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## **General Notices**

### **President`s Message**

#### **President / Golden Contrails Editor`s Report**

Gary Small

#### **Course Reversal on the Golden Contrails**

In our last publication(s), we announced our intent to combine the Golden Contrails with Dave's Monthly Update into a single, digital, page-formatted PDF which would be announced each quarter via a Mail Chimp notice and easily downloaded.

That was our plan and having mastered the skies as jet pilots, we assume that all of our ideas will work by force of will. As possessors of the "right stuff", we are not to be constrained by conventional means such as reading instruction manuals or asking for advice, and if we crash and burn, we just shake it off and try something different. This is known as "Trial and Error",

and we are always confident in our prowess to make things work. Take for example the time that Dave mounted his ladder with a roaring chain saw in one hand and a glass of scotch in the other, to trim that branch! It matters little that his belly-flop from that lofty perch resulted in hospitalization...it was the right thing to do!

So too, what if our initial plans to publish the combined quarterly Golden Contrails as a “page layout” publication didn’t work? We went back to the tool shed for a bigger hammer and some duct tape and decided to launch this and future editions of the Golden Contrails in the MailChimp email format, but with a hyperlinked Table of Contents. This allows you to bypass any items of news or useful information and go straight to the gossip (Crew Room), or Dave’s “humor” section. It’s “kinda” like having your desert first if you want. We’ve gotten old and earned the right to not follow any rules we don’t like. Sometimes there may be consequences, but then again...we are jet pilots!

I hope you enjoy our initial version of the reformatted Golden Contrails. If not, just tell Dave that you have some branches that need to be trimmed!

Gary



## **Crew Room**

What Have You Been Up To?

Dave Newell

I had knee replacement surgery March 9, 2022, so have been recovering from that..not much fun but doing better. Kay and I plan on driving to Colorado for the month of September to visit family and friends. Here is a photo of dinner with some of the CO friends in Evergreen, CO, September 7,

2021.



Janet and Jim Hughbanks, Kay and Dave Newell, Francia and Don Gentry, Jim and Carolyn Farrow. Sadly, we lost our dear friend Carolyn Farrow a few months later. She was a wonderful lady, a very good friend and she is sorely missed by all who knew her.

Our Lake Medina adjacent to our residence west of San Antonio is drying up as a result of the severe drought in central Texas, so I haven't been doing much boating. Praying for rain.

It is hoped this crew room entry will remind other members to share some of their activities with the GE membership. Submit an entry about what you have been up to...we want to know!!

## **Magazine Articles and Misc**



### **Old is when:**

OLD' IS WHEN...

Your sweetie says, 'Lets go upstairs and make love,' and you answer, 'Pick one; I can't do both!'

'OLD' IS WHEN...

Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

'Getting a little action' means you don't need to take a laxative today.

'OLD' IS WHEN....

getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

An 'all nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom.

'OLD' IS WHEN....

You're not sure if these are facts or jokes.

*New Video Shows Last Flight of An-225 'Mriya,' the World's Largest Airplane*

*Thanks to Golden Eagles member Spike Christensen for this entry*

**Click on the link below for the article**

[https://www.flyingmag.com/new-video-shows-last-flight-of-an-225-mriya-the-worlds-largest-aircraft/?utm\\_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20Flying%20Mag%20Daily&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=223803367&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8WURGhklqW4P64MqsD6-9pCHfEhb0LfjxI\\_CXnfD3ih4EWU8mmq9sx-bTQZtaVcoXh1xTyXB0UT-av4PmVaQsm6Hj1A&utm\\_content=223803367&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.flyingmag.com/new-video-shows-last-flight-of-an-225-mriya-the-worlds-largest-aircraft/?utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20Flying%20Mag%20Daily&utm_medium=email&hsmi=223803367&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8WURGhklqW4P64MqsD6-9pCHfEhb0LfjxI_CXnfD3ih4EWU8mmq9sx-bTQZtaVcoXh1xTyXB0UT-av4PmVaQsm6Hj1A&utm_content=223803367&utm_source=hs_email)

Thanks to GE member Captain Ralph Rina for this humorous video done by some airline pilots, *"mamas don't let your babies grow up to be pilots"* 😊

**Click on the link below to see the video**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2P4Vv4Z2Ddg>

## **Revised rosters**

*The revised rosters for September 2022 will soon be uploaded to the Golden Eagles website, [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), under the Roster Download heading of the Membership section. Check your data and advise if any corrections are needed by using the Roster Update form in this section. The rosters will now be updated quarterly along with the publication of the quarterly Golden Contrails magazine which will be published in March, June, September and December around the first of the month in an email format. If you have not sent us a passport size photo of yourself, please send one to [smallgd@outlook.com](mailto:smallgd@outlook.com).*



## Password

The current password for accessing the member rosters and the officer documents will remain in effect until the end of the year and will be changed at the beginning of each new year. The new password will remain in effect for one year, and the replacement will be announced in a designated email to the membership prior to the changeover. The password will be required to access the Member Rosters and the Officer Documents, but not the Golden Contrails Magazine or the Archived Blast Emails.



# The New Golden Contrails

## EVP/Email Coordinator Report

Dave Newell

As our President Gary Small previously described in his cleverly written report, we have redesigned the format and distribution of the Golden Contrails magazine and the Monthly Updates to combine the two publications into one quarterly issue. (I would like to correct Gary's assertion that I had a glass of scotch along with the chain saw on the ladder when I took my belly flop.....not true....it was a beer! 😊 ...truthfully, it was just a chainsaw....but Gary had to pay me back for my cheap shot about Vegas!) It will retain the name Golden Contrails and will retain most of the same content as the previous Golden Contrails and the Monthly Updates. With this change to communications with our members, we would like to remind everyone, especially our new members, that ***member input is very much desired*** for our publications. The "**Crew Room**" feature is a good way to share "what you have been up to lately" with other "crew members" much as we used to do in the crew rooms on the line. New residence, changes to your family, leisure activities and hobbies, travel experiences, health issues....all of these things are of interest to your friends and the Crew Room feature is a great way to share this information. The Crew Room feature is located on our website, [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), in the Contrails section. There is a form for you to fill out with your information and what you would like to share. The information will automatically be delivered to the Golden Contrails editor for inclusion in the next issue.

**In addition to the crew room feature on our website**, we encourage members to ***share the more lengthy details of interesting projects, trips or other experiences*** about which our members might like to hear. There has to be some hidden journalistic talent straining to be released out there, so go for it and let us know about some of your adventures; a few photos are always welcome and this gives us needed material for the Golden Contrails! Just write up your story and send it via email to our editor, Gary Small, at [smallgd@outlook.com](mailto:smallgd@outlook.com).

Your assistance in providing interesting material for our members to enjoy in

the Golden Contrails will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

Dave



## **Treasurer/Webmaster Report**

Bruce Sprague

I will have a more formal Treasurer and Webmaster report once a year in the Golden Contrails, but this will be a very short update.

For all the month of August, I will have had three surgeries trying to fix my kidney stone problems. This has probably been the worst month of my life (pain, nausea, lack of sleep, losing 9 pounds weight, and on and on).

*But don't worry.....I will make it, and your Golden Eagles finances and website are in good hands!* Remember, you can always get to our website by going to [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org).

Maybe I will see some of you at the Houston Area lunch Oct 17!

Take care,

Bruce



*We wish Bruce a quick and complete recovery from his surgeries....feel better Bruce!*

## So I got my concealed gun permit yesterday...

...and went over to the local Bass Pro Shop to get a small 9mm pistol for home protection.

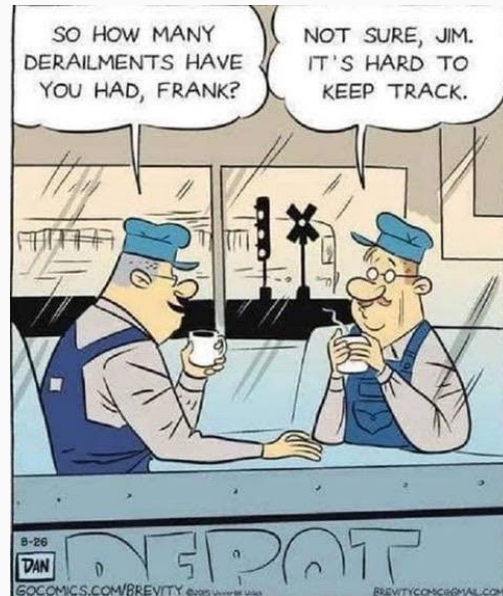
When I was ready to pay for the gun and bullets, the cashier said "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader!

I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. They need to make their instructions to seniors a little clearer.

I still don't think I looked that bad.



## Airline News

### Delta Air Lines Announces Huge Boeing 737 MAX 10 Order

Delta Air Lines has made the first big splash of the 2022 Farnborough International Airshow, by placing a large order with Boeing.

**Click on the link below for access to the complete**

**article** [https://simpleflying.com/delta-announces-boeing-order-farnborough/?utm\\_term=Autofeed&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_content=echo&utm\\_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR0qA1eOI\\_AJvFFI0zx4awc6XcxmBb64MgbfcikYK-qnNFXMrC6B61mthbw#EchoBox=1658139676](https://simpleflying.com/delta-announces-boeing-order-farnborough/?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&utm_content=echo&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR0qA1eOI_AJvFFI0zx4awc6XcxmBb64MgbfcikYK-qnNFXMrC6B61mthbw#EchoBox=1658139676)

### United Reports First Quarterly Profit since 2019

**Click on the link below for access to the complete article:**

<https://simpleflying.com/united-airlines-first-quarterly-profit-since-2019/>

## **United Business Class Menu Typo is Delicious Irony**

***Click on the link below for access to the complete article:***

<https://liveandletsfly.com/united-airlines-menu-typo/>

## **It's Official: JetBlue And Spirit Want To Merge**

Following last night's break-up with Frontier, Spirit and JetBlue have officially confirmed their intention to merge.

***Click on the link below for access to the complete article:***

<https://simpleflying.com/its-official-jetblue-and-spirit-to-merge/>

## **SHREWD MOVE: UNITED AIRLINES DUMPS AIR WISCONSIN**

***Click on the link below for access to the complete article:***

<https://liveandletsfly.com/united-airlines-air-wisconsinshrewd-move-united-airlines-dumps-air-wisconsin/>

## **Aviation Articles of Interest**

### **First flight of the Boeing 707**

On 15 July 1954: At 2:14 p.m., Boeing test pilots Alvin M. "Tex" Johnston and Richard L. "Dix" Loesch lifted off from Renton Field, south of Seattle, Washington, on the first flight of the Boeing 367-80, FAA registration N70700, a prototype military air tanker and commercial airliner.

***Click on the link below to see the complete article:***

<https://www.thisdayinaviation.com/15-july-1954/>

### **Analysis: When is a pilot shortage not a shortage?**

***Click on the link below to see the complete article:***

[https://informamarkets.turtl.co/story/atw\\_august\\_2022/page/3](https://informamarkets.turtl.co/story/atw_august_2022/page/3)

## **A Contrail of Turmoil Left Behind**

An airline captain retires without regrets.

***Click on the link below for complete article:***

<https://www.flyingmag.com/a-contrail-of-turmoil-left-behind/>

## **Would Allowing Airline Pilots To Fly Until 67 Be a Mistake?**

The 'Let Experienced Pilots Fly Act' may create more problems than it solves, says a veteran airline pilot.

***Click on the link below for complete article:***

<https://www.flyingmag.com/would-allowing-airline-pilots-to-fly-until-67-be-a-mistake/>

## **Safety Risk? US Lawmakers Want To Raise Mandatory Pilot Retirement Age**

***Click on the link below to access the complete article***

<https://simpleflying.com/us-raise-mandatory-pilot-retirement-age/>

## **Photo Tour: Inside The Boeing 737 MAX 10 and 777X Test Aircraft At Farnborough**

***Click on the link below to see the complete article:***

<https://simpleflying.com/boeing-737-max-10-farnborough-photo-tour/>

And here is a link to the article showing the 777X test aircraft:

<https://simpleflying.com/boeing-777x-farnborough-photo-tour/>

## **Boeing's New Zest: Turning The Corner At Farnborough Airshow**

The orders weren't huge, but they were significant. The change in attitude was palpable.

***Click on the link below to access the complete article:***

<https://simpleflying.com/farnborough-airshow-boeings-new-zest/>

**I'm thinking of taking the wine box back to complain. It said once opened it would last 6 weeks, it only lasted me 3 hours**



## Pass Travel Info

Because most all pass travel questions can be answered by referring to the much improved Flying Together website ([ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com)), we are no longer providing many details of the pass policy on the Golden Eagles website or in our email communications; rather we are directing our members to the Flying Together website Travel section that deals with Pass Travel Policy issues. Your Golden Eagles volunteer officers are not qualified nor staffed to provide definitive answers to your pass travel questions, so *in order to avoid incorrect or conflicting information, it is suggested that you refer to the Flying Together website for official, company provided answers to your questions.* We hope that this approach will reduce the redundancy and confusion that has previously existed in using the resources available for solving pass travel related issues. It is strongly suggested that you become familiar with the new and improved Travel Section of the Flying Together website if you have



**not already done so. The Travel section prompt is the sixth selection from the left directly under the banner at the top of the Home page labelled "GOOD LEADS THE WAY".**

**Your pass travel volunteer officers will continue to respond to your questions in their limited capacity in the event you are not able to resolve your pass travel issues by using the United resources available.**

**Golden Eagles Pass Travel Liaison: Jim**

Morehead, moreheadjames@aol.com

If Jim is not available due to travel or other circumstances, contact Dave Newell at davebnewell@gmail.com

Useful phone numbers for contacting the pass travel department to resolve pass and sign on issues are available on the Golden Eagles website, [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), in the Travel, Retiree Info section.

Information on using the new **Help Hub** is available in the **Employee Services/Tools and Resources** section on the **Flying Together website** *and* on the **Home Page of the Travel Section** located as the first item under the **Top Hits** section in the **Travel Section of the United Flying Together website**. This resource works well and can provide answers to pass travel and other questions in a timely manner via email.

***Here is a link that will take you to the Help Hub page on the Flying Together website:***

[https://united.service-now.com/hrportal?id=hrj\\_sc\\_category&catalog=7b0370019f22120047a2d126c42e7075&sys\\_id=138a5c0adbe8d300051eff971d9619e0](https://united.service-now.com/hrportal?id=hrj_sc_category&catalog=7b0370019f22120047a2d126c42e7075&sys_id=138a5c0adbe8d300051eff971d9619e0)

## **Q & A**

*Q. I have just followed the instructions in Files to allow my enrolled friend access to standby listings and I cannot follow the required steps. My*

*friend is listed but there is no place to "activate" her. There is no JA column. Help?*

A. Once you are in EmployeeRes -Traveler`s profile, scroll down to where it says Permissions. There is a place to create a username/password for them.

*Q. Yesterday, me and my enrolled friend were listed from BOS-ORD-GRU on a vacation pass, we made the first leg, but by the time we got to ORD, the flight GRU had already left and the reservation got canceled. We are going to try again today, do I need to use another vacation pass?*

A. Just call the ePASS desk (United Pass Line) and ask them to re-book you for the new flight using the existing booking. The number for the Epass desk (United Pass Line) is: 1-866-FLY-EPAS. (1-866 359-3727) That works! So does e-mailing with details after the fact if you can't get through by phone. I've had Vac Passes restored twice recently by doing that. Help Hub in Employee Services on website works well for this. You're allowed to stopover in a hub for up to 72 hours on a single vacation pass, so you shouldn't need to use another one.

*Q. For our recently retired members...congratulations:*

*Hi I just retired and lost access to Employee Res and Global Mail. Is that normal? Thanks*

A. You should still have access to EmployeeRes as a retiree. The web address for Flying Together is <https://ft.ual.com>. The direct web address for EmployeeRes is: <https://eres.ual.com> You no longer have access to the ftAPP, but instead, if you enter your mileage plus number in the space provided on your EmployeeRes profile, it will link EmployeeRes to the UnitedAPP. As long as the MP number is in your profile, when you sign into the UnitedAPP with your MP credentials, the two will be linked.

Golden Eagles Pass Travel Liaison Jim Morehead has provided the following information about TSA screening. **"Skip TSA Security Lines For Free At These Airports", and "No Need to Show TSA Your**

**Boarding Pass At These Airports."...**

***Links to these articles are provided below:***

<https://www.afar.com/magazine/skip-tsa-security-lines-for-free-at-these-airports>

[https://www.afar.com/magazine/no-need-to-show-tsa-your-boarding-pass-at-these-airports?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_campaign=72122%20TSABoardingPass&utm\\_term=Daily%20Wander%20\(Have%20opened%20newsletter%20before\)&fbclid=IwAR0xLKtrw2apXtohWr3NDlrIWaxAX1uQqALah2wGDBJXrk6S02XrOEJvW](https://www.afar.com/magazine/no-need-to-show-tsa-your-boarding-pass-at-these-airports?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_campaign=72122%20TSABoardingPass&utm_term=Daily%20Wander%20(Have%20opened%20newsletter%20before)&fbclid=IwAR0xLKtrw2apXtohWr3NDlrIWaxAX1uQqALah2wGDBJXrk6S02XrOEJvW)



**Cop: You were going fast.  
Me: I was just trying to keep  
up with traffic.  
Cop: There isn't any.  
Me: I know! That's how far  
behind I am.**

**Two women in a bus fighting  
bitterly over the last available  
seat.**

**The conductor had already  
tried unsuccessfully to  
intervene when the bus driver  
shouted to the conductor, "Let  
the ugly one take the seat"**

**Both women stood for the rest  
of the journey**

**Argument done!**

## **LAC News**

**Hill Country LAC (San Antonio/Austin)**

**Dave Newell**

The Hill Country LAC meets for lunch quarterly at [the Pecan Street Brewing Co.](#) in Johnson City, TX, normally on the third Thursday of the month in Jan, April, July and Oct at 1130.



Tentatively our next gathering will be our ***annual BBQ dinner at Ray and Mary Booth's party barn on Lake Travis Thursday, Oct 13, 2022.*** The address of the Booth's party barn, "Pilot's Pub", is 155 Contrails Way, Spicewood, TX 78669. All GE members and spouses are welcome to attend and guests are always welcome. We currently have the date set for Thursday, Oct 13 at **1pm**. Since we just had our Golden Eagles nationwide reunion at Las Vegas, we are considering this gathering as a "local/regional" event and as such folks from adjacent areas are encouraged to attend. Of course members from nationwide are always welcome and are encouraged to join us with a visit to the Texas Hill Country. There will be a nominal charge per person of about \$15 to cover the cost of food and drink for this event. Additional details will be provided prior to the event. Y'all come, ya' hear! 😊

**A short reply to yours truly, [davebnewell@gmail.com](mailto:davebnewell@gmail.com), that you plan on attending, even if your plans might change, would be very helpful in our planning.....thanks.**

Dave



[davebnewell@gmail.com](mailto:davebnewell@gmail.com)

**DEN LAC (Denver)**

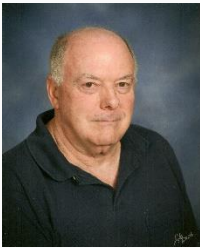
Dennis McDonald

Our breakfast dates for the rest of 2022 are **12 October** and **14 December** at [The Perfect Landing Restaurant](#). A reminder email will be sent prior to the event.

As always dates / wives or friends are invited.

If any of you GE`rs do not get my emails and want to be on the info list drop me a note.

*Dennis*



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## **KINGWOOD and HOUSTON LACs**

Bill Chambers and Bruce Sprague

### **Kingwood LAC**

The Kingwood LAC meets **every Tuesday morning** for breakfast at La Madeleines, in Town Center of Kingwood, Texas ([4570 Kingwood Dr, Kingwood, TX 77345](#)....*click to see map*). Usually by **7 am** there are at least a half dozen old pilots there having a good time. By 8 am there could be up to 15-20 pilots in attendance (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 ([www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org)): go to “LAC” menu tab, then select “Kingwood, TX”.

## Houston LAC

Two times a year, the Kingwood and Woodlands / Conroe LAC pilots meet for our ***semi-annual Houston area lunch***. Typically 30 to 50 pilots show up. ***We have a NEW lunch venue....the Sawyer Park Icehouse near The Woodlands (see below)***. We meet about **11:30 am** (see dates below.....for 2-3 hours or longer), and ALL pilots (GE members and non GE members), and anyone else from all over the Houston area that wants to join us is welcome...we also have spouses, friends, and flight attendants show up. This is basically a great “reunion” with fellow pilots you may have not seen in years! *GE members from out of town, of course, are encouraged to come join us!* Call your buddies to ride together with you. Find more information and photos of our Houston area lunch on our Golden Eagles website ([www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org)): go to “LAC” menu tab, then select “HOUSTON AREA”. Put these **DATES** on your calendar: **Monday, October 17, 2022** and **Monday, April 3, 2023**.

## **Sawyer Park Icehouse** (<https://sawyerpark.com>)

314 Pruitt Road, Spring TX 77380

*Just south of The Woodlands off of I-45*

***put the address in your phone GPS!***

**See Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/bSHPPDQu7VRB5ZYY7>

Bill



gmail.com

Bruce



brucesprague@mac.com

bbob7045@



**Had a bad mixup at  
the store  
today..when the  
cashier said strip  
down facing  
me,apparently she  
was referring to my  
credit card.**

**Just be thankful  
that it's not  
snowing. Imagine  
shovelling snow  
in this heat!**

## **New Members**



*Wayne Kliefoth Joined in April 22, but was omitted from list*

Jacques Ziebell

Brad Dodd

Jay Bishop

John Ecker

Hal Dean

**Craig Skembo (rejoining member-welcome back)**

**Tom Pinardo**

**Kevin Roache**

**Gary Bensema**

**Welcome aboard.....👍**

**AND.....THE LIGHTER SIDE ....**



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

## A TRUE LOVE STORY



**This 89 year old woman was arrested for shop lifting.**

When she went before the judge in Cincinnati he asked her, "What did you steal?" She replied, "A can of peaches."

The judge asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches and she replied that she was hungry. Then the judge asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied 6.

The judge said, "Then I will give you 6 days in jail."

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something on his wife's behalf. The judge said, "What is it?"

The husband said,  
"She also stole a can of peas."

## **MOMS IN GROUP THERAPY**

**A psychiatrist was conducting a group therapy session with four young mothers and their small children. "You all have obsessions," he observed.**

**To the first mother, Mary, he said, "You are obsessed with eating. You've even named your daughter Candy."**

**He turned to the second Mom, Ann: "Your obsession is with money. Again, it manifests itself in your child's name, Penny."**

**He turned to the third Mom, Joyce: "Your obsession is alcohol. This too shows itself in your child's name, Brandy."**

**At this point, the fourth mother, Kathy, quietly got up, took her little boy by the hand, and whispered, "Come on, Dick, this guy has no idea what he's talking about. Let's pick up Peter and Willy from school and get some dinner".**

Two elderly gentlemen had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, 'Now don't get mad at me ..... I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is.... His friend stared at him for at least three minutes -- he just stared and stared at him.  
Finally, he said, 'How soon do you need to know?'

Enzo, an 80-year-old Italian goes to the doctor for a check-up. The doctor is amazed at what good shape the guy is in and as sharp as a tack; "...how do you stay in such great physical condition?"

"I'm Italian and I am a golfer," says Enzo, "up before daylight and golfing up and down the fairways. I have a glass of vino, and all is well." and that's why I'm in such good shape.

"Well," says the doctor, "I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your Father when he died?"

"Who said he was dead?"

The doctor is amazed. "You mean you're 80 years old and your father's still alive...how old is he?"

"He's 100 years old," says Enzo "In fact he golfed with me this morning, and then we went to the topless beach for a walk ....and had a little vino and that's why he's still alive.....he's Italian .....he's a golfer, too."

"Well," the doctor says, "that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it than that. How about your Father's Father? How old was he when he died?"

"Who said my grandfather 's dead?"

Stunned, the doctor asks, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! Incredible, how old is he?"

"He's 118 years old" says the old Italian golfer.

The doctor is getting frustrated at this point,

"So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?"

"No, No he couldn't go this morning because he's getting married today."

At this point the doctor is close to losing it. "Getting married? Why would a 118 year- old guy want to get married?"

*Who said he wanted to?*

John Wayne.. His 5 Rules to Life..



1. Money cannot buy happiness but its more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.

2. Forgive your enemy

but remember the bastard's name.

3. Help someone when they are in trouble and they will remember you when they're in trouble again.

4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.

5. Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again, neither does milk.

WHY AM I A PILOT ?

Why I am a pilot and not a doctor...

Well, when I was a young man I decided to go to Medical School .

At the entrance exam we were asked to re-arrange the letters NPEIS to form the name of an important part of the body which is the most useful when erect.



Those who said SPINE went on to study to be doctors.

The rest of us went to flight school. 🤨

Back on January 9th, a group of HELLS ANGELS, South Carolina bikers were riding east on 378 when they saw a girl about to jump off the Pee Dee River Bridge. So they stopped.

George, their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks through a group of gawkers, past the State Trooper who was trying to talk her down off the railing, and says, "Hey Baby . . . whatcha doin' up there on that railin'?"

*She says tearfully, "I'm going to commit suicide!!"*

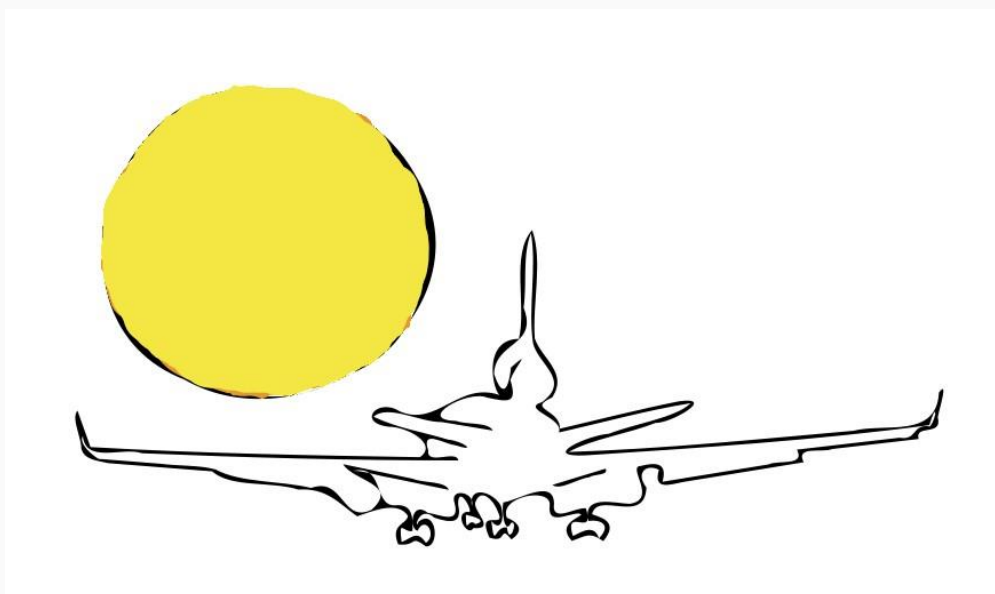
While he didn't want to appear "sensitive," George also didn't want to miss this "be-a-legend" opportunity either so he asked . . . "Well, before you jump, Honey-Babe . . . why don't you give ol' George here your best last kiss?" So, with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that . . . and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another even better one.

After they breathlessly finished, George gets a big thumbs-up approval from his biker-buddies, the onlookers, and even the State Trooper, and then says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had! That's a real talent you're wasting there, Sugar Shorts. You could be famous if you rode with me. Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl."

**It's still unclear whether she jumped or was pushed.**

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\* Denotes Golden Eagles member

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**John Winter** ✱

**Aug, 2022**

Tribute from Phil Lindner:

John was a great guy. I knew John for 43 years. In January 1979 he was my Convair 580 instructor at FAL and through my 20 years at Continental Airlines. I always looked forward in flying with him as well as being my Chief Pilot. He also helped me out of a couple of jams. He was gladly always there when you needed him.. I will miss him. Captain Phil Lindner

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