



# The One Claw

Boston Retired Pilots Newsletter

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## • SPRING-97 Fly-In

The first Tuesday of the month, 3rd of JUNE is the date for the Spring Fly-In. Last spring, weather prognosticators did a very poor job. The ouija board was selected because it is non-sectarian and politically correct. May the force be with us. Hope to see you. The number at the Airdrome is 603-536-9808, the recorder is working. If you have not attended a Fly-In, Come On UP. PEMI-RIVERSIDE Airport Elevation 474, local frequency 122.8 and we can listen enroute to 122.75. Pemi Riverside is just off Route 93, Exit 24, in North Ashland, NH (N43.44.4, W71 40.0).

## • Letters and Stamp Fund

Dear George and Peter, Thanks for the newsletter and also thank everyone in Boston who made me and my family so welcomed at the retirement party. All said and done with all the mergers NEA will always be my alma mater. Nick Gravino beat me out the cockpit but I still keep in contact with him and his wife Happy. A name came up in One Claw. Ken Horn, my old F/O, reminded me when I was Ken's S/O, a guy broke into the fltdeck at 3000 and 10 from landing at JFK. I had to use my Brooklyn uppercut to the vital parts to knock him out. The FBI agent during debrief wanted to see the guy who restrained this guy because they had cuffed him at the ankles, his wrists were too large for the cuff's. They took one look at 129 lb S/O and said no way, and started searching me for my blackjack. I want to tell Ken and all my friends that I pray for their health and please drop me a note or e-mail [wdeleo@mindspring.com](mailto:wdeleo@mindspring.com) or

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(404-352-1929) Nick DeLeo

Thanks for the newsletter. Big Red and I really enjoyed seeing the old names again. Tell Bert I can't believe he retired nearly 20 years ago! I can't believe I retired over three years ago! Keep up the good work. Here's a tad of stamp money. Keep them coming. Tom Tutton

Hi George & Pete, Thanks for the news letter, nice to be kept up to date. Don't see or hear too much down here in the South. I did see Lee Trenholm a few months back at the local airport. He was crewing on a charter jet, looked to be in good shape. Saw Ken Aiken at a retirement party for a local Delta Captain, Phil Colston, He spent some time in the training department. Enclosed is a little something for stamps, etc. Keep up the good work. Best of health to all, Ed Holland

George & Pete, Sorry it took so long to send this it kept slipping my mind. Couldn't remember whether you said to send checks or not. I think it said something about misspelling (I'm good at that). I have an E.mail address but I don't remember what it is since I turned the page. Forgot what I'm writing this for. Will you guys be retiring soon? [EJJMIK@aol.com](mailto:EJJMIK@aol.com)  
John Maloney

Hi Pete, Thanks for including me on your mailing list. It's great to get news of all the guys I often think about and even greater hearing they are well. I look forward to getting to a Fly-In or get this year. I never knew what a task this retirement can be, I don't know how I found time to go to work. I love it! Enclosed is some green for stamps. My very best to everyone, Live long and prosper in happiness

and health. Jim Fletcher. PS OK What's ONE CLAW?

See information below, Ed. Note.

Dear Pete & George, Many thanks for including me on your mailing list, and I want to advise you of my new address, have moved back to Mass. from FL and am enjoying seeing old friends in addition to having family nearby. 1 Apple Valley Dr., Sharon, MA 02067. Enjoy your newsletter greatly and am including stamps for same. Doris Gran

George, ONE CLAW getting better every issue! Thanks. See you in a couple of months. Enclosed, stamp fund. Best regards, Pete Loranger

George, You caught me, I thought I could change my E-Mail and get away with it, but the old fox out did me. We have been away to Florida since the end of DEC. and just got home. Getting caught up on all my messages. Hope to see you in BOS. at the reachout meeting 3/24/97. Can't remember if I mentioned this to you before, but P.J.Ehmann would like to receive the ONE CLAW. He is located at 16 Hacklebarney Rd. Long Valley, NJ. 07853. On our way home, we saw a lot of the Yellowbirds at Spruce Creek. Pete Kallander had just left, but Dave Hancock is in fine shape, same old nice personality. Will fill you in when I see you at the meeting. Is the June 3rd date firm for the fly in? I need to make reservations for the condos up there, and last year the date was changed. Thanking you in advance. Bob Patrick

Dear George & Pete, Enclosed is something for the stamp fund. We really enjoy the ONE CLAW newsletter. Many Thanks, John Conley

Dear George, I got my first copy of ONE CLAW a few weeks ago, and thanks for the efforts and news about us all left in the New England area. I especially appreciate the various news about changes in phone numbers to Delta, changes in disability procedures, etc. I've been retired 6 months now, and my wife and I have filled that time with more airplane traveling! Our youngest son, wife and new granddaughter got transferred to (where else) but ATL! So we've been doing the grandparent trek back and forth to ATL. How's that for a multi-rerun of a bad movie?? Our greatest fear is that our little granddaughter will start speaking that thick

southern drawl! Is there a cure for that? Here's some stamp money, and hope you and Pete can keep up the good work on behalf of many appreciative folks in and around the old Boston base. Best wishes, Bob Campbell

Dear George & Pete, Enjoy receiving the "One Claw" and enjoying retirement and keeping busy in travel. Here's some belated stamp money. Regards, Dan Pranka  
Enclosed check toward mailing One Claw.  
Judith Kelley

Hi George, Big Red and I just got off of the phone with Bill Grady. Misery loves company. The two of them talking about their broken legs! You should have heard them comparing notes. Of course, Red's had more experience as she has had a broken leg two years in a row! Let's hope Bill doesn't do that trick. Thanks for keeping us posted. Tom & Red

George, Thanks for the Email and info on Bill. I'll give him a call tonight. Sorry I'll miss the spring fly in, but will be in Alaska and for sure will not miss the fall get together. Bill & Joan Waters plus four others will be with us. Tom Tutton said he will not make the fly in this spring, but will make the fall fly in. The Hackleys are back in NH for the summer and will try to sell the house and make a move to warmer digs. We are leaving for Cape Cod on May 3rd and I'll stay up. trying to sell the farm..Joan will travel back and forth taking care of her mother. If anyone is looking or me or are on the Cape.....CALL!...we are in the one and only phone book. Bill Waters will be on the Cape along with Angus Perry and others. Again, thanks George, and we will send our Cape Cod Email address in early May. The gang sends the best to Bill and keep us posted. Dick Kennelly  
Stamps from, Larry Brackett, Bill Donaghue and Mike Fiorillo.

#### • May Reachout

Following are a few notes about the Mar 24, 1997 Reachout meeting attended by approximately twenty four people. Capt. Dave Bushy outlined two new plans. One involves a base, Wellness Co-ordinator; who counsels pilots who have a high incidence of absence. Also, the "Return to Work program" was recently initiated in conjunction with Harvey Watt, to help sick or disabled pilots return to work. We are much in debt to a thorough

presentation on the Delta Pilots Disability plan by Pat DeJesus, supervisor of the disability and workman's compensation section. Although there are various changes in the plan with the new contract, I will only touch on some of those discussed. A pilot can now continue on disability past the age of 60 indefinitely. This could be to some advantage to some pilots in special circumstances, such as those resulting from mergers and acquisitions. Also, Pat pointed out that the formula for calculating Social Security benefits effectively stops the clock if a pilot is approved for Social Security Disability. Otherwise, a person's social security benefits may be reduced during an interval of no or little work before application is made for Social Security Retirement benefits. Pat's extension in ATG is 404-714-2483, FAX ext. 6576. Check with Joe Shea or myself if there are any questions. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 19th, 1997 at Jevelli's in East Boston at 12:00. We will have as a guest Frank Shea, now Director Flight Control. He is a fountain of knowledge and is excited to be attending. Also, we are attempting to have an update on retirement in the near future. John Roquet

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Note, 27 X .32 = \$8.64 saved.  
This is only a warning not a threat.  
Guido (of earlier fame) has finished in the top of his hackers computer class 101. If you are on line WE (Guido) WILL FIND YOU!! Keep in touch.

**• Tuesday Breakfast at Sanford**

Let's see if we can do this again! NE breakfast get together. The 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 10:00 A.M. Cockpit Cafe, Sanford Airport, Sanford, ME Every month of the year. No rain date, no reservation, no idea as to who will or will not be there, no fooling around with changing the date ,the time or place. Starting: May 13, 1997 June 10, 1997 Etc, etc, etc. YA'LL COME. Norm

**• Tax time is here.**

The local bar was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that they

offered a standing \$1000 bet. The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money. Many people had tried over time (weight-lifters, longshoremen, etc.) but nobody could do it. One day this scrawny little man came into the bar, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a tiny squeaky voice "I'd like to try the bet". After the laughter had died down, the bartender said OK, grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rine to the little man. But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass. As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1000, and asked the little man. "What do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weight-lifter, what?" The man replied., "I work for the IRS." N. Houle

- **Hampton Airfield Summer Plans**

Mark your calendar, May, 17-18 for the annual Flea Market. People, planes and parts some old and others older. June-21-22 is 2nd annual Pietenpol Fly-In and Lobster & Clam Bake. Contact Wing's Aero Museum for tickets 603-436-7360.

- **One Claw LOGO and the name!**

Where did the name **ONE CLAW** come from? The **Lobster** was the name of the monthly news letter put out by the former Boston Chief Pilots office. We were asked to write sometime maybe a quarterly letter to the retired Delta pilots in New England . Seemed only proper that Lobster of some sort should apply. What better name than **ONE CLAW**, the crusty *old* Lobster. We may be retired but we can still get around. Keep the cards and letters coming because we need a communications network. Big "D" is quite large, and the only way we can keep in touch or communicate is through a written newsletter of some sort, **ONE CLAW** can be that conduit for information.

When you get the chance, toast our **LOGO** with Champagne, Don that is ! He penned a facsimile of a singular appendage of a member of the genus Homarus, added a "50 mission crush" cap, distant vision eye ball, close vision pince-nez glasses (or is that a

propeller arc?) The first joint, A-La vertical stabilizer, is suitably adorned with a reminder of the source from whom all blessings flow. The toothy maw bespeaks perhaps, of an individual patiently awaiting the conclusion of a longwinded anecdote from another, all the while searching his data base for a similar tale that can be embellished sufficiently to score some points. Read into Don's rendition what you will- Pete

- **Feeling Better**

Bill Grady had a run in with the skiing and leg gods that put an end to his down hill runs for this year. The third week of March had Bill and a sports MD taking bone from the hip and using screws in the right knee area to put all back in working order. 603-726-3163. Bill will be at the Fly-In, but we do not know if he will be in any foot races.

- **Money helps for the New Year**

Ask to see your broker or financial planner's portfolio; Annoy your credit card company by paying off your balance every month, If you buy an appliance or automobile and are pressured to buy an extended warranty, ask if the policy is made necessary by the product's shoddy workmanship; Do your taxes, and then complain to your congressman about the complexity involved; Cancel one of your credit cards; Stop listening to your brother-in-law's investment advice; Exercise so that you last almost as long as your money; Bug your bank by keeping just enough money in your account to avoid check charges; Cut your state tax bill, don't buy lottery tickets; Dump your savings account and get a money market account.

- **Florida Fly & Drive at Bill's**

The weather was great on March 20th at Jupiter, FL. Bill reports that 111 hardy folks made the trip to the annual Yellowbird hangar party and a great time was had by all. See you next year.

- **Letter from Ted Roberts**

Dear George, I was talking to Dave Bushy recently and, among other things, he mentioned the May 19th meeting at Jeveli's. He knew I had prostate surgery and suggested I might want to say a few words on the subject.

Unfortunately Moira and I will be in Ontario then, so I thought I might drop you a line which you may or may not care to read at the meeting, or publish in One Claw. Anyway, I'll attempt to summarize so as to make the reading "more palatable". I started the PSA testing in June 1992. The following year it was slightly elevated (5.7) so family physician referred me to a urologist (thereby probably saving my life). Dr. Anthony Filoso did a needle biopsy, inserting a tube and taking a piece of tissue through the anal wall from my prostrate. Sounds awful, but only uncomfortable. The results were negative. He continued to monitor me every six months (PSA & digital exam), January '95 my PSA dropped a few decimal points, so the Dr. said "I'll see you next year". January '96 I felt like a million bucks and was therefore taken aback when my PSA showed a sizable increase (9.3). So another session with the tube and tissue biopsy. This time I showed positive. I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Terrific. I now know I was lucky: my tumor was non palpable (undetected with a digital exam). Means it had not penetrated the wall of the prostate. Anyway, I went into surgery Wednesday morning April 24, 1996. I came home Sunday went for a walk Monday (catheter bag strapped to my leg) and never looked back. I was back to my one hour walk within a few weeks and, today, have no problem whatsoever. Now let me be candid with you. My sex life is not completely back to what it was before surgery, but baby it ain't bad. I am alive. So that's about it. Do I recommend a PSA test for men over 50? Not yes, but **hell yes**. Prostate cancer is very often a silent killer, no symptoms until its too late. Regards, Ted Roberts.

Thank you, Ted, for a very personal and informative letter plus stamps. Ed. Note.

• **Computers, Female / Male**

Five reasons computers must be FEMALE!

5. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
4. Even your smallest mistakes are immediately committed to memory for future reference.
3. The native language used to communicate with other computers is comprehensible to everyone else.

2. The message, "Bad command or filename," is about as informative as "If you don't know why I'm mad at you, then I'm certainly not going to tell you."

1. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

FIVE reasons computers must be MALE!

5. They're heavily dependent on external tools and equipment.

4. They periodically cut you off right when you think you've established a network connection.

3. They'll usually do what you ask them to do, but they won't do more than they have to and they won't think of it on their own.

2. They're typically obsolete within five years and need to be traded in for a new model.

Some users, however, feel they've already invested so much in the stupid machine that they're compelled to remain with an underpowered system.

1. They get hot when you turn them on, and that's the only time you have their attention.

Thought for the day. "If you're calm and collected while everyone else is losing their heads, you don't understand the situation."

• **ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

Feb.'97. 1030HRS. ORH WX WOXOF ( In case you old heads have forgotten, that means, " indefinite, ceiling zero, obscured, zero visibility, and fog.") My friend Julie Blanche and I are at Worcester Airport hunched over a computer terminal one moment and looking out the window the next. Finally, " Hey! I can see the new tower, that's a mile away from us isn't it ? " And pretty soon we're airborne with a special VFR clearance out of the Airport Control Area with the Global Positioning System's moving map display on my panel pointing to River Ranch, Frost Proof, Florida. Wow, is this G.P.S. neat! The little black box not only has me located three dimensionally within feet of my actual position but is spewing out ground speed , track, heading, distance to the centerline of my desired track in hundredths of a mile, distance to the destination, and E.T.A.! Our friends, Don and Jean Green, join on our wing over Connecticut. By 2030 HRS. two Lake Buccaneer amphibians and their occupants have had enough flying for the day and scrunch down on the pavement at

Myrtle Beach, SC. Out of the blue by two the next day, having been joined by Wayne Hollingsworth, (has a home on the old Elizabeth Arden estate, Belgrade Lakes, Mt. Vernon, ME. Think of Golden Pond. Formally, Atty. Gen'l., ME., and Justice Dept. now residing in Spruce Creek, FL). Y'know, there's times when the Devil's Triangle slides West over Florida! Or there were a lot of biorhythms out of whack! In the next four days, three airplanes got bent by dropping into sinkholes off the runway, two landed gear up on the pavement losing a little paint and a lot of pride, and two caromed off the water, gear down! Unheard of!!! I tried it back in '75. Flipped over and sunk. Our Lake Owner's Safety Seminar had much to talk about! On the road again. What was going to be a caravan of five or six planes to the Bahamas shrunk to Don and Nancy Burrer's Lake and mine. Supplemented the emergency gear with life rafts and twelve inch letters on the fuselage for the regulations, filled out four forms, customs, immigration, cruising permits, etc., at Ft. Pierce then launched for Marsh Harbour, Abaco Island. Cruise climbed to 9500'. Julie punched in the Lat. Long. for point of no return and the ADIZ line. Then we pondered for half an hour whether our 5 to 1 glide ratio would bring us next to a ship when we were fifty miles from land. I shouldn't say that. It was only an occasional thought. As many times as I've seen the Caribbean clouds that pop up over the islands, their unique shapes, like balls of snow you roll up and stack, like a snowman, captured our attention. A reverent awe of these footless halls of space engulfs our senses, as in the sanctuary of a cathedral. "20" on the manifold and 2000 RPM. The rumble of the engine takes a lower note, and we slide down the chute into MYNA. Turquoise, magenta, aqua and yellow greet our eyes in succession as the abysmal depths of the Tongue of the Ocean (a 6000' canyon that threads up through the Bahamas Archipelago seamount) give way to the shallows and Mangrove swamp, and even a wrecked druggie plane! The next few days found us on Elbow, and Lubbers Quarters Keys, off shore from Marsh Harbour, talking to the descendants of loyalists who emigrated here from the colonies during the Revolution. Gorged' on conch fritters, Grouper salad, and

a local brew. Flew down across Eleuthera to Cat Island, skimming the beaches to land at New Bight. Lurched over 18 miles of rutted roads in the back of a pickup to Greenway Lodge next to Columbus Pt. Columbus' journal logs his landfall and original settlement near here at the mouth of a fresh water creek. Not at the present day San Salvador, a low lying, brackish water, and no creeks imitation, so they say. Controversy everywhere! Wanna hear the rest of the story? See you at Bill Grady's June 3rd. Pete

#### • **Final Flight**

Rose Dixwell, yesterday or this morning March 28th, was found dead in her bed. The police broke in at the insistence of a friend and found her. I have no further details at this time. Tom Tuton

#### • **Staple and Mailers**

We forgot to mention the folks that take the time to lick stamps, fold and staple the ONE CLAW. Put that little beauty into the mail system. Voila!! Into your waiting hands. Carl Beartice, Dana Callanan, George Chaudoin, Ray Curti, Bill Dustin, John Fleurent, Pete Kallander, Dick Korsman, Ed Moore, John Paulson, Dave Ross and Jim Tagg. If you did the deed and we missed your name, please lets us know. Thank you one and all. The Staff.

#### • **George's 182 For Sale**

Give me a call if you know of anyone that would like a 1978 182Q. I am building an RV-6. Do not need two airplanes. Thanks, George (603-642-5368)

#### • **Continued Lear Search**

Dear George & Pete, Enclosed you will find a few articles about a Lear Jet that has been missing since Christmas Eve. Johan Schwartz and his family have been my neighbors for twenty five years. I wonder if you could put in "One Claw" a notice that the search has begun again. The article gives the Web Sight (<http://www.serve.com/cb/learjet/>) has a lot of information on it. Also a number in NH (1-888-538--4630) to call to volunteer. We sure could use some more planes for an air search. If the pilots can help in any way it would be greatly

appreciated. Thanks, Nancy Peirce O'Donnell  
NEA 56-62 Enclosed check for stamps.

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