



The One Claw

Boston Retired Pilots Newsletter

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• **Fall Fly-In at Plymouth A/P;**

The weather was another outstanding day on October 2nd for the Fly-In at Plymouth NH. The official aircraft count by the official A/C counter, Dino Vlahakis PAA, was a new record of 50 A/C, 51 cars, 3 motorcycles and a pristine 1938 Ford dump truck driven by Dick Barnes he didn't want to walk the half mile from his house to the airport. Cook Bill Alby and his able assistant Henry Lynch did another outstanding job of cooking for the hungry hordes and were assessed my Bills daughter Julia. The location was at Plymouth, NH. (N43 46.75, W71 45.22), about 2 miles west of Route 93 at Exit #26.

• **Folks that checked in**

The sign in sheet this year was placed on a table just before you picked up your food. Those that did not sign up were either talking to much or looking at the dessert table, better luck next year. We counted 71 DAL retired, 27 from other airlines plus about 125 close friends.

Jim Baker, Dick Barnes, Carl Beatrice, Joe Bessette, Austin Briggs, Russel Cavanaugh, Don Champagne, George Chaudoin, Mike Cloutier, Dick Cumming, Terry Cutting, Bill Danaher, Frank Davis, Paul Donoghue, Mike Farrey, Vin Franco, Geert Frank, Bob Fraser, Jerry Gittlein, Roger Green, George Haines, Ephraim Hall, Bob Heikkila, Norm Houle, Walt Illingworth, Pete Kallander, Bob Kelley, Dick Kennelly, Dick Korsman, Frank Kowalski, Bob Lebewohl, Courtney Lundquist, Dave MacEachern, Bruce MacGilvra, Ken Magill, John Maloney, Charlie Marcin, Bill McCarthy, Jack McCarthy, Bud McLellan, Jack McWalter, Ed Moore, Don Mouthrop, Bob Mudge, Dave Newkirk, Gray Newman, Chuck Nyren, Al Oppenheim, Guy Paris, Keith Parker, Charlie Parrott, Bob Patrick, John Paulson, Dick Pazolt, Ray Pendergast, Maurice Picard, Dick Pazolt, Pete Radash, John Roquet, Dave Ross, Dick Sabbagh, Roger Scott, Doug Smith, P K Smith, Bob Smythe, John Stumpf, Jim Tagg, Lee Trenholm, Bob Trinque, Tom Tutton, George

Voedisch, Bill Waters, Barry Watkins, John Wojas, Dick Wollmar, Mike Wood, Russ Worth, Ed Wucik, Bob Ziminsky.

Dave Eaton EAL, Al Speckman EAL, Ted Sanderson EAL, Bill Harmon AAL, Dino Vlahakis PAA, Ken Perkins UAL/CAP, Bob Buck, TWA, Bill Clegg TWA, Bill Dean, TWA, Tom Hederin (AN-2) TWA, Carl Higginson DAL, Ed Gorman DAL, Brian Beaudry, Rob Buck DAL, Ken Bonn DAL, Paul London FAA, Wes Lundquist NWA, Rand Peck NWA, Dick Vawy TWA, Kurt Wein AAL, Ray Pendergast USA, Errol Dow 7B3, Mike Rudman SAL, Creighton Gray, Donna Stewart Blanchard DAL, Charlie Liclg, Norman Smith, Mickey Brawn, Leo Patrick, Steve Karcl.

• **The stamp fund thanks you.**

Roger Gagne, Guy Paris, Bob Fraser, John Bohling, Frank Saia, Lee Trenholm, Larry Brackett, P. J. Ehmman, Dwight Chapin, Len Voight, Margie Peck, George Ferdinand, Bob Bleibtrey, Vanessa Bray. Remember, if I missed someone let me know. Thanks to all.

• **Letters & E-Mail**

Dear George, You'll find a little something enclosed for the stamp fund. We enjoy getting the One Claw reading about old friends etc...Its been a year since Dad's passing. Its still hard to believe he's gone. I'm still flying international out of JFK. A lot of the NE FA's are retiring under the latest deal. I'm just not r3eady yet. Not old enough either!! Keep those news letters coming. Vanessa Bray daughter of Capt. Bill Bray.

Hi George, Thanks for the insert in One Claw. My e-mail should read (xb727driver@mediaone.net) "not 6". Thanks Bill Larson

Hi, George, For the stamp fund. My address is; Frank A. Saia, 42 Mockingbird Hill Rd., Windham, NH 03087. Thanks Frank Saia

One Claw, It was really great hearing about old friends in One Claw. Thanks you for sending

it to me. Enclosed you will find a check for printing & postage charges. Stay well & warm, Len Voight

Dear George, I sure did enjoy your editorial talents in the One Claw. I forgot you were so gifted. Enclosed is stamp money. Jane and I live in a still house on the Ocean in Key Largo, in a senior 55+ community, lots of activities. In the summer we have a 38" motor home that we travel in for 5 months, to get away from hurricanes. We met Barry Watkins last year at a motorhome rally at Brunswick, ME. He has a big one! It was sure good to have an update on all the old friends from NE days, keep up the good work. All the best to you and Ann. Sincerely Dwight Chapin

Hi George, Enjoyed the news letter. Here is something for the stamp fund. Bob Bleibtrey

Hi George, Just finished One Claw #38. Always a great read. I know what you do requires an enormous amount of time and effort....it does not go unnoticed. We speak to Ed from time to time and would like to receive the Claw, does not have a computer. Regards Ted Roberts

Dear George, Enclosed is a check for the stamp fund, sorry to be late in sending it. You do a wonderful job with the One Claw and I enjoy reading it. I now have an e-mail address (mpeck53@aol.com). You might be interested in an article in "Airways" magazine December issue. The title is "Boston and Maine Airways" and is written by my son and Rand, Capt. NWA. My best to Ann, Regards, Margie Peck

Dear George, Thanks for doing a superb job on the One Claw. Seeing all the names sure brings back many pleasant memories. Retirement sure takes up a lot of my time. I don't know how I had time to fit in flying before. Enclosed find a small donation toward the stamp fund. Please keep up the good work. Be well. P J Ehmann

George, Hugh Murphy gave me a copy of issue #38. Please add me to your list. Enclosed is a little for the stamp fund. Old crew sched people are still alive and well. John Bohling

Dear George, The last One Claw I received was 1st edition; 2001 issue # 35 and the last e-mail was April 7th. There must have been some problem either my e-mail address which is (Larrybr@gjiis.net). Enclosed is a check for the stamp fund so I can get caught up by US Mail. Merry Christmas to all. Larry Brackett

Dear George, Happy Holidays, Thanks for your effort! Note of last flight Joe Pierce passed on Dec. 13th has been ill since August. Best wishes, Lee Trenholm

Dear One Claw, Thank you so much for spreading the fact of Lloyd's death and for

attending the memorial, Sincerely, Marguerite Fiske

George, Dave Trauth has been in the hospital going on 7 months now and it looks like it will be awhile before he gets out. He is in the No. Dallas Rehab. Hospital, 8383 Meadow Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75243, Tel. 214-360-3203 Rm. 102. He sure would like to hear from any of his old friends. Fred Haskell

Hi George, Please change my E-mail address from Compuserve to- (jroquet@mediaone.net). Look familiar? I'm finally on the cable. Nothing much new here, just manning the home front and keeping track of some of the guys at Nashua Airport. I enjoy getting the "One-Claw". Keep up the good work. John W. Roquet

Hi guys, I was surprised to get the E mail from Freddy Haskell about my old room mate Dave Trauth being in the hospital in DFW for the last 7 months. I just spoke with him and he seems to be in good spirits and would sure like some phone calls from old friends. His direct number is 214-360- 3203 rm. 102. all this happened from a Staff infection so stay away from hospitals if you can. regards Dick Boyens

I spoke to Dave and his spirits are good and he is very appreciative of phone calls as it is a bit boring in there (I am master of the obvious) further I know he would love hearing from you guys. Please take a moment it will go a long ways to help his recovery, I am sure. I will repeat his number: 214- 360- 3203 rm. 102. yours, Sergio Rodrigo

George, thanks for the nice news letter, I really enjoy them. Guy Paris....

All your mail methods came through George. How are you? Last month's fly-in was the second one I have missed. On the night before, I had full intentions of going but that night, my son-in-law was notified that his company was cutting everyones pay by \$1,000/month and him with two college tuitions ongoing. So I picked him up and went to the mountains with him to help smooth the "jolt", and to talk. I'm sure it helped. We all may be bitten by that bug before this is over. I hope not. I know no one has ever told you how much we appreciate you so I won't either. My Highest Regards, Dan Hurley

George, I would like Dom Taursi email, could not find in list below. Thanks, Chuck Nyren

Hi George, enjoyed the One Claw 38..good work. Brad Kenny would like to get on list. Thekenneys@peoplespc.com Thanks, John Paulson

e-mail address for Larry Schlumper is now (jschlump@mediaone.net) Sorry I didn't let you know sooner. Jackie

To all: Have finally gone to cable. Please note the new address (donkeen@adelphia.net) For your info I will

retain the old "hotmail, address in an attempt to avoid the spam. Don Keenan

Sorry I missed the Fly- In...next time. Could you give me Roger Scott's email add plz. Thanks. John Duell

Hi George, Would you please send me Bobby Patrick's email address if you have it. Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. Thanks a lot. Pete Radasch

Dear George: Just met a gentlemen looking for John Conley. His name is Dave Deltano and he lives at 14 Tern Way, Merrimack, NH 03054. His phone number is 603-880-7277. E-mail deltano@net1plus.com. Dave said he and John flew Beech 18's together several years ago and he would like to hear from John again. If anyone knows John's address or can Forward Dave's address to John it would be appreciated. Thanks for putting out the word. Sincerely, Carl Higginson

Please change my E-Mail address to: jhbissell@hotmail.com Thanks, Joe Bissell

Thank you George for your patience, I hope you received this new e-mail OK
<jetroger@hotmail.com Roger Gagne

George, new address is (waltschneider@charter.net)t old company went bankrupt, screwed up everything!! happy holidays to you and miss Annie, Walt Schneider

Dear George; I don't really know how to handle this but I recieved a hand-written letter from Marguerite Fiske saying that Lloyd died on December 2nd. after a lingering illness. She went on to say that "{We} are having a memorial for him at Remicks Funeral Parlor, in Hampton on January 5, 2002, at 11 AM, followed by a buffett at the Galley Hatch." Do not know any other way to handle it. I haven't seen any notice on the "retiree info". Marguerite's address is 195 Dover Point Road, Apartment 2, Dover, NH 03820. She also mentioned that "His eyes brightened at the idea of returning to New Hampshire". He hired me and many more of us, I'm sure. I owe him thanks for my career. He was also a friend as was Marguerite. I'll miss him! Dave Dutton's father Howard and Lloyd were life-long friends, so I know Dave would like to know but I don't have his e-mail address. Dan Hurley

Dear George, I am sending this e-mail to inform you that my father Capt. Lloyd W Fiske, passed away on Dec 2, 2001 from complications of pneumonia. At the time of his passing he was living in Zepherhills Fla. Dad turned 86 last June and had been married for 62 years. He leaves a wife Marguerite, daughter Sherrill, and sons Dana and Eric. His elderst son, Peter, was lost to a drowning accident in 1970 at the age of 25 years. He also leaves behind 7 grand children and 7 great-grand children and

many many friends. A memorial servcie is planned for Saturday January 5, 2002 at the Remick/Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton NH. All are invited for a reception at the Galley Hatch restruant on High St. following the memorial service. Norm Houle informed me that you prepare a newsletter "One Claws" and maintain an extensive listing of former North East/ Delta pilots. I would be most grateful if you could forward this e-mail to those pilots and other friends you may be aware of. Thank you so much. Dana Fiske (Would you please e-mail back that you received this notification.

I remember him too, nice man. George "Your Claws" renders a fine service. Happy Holidays Ann Wood-Kelly

Thanks for sending the info to George, I'm sure he will get the message out. I'm sure It will be a full house of pilots there if they get the word. He deserves a 1st class farewell. Dear Dana, I can speak for my entire class of Mar 1967 whom were all hired by your Dad, that his passing away is like losing our own father. He was our hero and we loved him and will miss him. Your brother Peter and your Dad will now be able to fly together. My regards to your family, Nick Deleo

Hi George, This is the scoop on Lenny Poor as I understand it. About two years ago while at his home in Punta Gorda Florida Lenny had made arrangements to meet with some friends at a certain time. He did not show up. So they went to his condo. His car was there but he did not answer a knock on the door. They had security open the door and found him unconscious on the floor. He was taken to the hospital where it was found that he had forgotten to eat. It was determined that he had Alzheimer's. His brother brought him home, disposed of all his property in Florida, and I think his condo in Boston. He is now living at a nursing home. It is Sea View Retreat, 50 Mansion St., Rowley, MA. The phone number is 978-948-2552. When we first found out about this my wife called him while I was still working and talked to him. He did not know who she was, though he was trying very hard to figure it out. This was almost two years ago. I talked to the nursing home. The person there told me that I could visit but to be sure to call them first as they would need to be sure that he was cleaned up. As I think back on this, the summer before this happened we had a lunch engagement and he forgot all about it. I guess that this was the beginning. It was fast, just six months later he was out of commission. Very very sad. As for me. On December 2nd, after I had just finished cleaning leaves off the garage roof and had given Ann the leaf blower, I got on the ladder

when I noticed it start to retract, The next thing that I knew I was being loaded into an ambulance. I fractured my elbow , broke two teeth, had 15 stitches over my eye and on my chin, a concussion and have a badly sprained wrist. Other than a few bruises and aches and pains I am recovering well. I enjoyed talking with you today. Good luck with your RV-6. Pete Annis

George, Through the wonders of modern magic we are now back on the same wave length and new e-mail (tinker2@earthlink.net). God save the queen and bravo for Norton viruses. Arnie Kenneson

Greetings! I got your name from Donna Stewart Blanchard and she mentioned you may be able to help spread the word. We're hosting a retirement brunch for the 36 retiring F/A's on Sunday February 10th from 11-3pm. It's at the Logan Airport Hilton. Price is \$35.00 per person. Lots of "old timers" have already signed on to join us and we'd like to get the word out to the pilots who've retired. Names and payment may be sent to: Bob Meehan, C/O Delta Air Lines, Inc. Dept. 605, 300 Terminal C, E. Boston Ma. 02128. Checks should be made payable to: F/A Retirement Celebration. Thank you...I can be contacted at 617-634-4655.

Thanks for notice but will be unable. Imagine they are on the young side compared to me. Cheers Ann Wood-Kelly

The enclosed note says it all. Lot of stews, sorry, Flight Attendants are retiring. Note I did not say old stews because they will always be young in our eyes.

Thanks, George from an old stew, NEA 62-63, "They will always be young in our eyes". Court & I met 17 years after I left at the Laconia Airport. Never knew each other when I was flying, but sure am glad I behaved myself as we have so many friends in common! b j (Stacey) Lundquist
George, Dave Trauth has moved back to Dallas and is in a rehab here. His new address is Dave Trauth, IHS at Tremont, 5550 Harvest Hill, Dallas, Tx. 75230, Phone 972-980-7171 Rm. 1216. Fred Haskell

George, Thanks for all the updates. I spoke to Dave in DFW, I promised him for some names and tele numbers of some local guys to visit him as he will be there for sometime yet, unfortunately I can't find anyone. Could you put out the word? TKS! Nick DeLeo

George, thanks for the current info, I talked to Dave 2 weeks ago and will call him again, I always liked Dave and wish him the best and speedy recovery possible. Sergio Rodrigo

George, Don't know if you remember me but I spoke with Bill McCarthy who suggested I call. He and Art Williams are meeting here in my conference room tomorrow to work on some

sort of upcoming retirement event. Fight attendants, maybe? At any rate, Billy asked "do you get the "One Claw?" I replied that I wasn't a Yellowbird. Just a short-term PanAm guy. (I left about the same day as Ron Morin and Jim Baker.) Anyway, he said why don't you e-mail George to get on the list. ...I think this means Bill has more work for me. Anyhow, look forward to seeing you at the Grady Fly-in. I just bought a new Archer III but I'm not too sure of my short field skills yet with this longer taper-wing. I'll bring her in though, weather permitting. Best Regards, Chuck Roberts

George, Art Governor had open heart surgery Jan.21st. has been in bad shape since. was in CVRU for 6 days. jo & gov

George, The latest word from Elaine French re Art Governor is that he is going to be all right after they put a new valve in his heart and he is just as cranky as ever. Mind you it is supposed to be a metal valve not a porcine. Karl Wallace

Thanks George for the correct number. I kept getting the home for rehabilitated women of the street. ... Tom Tutton, P.S. They remember you! (fondly they say)

George, Thanks for the new phone numbers, it dawned on me that we don't have your new mail address. thanks, Walt Schneider

George, I deleted my e-mail, easy for me. Hope this finds Ann and you well. We are well except for old things of age. Howie Rotchford

Hi George; Small problem with my server, so my new address is; (kappy142@juno.com). Thanks so much. Dave Dutton

Hi George my new email address is (pony067@adelphia.net) Thanks, Gary Simmons

Hi, I will be changing my email address. It will be: (w.macaulay@worldnet.att.net) Hope you are well! Bill MaCaulay

I am back online with a new computer and AOL. Would you please note my new address (fkееfe4718@aol.com) on your long list. Thanks...Go Pats...Frank Keefe

My thanks to all the well wishes for my speedy recovery I am home now and doing pretty good for an old dog that has had open heart aorita valve replacement. ArtGovernor & Jo

George, We will start work on the retirement/reunion party next month. The date is set at Oct 6 (Sunday) starting a little earlier than normal. Softouch will again be the band and it will be held at the Courtyard Banquet facility in Manchester, NH. Rooms are available at \$94 and they will pick you up at MHT. (Best Western Executive Court 603-627-2525 or 877-627-2525 mention Delta Pilots Party) The Fly-In is the following Tues the 8th so we are trying to get people to stay for a few days. There will be about 25-30 retirees since the last party and we are letting many of the Boston F/A know about it

this time. No major guest speaker, just good times, dancing and the presentations. Due to the high cost of mailings and the fact that you have a large database of retirees, I would like to send you our first mailing sometime next month along with a reservation form as an attachment so you can send it out to your whole e-mail list. That way we will not mail one to all those in that group. I will be in touch and thanks. Art Williams

Notice: On the 22 of February Our E mail address will be changed to ksandjhwallace@comcast.net. Until then it will remain as it is in your address book at present. Thanks, Karl and Judy Wallace

• **Delta Wives Annual Christmas Party.**

The Delta wives Christmas Party was held on a cool clear Sunday, December 9th, at from 3 PM till the last person departed. We had a good showing of 22 folks but we need a few more from the younger group to keep the flame alive and glowing. The food everyone brought was delicious as always. Those attending; Arnie & Linda Kenneson, Barry & Sherry Watkins, Don & Pat Hesselbach, Dave & Caroline Newkirk, Frank & Joan Keefe, Mark & Donna Sears, Norm & Kay Houle, George & Ann Chaudoin, Pete Kallander & JoRita, Guy Paris & Ruth and Bill & Dot Donahue. Hope to see a few more next year.

• **Taliban soldiers**

A large group of Taliban soldiers are moving down a road when they hear a voice call from behind a sand-dune. "One U. S. Marine is better than ten Taliban."

The Taliban commander quickly sends 10 of his best soldiers over the dune whereupon a gun battle breaks and continues for a few minutes, then silence. The voice then calls out "One U. S. Marine is better than one hundred Taliban."

Furious, the Taliban commander sends his next best 100 troops over the dune and instantly a huge gunfight commences. After 10 minutes of battle, again silence.

The American voice calls out again "One U. S. Marine is better than one thousand Taliban."

The enraged Taliban Commander musters one thousand fighters and sends them across the dune. Cannons, rockets and machine guns ring out as a huge battle is fought. Then silence. Eventually one wounded Taliban fighter crawls back over the dune and with his dying words tells his commander, "Don't send any more men, it's a trap. There's two of them."

• **Three old pilots**, each with the usual hearing loss, were taking a walk one fine November day. One remarked to the others, "Windy, ain't it?". "No," the second man replied, "it's Thursday."

And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

• **1901 compared to 2001**

Here are a few items of interest from the last "first year of the century":

The average life expectancy in the United States was 47.

Only 14% of the homes in the United States had a bathtub.

Only 8% of the homes had a telephone. A three minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the US and 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the twenty-first most populous State in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the US was twenty-two cents an hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1500 and \$4000 per year and a mechanical engineer about \$5000 per year.

More than 95% of all births in the United States took place at home.

Ninety percent of all US physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the Country for any reason, either as travelers or immigrants.

The five leading causes of death in the US were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet. The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was thirty. The remote desert community was

inhabited by only a handful of ranchers and their families. Plutonium, insulin, and antibiotics hadn't been discovered yet. Scotch tape, crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea hadn't been invented. There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. One in ten US adults couldn't read or write. Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school. Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores.

- **Where is??**

Walt Haller, last address was Hilton Head.
Russ Cavanaugh, last address was East Falmouth, MA. Does anyone keep in contact?

- **What is a Home**

"A house means a family house, a place specially meant for putting children and men in so as to restrict their waywardness and distract them from the longing for adventure and escape they've had since time began."

"If I were asked to name the chief benefit of the house, I should say: The house shelters daydreamers, the house protects the dreamer, the house allows one to dream in peace."

"You are a king by your own fireside, as much as any monarch in his throne."

- **Eyes of the beholder**

Once upon a time, in a land far away, a beautiful, independent, self-assured princess happened upon a frog as she sat contemplating ecological issues on the shores of an unpolluted pond in the verdant meadow near her castle. The frog hopped into the Princess' lap and said: Elegant Lady, I was once a handsome Prince until an evil witch cast a spell upon me. One kiss from you, however, and I will turn back into the dapper young Prince that I am and then, you my sweet, can marry me and setup housekeeping in yon castle with my mother, where you can prepare my meals, clean my clothes, bear my children, and forever feel grateful and happy doing so. That night, while dining on lightly sautéed frogs legs, seasoned in a white wine and onion cream sauce, she chuckled to herself and thought: I don't think so.

- **Last Flights**

. Lloyd W Fiske, passed away on Dec 2, 2001 from complications of pneumonia.

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TO: