



## Monthly Update and Reminders May 2018

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### Recurring Reminders:

Here are the the ever-present reminders that we include in every monthly update with **revisions**, so please read them to see the changes.....

1. Annual dues are "past due" after Jan 1, but the grace period for payment begins on Jan 1 of each year and lasts until May 1. On May 1 members who have not paid their dues will be considered "delinquent" and removed from all GE communications. **Obviously those who have not paid their**

dues and are now non-current will not be able to read this, so if you who are current and are reading this reminder know someone who is not getting the normal GE notices, you might remind them that the reason is because they have not paid their dues. Please refer them to the GE website, [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), membership section, for details and ask them to use the website Store to make all Golden Eagles payments. Remind them to PLEASE, DO NOT "mail" a check IF you have a credit card and access to the internet. Having the bank automatically send a check creates the same processing problems as sending a hand written check. Checks make it much harder for your officers to process payments. Using a credit card to make GE payments makes our job much easier, is quite safe since our system is totally secure and members will have the benefit of a record of their payments on the cc statement. Thanks for helping us in this regard.

2. The current password for accessing the Golden Contrails Magazine, the Member Rosters, Officer Documents and the new Archived Blast Emails on our website, [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), is **rudder**.

3. Check out the new program for keeping your friends updated on your current status and activities. Details are on our website under the **Contrails** heading and **Crew Room** subheading. COME ON GUYS AND GALS, LET YOUR FRIENDS KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, HOW YOU ARE AND BRING US UP TO DATE ON YOUR ACTIVITIES AND CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A BRIEF NOTE ON ONE OF OUR "CREW ROOM" FORMS .... INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW!! ..... besides we need some material for the Golden Contrails! We have learned that when an entry from a member is posted it tends to encourage others to follow suit.....so start or keep the ball rolling



so you can see what other members have been up to. So far Gary Small has only received two crew room submissions for the next Golden Contrails issue. We have had great reviews on the Updates our members have shared so far in the **CREWROOM** section of our website, but **the REST of you need to send us SOMETHING to keep this "feature" alive**. If not Gary may start making stuff up about you, and you just had a recent example of how THAT might turn out with his humorous



description of yours truly's injury!

***By the way I must share a little known fact about Gary's many talents, one of which is his amazing ability to influence people (and animals) and to persuade them to do his bidding. As an example of his talent in this regard, here is a picture of his highly trained guard dog, Tiger, as he responds to Gary's strict command of "ATTACK" during a recent training session! Gary and his family must feel quite safe at home with such an alert and protective animal on the***

***premises. Quite impressive Gary!***





#### **TIGER IN ATTACK MODE!**

4. Remember, in addition to the Crew Room entries, we always welcome more in-depth interesting stories related to your airline career or your retirement activities for inclusion in the Golden Contrails magazine. Reach back into your memory bank (what's left of it!) and see if you can come up with a good war story or interesting activity you have experienced. Share them with your fellow Golden Eagles members by sending them to our President Elect/Golden Contrails Editor Gary Small at [Pres\\_Elect@thegoldeneagles.org](mailto:Pres_Elect@thegoldeneagles.org). [ layover stories will be closely screened and/or censored :) ]

5. Please support our continuing project of building a complete photo roster of all Golden Eagles members by sending a passport style JPG photo to Gary Small at [Pres\\_Elect@thegoldeneagles.org](mailto:Pres_Elect@thegoldeneagles.org). Complete details are available on our website, [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), under the Membership section and the Roster Download subsection.

6. We continue to request that questions about or problems with your pass travel be initially addressed to references in the Travel section of the **NEW**United flying together website at [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com) or the Golden Eagles website at [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), or by contacting the employee travel center (ETC) at [ETC@united.com](mailto:ETC@united.com), phone 877-825-3729 or 800-255-5801 as a last resort help source. If time is critical or you cannot get your issue resolved to your satisfaction using the above resources, you can contact our current Pass Travel Liaison, Jim Morehead at [moreheadjames@aol.com](mailto:moreheadjames@aol.com). If Jim is unavailable due to travel or other circumstances, you can contact Dave Newell at [EVP\\_EmailCoordinator@thegoldeneagles.org](mailto:EVP_EmailCoordinator@thegoldeneagles.org) as an alternate source for pass travel assistance. If you feel the need to contact us regarding your pass travel benefits or any other issue feel free to do so at any time.

7. Please note the new email addresses for the Executive Committee members which we are using for all Golden Eagles communications.

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**Note the use of an underscore \_ in three of the addresses.**

8. Don't forget that next month (June) you will be able to **change your enrolled friend selections** to take effect in July. The procedure is described in detail on the flying together website, [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com), in the Travel section.

## **Pass Travel Notes:**

### **Who can use United application on their cellphone:**

#### **Question submitted:**

I am trying to set my enrolled friend up to use the United application on his cellphone. I can't figure out how to get his mileage plus number to link the United app and the pass rider website together. He can list on the computer but not the app right now.

#### **Answer:**

**The cell phone APP link to EmployeeRes is only for an employee/retiree and not available to pass riders.** Once they are listed in EmployeeRes, they may check in on the United APP using their confirmation number. They can sign in using their own Mileage Plus # and their Boarding passes will show on their screen. **They just can not use the APP for listings**

### **Identity theft from boarding passes:**

There appears to be a way for identity thieves to scan your boarding pass using an application on their mobile phone to obtain quite a lot of personal information about you. You are cautioned to avoid leaving your boarding pass, used or unused, lying around or accessible to persons who may wish to scan it to obtain your valuable personal information. A good idea might be to shred used boarding passes into small pieces with an emphasis on obliterating the bar code display before discarding them. The link below is to a video explaining how these identity thefts occur.

[Link to video on identity theft of personal information from boarding passes](#)

## **Kirk Moore Pass Travel Update.**

Kirk Moore, Chairman of RAFA's Travel Benefits Committee, has published his Pass Travel Update for April, 2018. His update is posted below. Thanks to Kirk for sharing this important pass travel information.

## Retiree Association of Flight Attendants

Pass Travel UPDATE

April 30, 2018

- 1) **New Flying Together website!**
- 2) **New links and paths for pass travel**
- 3) **Change EFs in June for July-December travel**
- 4) **How to change your personal information**
- 5) **New destinations on United this summer**
- 6) **United news**
- 7) **RAFA website**

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

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

### 1) **New Flying Together website!**

The cut-over to United's new Flying Together website is tentatively scheduled for **May 9, 2018**. After the cut-over only the new version will be available. Explore now and become accustomed to it here: [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com)

Tips:

- 1) Import all your existing tools & favorite shortcuts into the new Flying Together.
- 2) All Pass Travel information will still be in the "Travel" section, but it will be located in new tabs and menus within that section. Click around to discover or use [RAFA's "Important links" page](#)...see #2 below.
- 3) When you find a page you need often, click "Add to favorites" at the bottom of that page and you'll be able to quickly access it with one click using your "Favorites" (the heart icon) link.

### 2) **New links and paths for pass travel**

Retirees may get need a little help looking for pass travel information on the new Flying Together website. No problem! RAFA recently updated all of our "Important LINKS" (including handy phone numbers). Below each link is the path we took, so you can easily navigate the new menus of the Travel section. For example: FT > Travel > Programs and policies > Types of travel > (look in fly out menu "In this section") > "Preparing for travel" is the path to find out everything "you need to know before you go".

Read about how to book travel, proper attire, service charges, refunds, etc. in "Preparing for travel".

Check out RAFA's links here: <http://www.rafa-cwa.org/page-1831807>

Scroll down past the phone numbers to the LINKS, click a link and then sign into FT. Once you're signed in, RAFA's links will take you straight to the topic you're looking for. Try using the paths to do it yourself. Happy hunting!

### **3) Change EFs in June for July-December travel**

We mentioned this in the [March Pass Travel UPDATE](#), but note the new path!

**Once mid-year enrollment begins in June**, visit the NEW Flying Together website [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com) . Go to **FT > Travel > Pass Travel > "Manage pass riders"**. Remember, if you do not want to change your current EFs then no action is needed; they'll automatically roll over on July 1. More information will become available on Flying Together in May.

### **4) How to change your personal information**

As retirees, we are not able to access the features of "MY INFO" on Flying Together.

However, we can change our personal information online here:

> log into [FT.ual.com](http://FT.ual.com)

> click on "Employee Services"

> click on the link to "Health and Insurance, Your Benefits Resources (YBR)"

> Once redirected, click on "Your Profile" in the top banner to the right of your name.

> Click on "Personal Information" and make the necessary changes.

Or call the Benefits Service Center: **800-651-1007**

### **5) New destinations on United this summer!**

Check out new UA flights to Reykjavik, Edinburgh, Zurich and Porto plus 25 other seasonal locations this summer. Return to Mexico and the Caribbean as flights resume to hurricane-impacted airports and, in late October, United will fly non-stop to Tahiti! For more info and a chart read United's Newsroom article on 4/26/2018:

<http://newsroom.united.com/2018-04-26-Pack-Your-Bags-for-Summer-Sun-Fun-and-Adventure-Uniteds-2018-Summer-Schedule-Offers-Customers-More-Destinations-Than-Ever-Before>

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## 6) Recent news on Flying Together > News

04/23: [New 737-Max livery looks like 787](#)

04/24: [IAD and SFO to ZRH flights use 787s](#)

04/26: [Summer schedule: more destinations than ever!](#)

04/27: [New Polaris Lounge in SFO opens April 30](#)

04/30: [Now hiring college students!](#)

## 7) Have you seen our RAFA website?

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

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

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

Compiled by Kirk Moore, RAFA Travel Benefits Committee

April 30, 2018

## Request for Air Mike Photos:

*Golden Eagles member Bruce Harris has forwarded the following request from retired CAL/Air Mike flight attendant Marilee Krinitt for Air Mike photos. Please respond if you have photos she can use.*

Dave,

Marilee Krinitt, long-time MAC / Air Mike flight attendant now retired, sent me a request that I hope you can pass on to the Golden Eagles membership.

She is a terrific artist living in Hawaii who has been featured in several of our Golden Contrails Magazines in the past. United Airlines has commissioned her to provide some artwork for the 50th Anniversary of Air Mike, specifically from the B-737 / B-757 / B-767 era, and she needs photos to work from.

Would you mind soliciting the members to see if we can help her out? Her email is [krinlock@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:krinlock@hawaiiantel.net)

Bruce Harris

## **New Members Since Last Update:**

Dave Price  
Pete Lennon  
Tom Dawes

## **Dave`s Lament**

The annual convention is now in full swing,  
Those enjoying the activities say it`s a wonderful thing,

I had to cancel, but I had an excuse,

I busted my butt from chainsaw/ladder misuse!



Gary Small described my misfortune real clear  
for that he now owes me a beer!

So sorry I missed seeing my friends old and new,  
was looking forward to them buying me a brew...or two

So I am sitting at home taking my meds  
while all my friends are laughing and shaking their heads

What was he thinking? they all want to know

they forget I`m a pilot, .....I did it for show!



.....and on the lighter side.....



## **Captain Smithers**

In the greatest days of the British Empire, a new commanding officer was sent to a jungle outpost to relieve the retiring colonel. After welcoming his replacement and showing the courtesies (gin and tonic, cucumber sandwiches) that protocol decrees, the retiring colonel said, "You must meet Captain Smithers, my right-hand man, God,



he's really the strength of this office. His talent is simply boundless."

Smithers was summoned and introduced to the new CO, who was surprised to meet a toothless, hairless, scabbed and pockmarked specimen of humanity, a particularly unattractive man less than three feet tall.

"Smithers, old man, tell your new CO about yourself." "Well, sir, I graduated with honours from Sandhurst, joined the regiment and won the Military Cross and Bar after three expeditions behind enemy lines. I've represented Great Britain in equestrian events and won a Silver Medal in the middleweight division of the Olympics. I have researched the history of..."

Here the colonel interrupted, "Yes, yes, never mind that Smithers, the CO can find all that in your file. Tell him about the day you told the witch doctor he was an incompetent phony and to get his ugly ass off the outpost immediately!"

## **Tributes To Those Who Have Recently Flown West:**

### **From George Weaver for Hans Muller:**

So sorry to hear that Hans has left us. We first met on the ramp in MIA in the late 70's when he flew for Naples/PBA and I flew for Marco Island. Years later he gave me a jumpseat on New York Air to LGA then carried my resume to Charlie Bare, for which I am forever grateful. He was a great aviator, a true gentleman, and a joy to be around. Godspeed Hans.

George Weaver

### **From Joe O'Neill for Ed Gorman:**

Another fine aviator and gentleman gone west.

Joe

### **From Bob Stunkard for Ed Gorman:**

Ed's wife Alice called me with the news and also stated that he passed in his sleep. I first met Ed in 1953. He was an upper classman in Aviation Cadets, and again as we were both flying the B-26, he was at Langley and I was at Hill Field in the last two USAF Wings that flew the B-26. Again at United as DC-6/7 pilot engineers, then furlough, then Continental for the "Golden Years". Never met a finer gentleman.

Bob Stunkard

### **From Jim Caldwell for Swede Anderson:**

I flew with Swede many, many, times as you probably did. He was always a great guy to fly with and to enjoy an occasional beer.

Jim

**From Walt Olsen for Swede Anderson:**

I had the pleasure of flying with Swede on Air Mike.

He was professional, skilled and a pleasure to share the cockpit with. I still remember flying into Palau with him on my leg, it was a gnarly rainy day and he never missed a beat.

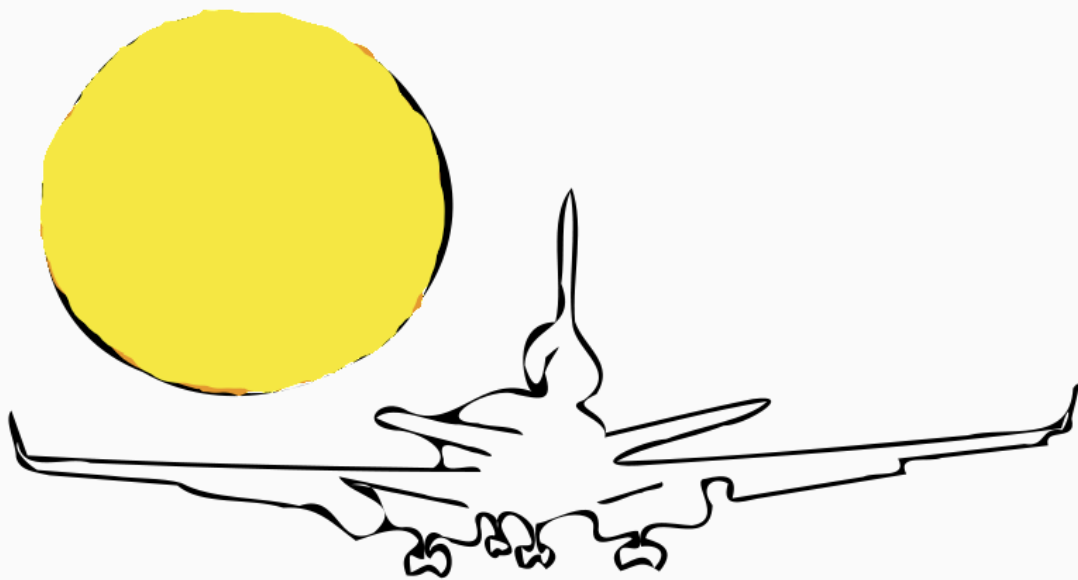
The memories of our special aviators stay with us.

Rest In Peace

**From Cass Zabinski for Swede Anderson:**

A great guy to fly with, an excellent pilot and a wonderful person. Sorry to hear he has passed on.

CZ



**GONE WEST**



**GOLDEN EAGLES GONE WEST, OCTOBER 2016-PRESENT**

Jim Steinmetz, Dec 7, 2016

Andy Arthur, Feb 1, 2017

Ted Herbert, April 6, 2017  
Denis Duffy, April 10, 2017  
Wayne Fischer, April 10, 2017  
Gary Wilsey, July 31, 2017  
Bill Knowles, Sept 1, 2017  
Stan Poyner, Sept 10, 2017  
Jim Waters, Sept 23, 2017  
Mike Dunne Oct 25, 2017  
William Hopper Nov 10, 2017  
Harold Spores Nov 12, 2017  
David Anderson Nov 24, 2017  
Bill Twyman Dec 22, 2017  
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

## **NON GOLDEN EAGLES GONE WEST, OCTOBER 2016-PRESENT**

Bruce Tessmer, Nov, 2016  
Joe Hegidio, Jan 27, 2017  
Jerry Huerta, Feb 18, 2017  
Jocko Harris, Mar 5, 2017  
Dale Haas, April 5, 2017  
Glenn Fox, April 22, 2017  
Daniel James, Aug 1, 2017  
Ted Rutherford, Aug 6, 2017  
Jim Richman, Oct 19, 2017  
Mark Meyer Oct 21, 2017  
Steve Wyman Nov 18, 2017  
Jack Quaintance Dec 3, 2017  
Robert Cissna Dec 8, 2017  
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  
Paul Tonnesen May 2, 2018  
H. T. "Swede" Anderson April 28, 2018

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