



The One Claw

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• Fall Fly-In was on October 6th

The weather was as scheduled cool in the high 50s with partly cloudy skies in the late afternoon. You had to be there to really enjoy the great weather. Pemi Riverside just off Route 93, Exit 24 in Ashland, (N43 44.4, W71 40.0) was the place to be on such a fine flying day. The management of Pemi River International Airport requested that all A/C park parallel to the runway and 41 A/C that came, complied and not one warring was issued. The DC-3 & C54 made the trip as did the Antonon AN-2. The counters counted; 42 automobiles, 6 motorcycles and 2 motorhomes. The total attendance was in excess of 200 folks. The cooks this year were Henry Lynch and Art Holms Chef Bill couldn't make it.

The retirees that signed in; Jim Baker, Louis Balestra, Dick Barnes, Carl Beatrice, Basil Beck, Joe Bessette, Bob Bishop, Austin Briggs, Bill Bucklin, John Caldwell, Don Champagne, George Chaudoin, Claude Cox, Dick Cumming, Bill Danaher, Bill Donahue, Paul Donoghue, John Duell, Bill Duffy, Dewey Durrett, Bill Dustin, Mike Farrey, John Fleurent, Bob Fraser, John Fraser, Ron Gargalowitz, Ray Gosselin, Bill Grady, Barton Green, Tom Guyer, Dave Hancock, Norm Houle, Walt Illingworth, Pete Kallander, Bill Larson, Bob Lebewohl, Courtney Lundquist, Bruce MacGilvra, John, Maloney, Charlie Marcin, Norris Marston, Bill McCarthy, Jack McCarthy, Jack McWalter, Don Moulthrop, Dave Newkirk, Chuck Nyren, Alex Noftsgar, Jon Palsson, Keith Parker, Bob Patrick, Bob Patterson, John Paulson, Ray Pendergast, Howie Pennock, Mauice Picard, John Plack, Warren Price Jr, Roger Scott, Bud Shorey, George Smith (this is the same George Smith that we over looked at the spring Fly-In and the gentleman that always helps Bill with the unglamorous job of cleaning up after we hordes chow down) , Bob Smythe, John Stumpf, Jim Tagg, Lee Trenholm, Bob Trinque, George Voedisch, Bob Ward, Barry Watkins, Dick White, John Wojas, Mike Zompetti,

Active and other that took the time to attend: Dino Vlahakis PAA, George Schumacher PAA, Bill and Grace Arnold PAA (NEA), Leroy Letendre JAL, Willis OCain WAL, Bill Harmon AAL, Ken Perkins UAL, Al Speckman EAL, Bill Johnanson EAL, Tom Henigan (Antonon AN-2) TWA, Bob Cronan NEA/DAL, Carl Higginson DAL, Cynthia Harmon Kelsey DAL, Mike Conaboy DAL, Ed Gorman DAL, Sam Patellos DAL, Paul Canton DAL, Dick Sabbagh DAL, Ron Morin DAL, Mike Cloutier DAL, Eric Peter & Judy Alderman DAL, Gayle Williams RV-6, Chuck Roberts PA-28, John Glenn ANG, Donald Forbes, Larry Carpenter, Fred Drake CAA, Tim Packard MD, Debbie Lyons & Nancy Baker NEA.

• Pemi Riverside Rumors

The rumor that Pemi Riverside has been sold is true. Bill Grady said that the owner of the A/P, that he and Al Speckman least, is in the process of being sold to the golf club. Bill stated that to golf club owner stated he planned to keep the A/P and use it as an A/P. The final papers have not been signed as of this date. Bill and Al's least runs through the end of 1999, so the Fly-In's for next year are OK and we will see what happens in the future.

• The Stamp fund and letters,

Dear George & Pete, Enclosed \$ for stamp fund. It's always fun to get the "One Claw". Were about set to go to FL for the winter. (after all those years hauling happy snow bird's. I am now one) Keep up the editorial efforts. Best Regards, Ed Counter (Ecounter@snet.net)

Thanks for the news. Stamps enclosed. Glen Tessmer

Dear George, Missed seeing you and in FL last winter. Guess you are still living on the beach. Look forward to getting the "One Claw". Makes for interesting reading, enclosed for the stamp fund. Best regards, Jack & Elaine French

I won't be up for the fall Fly-In this year. Sorry, my Lake is being sold. Keep up the good work. Will probably see Pete in FL. For the stamp fund. Lenny Poor

Dear Pete & George Who? Have always enjoyed reading the latest news in "One Claw". Enclosed is a small (and some what overdue) contribution to the stamp fund. Best wishes Russ West. Ed Note; Pete Kallander & George Chaudoin.

Hi George & Pete, Just finished the One Claw, just great as always hearing all the news. Not much doing down here. Went flying with my son Mike in a 172 and we both survived an hour of take-offs and landings. Mike hasn't been in light stuff lately, flies a Falcon 50 three engine jet. (baby 727). The mention of Whidbey Island brought back some memories. I went through air gunner's training there in 1943. They were flying PV-1 then. That's about all. Good health to all. Including something for the stamp fund. Ed Holland. PS, Just heard about Dave Bushy, is Harry nearing retirement. Ed, Harry Alger retired in October.

Dear George, Enclosed is a check to help One Claw from going broke. It has been rather busy for me here lately. After my 77th birthday last Nov. things started to unravel. I was informed by my doctors (I have about 5 or 6 now) that I had prostate cancer. After poking, prodding, x-raying, biopsying, etc., it was decided that my best bet was to eliminate the cancer by radiation rather than by operating. The preparing and the radiation itself, (which went on for eight weeks, five days a week) finally ended about the end of June. I was told that everyone that goes through this routine will gain weight, and one 200 lb. fellow gained 450 lbs.! Well I did gain three or four lbs. The first time I ever weighed over 133 lbs. After more x-rays, etc. my cancer doctor said I was clean. Whew! But he said there would be two more years of getting some kind of magic shot in my rear, and a daily dose of another magic pill. He said that this two year routine would greatly ensure me against a recurring of the cancer. He then asked if I would like a prescription for Viagra. I hesitated and finally said I would wait awhile to see if mother nature would take care of the problem. No luck. So at the time of my appointment with another of my doctors I asked if Viagra was worth while. He said yes and promptly made out my prescription. I talked it over with Ginn, my very young love of my life and we decided what the heck why not. _____ WHOOPIE!!! One warning to all of you men out there who are considering using Viagra, please be very careful swallowing the pill. If it sticks in your throat it will give you a very stiff neck. Regards Dick Miller

Hi George, I have really enjoyed the E.Mail and One Claw. I know that it is a lot of work and greatly

appreciated by all of us. Thanks you for keeping this wonderful group of pilots together over the years. Enclosed is a check to help with the mailing, etc. Regards, (picture of an airplane) Cashed the check but forgot who signed it. Ed!!!
Pete & George, Enclosed a little stamp money. You do a good job. Thanks. Frank Kowalski

• **Wish I had said that**

An award should go to the United Airlines gate agent in Denver for being smart and funny, and making her point, when confronted with a passenger who probably deserved to fly as cargo. During the final days at Denver's old Stapleton airport, a crowded United flight was canceled. A single agent was rebooking a long line of inconvenienced travelers. Suddenly an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket down on the counter and said, "I HAVE to be on this flight and it has to be FIRST CLASS." The agent replied, "I'm sorry sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these folks first, and I'm sure we'll be able to work something out." The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear, "Do you have any idea who I am?" Without hesitating, the gate agent smiled and grabbed her public address microphone. "May I have your attention please?" she began, her voice bellowing throughout the terminal. "We have a passenger here at the gate WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to the gate." With the folks behind him in line laughing hysterically, the man glared at the United agent, gritted his teeth and swore "Screw you." Without flinching, she smiled and said, "I'm sorry, sir, but you'll have to stand in line for that, too." The man retreated as the people in the terminal applauded loudly. Tom Tutton

• **Branson, Missouri**

Ever think about going to Branson, Mo.? Houley and I just got back and we had a great time, at least I did. No airplanes for Houley, although he did go to the little airport one morning while I did the washing. What is that about a womens work is never done? Anyway, we did have a good time and I think he was glad he went. We drove all the way (1,555 miles) and it wasn't bad at all. The scenery was beautiful but no comparison to New England. We just took our time. We went to two or three shows a day and it was a good time of the year to go. I think the best time to go would be May or June (before the kids are out of school) or Sept. and Oct. We went Oct. 16th for a little over a week and it was just right. These are a few suggestions if you are thinking of going out there. By the way, the shows are terrific! I called the

Branson Chamber of Commerce and they sent us a great package but it arrived about two weeks after we were home, so we winged it while we were there and had a great time anyway. We wanted to stay at the Lawrence Welk hotel but it was booked solid so we went to another motel and it was nice and I'm sure a lot less expensive. No matter where you want to stay, the places are all very nice and very frindley. So, call 1-800-214-5661 or write; Branson/Lake Area, Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau, P. O. Box 1897, Branson, Mo. 65615-1897 After you get your package, look it over and if you want small details, give us a call or an e-mail and we will really make your mind boggle. Have fun, Kay Houle

• E-Mail & Cyberspace notes,

Retirees Party Hello George, Here's a list of the that I have sent out invitations to. Please disseminate this list to cyberspace so if I have overlooked someone I'll have time to include them. Joe DeVelis, Bruce Haedrich, Ed Lacroix, Bob Merrell, John Parker, Bob Campbell, Tom Guyer, Allen Hines, Bob Rioux, Steve King, John Duell, Bob Kelley, Dave MacEachern, Jim Mitchell, Pat Whitehouse, Larry Brackett, John Fraser, Noel Hill, Tom O'Brien, Pete Martin, Dave Dutton, Chuck Kiklis, Charlie Marcin, Jon Palsson, Bob Ziminsky, Charlie Marcin, Don Champagne, Keith Parker, Guy Paris, Matthew McCarthy, Jim Fletcher, Dick Barnes, Ray Sikoski, Bob Hobbs, Gerry Chapman, Jim Rut land, Ed Wucik, John Roquet, Frank Anglin.

I will be sending out the invitations for the party, hopefully by the end of Oct. and it will contain all the details regarding the party. Will include the retirees I have come up with along with the res. no and info that will be pertinent to the party. If you do the One Claw in Nov. please include the list that you got from Pete with a note that if I missed anybody please let me know. Also, the date would help Jan 16, 1999 Regards, Dave Jansen

Reachout meeting was on Tuesday, 10/27/98, at Jevelli's. Those in attendance; Capt. Patrick Kavanagh, the big Kahuna at JFK was our guest speaker. Attending were Charlie Gremler, Fred Christanson, Joe Shea, George Chaudoin, John Roquet, Pete Kallander, Dick Ballerini, Tom O'Brien, Bob Patrick, Dan Hurley, Carl Beatrice and Tim Packard MD.

Hi George: I have tried to reach Frank Noble, noble@corecom.net., and also Charlie Osborn, Osborn@azstarnet.com, more than once at each of these address but to no avail! Each is promptly returned, with a no-go address. Any news? Evidently you are having success with these e-mail

addresses. I am not! Thanks Old Man!!! Dick Barnes

Thanks for the info re: retirement party from Dave Jansen. Talked to him recently because I regarded him an expert on hip replacement. Had my right one done and getting more mobile every day. Walking a good deal and carrying a cane but not requiring to use it except to avoid falling on my fanny or something. Should be back flying the Baron in about three weeks. Heard the fly in was a great success. Talked to Bill Donahue a couple days ago. I guess he's back up north by now. I suggested he get OnLine so he could be more easily gotten in touch with. Besides I think he can afford the 20 bucks a month! We expect Jack and Elaine French any day now. They live just up the road from us all winter. Just finished talking to Howie Rotchford Down in Marco Island on the phone. His address is the same one that is in the Yellowbird book but his area code is now 941 instead of 813 and he and Betty are doing fine. Told him to get a computer and get OnLine with the group. I think he will! Know he would love to get in touch with the old gang and find out all the good stuff. Keep in touch, Best regards, Karl Wallace

E.mail address Dear George: Dick Pazolt finally got me on the net so I am sending (stumbling around) this message so that I can receive the one-claw the modern way. Missed the fly-in again but hope everything went well as usual. Best regards to you and crew. Just in case this doesn't print out the e-mail address: cwl Larson@email.msn.com, Thanks, Carl Larson

• Bus Punk

A young punker gets on the cross-town bus. He's got spiked, multicolored hair that's green, purple and orange. his clothes are a tattered mix of leather rags. His legs are bare and he's without shoes. His entire face and body are riddled with pierced jewelry and his earrings are big, bright feathers. He sits down in the only vacant seat, directly across from an old man who just glares at him for the next ten miles. Finally, the punk gets self-conscious and barks at the old man: "What are you looking at you old fart.....didn't you ever do anything wild when you were young?" Without missing a beat, the old man replies: "Yeah. Back when I was young and in the Navy, I got really drunk one night in Singapore, and had sex with a parrot. I thought maybe you were my son."

• DAL Travel Tips

If you have not traveled to Europe or read the March News digest. Good news for the world traveler. Austrian Airlines, Sabena and Swissair have extended the list of destinations. No longer just the code share cities of the three airlines listed above

BUT any city they serve. We the retiree are included. The seats or in coach and subject to space after the their employees but the price is right. One paper ticket like in the old days and hope a seat is open. Away you go. Ann and I did Zurich to Malino, beats the train by a country mile and about three hours. Speaking of travel. On our return trip from Malino to JFK we stayed in Villa Malpensa near the Malpensa airport that DAL serves. The Villa was the home in the early 1900's of Alverto Capioni, builder of the Italy's first twin engine aeroplane.

• **Christmas Party 98**

Here Yea! All that attended last years Christmasparty and those that did not are invited to the 1998 Christmas gathering. The address is 18 Sea Road, Rye Beach, NH, the date Sunday, December 13th starting at 1500 (3PM) at the home of George and Ann Chaudoin. Bring your favorite dish also BYOB. Any questions you can call 603-964-5656. Location from any direction, take Route 111 East to the Atlantic Ocean and turn left North for 1.9 miles to the parking lot of the Rye Beach Club. The Beach Club building and parking lot are the only buildings on the ocean side of Route 1A. Across the street from the Beach Club parking lot is Sea Road and the 1st drive way on the left on Sea Road is a large Gray house. You have arrived.

• **Drummer Man**

A wise old gentleman retired and purchased a modest home near a junior high school. He spent the first few weeks of his retirement in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young boys full of youthful, after-school enthusiasm came down his street beating merrily on every trash can they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the wise old man decided it was time to take some action. The next afternoon he walked out to meet the young percussionists as they banged their way down the street. Stopping them he said, "You kids are a lot of fun. I like to see you express your exuberance like that. I used to do the same thing when I was your age. Will you do me a favor? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing." The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the trash cans. A few days later, the wily retiree approached them again as they drummed their way down the street. "Look," he said. "I haven't received my Social Security check yet, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?" "A lousy quarter?" the drum leader exclaimed. "If you think we're going to waste our time beating these can around for a quarter, you're nuts! No way, mister.

We quit!" And the old man enjoyed peace and serenity for the rest of his days. Norm Houle

• **Pete and His Eye**

Remember the early years of plexiglas? After a few years it would turn milky white and you couldn't see through it? That's what was happening to my left eye. After a couple prescription changes in a year, I went to see the experts in at Ophthalmic Associates of Boston, 50 Staniford St. off Cambridge St., a block away from the JFK Building. Three specialists took their turn at my eyeballs with instruments I'd never seen before, took cryptic notes, then sent me in to Dr. A. Robert Bellows office, who'd been referred to me by a physician friend at Mass. Eye and Ear. He peered and probed and pondered, then pointed out the prognosis of my affliction. Cataract! My visual acuity was going to continue to deteriorate--some people are born with the problem, the rest of us will be visited if we live long enough!" Not to worry ! " ,says Dr. Bellows. "We have a simple out patient procedure that will restore you to 20/20. A 2.85 mm. Incision is made on the side of the lens, an ultra sound device pounds and sucks out the gelatinous interior, then a plastic lens is folded and inserted through the incision to resume its normal shape !" I went home to do my own pondering. Six weeks later found me back in the O.A.B. offices at 0630hrs. Anesthetic was applied by 25 drops in the eye, topically around, and intravenously in the arm. I thought I was quite awake but La La Land was around the corner. " How do you feel?", " Great, you can go ahead with operation any time!" " It's all done !" "Wow!" The next morning Dr. Bellows found me fit for duty with no restrictions. Can you believe it? I went flying around in the Lake Buccaneer to Celebrate-----Pete Kallander

• **Stamp Fund,**

Warren Price, Ron Gargalowitz Chuck Nyren, Dave Hancock, Mo Picard, Bill Dustin, Ray Pendergast, Bob Lebewohl, Russ West, Dick Miller, Lenny Poor, Jack French, Ed Holland, Ed Counter, Charlie Gremler, and who ever sent a letter with a picture of an airplane flying in the middle of the page. Thanks to one and all.

• **Retirement Party for 1999**

Have made a commitment with the Colonial Hilton for a party on Jan. 16, 1999. Plan on sending you a list of the people that would be eligible for dissemination to the troops so if I have missed anybody they can be included. Jan. was the best choice for room rates and menu prices as the prices in Nov. were crazy. \$140 for a room and \$30 minimum for a meal. I negotiated rooms for \$89 per

night and the meal will be around \$21. When I
have more inf. I will send along same to you
Regards, Dave Jansen

• **Last Flights,**

Eleanor Ciovacco wife of Henry Ciovacco died
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