



NATIONAL BUCCANEERS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2015

The Central Florida Buccaneers

CFB's Yankee Trader Luncheon, December 9th, 2015

Under the always able direction of our YT manager, Kay Strauss, we held another successful Christmas gathering where presents were claimed, and some reclaimed, and others reclaimed again. It is this process that makes the whole event FUN!

Nothing is for certain until the last present is presented and no further claims allowed. Only then can you be sure that what is yours is yours.

We acknowledge and thank all of you who decided to share some Christmas time and cheer by joining us for this happy time. ERNIE ELLISON, BOB and SHARON THRASHER, STEVE and LINDA MILLS, FRANK SAVINO, HART KELLEY, DAVE DOLLARHIDE, STAN

BARFIELD, BILL STRELECKI, DAVE BLESSING, JOHN BOWLING, JIM and HILDA O'REILLY, BILL GRISCOM, LARRY HELMS, DON and DORIS MORGAN, JACK and GALE THEISEN, SHERRY FASSETT-BRADLEY, DAVID BRADLEY, NORTON and PAM ELDER, JOE FRICKS, KAY STRAUSS, JON and GIGI COCKES, DAVID and TARA JAMES, BOB and FAYE MURRELL, and LINDA and JOHN WENTWORTH.

Funding for the 2015 Christmas season will be made easier for Ernie Ellison and David and Tara James because of their winning of the lucrative, humongous, massive 50/50 monies. The other portion of the 50/50 went to our lovely waitress who takes such good care of us throughout the year! This idea was put forth a few

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Sad News Department: We lost F/E **Pete Martin** on November 29th at the age of 74. He came to National in June, 1967 and stayed through Pan Am. He was residing in Pompano Beach, FL at the time of his passing. I flew several pleasant trips with Pete on the 727. We will miss this good man, we will NOT forget him. May his last flight West be fair of wind and free from turbulence.

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years ago by Dan Pierce and has become a bit of a tradition, which I wholeheartedly support! We will reconvene on January 13th. Until then, be well!

BUCCANEER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2016

Yep, it's that time of year again. You know the drill. Dues remain at \$18. Please send a check payable to National Airlines Buccaneers, and send to National Buccaneers, 15701 Willo Pines Lane, Montverde, FL 34756. It's more work than you may think to keep track of all this so, PLEASE, do it earlier rather than later.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Position held at National _____

Today marks 80 years since the first flight of the iconic DC-3 and 112 years since the Wright brothers first flew at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

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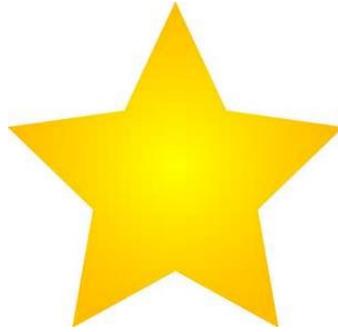
The New Year has arrived and its time to mark your calendar for the 2016 NAL convention. This year it will be held on April 22-23-24 at the Embassy Suites in Boca Raton Fla. Our room rate is \$99.00 per night and that price is good for the day before & after the convention. The hotel is located at 661 NW 53rd St 33487 Reservations can be made at [561-994-8200](tel:561-994-8200) mention our discount code NBU. The registration fee is \$85.00 per person which covers expenses. Our Hospitality room will be open each day for everyone to stop in for some hanger flying & spirits. (Room 718) We will be taking a bus ride up to Delray Beach on sat.morning to view the beautiful Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens. The bus will leave from the hotel at 0930AM and return at 2:30PM.

Everyone is invited to join in the tour. The Embassy Suites is noted not only for its great rooms but also their fantastic complimentary breakfasts and Happy hours. .Parking is free. We are excited about returning to Boca since this location has proved to attract more members over the years. There will be a schedule of events given to you at the check-in desk. Our Convention Banquet Dinner will be held Sunday evening right after Happy Hour at 7:30PM in the Hotel .Spread the word and make your reservations soon for another fun weekend with the Buccaneers. Looking forward to seeing each of you in April. Bob Pierson / Convention Chairman-[770-328-6351](tel:770-328-6351)



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For the last several issues we have presented an article written by someone from our group who related action from their aviation career or what they are presently doing. It has made for some really fun reading. This page is December's contribution. If you find it unsatisfying, you know what to do. Hopefully January will produce a better read. I can't do it all folks, I'm burning out as it is. John

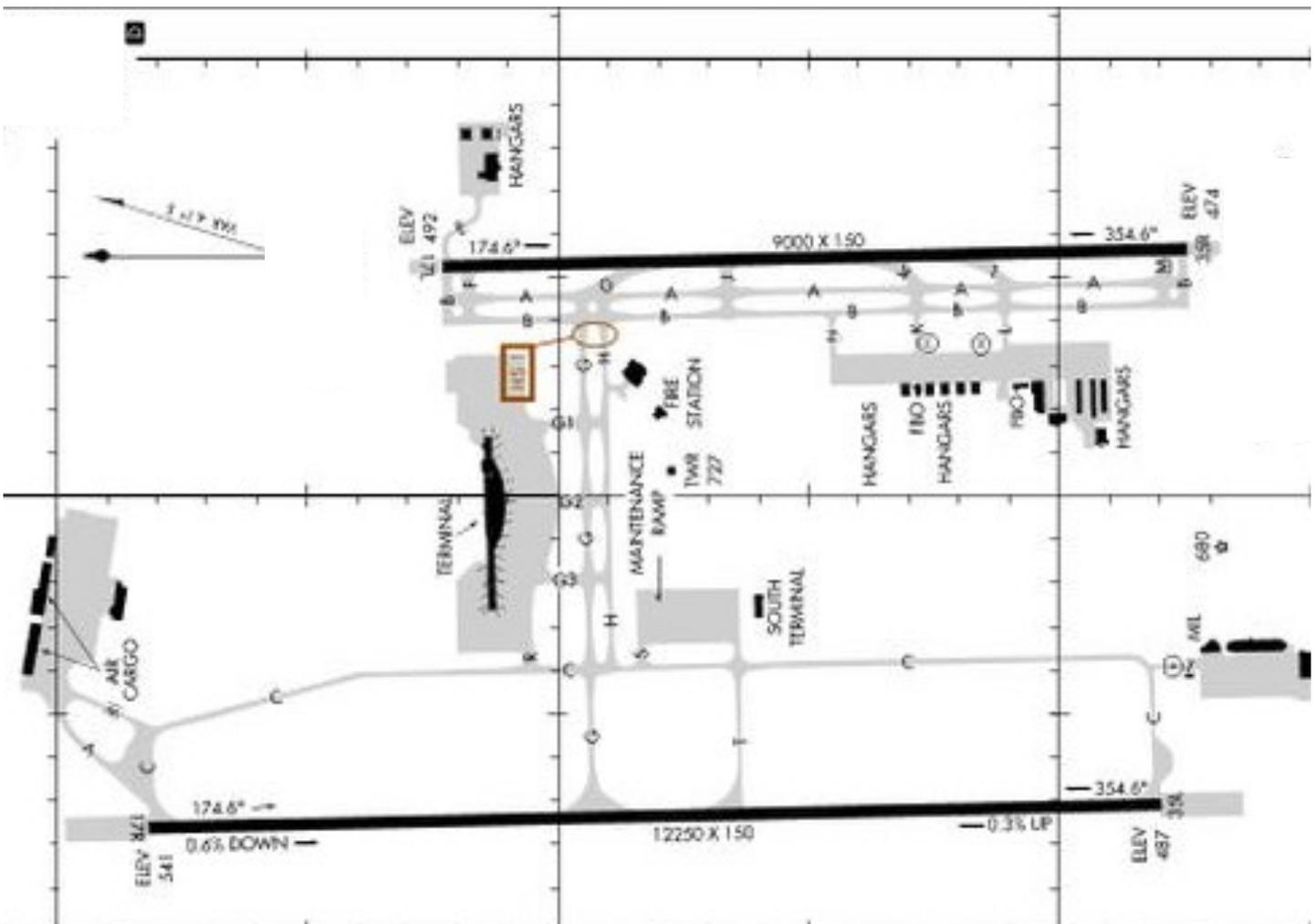
Monthly Mysteries Solved

November's Mysteries: I'm VERY pleased with the participation in this month's airplane and airport. The Beechcraft B60 Duke was correctly IDed by Jim Gannon, Rusty Heard, Curt Briggs, Joe Fricks, John Uhrich, Tom McBroom (who has actually flown one), Jerome Kline, Gary Snodgrass, and of course, Bob Wilson. And, get this, Bob Pierson also got the airplane! Wow!

I'm impressed that so many of our people recognized OKC, Oklahoma City, as the mystery airport. They were Jim Gannon, Stan Barfield, Rusty Heard, Bob Massey, Dusty Rhode, Bob Pierson, Joe Fricks, Curt Briggs, Jerome Kline, Larry Helms, and John Uhrich. Well done gentlemen and thank you for participating!

REMINDER: Our next convention will be April 22,23,and24th in Boca Raton. Make your plans NOW!!! Particulars and the sign up forms will appear in the next issue of this letter. **WE WANT YOU THERE BECAUSE WE CARE!!!!**

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