



Update and Reminders March 2022

Recurring Announcement



We are going back to Las Vegas!



Our Event Chairman Loyd Robeson woke up from a nap one day and said “Let’s have another party”! The rest of us said “Why Not”. So dust off your party togs and head to Vegas. Some of you guys have super ugly Aloha shirts that you can’t wear anywhere else, so bring it and maybe your better half will even let you wear it for a while! This ain’t no Girl Scout camp and it sure isn’t a convention...it’s “Dealer’s Choice” where you can plan your own activities with a “home base” at the Hospitality Suite for reconnecting and planning mischief with your “buds.

Come and enjoy yourself! Oh yeah, we’ll have free drinks and snacks, which didn’t happen very often on layovers so how can you resist?"

Loyd has booked a club suite at the Tropicana Hotel for May 3rd, 4th and 5th for a hospitality suite where members can come and go at their leisure and enjoy *complementary* drinks and food. The protocol is that members will arrange for their own lodging and meals apart from the food available in the hospitality suite. We anticipate that groups or individuals will make their own arrangements for dining at any of the restaurants in the area. The Tropicana and other nearby hotels and restaurants are offering reasonable rates and prices this time of year.

We hope to see many of you from all corners of the country for a fun reunion where we can reestablish old airline friendships and make new ones. Make it a fun getaway for you and your significant other to celebrate the coming of Spring and still waking up on the green side of the grass! The prices for shows and other activities in Vegas should be reasonable also, so with all the anticipated winnings at the slots and the tables burning a hole in your pocket, make plans to enjoy a fun Las Vegas vacation!

Melancholy Baby and Row, Row, Row Your Boat for our enjoyment. 🎵

Also we remind anyone attending that falsehoods, exaggerations and off-color jokes are not allowed during any discussions among the members present around the bar! 😬😬 (Don't you believe it... 😬)

It would be a great help to our reunion planners if you could drop a short reply to yours truly if you plan on attending at davebnewell@gmail.com. We understand that typically those who plan to attend our gatherings don't respond until close to the event date, but if you think you will attend, please let us know at your earliest convenience so we can plan the food and drinks.



Thanks

Stay tuned for further reminders and updates.

A running list of those planning to attend follows and will be updated regularly:

1. Dave and Kay Newell
2. Gary and Keri Small
3. Bruce and Ok Su Sprague
4. Loyd and Debbie Robeson
5. David and Pam Rossetter
6. Bruce Harris and Jan Adams
7. John Solomon
8. Don and Francia Gentry
9. Ray and Mary Booth
10. Larry and Kathy Kruchten
11. Mike and Deborah Lichtenfeld
12. Susan Grigsby
13. Gary and Ranelle Humphries

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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, 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, 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 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, of any needed corrections.

for MARCH 2022 have been uploaded to the Golden Eagles website, 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 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, 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

pair).

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 am retired. We we're traveling domestic on Vacation passes. I was listed as second to board. My husband was listed 6th.

Since it is our first travel of the new year, I did not know if this was a computer glitch or a new policy.

A. When you list select type of pass you want to use for each person traveling. If you checked vacation pass it applies to you. If you don't check it again for your husband it defaults to a personal pass for him.

Q. If my Enrolled Friend purchases a Discount 20 ticket, does she still get 2 free checked bags?

A. Yes, they receive 2 free checked bags.

Q. Do we need a Covid test to enter various international destinations, like Costa Rica?

A. You can plug in all of your specifics into TIMATIC and it will tell you exactly what you need for any destination.

Click on this link:

<https://www.united.com/en/us/timatic?i=TIMATIC>

Q. Is it possible for an enrolled friend to purchase a 20% discount ticket on their own through the employee travel site? Or must I make the purchase for them?

on the fare wheel when flight search results are displayed. That will take them to [united.com](https://www.united.com) where they can continue their booking, or change search criteria.

Q. If a retiree has passed away may their spouse still fly?

A. Yes, but only on the Airline which the employee worked.

They must call United Benefits to report the death, and they will then be set up with their own travel account. UA benefits:1-800-651-1007

Q. My daughter who's my enrolled friend employee Res sign in has expired. Does anyone know how I re-set her password?

A. Go to EmployeeRes- my profile- manage profile- traveler's profiles- select her name- scroll down to permissions- reset password.

Q. I'm retired over 25yrs anyone know if the two friends fly first class fly for free also

A. Yes they do.

Change your password once a year!

February 15, 2022

Like more time back in your day? Tired of having to invent new passwords at work? Beginning March 1, we'll start the rollout of a new password portal that will make password changes easier for you and more secure for United. We'll gradually transition small groups of employees to the new process so that we can ensure a smooth implementation. Click the image above for a video walking you through the reset.

Here's what you need to know:

- Your password will expire every 365 days instead of every 90 days.
- Your new password will be between 15 and 45 characters. Spaces count! The password portal is interactive and will walk you through the process. Plus, you get a security check on your chosen password.
- **Pro tip:** Using a phrase or a whole sentence is easier for you to remember than a complex string of letters, numbers, characters and words. Think "I ate 5 deep dish pizzas!" versus "i85d33pd1shp1zz@s" – who even does that?
- When you change your password, you'll get a confirmation email that includes information on how to sync it, update it on your mobile device, and where to go for help.

Why are we doing this?

Longer passwords = more security. A password with only eight characters (e.g., "united12") can be hacked in one second. Using a phrase with 15 characters ("My security is 1!") would take 541 years for someone to hack.

If you have any difficulty with your password reset, please contact the Service Desk at 847-700-5800 or visit your local Tech Hub location for help. Keep these changes in mind, just in case you lock yourself out and need a password reset before it's your turn to change your password.

If you have a pass rider who has their own login credentials, they will be instructed to change the password the next time they log in using their current credentials.

LAC News

Hill Country LAC (San Antonio/Austin)

Dave Newell

The Hill Country LAC plans to have its quarterly luncheon at the Pecan Street Brewing Restaurant in Johnson City, TX on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 1130. A few of the wives may attend for their "ladies lunch" and as always guests are welcome.

Dave



DEN LAC (Denver)

Dennis McDonald

Our next breakfast is 8 June. If you or someone you know is not on our list please let Dennis know.

Our dates for the rest of 2022 are 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

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).

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).

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

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, May 2, 2022

Monday, Aug 1, 2022

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

Bill



Bruce



Newark LAC

Mark Sheprow

Mark has no report this time..... 😞

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Mark



We are planning a nationwide reunion in Las Vegas on May 3, 4 and 5. See the notice at the beginning of this update for details. Here is a notice from our Event Chairman, Loyd Robeson, announcing the reunion:

The next Golden Eagles Reunion will be in Las Vegas on May 3, 4 & 5, 2022. We've booked a Club Suite in the Tropicana Hotel to use as a come and go hospitality room. We will have complimentary drinks and snacks available. There are several hotels in the area besides the Tropicana that offer reasonably priced room rates. Please free to stay at any of them. We'll renew old acquaintances and make new ones. We look forward to seeing you there.

Loyd



Airline News

Air Lease Corporation Orders 50 Boeing 737 MAXs

[BY ANDREW CURRAN](#)

Air Lease Corporation confirmed on Thursday it has ordered a further 50 Boeing 737 MAX 8 and 9 planes as it expects demand for the plane to soar.



Photo: Boeing

Air Lease Corporation (ALC) has ordered Boeing 50 737 MAX 8 and 9 aircraft, consisting of 32 incremental 737 MAX planes and 18 737 MAX planes resulting from the conversion of three 787 aircraft. . Deliveries of the aircraft are scheduled to commence in 2024 and continue through 2026.

Boeing Looking To Double 737 MAX Production By End Of Next Year

[BY JOE KUNZLER](#)

The US manufacturing powerhouse is determined to scale up.

Boeing plans to ramp back up production of its 737 MAX production line from 27 jets to 47 jets per month by the end of 2023 while clearing an inventory of 335 737 MAXs that were grounded due to tragic incidents and need fixes before delivery.

[Reuters](#) reports that the plan is to get those 335 [737 MAXs](#) delivered by 2023's end.

Before the tragedies, 737s were built at a rate of 52 per month.

DELTA AND UNITED JOSTLE FOR SOUTH AFRICA SLOTS

[MATTHEW KLINT](#)



Delta Air Lines [recently announced](#) plans to launch flights to Cape Town, South Africa. Not so fast, says United Airlines, which has asked the U.S. Department of Transportation to award the slots to itself so it can launch new service to Cape Town from Washington Dulles. Who should receive these slots?

Delta Air Lines And United Airlines Both Want The Same Slots To Cape Town, South Africa

In a [regulatory filing](#) released on Friday, United Airlines proposes year-round, 3x-weekly, new service between Washington Dulles (IAD) and Cape Town (CPT) starting on November 17, 2022. The flight would operate according to the following schedule:

- Washington (IAD) – Cape Town (CPT), 6:30PM – 4:15PM+1
- Cape Town (CPT) – Washington Dulles (IAD), 9:00PM – 6:00AM+1

The problem for United? Only four unused slots remain and Delta has already requested three of them for its Atlanta (ATL) to Cape Town service. United would be unlikely to operate the flight once per week. Second, United is proposing to fly to Cape Town year-round from Dulles, while the Delta service would be [seasonal](#). The ideal solution for consumers—and frankly for South Africa—is that more slots be allocated. It would be great to see both Delta and United add three flights per week, especially as South African Airways no longer serves Washington Dulles or New York JFK.

CONCLUSION

United wants to fly nonstop from Washington to Cape Town, arguing its route should have precedence over Delta's proposed route from Atlanta to Cape Town. The DOT must now decide whether to award the remaining slots to Delta, United, or award each carrier two slots.

United Airlines Will Let Unvaccinated Employees Return To Work On March 28, 2022

During the pandemic, United Airlines led its industry peers in mandating that its employees be vaccinated or face termination. Employees who were granted medical or religious exceptions were placed on unpaid leave or re-assigned to non-customer facing positions. Roughly 200 employees (out of 67,000) who refused vaccination and either did not seek an exemption or were not granted one, have been terminated.

But the roughly 2,200 workers who were granted an exception can begin to return to their old roles on March 28, 2022 [The Wall Street Journal](#) reports.

TSA: Mask Mandate on Airplanes, Transit Extended to April 18



Federal officials are extending the requirement for masks on planes and public transportation for one more month — through mid-April — while taking steps that could lead to lifting the rule.

United Express Requests Termination of 29 EAS Routes

While the aviation industry is on the rise from the pandemic, pilot shortages are now facing carriers in full stride. But one area is being hit the most: small communities.

200.

More recently, in the middle of January 2022, SkyWest announced the [request to terminate](#) two smaller Essential Air Service (EAS) cities in upstate NY; Plattsburgh and Ogdensburg.

This month, Skywest, under the United Express brand, is now requesting to terminate 29 additional cities, all of which are in the government-funded EAS program. This is the full list of cities they are requesting to terminate:

- Alamosa, Colo. Pueblo, Colo. Fort Dodge, Iowa, Mason City, Iowa Sioux City, Iowa Dodge City, Kansas Liberal, Kansas Salina, Kansas Paducah, Kent. Decatur, Ill. Houghton, Mich. Muskegon, Mich. Cape Girardeau, Missouri Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri Joplin, Missouri Meridian, Miss. Hattiesburg, Miss. Devils Lake, N.D. Jamestown, N.D. Kearney, Neb. North Platte, Neb. Scottsbluff, Neb. Johnstown, Penn. Victoria, Texas Shenandoah, Vir. Eau Claire, Wis. Clarksburg, W.V. Lewisburg, W.V.

All of the routes to the communities above are operated using 50-seat CRJ-200s and the airline is citing pilot shortages as the reason they are requesting termination.

The UK Will End All COVID-19 Travel Restrictions By The End Of The Week

[BY ANDREW CURRAN](#)

The UK Government is lifting the last of its COVID-19 travel restrictions on Friday, clearing the way for a rebound in travel to and from the UK.

The United Kingdom is removing all remaining COVID-19 international travel restrictions for all passengers from 04:00 local time on Friday, March 18. The decision brings the UK into line with ten European nations, which have also removed all travel restrictions and follows a call by airline trade group IATA for governments to lift COVID-related travel restrictions.



New Members

Philip Stein
Ed Stapleton

Welcome aboard..... 

AND.....THE LIGHTER SIDE



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

A RETIREE'S LAST TRIP TO Costco

Yesterday I was at Costco buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Owen, the Wonder Dog and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had an elephant?

So because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse, I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and the way that it works is, to load your pants pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete (certified), so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care, because the *dog food* poisoned me? I told her no. I had stopped to pee on a fire hydrant and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. Costco won't let me shop there anymore. Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say

I'm not sure what is more frightening, the car accident, grandma still in the car, or Grandpa's pants...



Long time friends Sylvia & Wanda meet up in Heaven!!

SYLVIA: Hi! Wanda.

WANDA: Hi! Sylvia. How'd you die?...

SYLVIA: I froze to death.

WANDA: How horrible!

SYLVIA: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death. What about you?

WANDA: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.

SYLVIA: So, what happened?

WANDA: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched,

became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.
 SYLVIA: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer -- we'd both still be alive.

*My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.....
 and she said I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.*



GONE WEST



* **Denotes Golden Eagles member**

Names in red denote gone west announced since last update

2021

Eugene Dahlquist*
 just received)

Oct 7, 2020 (Previous member, notice

Larry Camden*

Jan 21, 2021

Thomas (Ted) Daniel	Apr 8, 2021
Charlie Oligschlaeger	Apr 17, 2021
Gus Wenzel	Aug 24, 2019 (notice received 27Apr)

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
Harry Clemence	Aug 4, 2021 <i>Notice just received</i>
Jay Purcell	Aug, 2021
Paige Seats *	Sept 17, 2021
Al Minning *	Sept, 2021
Greg Dodson	Oct 7, 2021
Jay Barnes *	Oct 2021
Richard "Dick" Kardell	Nov 24, 2021
Ron Cosgrove *	Nov 28, 2021
Walt Jennings *	Dec 7, 2021

2022

Bob Roney *	Jan 6, 2022
Tom Root	Feb 3, 2022
David Klaue	Feb, 2022
Jack Sherer	Feb 9, 2022
Ed "Bud" Cox	Feb 16, 2022
Harry Cameron *	Mar 7, 2022

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



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