



## UPDATE AND REMINDERS JULY 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](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), is **heading**

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

\$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.

### Revised Rosters on Website

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

### GOLDEN CONTRAILS MAGAZINE

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.*

### NEW STUFF

Member request: **NEW**

wants to add this to his airline memorabilia stash? Can't bring myself to throw them a way.

Robert Macaluso

[r.mac19682@gmail.com](mailto:r.mac19682@gmail.com)

## Spousal death notices **NEW**

For some time we have only issued notices of Golden Eagles MEMBERS who have flown West. As an enhancement to this feature of our email communication program, we will now post notices of Golden Eagles member's spouses when the member provides the information and requests the notice be issued. We feel that our members know many of the other members' spouses and would appreciate knowing of their demise.

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## PASS TRAVEL NEWS

### Q & A:

*Q. Employee Travel Center...old days phone connection. No longer?*

*A. Doug at ETC.* Correct. You may contact the ETC by opening a Help Hub case, emailing [etc@united.com](mailto:etc@united.com), or using the chat feature on any travel page on Flying Together. Live chat is available M-F 7am-7pm (Central time), and Sat/Sun 8am-noon (Central time).

*Q. Not exactly clear on checked bag policy. Is it two bags per PNR or two bags per person?*

*A.* Per person ...

As a NR, you get two bags up to 62"/70# (unless embargo's are in force) at no charge. With EMP20, same as NR.

Buddy passes, are assessed charges as a revenue passenger.

Anything oversized are assessed extra charges.

*Q. Can someone post the recent policy about the responsibility of a CSR to offer a standby (in SENIORITY order) an open first class seat even if standby listed in economy. (I realize it's a rare occurrence ...). I can't find anything on FT about this. Thanks*

At CAL the policy was you only get what you listed for.

When they implemented the combined pass policy in 2012, they actually kept the UAL policy that if you listed Y and only F was available you would be asked prior to anyone with less priority being boarded. This was not made clear to agents by ATO, and even ATO supervisors assumed the policy they had followed for year about boarding by cabin listed for still applied. When Laura Motelet was still managing director of employee pass travel she clarified the new policy to ATO, but it was still ignored. Now they have finally added the proper programming to the new SPA system, that if the next priority person can not be accommodated in the requested cabin, the system will not skip them. Instead the program will stop running and that person will need to be given the opportunity for the available seat. On a flight with limited Y seats, this can actually be accomplished a head of time if those people are asked if there is only F will they want to go, the same as parties are asked ahead of time if they will split.

- [Anita Ware](#)

Flying Together- Travel- pass travel- pass travel Q & A. Scroll to Boarding Priority. Second Question:

“Will I be offered a seat in United First, Business or Polaris Business if I booked in economy and on the day of departure economy class is full?”

Answer: “we recommend to book in the aircraft service desired. The pass rider will be asked if they want to take a seat in United First, Business or Polaris Business. If the pass rider accepts the seat in, applicable service charges will apply.”

Because this was being interpreted incorrectly by many, they have now corrected the programming in the system to insure boarding is done in priority order at all times and never by cabin listed for in the case of desired cabin full, but seats available in another cabin. Much the same as those who desire F, but on day of F is full. They are not skipped over in favor of those who listed Y.

## The Latest Travel Requirements For Hawaii

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

As of last week, Hawaii has made it easier for fully vaccinated travelers to visit. While the Safe Travels program continues to remain in place, testing is no longer required for passengers arriving in the islands who are fully vaccinated. Here is what the state mandates for travelers now.

### The latest entry requirements

States, may bypass quarantine in Hawaii with a pre-travel test.

Passengers coming to Hawaii nonstop from the mainland United States can upload their vaccination records to the Safe Travels program. Vaccine records digitally validated by a Digital Health Pass Partner will also be accepted. Alternatively, passengers can bring a hard copy of their record to show when arriving in Hawaii. Travelers who were fully vaccinated in Hawaii were already eligible for this exception.

For those who are not fully vaccinated, Hawaii still has a pre-travel testing requirement to bypass quarantine. Passengers must provide proof of a negative test result before boarding their first departure. The test has to have been taken from a Trusted Testing and Travel Partner no more than 72 hours before the *final* leg of the trip to Hawaii. The negative test result must be uploaded to the Safe Travels program.

## LAC NEWS

### HCLAC (San Antonio/Austin)

Dave Newell

The quarterly Hill Country LAC luncheon is set for **Thursday, July 22** at the Pecan Street Brewing restaurant in Johnson City, TX. at 1130. As always, any of our Golden Eagles members are welcome to attend and to bring guests if they desire.

Dave



### DENLAC (Denver)

Dennis McDonald

## DEN BREAKFASTS

**Next Breakfast at Perfect Landing is scheduled for Wed August 11th**

*Dennis*

## Kingwood LAC (Houston)

Bill Chambers and Bruce Sprague

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 more information and photos of all our members on our Golden Eagles website: go to "LAC" menu tab, then "Kingwood, TX ([www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org)).

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 many more in the future. Not to be missed...stick these dates on your calendar.

### Here is the 2021 and 2022 schedule:

Monday, Aug 2, 2021

Monday, Nov 1, 2021

Monday, Jan 31, 2022

Monday, May 2, 2022

Monday, Aug 1, 2022

Bill



Bruce



## AIRLINE NEWS

# Cathay Pacific Set For Single Pilot Airbus A350 Flights By 2025

- by [Pranjal Pande](#)
- June 16, 2021

Cathay Pacific is set to roll out single pilot Airbus A350 flights starting from 2025. The new project would allow flights to be operated by one pilot for much of its duration, reducing the number of crew needed for long-haul flights. If testing and certification steps go smoothly, the function could roll out by 2025. However, there are some significant hurdles first.



The project would slash crew costs significantly, a huge benefit for Cathay Pacific after the pandemic. Photo: Vincenzo Pace | Simple Flyer

## Drawing closer

Project Connect and will first apply to the Airbus A350 starting from 2025.

Under Project Connect, the A350 will only require one pilot in the cockpit during its high-altitude cruise. This would slash the number of pilots needed for long-haul flights from three or four to just two, with alternating rest periods. If successful, the project would mean a huge saving for airlines in terms of [crewing costs](#).

While Cathay has confirmed its role in the project, it has made it clear that there is no confirmation of its rollout in the future and safety remains the top priority. In a statement, the airline said,

*“While we are engaging with Airbus in the development of the concept of reduced crew operations, we have not committed in any way to being the launch customer...The appropriateness and effectiveness of any such rollout as well as [the] overall cost-benefit analysis [will] ultimately depend on how the pandemic plays out.”*

## Roadblocks

Challenging the notion of two crew in the cockpit will not be easy for passengers, safety regulators, and existing pilots. Indeed, the project is fraught with uncertainty and safety questions, any of which could derail it. However, Airbus and participating airlines are pressing on with the changes needed to make this a reality.

Regulators have chimed in on the potential requirements for a single pilot A350 system. The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has said that any such project will need real-time monitoring of the sole pilot’s vitals and alertness. If there is an emergency or incapacitated pilot, the other pilot should be able to arrive in minutes.

Pilot unions have not taken well to the idea. In addition to the [mass layoffs](#) that such a program will bring, many have pointed out safety issues too. In light of the two 737 MAX crashes in 2019, cost-cutting and increased automation have both come under the spotlight for their impact on safety.

Any certification will need the approval of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) as well, another high bar. However, Airbus is confident that its new flight warning features like emergency descent (which can quickly reduce altitude with no pilot input) can overcome the regulator’s doubts and fears. For now, keep an eye out for the ongoing development of this project and if more airlines sign up.

## The First Boeing 737 MAX 10 Takes Flight

- by [Jay Singh](#)
- June 18, 2021

The test aircraft is supposed to be delivered for passenger flying. It is expected to go to United Airlines, which is a major MAX 10 customer. It is not unusual for test aircraft to end up flying for an airline customer.

According to Boeing, [the aircraft has a maximum capacity of 230 passengers](#). When outfitted in a two-class layout, Boeing estimates that the plane can carry anywhere from 188 to 204 passengers. This will depend on how customers want to outfit the aircraft.

Boeing has pitched the 737 MAX 10 as a competitor to the Airbus A321neo and a natural extension of any airlines' 737 MAX fleet. In addition, Boeing believes the jet will offer 5% lower trip costs than its competitors.

While the MAX 10 can certainly compete with the Airbus A321neo on capacity for short- and medium-haul routes, it lacks the ability to do the kind of long-haul flying that the Airbus A321LR and A321XLR can do. Boeing advertises a range of approximately 3,300 nautical miles (6,110 km). Out of New York, the jet can go this far:



The range of the MAX 10 out of New York City.

## United Airlines Takes Delivery Of First Boeing 737 MAX 8

- by [Andrew Curran](#)
- June 28, 2021
- United Airlines is just weeks away from its first Boeing 737 MAX 8 flights, and delivery of the first plane occurred on the weekend. United has MAX 8 flights scheduled in its timetables from mid-July and 40 MAX 8s on order. The Chicago-based airline aims to have 13 MAX 8s flying by the end of the year.



## Breaking: United Airlines Places Huge 270 Airbus And Boeing Order

- by [Tom Boon](#)
- June 29, 2021
- United Airlines has placed a massive order for 270 Boeing and Airbus aircraft. The order is the most significant set by a single airline in the past ten years and the largest in the history of United Airlines. The order is reasonably weighted in Boeing's favor, with just 70 of the orders going to Airbus. United has plans to retire approximately 300 older aircraft over the next five years.
- Order expected to create 25,000 well-paying, unionized jobs at United, significantly lower carbon emissions per seat and contribute an estimated \$50 billion annually towards the U.S. economy by 2026;

## United to become TPA's 4th nonstop carrier to LAX

Posted 25 June 2021 21:04

On Oct. 31, United Airlines will begin nonstop daily flights from Tampa to LAX, joining Alaska Airlines, American Airlines and Delta Air Lines with the service.

## By 2030 There Could Be A Pilot Shortage Of 60,000

- by [Joanna Bailey](#)
- June 28, 2021

opportunity right now for aspiring pilots.

## The Open-Fan Engine

*Open rotors are not a new idea. Since the earliest research and development began in the 1970s, the concept has gradually evolved toward a viable propulsion system capable of simultaneously meeting modern noise requirements and double-digit fuel-burn performance targets.*



Credit: CFM

### **CFM Open Fan**

**Type:** Puller, geared open-rotor active stator

**Rotor diameter:** 12-13-ft. range

**Thrust:** 25,000-30,000-lb. range

GE Aviation and Safran's Open Fan configuration is a puller design with a single stage of rotating blades and a second stage of active variable-pitch stators. To be tested under CFM's Revolutionary Innovation for Sustainable Engines (RISE) program, the engine will include a compact core, new low-emission combustors, heat exchangers and motor-generators for hybrid-electric systems.

## tax in July

By Reuters Staff

(Reuters) - United Airlines Inc said on Monday it expects to generate positive adjusted pre-tax income in July, as bookings pick up as a result of rising COVID-19 vaccination rates.

## United Airlines brings thousands of jobs to Houston

[Amanda Drane](#), Staff writer

June 29, 2021 Updated: June 30, 2021 7:44 a.m.



United Airlines is expanding its fleet amid rebounding travel demand as part of a plan that will bring 25,000 jobs to its hubs across the nation, including 3,000 in Houston. The Chicago-based airline said in a Tuesday announcement that it would buy 500 new planes, including 200 Boeing 737 Max and 70 Airbus 321neos, by 2026 and retire around 300 planes that were reaching the end of their useful life.

## SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Posted below is a link to an interesting article from CAPA Centre for Aviation (associated with

[https://centreforaviation.com/analysis/reports/boom-commercial-supersonic-airliners-will-they-succeed-this-time-565308?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=ATD&utm\\_campaign=July21](https://centreforaviation.com/analysis/reports/boom-commercial-supersonic-airliners-will-they-succeed-this-time-565308?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=ATD&utm_campaign=July21)

## United, Mesa Back Swedish Electric Regional Airliner Startup Heart

July 13, 2021



Heart is developing the all-electric ES-19 which can seat 19 passengers.

Credit: Heart Aerospace

United Airlines and its regional affiliate Mesa Airlines have conditionally agreed to order 200 19-passenger electric airliners from Heart Aerospace as part of a deal that includes investment in the Swedish startup. The battery-powered ES-19 is planned to enter service in 2026. The ES-19 will reportedly have a range of 250 miles.

## Back In Business? Delta Posts \$652 Million Profit For The Quarter

- by [Luke Bodell](#)
- July 14, 2021

Delta Air Lines has posted profits of \$652 million for the second quarter of 2021. The airline announced its quarterly results today, revealing promising signs of recovery. Operating revenues

## NEW MEMBERS



Mark Kelly

Rick Wahl

James Owen

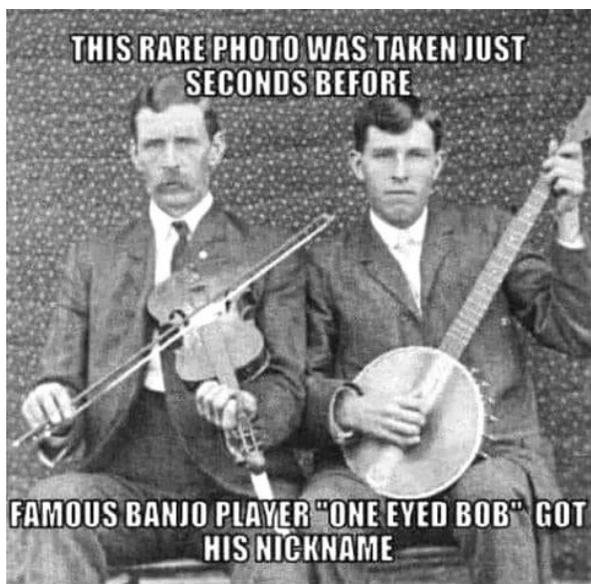
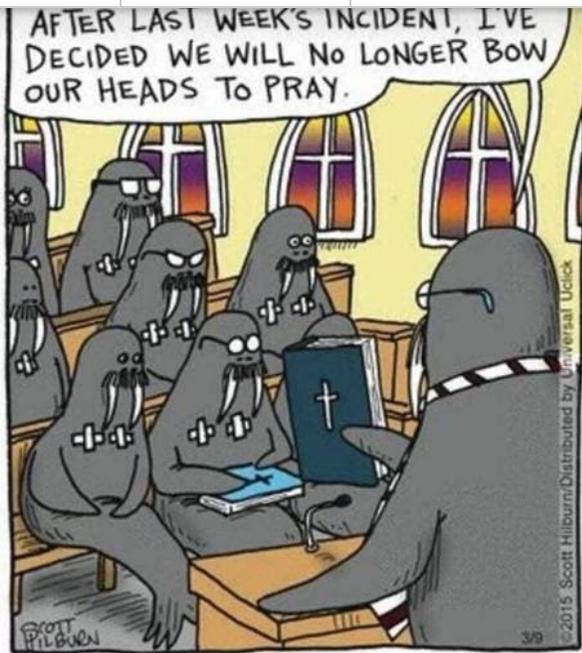
Ken Larson

*Welcome aboard.....* 

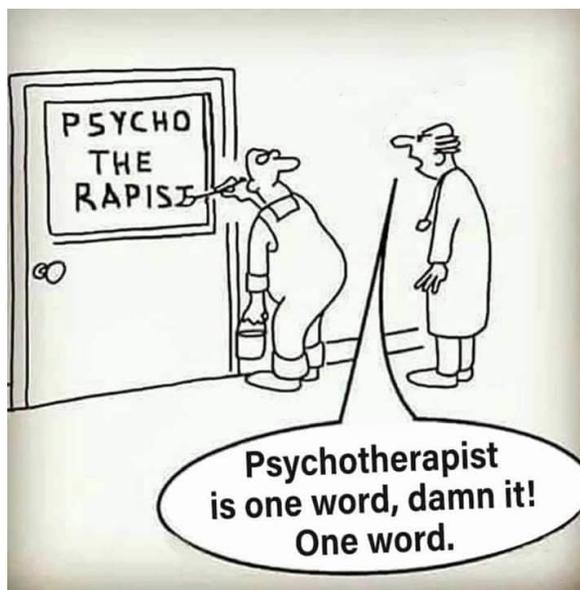
## AND.....THE LIGHTER SIDE .....



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



The tale of one eyed Bob



**THE MONEY YOU GOT FROM  
SELLING GRANDPA'S CLASSIC  
CAR??****Marry a short gal and keep  
your guns on the top shelf****She still might get ya, but  
you'll hear her dragging the  
chair across the floor**

*NEVER irritate a nice little old lady, or even a mean nasty one!*

An older lady headed into the bank to make a withdrawal. She handed her bank card to a bank cashier and said, "I would like to withdraw \$20 please.

The cashier told her, "For withdrawals less than \$100 please use the ATM."

The old lady wanted to know why ... The cashier returned her bank card and irritably told her, "These are the rules. Please leave if there is no other matter. There is a line of customers behind you."

The old lady remained silent for a few seconds, then handed the card back to the cashier and said, "Please help me withdraw all the money I have."

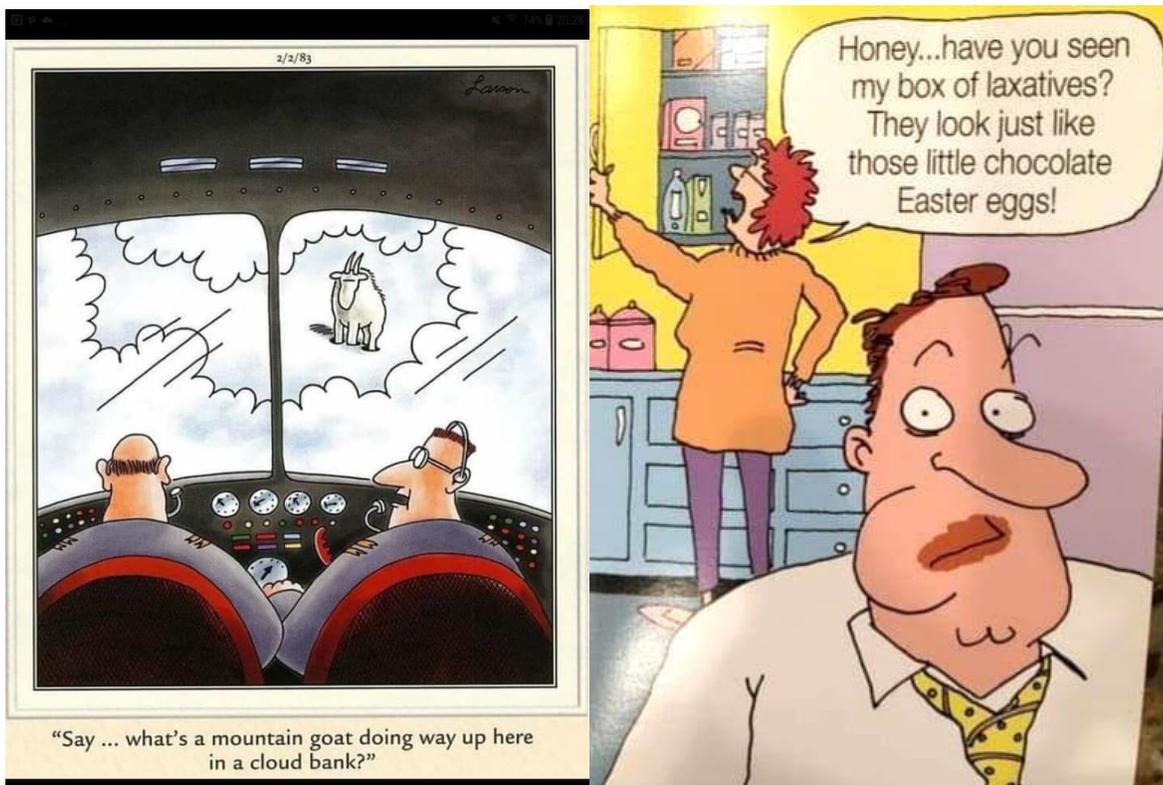
The cashier was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and told her, "You have \$570,284 in your account, and the bank doesn't have that much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come back tomorrow?"

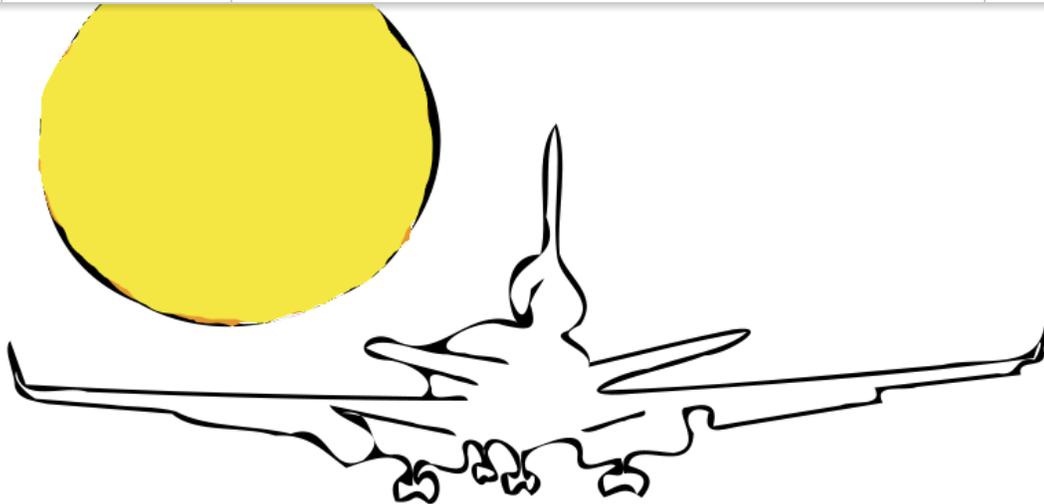
The old lady then asked how much she could withdraw immediately. The cashier told her any amount up to \$3,000.

The customer then angrily went back to the bank and returned \$200 and \$100 bills. She spent more time counting out \$3,000. "Is there anything else I can do for you today?" the teller asked sternly.

The old lady put \$20 in her purse and said "yes, I'd like to deposit \$2,980 into my account."

Don't be difficult with old people, they spent a lifetime learning the skills.





## GONE WEST



## 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

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

## 2021

Larry Camden *	Jan 21, 2021
Pete Hernandez *	Mar 15, 2021
Barry Levitz	Mar 25, 2021
<b>Thomas (Ted) Daniel</b>	<b>Apr 8, 2021</b>
Charlie Oligschlaeger	Apr 17, 2021
Gus Wenzel	Aug 24, 2019 (notice received 27Apr)
<b>Robert "Bob" Kinsey *</b>	<b>June 2021</b>
<b>Jack Johnson *</b>	<b>June 3, 2021</b>
<b>John Garrett</b>	<b>July 7, 2021</b>
<b>Larry Battersby *</b>	<b>June 27, 2021</b>

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



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