

NATIONAL AIRLINES BUCCANEERS

February 2017

CENTRAL FLORIDA BUCCANEERS

CFB Luncheon February 8th: First, I'm sorry for my absence at this gathering but a sinus infection and a desire to NOT share it with friends, caused me to opt out this time around. I fully expect to rejoin you next month. Dan Pierce was also absent and in his stead, **Frank Savino** took the reins and ran the 50/50 for us. Thank You Captain Frank! Those in attendance were: BILL GRISCOM, LARRY HELMS, ERNIE ELLISON, JAY HOPPE, DAVE BLESSING, BILL STRELECKI, JIM and HILDA O'REILLY, BOB MANDRELL, STEVE BARKOW, BILL WEST, RON CHATLOS, BOB MARTIN, JOHN BOWLING, JON and GIGI COCKES, STAN BARFIELD, FRANK SAVINO, SHERRY BRADLEY, DAVID BRADLEY, JACK and GALE THEISEN, DON and DORIS MORGAN, JACK and SANDI GORDON, BOB and SHARON THRASHER, JOE FRICKS, RUSTY HEARD, and LINDA WENTWORTH.

OK, the 50/50. There were two winners. Linda was one of them but I have been unable to ascertain the other. Our memories being what they are, or are not, no one seems to remember. So, I am going to ask the other winner to identify him/herself and I will recognize you in next month's letter. My apologies.

Speaking of next month, the meeting will take place on March 8th. Until then, be well!

COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS TODAY TO
SECURE YOUR PLACE WITH US IN APRIL!!!

FORMS ARE IN THIS NEWSLETTER!!!



GONE WEST

Sad News Department: Tara James, wife of Captain David James, passed away on February 13th. She was a very sweet lady and we will miss her. We will NOT forget her!

A PLEA FROM JOHN

The last weeks before the convention, are a major headache for me trying to piece together the last minute sign ups, deal with the changes and cancellations etc. IF you are coming, PLEASE send in your sign up forms as early as possible and save me from having to replenish my stash of Roloids on a daily basis. I would APPRECIATE it! To those who have already done so, I THANK YOU and ask that you disregard this notice.

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 manager's 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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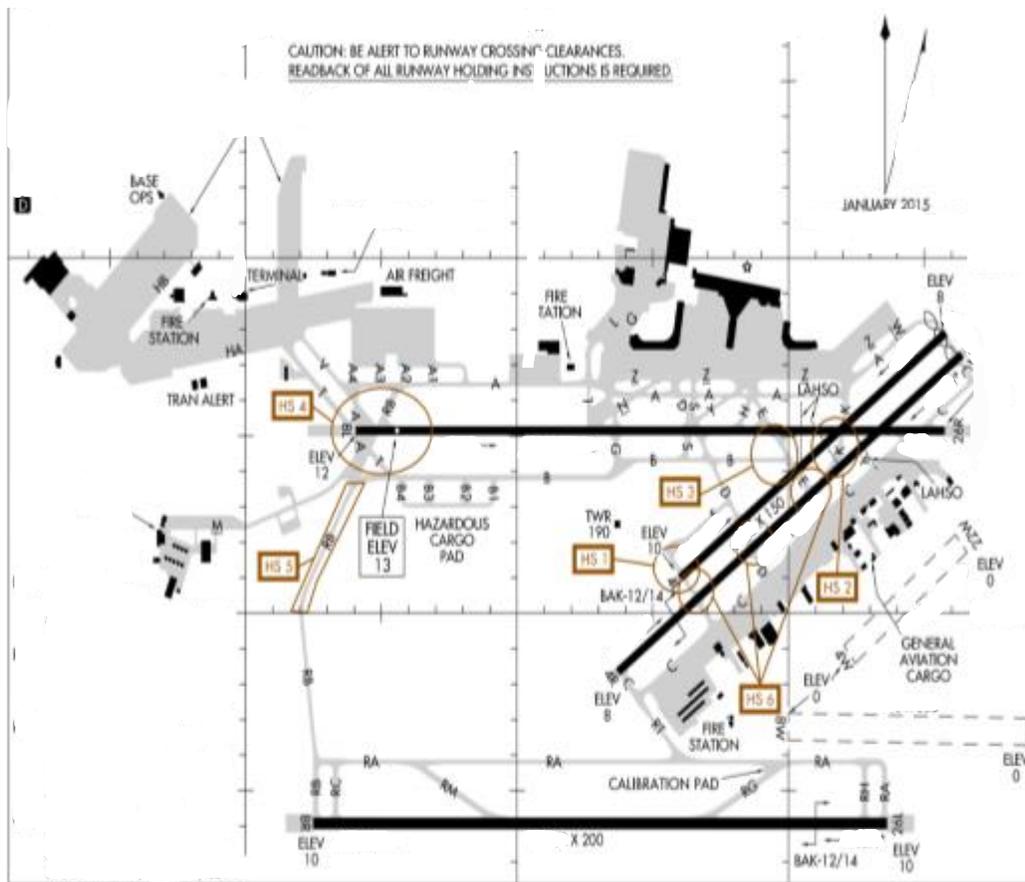
A quick Thank You note: I want to take a moment to thank the 48 responders who have already sent in their dues for 2017. I want you to know that I have noticed and that I appreciate your promptness! J.W.

MYSTERIES SOLVED

Last month's Mystery Airplane and Airport: I have NEVER gotten a greater response for any airplane or airport since this feature began several years ago. This was FUN! My thanks to all of you participating!

Airplane: A Grumman Goose retrofitted with turbo-props. I'D LOVE to fly one! Probably so would the following guys that correctly IDed it: Rusty Heard, Curt Briggs, Bob Spencer, Larry Helms, Hart Kelley, Vince Wynne, Jim Gannon, Gary Snodgrass, Frank Savino, Jerome Kline and Bill Bateman(more on Bill on the far end of the airport IDs).

Airport: Salt Lake City. It would seem a nerve was struck with this non-NAL destination. I think I may be on to something. Of course a couple of clues were apparent on the plate that helped at least a few of you. We'll see what February brings. Dusty Rhodes, Rusty Heard, Curt Briggs, Larry Helms(welcome back Larry), Linda Spencer, Joe DeFilippis, Hart Kelley, Bob Massey, Jim Gannon, Bob Pierson, Stan Barfield, Vince Wynne, Phil Claudy, Gary Snodgrass, Joe Fricks, Jerome Kline, Frank Savino, and Bill Bateman, were all on it! NOTE: Bill Bateman also correctly IDed last month's airplane and airport but was inadvertently left off of the credits. I plead senility for the mistake and I stand by my story. I wish I could say it will never happen again but, alas, I cannot. Sorry Bill!



The response to last month's airport was so good that I have decided to explore this idea a bit further. This was not a National stop but again, you Delta types, and those who joined other carriers, are probably familiar with this airport. Where is it?

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