



Monthly Update and Reminders FEBRUARY 2018



Here are the *ever-present* reminders that we include in every monthly update *with revisions (in red)*, so please read them to see the changes.....This section is repeated monthly because of the importance of the content.

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. Please refer to the GE website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, [membership section](#), for details and **use the website Store to make all Golden Eagles payments.** PLEASE, DO NOT "mail" a check IF you have a credit card and access to the internet (if you are reading this, you must have access to our website STORE)! Having your bank automatically send a check creates the same processing problems as you sending a hand written check. Checks make it **much** harder for your officers to process your payment. Using your credit card to make GE payments makes our job **much** easier, is quite safe since our system is totally secure and you will have the benefit of a record of your payments on your 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, is **fuel**.

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
been up to.*

so you can see what other members have

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 smallgd@gmail.com.

[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 smallgd@GMAIL.com. Complete details are available on our website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, under the Membership section and the Roster Download subsection.

To all members: Let your spouse or significant other read this monthly update; maybe that will help us get the photos we need for the website photo roster. See below:

*“Attention all Spouses or Partners (guys and gals) of Golden Eagles members.....since we know that as pilots many of us are NOT good at following directions, we are asking YOU to take a photo of your spouse or partner Golden Eagles member and email it to Gary at smallgd@gmail.com. Seriously, we've asked for these photos at least once a month for the past two years, so out of desperation we're now appealing to a higher authority...the **WIVES, HUSBANDS or significant others**. We prefer basic ID photo style of head and shoulders.*

(no BR photos please! ). If you don't see your significant other in the photos in the December Golden Contrails, then we need YOUR help...thanks”

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 United flying together website](#) or the [Golden Eagles website](#), or by contacting the employee travel center (ETC) at 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. If Jim is unavailable due to travel or other circumstances, you can contact **Dave Newell** at davebnewell@gmail.com **as an alternate source for pass travel assistance**. If you feel the need to contact us regarding your pass travel benefits, feel free to do so at any time.

7. Since we began using this new email system, we have noticed that *a number of our members have not received our email notices*. It appears that this new system is quite sensitive to perceived spam content, so we recommend that our members review their spam settings in their browsers, such as AOL, Chrome, Internet Explorer, etc., and remove any blocking settings that may prevent receipt of an important email from the Golden Eagles. Regular monitoring of your spam folder may also find Golden Eagles emails that have been put in spam. Most users remove all spam blocking settings since it is a simple matter to delete anything that appears to be spam, or unwanted email, and removing spam blockers allows messages that often are incorrectly identified as spam to be properly delivered. Historically some of our members have missed emails that were blocked by their spam filters. These settings can be changed by going to the settings section in the browser. Obviously any members who have their spam and browser settings set so that our emails are blocked will not receive this message. However, in the event you decide to adjust your spam filter or to block certain senders or messages from your browser in the future, please remember the above cautions and be sure to allow our emails to get through. **Be sure to have the email address of Dave Newell, davebnewell@gmail.com, and Gary Small, smallgd@gmail.com, in your address book so that your browser will recognize us and will not block Golden Eagles emails sent by us.**

If you feel that you are not receiving all the Golden Eagles email notices, please check our website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, in the Membership section and the [Archived Blast Emails](#) (click blue text for link to archived emails) subsection for an archive of all blast emails that have been sent. Let us know you are not receiving the notices via email and we will attempt to help you resolve the problem. The current password is required to access this section.

LAC INFORMATION:

Kingwood LAC Luncheon:



Bruce Sprague reports:

We meet every Tuesday about 11.30 am, and now have a new place to go....Three B's in Kingwood. They give us military veterans a 25% discount. Usually about 15-30 guys show up every week.







.....and a good time was had by all.

HILL COUNTRY LAC:



This is a report on the recent Hill Country LAC luncheon held at the Pecan Street Brewery in Johnson City on Jan 17, 2018.

We had 21 attendees at the luncheon and everyone seemed to agree it was a lot of fun. It was agreed by all that getting to socialize with old airline friends was the icing on the cake of a great location, great food and excellent service. The restaurant provided us with a large room in the back that is normally used as a dance floor and party room, and since we were the only ones in the room the noise levels were not a problem, that is until McKenzie decided he needed to make a very important point about something!



It should be safe to say that a good time was had by all with no major problems getting to and from the luncheon.....other than Carey McWilliams and Ray Booth leaving their caps

in the restaurant. 😬 I wouldn't be caught dead in Carey's silly hat, but I'm anxious to see how I look in Ray's Texas ball cap! it fits nicely too. Next time I hope Wayman Curry forgets his cowboy hat....like that hat!

The hardy souls who braved the cold temps to attend were Ray Booth, Wayman Curry, Hank Dubuy, Don Gentry, Dave Gildart, Jerry Greenamyler, Bruce Harris, Rick Hicks, KD Jost, Dave Judson, Ben McKenzie, Carey McWilliams, Lee Meyners, yours truly Dave Newell, Bob Shelton, Jim Slaughter, Hans Vogelpohl, Buck Wroten, Cass Zabinski and Al Zambrano. Paige Seats was a guest of Don Gentry and Paige decided to renew his GE membership (with a little subtle arm twisting from a couple of us!). Welcome back Paige; it was obviously heart breaking for you to part with the \$35, but you will get over it! Not to intimate that Paige is a bit "frugal", but there were some reports of a tear or two coming from Paige's eyes when he handed over the \$35 for dues! 😊

It was decided at the luncheon to continue to keep the luncheons a "GE members only, no spouses" function and to keep the location and time as 1130 at the Pecan St Brewery in Johnson City. Since our lunches are held quarterly, I would like to set the next luncheon for **Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 1130**. If enough members have conflicts, we can certainly look at changing the date. Any Golden Eagles member or guest is welcome to join us, so come on by and enjoy the camaraderie and good food...maybe we can talk you into joining the LAC.

I was remiss in that I did not take a number of photos during the luncheon because I was so engrossed in all the good conversation, but I did get a few photos near the end of the meeting before the picture of Curry, Slaughter and Hicks broke my cell phone camera! (see below) I have posted three photos I was able to take below.



Don Gentry and Jerry Greenamyre



Bob Shelton and Jerry Greenamyre



Rick Hicks, Jim Slaughter and Wayman Curry

Cheers,
Dave



Dave Newell
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777X OVERVIEW:

The following link will access an interesting overview of the 777x flight deck and airplane features for those who may be interested.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=b8d707b4ee&view=att&th=1614783eea55bca0&attid=0.1&disp=inline&safe=1&zw>

PASS TRAVEL ISSUES:

The 1099-MISC Forms have been mailed out to the retirees whose eligible pass riders have incurred taxable income for their sponsors due to their pass travel in 2017 prior to Nov 1. The flyingtogether website Travel section has all the answers related to this issue, so if you have any questions about the process, that is the place to get the answers. <https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/site.jsp?SID=Travel>

New Golden Eagles Group Facebook page:

Jim Morehead has formed a group Facebook page for Golden Eagles members. The site contains lots of interesting information of an "unofficial nature" that may be of interest to our members. It is a "closed" site, so if you would like to have access to the group, please contact Jim Morehead at moreheadjames@aol.com and request to be added to the group. Members who have access to the group may post comments and information after being vetted by Jim Morehead, who is the moderator of the site.



Jim Morehead

Surviving Spouse group being formed:

Golden Eagles member Francine "Trixie" Gamble, widow of deceased Golden Eagles member Captain Jim Gamble has decided to form a group of surviving spouses of deceased Golden Eagles members in the Orange County California area. Please take note of her notice below, and if any surviving spouses in another area of the country would be interested in doing the same, the Golden Eagles would encourage and support such an effort. Our thanks to Trixie for her initiative in this regard.

GOLDEN EAGLES SURVIVING SPOUSES

I am reaching out to other Retired Continental Airlines Surviving Spouses in the Orange County, CA area, who might be interested in forming a group to share common travel interests, experiences, social events and to help navigate the Non-Rev web sites to better learn what is available to us, as a few suggestions.

We already have a commonality, in that we chose a mate who was full of spirit, had a sense of adventure, was fun loving and loved to fly.

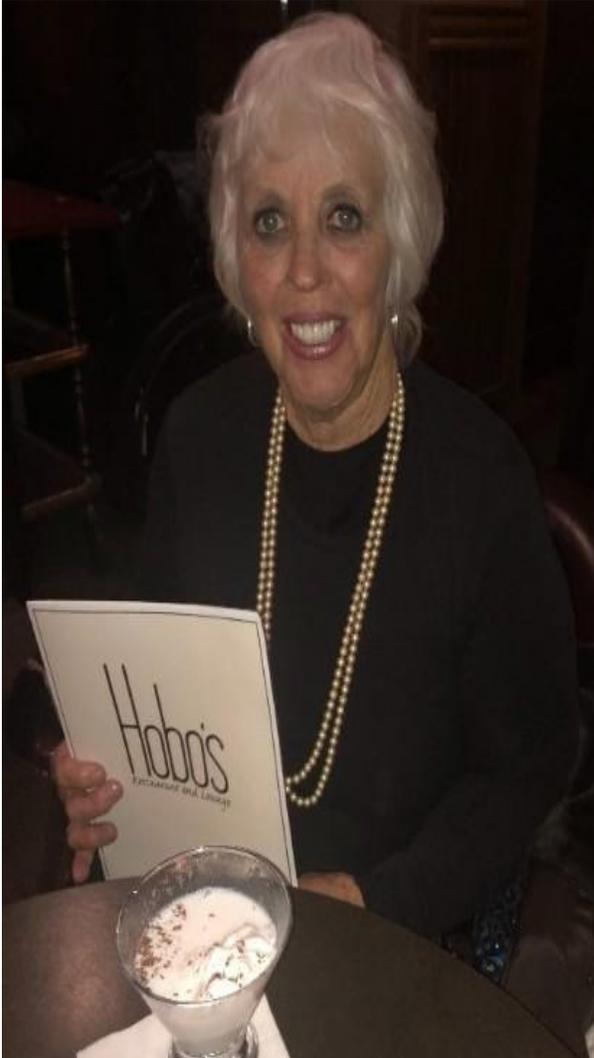
We were the wind beneath their wings when they took their "Last Flight West".

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact:

Francine "Trixie" Gamble

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francine@dominique.com



Francine "Trixie" Gamble

Since it is only three months until the Golden Eagles convention/reunion in Las Vegas, we will be publishing the information each month for maximum exposure to our members.

CONVENTION/REUNIO

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We are planning our next convention for May 14-16 of 2018 at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. Many thanks to our President Tom Doherty who has once again made every effort to negotiate reduced rates for the hotel rooms and the banquet dinner and has obtained some very good rates for both. The details from the excellent presentation in our website by Bruce Sprague have been condensed and posted below.

Check the website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, for the latest information and complete details.



WHEN: May 14 thru 16, 2018 (save the dates!):
Hotel Reservations Cutoff Date: Wednesday, April 25!
Banquet Reservations Cutoff Date: Monday, May 7!

WHERE: Las Vegas, NV,
Tropicana Hotel Make your hotel RESERVATIONS (click this link) by Wed, April 25!

Monday, May 14:
9 am: Golf
Angel Park Golf Club
100 South Rampart Blvd.,
Las Vegas, NV
888-4GOLFLV or 702-254-4653
website: www.angelpark.com

Tom Doherty is coordinating the event. His convention email is: jkated@gmail.com

2 pm to 11 pm: Hospitality Suite

Tuesday, May 15:

7:30 am to 9 am: Hospitality Suite

10 am: Business Meeting

11 am: Ladies Luncheon

5 pm to 6 pm: Cocktail Reception

6:15 pm to 9:30 pm: Dinner, Entertainment and Raffle

9:30 pm to 11 pm: Hospitality Suite

Wednesday, May 16:

8 am to 9:30 am: Hospitality Suite

DRESS CODE:

For the ladies, party dress or pants for the banquet, casual dress or pants for the luncheon, and dress, pants, shorts or jeans for other events.

For the men, open collar dress shirt, ***no ties***, and sports jacket optional for the banquet. Casual for other events, which means open collar golf shirt, T-shirt, chinos or jeans or shorts.

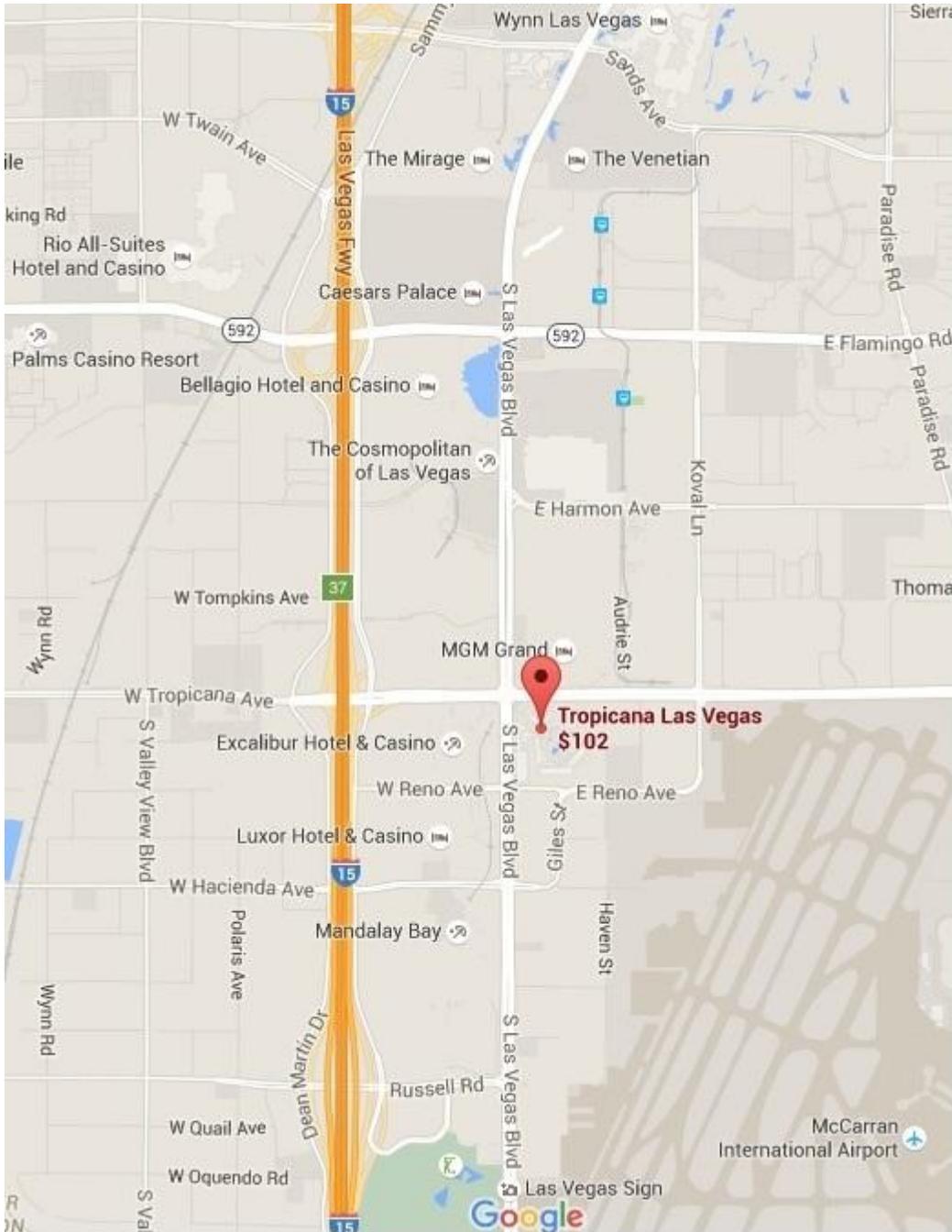
WHAT: Signing Up and Making Payments:

GO TO [CONVENTION FORM](#) to order **Meals** and sign up for **Golf!**

Convention Form **Deadline** ***by Monday, May 7***

GO TO the [STORE](#) to make your **payment!**

Map location of Tropicana Hotel



ARCHIVED BLAST EMAILS:

As a reminder, all Golden Eagles email notices, including the monthly

updates, are retained for our members access on the Golden Eagles website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, under the Membership section and the Archived Blast Emails subsection. A link to the archived emails is provided below.

<https://www.thegoldeneagles.org/401/login.php?redirect=/archived-blast-emails.html>

The current password for accessing our member rosters and the Golden Contrails magazine is also required to access the archived emails.

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

Paraprosdokians:

I'm sure this list has been around before. Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected...and are sometimes know as Yogi Berra-isms.

1. Where there's a will I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up we can only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right only who is left.

7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism To steal from many is research.

9. I didn't say it was your fault I said I was blaming you.

10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify I answered "a doctor."

11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

12. You do not need a parachute to skydive You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

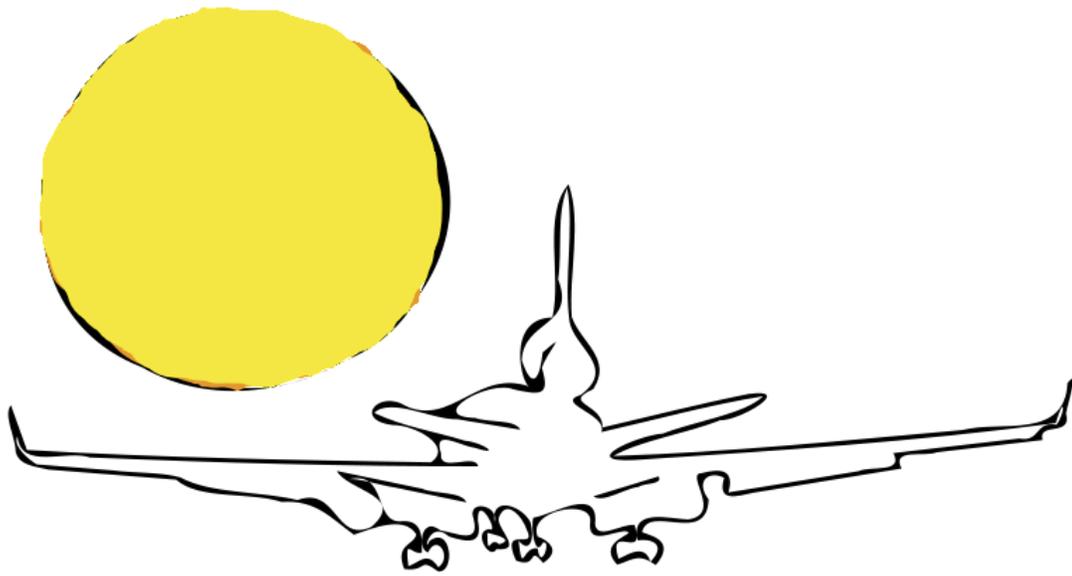
13. I used to be indecisive but now I'm not so sure.

14. To be sure of hitting the target shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.

17. I'm supposed to respect my elders but it's getting harder and harder for me to find any now.



GONE WEST



GOLDEN EAGLES GONE WEST, OCTOBER 2016-PRESENT

Jim Steinmetz, Dec 7, 2016
Andy Arthur, Feb 1, 2016
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

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 McCaffery Jan 28, 2018
Robert Bracken Feb 6, 2018
Richard Berry Feb 7, 2018

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