

# BOSTON RETIRED PILOTS ONE CLAW

Spring-94

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## • Missing Retired Dates

1	Hazen	Bean *
2	Jerry	Birney *
3	Rod	Cote *
4	John	Griffin
5	Gib	Hanson
6	Llody	Hazen *
7	Roy	Jacobs
8	Frank	Kendall
9	Lloyd	Laflin
10	Elemer	Larson *
11	George	Neuhauser
12	Ray	Remick *
13	Hank	Wightman
14	Bob	Winard *
15	(Berlin, P Carey)	McCormick * 1954

The above names have been submitted by several people. The date of retirement or demise is unavailable on any company records that we can find in Boston. Some one or two of you should remember something about the fifteen missing on our list. We have searched and made phone calls to no avail. Do not give us the old **CRS**, (Can't Remember S---) excuse. They either retired or died the year that you did something, look in that old memory and see what you can come up with. The work on the bulletin board is in progress and we hope to have an unveiling at the Fly-In. Thanks for your help.

## • Fly-In Agenda June 6th

The Spring Fly-In will be June 6 the usual snow/rain date of the 8th will be second choice. We need a short business agenda to cover a couple of items. 1st; The phone tree. The inability to pass the word in March has to be corrected. 2nd; Awards for the award able. 3rd; What's on your mind? What can we do to make One Claw better?

How about some golf before and after the Fly-In? Bob Patrick and Bill Grady have forwarded the following GOLF PACKAGES. Overnight in condo's at the airport with 2 days of golf with cart and one nights stay \$84.00 per person. Contact Mr. Gregg Sufat 603-536-2227, up to 6 people per condo. Try Susse Chalet at Plymouth 603-536-2330, 15 min from A/P, ask for Marsh about golf package the rooms will be \$49.95 per person double. With the golf and Fly-In maybe some of the South shore folks could get a four-some and make a couple of days of it. Hope to see more of you. Call Bill, Bill or Al if you plan to attend, at 603-536-9808, keep trying it is the Hanger, someone may not be around. For the Fall Fly-In we will have you mail in your address sticker with at least \$5.00 to help Bill cover the early food costs. If you have not attended a Fly-In, Come On UP (PEMI-RIVERSIDE Airport Elevation 474), local frequency 122.8 and we can listen enroute to 122.75. Pemi Riverside is just off Route 93 in North Ashland NH (N43 44.4, W71 40.0).

## • List of Retired Totals 251

Thanks to Norm Houle and Bob Mudge, we have the names of the pilots that died in accidents in the 30's into the 50's, also names of early pilots that Bob researched for his book. "Adventures of a Yellowbird". Thanks Norm and Bob.

## • Tails From the Past

In Bob's letter there were several interesting notes about some of the very early pilots. We would like to quote a couple and if any one else has a tail or two please feel free to drop us a note.

Captain Harry Brown and F/O Harry Nordbeck died while in service with NEA on November 26, 1943 while doing icing research for the Air Force. They were flying a Lockheed Hudson Bomber converted for research duty, lost an engine and crashed on approach to BTV. They were regular line pilots until assigned this special duty, still employed by NEA. Nordbeck had outbid me by one number for the job, sometimes you win by losing.

Bob Widdon, killed during this same war, flying the mail in a Stinson Reliant. He crashed and burned at MHT on a night approach after hitting a sea gull. The Stinson was used because the airline was short of DC-3's, had shut down the UL route, and used Stinson's and a copilot to keep the mail going. Bob Mudge

#### • Air Show No-Go

Dan McQue has informed us that he has a scheduling conflict on June 6. We will try again for the fall Fly-In. We hope for the best in the fall, weather, no conflict and Dan can get the time off.

#### • Letter & Stamps

Enclosed is few bucks to help defray your postal costs. Enjoy reading. Sure glad Tiny rebutted his premature demise! Keep real busy here but time sure does fly by. Good luck fellows and hang in there. Jim Moran

Other stamp contributors are, Jack French, Dave Ross, Bob Carroll, John Stumpf, Norm Houle, Pat Malone, Carl Larson and Lloyd Fiske. Thanks again one and all for your support.

#### • Hampton Flea Market

Two days of old time out side flea market at the Hampton Airfield on May 21 and May 22. Never know whom you will see or what you might find that you cannot do without.

#### • Final Landings

Bill Danaher made his final flight into JFK on April 5 from Europe. Jim Tagg landed in BOS on April 19 where a large group of yachters were on hand. Chief Pilot Roger Green passed out yellow earplugs before Jim gave his ever-short thank you.

#### • Delta Wives Fashion Show

May 3, 1994 at Castleton, Windham, NH will feature many well know names from the Boston Delta Pilots active and retired lists will help with the modeling.

#### • Non Rev Listing & Travel

The Last issue of News Digest gave the Non-Rev listing number 800-325-7123. Call and follow the directions to list on flights in the US. It is a quite simple. Other useful information to keep in the back of your mind when traveling over seas. We have three round trips to Europe or Far East that equals six one-way trips. You could take a tour over to Europe and wanted to stay longer and return on Delta. Return the unused portion of the ticket to the pass bureau and you will have 5 one way passes reaming if you desire. Your Delta "Cirrus" ATM card works at a lot of banks over seas and gives local currency cuts down on the American Express checks that you have to pay for, you can renew your cash flow daily at a minimum cost. Good traveling.

#### • Retired List by City, Zip & Phone

We will include as space permits over the next couple of issues our full mailing list. Everyone should have the list to make the phone tree work efficiently.

Norm MA	Abare 01475	Winchendon 508-297-2100
Bud MA	Alkire 01950	Newbury 508-465-8895
Al MA	Almeida 02364	Kingston 617-585-9200

Andy MA	Andon 02186	Milton 617-698-0871	NH	03103	603-625-6571
Gary NH	Annis 03885	Stratham 603-772-1568	Bob MA	Carroll 01890	Winchester 617-729-4557
Ron ME	Appel 04537	Boothbay 207-633-4825	Russell NH	Cavanaugh 03053	Londonderry 603-883-0484
Jim MA	Baker 01921	Boxford 508-887-5285	George NH	Chaudoin 03819	Danville 603-642-5368
Bud MA	Balch 01863	No. Chelmsford 508-251-3920	Ayres NH	Chaves 03857	Newmarket 603-659-5434
George MA	Baldwin 02671	W. Harwich 508-432-4458	Dick NH	Chickering 03043	Fracestown 603-547-2347
Richard MA	Ballerini 01930	Gloucester 508-281-2815	Fred MA	Christian 01945	Marblehead 617-631-1262
Louis NH	Balestra 03833	Exeter 603-772-2537	John NH	Conley 03102	Bedford 603-472-3097
Vick MA	Barbieri 01945	Marblehead 617-631-7454	Jim MA	Connor 01922	Byfield 508-462-8039
Carl NH	Beatrice 03844	Hampton Falls 603-778-3183	George NH	Cooper 03885	Stratham 603-772-5911
Basil NH	Beck 03225	Ctr Barnstead 603-776-5751	Robert NH	Cottrill 03257	New London 603-763--5543
Robert NH	Bishop 03871	Rye Beach 603-964-5770	Claude NH	Cox 03865	Plaistow 603-382-8810
Norman ME	Bishop 04210	Auburn 207-783-7747	Ray NH	Curti 03820	Dover 603-742-7628
John ME	Blake 04071	Raymond 207-655-3534	Ron NH	Cutliff 03873	Sandown 603-887-4250
Charles VT	Blauvelt 05672	Stowe 802-253-7542	Milton ME	Daggett 04973	Searsmount
Peter ME	Blouin 04330	Augusta 207-623-8953	Bill CT	Danaher 06790	Torrington 203-491-3144
Donald NH	Boire 03247	Laconia 603-524-8883	Frank MA	Davis 01913	Amesbury 508-338-6797
Bill MA	Bray 01945	Marblehead 813-921-1868	John MA	Dellamorte 02668	W. Barnstable 508-362-3482
Austin MA	Briggs 02339	Hanover 617-826-2268	Bazil NH	Dixwell 03801	Portsmouth 603-436-6609
Bill RI	Bucklin 02835-0141	Jamestown 401-423-1559	James RI	Dodge 02835	Jamestown 401-423-2654
Tom NH	Bunce 03871	Rye Beach 603-926-3012	Roger NH	Doherty 03053	Londonderry
Bob MA	Burgholzer 02338	Halifax 617-293-7552	Bill NH	Donahue 03045	Goffstown 603-774-5030
Dana ME	Callanan 03909	York 207-363-7117	Paul NH	Donoghue 03844	Hampton Falls 603-778-0254
Guy	Caron	Manchester	James ME	Dowling 04841	Rockland 207-594-5191

Bill MA	Duffy 02125	Dorchester 617-282-8390	NH	03824	603-868-7548
Dewey NH	Durrett 03079	Salem 603-893-4244	Ned MA	Hammond 01945	Marblehead 617-631-5311
Bill NH	Dustin 03246	Laconia 603-527-0933	Dave NH	Hancock 03824	Durham 603-868-2683
Richard MA	Emery 02563	Sandwich 508-428-0542	Art MA	Harding 01915	Beverly 508-922-5583
Paul MA	Fichtner 02154	Waltham 617-894-9281	Ron MA	Harnish 01966	Rockport 508-546-2813
Mike MA	Fiorillo 02152	Winthrop 617-846-6933	Jack MA	Harper 02061	Norwell 617-826-6166
Lloyd NH	Fiske 03268	Salisbury 603-648-2542	Paul NH	Heckard 03833	Exeter 603-772-1010
John NH	Fleurent 03887	Stratham 603-778-7727	Bob MA	Heikkila 02370	Rockland 617-878-3109
Lou MA	Fradette 01742	Concord 508-369-5604	Ed GA	Holland 30269	Peachtree City 404-487-6174
Bob MA	Francis 02066	Scituate 617-545-1419	Howard ME	Holman 04284	Wayne 207-685-3543
Vin MA	Franco 02360	Plymouth 508-224-4311	Charles MA	Holman 01748	Hopkinton 508-435-4734
Gert NH	Frank 03827	Kensington 603-772-4635	Ed NH	Holt 03848	Kingston 603-642-3382
John NH	Fraser 03871	Rye Beach 603-964-7052	Ken CT	Horn 06776	New Milford 203-355-0124
Bob NH	Fraser 03860	North Conway 617-444-1297	Norm NH	Houle 03825	Barrington 603-664-5631
Jack FL	French 33946	Cape Haze 603-362-5576	Dick MA	Hubbell 02066	N. Scituate 617-545-1451
Ralph MA	Furbush 01757	Milford 508-473-7056	Thomas NH	Hunter 03244	Hillsboro 603-464-4192
Ron MA	Gargalowitz 01810	Andover 508-475-6119	Dan NH	Hurley 03841	Hampstead 603-329-5494
John NH	Gittzus 03102	Bedford 603-472-5204	Walt MA	Illingworth 02127	S. Boston 617-268-8858
Ray NH	Gosselin 03032	Auburn 603-668-2641	Jim NH	Jackson 03885	Stratham 603-772-2269
Bill NH	Grady 03223	Campton 603-726-3163	Roy MA	Jacobs 02635	Cotuit 508-428-3448
Don MA	Graf 01985	W. Newbury 508-363-2328			
Joey MA	Gurnick 01545	Shrewsbury 508-845-7541			
Ralph NH	Hackley 03057	Mt. Vernon 603-673-8746			
Ray	Halloran	Durham			

• **Boston Reach Out**

The Boston Pilots Reach Out group is an informal group of pilots who have banded together to address a need. We are pilots who are experiencing a medical problem. We are assisted by some additional pilots who have retired and the Chief Pilots office.

Boston Chief Pilot Roger Green and Assistant Chief Pilot Dave Bushy saw the need and acted as the catalyst that drew us together. They called a meeting at a popular watering hole near the airport and a team coalesced around the concept of people helping people. For the first few meetings Roger picked up the lunch tab, what a concept! We knew from personal experience that it can get very lonely and confusing when medical problems set in. We also know that often it is not the pilot that gets to make the calls to the company. Often the confusion about who says what to whom and when, can lead to missed trips and missed opportunity to do some good for both the pilot and company. This Reach Out handout is focused on the time frame from the onset of problems to around the time DPMA kicks in. It is very important to know that the program is open ended. This program is also very much there for the pilot that has been out for a long time and may well never go back to work. There is a human tendency not to read the disability portion of the "Blue Book" until later because those things, (illnesses), don't happen to us. We also don't pay a lot of attention to DPMA until we need it. Most of us are somewhat aware of the short-term leave program but we tend to know little about long-term disability or procedures. There are a lot of stories out there about various adventures pilots have had with the certification system. In person exchanges of information help clear up possible misconceptions. The Reach Out program is not controlled by anyone but the pilots trying to make it work. It is ours but we share. We appreciate the help we have received from the company and from ALPA and hope it continues. The Boston group has been meeting long enough now to know that some real good is being achieved. Information and fellowship has been the product of the gathering. In short, IT WORKS! BOSTON REACH OUT

- **Reach Out March Meeting**

The March meeting of the Boston Reach out Group was held March 31 at Jevell's Restaurant. Attendees were: Dick Ballerini, Russ Cavanaugh, George Chaudoin, Fred Christian, Rich Emory, John Fraser, Joey Gurnick, Paul Heckard, Dan Hurley, Pete Kallander, Art. Matson, Dr. Tim Packard, Bob Patrick, John Roquet, Joe Shea, Roger Green, Dave. Oden, Bob Rioux, Mark Cullings and Wes Anderson. Rich Emory was attending as the BOS DPMA representative and a former disabled pilot. Our guest speaker was Captain Wes Anderson, system manager, flight operations administration, who was introduced by Paul Heckard. His talk featured the team approach to helping pilots so that people will be empowered to help themselves, individually or through groups such as Reach out. He lauded our efforts and said that it is a goal that our program be extended or copied by other pilot bases. There are 187 pilots now on long-term disability. His work in helping pilots return to work is driven by the cost of insurance and liability. The company verifies all FAA certification work and uses renowned Aero medical expert, Dr. Chuck Berry, as a consultant. Wes also works closely with FAA, in OKC, as well as ALPA Aero medical and other medical consultants. He also advises crews on duty in real time if there is a medical incident that needs attention. Also the company has a plan of arbitration if medical opinions conflict between sources. Our next meeting is planned for June 23, 1994. This will give all who would like a chance to attend the fly-in on June 6. Please call for assistance with transportation. We hope to cover R&I issues as it pertains to the disabled pilot and his dependents in the near future. John Roquet

- **We Get Letters**

Enjoy your news! Many formilur names. Glad to hear that Tiny Rollins has resurrected!! I'm envious of the large

number of retirees that have 1 - 2 aircraft to zip around with. I'm pretty much earth bound. Thanks a lot Lloyd Fiske.

Jim Dodge lives in James Town, RI has a boat with a sail (no smoke pot for Jim) that he uses around Narragansett Bay. Jim tells us that Bill Bucklin lives down the street but spends most of this time in Africa flying and working for a mission church.

Dear George:

I appreciate the copy of the *One Claw*, and I guess you now have me on the mailing list. It is real nice to hear about what is going on up in the north country with regard to the retirees. Hard to believe that some of these people are between 70 and 80 already. Time sure has a way of sneaking by with frightening speed. Also glad to hear that they are all in reasonably good shape and still getting to the fly-ins, etc. One person I never hear about is Ralph Hackley. Wonder if he is still around the New Hampshire area? Perhaps he might put a line or two in your next issue. Maybe that might be something that all the retired guys can take turns doing, writing a little piece on what they've been up to since retirement. Probably wouldn't get them to do it, but it would make for interesting reading. Also enclosed is a little something for the stamp fund. If I get up to NH the first week of June, I will certainly try to make the June fly-in, but will call you if I can. I will certainly look forward to your next issue of the "*Claw*". Thanks again. Sincerely, Carl Larson

Dear George:

Seems as if time had been standing still as I read your last newsletter and all those old familiar names...it seems that I will be in Boston, South Weymouth...to be exact...for my oldest granddaughter's graduation from high school on the weekend of the fourth of June. Plan to stay up there until the following Tuesday...so...if I can figure out how to get to you all, I'd like to plan to be with you on the sixth. I'll get in touch with Roger and see if he might have a plan, or at

least give me driving directions and how long it would take me to drive up.

I have been having a great time seeing old friends lately. Was in Daytona Beach for a meeting in January and spent an evening at Spruce Creek where I spoke to their pilots' group. Of course, nothing prepared me for having a table of reprobates right in front of me...i.e. Dave Hancock, Mo Picard, Bill Becker, Dave Kadetz, Eddie O'Neal et al...even the heckling was familiar. Then later that month I flew down to MIA for lunch with Harvey Smith, Bill Waters, Bob Carey, Bert Geiger, Lenny Voight, Dick Houghton, George Baldwin, Clark Willard and more...they all looked just great and full of you know what...it was nice to be with so many pilots my own age.

You probably have heard by now that I will be leaving Delta on August 1...it's time for me to turn a page in my life, and I'm looking forward to setting myself up as an independent consultant. Three dates kind of came together to seem like an omen...I'll have 30 years with the NE/DL combination on June 4, 1994; I'll be 70 years old on July 4, 1994 and the anniversary of the merger is August 1, 1994. I'm looking at several options right now and have already signed a contract with Jeppesen for a very nice fee, I might add. I'm also very excited about being invited to be the speaker at the BOS Retirement Party in November.

Well, my dear...thanks so much for keeping me on your mailing list...I enclose a small donation to your mailing fund and look forward to seeing you in June.

With love to all.....Pat

Dear George:

Thanks for getting the word out early on the upcoming bash this fall. As always, as soon as we get a good deal someplace like the Vista in Waltham, things have a habit of changing - new owners - new prices. The chicken dinner went to \$32.00 and the Saturday night room rate went to a discount rate of \$99.00. After talking to several

places we are going to hold the party at the Colonial Hilton in Lynnfield. We've been there before and the new owners have upgraded the facilities including the menu. The date is Saturday, November 12, 1994, a cocktail hour from 6 - 7 pm, dinner at 7 and the usual speeches and plagues following dinner. The guest speaker remains known only to me, no I won't tell even you, and you can bet your ass it won't be anyone that has been drinking Corporate Kool-Aid. There will not be a repeat of last party's doom and gloom delivered by Harry. The only bad news is the price of tickets is going up \$5.00 to \$40.00. All costs associated with running this bash have gone up and the plaques I'm getting this year are \$100.00 each. Meals, printing, flowers, etc. are not going down in price. The band stays the same. Invitations will be in the mail right after Labor Day and the list is made up from Bill Donahue's "Yellowbird" Gang. It would be a duplication of effort to maintain a separate list and his list usually gets everyone that "give a s--t". If you need any further details give me a holler. Best regards, Dave Jansen

#### • Ed's Airplane and poem

Edward D. Waters is a retired house builder living on the edge of a 2400 foot airstrip along a ridge just West of Purgatory Chasm State Park, Sutton, MA. A 1930 Kitty Hawk biplane reposes in like new condition in his hangar. Twenty-six were built before the depression wiped out the builder, Victory Machine and Foundry, in New Haven, CT. Ed's plane, with a red and white checkerboard design on the lower wings, and sunburst on the top, is the last of the marquee.

Ed has now lost his medical and is looking for a new caretaker for his old bird. If you are interested, give him a call at (508) 865-9885. He felt so bad when his partner had to hang it up a few years

ago, he was moved to poetic license, to wit:

#### MICHAEL'S DREAM

How I wish that I could fly - and paint white lines across the sky, and leave my friends, all duty bound, All shackled to their prison ground. To etch the sky - so all could see, from now until eternity.

Across the azure sky I'd go - An "Airborne Michelangelo" From lofty perch high in the sky, I'd watch God's Earth go Sailing by, And swing my brush as I float by - My "Sistine Chapel" of the sky.

For only those who've flown the sky can contemplate as well as I, That sea of air above us all, entices those who'll heed the call. So I'll take my nimble craft on high For my domain is of the sky.

I'll drift and turn, and soar and glide So high above the oceans' tide Oblivious to time and space, - Untethered from my dwelling place That sea of air still beckons me, above the vast and rolling sea.

I'll drift on through those clouds on high Embracing each as I float by. But alas! I know that I must go To that revolving sphere so far below.

With great reluctance I'll float on down - To tender contact with the ground Content to know that I can fly - Much higher than the sky is high. Content to know that I have flown. For I have flown - Yes, I have flown!"

Edward D. Waters

#### • Feeling Better

Ed Holt was struck by a snowmobile this winter in VT, has a shoulder wired together. That should give the A/P metal detectors a fit. Carl Beatrice had Angio Plastic operation on April 14, was up and at Jim Tagg's final flight on the 19th. Mo Picard has been under the weather after the winter in Spruce Creek but the Drs. said all systems are Go.

- **Record Data**

We have reviewed our records and find about 8 of you, listed below, are missing birthdays. Why birthdays? Every year it would be nice to acknowledge the group that has attained, what we might call banner years. The 70's and 80's. We have most of the retirement dates and can do the math required but an actual birthdate would be best. A 19 cent post card would do or a call to Pete 508-485-2328, or George 603-642-5368 with the required information. Jim Connor, Roger Doherty, Bob Francis, Roy Jacobs, Carl Larson and John McNamara.

With your information and we can complete the data on our mailing list of 191 retired and disabled.

- **Final Flight**

Elaine Kallander, wife of Pete Kallander, died March 2 after a long fight with cancer. Donations: Cancer Care Center Development Fund, Metrowest Medical Center, 67 Union Street, Natick, MA 01760.

Marilyn Smythe, wife of Bob Smythe, died March 17 of lung cancer. Donations: Pemi Baker Home Health Agency, Highland Street, Plymouth, NH 03264.

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