

NATIONAL AIRLINES BUCCANEERS

March 2017

CENTRAL FLORIDA BUCCANEERS

CFB Luncheon March 8, 2017. For some reason this season seems to be going faster than usual. Here it is March already with but two more months before our summer recess. I understand that time increases in speed with age but..... Anyway, the following folks convened and seemed to enjoy the gathering: BOB and FAYE MURRELL, DAVE BLESSING, BILL STRELECKI, JOHN BOWLING, BILL WEST, ERNIE ELLISON, BILL GRISCOM, LARRY and EILEEN HELMS, JIM and HILDA O'REILLY, SHERRY and DAVID BRADLEY, JON and GIGI COCKES, JACK and SANDI GORDON, FRANK SAVINO, STAN BARFIELD, BOB THRASHER, JOE FRICKS and LINDA and JOHN WENTWORTH.

Once again Frank Savino stepped up to do the 50/50 in Dan's absence, and produced enough income to allow two of our people to return home with \$25 each. Luck was with Joe Fricks and Bill Strelecki. The club deposited 50 couple dollars.

We'll do this all again on April 12th so mark your calendars now so you don't forget. Until then, Be Well!!





GONE WEST

Sad News Department: On the 2nd of March we lost **F/E Murphy Gill** at the age of 67. He joined National in October 1978, continued with PAA and later went to DAL. He was residing in Port Orange, FL at the time of his passing. I flew many pleasant 727 trips with Murphy. He will be missed. He will NOT be forgotten. May his last flight West be fair of wind and free from turbulence.

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.

Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Phone_____

E-Mail_____

Position held at National_____

NOTE: This will be the last month that the forms for the membership renewal and convention will appear. You are, no doubt, as tired of seeing them as I am tired of printing them. For those of you who have already responded, **THANK YOU!** You have made my life easier.

The plans for the convention are encouraging, I believe it will be a lot of fun! If you can possibly make it to Boca, I think you will be rewarded with a good time. I/We look forward to seeing you there! Please remember, we are getting older faster and chances to mingle are dwindling. Give it some thought!

MYSTERIES SOLVED

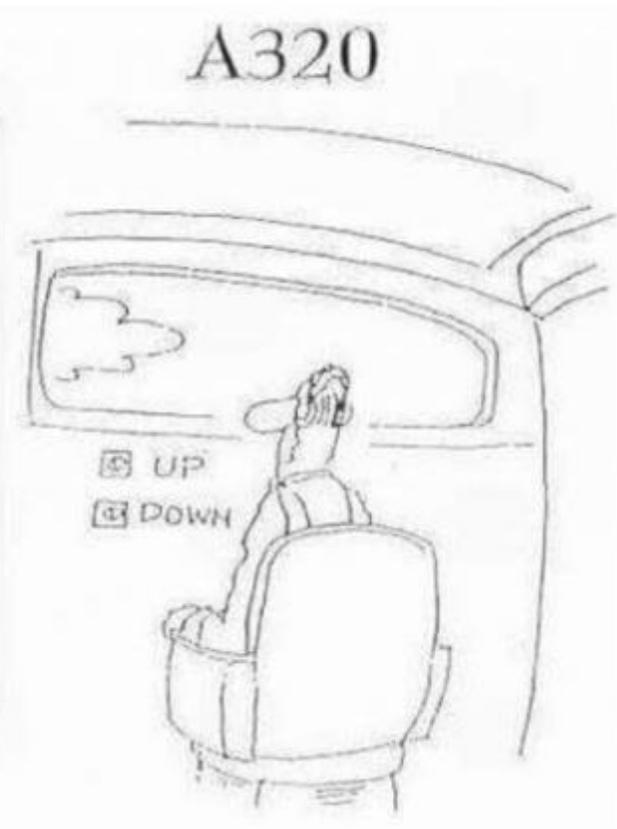
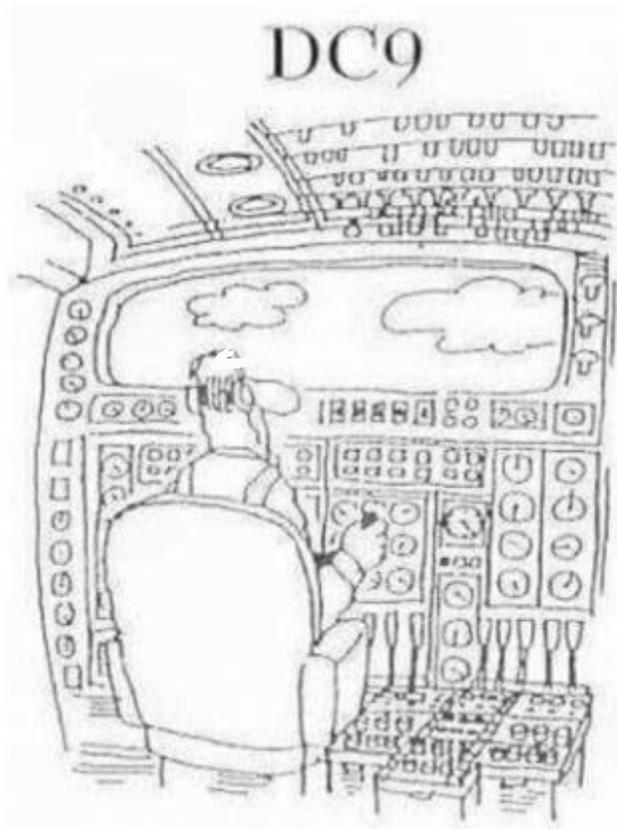
Last Month's Mystery Airplane and Airport: I admit a bit of surprise that only four of our folks IDed the Travel Air Mystery Ship as it is a relatively famous airplane. I have learned that no offering in either category is ever a given so you confuse me as much as I do you. Of course, that is one of the things that make this feature fun, at least for me. And, confusion seems to be a closer companion as I get older so I am in a relatively stable state. OK, so the 4 correct IDs came from Jim Gannon, Larry Helms, Curt Briggs Vince Wynne and Jerome Kline.

The airport brought 7 correct IDs which I think is pretty good since we never went there as National. In reality, there are any number of airports that many of us have operated into and out of over the years that never found their way into National's stable of destinations. So, that gives me a bit more leeway in choices going forward. HNL, Honolulu was no mystery to Dusty Rhodes, Bob Massey, Stan Barfield, Bob Pierson, Jim Gannon, Curt Briggs ,Vince Wynne and Jerome Kline.

As always, my thanks to each of you who took the time and effort to participate. You're great!!



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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Hopefully this one will be a bit of a challenge to you historians!