



The One Claw

Boston Retired Pilots Newsletter

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• Tribute to Pete Kallander

Pete was a founder of this newsletter that first printed in the fall of 1992. Pete was the spell checker before most computers had them installed. The following articles are from our 1st edition;

• Credit Union Direct Deposit

We have heard that several of you do not have the convenience of direct deposit of your retirement checks into the Delta Credit Union. No fuss no hassles just call 800-334-5736 and give them your information. Why direct deposit?
You and yours may want to visit the grand kids over the first of the month. Not to worry! Your check will be on deposit on the 1st of every month no matter where you are, even if on a cruise. The next step would be a DCU ATM card with your own PIN number. Then, while at the grand kids you can go to most any bank and withdraw real green cash at no cost for the first six withdraws per month, and with a limit of \$300.00 each withdrawal. In fact, with the proper information while on cruise and at some international ports of call, that same ATM card will work for foreign currency with no middle transfer fee. Why carry traveler checks, or at least so many, when the DCU ATM card can do many of the same things for you?

• Retirees 1991-1992

1991; Paul Heckard; Jack McWalter; Mo Picard; Pete Kallander; Charlie Parrot; Bill Becker; Norris Marston; Bill Duffy; George Chaudoin

1992; R. J. Fraser, 25yrs; R. F. Mullaney, 26yrs; R. W. Curti, 36yrs; D. R. Cutliff, 26yrs; R. A. Patrick, 25yrs; A. E. Kenneson, 25yrs; J. E.

Paulson, 25yrs; W. K. Dustin, 34yrs; Dan Hurley, 26yrs; Ri.ch Zilm, 34yrs; B. J. McLellan, 41yrs; H. E. Pennock, 27yrs; R. E. Patterson, 26yrs; Bob Burgholzer; and Bill Bronson.

• Delta Boston Pilots Fly-In

The Delta Boston Pilots 1st, more to come, annual fly in at North Ashland, NH (N 43 44.4, W 71 40.0) was well received by the 22 pilots that attended. The 14 retired, 5 active and 3 sons arrived in 7 aircraft and several cars. The fall fly-in is planed for October 13th (rain date the 15th) and we can only hope that the weather cooperates as it did on August 11th. The 11th was an unsettled day but luck held the rain over MA and the cookout was very pleasant. To make the October fly-in even better we hope a couple of aircraft from MA can bring a few Cape retired and active pilots to the smooth 2000 foot grass strip run by Bill Grady (the kit builder) Al Speckman (who gave Waco rides), and Bill Alby A&E (cooker extraordinaire).

List of those Attending; Bob Lebewohl, John Paulson, Bob Patrick, Bob Smythe, Carl Higginson, Pete Kallander, Dick Barnes, Norman Houle, Bill Grady, George Chaudoin, Mike Chaudoin, Paul Donoghue, Don Graf, Glenn Tessmer, Pete Loranger, Mo Picard, Dave Picard, John Picard, Forrest Nelson, Bruce MacGilvra, Ken Magill, Mike Zompetti. We hope your name is on this list the next time.

• Letters about Pete,

Hi George, I just got a call from Bill Johansen with the sad news that Pete passed away this morning, 3/6/07. We will all miss him but at the same time must be comforted by the

fact that he will not suffer any longer. At this time there is nothing known about services but Bill said that it was possible that it might be later in the Spring. If I hear anything further I will keep you informed. Give my best to Ann and stay warm. Jack McWalter

Thanks for the info. It came sooner than I thought. May he rest in peace. A great man and great friend. We will surely miss him. Bud McLellan

George, I'm very saddened to learn this. Rand Peck

George, I am deeply saddened by learning of the passing of Pete Kallander. He was truly a prince of a gentleman in every sense of the word and will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Nick Gravino

Dear George, I am deeply saddened to learn of Pete's passing. All I can say is that "heaven now has another Saint Peter". What a wonderful, wonderful person he was. Janet Richardson

Thanks George. Sad news indeed. Pete was one of a kind and we'll not know his likes again. Manny Mason

So sorry to hear of Pete's death. He was truly a great guy. I believe he was a yr or two younger than me maybe 75? Ted. Roberts
Thanks for the info George, Pete certainly was a very special person ! Pete gave me my initial line check as a new Capt on the 727. It was a very memorable 4 days. I'm sure he gave it his best shot ! Thanks again, Fred Tammany

Hi George, My computer hung up a while ago, so I hope your not getting this for the 10th time. It was great seeing you yesterday and sad to hear about Pete. He was one of the best and will be missed. The person who made the F/A DVD and, I think is a Delta employee, is Lance Robinson. I don't know if he is a F/A. His E-mail is (lancearobinson@comcast.net) See you in May, Bill McCarthy

Hi George, I am very sad to hear of Pete's passing. He was a true gentleman & was always fun to fly with & be around. We had some great trips together, a few of which I still recall distinctly. His obituary here seems to remember him just as he was, one of a kind. Unfortunately, for some reason I could not open the guest book to leave a few words of remembrance. Has anyone else had this problem? If there was a cyber problem, would you see if there is any

way to re-forward the guest book so it will be accessible? Thanks as always for all your time & efforts in keeping us well informed on so many of our old friends. Stay well, Bruce Cullen (still enjoying the sun out here on the Left Coast)

George, I remember so well when you, Pete and I first began talking about the Fly-In and mentoring new pilots – I guess it was back in 1991. Both of you guys have been mentors and friends over the years. I know it must be difficult for you to see Pete pass this quickly. The world was definitely a better place when Pete was in it. Hope to see you soon, George. Warm regards, Dave Bushy

Thank you for forwarding this fine tribute. Pete will always be most fondly remembered as we have shared many fine moments together. Dave and Barbara Hancock

Thanks for passing on this sad news, George. I would expect Pete's death to prompt a flood of appreciative messages. He represented the very best of our chosen profession and was a man whose qualities I tried to emulate. He was the perfect mentor: uncompromising in his professionalism; warm, funny and self-aware; smart and articulate; and ever the gentleman. He gave me my first landing in a commercial airliner. We took a 727 full of Patriots fans to MIA one night, probably in 1980. I think my approach to 9R was workman-like, but I knew when we got close to the runway that I didn't have the foggiest idea where it was. Not a clue. I didn't hurt anyone, but, Pete didn't say a thing until I'd finished groveling. Then he said, "The way I recognize a bad landing is if my ears get hot and turn red." I said, "It's dark, but I think they're red." "Well, they're hot." That was Pete. He knew, as we all do, that we are our own worst critics. He had no need to rub my nose in it. Although he allowed me the privilege of standing in the doorway to say goodbye to our, um, enthusiastic and by now well lubricated Pats fans (no one slugged me), he never said an unkind word. It was a lesson I tried to apply when the time came for me to pass along lessons of my own. God speed, old friend, you'll be missed. Mark Cullings

• Fall 2007 Plymouth Fly-In

The Fly-In committee has been assured that the WX for the June 5th Fly-In will have only

very, very light snow showers a light wind and mostly fair skies for the gathering of FOB's (friends of Bill). Would like to get old NEA seniority lists before 1950's if any are still around bring one with you. I will make a copy and mail any back to you. Thanks for the help.

- **I know your face but your name????**

Time passes and our short/long term memories get shorter. Faces I know but names will come to me some time tomorrow. Help the old guys and wear a NAME TAG of some sort. Thanks

- **The Truth is Out.**

A preacher dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket and jeans. Saint Peter addresses this cool guy, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?" The guy replies, "I'm Paul the Pilot, retired Delta Airlines Pilot from Miami." Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom." The pilot goes into Heaven with his robe and staff. Next it's the preacher's turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am Joseph Snow, pastor of Saint Mary's in Pasadena for the last 43 years." Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the preacher, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom." "Just a minute," says the preacher. "that man was a pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff, and I get only cotton and wood? How can this be?" "[Up here, we work by results](#)," says Saint Peter, "while you preached, people slept. While he flew, people prayed."

- **Letters & E-Mail**

Hi there, Our new email address is: (rkgasko@hotmail.com) Bob & Kerstin Gasko

George; I have been circling the USA, working fulltime. Unfortunately my computer crashed 12 months ago and I have felt like a recovering polygamist. Thank you for making this letter the first article I am reading since the recovery of my laptop. I have thought about joining the TSA or the Air Marshall program, however, I doubt whether they would except me into there ranks. None the less, I'll may give

it a try. It seems like a lot has happened since I've been disconnected from the computer. Is there still a DP3? I have never received much response from them except for some negative comments from former comrades and the acceptance of my past checks. Without further ado, please bring me up to date as to DP3, Pension and or Medical. Give me some direction and I will research from there. Be brief for I would be the last to interfere with your work load and the wonderful job you have been doing for years. I am moving back to my home in Florida so mail or E-mail at will. God bless you and your Family, Nick & Pattie Amabile

Hi George: Would you kindly add Steve Stevens to the mailing list at (stevens5002@comcast.net) We'll try to make the spring fly-in and say HI to all the guys but in the meantime I want to thank you for all you've done to keep us up to date on this fiasco. Many thanks; Dave MacEachern

Hi George and Others, I got a call on my cell phone in the middle of a meeting the other day from "SHAG" who I have not seen or spoken to for probably five years. He said, he was going to call me back, but never did. Does anyone have his e-mail or phone number so I can get in touch with him. My curiosity has got the best of me and he may need help, Any help you can give me will be appreciated in the name of " The Yellow Bird" ;-). Regards. Jim Goode

Dave, I am under the assumption that the amount that we receive from Delta for the DALRC Health Insurance supplement will cease upon settlement and the amount that we pay will increase proportionately, am I correct? No one has addressed this issue as yet. Sincerely, Nick Gravino

Hey George, I didn't die I'm in Florida for the winter. Just letting you know as I am 71 and very much alive. Bear Watkins

George, Still can't download your e-mail when you send it by mime. Please send it the old way. Thank you. Charlie Marcin

George: Thank you so much for the "one Claw". I always enjoy reading about what is going on with the "gang", Mike Cloutier

Can't seem to open it, George. Any chance for a "email" type copy? Ted Roberts

I was unable to download this for Norris. We have moved to NC and our new address is 151 Oak Grove Drive, Tryon, NC 28782. Please send

me your address and I will be happy to send money to the postage fund. Thanks George, Jackie Marston

Please note e-mail address has changed to: (kennellydl@comcast.net), Thank you, Dick Kennelly

Dear George, You are a star in our galaxy. 39c for stamps and the rest for lunch out. I have several copies of old seniority lists I brought west, will check if any pry to 1950. Vacationed in Honolulu first class out and back, nice part can't be bumped on a non stop. Would dearly appreciate a snail mail address for Walt Illingworth, my high and might Captain for several years, (249 Emerson St., S. Boston, MA 02127. Last I have). Hope Glenn Tessmer would do a repeat on life begins at 80. You sure are an expert at helping a colorful group attached to one another, Best Wishes, Lee Trenholm

George, Would you please change my e-mail address to: (ED.GORMAN@comcast.net). Very sorry to hear of Pete's passing he will be missed. ED Gorman

George, I could not down load your one claw 58. Thank, Sam Visnich

George, Received and printed One Claw just fine. Thanks, Norm Houle

Hi George: I know your busy but I need info on where and to whom I send state tax, health and life insurance monies to as I never got the promised letter with that info. Any help will be greatly appreciated. THANKS; Dave MacEachern

• Smile as you age

A man died and appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. 'Have you ever done anything of particular merit to get in Heaven?' St. Peter asked. 'Well, I can think of one thing,' the man offered. 'Once, on a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers, who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him in his face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. I yelled, 'Now, back off!! Or I'll kick the shit out of all of you! St. Peter was impressed, 'When did this happen?' 'Just a couple of minutes ago'

A 2006 study found that the average American walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found that Americans drink an average of 22 gallons of beer a year. That means, on average, Americans get about 41 miles per gallon."

• More Letters & E-Mail

Thanks George, Great job as always. I went to my fourth funeral this year today, for retired Captain Elgin Wells. Waaaay toooo many for my taste. Dave Roberts

George. It was good to see you looking so spry at the breakfast. Keep up the good health. I, and a few others, noticed that Larry Schlumper's wife signed the letter to the One Claw. Is Larry still around? Even Freddie asked me tonight, so I told her I would ask you Thanks and enjoy spring. Dan Hurley, . (Yes Jackie does the computer)

George, I just hung up talking to Larry and Jackie, they are both fine. Larry does not use computer Jackie handles that. He was at Don's funeral but other than that they have not gone far from the house. Very sorry to here about Pete one of the nicest guy's I ever met. Regard's Dick Boyens

Hi George, Stopped in today to see Dave Bushy at Cape Air in Hyannis, had a quick tour and found out he wanted to be put on your mail list for One Claw. He also had a Cessna 175 in the hanger getting a check up which he plans on flying up for the June Fly In with Dick Pazolt. His Email address is (dbushy@flycapeair.com). I also hope Bob Trinquie will be able to fly up with John Andosca, Dave Carson and myself. Guess we missed a good time. Say "HIGH" To the NH Gang, and "THANKS" for all that good work you keep putting out. Vin Franco

Hi George, I got your name & address from Rand Peck, NWA I'm an avid reader of his blog My dad, Richard O Hill, flew for NEA & DAL and he passed away in 1986, my mom would love to read peoples doings in the One Claw. Can you add me to your mailing list? Either e-mail if you do that version or snail mail would be fantastic, Thanks much. Carl Hill, 205 Bakerville Rd., S Dartmouth, NSA 02748. (carolhill@gmail.com) here's a token contribution to subsidize your effort, Best, Carol Hill

Dave, I have spoken to the Social Security Administration and have been advised that the settlement we will receive in 2007 for Health

Care and will be considered by the SSA as Ordinary Income in 2007 and will affect the amount that will pay per month in 2008 for Medicare. This should be factored in when computing the Tax on the settlement. Yours truly, Nick Gravino

Hi George, It is with deep regret that I need to let everyone know about the death of our friend and fellow pilot Robert "Bob" Herchek who lost his long battle with cancer today March 27th. Funeral services will be held 4pm Thursday 3/29/07 at the Coronado Community United Methodist Church, 201 So. Peninsula Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Fl. The family will receive friends at the church from 2pm until the services. Condolences may be sent to his widow Jackie Herchek, 418 Quay Assisi, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169 or online at www.BaldwinBros.net. Memorial donations may be sent to Shriners Children's Hospital Transportation Fund, 1111 So. Orange St., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 or Bert Fish Medical Center Foundation, 401 Palmetto St., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168. Thanks, Steve King

• GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.

6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

• More Letters & E-Mail

Good afternoon George: comcast said it would be a simple job to transfer over from adelphia, not so. here is the entire address : Forrest Nelson, 7 Glen Ct., Amherst NH 03031 603-673-6867, (fnnelson@comcast.net)

Thanks for all the work your doing on keeping us fully informed, Forry Nelson

George, my new E mail is (rjboyens@netzero.net) Dick Boyens

Please change to my new email address--- thanks, New Address; (bad@matt2820.com) Barbara Daggett

George, Sorry to about Capt Kallander flying west. I keep forgetting that as I age, these young kids keeping aging also. Old news: Capt Don Jacobs had been out on a medical until reaching retirement age. He passed away on 09-26-2006 from a new medical problem. I think he was age 82 at the time of death. Don and I served together in the navy, but we had minimum contact since he moved from Miami. He was currently living in the Pensacola, FL. Area. He moved several times so I am not sure of his last current address other than it was in the Pensacola area. I received the information by e-mail from Don's brother. Jim Prucha

John & Dick, This is a "heads up" for anyone that has an medical services provided by United Healthcare. The medical insurance enrollment process this year has been an absolute nightmare for my wife and I. The bad news is that I just opened my EIGHT (8) case with the ESC. The good news is that I prevailed in the previous seven cases and the situations were resolved to my satisfaction. After an enormous amount of time on the phone and many months, I THOUGHT that everything was now OK and I could put the medical file away for this year. Wrong! On Friday, two of the pieces of mail that I received were new medical cards from United Healthcare and the bill from DAL for the monthly medical premiums. On Saturday morning I wrote a check to DAL for the medical premiums and opened the envelope that contained the medical identification cards from United Healthcare. I have become very skeptical of just about anything to do with Delta and I read all of the small print. That is very

fortuitous in this particular case. My card had all of the correct information but on my wife's card in very small print it showed "Standard Medical Option" which is not what we signed her up for or are paying for. The differences between the DPMP (that we are paying for) and the Standard Medical Option are huge. Not only are the premiums that we pay higher (\$123.95 per mo) the deductibles for the DPMP are lower and what they pay is much higher, hence the higher premium. My wife is scheduled for surgery two weeks from today and I can only imagine how messed up things would have been if this were not resolved prior to the start of the billing.

My suggestion to everyone that recently received a new United Healthcare card would be to recheck it to make sure it reflects the correct plan. It could save some serious heartburn down the road. Don Pedrazzini

- **Last Flights**

Peter Ivar Kallander, 75, of Southborough, died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at home. He had been battling cancer since last summer. He was the husband of the late Elaine (Salls) Kallander, who passed away March 2, 1994. He was born in Framingham, to Anna (Anderson) and Ernest Kallander, the middle child of five siblings. He

was a graduate of the former Peter's High School, and was president of the senior class of 1949. He was a US Army veteran. He attended Northeastern University and East Coast Aero Tech, pursuing an aviation curriculum. His love of flying led him to a career with Northeast Airlines and Delta Airlines, eventually becoming Assistant Chief Pilot in Boston. "Flying a desk" was not his passion, so he returned to the line, retiring in 1991.

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