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CENTRAL FLORIDA BUCCANEERS



CFB luncheon, November 9, 2016
I'm assuming that the close proximity of the 9th to the 8th, and considering that the 8th was election day, and that there was a certain amount of interest in the outcome of said election, that our membership was staying close to home nursing a "results monitoring hangover" that extended into the wee hours of Wednesday morning. So, while

our attendee numbers were thin, I understand the reasons, and am pleased that there was sufficient interest in the election to decimate our luncheon populace. You will all get a chance at redemption on December 14 when we have our annual Yankee Trader luncheon where a table is filled with wonderful, wrapped presents just waiting to be selected by a person holding the proper number obtained at the beginning of the meeting. I think most of you are familiar with the workings of this always fun event. Our in resident expert on all the pertinent rules and procedures, Kay Strauss, will be on hand to conduct the event and answer any questions that may be interfering with your comprehension of this activity. We do ask that the value of each present be limited to \$10 (before taxes that is). One present per person, or couple, as the case may be.

You are all aware that the lady that has been taking care of us as our server, MARISA, is due to have a baby in January. The club ladies thought it

appropriate to give her a couple of gifts from the CFBs. So, Sharon Thrasher made a beautiful blanket compete with National Buccaneer embroidery and Linda found a pair of pink booties (it's going to be a girl) to express our interest and appreciation for Marisa's attention to us. These gifts were presented at this meeting. Thank you ladies!!

OK, so who got enough sleep to make it for lunch? DAN PIERCE, LARRY and EILEEN HELMS, JIM and HILDA O'REILLY, BILL STRELECKI, DAVE BLESSING, STEVE BARKOW, BOB MANDRELL, BOB MARTIN, JOHN BARRY, JOHN BOWLING, BILL WEST, RONALD CHATLOS, ROEHNER, JACK and EVELYN FINNEGAN, CHUCK and ROSEMARIE OLIVEROS, STAN BARFIELD, SHERRY FASSETT-BRADLEY, DAVID BRADLEY, and LINDA and JOHN WENTWORTH.



The 50/50 riches went home with Bob Mandrell and John Bowling.

Until December 14th, Be Well!



Yankee Trader Luncheon, December 14th. Our Mistress of Ceremonies, Kay Strauss, kept things stirred up and under control at the same time, producing yet another successful "Trader" luncheon! Sharing in the fun were: Bill Griscom, Larry Helms, Ernie Ellison, Jim and Hilda O'Reilly, Ronald Chatlos, John Barry, Bill Strelecki, Bill West, John Bowling, Dave Blessing, Sherry Fassett- Bradley, David Bradley, Don and Doris Morgan, Bob and Faye Murrell, Lin Thompkins, Grant MacKay, Jon and Gigi Cockes, Bob and Sharon Thrasher, Stan Barfield, Jack and Evelyn Finnegan, Jack and Gayle Theisen, and Linda and John Wentworth.

The 50/50 was won by David Bradley and Faye Murrell. The clubs share went to Sonia, the lady that has been taking great care of us since we reconvened in October.

Until we meet again on January 11th, 2017, be well and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

GONE WEST

Sad News Department: F/A Rosemary McGurk came to National in February 1963. She passed away on October 23rd at the age of 76.

Jaclynn Kline, wife of F/E Norm Kline passed away on October 26th at the age of 76.

NAL, PAA F/A Donna Marie Norcross came to us in July of 1963. We lost Donna on October 27th at the age of 71.

Betty Morgan, Captain Howard Morgan's wife of nearly 60 years, passed away on November 21st after a lengthy illness. She was 79. Betty was one of the first ladies to befriend my Linda when we first began attending the Franklin picnics in the 1990s.

We don't normally acknowledge non National people in this segment. However, because of the fame of this extraordinary pilot, I think enough of you would be interested to know that R.A. "Bob" Hoover passed away on October 25th at the age of 94. His accomplishments are well enough known that I will refrain from recounting his career in this space.

Agnes Evans Wilmath was an F/A and later went to Flight Control for National. She was residing in Miami Lakes when we lost her on November 17th at the age of 86.

F/A Mary Battaglioli Beatty came to National in September 1957 and passed away on November 18th at the age of 80.

NAL, PAA F/A Theodore "Galen" Moffett was born in 1956 and came to us in 1978. He succumbed to cancer on November 30th.

F/A C.J.Crawford came to NAL in March, 1968 and later flew with PAA and DAL. Her residence was in Anderson, S.C. at the time of her passing on December 5th. She was 67.

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

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

PLEASE NOTE: Due to computer problems on this end, this issue of the newsletter will cover both November and December. We expect a return to normalcy (whatever that may be) in January 2017. HAPPY NEW YEAR DEAR READERSHIP!!!

BUCCANEERS CONVENTION 2017

The National Airlines Buccaneer Convention is coming up soon so mark your calendar for April 21-22-23. We will be heading back to Boca Raton at the Embassy Suites Hotel. For reservations I have two numbers depending on when you call....If you want to call between 9 to 5 on weekdays dial 561-989-3966 and it will ring on our sales managers phone and she will book your room..Her name is Carolyn and she knows all about us. If you call on the weekend or after 5.00PM dial 561-994-8200 and use our group code NAT for our \$99.00 rate. If you have any problems reaching either number please call me at 770-328-6351. As usual we will be gathering in our Hospitality Room 724 all throughout the weekend plus a wonderful little 2 hour cruise down the coast of south Florida. The plan is to leave the hotel Sat morning at 0930AM for a short bus ride up to the boat which will be leaving at 1030AM for very nice cruise returning at 1230PM. This should put us back at the hotel around 1:00PM. On Sunday morning we will be having our member meeting at 1000AM right after breakfast in the Palm Theater room. This meeting usually last one hour so the rest of the day is yours to choose. Sunday night right after Happy Hour the Convention Banquet Dinner will begin at 7:30PM in the Hotel Ballroom (Barbados). The Hospitality Room hours will be given to you at check-in along with the other events planned for the weekend. As you know the Embassy Suites has some very fine features that keep us returning year after year. This will be the last event that John and I will be putting together for the group and we are hopeful for a good turn out. The Hotel address is 661 NW 53rd st. Boca Raton 33487 and is just off I-95. If your coming from the south you would exit 48B and coming from the north exit 48 onto Yamato Rd . Turn right just over the railroad tracks onto NW 8th ave.and just follow this around to the Hotel. Looking forward to seeing you all very soon...Stay well
Bob Pierson--Convention Chairman

CONVENTION REGISTRATION, BOCA RATON, APRIL 21,22,23 2017

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 \$85 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 check and form to National Buccaneers, 15701 Willo Pines Lane, Montverde, FL 34756. PLEASE, don't wait until the last minute. That scramble exercise is not fun on this end!!

BUCCANEER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2017

Yep, it's that time of year again. Since it appears that the newsletter will continue beyond December 2017 under the guidance of Dick and Jane Walker, it is appropriate that we continue to replenish our treasury. Please send a check made out to National Airlines Buccaneers, and mail to 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. Dues remain at \$18.

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Zip_____

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HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD NEWS

By now all/most of you are aware that I will be leaving the presidency of the Buccaneers after the 2017 convention, and that I will produce my last issue of the newsletter in December of 2017. I have been looking for my replacement for some time now although the search has not brought forth a volunteer until a few days ago. So, may I introduce the TEAM of Dick and Jane Walker who will be taking over for me as the above dates come to pass. And, they are truly a team! It is their feeling that the Buccaneers Club is just too good to let go and so, are stepping up to carry on. We will go through the election "formality" in Boca. Dick did say that if someone else would like to take the positions that he will step aside. Anyone?

My original intent was to cease collecting dues after this year and using what we had through 2017. But, with the advent of the Walkers stepping up I think it only fair to leave them with an intact treasury, so we will again be collecting \$18 dues next year. It is their intention to continue the conventions and picnics beyond 2017. I will encourage them to produce an article for a later issue of this letter, explaining what they have in mind for the club. For now, I believe we owe them a VERY BIG Thank You!!!

MYSTERY AIRPORT AND AIRPLANE IDENTIFIED

Last Month's Mysteries: The first to ID Amsterdam's Schiphol airport was Dusty Rhodes followed soon after by Bob Massey, Curt Briggs and then Stan Barfield. Well done gentlemen, that was not easy!

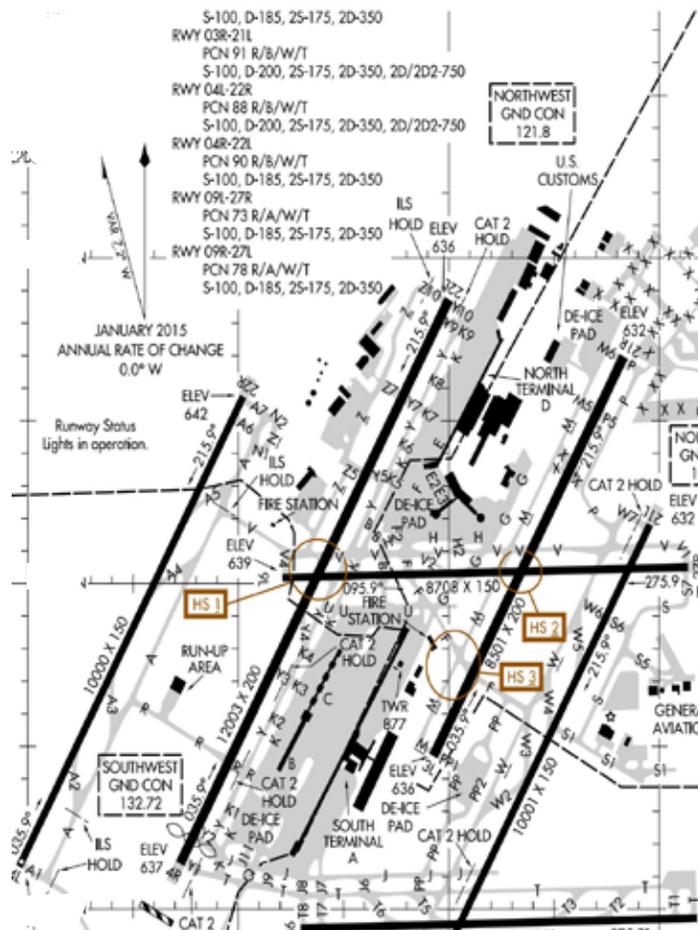
The airplane piece surprised me as I thought it would be easier than it apparently was. The airplane, obviously, is a modified P-51. The significance of the accompanying picture is that the man receiving the 1948 Thompson Trophy from Roscoe Turner is Anson Johnson who later had a career as a pilot with National. I remember that race as my father took me out to the Cleveland airport to witness it in person. In those days we were even allowed to wander the flight line, soaking in the excitement of seeing all those fancy racing machines up close and personal. Pretty neat stuff for a five year old.

In later years, when I actually met Anson Johnson, I asked him if he was the

same man that I saw in Cleveland that day. He acknowledged that he was. When I recounted my story, adding that I was five at the time, he turned to me and merely said "man, you really know how to hurt a guy"! When I later shared a cockpit with him, I found him to be a pleasure to fly with.

Since Stan Barfield supplied me with the pictures involved, it is little wonder that he also IDed them correctly. He is joined by Curt Briggs, Bob Cassube, and Dick Peck. Gary Snodgrass recognized the P-51 but chose the wrong trophy race. As always, I thank you guys for participating. You make this feature fun!!

After all the time that has gone by since it came out, and after the information was sent to daughter Kimberly for processing, Bob Pierson decided to ID the airport. He was correct of course, thence.....his inclusion.



Although not a NAL stop, most of us have operated through this airport with PAA, DAL or some other carrier. Do you recognize it?

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