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## Monthly Update and Reminders JULY 2019

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*This month`s update is fairly brief due to yours truly being on the road in Colorado and points north. Summer is a time for travel and family activities and it is hoped all our members have a wonderful Summer.*

## RECURRING REMINDERS

The new password for accessing the Golden Contrails Magazine, the member rosters and the archived blast emails is **throttle**. A new password will be issued with the publication of the next Golden Contrails magazine in August. An email notice will be sent to all members

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in good standing advising of the new password at that time.

Annual dues are due on Dec 31st and are considered delinquent on Jan 1st. If not paid by April 30th, members will be considered not in good standing and will be removed from all Golden Eagles communications. Dues status can be checked on our website, [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), in the Membership section and the Roster Download sub-section. *The current password is not required to go to the "store" on the website and pay dues, so if you inadvertently forgot to pay your dues before the cutoff date of April 30th and suddenly find that you are no longer receiving GE communications, you can still access the website without the password and bring your dues up to date.*

The date in the lower right corner of your contact information is the year through which you have paid your dues. Complete details on how to pay your dues is contained on the website also in the Membership section under the Pay Dues and Postage sub-section.

We occasionally receive a request from non-Golden Eagles members to be "*added to our email list*" without any awareness that it is a "benefit" of membership. In that regard, while we are happy to have members share these emails with their friends, we would hope that this "sharing" would include encouragement to join.

## CONVENTION NEWS

The reunion/convention for 2020 is still tentatively planned to be held at the Stapleton Hilton Doubletree Hotel on May 14-17. Activities such as tours and simulator flights are still being researched. As usual, all details will be shared with our members when the details are finalized. At this point it appears that the cost of the banquet meals will be substantially less than they were in Las Vegas at the convention last April.

## PASS TRAVEL NEWS

Summer non-revenue pass travel can be difficult, so don't forget about the myUAdiscount fares.

With **myUAdiscount**, United employees, retirees and their [eligible pass riders](#) can purchase revenue-confirmed tickets at a **20 percent discount**, which is applied at the time of purchase. The discount applies to travel in any cabin on United or United Express flights, and is available on **most** published fares.

The myUAdiscount is **not** valid on United's alliance partners, code-share partners and other airlines, nor for business travel. It cannot be combined with other offers, promotions, [discounts](#), certificates or [coupons](#). Applicable taxes and fees are **not discounted**.

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**Program benefits:**

- MileagePlus award miles, Premier Qualifying Miles and Premier Qualifying Segments maybe accrued for travel using myUADiscount
- First and second checked baggage fees are waived
- Upgrades are permitted

Full details are available on the flyingtogether website in the Travel section under myUADiscount fares.

Remember, if you list for a flight using a standby pass and subsequently decide to purchase a myUADiscount fare for the same flight, you must cancel the standby listing.

## **AIRLINE NEWS**

### [Chicago O'Hare International Airport](#)

World renowned architecture firm, [Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP](#) (SOM), has been selected to design two new [#ORD21](#) satellite terminals that will help revolutionize the passenger experience and provide unprecedented regional economic growth. <http://bit.ly/2xBc3ee>

### **A look back to the past:**

Last revenue flight for DC-10 #064 from LAX to HNL Sept. 29, 2001. After a time in the Mojave Desert the aircraft was chartered by the military to move troops to Afghanistan.

## **Boeing 737 MAX to Remain off United Airlines' Schedule Until Nov. 3**



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United Airlines Holdings said on Friday the Boeing 737 MAX would stay off its flight schedule until Nov. 3, a fresh extension leading to about 2,100 cancellations in September and 2,900 in October as the jets remain grounded worldwide.

The decision had been expected after Boeing said on June 27 it would likely take until at least September to fix a fresh flaw in the grounded 737 MAX discovered by the Federal Aviation Administration last month.

United had previously left its 14 737 MAX jets off its flight schedule through early September.

The new potential risk must be addressed before the aircraft can return to service since two deadly crashes in Ethiopia and Indonesia led to its worldwide grounding in March.

Once regulators approve the MAX for flight, each aircraft will likely require between 100 and 150 hours of maintenance preparation before flying, in addition to new pilot training, airline officials have said.

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Among other U.S. MAX operators, Southwest Airlines Co. so far has canceled flights through Oct. 1 and American Airlines Group through Sept. 3, though those timelines are also likely to be extended.

While the three U.S. airlines' MAX jets account for only a fraction of their entire fleet, the grounding has forced about 150 daily flight cancellations for Southwest and 115 for American.

United is due on Tuesday to publish second-quarter results, which investors are hoping will provide details on the financial impact of the grounding.

Unit revenues, based on per available seat mile, could benefit as planes fly with more passengers. But the longer the grounding lasts, the more strain on airlines counting on fresh deliveries of the fuel-efficient MAX this year to renew and expand their fleets.

United, for example, was expecting a total of 30 MAX jets by year-end, meaning that its daily flight cancellations are increasing for every month that the aircraft is grounded.

Deliveries remain frozen until regulators approve the MAX's return to service.

Some analysts do not expect the jet to fly commercially before the end of the year.

"We'll continue to monitor the regulatory process and nimbly make the necessary adjustments to our operation and our schedule," United said in a statement.

The 737 MAX was grounded worldwide in March after an Ethiopian Airlines plane plunged to the ground soon after take-off, five months after a similar Lion Air fatal crash off the coast of Indonesia.

Boeing hopes a software upgrade and new pilot training will add layers of protection to prevent erroneous data from triggering a system called MCAS, which was activated in both the planes before they crashed.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Dave Ross

Fidel Sanchez

Jim Evans

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



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## AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need a little extra encouragement.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people who aren't pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance for stupidity that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to remember that." I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just tomorrow.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can make it look better.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in a time capsule for 30 minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and not knowing why I'm there.

