



NATIONAL BUCCANEERS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016

The Central Florida Buccaneers

And so begins our 2016/2017 luncheon series with 33 attendees and much happy conversation! Linda and I missed you folks over the summer and welcome the return to the fall and winter normalcy. There are still a few holdouts, hiding in the mountains, plotting their return when the temperatures are more suitable to their Nordic inclinations. We anticipate seeing them in the December time frame when we will also be doing our yearly Yankee Trader gathering. Those who graced us with their presence for this time around were as follows: BOB and SHARON THRASHER, JOE FRICKS, DON and NANCY LOVERN, CHUCK OLIVEROS, JACK and SANDI GORDON,

JIM and HILDA O'REILLY, JACK and GAIL THEISEN, DON and DORIS MORGAN, SHERRY FASSETT-BRADLEY, DAVID BRADLEY, DAN PIERCE, LARRY HELMS, BILL GRISCOM, JIM GANNON, JAY HOPPE, BILL WEST, BOB MARTIN, BILL STRELECKI, JOHN BOWLING, DAMON BARKOW, DAVE BLESSING, ROEHNER, ERNIE ELLISON, JOHN BARRY, RONALD CHATLOS, and LINDA and JOHN WENTWORTH.

The 50/50 payouts found their way into the pockets/purses of Sharon Thrasher, Bill Griscom and Jay Hoppe. It's kinda cool when you can leave your luncheon experience wealthier than when you arrived! The IRS agent that I discussed this



Sad News Department: As of this writing, no sad news. I LOVE it!



event with was equally pleased, probably in anticipation of getting his bit of the action when you turn in your next 1040

form. Uh huh!

Until our next time together on November 9th, Be Well!

FRANKLIN PICNIC REVIEW

Friday, August 26, National Buccaneers began gathering at the Hampton Inn in Franklin, North Carolina for our annual picnic. In the late afternoon, we met in a conference room at the Hampton and enjoyed light snacks provided by Jim and Alana Hampton. It is always fun to get the weekend started with this welcoming social hour. In fact, folks were enjoying it so much that we had a hard time herding everyone "down the hill" to Willy's Bar-B-Que for dinner. About 45 of us enjoyed dinner at Willy's - always good food - where the socializing, catching up, and story-telling continued. We had our usual 50/50 drawing, however with a slight change. The entire amount that was collected was divided equally and awarded to two winners, Dorothy Shipley Reynolds and Carolyn Veazey. Additionally, Willy's provided two gift certificates for a free meal. These were won by Howard Morgan and Gretchen Titshaw.

Saturday was a glorious day with clear skies and perfect weather. Buccaneers and guests began ambling in to the pavilion at the Macon County Park by 10:00

AM. The worker bees who cleaned and set up the area for our picnic had arrived even earlier. Although there were about a dozen people who helped with this endeavor, I will not even attempt to list them for fear of leaving out someone. I would, however, like to give a special thanks to Dorothy Shipley Reynolds who, as a first time attendee, chipped in like she had been coming for years!

Hamburgers, hot dogs and brats along with many potluck dishes provided by local attendees made for a bountiful table. Nearly 100 folks enjoyed the delicious food, but I believe they enjoyed even more the fellowship which comes from the friendships we established during our National days. It doesn't seem to matter how much time goes by between our visits, whether it's one week or ten years, we are always able to take up right where we left off. That's friendship.

Once again we had a 50/50 drawing with the same rules as last night, only this time we split it three ways. (So I guess that would make it a 33/33/33 drawing.) Winners today were Leslie Neff, Jane

Walker, and oops!, we failed to get the third name. (Hey, the IRS would like to know, too!) One of Leroy Brown's books, autographed no less, was won by Dorothy Shipley Reynolds.

Florence Webster's daughter, Denise, took time away from a busy schedule in Franklin, Tennessee to escort her mom to the weekend festivities. Upon their return home on Sunday Denise was heard to say she would definitely be coming back next year! Yep, plans are already underway for next year.

Saturday evening a few of us attended the bluegrass music concert on the square in downtown Franklin - a nice way to end the day.

For yours truly, however, one more highlight remained. One of my favorite

times of the weekend is Sunday morning, sitting in the breakfast area of the Hampton Inn having lengthy, unhurried visits with those who stayed over a second night.

Jane and I extended our trip a few days, arriving home a few hours before Hurricane Hermine hit Tallahassee. Fortunately, we did not sustain any damage - just 5 days without power. But after what Hurricane Matthew did to the east coast, we can't even complain about that. We hope those of you in the wake of Matthew did not have much damage either.

And now - start making plans to attend next year's Buccaneer picnic which will be held in Franklin, N.C. during the last weekend of August 2017!

PICNIC ATTENDANCE LIST

Picnic Attendance List: First, a word of thanks to each of you for printing your name/names. I did not have to call upon my extensive experience in Latin, Spanish, Hieroglyphics, and Sanskrit to decipher the list's information. A welcome change from lists past. I combined the names from Willy's and the picnic in order to save space. I recognize that not everyone signed in on either list so, if you were there and your name does not appear, contact me and I will attempt to make

amends in the next issue. So, here goes: John and Nancy Schneider, Terrell Jones, Jack and Sandi Gordon, Bob and Jennifer Pierson, Bob and Sharon Thrasher, Don and Carolyn Veazey, Bob Wilson, Jerome Kline, Bill Bateman, Stroube Lander, Jim and Alana Hampton, Dick and Jane Walker, Don and Dorothy Simpkins, Jim Hyman, Scott McEvoy, Emmett (Buddy) and Gretchen Titshaw, Ross and Mary Hamilton, Jay Hoppe, Florence Webster and daughter, Doug and Judy Burnett,

Howard Morgan and Jenny Saul, Joe and Dorian Cushing, Dorothy Shipley Reynolds, Norton and Pam Elder, Charlie and Annette Koninsky, Charlie Amacker, Don DeWitt, Bob and Faye Murrell, Vince Wynne, Frank Savino, Burt Johnson, J.P. Moorhouse, Bob Skoog and son Dave, Bud Frayser, Sue Miller, Judy Rowe McCully, Al and Joanne Davidson, Leslie

Neff, Nancy Pace and Chuck Lowrance, Dave Dollarhide, Ralph and Mickey Wethli, Walter and Olga Clark, Lois Karcher, Marian Badgley, Bob and Sharon Cunningham, Helen Moore, Gary and Mary Anne Williams, Jim and Jeanne Curry, Jon and Gigi Cockes, and Linda and John Wentworth.

FINDING NATIONAL AIRLINES BUCCANEERS TSHIRTS

The question has come up (do we have anymore tee-shirts) and the answer is no. However in case you are in need of a few here is where you can find them..The gentleman that we have dealt with is Mr. Bryant Pettitt...he owns the company sky-shirts@gmail.com and his phone number is [770-887-0017](tel:770-887-0017). We have done business

with him for about 10 years and he is partial to NAL so if you call him mention the National Airlines Buccaneers. The quality of his product is suburb Hope to see you soon at the final NAL Convention in Boca Raton on April 21-22-23...Stay well.

Bob Pierson-Convention Chairman



MYSTERY AIRPORT AND AIRPLANE REVEALED

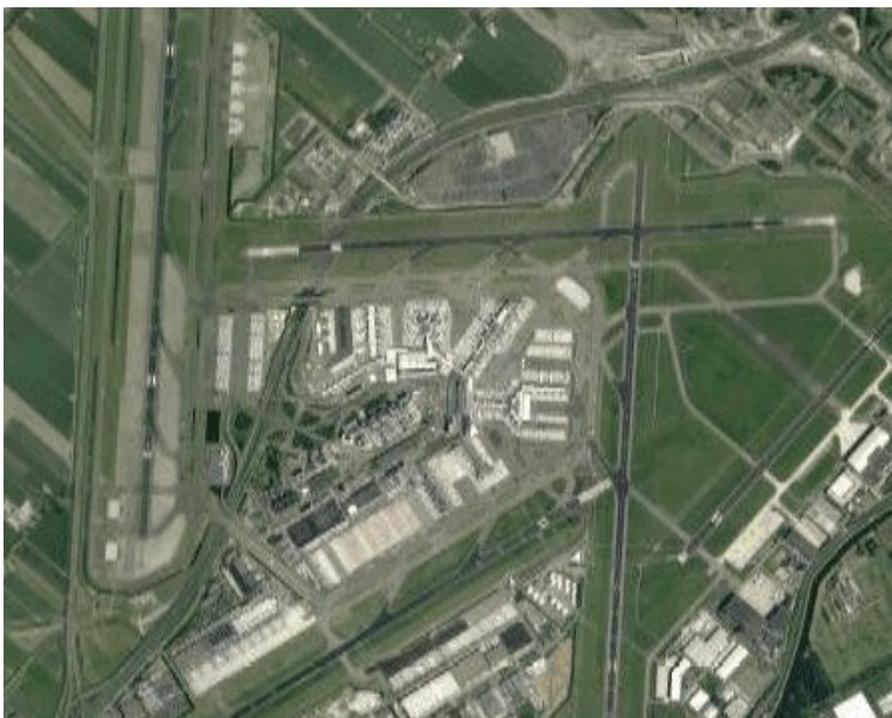
Last Month's Mystery Airplane and Airport: The airport didn't pose a great problem to Bob Massey, Jerome Kline, Bill Bateman, Stan Barfield, Bob Pierson, Vince Wynne, or Curt Briggs. As Vince put it-**Flughaven Zurich**. Well done guys,

I'm impressed. The airPLANE however met quite a different fate. Only Curt Briggs IDed the Curtis Carrier Pidgeon II. It's hard to fool Curt!

NEWSLETTER TO SURVIVE?

UPDATE: I have had several people ask me if there has been any interest from anyone in taking over the newsletter or the club presidency. As of this writing the answer is no. Folks would like things to continue but only if someone else does the work. So, I await your inquiries if you are at all interested. I can be contacted at [407-469-7015](tel:407-469-7015) (leave a message and return number please) or at johnhd500@gmail.com.

To recap, the last convention, under the present slate of officers, will be in April 2017 at the Boca Raton Embassy Suites. The last Franklin picnic that Dick and Jane Walker will be putting on is slated for late August 2017. The final issue of the newsletter that I produce will be for December 2017. If the Bucs are to continue beyond the above dates, it is UP TO YOU!



As sharp as you guys are, this old National stop should not be difficult.

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