7277 You will always be transferred to a reservation agent. A \$25 fee will be charged to make a new booking or to change an existing booking's class of service (FC, BC, Y), pass type (Personal, Vacation) or Origin/Destination.

**Employee Travel Center** ETC@united.com: for all travel inquiries. Access Flying Together > Travel 24/7 to find policies, procedures, Q&As and our booking tools - employeeRES, mobileRES and the United Pass Line. The Employee Travel Center no longer answers phone calls. Use Help Hub on FlyingTogether website or email.

**Flying Together Help Desk (United Digital Technology Service Desk—aka Tech Support)** 1-800-255-5801 <https://flyingtogether.ual.com> New United Number for all Retired call: From the US: 1-877-825-3729. Outside US: 1-847-825-3729 After calling the new number, follow the prompts. This is a centralized number for employees/retirees to reach United.

## Pass Travel News

### Q & A

*Q. I wish to cancel a non-rev listing but have yet to find a way to do that?*

A. Click on "view my reservation", then scroll to the bottom to find "cancel reservation." Then log in and cancel.

*Q. Can someone please help out with the differences/similarities with ZED fare, ID90, and myIDtravel? Are they all standby or some discounted guaranteed tickets?*

A. Each airline we have non-rev travel privileges on decides how we buy the tickets and how we list. Most these days are via myIDtravel although a few are via ID90. If you want to fly on a particular airline, then you buy the ticket on whichever site they use. You don't have a choice so from our view as passengers, they are not competing sites. Tickets on other airlines are almost always for space available travel and just like how "other airline" (OA) passengers are behind us on UA, you will be behind all their employees.

*Q. After listing as non rev on a flight and unable to get on, can you then cancel listing after flight has left so it's not rolled over onto next flight and purchase MyUA discount ticket for a later flight ? Same day and same routing.*

A. Yes, you have to first cancel the non rev listing then you're able to purchase a ticket on My UA discount for later on the same day, same routing.

*Q. I am a retiree and just bought two employee discount tickets. The ticket type is the basic economy. As I understand that we are still allowed to check-in two bags free of charge for bought ticket, correct? The fine print says for the ticket type, only one personal item is allowed to bring with, not a full size carry-on? Is a backpack a small personal item that is allowed? Or need to be something smaller, like a shoulder computer bag, or handbag?*

A. Your personal item has to fit under the seat...can't use the overhead bin. That is unless you purchased the ticket with a Chase Mileage Plus credit card and are the primary account holder...then the rule does not apply. And yes you can still check 2 bags free of charge.

*cancellations?*

A. The bottom of FlyingTogether has a map that shows weather ATC disruptions.

## Announcing United's New 2022 International Routes

**Washington-Dulles:** Amman, Jordan; Berlin, Germany

**New York/Newark:** Azores, Portugal; Tenerife, Canary Islands; Spain; Bergen, Norway; Mallorca, Spain; Rome, Italy (2nd daily flight); Dublin, Ireland (2nd daily flight)

**Denver:** Munich, Germany

**Chicago:** Milan, Italy

## Biden Signs Order That Will Allow Online U.S. Passport Renewal

By [Michelle Baran](#)

Dec 15, 2021

Photo by Shutterstock

We may soon be able to complete the entire passport renewal process virtually. Also on the agenda—reducing airport screening times

It's not clear exactly when and it's not clear exactly how, but the mail-in U.S. passport renewal process could soon be a thing of the past, according to an [executive order](#) issued on December 13. "Americans will be able to renew their passports securely online, saving time from having to wait and the effort and cost required to print, go to a post office, and use a paper check. This new online process will be done with safety and security," a [fact sheet](#) about the order on "Transforming [the] Federal Customer Experience" stated.

Dave Newell

The Good Lord willin` and the creeks don`t rise, the Hill Country LAC will have its quarterly luncheon in Johnson City, TX on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 1130. We will meet at the Pecan Street Brewing restaurant for some good food and conversation. All who can make the trip in a day`s ride on horseback are welcome. (I know you can do it Curry 😁) Spouses and guests are always welcome. At this time there are 20 folks who have stated they will attend.

Photos of the gaggle will be provided next month since at the time of this writing, we ain`t had the darn thing yet!! 😊

Dave



### **DEN LAC (Denver)**

Dennis McDonald

23 folks attended our most recent bi monthly breakfast of aging aviators at the Perfect Landing. Our dates for 2022 are 9 February, 13 April, 8 June, 10 August, 12 October and 14 December. As always dates / wives or friends are invited.

**If any of you GERS do not get my emails and want to be on the info list drop me a note.**

*Dennis*



### **Kingwood LAC (Houston)**

Bill Chambers and Bruce Sprague

The Kingwood pilots gave all the La Madeleine employees cash gifts for Christmas on Dec 14, 2021.



Names for second photo:

Di Johnson, Bill Chambers, Kent Muhlberger, Jim Davis, Phil Swartz, Tom Doherty, Jett Jackson, Joe Hearn, Bill Vaughn, Phil and Gloria Lindner, Jim Northington, Mike Snowden, Steve Cady, Rick McDonald, Tom "Santa" Walsh, Rick Bixby (photo taken by Bruce Sprague, standing in first photo)

The Kingwood Golden Eagles LAC meets **every Tuesday morning at La Madeleines**, in Town Center of Kingwood, Texas. Usually by 7:45 am there are at least fifteen (usually many more) old pilots there having a good time (I think the record was over 30 of us). Lots of laughs while we swap "there I was" stories, solving the world 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! Find

Also, four times a year, we meet with the Woodlands / Conroe LAC pilots for lunch at our new excellent BBQ venue in a central Houston location. Find more information, location map, and photos on our Golden Eagles website: go to "LAC" menu tab, then "HOUSTON AREA" ([www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org)).

The Houston Area quarterly lunch meets about 11:30 am (for 2-3 hours or longer), and ALL pilots (GE members, non GE members, and anyone else from all over the Houston area that wants to join us (we have had flight attendants, spouses, and friends show up). This is basically a "reunion" with fellow pilots you may have not seen in years! GE members from out of town, of course, are encouraged to come! We typically have 30 to 45 pilots show up, and as the word gets out, we expect to have many more in the future.

The Fall dates (Nov or Oct) will be considered THE "Major Event" of the year, where we will put in the full court press to get EVERYONE locally and from out of town to join us. You may miss some of the quarterly events, but DO NOT miss out on the Fall major event! Stick these dates on your calendar!

**TIME: 11:30 am**

**WHEN:**

Monday, Jan 31, 2022

Monday, May 2, 2022

Monday, Aug 1, 2022

Monday, Oct 31, 2022 (*Major Event!*)

Bill



Bruce



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## Regional Reunion News

No current news to report at this time. We`re working on it.....!

## Airline News

### “MILLIONMILER” TED CRUZ LAMBASTS UNITED AIRLINES CEO

[MATTHEW KLINT](#) POSTED ON [DECEMBER 18, 2021](#)

*The Golden Eagles takes no position on this issue, and provides the following only as information to our members.*

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R – TX) and Scott Kirby, the CEO of United Airlines, had a testy exchange during a Senate Commerce Committee hearing this week concerning employee vaccine mandates.

#### **Ted Cruz Vs. Scott Kirby**

Cruz lambasted Kirby for United’s vaccine mandate, noting he has flown over a million miles on United.

“I’m proud to say the two airlines based in Texas, Mr. Kelly’s airline and Mr. Parker’s airline, I think had been exemplary, particularly concerning vaccine mandates, both of you have made public commitments that you will not be firing your employees because of failure to comply with the vaccine

I'm a frequent customer of United. I live in Houston, I've got over a million miles on United. There are over 14,000 United employees in the state of Texas. The way United has treated its employees is in marked contrast to your competitors sitting here. Your competitors have said they will stand with their employees. United has not made that same commitment."

Kirby responded: "We did this for safety. We believe it saved lives. We don't compromise on safety."

Cruz then asked United how many pilots were fired for not complying with the vaccine mandate. Kirby responded that six were, adding only about 200 employees in total were fired for refusing to be vaccinated or seek an exemption on religious or medical grounds.

"Just recently, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge James Ho, someone I know very well, an exemplary jurist, wrote an opinion in which he described the likelihood of your employees succeeding on the merits as the claims against you 'appear compelling and convincing at this stage.' I want to read what Judge Ho wrote about United. "Title Seven forbids employers from retaliating against employees who attempt to exercise their statutory rights. Yet, United CEO Scott Kirby told employees and accompany town hall meeting that, 'very few religious exemptions to the vaccine mandate would be granted.' Then, and that anyone who even attempted to request one would be, 'putting their job on the line.' I saw that video, and it's a disturbing video." (see link to video below)

Cruz is referring to the leaked video below. Although Kirby initially warned employees against "getting religious" it is my understanding that no religious exemption requests were ultimately rejected:

Here is a link to the video by Scott Kirby:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/CXj5oNXum/?utm\\_source=ig\\_embed&utm\\_campaign=embed\\_video\\_watch\\_again](https://www.instagram.com/p/CXj5oNXum/?utm_source=ig_embed&utm_campaign=embed_video_watch_again)

Sticking to script, Kirby again framed United's employee vaccine mandate, which came before the federal requirement, as an issue of safety: "Again, we did this for safety. We believe it saved lives. I think that's my number one obligation, safety, particularly running an airline."

Cruz interrupted and asked if United's competitors are unsafe for not forcing employees to get a vaccine. Kirby responded: "I think that the world is safer. For us, I made the decision at United, and I'll let my competitors speak for themselves, but for United getting everyone vaccinated would save lives and create a safer environment for all the other workers."

Cruz responded that he flies United every week and is "almost always" stopped by pilots and flight attendants thanking him for standing up to the vaccine mandate. "Your company is better than this and what you are doing is wrong."

## FAA Proposes Changes To Grounded Boeing 777-200 Engines

- by [Tom Boon](#)
- December 23, 2021

allow the fleet to get back into the skies as soon as next year with reinforced engine cowlings and a handful of other changes.



The FAA has proposed changes to the Boeing 777-200's PW4084 engine.

Photo: [@speedbird5280 \(Hayden Smith\) via Instagram](#)

The measures proposed by the aviation regulator include strengthening the engine's cowlings alongside enhanced inspections of the engine's major components, including the fan blades. Depending on the results of the examinations, further changes to the aircraft may be required before the aircraft are cleared to return to the skies.



The United 777 scattered engine parts across a district of Denver. Photo: Public Domain via NTSB

As established, United Airlines will be the primary airline to benefit from getting the aircraft back in the skies. The US carrier currently has 19 aircraft affected by the grounding. Only one other airline has such an aircraft. Japan Airlines has eight affected aircraft.

## United's CEO Currently Forecasts Demand Returning In 2022

- by [Joanna Bailey](#)
- October 20, 2020

During United Airlines' third-quarter results call, CEO Scott Kirby presented an upbeat picture of the future. As well as being bullish on business travel returning and confident that the tipping point has passed, he forecasts the sector's recovery by 2022; a forecast that's ahead of most other predictions by some measure.



Scott Kirby predicts a recovery in 2022. Photo: Vincenzo Pace | [JFKJets.com](#)

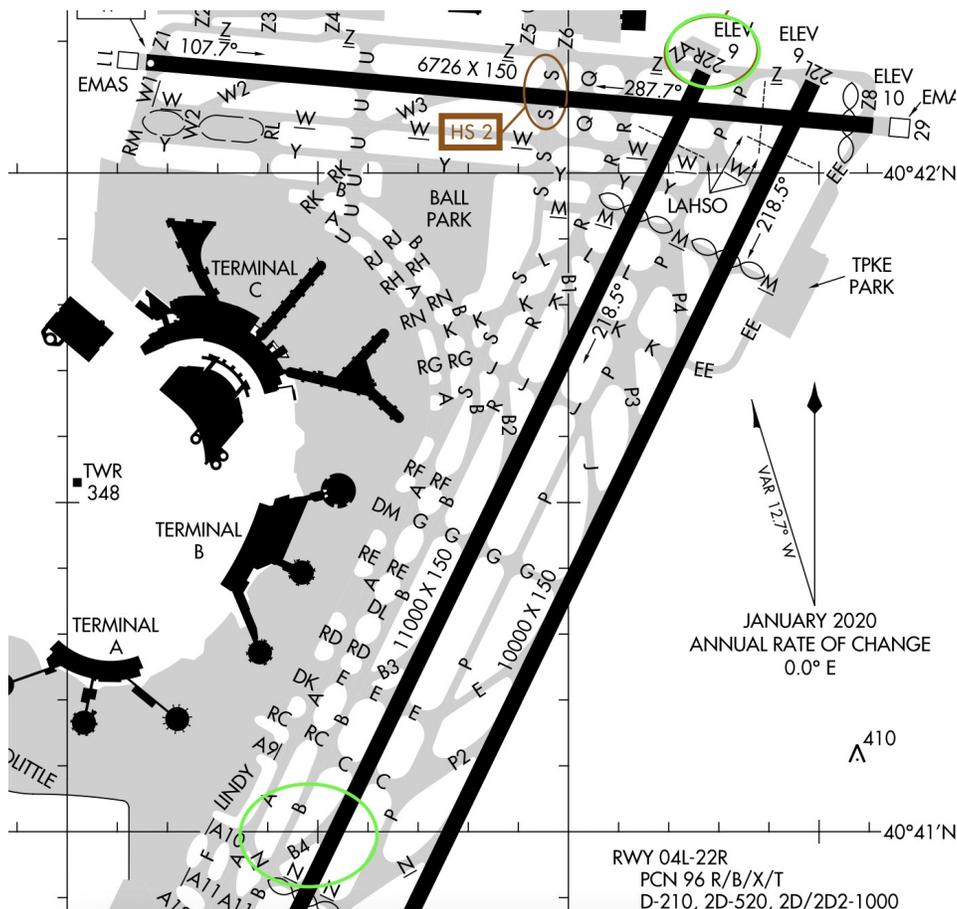
# United Boeing 787-10 Damages Taxiway Lights In Newark

- by [Chris Loh](#)
- August 12, 2021

**\*\*Update: 12/08/21 @ 19:10 UTC – Update with information from Newark Airport.\*\***

On August 11th, a United Airlines Boeing 787-10 landing at Newark Liberty Airport's runway 22R vacated the runway via a high-speed turn-off. During this maneuver, the aircraft struck a number of taxiway lights. Let's take a closer look at this incident. The accident took place on August 11th and involves a [United Airlines](#) 787-10 registered N14011. This aircraft had just finished performing flight UA85 from Tel Aviv to Newark, performing a safe landing on runway 22R at 16:45.

Upon landing on runway 22R, it was reported by [the Aviation Herald](#) that the aircraft slowed and vacated the runway using high-speed turn-off B4. It was during this hard-right turn to vacate the runway that the aircraft collided with some taxiway lights. Despite the collision, the aircraft continued taxiing to the apron.



**Circled in green is runway 22R and turn-off B4. Photo: FAA**

Examining the runway diagram above, we can see that making a right turn from turn-off B4 to taxiway B is an extremely sharp maneuver. Indeed, as one commenter on the Aviation Herald report notes, this would indicate a 150° turn.

## Emirates Boeing 777 Takes Off After The Runway's End In Dubai

- by [Andrew Curran](#)
- December 29, 2021

Emirates is in the spotlight after an incident in Dubai before Christmas raised questions about some pilots' skills and experience levels. Last week, a Boeing 777-300ER bound for Washington DC overran the runway while taking off, narrowly missing houses close to the airport.



Emirates jet passes over homes at just 75 feet

According to [The Aviation Herald](#), the Emirates Boeing (registration A6-EQI) was operating EK231 from Dubai to Washington DC on Monday, December 20, when the incident occurred.

The jet accelerated for takeoff on Dubai's runway 30R. It rotated for takeoff past the end of the runway and did not become airborne until at the end of the runway end safety area. The Boeing passed over the first private homes at 18,500 feet (5,640 meters) past the runway threshold, flying 75 feet above ground level. The aircraft's transponder indicates A6-EQI stayed on the runway until accelerating through at least 216 knots over the ground about 14,400 feet (4,400 meters) past the runway threshold and about 90 meters short of the localizer antennas.

The Aviation Herald reports the aircraft sustained some damage on departure. After safely gaining some altitude, A6-EQI continued onto Washington DC, where it was checked for cracks as well as damage to the wings, flaps, and landing gear.

### LINK:

Here is a link to an excellent video dealing with the incident of the Emirates 777 late rotation on takeoff.

## Emirates Investigates After 777 Starts Takeoff Without Clearance

- by [Chris Loh](#)
- January 14, 2022

Less than a month after an Emirates Boeing 777-300 was involved in an incident where adequate airmanship was questioned, another incident has taken place at the Middle Eastern airline. On January 9th, one of the carrier's 777s was accelerating for takeoff when the crew was instructed to reject takeoff due to a crossing aircraft. Sources note that this aircraft had not been granted proper ATC clearance before initiating takeoff roll. The aircraft successfully completed the rejected takeoff and no injuries were reported.

Here is a link to the complete article:

[https://simpleflying.com/emirates-investigates-777-incident/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=getresponse&utm\\_content=%20KLM%20CEO%20Steps%20Down%20C%20EU%20Backs%20Slot%20Rules%20%26%204%20More%20Trending%20Stories&utm\\_campaign=Simple%20Flying](https://simpleflying.com/emirates-investigates-777-incident/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=getresponse&utm_content=%20KLM%20CEO%20Steps%20Down%20C%20EU%20Backs%20Slot%20Rules%20%26%204%20More%20Trending%20Stories&utm_campaign=Simple%20Flying)

## UNITED AIRLINES OFFERS PILOTS TRIPLE PAY TO REDUCE OMICRON CANCELLATIONS

[MATTHEW KLINT](#) POSTED ON [JANUARY 1, 2022](#)

United Airlines is offering pilots triple pay to pick up more trips in January, as it struggles with a staffing shortage it blames on the omicron variant. While the Thanksgiving holiday was mild in terms of delays and cancellations, the holiday seasons has been a whole different story's with U.S. carriers including United cancelling over 10,000 flights over the last 10 days alone.

Yesterday, United cancelled 221 flights and has already cancelled 139 flights this morning according to [FlightAware](#). United blames this on the omicron variant in a memo to pilots:

“Due to the rapid spread of the COVID Omicron variant, we are currently seeing record levels of pilot sick calls. The impact on the operation is clear and United has experienced a correspondingly large number of cancellations over the past week.”

To help minimize operational interruptions, United is offering pilots a generous bonus over the next month to encourage more pilots to step up and put in additional time: 250% bonus – December 30 – January 3, 200% bonus – January 4 -29. (this bonus applies to hours beyond minimum monthly flight hours) Pilots will also be offered positive space travel if they commute from their home to their base.

symptomatic, particularly for COVID-19. “The bottom line – if you are healthy and able to report to work, please do so. If you are not well and need to call in sick, please take care of yourself and return when able.”

United flights attendants are also receiving bonus pay to operate more trips during the month of January.

## CONCLUSION

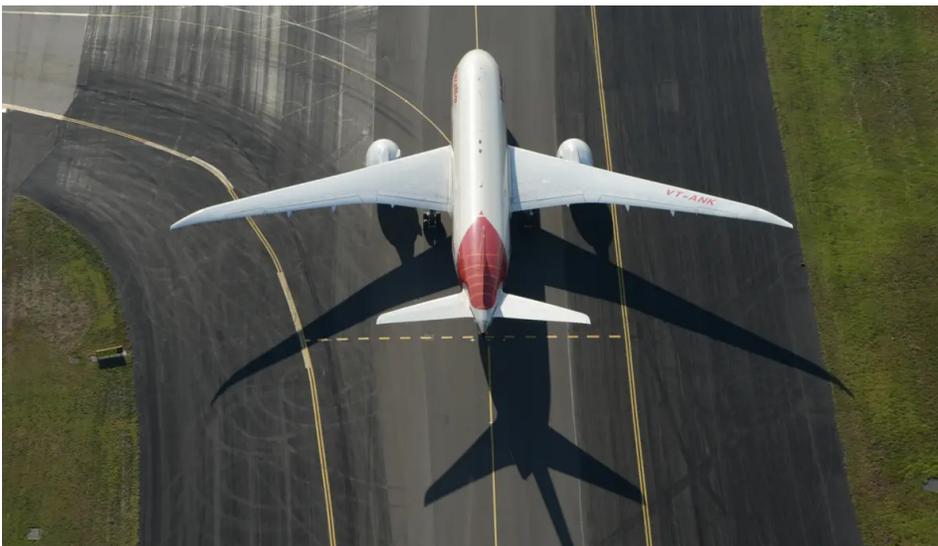
United Airlines is pushing pilots to take on extra duty time in the month of January, as it struggles to avoid cancellations in light of a more robust flight schedule and an increase in the number of sick pilots.

## Why Doesn't The Boeing 787 Have Winglets?

- by [Jake Hardiman](#)
- January 10, 2022

One of the Boeing 787

Dreamliner's key selling points is the fuel efficiency that its variants offer compared to older aircraft. Therefore, it might be expected that winglets, or at least [blended wingtips, as seen on its rival, the Airbus A350](#), would have played a key role in this. However, Boeing opted instead to fit the 787 with raked wingtips. This term refers to the triangular shape of the end of the jet's wings, as seen in the photo below. These tips have a greater sweep angle than the rest of the wing. They also have a similar effect on wingtip vortices as conventional winglets. Furthermore, they offer a weight saving compared to winglets, as they don't require an extra component to be added.



# FLIGHT ATTENDANTS UNION CALLS FOR NEW SERVICE REDUCTIONS ON UNITED AIRLINES

[MATTHEW KLINT](#) [JANUARY 12, 2022](#)

As United Airlines re-introduces [pre-departure beverages](#) and [explores upgrades to its longhaul business class meal service](#), the union representing United flight attendants is pushing back, citing the high transmissibility of omicron variant.

**A [January 11th debrief memo](#) from the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) to flight attendants notes “the new Omicron variant is less severe than either the original COVID-19 or Delta variants, but is much more transmissible, even among those who are fully vaccinated and boosted.”**

Indeed, while roughly [3,000 United employees are currently positive for COVID-19](#), none are hospitalized. Now, the AFA has “approached United management about curtailing services in an ongoing effort to reduce opportunities for transmission of the virus.”

*The AFA warns: “ Greater enhancements to service components amidst one of the most severe COVID surges to date, is something that needs to be challenged. And, we are challenging the thought process behind this decision-making especially as instances of positive COVID tests are on the rise... “While we can all agree that increasing the level of service for our passengers needs to be a priority, priorities can and should be weighed against other external factors. We are hopeful that United’s assessment of the risks associated with the continued introduction of these service enhancements at this time outweighs their introduction during this period of increasing COVID transmission.”*

Presently, United is reviewing the request.



## New Members

***Leonard Rzewinski***

**Keith Lamb**

**Charles Horn**

**Gary Baker**

**Ronald Wohlschlaeger**

**Lee Hannibal**

**AND.....THE LIGHTER SIDE ....**



*“Trouble knocked at the door, but, hearing laughter, hurried away.”*

Sometimes The Universe puts you in the same situations again to see if you're still a dumbass.



**I WENT BY THE HOUSE I GREW UP IN, AND ASKED IF I COULD GO IN AND LOOK AROUND. THEY SAID NO AND SLAMMED THE DOOR.**

When I was young, I was poor. But after years of hard work, I am no longer young.





Due to staffing shortages, American Airlines has lowered the ages for pilots and flight attendants. 😎



Working at an unemployment office has to be a tense job...knowing if you get fired, you still have to come in the next day.



A man was [driving](#) through west Texas one spring evening. The road was deserted and he had not seen a soul for what seemed like hours. Suddenly his car started to cough and splutter and the engine slowly died away, leaving him sitting on the side of the road in total silence.

He popped the hood and looked to see if there was anything that he could do to get it going again. Unfortunately, he had limited knowledge of cars, so all he could do was look at the engine. Feeling despondent as he stood looking at the gradually fading light of his [flashlight](#), he cursed that he had not put in new batteries as he had promised himself.

Suddenly, through the inky shadows, came a deep voice, "It's your fuel pump." The man raised up quickly, striking his head on the underside of the hood. "Who said that?" he demanded. There were two horses standing in the fenced field alongside the road and the man was amazed when the nearest of the two horses repeated, "It's your fuel pump. Tap it with your

the flashlight, turned the key and sure enough, the engine started to hum. He muttered a short thanks to the horse and screeched away.

When he reached the next town, he ran into the local bar. "Gimme a large whiskey, please!" he said. A rancher sitting at the bar looked at the man's ashen face and asked, "What's wrong, man? You look like you've seen a ghost." "It's unbelievable," the man said and recalled the whole tale to the rancher.

The rancher took a sip of his beer and looked thoughtful. "A horse, you say? Was it by any chance a white horse?" The man replied in the affirmative.

"Yes, it was! Am I crazy?" "No, you ain't crazy. In fact, you're [lucky](#)," said the rancher, "because that black horse doesn't know sh\*t about cars."

## ***TRIBUTES TO THOSE GONE WEST***

### ***Tributes to Captain Ron Cosgrove:***

*From Captain Dave Little*

Captain Ron will leave a void behind. He mentored so many without recognition. I was one of them.  
RIP



### ***Tributes to Captain Walt Jennings:***

*From Captain Kent Johnson*

I always enjoyed flying with Walt.

*From Captain Diane Myers*

I flew with Walt a few times, really enjoyed it.

*From Captain Marty Noonan*

Walt was one of my favorite Captains to fly with at Continental Airlines.

We enjoyed the same birthday, although 9 years apart!

His sense of humor, easy going manner and professional demeanor served as a model for me as a Captain later in my career.

Marty Noonan

*From Captain Jerry Hunsinger*

Very sad to hear about Walt, he was definitely one of the good guys.

I didn't fly with him but it was a pleasure to know him. He had the ability to light up the crew room.

*From Captain Steve Cady*

CRAP... I hate losing these friends.

*From Captain Lew Aaronson*

We flew a lot in the 727 into the old MKC airport. Right over Rudy Patrick Feed and grain

*From Captain Jim Caldwell*

Thanks for the info about Walt. He was always a good guy to fly with and it always hurts to see one of our CAL guys pass.

Jim

*From Captain Dave Newell*

I flew with Walt in the California Air Guard and at Continental. He was a fine pilot, great instructor, good guy, good friend and a real gentleman. He will be missed. RIP Captain Walt.

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**GONE WEST**



\* Denotes Golden Eagles member

Names in red denote gone west announced since last update

**2021**

Eugene Dahlquist*	Oct 7, 2020 (Previous member, notice just received)
Larry Camden*	Jan 21, 2021
Pete Hernandez*	Mar 15, 2021
Barry Levitz	Mar 25, 2021
Thomas (Ted) Daniel	Apr 8, 2021
Charlie Oligschlaeger	Apr 17, 2021
<i>Gus Wenzel</i>	<i>Aug 24, 2019 (notice received 27Apr)</i>
Robert "Bob" Kinsey*	June 2021
Jack Johnson*	June 3, 2021
John Garrett	July 7, 2021
Larry Battersby*	June 27, 2021
Joe Rodehorst	July 21, 2021
Ron Bloecher	July 26, 2021
Ken Lakes*	Aug, 2021
<b>Harry Clemence</b>	<b>Aug 4, 2021 Notice just received</b>
Jay Purcell	Aug, 2021
Paige Seats*	Sept 17, 2021
Al Minning*	Sept, 2021

Richard "Dick" Kardell \*

Nov 24, 2021

**Ron Cosgrove** \*

**Nov 28, 2021**

**Walt Jennings** \*

**Dec 7, 2021**

**2022**

**Bob Roney** \*

**Jan 6, 2022**

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



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