



NATIONAL BUCCANEERS NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2016

The Central Florida Buccaneers

CFB's March 9th Luncheon: First, my thanks to those of you who expressed your hope that I was feeling better, I appreciate your concern! I missed February due to being down with the flu bug for a few days but all is now well. So, if my count is accurate we had 28 folks join us for this month's event. They were: BILL GRISCOM, LARRY HELMS, ERNIE ELLISON, RON CHATLOS, BOB MARTIN, JIM and HILDA O'REILLY, JOHN BOWLING, DAVID BLESSING, BILL

STRELECKI, ROY HASSETT, BILL WEST, ROEHNER, DAN PIERCE, JON and GIGI COCKES, RUSTY and SHARON HEARD, JOE FRICKS, BOB THRASHER, JACK and GALE THEISEN, FRANK SAVINO, SHERRY FASSETT-BRADLEY, DAVID BRADLEY, DON and DORIS MORGAN and JOHN WENTWORTH.

The 50/50 was won by Sherry Fassett-Bradley and Ernie Ellison.

We hope to see you all on April 13th. Until then, be well!



Sad News Department: F/A Carol A. Herndon came to National in September, 1963 and retired from Pan Am. She passed away on February 14th of this year.

F/E Bob Whiteman, 88, joined National in August of 1965 and retired from Pan Am. He resided in Naples, Florida at the time of his passing on March 12th. I flew many pleasant trips with Bob over the

years!

We will miss these good people, we will NOT forget them. May their last flight West be fair of wind and free from turbulence.

First, a large **Thank You** to those of you who have responded so promptly to the request for 2016 dues and for the paperwork and checks for the up-coming convention. It makes my life much easier when the "last minute" chaos is kept to a minimum. If you are among the folks who have NOT yet responded, I ask that you do so ASAP. I will NOT track you down and remind you, it's up to you! J.W.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION, BOCA RATON, APRIL 22,23,24 2016

Number attending_____ If attending the banquet ONLY, please check here_____

Names_____

Phone contact_____

E-mail contact_____

Please indicate meal preference for EACH person:

Chicken_____ Fish_____ Beef_____

Please include a check for \$90 PER PERSON if you are attending the entire convention or \$45 PER PERSON if you are attending the banquet only. Checks should be made to National Buccaneers. Mail the form and check to National Buccaneers, 15701 Willo Pines Lane, Montverde, FL 34756. Waiting until the last minute makes things harder for us, so PLEASE don't delay. The last minute scramble is not fun on this end!

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_____

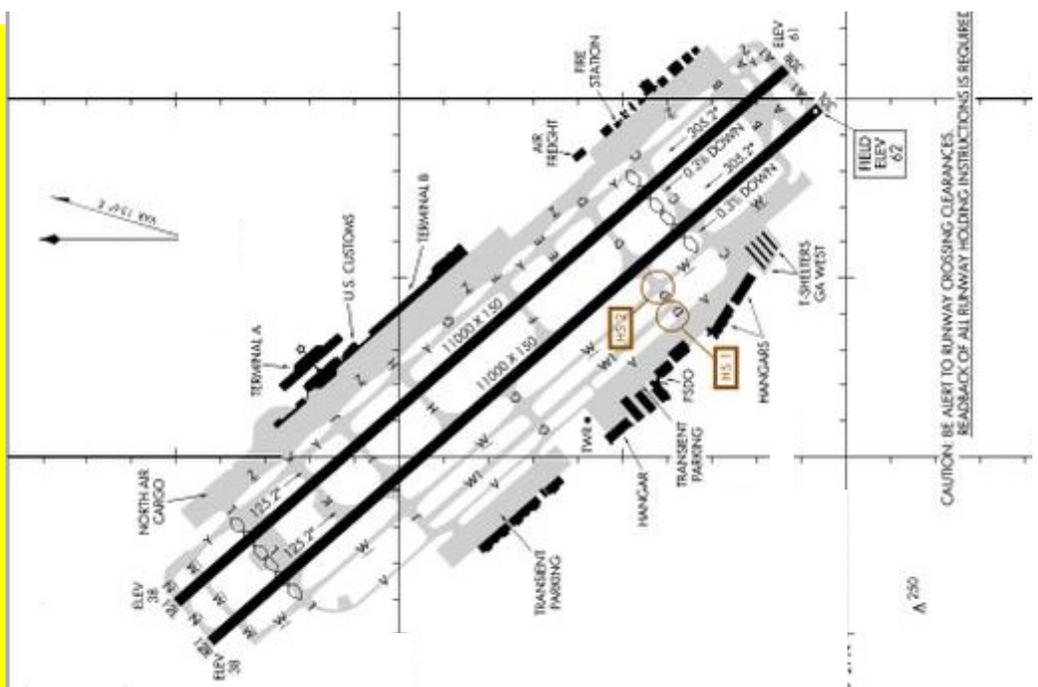
City, State, Zip_____

Phone_____

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Position held at National_____

I remember going into this airport with the 727. However, my memory being what it is (or isn't) I think it was probably with Pan Am. So, I await your decision, or critique as the case may be, as to where this is.



BOCA RATON 2016 CONVENTION DETAILS

The 2016 NAL convention 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 \$90.00 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 Saturday morning to view the beautiful Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens. The bus will leave from the hotel at 9:30AM 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).

FRANKLIN 2016: IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO PLAN! Dick Walker has advised me that the Franklin picnic will be on August 27th this year. As always the festivities will begin with a meet and greet at the Hampton Inn followed by dinner at Willy's BBQ on the afternoon of the 26th. Dick has negotiated a room rate of \$94 for our group. This is **always a great event!!** Mark your calendars TODAY! More details will follow in coming issues of this letter.

Monthly Mysteries Solved

Last month's Mystery Airplane and Airport: The airport didn't fool anyone. Dusty Rhodes, Bob Massey, Jim Gannon, Bob Pierson, Larry Helms, Gary Snodgrass, Rusty Heard, Curt Briggs and Leo Unziker all put forth Indianapolis (IND) which is, of course, correct.

The airplane on the other hand, proved to be a poor choice on my part. In an effort to mix things up a bit I went with the AT-

6F Bacon Super Six which is a converted T-6. It was an interesting idea but never caught on. Curt Briggs was the only one to ID it. Gary Snodgrass recognized the original manufacturer as North American but thought it was most likely a T-28 derivative. So, I will return to a less controversial offering for March. Thanks for participating guys, you make it fun!

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Last month's airplane did not begin to produce the desired result. It is NOT my desire to stump you, only to encourage you to think and have fun! So, what do we have this month?

