



# The One Claw

Boston Retired Pilots Newsletter

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- **2000 Fly-In location in Question ??**

Spoke to Bill Grady about the spring Fly-In and Bill stated that the land owners (attorney) wants him out of the hangar yesterday. Bill is trying to get approval from the town officials of Plymouth to build at the town Airport. Will keep everyone informed over the next couple of weeks. I spoke to Mike Hart and he said he would be delighted to hold the Fly-In at Hampton if we can not use Plymouth. We will keep everyone informed and set a date and place by early April. Ed.

- **Moving Notice;**

The One Claw publishing empire has taken advantage of this high tech stock market to cut staff (let them eat cake) and employ new high speed technology. The move from ocean view and road noise to tranquil woods and quite will allow the staff more time to observe squirrels and other forest creatures. The new address at, 60 Peninsula Dr., Stratham, NH 03885, has many advantages. No shoveling of snow and no mowing of grass. Look at the snow and grass, but let someone else work with it. The E-mail address for One Claw (oeg1011@mediaone.net) remains the same.

- **The stamp fund thanks you**

Walt Illingworth, Pete Blouin, Bill Donahue, John Gittzus, Harold Theiling, Ray Roy, Bob Carroll, Nick DeLeo, Geert Frank and Bob Campbell.

- **We get letters & E-Mail**

Hi George, "stamp fund" contribution hereby. Please note the change in my ZIP code and my E-mail address, all in the letter head above. ([storchpilot@mediaone.net](mailto:storchpilot@mediaone.net), ZIP 03833-6727) Still enjoy the One Claw. Very sorry to hear that Walt Byers is so sick. Remember with much enjoyment flying with him on CV240, seemingly a hundred years ago. By the way since I owned an AN-2 back in 1976, I still have a fairly extensive flight and ops manual for copying purposes, just get in touch. Regretfully, I do not have any maintenance manuals. I also have the exchange letters with the FAA in my attempt to get at least a restrictive certificate of airworthiness on that beast. No such luck, I got denied on my request and again on my appeal. Have a nice turkey day and until next time, Regards Geert Frank

Dear George, I did send new E-mail address to you but here it is again; ([wend767@bellsouth.net](mailto:wend767@bellsouth.net)). Your E-mail address is not on the Newsletter for us old folks by the way! We are on the move again in January. We are relocating to Gainesville, FL to be near our two children who have settled there. We will be sure to update our address then. We will be closer to S. FL and to our airline friends there, but of course sad to leave those good friends here. Great issue, we miss all our retired friends! Stamp money enclosed, Best regards Wendy & Nick DeLeo

Pete, I am sure it must be time to forward some stamp money. I don't keep any records of this. I still look forward and enjoy my copy of One Claw. Each time I think I might make a Fly-In something seems to come up. I haven't seen or talked to anybody in a long time except Bob Mudge. We thought we were going to make the Fall Fly-In but something came up. I remember now, it was an important Dr. appointment made months ago. I would like you to have my E-mail address, ([recmroy@webtv.net](mailto:recmroy@webtv.net)). Hope you are well. You must be because you cover a lot of ground (or sky) Ray Roy PS I am doing quite well health wise for which I am very grateful

Hi One Claw, I've never written you before but I'm an Octogenarian 84 yrs young and going strong. I am enclosing some stamp money. Good health to all of my former compadres. Harold Theiling

Hi George, I don't have a computer so would you wish all the "One Claws" seasons greetings for me Thanks you, Walt Illingworth

Hello George, My new E-mail address is [dave@neaccess.net](mailto:dave@neaccess.net) Thanks, Dave Jansen

Just got back from Waldenbooks where I bought the Jan-Feb. issue of *Airliners* magazine. they have a great several page article with good photo's about N.E.A. I think all the ex Yellowbirds will enjoy. Regards Dick Boyens

Greetings George, hope this finds you, yours and the "Yellowbirds" all healthy and enjoying the season. I was contacted by a American Captain whose daughter attends school with mine. He owns a charter business and was hopeful I would be interested in flying a new Beech 400A from the Marshfield/ Plymouth airports. The training would take place at Flight Safety, Wichita KS. He operates the aircraft throughout the U.S and Canada. As I am not interested he asked if I knew of any other retired

highly experienced and a retiree would also meet the insurance requirements. I am hopeful you will broadcast this info to the group as someone may like to inquire as to the above. His name is Don Staszko at 781-383-0329. Cohasset, MA. Regards, Dave Carson

Dear guys, I just talked to Angus on the phone for quite awhile and learned that he is now in Florida. 9290 Landthorn Way, Estero, FL 33928-2460. Phone, 941-947-5757. Will be getting a laptop in future and will get on the internet when he does. His feet are without feeling and ankles not good, Walks with a cane or assistance, but medication seems to be balanced and he is holding his own. Would appreciate hearing from any of the people he knows. Regards Karl Wallace

Hi Everyone: We are leaving for the South on Monday, so in case I have forgotten to inform you of our new address and phone, they are:

10417 NW 13th Lane, Gainesville, Florida 32606 Tel: 352-331-9966(HOME)- 352-331-4110 (O and Fax). We will continue to stay in touch as I hope you all will too. Our Best to you all, especially those that we leave behind in GA. Wendy and Nick DeLeo.

George, Betty and I flew out here to the summit last. the weather has been beautiful. the mountains perfect for skiing. A-Basin, Keystone, Breckenridge, Vail, and Beaver creek give the best skiing from 3 & 4 year old to my 75 yr nonsense. the scenery is beautiful. 10,000ft high as an average. good thing Delta gives a good discount on lift tickets. Back to Marco this week end. (hrotch2@aol.com) Howie Rotchford

Hi George: This is a notification of my e-mail change. My new e-mail address is: thunderbird33@earthlink.net. The use of the old e-mail address is still valid, and will be through March 2000. Thanks, Dave Trauth

George, Thanks for the message. Would you please change my email address to para8dise@earthlink.net thanks a bunch. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas. Jack Paradise

George, I just changed ISP, S, my new address is (nghlg@gate.net). Angus Perry is now on line. His e-mail is (Hangusyba@aol.com) Regards, Nick Gravino

Hi George, My new e-mail is (av8turdon@aol.com) the mongo7 is no longer active. How's the plane coming? Mine is finished and will be flying in a (Nov) week. Take care. Don Champagne

We are leaving Alaska tonight and will no longer be on, noble@corecom.net, until we return next summer. Our address in the Bahamas is, noble@batelnet.bs. Please remember connections in the Bahamas are a real pain in the butt so, PLEASE NO JOKES. Would love to hear from everyone but limited on connection ability. Will be in Florida for awhile, our phone number there is 904 963-5416 Our phone number in the Bahamas is 242 373-9198. Keep in touch and YOU ALL HAVE HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Love to all, Amy & Frank Noble

Ahoy Captain Peter, I spent this weekend up in East Bath Maine at the home of Roger and Wilda Green. We spoke at great length about Aviation, Chief Pilot's, and the

Aero Club of N.E. My retirement from Delta will be in Jan. I'm still flying the 767ER out of JFK. Like so many of us old fools, I signed on with the new Pan American Airways, operating out of the Pease Trade port in Portsmouth, NH. My new duties after retirement, will be those of Chief Pilot. Jim Baker is the Director of Operations, and Allen Hines is V/P of Operations. I'm much too young to retire at 60 years of age, so I believe this new challenge will fit into my Aviation Career. Roger Green was telling me about the Aero Club of N.E. and when I saw what you accomplish within the organization, I would like to be a part of this great old club. If there is any hope for me, may be you could advise me on making application. Thank you Pete, Ron Morin, Home # 978 526 4175, Fax# 978 526 7266 email me at (pinewood@gis.net)

Hi George: Pls update our e-mail address to: [AJimSr@Prodigy.net](mailto:AJimSr@Prodigy.net) Have a great Christmas Party and tell Ann we will miss everyone, but in this case the 1st Grandson comes first. We will be departing HF on Nov 13th/0500hrs. If you get to WPB, our tel. is: 561-882-9811. Jim Tagg

#### • Breaking news and moral question

I have a moral question for you. This is an imaginary situation, but I think it is fun to decide what one would do. The situation: You are in the Midwest, and there is a huge flood in progress. Many homes have been lost, water supplies compromised, and infrastructure destroyed. Let's say you're a photographer out getting still photos for a news service, traveling alone, looking for particularly poignant scenes. If you were to stumble across Bill Clinton struggling to keep from being swept away in a raging river and you had a choice of rescuing him or getting a Pulitzer prize-winning photograph of the death of a President...

...What shutter speed would you use?

#### • Everybody loves NH

Once upon a time in the Kingdom of Heaven, God was missing for six days. Eventually, Michael the archangel found him, resting on the seventh day. He inquired of God, "Where have you been?" God sighed a deep sigh of satisfaction and proudly pointed downwards through the clouds, "Look Michael, look what I've made." Archangel Michael looked puzzled and said, "What is it?" "It's a planet," replied God, "and I've put LIFE on it. I'm going to call it Earth and it's going to be a place of great balance." "Balance?" inquired Michael, still confused. God explained, pointing to different parts of Earth, "For example, Northern Europe will be a place of great opportunity and wealth while Southern Europe is going to be poor. The Middle East over there will be a hot spot. Over here I've placed a continent of white people and over there is a continent of black people," God continued, pointing to different countries. "This one will be extremely hot and arid while this one will be very cold and covered in ice." The Archangel, impressed by God's work, then pointed to a small, rocky land mass and asked, "What's that one?" "New Hampshire, the most glorious

place on Earth. There's beautiful lakes, rivers, streams and an exquisite grasslands. The people from New Hampshire are going to be modest, intelligent and humorous and they're going to be found traveling the world. They'll be extremely sociable, hardworking and high achieving, and they will be known throughout the world as diplomats and carriers of peace. They will be admired by all who come across them." Michael gasped in wonder and admiration but then proclaimed, "What about balance, God? You said there will be BALANCE!"

God replied wisely, "Wait until you see the loudmouth, whiny-assed, arrogant piss ants I'm putting next to them in Massachusetts.

- **It is the 1999 Darwin Awards.**

For those sheltered few of you who are not fully aware of the Darwin Awards; these awards are given annually (and posthumously) to those individuals who did the most for the human gene pool by removing themselves from it.

**GRAVITY KILLS**

A 22-year-old Reston man was found dead yesterday after he tried to use 'occy' straps (the stretchy little ropes with hooks on each end) to bungee jump off a 70-foot railroad trestle, police said. Fairfax County police said Eric A. Barcia, a fast-food worker, taped a bunch of these straps together, wrapped an end around one foot, anchored the other end to the trestle at Lake Accotink Park, jumped... and hit the pavement. Warren Carmichael, a police spokesman, said investigators think Barcia was alone because his car was found nearby. "The length of the cord that he had assembled was greater than the distance between the trestle and the ground," Carmichael said. Police say the apparent cause of death was "major trauma." An autopsy is scheduled for later in the week.

**LAUNCHED ON THE FOURTH OF JULY**

Three young men in Oklahoma were enjoying the upcoming Fourth of July holiday and wanted to apparently test fire some fireworks. Their only real problem was that their launch pad and seating arrangements were atop a several hundred thousand gallon fuel distillation storage tank. Oddly enough, some fumes were ignited, producing a fireball seen for miles. They were launched several hundred feet into the air and were found dead 250 yards from their respective seats.

**DON'T ASK GOD TO PROVE HIMSELF, HE JUST MIGHT**

A lawyer and two buddies were fishing on Caddo Lake in Texas when a lightning storm hit the lake. Most of the other boats immediately headed for the shore, but not our friend the lawyer. Alone on the rear of his aluminum bass boat with his buddies, this individual stood up, spread his arms wide (crucifixion style) and shouted: "HERE I AM LORD, LET ME HAVE IT!" Needless to say, God delivered. The other two passengers on the boat survived the lightning strike with minor burns.

- **Claude Cox feeling better**

For your info Claude Cox in Exeter, NH. Hospital, in intensive care, has been there for a week. (Oct-99) Will

keep you updated as I get more news. Bob Patrick. Up date: Visited with C. Cox on 11/15/99. Remarkable improvement, they performed some type of operation to facilitate feeding process to his system. Not knowing the medical terminology of his illness, the actual cause is due to his swallowing his own vomit that somehow entered his lungs and has incapacitated him for the past 5 weeks. But now seems on the road to recovery. His wife Eunice, Thanks everyone for there prayers and support offered them. Bob Patrick

- **Chinese Proverbs**

Passionate kiss like spider's web, will soon lead to undoing of fly.

Man who run in front of car get tired.

Man who run behind car get exhausted.

Man with one chopstick, go hungry.

Man who eat many prunes get good run for money.

War doesn't determine who is right, war determines who is left.

It takes many nails to build crib but one screw to fill it.

Man who drive like hell bound to get there.

Crowded elevator smells different to midget.

- **A little poor humor**

Final words... The National Transportation Safety Board recently divulged a highly secret plan they had funded with the U.S. aircraft manufacturers for the past five years. The NTSB covertly funded a project whereby the aircraft manufacturers were installing black boxes in all single engine aircraft in an effort to determine, in fatal crashes, the circumstances in the last 15 seconds before the crash. They were surprised to find in 49 of the 50 states the last words of pilots in 61.2% of fatal crashes were, "Oh, Shit!" Only the state of Texas was different, where 89.3% of the final words were, "Hey y'all, watch this!"

- **Bill's hangar party**

Happy New Year - Hope you are enjoying your new home. Please send new address & phone #. Received a check from Pete Blouin for forwarding as he did not have your address. I will send when I hear from you. If you are sending out a One Claw, I would appreciate it if you would mention the date of my hangar party in Jupiter FL. It is Thursday, March 16, starting around 10:00 AM until whatever. Usual format, brown-bag a sandwich, we will provide beverages and goodies, etc. Anyone needing a hotel contact me at 561 747 1011, I'm blocking rooms at Wellesley Inn Thanks and best to Ann. Bill & Dot Donahue

- **Last Flights**

This is from out of the past. Back in Sept. 66 R.E. "Ron" Harron was hired as a pilot by NEA. Some time after the NEA/DAL merger he resigned for reason unknown to me. Talking to his Ex-Father in law last month I learned Ron died of cancer about two years ago in Florida. Norm Houle

Usually stop in to say high to Al Almeida about twice a year and this time I found out he had passed away in his sleep sometime this pass summer (1999). I think he was around 84, last time I talked with him he was still the same humorous person we all remembered. Sorry to pass on the bad news. Regards, Dave Jansen

Spike” George Burrill died January 3, 2000 at the age of 88 at his home in Orono.

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