



Monthly Update and Reminders September 2018

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REMINDERS



1. The current password for accessing the Golden Contrails magazine, the member rosters and the archived emails is **stall**. It will be changed with the publication of the next Golden Contrails Magazine in December.
2. Keep your contact information up to date by using the Roster Update Form in the Membership Section of the Golden Eagles website, www.thegoldeneagles.org.
3. For those who like to plan ahead, our tentative plan for the next Golden Eagles convention is to have it in Las Vegas in April. More details will be provided soon.

HELP REQUEST

“Can you help us out?”

The founders of the Golden Eagles created an unfortunate cycle that has ALL membership renewals coming “due” at year end. That’s an “all at the same time” problem for those of us who record transactions in the financial and membership database records.

Furthermore, as we should remember from our simulator days, high workloads can result in **errors**.

We would LIKE you to consider paying your 2019 (and/or additional years’) dues NOW or BEFORE the end of the year. In reality, our Treasury is fine already, but we’d like to spread out the workload. In addition, since **ERRORS DO HAPPEN**, we urge you to take a look at the Full Data Roster on the website:

www.thegoldeneagles.org

Membership Tab – Roster DOWNLOAD - Full Data Roster...password...stall...

to make sure that YOUR Dues Year is correct. If it is NOT, please contact one of your volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS CHANGED

If a member allows their membership to be placed in a non-current status due to non payment of dues by the cutoff date of April 31, the process for renewing one’s membership has been simplified as follows and has been revised on our website.

IF YOU ARE BEHIND IN YOUR DUES:

Those behind on their dues (not paid by the end of April), will be deemed **"NOT a member in good standing"**, and your membership will **cease**. At that point, you will **not** receive any Golden Eagles informational emails, Golden Contrails publications, member Roster, and other retiree benefits. *Sadly, in addition we will be forced to ask you to return your*

Golden Eagles secret decoder ring! 😊



That would be a huge loss for you (and we don't want to lose one of our fellow members)!

If you have been removed from membership and want to rejoin, [simply pay the](#)

[dues for the current year, and you will be a member again!](#)





YES!

Again, we don't want to lose any of our fellow members; please don't let your membership lapse! Remember, you can always check your dues status on the Full Data Roster form ([Roster DOWNLOAD](#)).

MARK SHEPROW NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

We would like to welcome Captain Mark Sheprow to the Golden Eagles volunteer officer ranks where he has agreed to serve as our Membership Chairman. Mark has been active in forming the Newark LAC and supporting Newark area pilot functions and has already contributed to our recruiting efforts through his email communications with the Newark area retired and soon to retire pilots. We appreciate Mark stepping up to help us in this important role and we look forward to working with him in his new position as the Membership Chairman.



LAC NEWS

NEWARK:

Newark LAC leader Mark Sheprow recently issued an email to the Newark area LAC members regarding his thoughts on recruiting new members to join the Golden Eagles and also regarding information about a Christmas Holiday party to be co-hosted by the EWR Chief Pilot's Office and ALPA LEC 5 on Dec 7th. The email is being shared with our members in general to remind us all how we can participate in the ongoing process of member recruitment. One of the most effective ways we have to recruit new members is by word of mouth from our current members.

Our thanks to Mark for sharing his excellent communication to the Newark area LAC members and non-members alike, and if any Newark area pilots, retired or soon to retire, would like to attend the mentioned Holiday Christmas party, the link near the bottom of Mark's email provides all the information.

From: Mark Sheprow

Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2018 6:50 PM

Subject: Recruiting !

Yep, this is a recruiting pitch! If you're already a Golden Eagle you can stop reading now! This appeal is to those of you who were invited to my recent retirement party (a really delayed retirement party, but those ribs had to cook a LONG, LONG time!), whether you came or not!

I heard all night how much people enjoyed seeing old friends from CAL, reminiscing, catching up, telling new stories, and generally just having a relaxed evening among folks they'd spent so many years working with. Quite a few said we should do this more often, and I agree. So, a means to do that exists. The Golden Eagles is the official organization of retired Continental pilots. You might imagine that IAH and DEN, and some other groups particularly in Texas, would have more active chapters than EWR, and you'd be right. EWR's CAL history was mostly PEX and NY Air, as pertains to those already retired, and a lot of pilots living, and retiring, far from NJ. Nevertheless, there is a small chapter here. My takeaway from my party was that there's a lot of us who would enjoy remaining in contact, and somewhat periodically socializing with each other. That can happen if there's enough of a membership to sustain a party or luncheon every once in a while. Maybe even just once or twice a year. So, I'm encouraging you non-GEs to go to www.thegoldeneagles.org, and use your excellent internet skills to figure out how to join. For a measly 35 bucks a year you also get a real decent quarterly magazine put out by some really engaged members with some great history, and a lot of current information and updates, plus a chance to attend an Annual Convention involving stories, lies, a dinner, optional golf, and some social time with airline-crew-associated beverages (that help you forget your golf score). Think of the Convention as reliving a really great layover!

And once you've signed up, call your other CAL friends and shanghai them into membership also! (Can you say "shanghai" anymore?)

As BONUS information, here's another PARTY INVITATION! The EWR CPO and ALPA LEC 5 are co-hosting a Holiday Party at the EWR Airport Renaissance, on Friday Dec 7, from 6-11 pm. It's becoming an annual event (year 3 this year). I went the first two years with my wife, and rather enjoyed it. It pays special recognition to new hires at EWR, and those who retired from EWR in the last year

(basically most of 2107 through to near the end of the year.) Those two groups attend for free. Others are \$55 per person. There's a (pretty laid back, mostly social time) LEC 5 meeting from 2-5 pm, and also several financial advisory companies make presentations from 9 am-1 pm. Those companies help fund the party, as does the EWR CPO, which keeps the cost very reasonable. (If you attend at least 2 of the finance presentations, you don't have to pay the \$50.) The Renaissance has a \$115 room rate for us, if you want to stay overnight. Another chance to relive your best layover memories! Go to www.newarkholidayparty.com and exercise those internet skills again to sign up. I'd like to think enough of us could piggy-back on this party, and make it a mini-CAL retirees' party too. See you there!

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HILL COUNTRY - SAN ANTONIO, AUSTIN:

The Hill Country LAC will be having its Fall luncheon at the residence of Captain Ray Booth in Spicewood, TX on October 10th with festivities beginning at 11 am. Ray and his lovely wife Mary have graciously offered to host the luncheon at their "Pilot's Landing" party



barn with the food being provided by a local barbecue restaurant (Ray always has a cold beer or two in the fridge and Mary always has a nice selection of wine for those with a more refined taste!). For this event we are inviting the member's spouses to join the festivities. We would also like to invite any non-LAC member who might live in or near the area or may be just visiting temporarily to contact yours truly, Dave Newell at davebnewell@gmail.com, for the details if you and your significant other might be interested in joining the gathering for some good food and socializing with old and new friends.

Kingwood - Houston:

The Kingwood (Houston) LAC recently held their regular breakfast meeting on September 4th. The following photos were provided by Bruce Sprague. It is obvious from the photos that everyone was engaged in solving many world problems. Hope you were successful guys!









Here are the names of those attending the breakfast:

Dave Atteberry
Rick Bixby
Rich Bulger
Steve Cady
Jim Davis
Bob Macaluso
Mike Machhemehl
Kent Muhlberger
Jim Mundell
Jim Northington
Claude Perret
Jackson Seltzer
Mike Snowden

Bruce Sprague *(the guy grinning like a Cheshire Cat at the camera!)*



Mike Stevens
Bruce Stone
Bill Vaughn
Tom Walsh

...and here are the names of others that also show up frequently (some GE and some non GE):

Bill Basnight
Don Bishop
Bill Chambers
Tom Doherty
John Downey
Joe Hearn

Pete Hernandez
Mike Jackson
John Lander
Dave Little
Dave Lynn
Bob Mabesoone
Rick McDonald
Jack Roth
Dave Salveson
John Thomas
Hap Wilson

PASS TRAVEL NEWS

RAFA Pass Travel Chairman Kirk Moore has published his September Pass Travel update which is posted below. We once again express our sincere gratitude to Kirk for sharing his update with us. There is much useful information in the update, and as usual, links to the RAFA website are listed so that access to more useful information can be obtained. There are additional links listed (in blue text) which provide access to a lot of additional good information, so be sure to check them out.

Retiree Association of Flight Attendants

Pass Travel UPDATE

- 1) **Better Boarding launches Sept 18th**
- 2) **New flights on United announced**
- 3) **New Discounts on Flying Together & Perkspot**
- 4) **Pay imputed taxes! "Your Document is available"**
- 5) **Retirees' Open Enrollment for 2019 Healthcare preview**
- 6) **Travel with Friends on Other Airlines** (again)
- 7) **More Other Airlines for us to try out!**
- 8) **UA stations in Central/South America are cashless**
- 9) **RAFA's website**

Read this UPDATE on **RAFA's** website, the links may work better:

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

1) **Better Boarding launches Sept 18th**

New boarding procedures launch systemwide Sept 18th. Say goodbye to five different lines in the boarding area; there will only be two: One blue line, one green line.

Boarding group 1 will use the blue line; groups 2-5 will use the green line. Digital signage and instant updates on the UA app will keep customers apprised of when to board. Keep in mind, there is no change to how **pass riders** are boarded - we still board in group 3. More info on Flying Together: <https://ft.ual.com/our-airline/better-boarding> and read the [United News article \(9/7/18\)](#).

2) **New Flights on United announced**

Have fun exploring these new trips on standby or with myUADiscount:

SFO-PPT (Tahiti) begins Oct 31, 2018

SFO-AMS (Amsterdam) begins Mar 30, 2019

EWR-NAP (Naples) begins May 22, 2019

EWR-PRG (Prague) begins June 6, 2019

<https://ft.ual.com/news/2018/08/29/new-routes-to-europe>

Note: Some **summer 2018 seasonal flights** will end in October; read this: <https://ft.ual.com/news/2018/04/26/summer-schedule>

3) New Discounts on Flying Together & Perkspot

"Welcome" emails retirees received in late August from United Airlines (cs@Perkspot.com) are legitimate. United has reworked rewards/discounts for employees/retirees and has partnered with Perkspot. Read the story on Flying Together: <https://ft.ual.com/news/2018/08/24/myrewards-page>

To access all the discounts, use this page on Flying Together:

FT> Employee Services > My Rewards > Employee Discounts

<https://ft.ual.com/employee-services/mydiscounts>

REGISTER and then scroll down the page (or use Search) to see all offerings.

Once you arrive at the MyDiscounts page powered by Perkspot, read the FAQs by clicking on "Your Profile" in upper right side of page. Note: **Retirees** may not be eligible for discounts on some cell phone or automotive services, Microsoft Home Use program and the United Explorer card. Read the small print on every offer.

4) Pay imputed taxes! "Your Document is available"

If your taxable pass riders flew last quarter (May 1st- July 31st) you should have recently received an **email** from "United Airlines Benefits Center" with the subject line: "Your Document is available".

You should also receive your Travel Liability Statement via **U.S. Mail**.

Do NOT ignore it! Withholding taxes are due by Oct 15, 2018.

To access "Your Document" visit the mailbox on Your Benefits Resources (YBR):

A) Visit ft.ual.com > EmployeeServices > Health&Insurance (YBR). OR....

B) Log in directly to YBR with this link: www.ybr.com/united. Using the direct link requires a user ID and password...this is NOT your Flying Together file number and password. Create a new user ID and password by clicking "Are you a new user?"

Once you arrive on the YBR homepage, open your mail (upper right side of page) to retrieve "Your Document", which is a "Travel Liability Statement". Print the PDF and send a check or money order to the address provided.

If you receive the email first you may pay before the letter comes via US Mail. If you do not receive both the email and the letter, make sure your contact information is correct at United Airlines! How? Read item #1 in RAFA's [July Pass Travel UPDATE](#).

Travel Liability invoices and History may also be accessed on the YBR homepage by clicking the tile "**Pass Travel Tax Withholdings**" (scroll down find it).

Explanations for **RETIREEES** about pass travel taxes and W-2 tax reporting, FAQs and several user guides are on the Flying Together website here:

<https://ft.ual.com/travel/w2passtraveltaxreporting>

5) Retirees' Open Enrollment for 2019 Healthcare preview

Retirees' Open Enrollment for 2019 Healthcare will be **October 29th-Nov 9th**. Read the preview now and then check out all your options after Sept 26th online.

Go to YBR (Your Benefits Resources) on Flying Together > Employee Services > Health & Insurance (YBR)... then click on the tile that says "**2019 Benefits Preview Guide**".

Retirees are eligible for FREE FLU SHOTS at CVS/Caremark clinics by downloading a form from the YBR tiles titled "LEARN about pre-65 annual enrollment" or "LEARN about post-65 annual enrollment".

6) Travel with Friends on Other Airlines (again)

This is additional information to item #3 in [RAFA's JULY Pass Travel UPDATE](#).

1) When buying "Star Companion" tickets for your friends on myIDTravel you must purchase them *at the same time* you are buying your own tickets (Remember, the retiree **must accompany** Star Companions on all segments).

2) A single Star Companion ticket can be valid for stop-overs (A>B>C) and for round-trip flights. There is no time-limit for staying at stop-overs. However, if you buy the return trip separately then another pass is used from your 8 pass-per-year allotment.

Read item #3 in [RAFA's July Pass Travel UPDATE](#).

For a step-by-step guide for buying tickets, visit [RAFA's Other Airline travel](#) page.

7) More Other Airlines for us to try out!

United recently signed agreements with six Other Airlines for ZED travel; employees/retirees can now fly standby on these carriers:

Air Malta (ZED Medium) flies from European cities to the island of Malta

Air Tahiti (ZED Low) flies within French Polynesia

Air Tahiti Nui (ZED Medium) flying long haul international from Papeete, Tahiti

Mandarin Airlines (ZED Medium) flies domestic & international from Taiwan

Vueling Airways (ZED Low) a low-cost carrier in Spain

XL Airways (ZED Medium) flies internationally from CDG in France

Read each airline's agreement with United for more information! Visit the interline agreements page on FT > Travel > Other Airlines > In this section > Other Airlines. Note: None of these six airlines are Star Alliance carriers so they will not accept Star Companions mentioned in #4 above.

How do Interline Travel Agreements work? Good question!

Read [Capt Pat Palazzolo's excellent article from the September RUPANEWS](#) Thanks, Pat!

What is ZED travel and how do I standby on Other Airlines? READ this RAFA webpage: [Other Airline travel](#)

8) UA Stations in Central/South America are cashless

Posted on employeeRES

Cashless Stations in Central and South America Aug. 13, 2018

Effective August 13, the following stations will no longer accept cash as a form of payment. Only credit and debit cards will be accepted as forms of payment for departure taxes and other applicable fees: BZE (Belize City), BOG (Bogota), EZE (Buenos Aires), GUA (Guatemala City), LIM (Lima), MGA (Managua), UIO (Quito), SJO (San Jose), SAP (San Pedro Sula), SAL (San Salvador), SCL (Santiago), TGU (Tegucigalpa). LIR (Liberia), PTY (Panama City) and RTB (Roatan) transitioned to cashless stations earlier this year. Due to local government regulations we are still required to accept cash in GIG (Rio de Janeiro) and GRU (Sao Paulo).

9) Have you seen RAFA's website?

Check out the Travel Benefits tab here: <https://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 9/12/18

NEW GOLDEN EAGLES MEMBERS 2018

1. Phil Lindner	JanuaryGolden
2. David Ladd	January
3. Bob Treakle	February
4. Jay Panarello	February
5. Jackson Hallett	March
6. Wayne Tedder	March
7. Chris Hickman	March
8. Pamela Krueger	March
9. Dave Price	April
10. Ralph Freeman	May
11. Pete Lennon	May
12. Tom Dawes	May
13. David Crookes	June
14. Ralph Schuette	July

15. Mark Troiano	July	
16. Todd Anders	July	
17. Clark Culp	July	
18. Ray Quigley	Aug	
19. Steven Walsh	Aug	
20. Sam Biondo		Aug
21. Frank Shanley	Aug	
22. Steven Vilicich	Sep	
23. Ludo Adons	Sep	



....AND FROM THE LIGHTER SIDE...

Phyllis Dillerisms

Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age.
As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing..

The reason women don't play football is because
11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.

Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out.

A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford.
Then I want to move in with them.

Most children threaten at times to run away from home.
This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.

Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument,
a bank has just been robbed.

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut up.

Burt Reynolds once asked me out.
I was in his room.

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is
looking for a job the next day.

The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day
I accidentally got gin in the steam iron.

His finest hour lasted a minute and a half.

Old age is when the liver spots show through your gloves.

My photographs don't do me justice - they just look like me.

I admit, I have a tremendous sex drive.
My boyfriend lives forty miles away.

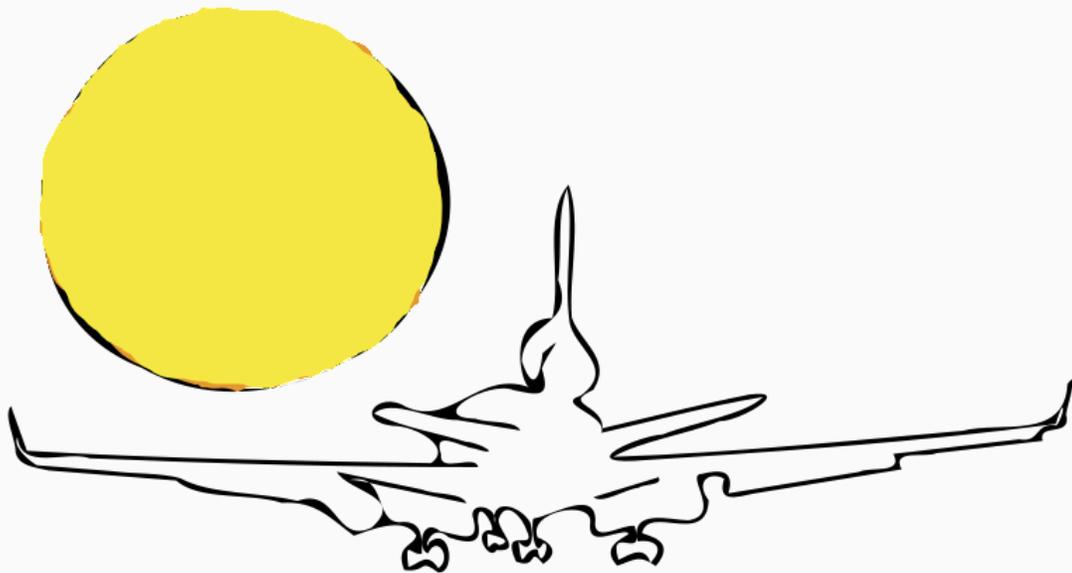
Tranquilizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle -
keep away from children.

I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?'
He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'

The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down
is so you can't see him laughing.

You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type.

Phyllis Diller



GONE WEST



GOLDEN EAGLES GONE WEST - 2018

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
Herb Jellander	June 5, 2018
Forrest Coffman	July 4, 2018

DJ Lehman

Aug 1, 2018

CONTINENTAL, NON GOLDEN EAGLES GONE WEST - 2018

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
Glen Lowes	April 21, 2018
H.T. "Swede" Anderson	Apr 28, 2018
Paul Tonnesen	May 2, 2018
Stanley Harrison	May 16, 2018
Wayne Voss	May 26, 2018
Pete Lappin	June 1, 2018
Mitchell Shapiro	June 16, 2018
Roger Sims	July 21, 2018
Tom Thompson	July 24, 2018



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

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