



UPDATE AND REMINDERS NOVEMBER 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, is **landing**

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. Corrected information can be submitted to us by using the Roster Update Form on our website in the Membership section under Roster Update

magazine. Please consider sending him some of your remembrances, and your 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.

CAPTAIN JAY BARNES FLIES WEST, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A notice was recently sent to our members regarding the last flight west of Golden Eagles member Captain Jay Barnes. There was very limited information available about Jay's passing, but Golden Eagles member Barry Borella has provided a photo of Jay during one of his flights. Barry also advised us that Jay was a graduate of the Air Force Academy.



Captain Jay Barnes on one of his flights, enroute to Glasgow

Jay's widow Susan requested that if possible the following photo of Jay playing scrabble with Barry Borella's daughter on the train from Edinburg be included in this notice.



For those who may wish to contact Jay's widow, here is her contact information.

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PASS TRAVEL NEWS

Q. We're going DEN -HNL October 21. Both of us have our vaccine cards and would like to know what link do we upload/download our cards to and what are the procedures after that is done?

A. the Travel Ready Center is on the app. Follow all instructions indicated therein

- [Travel.Hawaii.gov](https://travel.hawaii.gov)

TRAVEL.HAWAII.GOV

State of Hawaii - Safe Travels

[State of Hawaii - Safe Travels](https://travel.hawaii.gov)

- You can create a profile and input your flight information in advance. The next step is to complete the health questionnaire within 24 hours of your departure and obtain a QR code which can be used for preclearing procedures in DEN. One last item is that once you get to the gate, make sure to show your QR code so that you will be given a wristband so that you bypass the quarantine once you get to HNL. Or spend at least 2 hours trying to show all your re...

Q. If you want to non rev and you have 9 seats available but you see 20 plus positive space listed, how does that affect you?

A. It does not affect you. They already have assigned seats. There will still be 9 seats available.

Doug Etc

I've said it before, and I will say it again....there is absolutely no need to log into Flying Together to use employeeRES. In your browser, simply go to <https://eres.ual.com>. You will see a login page where you will login in with the same employee ID and password as you use to log into Flying Together, but you are bypassing Flying Together and going straight to eRES after logging in. If that still doesn't work, then you need to contact the IT Help Desk to see if there is a problem with your login.

From Michelle Pritchett

I hope you and your families are doing well and staying safe! Starting mid-November, you will start to see messaging in the United Daily specifically for our active employees regarding their pass travel enrollment period. We wanted to remind you that retirees can make changes to their enrolled friends for the January through June 2022 travel period before the deadline of December 29th (until 11:59 p.m. CT).

Get started

To get started, go to the Dependent Management System and select the "Manage Election" link in the Action column next to any of your enrolled friends. Remember, retirees have until December 29th until 11:59 p.m. CT to make any changes. Once the enrollment period closes, no changes can be made.

Check out our helpful resources

Visit our [Pass travel enrollment for retirees page](#) on Flying Together to learn more
Read the [user guide \(pdf\)](#) with step-by-step instructions on how to elect your enrolled friend(s) for the next travel period

[Read frequently asked questions](#)

[Watch a short video of how to make your elections using our Dependent Management System \(video is located at the bottom of the page\)](#)

Contacting the Employee Travel Center

As a friendly reminder, our Travel team agents are no longer available by phone.

Don't worry, here are ways to contact a Travel team member:

[Use Help Hub](#) to submit an inquiry and track the progress of your request

[Use our virtual assistant](#) by clicking on the chat bubble in the lower right hand corner of any of our Travel pages

Thank you for your continued support! I wish you and your families good health and a wonderful holiday season.

Michelle Pritchett

Senior Analyst – Employee Travel, Policy & Procedure

Q. Can anyone tell me if we or enrolled friends have to pay for in cabin pets ? I'm a retiree.

A. Nope. You're good on that

- You don't make a reservation, you go to special service line (bigger hubs and can be long) get a yellow tag, it's free, for retirees , employees and enrolled friends

LAC NEWS

Hill Country LAC (San Antonio/Austin)

Dave Newell

The quarterly luncheon for the Hill Country LAC will be held on THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 at 1130 at the Pecan Street Brewing Restaurant in Johnson City, TX. Our normal meeting time of the third Wednesday of the month had to be changed due to the restaurant being closed on Wednesday.

Dave



DEN LAC (Denver)

Dennis McDonald

23 folks attended our bi monthly breakfast of aging aviators at the Perfect Landing. Our next get together is Wednesday December 8th.

Our dates for 2022 are 9 February, 13 April, 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 a note. Breakfast for rest of year is on December 8th! Hope to see you then.

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 in the full court press to get EVERYONE locally and from out of town to join us. You may miss some of the quarterly

EVENT! Stick these dates on your calendar!

TIME: 11:30 am

WHEN:

Monday, Jan 31, 2022

Monday, May 2, 2022

Monday, Aug 1, 2022

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

NOTE:

Tuesday, Dec 7, the Kingwood **pilots and wives** will meet about **5.30 pm** at the **TIN ROOF BBQ** in Atascocita for our **annual Christmas dinner party together!**

SEE REGIONAL REUNION NEWS SECTION BELOW

Bill



Bruce



Newark LAC

Mark Sheprow

Hello to all you (vaguely) East Coast based Golden Eagles!

It's been awhile since I've since I've sent out an email, but I thought you might

After being cancelled (COVID, of course) last year. And as in recent years, we local Golden Eagles are encouraging you to attend, and we can piggy-back on the party as a mini-reunion of our own. If our attendance is strong enough, I will reserve some tables for us as a group.

I've attached the message ALPA Council 5 (EWR) sent out recently. It's scheduled for Friday, Dec 10th, 1800-2300, at the Newark Airport Renaissance Hotel. This is the same hotel it's been held at recent years. I'm assuming EWR will be sending out additional information later, including whether or not the Dress Code is as depicted on EWR's latest Chief Pilot.

As a refresher, this party was traditionally hosted by the old UAL NY ALPA and CPO, and apparently died out somewhere around 2000. It was revived by EWR ALPA and the EWR CPO about 2016. LEC 5 has previously tied the party to its regular meeting and a retirement financial advisory session earlier in the day, and I'd assume they'll be doing the same this year. The hotel provides some kind of deal for those staying overnight. The Party itself is both a holiday-season celebration, and a recognition of all the EWR based pilots who have retired in the last year. Since it's EWR, there's bound to be a group of L-CAL folks in the retirement group! We don't have enough local GEs to support the regular meetings the IAH and DEN areas can hold, but this ready-made party is a great opportunity for us to reconnect. I've attended every year since they restarted, and had a great time seeing old friends, as well as hearing some UAL news.

On the off chance that this email goes to somebody who doesn't think they're a GE member (or is still trying to save money), you're reminded that if you were a member in 2020, you're a member for life now. And if you weren't a member in 2020, for a final \$35 you can rejoin for life!

And finally, for now, I hope you're all taking the time to check out the Golden Eagle Magazines still published every 4 months, and accessed on the GE website. Always a great read! And those preparing it are always appreciative of submitted stories, or personal updates! You know you've been aching to let us all know what you've been doing, so just go ahead and get it over with! Let the rest of us know all the interesting details!



IT`S A PARTY.....

YOU, YES YOU, PERSONALLY, ARE INVITED !

ewrholidayparty.com

That red address above is your source of information and the place to sign up for and purchase tickets to the **annual Newark Holiday Party**, co-hosted by ALPA LEC 5 and the EWR Chief Pilot Office. It's generally a big party, and particularly recognizes the EWR-based new hire pilots and the EWR-based pilot retirees in the last year. (There are always a healthy number of Legacy-CAL pilots in that retirement group! For the 2021 party, 2020's retirees and new hires are also being recognized, since 2020's party was covid-cancelled.)

All pilot retirees are invited! I've attended since 2016, a year before my own retirement, and had an excellent time every year. We're encouraging any Golden Eagles to attend, as a mini-reunion opportunity! See the site above for details, but a quick summary is: Friday, Dec 10, 2021, at the Newark Airport Renaissance Hotel (just off the airport property, and rooms available for overnight). \$60 a ticket, (so, let me spin up my calculator, that's \$120 for 2.) An LEC meeting is held in the morning, mostly presentations by several financial advice companies making presentations (if you're actually still looking). The party starts at about 5 pm, open bar 6 pm on, music, dinner, dancing, some speeches and presentations, and slowing down by about 11 pm. Sign up and come see some folks you used to work with, meet some others, catch up on the company's status, but mostly just enjoy yourself! If you were ever HNL based, you probably already have the uniform-of-the-day.

A heads up on the ticket purchase: It'll say "Donate To....Newark Holiday Party '21", for some reason. I have no idea why. But just put in your amount and continue on. Pay Pal or a credit card. I printed out my receipt to show at the door, just in case gaining entry is as inexplicable as that purchase page.

Historical note: My understanding is that the old-UAL JFK base used to hold these parties, but they ended sometime about 2000 +/- a few years. In 2016 some EWR pilots decided to resurrect the idea for the now merged pilot group, and it's been a popular event ever since.

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Mark



REGIONAL REUNION NEWS



Houston LACs quarterly luncheon

Greetings Golden Eagles members,

The quarterly luncheon of the Houston LACs was held on November 1, 2021 in Spring, TX at the Spring Creek Barbeque Restaurant. All Golden Eagles members and their guests were invited.

The lunch was great with excellent BBQ and lots of old and new friends socializing. Bruce Sprague took lots of photos and they are posted below. Unfortunately, the camera malfunctioned and the photos of Mark and Cheryl Kelly, Pat Willcox, Phil Swartz and Bill Chambers did not turn out. There were 53 attendees with 48 members and 5 wives. Several members traveled from out of town to attend.



Ken Duncan, Rich Bulger and Steve Holbert



Bruce Sprague, Jim Davis and Jim Tucker



Bryce Chapin and Dave Newell



Dan Wood and Bob Poland



Darrell Johnston, John Perry, Kyle Reiser and Bruce Sprague



Darryl English and Dan Wood



Dave and Kay Newell



Dave and Tina Hughes



Doug Reed and Bryce Chapin



Fred and Imelda Gott



Fred Vernon and Steve Allen



Greg Chapman and Jerry Rivard



Hap Wilson and Bill Bella



Jim Northington and Jim Davis



Jim Tucker and Tom Kosh



Kyle Reiser and Ann



Bill Bella and John McCartney



Lonnie Minz and Bob Steider



Lynn Rippelmeier



Mike and Pat Nelson



Mickey Wagner, Jim Mundell and Rick Bixby



Mike Stevens and Steve Cady



Mike Snowden and Mike Machemehl



Rick Bixby and Bruce Roloff



Robbie Boulet and Kent Muhlberger



*Iberger
Steve Allen and Ernie Colson*



Steve Poppe and Bruce Roloff



Tom Doherty and John Zimmerman



Tip Fuller and Bob Gonzalez



Tony Sacker and Riad



Mickey Wagner and Walt Terran

Comment from Dave Newell, Golden Eagles Email Coordinator:

My wife Kay and I were able to make the drive over from San Antonio to attend the Houston LACs quarterly luncheon, and we certainly feel it was worth the drive to see lots of old friends. The BBQ was excellent and of course the socializing made the event notable.

Among others, I was able to visit with former Golden Eagles President Captain Bill Chambers and had a very enjoyable conversation. Bill made it a point in a later email to me to pay tribute to Captain Bruce Sprague for all his efforts in managing the Houston LACs' activities and I agree with Bill. Bruce certainly goes above and beyond in his efforts to support the LACs, in addition to his duties as Golden Eagles Treasurer and Webmaster. Well done Bruce 👍👍.

AIRLINE NEWS

United Launches Unique 737 MAX Route To Remote Portuguese Island

- by [Joanna Bailey](#)
- October 14, 2021

the middle of the Atlantic.



United is taking the MAX on a transatlantic trip. Photo: Boeing

Taking the MAX to the Azores

Wrapped into United Airlines' [massive route announcement](#) today is a rather interesting route involving a small Portuguese island and the 737 MAX. From May 13th, United will launch service from [Newark Liberty International Airport \(EWR\)](#) to Ponta Delgada – João Paulo II Airport (PDL). This flight will use a [Boeing 737 MAX 8](#).

This route will see the MAX traveling a distance of 2,576 miles (4,146 km) on an almost transatlantic trip. We say almost, because the Azores are still some way from right across the Atlantic, being situated in the middle of the ocean some 900 miles away from Portugal. The archipelago consists of nine individual islands, the largest of which is Sao Miguel, home to João Paulo II Airport, just outside of the city of Ponta Delgada.

United Airlines Turns A Profit With 777s Expected To Be Back Next Year

- by [Jay Singh](#)
- October 19, 2021

United Airlines has reported a third-quarter profit of \$473 million. Coming off of a strong summer, United is getting ready to move beyond the crisis and turn to 2022. Next year, United expects a record for international capacity buoyed by the return of the Pratt & Whitney Boeing 777s next year. These aircraft have been grounded since February.



United Airlines is coming back. Photo: Vincenzo Pace | Simple Flying

United's third quarter

United Airlines recorded a third-quarter profit of \$473 million, including government support. Taking that out of the equation, United saw an adjusted net loss of \$329 million. This was on operating revenue of \$7.8 billion, which was down 31.9% from the third quarter of 2019.

Australia Wants Airline Pilots To Learn Stall Recovery

🙄 ***Seriously!!***

- by [Andrew Curran](#)
- October 20, 2021

Australia's aviation safety regulator, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), will make Upset Prevention and Recovery Training (URPT) compulsory ten years after first recognizing a need for the training.



Australia's aviation safety regulator is to mandate Upset Prevention and Recovery Training. Photo: Melbourne Airport Newsroom

Australian URPT rule to take effect in December

First reported in [Australian Aviation](#), CASA's ruling kicks in on December 2 and will initially target pilots flying aircraft carrying 30 or more passengers or flying aircraft with a maximum take-off weight greater than 8,618 kilograms.

The ruling will mean Qantas, Regional Express (Rex), Jetstar, Alliance Airlines, and [Virgin Australia](#), among others, will have to build URPT into their training programs by March 31, 2022.

The training gives pilots the skills to recognize, prevent, and recover from unanticipated airborne incidents. URPT specifically targets loss of control in flight (LOC-I). CASA notes LOC-I accidents often have catastrophic results with very few, if any, survivors. *"Irrespective of a pilot's license, experience, hours, or aircraft type, LOC-I has resulted in more lives lost than any other cause of accidents,"* says specialist URPT provider [UPRT Australia](#). *"UPRT is recognized by ICAO, IATA, and global aviation safety regulators as the necessary building block to improve pilot skills in the prevention of a LOC-I accident."*

CASA looks to ICAO and FAA guidelines on URPT

The [International Civil Aviation Organization](#) (ICAO) has previously said that all pilots in its 190 plus member countries should incorporate UPRT in actual flight before commercial licensing. The training is required in the United States for pilots who fly aircraft with a seating capacity of more than nine seats. CASA told [Australia Aviation](#) the new local URPT had been heavily influenced by ICAO and FAA guidelines.

One of the best-known recent LOC-I incidents was the [2009 Air France crash](#). The Airbus A330-200 stalled midway over the Atlantic on a flight between Rio de Janeiro and Paris. The pilots failed to recover from the stall, and the jet crashed into the sea, killing all 228 onboard.

can be broadly categorized into three groups – aircraft systems induced, environmentally induced, and/or pilot/human-induced. The safety regular says pilot-induced accidents represented the most frequently identified loss of control cause. This mostly results from inappropriate flight control inputs, one or more flight crew members becoming spatially disoriented, poor aircraft energy management, one or more flight crew pilot members being distracted, and/or improper training.

URPT puts a focus on managing stalls

CASA's new training requirements will follow the prescription in Section 208 of the United States' Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act (2010). That mandates pilot ground training and flight training or flight simulator training that teaches them to recognize and avoid a stall of an aircraft or, if not avoided, to recover from the stall.

The training will also teach pilots to recognize and avoid an upset of an aircraft or, if not avoided, to execute such techniques as available data indicate are appropriate to recover from the upset.

“Continued emphasis on stall and recovery training is warranted in training programs to undo years of applying incorrect stall or upset recovery procedures and use of training devices incapable of adequately representing the characteristics of the aircraft in the post-stall warning regime,” says CASA in its [URPT advisory circular](#). For the first phase of UPRT implementation in Australia, CASA expects all commercial domestic and international pilots to have commenced the URPT theory program by the end of March.

Unvaccinated Pilots Cost United Airlines \$1.4 Million A Fortnight

- by [Andrew Curran](#)
- October 25, 2021

United Airlines has revealed it is spending US\$1.4 million per fortnight sending unvaccinated pilots onto paid leave because vaccinated co-workers refuse to fly with them. The airline confirmed the amount in a Federal Court filing in Texas last Friday

United Airlines says vaccinated workers are refusing to work with unvaccinated workers. Photo: United Airlines

According to a [Bloomberg report](#), some vaccinated United workers refuse to risk their safety working alongside unvaccinated United employees. United is fighting a court case in Texas brought by a small band of unvaccinated employees resisting the airline's vaccine mandate.

In early August, United went onto the front foot and announced all 67,000 US-based employees would need to get vaccinated to keep working. The airline said it would consider exemptions on medical or religious grounds on a case-by-case basis.

United's deadline was towards the end of September. Around 3% of the workforce applied for exemptions, and a further 1% refused to get vaccinated. The group of refuseniks quickly shrunk to about 0.5% once United began terminating their employment.

The White House backed the airline's hardline stance after [President Biden](#) said all federal contractors (which include the major US airlines) employing more than 100 people would need to vaccinate their workforce to retain US Government business.

Only a small minority of United workers remain unvaccinated.

United wants no more restraining orders

United planned to send many of its exempt workers onto unpaid leave. But six workers affiliated with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union who had applied for exemptions began legal action against United to prevent this. Earlier this month, Federal Judge Mark Pittman issued a [restraining order](#) preventing United from putting the workers on unpaid leave. That restraining order was valid until October 26. In a filing on Friday, United Airlines asked the court not to extend the restraining order. The airline cited the \$1.4 million fortnightly cost and said it was unlikely to recover the money even if it won the case. Lawyers for the plaintiffs say United should not be telling vaccinated employees the vaccination status of their co-workers. They say a generic style statement from the airline – that the risk of catching COVID-19 on a plane is “almost zero” regardless of vaccination status – should suffice.

While US-based airlines are largely on board with the vaccine mandate, United Airlines has led the pack. They were the first airline to make employee vaccinations compulsory and have remained the firmest in the face of any employee resistance. *"I will look back at this, and it will be one of the proudest moments of my career that we've made the tough decision, but the right decision to require vaccines,"* said United CEO Scott Kirby earlier this month.

United Airlines will stay the course on vaccinations

Both American Airlines and Southwest Airlines have [backed down recently](#) in the face of employee and union anger over threats of termination and unpaid leave for unvaccinated workers, but United isn't wavering. Since late September, the number of United Airlines who have refused a vaccination and not requested an exemption has dropped from around 600 to

says the long-term financial costs are simply too high. United Airlines says they will defend the Texas court case, and that the outcome will have no bearing on its decision to terminate employees who refuse to get vaccinated without a valid reason

CONSERVATIVE JUDGE IN TEXAS UPHOLDS UNITED AIRLINES' VACCINE MANDATE FOR EMPLOYEES

[MATTHEW KLINT](#) POSTED ON [NOVEMBER 9, 2021](#) [17 COMMENTS](#)

A conservative Texas judge has upheld United's vaccine mandate, at least for now. The plaintiffs are considering an appeal to the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, but for now United's plan to put unvaccinated pilots, flight attendants, and other customer-facing employees on unpaid leave can proceed.

United Schedules Near Hourly Flights Between Newark & Reagan

- by [Tom Boon](#)
- October 26, 2021

United Airlines has upped its schedule between New York and Washington. A shuttle service will keep Newark Liberty International and Reagan National Airport connected with near hourly

A Newark-Reagan shuttle corridor

United today revealed a new shuttle service between New York's Newark Liberty International Airport and Washington's Reagan International Airport. Operating seven days a week, the airline will fly 18 times in each direction between 06:00 and 22:00.

18 flights will operate over 16 hours, meaning that the service will run almost hourly. As a result, United Airlines will operate more services between the two than any other airline. Five daily flights are planned between Newark and Washington Dulles Airport. Meanwhile, flights from LaGuardia to Dulles will bring the total daily flight count to nine.

United Airlines will operate roughly 32 daily services between New York's airports and Washington's airports. This represents a 78% increase in flights and puts it above any other airline connecting the two cities.

According to aviation data experts [Cirium](#), United has 1,718 flights scheduled between the two cities in November (in both directions). The next most prolific carrier is American Airlines, with 1,050 services planned. Delta Air Lines has 901 services planned, while Southwest has just 132.

An upgrade for passengers

Passengers aren't just getting an improved flight availability from the airlines, but also a better service on the aircraft. From October 31st, United will only operate aircraft with a first-class cabin from its New York Airports, [including the Boeing 737 MAX 8](#) and [the CRJ-550](#)

United To Increase London service, Sets Boston Launch Date

Starting in March 2022, the Star Alliance member plans to add five new flights to London Heathrow, increasing service between the US and UK capital to 22 flights per day.

Two more flights are being added from Newark (EWR), while Denver ([DEN](#)) and San Francisco ([SFO](#)) will receive one additional service each. This increases EWR-LHR to 7X-daily, DEN-LHR to 2X-daily and SFO-LHR to 3X-daily.

The airline will also resume daily nonstop flights from Los Angeles ([LAX](#)) on March 4.

Additionally, United is pushing ahead with the launch of a daily route between Boston and London Heathrow—[first announced in February](#). Flights will start on March 26 on board the airline's premium-heavy Boeing 767-300ER aircraft.

United to drop service to 11 cities . Click on the link below for the complete article.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/united-will-stop-flying-to-11-us-cities-indefinitely-list-2021-11>

Frontier Airlines Opens New Atlanta Base

The carrier, which has ramped up ATL flying, will eventually base 400 crew members at the airport.

UNITED AIRLINES SEEKS TO CAPITALIZE ON AMERICAN AIRLINES' WOES

A letter from United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby seeks to capitalize on the recent woes at American Airlines, painting a picture of contrasts concerning operational reliability and passenger behavior onboard.

United Airlines Paints A Contrasting Picture With American Airlines

The note, with subject line "Fly with confidence this holiday season" and signed by Kirby, was sent via email to United MileagePlus members yesterday.

Why United Airlines Boats Better Operational Performance Than AA

It contrasts United Airlines with American Airlines in two key ways. First, it explains why United will be operationally reliable and why, without directly say it, that American has not:

After dramatically cutting our schedule at the start of the pandemic, we knew it would be really hard to try and bring it all back at once. That's why we gradually added flights over time. Our North Star in this recovery is making sure we do the right thing for customers and if that means sacrificing some possible short-term profits to ensure a reliable operation, then so be it.

United says it has gradually brought back flights in a smart and disciplined manner so as to maximize on-time performance.

Instead of furloughing pilots, we were the only airline that negotiated a deal with our union that kept 100% of our pilots employed and ready to fly as the recovery gets underway. That's allowed us to avoid staffing shortages.

Not mentioned, however, is that one reason why American (and Delta) are having issues is not just a shortage of pilots, but the fact that aircraft type were retired during the pandemic. In the airline industry, seniority rules and pay is determined by how many seats on your aircraft (with some exemptions). Generally, the larger the aircraft, the greater the pay. So when American retired certain aircraft during the pandemic, like the Airbus A330, it required not just re-training for those pilots, but retraining for many more, all of who faced an aircraft assignment shuffle based upon seniority.

Why United Airlines Has Fewer Behavior Incidents Onboard

Second, United links its operational performance to the lack of poor behavior onboard, also noting that flight attendants at United have done well to de-escalate “the small number” of incidents onboard:

The way we've run our operation has had an impact on the environment on board our aircraft. I'm so proud of our Flight Attendants and the job they've done to de-escalate the small number of situations where bad behaviors occur — we now have less than one mask incident per 100,000 passengers, down over 50% since the start of the year.

It merits mentioning that flight attendants have specifically been told to stop arguing with passengers who refuse to wear a mask (but are otherwise non-combative) and file a report. Thus, passengers may “get away” with not wearing a mask while on the flight, but according to procedure, face a ban on future United Airlines flights until the mask mandate is lifted.

UNITED AIRLINES CEO: WE WILL BE LARGEST AIRLINE IN THE WORLD BY SUMMER 2022

[MATTHEW KLINT](#) [NOVEMBER 13, 2021](#)

United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby is mincing no words: United plans to be the world's largest airline by next summer as it awaits the [return of its 777 jets](#) and continues to take delivery of new jets.

NEW MEMBERS



William Cooper
Robert Raymond

Welcome aboard..... 

AND.....THE LIGHTER SIDE



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

thought he recognized a woman over in the corner, so he approached her and extended his hand in greeting, saying, "You look like Helen Brown." "Well," the woman snapped back, "you don't look so hot in blue either!"

A guy goes to the doctor....

Guy: "Doc, I think I broke my arm in three places."

Doctor: "Well, don't go to those places!"



So many people these days are too judgemental.

I can tell just by looking at them.

Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob

So, they loaded up Jack's minivan and headed north.

After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard.

They pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained. 'I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house.'

'Don't worry,' Jack said . 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn, and if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light. 'The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing

But about nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney.

It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend.

Yes, I do.' said Bob

'Did you, ER, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?'

'Well, um, yes!,' Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.'

'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Bob's face turned beet red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy, I'm afraid I did.'

'Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything.'

A cowboy told his grandson the secret to a long life. He said, "You gotta sprinkle a little gunpowder on your oatmeal, see. If you do, you'll live to a nice ripe old age." So the cowboy did this religiously every day, and sure enough, lived to the nice ripe old age of 96. When he died he left behind 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren ...and a 16 foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.



job and I think I'm pretty good.

The owner replied, "Okay, show me what you can do, chop down that redwood over there." The man said okay and left. Five minutes later he came back and was done.

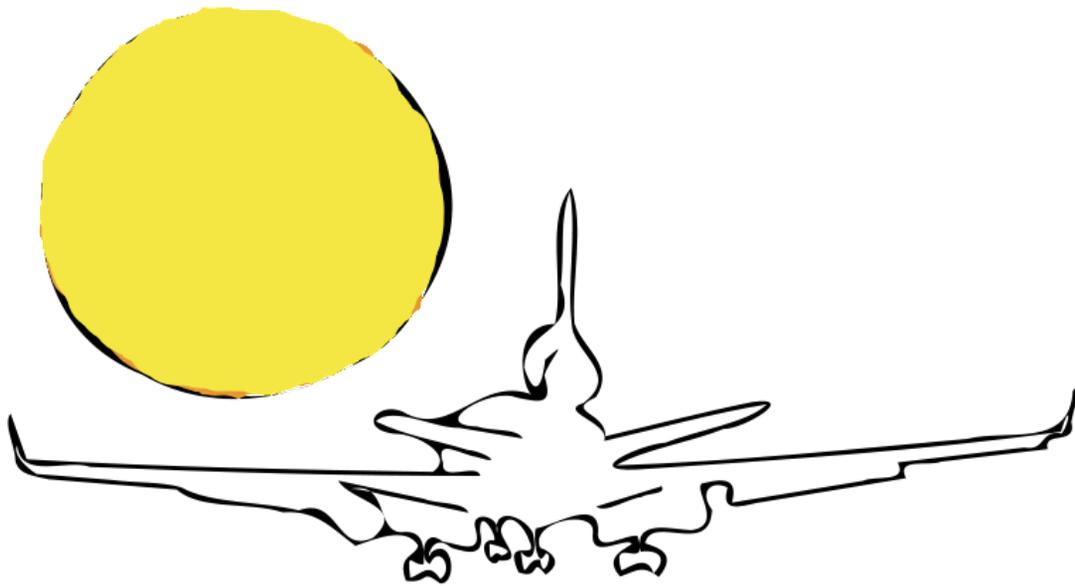
The owner was shocked and asked, "How did you chop that tree down so fast?"

The man said, "I got a lot of practice in the Sahara."

The owner replied, "You mean the Sahara desert?"

"Yes," he said, "or at least that's what they call it now."

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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
Richard Mahoney *	July 14, 2020
C M "Red" Stubben *	July 29, 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

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Pete Hernandez *	Mar 15, 2021
Barry Levitz	Mar 25, 2021
Thomas (Ted) Daniel	Apr 8, 2021
Charlie Oligschlaeger	Apr 17, 2021
Gus Wenzel	Aug 24, 2019 (<i>notice received 27Apr</i>)
Robert "Bob" Kinsey *	June 2021
Jack Johnson *	June 3, 2021
John Garrett	July 7, 2021
Larry Battersby *	June 27, 2021
Eugene Dahlquist *	Oct 7, 2020 (Previous member, notice just received)

Ken Lakes *	Aug, 2021
Jay Purcell	Aug, 2021
Paige Seats *	Sept 17, 2021
Al Minning *	Sept, 2021
Greg Dodson	Oct 7, 2021
Jay Barnes *	2021

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



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