



# The One Claw

Boston Retired Pilots Newsletter

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- **Fall 2004 Plymouth Fly-In**

October 5th was a cool windy day for the fall Fly-In. The weather man's prediction was incorrect. Weather was a gusty cool winds from the NW but with sunny skies for the Fly-In at Bill Grady's hangar. Remember the rule, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of June & October and you have broken the code. Plymouth has not moved and is still at (N43 46.75, W71 45.22), radio 122.8, about 2 miles west of Route 93 at Exit #26.

- **I know you but what is your name?**

Time is passing and all of us and our short term memories are slipping. I know your face but your name will come to me some time tomorrow. Help the old guys and wear a NAME TAG of some sort. Thanks

- **List of folks that checked the sheet**

Dino Vlahaksi, official counter and food deliver, reported 30 airplanes, 2 Biplanes, 4 motorcycles, 65 cars, 1 Bus with 25 Frenchman from Paris and about 195 hungry folks. We counted 90 DAL retired, a record; Bud Alkire, Nick Amabile, John Andosca, Jim Baker, Dick Barnes, Carl Beatrice, David Beaulieu, Rob Buck, Bill Bucklin, John Caldwell, Paul Cantin, George Chaudoin, Mike Cloutier, David Cowley, Terry Cutting, Bill Danaher, Frank Davis, Doug Day, Paul Donoghue, John Duell, Steve Dunn, Bill Dustin, Don Eadie, Dick Eklund, George Fogwell, Vin Franco, Gert Frank, Jack French, Ron Gargalowitz, Bill Grady, Barton Green, Ephraim Hall, Steve Hall, Ron Harnish, Jack Harper, Douglas Harper, Bob Heikkila, Ed Holt, Norm Houle, Dan Hurley, Pete Kallander, Bob Kelley, Arni Kenneson, Brad Kenney, Bill Kenny, Jeff King, Steven King, Gene Klimaszewski, Art

Kontor, Dick Korsman, Frank Kowalski, Bill Larson, Courtney Lundquist, Ken Magill, John Maloney, Charlie Marcin, Norris Marston, Peter Martin, Jack McCarthy, Bill McCarthy, Dan McCue, Jack McWalter, Forest Nelson, Chris Nevins, Dave Newkirk, Tom O'Brien, Don Osborne, Keith Parker, Bob Patrick, Bob Patterson, John Paulson, John Plack, Doug Pryce, Pete Radasch, Jim Reel, John Roquet, Dick Sabbagh, Joe Shea, Douglas Smith, Robert Smith, Bob Smythe, Jim Tagg, Lee Trenholm, Bob Trinke, Barry Watkins, John Wojas, Dick Wollmar, Mike Wood, Jack Zito, Mike Zompetti.

Our retired friends from other airlines; K. A. Jeffries AAL, Russell Peitz AAL, Ted Roberts Jr. AAL, Bob Smith NEA/AAL, I. D. Jeffries CAL, John McKeil NEA/EAL, Bruce Puttney EAL, Ted Sanderson EAL, Al Speckman EAL, Bill Rose PAA/DAL, George Schumacher PAA, Dino Vlahakis PAA/MOH, Bob Buck TWA, Bill Clegg TWA, Ken Perkins CAP/UAL, Jim Ross UAL.

- **To All Stewardess/Flight Attendants**

The One Claw Board of Directors, me myself and I, have neglected to provide for a list of the Stewardess/Flight Attendants to sign in at our Fly-Ins. Hence forth at the spring Fly-In in 2005 a sign in sheet will be provided. Sorry for the oversight. Come to the Fly-Ins and sign in, please include your maiden/married name. See you in the spring.

- **The stamp fund thanks you.**

Frank Morse, Bob Carroll, Joe Shirley, Barbara Zilm, Ed Butler, Walt Schneider, Ann (Smith) Dodge, Lela Rixon, Tom Thrasher, Bert Russell, Clark Willard, Mike Green, Nick Amabile, Carl

Beatrice, Mike Cloutier, Bill Danaher, Paul Donoghue, Bill Dustin, Dick Eklund, Ron Gargalowitz, Jack Harper, Bill Kenny, Howie Pennock.

• **Letters & E-Mail**

George, I really enjoy the One Claw. It make me miss the flying and the great guys I flew with. Thanks, Frank Morse

Dear George, Thanks for including me on your info sheet. It's great to hear the news although not so great to hear about Lou Balestra and Jim Moran. They were both good friends. Everything is fine at this end. Good Luck, Bob Carroll

Hi George, Thanks for the news. Joe Shirley

Hi george, Some stamp money, long overdue!! Road to hell paved with good intentions. Thanks for all your efforts re One Claw that's a lot of work, How's the Rv-6 going? If you know anyone interested in buying Stinson 108-3, please have them contact me on e-mail. \$36.000, 1500 hrs on since 1949, 100 hours on Engine. In hangar since recovered, nice old bird but we do not fly it. Thanks, Walt Schneider

Hi George, Enjoy the One Claw. Enclosed check for some expenses. Please note new address; 30 Fitts Farms Dr., Durham, NH 03824. Barbara (Daley) Zilm

Dear George, Enclosed is a check towards your expenses. Thanks for every thing you are doing. We are still planning to get to New England this fall. Sincerely Ed & Joan Butler

Hi George, Enjoy you're a plus letter. Have enclosed a check for stamps. Lela Rixon

New address; 202 Brooksby Village Dr., #410, Peabody, MA 01960. Thanks, Tom Thrasher

Hi George, Snail mail may be slow, but I never have any trouble opening it. A few bucks for the stamp fund. I'm going to get there one of these days, before I have to take that final big flight through Atlanta. Bert Russell

Hello George, Enclosed is a picture of a President for stamps. Geert Frank -10 1/2 hrs in Mass Gen. Many problems for heart etc. October 1<sup>st</sup> starts my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!! So many have passed away, running out of folks to call. Thanks for the One Claw. Clark Willard, Old Abe saved the Union

Hi George, I finally found your address way down at the bottom of the One Claw. Like I said before, I still have no clue how much. I'm sending a check for a few bucks, hope this makes up for all the time I was a "Free Bee". Mike Green

Please: I need a current telephone number for Bill Feree. Frank Buselli

One Claw#48 2nd-04 Hey George, I got nothing but garbled junk. How about sticking with the usually simple downloads? Larry Fitzgerald

Hi, George, The PDF file opened fine, but the Word wouldn't, and I couldn't. Don't' know what to suggest. Thanks, again, for the work. Mark Cullings

Hi George, I could not open One Claw because Quick Time did not recognize it on my computer. Bill Arnold

One Claw, Hi George, I cannot open for some reason. I think my pencillin is over protective and that is why. I used to be able to open in the past, but no more. Sorry and thanks, Geert Frank

George -Cannot open attachment. Freddie Tappen  
George thanks for the Email Best regards to you and Ann. Karl Wallace

Hi George...unable to open the current One Claw can you send in a different format? Ted Roberts

Could not open this, but I am having trouble with computer so that may be why. Larry Schlumper

Sorry, unable to open. Bob Weiss Guys  
George, I can not open it. Pete Radasch

Hi George. Cannot get the one claw. Dave Newkirk

George, Please put me on your new text list, as I cannot open # 48. Thanks, Larry Brackett

Hi George, Hope you and Ann are having a good summer. We did not get the One Claw, we have a new computer it is a Dell with Windows X P, I don't know if that makes a difference, hope we can get it. Thanks. My E-Mail address is (bobpauline@adelphia.net) Bob Trinque

Hi George- Hope all is well with you and Ann. I have spent 30 minutes trying to open One Claw with no success. Would you please sent it in Text Message form. Thanks so much. Ron Pach

George, I could not open One Claw this time. Thanks for all your effort. Milt Daggett

George, Would you please send me One Claw #48. I was unable to open it the first time you sent it. Thanks. Pete Radasch

Hi George, Email (kennellycc@comcast.net) Blue side up...Thx Dick Kennelly

Greetings George, I seem to keep dropping off your e-mail list. It's been a long, long time since I have seen anything as regards the

Northeast Pilot group. Would really be appreciative if you would reinstate me. I am getting info second hand but miss the updates. Regards Dave Carson

Hi George, Thanks for the quick response as to Pilot Group Info but I could not open that format. I can receive in a word file if you can do that. Thanks Dave Carson

### • ABOUT GROWING OLDER..

First Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third Some people try to turn back their odometers, Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Eighth One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And finally If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

### • Recognizing A Stroke

This might be a lifesaver if we can remember the three questions! Is It a Stroke?

This was published in a monthly newsletter where a friend of mine lives and she sent it on. I had never heard this advice before and hadn't a clue. Perhaps, you hadn't either and would like to file it away in the back of your head. Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify.

Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say any bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three

simple questions:

\* Ask the individual to smile.

\* Ask him or her to raise both arms.

\* Ask the person to speak a simple sentence.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of nonmedical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

### • BREWSTER THE ROOSTER

Whitey was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young layers called pullets and eight or ten roosters, whose job was to fertilize the eggs. Whitey kept records and any rooster that didn't perform went into the soup pot and was replaced. That took an awful lot of Whitey's time so Whitey got a set of tiny bells and attached them to his roosters.

Each bell had a different tone so Whitey could tell from a distance, which rooster was performing. Now he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report simply by listening to the bells. Whitey's favorite rooster was old Brewster, a very fine specimen he was, too. But on this particular morning Whitey noticed old Brewster's bell hadn't rung at all! Whitey went to investigate. The other roosters were chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing. The pullets, hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover. BUT, to Whitey's amazement, Brewster had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one.

Whitey was so proud of Brewster, he entered him in the county fair and Brewster became an overnight sensation among the judges. The result. The judges not only awarded Brewster the "No Bell Piece Prize" but they also awarded him the "Pulletsurprise" as well.

### • Come here offer

A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well looked after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar

is an elderly looking lady, (mid eighties). The gentleman walks over, sits along side of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

- **More Letters & E-Mail**

Dear, Could you possibly send this out to my troops. There is no way to tell you all what your great and glorious e-mails and birthday cards meant to me...over 300 of you took the time to let me know that you were thinking about me on my very special Day...Your kind words and remembrances shall never be forgotten...you are all so very precious to me and it was nice to hear that I had indeed had some influence on your careers...thank you all so very much...with all my love, Pat. Malone

Unable to open please send the old way. cgremler@aol.com. Charlie Gremler

George, Got your msg. my e-mail address: HARP6166@Comcast.net. Jack Harper

Hi George, Bill Donahue "here" I would like to know if this is your only E mail address ?THANKS Bill Donahue

What was the problem? Sent her (Pat) a belated card for her birthday but had no clue to her surgery. Also didn't know about her birthday till your letter. Thanks for keeping us abreast of all happenings. You deserve John Kerry's discarded medals!!!! Bill Larson

Hi George, Thanks for all the e-mails and updates on people we care about, I e-mail to Pat to wish her a July 4th. Birthday being we have the same and did not get my usual reply, now I know why. Also can you give me via e-mail Noel Hill phone number, Thanks. Dan McCue

Hi George, I just talked with Pat, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, and she is making slow but steady progress. She will be in the hospital until next week going thru rehab. She had a quad. by pass and is delighted how many people have called and sent cards. Regards, Dick Boyens

Visited with Mother Malone last, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, evening for a while. She is in good spirits but had a tiring day and was looking forward to progress in her rehab beginning today. She was moved to the in-patient rehab section yesterday and is now in room #447 at Piedmont Hospital. Direct line to her room is 404-605-1447. All in all, I think she is doing well and she constantly noted how much the calls, visits, letters from her "boys" mean to her. Her color is good, her memory excellent, and her

attitude is positive. She dearly loves her Delta pilots and fondly recalls the times she has been a part of their lives. She did not say when she expected to head home, and I think that decision will depend upon her progress in rehab this week. Regards, Alan Price

Hi George, Guy Paris here, tomorrow August 20th. I am going to MGH for back surgery. They are going to do a laminectomy for stenosis. Please ask the guy's and gal's to pray for me. Thanks, Guy Paris

Hi George: Hope all is well with you and yours. Please update my e-mail address (crh767@adelphia.net) Thanks! Carl Higginson

Hi Friends, My email has changed. Too much spam through comcast. See you on Hotmail. (seahunt@hotmail.com) Chuck Nyern

Hi George, This is Howard Rotchford, Betty and I would like to come to the reunion, Where do we send the check for the 120.00 dollars. Thanks, Howard

Sending this e-mail to all in my address book. We've been without power, Sep 11<sup>th</sup>, for over a week as a result of Hurricane Frances. Power was restored earlier today and I have several hundred messages in my inbox. It will take some time to sort everything out, including replacing over \$500 of refrigerated and frozen food that was spoiled. After a while we'll catch up on the e-mail and get back with the senders. Thanks, Bob Sommer. Hurricane, power outage, etc. This message to all in my address book: Today, 30 Sept, we are still without power as a result of the hurricane (?) and, more to the point, the unwillingness of our power company, Progress Energy (I refer to them as Regress Energy) to get power back on here. Every other area to our north, south, east and west has power. This includes areas less than three blocks away. I have borrowed a generator to enable me to take a quick look at my e-mail and see that there are 214 messages in my inbox. I will not attempt to read them until power is restored, which Regress Energy says should be back on by Sunday 3 October! Thanks for listening. Bob Sommer

Hi George, Please note my new address: (rlsmythe@MSN.com) Bob Smythe

Hi George...I am sure you are aware that Dick White is undergoing chemo for lung cancer, diagnosed in March. On Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Dick suffered a massive heart attack. He DID survive barely. Drs. did emergency cardiac cath on him

Monday and put in 3 stents. They didn't know whether he would make it thru the night.□ They stabilized him enough to do another cardiac cath on Wed. evening and put in 6 more stents.□ There has been a marked improvement. He is not a candidate for open heart surgery, because of his lung cancer. This is about all they can do for him.□ He is now sitting up and walking a bit. If all continues well, he will be released from the hospital on Mon. Aug. 2.

Get well cards may be sent to; Mr. Richard White, 126 Knotty Pine Lane, Centerville, MA□ 02632  
Thanks, Donna Stewart Blanchard

Hi George, We have recently moved back to Florida an my new e-mail address is (Pheckard@adelphia.net). Paul Heckard

We are shutting down here on Cape Cod and heading to Stuart FL on the 1st October. Please use email in Stuart: kennellyfl@adelphia.net□ Hope to hear from you soon. Be well and be safe---Joan & Richard Kennelly, Richard's email is kennellydl@adelphia.net His mail box is full and will bounce back until he cleans it out..

NEW BOOK by Retired Captain Dan Hurley Let's welcome Dan Hurley to the distinguished list of Delta pilot authors. Many of you have seen the list I published several months ago, and I'll send it out again from time to time. Or you can view it at <http://retireddeltaflightnetwork.homestead.com/BooksWrittenByDeltaPilots.html> on Chad Ervin's Retired Delta Pilot Network web site.  
Congratulations DAN...!!!

We have a new email address; (flyers.nh@verizon.net) plz acknowledge Pat & Carl Beatrice

George, It was so nice speaking to you the other evening. You have not changed a bit, how do you do it? Anyway I just wanted to thank you for the newsletter and all the other work you do. It looks like the NEA fly in will have super weather, sure wish I could have stayed to attend, But as you know I am still working. With Delta's financial problems I am most happy to be still be earning some money. I see a lot here in the office, there are a lot of pilots in financial trouble. Be well my friend and thank you again. PJ Ehmann

Hi all, FYI, we are moving. My computer will be down for awhile as well. Sometime between Oct 8-15, we'll officially move in to our new digs. Here's our new info: 1875 Smokey Ridge Avenue, Westlake Village, Ca 91362; Phone #'s: 818-597-4304, 818-587-4315 (phone & fax), Thanks,

Bruce & Rosemarie Cullen

Hi George - Mark Halsor (mhalsor@comcast.net) asked if you would be so kind as to add his name to your "One Claw" list. He is, of course, a twenty year Boston pilot. Thank you, and it was good to see you at the retirement party and the Fly-In as well. George Fogwell

Hi George, Good to see you at the Retirement Party. It's hard to believe I am one of the retirees. Please change my e-mail address to: (doneadie@verizon.net) Regards, Don Eadie

Hi George, I came across an old NEA 8x10 photo of Norm Houle the other day & would love to send it to him but need his address. Would appreciate it if you could send it to me. We sure do wish to thank you for all the work you do keeping us informed on what is going on with DAL & think the Claw is great! Hope all is going well. As ever, Ed Butler

Hi, George, Good to see you yesterday. I have a couple of questions. First - This can serve as a kind of test mailing, in as much as I seem to be missing some of your output. If I get your reply, I'll let you know. Might you know who came whizzing in yesterday in that silver RV-6? He made passes arriving and leaving. Having just bought one - but not picked it up yet, I wanted to pick his brain, but got so busy talking I forgot to go out to his parking area and talk to him. You probably don't have a clue! Also, can you confirm Osborne's address for me. Is it (donosborne@comcast.net)? Many thanks, Take care, Mike Wood

#### • 2004 BOS PILOTS RETIREMENT PARTY

The Party was held Sunday, October 3rd, at The Executive Court, MHT, NH with music by "SOFT TOUCH". Cocktails were at 4:30 and dinner was served at 6:00 PM. Attending the retirement party were; Bud Alkire, George Becker, Joe Bissell, Donna Blanchard, Kenbonn, George Breen, Chuck Bridges, John Caldwell, Paul Cantin, Dave Carson, George Chaudoin, Bob Cottrill, Dave Cowley, Don Eadie, Larry Eccard, Pete Ehmann, Dick Eklund, Jack French, Ron Gargalowitz, Ed Gorman, Ray Gosselin, Doug Harper, Don Hesselbach, Delirving, John Jacobson, Brad Kenney, Horst Kleinbauer, Gene Klimaszewski, Bill Larson, Mike Lloyd, Court Lundquist, Bill Macaulay, Bruce MacGilva, Ken Magill, Pat Malone, John Maloney, Charlie Marcin, Jack McCarthy, Bill McCarthy, Dan McCue, Jack McWalter, Wayne Merrill, Phil Messier, Forest

Nelson, Chris Nevins, Dave Newkirk, John Parsons, Bob Patrick, John Paulson, Howie Pennock, Doug Pryce, Dick Sabbagh, Chris Rieder, Ed Schoneberger, Shag Shaughnessey, P.K. Smith, Jim Tagg, Norm Tremblay, Art Williams, John Wojas, Fred Zimmerman, Jack Zito, Eph Hall, Howie Rotchford

Retirees Attending and Receiving Awards: Shag Shaughnessey, Art Williams, P.K. Smith, Chris Nevins, George Becker, Forest Nelson, Mike Lloyd, John Parsons, Larry Eccard, Dick Eklund, Mark Cullings, Don Eadie, Brad Kenney, Wayne Merrill, Joe Bissell, Doug Harper, Doug Pryce, Gene Klimaszewski, Paul Cantin, Delirving, Chuck Bridges. Also Retired But Were Not Able To Attend, Mike Hart and Carl Higginson. They Are The Last Of The Original Northeast Pilots Still Active. They Retire Oct 1, 2004

#### • Last Flights

Norman L. Bishop, 76, of Garfield Road in Auburn, died Friday evening, Sept. 17, at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. Norman was born in Auburn, Oct. 27, 1927, He went to work as a Pilot with Northeast Airlines in 1953. Norman continued flying until his retirement in 1985. Messages of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Mrs. Constance Bishop, 713 Garfield Road, Auburn, ME 04210-8937

Charles A. Holman, 81, of Hopkinton, died Saturday, September 25, 2004 at the MetroWest Medical Center. Born in Somerville in 1923, he learned to fly at Teddy Gould's Field in Framingham. He joined the Army Air Corps and flew 31 Missions as a B-17 pilot at the age of 20 and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Joined Northeast Airlines as a pilot after the war and retired in 1983 from Delta after more than 32 years with the airlines.

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