

FRONTIER NEWS



ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT LAST YEAR'S PHX REUNION
ARE L-R ROD SMITH, BILLY WALKER, DAVE KAPLAN,
BRAD HURD, LARRY VIED, BOB ASHBY,
BILL WAYLAND, CURREY TAYLOR, CHUCK BLAIR,
DON STRALEY AND GEORGE SIMS.

***UPDATE ON THE FL ESOP PAYOUT
ON PAGE 15!***

SUMMER 2002



TIME TABLE

This is the information we currently have. Coordinators of FL events, please let us know the details so we can post it.

BILLINGS

Saturday, July 20 @ 4pm at 10 N. Crestwood Drive, BIL.
Contact: Darryl Robson (406)651-0698 or Email dkrobson@attbi.com

DALLAS-FT WORTH REUNION

October 26, 2002 at Ernies, 8206 Bedford-Euless Road, North Richland Hills, TX on Saturday night, at 6:00 PM until ?
Contacts: Bill Blackmon, 817-788-1110, BBmon@juno.com, Jim Ford, 817-268-3954, or Mary Liddle 817-461-4707

DENFL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Held Friday, June 28, 2002 at 10am Lake Arbor Golf Club, 8600 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, CO.
Contact: Bob Reisig 303-755-6106, BoJos42@aol.com for info

THE PARTY BEFORE THE DEN PICNIC

Held Friday June 28, 2002 at Diane Hall's Club House, 6pm. In Denver at 10391 Little Turtle which is off E. Evans Ave.
Contact Diane at 303-751-3489.

DENVER REUNION PICNIC

Held JUNE 29, 11am - 4 pm, Cherry Creek State Park (Dixon Grove) A new coordinator selected since Lanette is moving.
Contact: Carolyn Boller, 1293 Revere St., Aurora, CO 80011, 303-364-3624, CKBoller@aol.com

FRONTIER AIRLINES RETIRED PILOTS

(The FL Retired Pilots Assn quarterly newsletter is available for a \$15 annual subscription. Contact Ace Avakian, 17 Oak Ridge Drive, Castle Rock, CO 80104-2129 or AceAvak@aol.com)

DFW: Luncheon, every odd month, 3rd Monday, noon @ Ernies, 8206 Bedford-Euless Road, North Richland Hills, TX
Contacts: Bill Blackmon 817-282-3105, BBmon@juno.com

DEN: Luncheon, every second Tuesday, 11:30am @ Mr. Panda Chinese Restaurant, 2852 S. Havana, Aurora, CO
Contacts: Ace Avakian 303-688-3852, Jim Hanson 303 750 6478

SLC: Luncheon, every third Thursday 11:30am @ Chuck Arama Buffet, 744 East 400 South Salt Lake City, UT
Contact: Jack Schade 801-277-5479

FRONTIER BASH

September 21-22, 2002 & features a golf tourney. Ad page 3.
Contact: Rusty Lambert, 6633 Ann Drive, Murchison, TX, 1-903-852-3970 RustyLGolf@cs.com

FYV-FSM MEMORIAL PIGNIC

Saturday, August 24, 2002, Sat., 11am-5pm,
 Burford Pavilion near FSM airport. See ad page 14.
Contacts: Phil Green, 2101 Packard Pl., Ft. Smith, AR 72901, 501-783-2981, SusiGreen0609@aol.com or Jake Lamkins, 365 Wallin Mountain Road, West Fork, AR 72774, 501-839-8556, ExFAL @Yahoo.com

KANSAS CITY REUNION

2002 TBA: Need info
Contacts: Reva Burke at 816-436-3670 or Rose Dragen at 816-741-1995 or MDragen@juno.com

PHOENIX REUNION

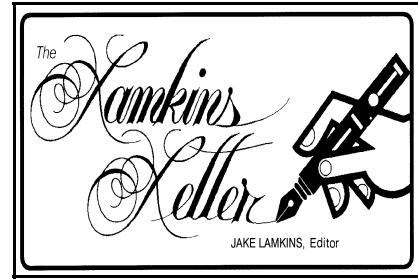
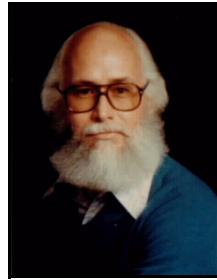
2002 TBA: May be the first Sunday in November. The event needs a coordinator. Need more info.

TUCSON GOLF TOURNAMENT

Held May 3-5, 2002 Need more info.
Contact: Ron Butler(?)

The FRONTIER NEWS is published quarterly and dedicated to ex-employees, friends, family and fans of the "old" Frontier Airlines which "died" on August 24, 1986 and was "buried" on May 31, 1990. It is a non-profit operation. All income goes into keeping the NEWS going. Opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the author and not the editor or the publication. Publishing dates are October for Fall, January for Winter, April for Spring and July for Summer. Articles and photos are welcomed and subject to editing and space requirements. We cannot pay for such items but will give credit as appropriate. All submissions should deal with the "old" Frontier Airlines. Especially welcomed are stories of personal experiences with a humorous slant. All airline employees have a treasure trove of such stories. Please share them with the rest of the FLamily. We also want to publicize ALL "old" Frontier gatherings. Be sure to notify us with details: place, date, contact and so forth. They will be published in the "Timetable". Subscriptions are \$10 per year. All back issues are available & cost \$2.50 each. Text ads are \$5 for 20 words, \$10 for 40 words, \$15 for a business card, \$20 for 1/8th page and \$40 for a quarter page. Tell others in the FLamily about the FL NEWS. Give a gift subscription. Masthead design by Craig Hansen, FL fan & Denver graphic artist.

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The NEWS got started from an idea at the FYV-FSM Reunion in 2000. A collection was taken up to pay for postage & copying costs. Yours truly started learning how to use Microsoft Publisher and other software. Thanks to everyone who has helped it succeed beyond any expectations. We'll get together again this year on August 24 - our 34th year. Look for details on page 14.

Many FLolks contacted me about an ESOP pay out. I mailed a letter to the address Ace & Ray provided but got no response. So I phoned them July 10 and all the information I got is on page 15. Thanks to everybody who alerted me to this surprising development.

The post office lost 7 issues in April. So I'm trying a larger label and also furnishing the \$ figures for each subscriber in the first line. I hope this will help remind you when it's time to re-subscribe.

Ace Avakian and I explored the possibility of combining this newsletter and the retired pilots' publication. That would have produced a 32 page newsletter. It was just too expensive and would have required raising subscription fees so we dropped the idea. Ace is still looking for a volunteer to take over as editor in his place. After 15 years of doing it, he wants more time for other activities. Volunteers should contact him.

Carolyn Boller has volunteered to take over coordinating the DEN Reunion. Lanette Duncan, who has done it for several years, is leaving Colorado. Lanette took it when Tom & Marge Hushka stepped down. They had done it a long time. Carolyn is looking for folks to help out with whatever you can do. She wants to enlarge the mailing list so I've sent her the NEWS' mailing list to help there. Contact her if you would like to get involved.

(Contact info for both Carolyn & Ace is in the Timetable section)

DEN Reunion 2002

On Saturday, June 29th, the Frontier Family gathered for the 16th time to celebrate our family by choice. I think we had about 150 people (Lanette will have the exact numbers) attend. Lots of conversation about what folks are doing, asking about other folks who did not attend, gathering of addresses, e-mails and plans for the next picnic. We hope the people who partied the night before will join us the next day. We want to see you!

Because Lanette is moving to Arkansas, I've agreed to take over the planning of the event. Lots of people have agreed to help and their offer will definitely be taken. We will try to expand the list of invites, and if anyone has any recommendations please let me know.

Thanks to Marge and Tom and Lanette for keeping the picnic going all these years. Hope to you see next year.

Carolyn Boller, DENRK

The reunion went well. The Flight Attendant/Pilot party on Friday night had lots of people. Not as many showed up for the picnic, but I'm hoping Carolyn can light a fire under some of the agents and they will show up next year. Never the less, we all had a grand time. It was hot, but the area we have the picnic in is sheltered and lots of trees, so we survived.

Later, *Lanette Duncan*

DEATHS IN THE FLAMILY

(Reported since the last issue)

Bob Anderson, CYS manager, 1963(?), heart attack
 Jim Ashley, LNK sr. station agent, 6/6/95, age 65
 Phil Bolt, DEN station agent, 4/25/02
 Bill Brickman, DENMX, 4/20/01, age 56, inspector
 Sam Cales, PHX manager, 6/20/02, age 67
 Joan Marquez Campbell, DEN RK & TT, 6/8/02, leukemia
 Lois David, DENTT, 7/3/94, age 63, cancer
 Duane Faltys, TUS station agent, 2/28/02, age 67
 Ron Gildea, station agent, 3/20/90, age 62
 Oran Kennedy, LNK sr. station agent, 3/15/94, age 76
 Erv Kroepelin, TUS station agent, 4/16/02, age 84
 Robert Lee, TUS station agent, need info
 Harold Long, RIW station agent, 3/17/02, age 71
 Bill Mckenney, DENRK, 6/25/02
 Dave Weston, DEN BOI station agent, 10/30/01, age 58,
 Larry Witkowski, LNK sr. station agent, 1/23/97, age 64

PENSION INFORMATION

ALEA:

Principal Insurance Company
 Contact Vicki Prorock at 1-800-944-8631 x57274 or
 Prorock.Vicki@Principal.com
 Several options - you can start collecting at age 55.

IAM:

Travelers Life & Annuity
 One Tower Square 7MS-C
 Hartford, CT. 06183-6035
 1-800-521-3099 fax 860-954-2472

We need contact info on the TWU, AFA & ALPA plans.

A TRUE STORY

by Ray Hall

One day I was working the ticket counter with another agent. She checked this couple in and asked them the security questions...I was checking in someone else so I wasn't paying any attention to them until I heard her say, "I am going to pretend like I didn't hear that comment." The passenger said "What comment?" She said "the one you just made -- we take that kind of thing very seriously and if you repeat it I would have to involve the police...etc...."

The man stepped up to the counter all bowed up and asked, "Just EXACTLY what do you think you heard me say?" The agent said "I didn't hear the entire comment but what I did hear were the words "BOMB" and "Iranian" and you just cannot say anything like that in airports!"

The guy started shaking his head and said .. I did NOT say BOMB or Iranian ...I was talking about our DOG what I said was.....POMERANIAN.

Austin and Rusty extend an invitation to the

2002 BASH FRONTIER STYLE (GOLF TOURNAMENT) ECHO CREEK COUNTRY CLUB SEPTEMBER 21 & 22

Hi friends, it's time to plan for this year's fling. Please do a favor and drop us a line with your current address, phone and for sure an E-Mail. I will mail the info and entry forms next month and we want to be sure we get them to the right place.

Friday, the 20th - Welcome party

Saturday, 21st - 9am shotgun start,
 6:30pm - cocktails, 7:30pm - dinner

Sunday, 22nd - 9am shotgun start

Entry fees: Golfer \$80.00 Non golfer \$25.00

Hotel: Hilltop Inn: \$58.76 (inc. tax) Double (2 persons)
 \$49.72 Single (1 person)
 Practice rounds \$17.00 (inc. cart)

WE NEED: NAMES, ARRIVAL DATES, DEPARTURE DATE, SMOKING OR NON SMOKING ROOM, PHONE NUMBER AND ANY ADDRESS CHANGES.
 MONEY IS NOT NECESSARY,

WE WILL COLLECT WHEN YOU GET HERE.

WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE HOTEL RESERVATIONS.
 RESPOND BY E-MAIL, PHONE, OR MAIL.
 RUSTYLGOLF@CS.COM, 903-852-3970,
 OR 6633 ANN DRIVE, MURCHISON, TX, 75778

GONE WEST

We salute these friends on their final voyage!

JIM SMITH

1933 - 1996

In an earlier letter I mentioned that James Smith wasn't listed on the agents obituary page and was unable to supply any dates, however, over the Memorial Day weekend I talked to one of Jim's daughters and can now provide you with more information.

James F. Smith DOB: June 21, 1933 DOD: March 6, 1996, age 62 years. Jim worked for FL as an agent in RIW and PUB and as station manager in MCK from 1959 until 1971. I am enclosing a copy of Jim's obituary which will verify these dates.

You folks are doing a WONDERFUL job with the Frontier News and web pages. I, for one, appreciate all your hard work and efforts. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Robert (Bob) White

JAMES F. SMITH

James Francis Smith died Wednesday, March 6, 1996 at the Community Hospital in McCook, Nebraska at the age of 62. He was born June 21, 1933 at Kremmling in Summit County, Colorado, the son of the late Walter Sanders and Clara Ethel (Lee) Smith.

Jim grew up in the Denver, Colorado area and graduated from South High School in Denver in 1951. On July 26, 1951 Jim married D. Joan Gentry in Denver, Colorado.

Jim began working as Station Agent for Frontier Airlines, moving to Riverton, Wyoming and Pueblo, Colorado before coming to McCook, Nebraska in 1959 where he was Station Manager with Frontier until 1971. In 1981 Jim completed his schooling in gunsmithing at the Trinidad College at Trinidad, Colorado and operated his own gun shop known as The Gun' Smiths specializing in custom stock and metal work.

Jim also joined the McCook Police Department in 1981 where he was a dispatcher in the communications department. At the time of his death he was on duty with the police department. He was President of the South West Nebraska Rifle and Pistol Club.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one granddaughter, Andrea Nicole Smith, one brother, Leslie "Bud" Smith and three sisters, Effie Parker, Evelyn Smith and Eleanor Smith. Surviving Jim is his wife, Joan Smith of McCook, Nebraska; four sons, Michael Smith and his wife Nora of Gold Hill, Oregon; Walter Smith and his wife Laura of Chicago, Illinois; Richard Smith and his wife Shelley of Wichita, Kansas and Mark Smith and his wife Ginni of Amherst, Nebraska.

Four daughters, Carol and her husband Marcy Shadley of Trenton, Nebraska; Laura Tournade and Linda Smith both of McCook, Nebraska and Sharon and her husband, Mark Hollars of Dallas, Texas. Fourteen grandchildren. Two brothers, Max Smith of Aurora, Colorado and Orville Smith and his wife Ella of Farmington, New Mexico. Two sisters, Inez and her husband Lynn Curtis and Lola Baer both of Denver, Colorado.



DAVE WESTON

1943 - 2001

I was in Boise the week of Apr 9, 2002 and talked to JL Olson who used to work in PHX. He, Dave Weston, and several others from DEN opened BOI in '79. JL said that Dave had passed away either in Dec of 2001 or in Jan of 2002. Dave had had a heart attack a few years back and died of another one while helping his daughter working on her garage.

Jim Lane

Dave was born August 25, 1943 and died November 30, 2001 in BOI. He was 58 years old. Besides being a station agent, he was active in ALEA affairs for many years.

Jake Lamkins

DUANE FALTY'S

1934 - 2002

We have also had more Deaths in the EX TUS FAL family. I don't have the stats but I saw in Obits for Robert E Lee and Duane Falty's and just last week I was advised Erwin (Erv) Kroepelin was in the Tucson obituary page.

Ron Herring

Duane was born October 10, 1934 and died February 28, 2002 in PHX. He was 67 years old.

Jake Lamkins

ERV KROEPLIN

1917 - 2002

Some info on Erv: he started with FAL about late 50's and moved to TUS about 60 (not sure exact time.) but he retired just before the end of FAL and moved to TX.

Ron Herring

OBITUARY

KROEPLIN ERWIN CARL born in Bottineau County, ND on December 31, 1917 and passed away in Dallas on April 16, 2002. Erwin is survived by his son, Rod Kroepelin of Grand Prairie, TX; daughter, Shirley Willhite of Newark, DE; 6 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 4 brothers, Carl Kroepelin of Bottineau, ND, Edwin Kroepelin of Finley, ND, Melvin Kroepelin & Donald Kroepelin, both of Riverside, CA; and 2 sisters, Viola Sorlie of Bottineau, ND & Luella Commons of Grafton, ND.

Services will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bottineau, ND at 2:00 PM, April 27, 2002. Interment will be held at Oak Creek Cemetery in Bottineau. Rhoton Funeral Home 1511 S. I-35 @ Crosby Rd. Carrollton, TX

JOAN MARQUEZ

CAMPBELL

June 8, 2002

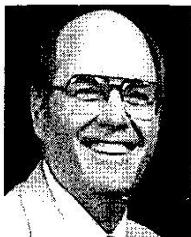
Joan worked in Reservations for many years before coming over to Denver Station to work in customer service. She had survived breast cancer over 20 years ago but this time cancer hit her blood and sadly she has passed. After FL she worked at CUC Travel until she retired. The funeral services are the 12th of June at 99th and Grant at 6:pm.

Eric Mason

Joanie died on the 8th of June of leukemia. She was in Reservations..worked the tour desk. I think Joanie was about number 3 on the Res seniority list.

Carolyn Boller

**Samuel L.
CALES**



Samuel L. Cales, on June 20, 2002 was lifted from the loving arms of his family and friends into the arms of his precious Lord, Jesus Christ. As his family sang songs of faith and read scripture, Sam exhaled his last labored breath on this earth and inhaled celestial air at the feet of his Heavenly Father.

He was born July 25, 1934 to Pete and Tawana Cales in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. He left behind his wife Emily, two daughters, Tammy Kenyon of Mesa, Ariz. and Traci Bowers of Sparks, Nev. Also left behind are his grandchildren, Cara Shearer, Sean and Chris Kenyon, Megan and Stewart Bowers; and three sisters, Marilyn Smothers, Sandy Ferguson (his twin) and Rowena Randle.

Sam worked 47 years in the airline industry including: Central Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Continental Airlines and Reno Air. Both Sam and Emily were a part of Reno Christian Fellowship, where Sam was an elder. The last 5 years, however, Sam and Emily have helped their daughter and son-in-law, Traci and Mike Bowers to plant a new church, Living Springs Community Church where Sam served as Treasurer, Administrative Assistant, and #1 Encourager.

A memorial celebration is scheduled for Sunday, June 23, 4:00 PM at Reno Christian Fellowship, 1700 Zolezzi Lane, Reno. There will be a reception following at the church. The family would appreciate that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Sam Cales Memorial Fund benefiting Living Springs Community Church, P.O. Box 2619, Sparks, NV 89432.

missed by all who knew him.

Phil Stallings

Sam was a wonderful person. I admired the loving relationship that he had with his wife, almost as if that were newlyweds. Sam worked for us at Reno Air in Reno as a station agent or something. I tried to get him to be a supervisor or Asst. Mgr. but he was not interested. He was the station customer soother and problem solver in Reno. If I were to look for the definition of a good Christian, it would be Sam.

Best Regards, **G. Dan McCauley**

I am saddened to inform that I was just made aware this AM (6-21) that Sam Cales, former FAL MGR of PHX passed away (respiratory infection) with services in RNO @ 1600 this Sunday.

Frank Schubert

I saw this in today's paper. Came as a surprise to me, but I had not seen Sam in several months. The ranks are getting thinner!

Joe Max Johnson

I worked for SAM and shot Archery with him, he will be missed by me and my Family.

Errol & Gini Klein

Sure was surprised this a.m. to read about Sam Cales. A very nice man.

Sandy Glau

I will always feel that I was privileged to know Sam Cales. Back at Central, he always took the time to answer questions of a customer service value. He also always cautioned me to step back and look twice at passenger problems, (a caution I never really heeded). After FAL was "killed" and Sam was RNO manager, I always took the time to introduce my crew to a "class act" person. That was Sam. We always had lunch together whenever I had a noon turn in RNO, regardless of the lack of great menu's in the RNO "greasy spoon". Another we'll meet again in the heavenly hangar. I hope the coffee will be as good as the Central hangar at GSW!!! Another good guy gone west!!!! GOD BLESS HIM!

Clyde Hart

I worked for Sam Cales as a Station Agent when he was Assistant Station Mgr for Central Airlines in Tulsa, OK. He was truly a joy to be around and taught me much about the airline business. A real gentleman. After I went on the line as a pilot, he always had time to visit and share some of his time when I would "fly" through his station. Sam will be

SAM CALES

Station manager PHX - also at ADH TUL DEN DAL

1934 - 2002

There was never a finer man than Sam Cales. His wife Emily is equally unique. Sam had to get through the Pearly Gates with no questions asked.

Dick Rohrmann

Sam was the Man! Sam Hired me in PHX as a Temp to backfill for those PHX Station agents that went to JAC & WYS for the summer. Looking back now, I was grateful for the chances he gave me as a temp. I remember flying to DEN for my typing test and processing, and he actually sought me out on return and congratulated my passing. Yes indeed he was a great Manager!

Dennis Casadore

Sam never worked for FL in Reno. He was manager for CO for a while in RNO, and later a supervisor for RenoAir in Reno. He started with Central in Ada, Oklahoma. I was manager in Ada for a while, and he and I were the only 2 Central people there. He was Central manager in Denver, and then in Phoenix. When the CN-FL merger took place, he then was FL manager there. He was still in PHX for the FL bankruptcy, then went to work for Continental Airlines.

Joe Max Johnson

I worked for Sam as a Senior Agent in PHX. I agree, he was/is the best Manager I have ever worked for. I learned lots from him. Unfortunately, I have lost contact with him through the years. He was a good man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Larry Kramer

Sam Cales was without question one of the finest people I have ever met and one that I was proud to call my friend for many years - at Frontier and Continental. I had lost touch with him in the mid 90's but thanks to the Frontier alumni site, I made contact with him through email earlier this year. He will be sorely missed by his family and everyone who knew him.

Ann Yanulavich

So sorry to hear of the passing of Sam Cales. I was there in PHX when he was Staion Manager. A good man!

Ace Avakian

I also would like to take the time to express my very deep admiration for Sam Cales. I first met him in Ada, OK. when I was flying through there in our early years of CEN. He was just a kid, as so many of us were and he was the most eager new hire that I had ever seen, then and now. He was always going out of his way to be nice, and be of service in any way, not to just the people with the Airline, but to everyone he came in contact with. In recent years, Sam has contacted me via E-Mail and kept saying he sure would like to attend one of our DFW-FAL annual Reunion's, and catch up on all of the Ole-Cen-Fal guys. We have lost many many of them and now that they have Flown West, they can have that Get-To-Gether and we too

will be looking forward to joining them. Truly a Great Guy has left us!

Bill Blackmon



I began my airline career with Central Airlines Nov 64 in Denver. I was so very fortunate to have had Sam as my Station Manager - man, I was so green. After short stints in TUL & OKC I went back to DEN just so I could work for Sam. Shortly after I was back in DEN he accepted the SM job in DAL (LOVE FIELD) so I followed him there. The Lord truly blessed me for being able to have Sam as not only a manager, but as a friend. Only a week prior to Sam's passing I had received his email address and had sent him note. He was truly a blessing in my life. My prayers are with Emily and the girls.

Until we meet again.
Bill McKee

More "Flown West"

BOB ANDERSON

1963

I am not sure if Bob Anderson or Ron Gildea are listed in the "gone west" list and I am not sure of the dates of their passing. A RIW agent, Harold Long, recently passed on.

Bob Anderson and his wife had been on a trip to Europe. On his return at DEN, he had a heart attack. This happened in 1963, best we could guess, and he was probably in his early 40's. He was city manager in CYS at the time, and Ollie Brunz took his place in CYS.

Still living in the MSO area are Roger Lienau, Bob Bricker, Ron Wagner (FCA), Bob Scott, Tom Schmidt and I. Thanks for keeping us all informed.

Red Barringer

HAROLD LONG

1931 - 2002

Harold was born August 29, 1931 and died March 17, 2002 in RIW at age 71.

Jake Lamkins

RON GILDEA

1928 - 1990

Ron was born February 8, 1928 and died March 20, 1990, 62 years old.

Jake Lamkins

LOIS DAVID

1931 - 1994

Lois worked ticket counter in DEN when the CN FL merger went thru and she stayed overnight with us once in BOI sometime before 1988 when we moved to COS. Perhaps somebody who worked with her in DEN during that time would remember her death. I know she is dead but don't know when.

Jim Lane

She was a CSR in Denver..retired before the bankruptcy. I was there when we gave her a clock for a retirement gift. But I heard she passed away and I can't remember how long ago.

Jean McDonald

She was number 1 on our ticket counter seniority list for years and years.

Shirley Shackelford

She died in Scottsbluff, Ne after a month long hospitalization and a brilliant two year battle against breast cancer. She had sold



her home in Aurora and become a permanent RV'er before she was diagnosed. She had a funeral service in her home town of Bushnell, NE and a service at Fairmont Cemetery in Denver, where she is buried. I am sorry I do not have her obituary.

I spent a lot of time with Lois while she was selling her home in Aurora, undergoing chemo in Denver and she visited us in NE. Those who remember Lois from FL days would be amazed to see her after chemo; her hair grew back "curly". She was a great friend and fellow employee. I still miss her friendship.
Barbara Turner

According to the Social Security Death Index, Lois was born July 11, 1931 and died in Lakewood, CO on July 3, 1994, a week shy of her 63rd birthday.

Jake Lamkins

BOB GENE OWEN

1930 - 1975

My husband, Gene, worked in Dispatch at the old Central Airlines in Ft.Worth, and after the merger, in Denver. He died in 1975 and after I moved back to Ft. Worth in 1983 I lost touch with most of our oldfriends. We lived in Aurora with Jim Wyche, Jim Swartz and that bunch. Moved to Denver with Nelson Embleton and Pete Jones. Obviously I have forgotten a lot of names because there's been no contact for so many years.

Vinita Owen

I will check on Gene Owen. I knew him well, and will check on Bob. I suspect they are one and the same.....(later)

You're right about Gene Owen. I checked with Dave Martin and he knew him, and confirmed they are one and the same

Bill Blackmon

Bob Owen, a dispatcher, seems to have been also known as Gene to his family and some friends. So we are showing both names. He was born January 8, 1930 and died July 20, 1975. He was only 45 years old.

Jake Lamkins

TOM HUSHKA

A Remembrance

We really lost a true friend with the passing of Tom Hushka. You will recall that Tom and his wife Marge were the ones that did all the planning, the negotiating, purchasing of food, beer, popcorn and such and the notification of our annual Frontier Reunion/Picnics. There was a lot of legwork involved and they did this for many years.

I, for one, remember the many times at the Elitch's Amusement Park here in Denver, then the new Elitch's. From there the Amusement sites on the west side of town. The big tent, the fellowship. Lots of work, lots of planning plus consideration for the enjoyment of our entire Frontier team and our young ones.

My wife and I had the extra enjoyment of knowing Tom and Marge on a social basis, planning luncheons as to when we could get together. Unfortunately, not enough get-togethers but what times we did have together we will cherish.

So long for now, Tom...till we meet again.

Ace Avakian

(From the FARPA Newsletter, May 2002)

PHIL BOLT

April 25, 2002

It seems that the only time I seem to get to talk to you is when it is with sadness. Phil Bolt died this past week. He worked on the Ramp for many years in Denver. He never missed a reunion. We became closer in the past 15 years then when we were all at FL. I would enjoy hearing from any of you from time to time. As we all grow older it is nice to hear from other FL family members, so please keep in touch. Your old Friend,

Eric Mason

My most sincere condolences to the family of Phil. My husband, Pat, and I worked with him at Frontier. He was a wonderful, kind fellow employee. My husband died Jan 1, 2002 so I can feel the feeling of loss you are experiencing. I am not able to attend the funeral but my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Maybe he and my Pat can now take the fishing trip they had frequently talked about.

The attachment is copy of obituary for Phil Bolt that appeared in the Rocky Mountain News on Tuesday, April 30, 2002. Phil died at his home in Denver on April 25, 2002.

He surely was a very nice person. Regards,

Barbara Turner

BOLT, PHILIP J.

Philip J. Bolt, Denver. Husband of Mildred Bolt, Denver; father of Karen Bolt, Los Angeles, CA, and Pamela Bolt-Short, Aurora; brother of Joseph Oliver (Myrna) Bolt, Gladys Bolt, all of Philadelphia, PA; two grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Visitation, Tuesday 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Kirk Chapel. Services, Wednesday 11 a.m., Berean Bible Church, 1400 Birch St., to Fort Logan National Cemetery. Mr. Bolt will lie in state from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the church only.

ORAN KENNEDY

1917 - 1994

I am trying to get more info on a couple of other obituaries but it might take some more time. I need more dates and particulars. Two more are Oran J Kennedy and Lawrence 'Larry' Witkowski. Both were SSAs at LNK. Oran was from South Dakota. Both were still in Lincoln when they passed away.

Cork Guenther

(According to the Social Security Death Index, ORAN J KENNEDY, Born 05 Oct 1917, Died 15 Mar 1994, Age 76, At 68510 Lincoln NE)

LARRY WITKOWSKI

1932 - 1997

Larry was originally from Beatrice, NE. Came to LNK from GJT. He was still in Lincoln when he passed away.

Cork Guenther

(According to the Social Security Death Index, LAWRENCE W WITKOWSKI, Born 21 Oct 1932, Died 23 Jan 1997, Age 64, At 68505 Lincoln NE)



Here's another shot of Ed Putnam's Convair 580 airliner in Frontier Airlines livery.



Ed Putnam built this gorgeous self-propelled FL CV580. It has a wingspan of 61" and wing area of 397 square inches. It is constructed of balsa and foam. The model features controls for aileron, elevator, rudder, nose wheel steering and speed control. Notice the props aren't 580's. Ten minute flights are typical.

FRONTIER STILL FLIES!!!

That Plaque At Stapleton

Several folks asked what happened to the FL Plaque that was posted at the Stapleton terminal after FL died. I contacted Duke Ellington who works at DIA. He tracked it down (*it was at DIA*) & sent this note.

Jake, better late than never. The plaque will be placed on the wall of the escalator next to South Security Check Point. This is in the main terminal, across the walkway and in front of the "Red Rocks Bar and BBQ". It's a high volume location. Thanks for bringing it up.....I'll let you know when it is up.

Duke Ellington



LETTERS

Letters may be edited and paraphrased for space and clarity.

Just received the Spring 2002 issue of the FRONTIER NEWS. Lots of names I recognize and keeps reminding me of more.

I wonder if you or someone knows of Royal Burt? He would be in the DEN area I am sure. He was senior agent in FMN when I started.

He and his wife were among the finest people I have known. I learned a lot from Royal. If you ask him how to do something on a flight, he would always tell you. Then when the flight left he would come to you and say, "Go to the manual and look it up and tell me what you find." You would always remember it from then on.

He was strong as an ox. A tall, stout built individual. I have personally seen him load or unload an HR from a DC-3. Anyone who has loaded an HR knows it was not an easy job. He would do it by himself.

We had fun times. It was one of his great joys to grab me and stuff me in a trash can. My 5'7" 130 lbs. was certainly no match. Everyone got a great laugh out of it.

We had parties at each others homes and seemed to be one big family. Why do companies now days treat their people so terrible? You are just a number and no one wants to mingle and have fun. I retired from the telephone company and when I retired they didn't know who you were.

Any of the old gang who knew me or worked with me, I would be happy to hear from you.

I appreciate you printing the info on Roland Kuhn.

Donald Kime

15201 E. 47 S.

Derby, Kansas 67037

RJ Burt retired Station Mgr TUS and moved to Green Valley, Az. This was a year or 2 before the end of Frontier. Jim Mustain followed RJ at TUS station till the end. Then he went to Lax with Reno Air I believe.

Ron Herring TUS

I spoke to R.J. about a month ago (March). He lives in Altamont, Utah and is doing well. Grouchy as ever. His wife, Billy, passed away about a year and a half ago and he is lonely.

I worked for him during the mid 60's and a second time in the mid 70's. He went to TUS after DEN.

Sandy Glau

Les said Royal was DEN Station Manager for 13 yrs. RJ & his wife lived just down the street from us...in Arvada...we used to go there and swim in their pool.

When Les was in management...RJ brought him home after a nite of boozing...and they had picked up KFC...or another fried chicken thingy...and they both slobbered it down in our living room in Aurora. Good old FAL...lol!

Mary Pat Simpson

It's really nice being in touch with old friends. I saw the note from Wally Reid and would love to know how to contact him. He was one of the calmest, most dependable senior station agents in DEN station.

Mary Harter

(Lee Davis' secretary)

Very good paper you just published. Read the note from Rick Patterson, the Canadian. If you have it, I would like his e-mail or better yet his phone number. We leave for the Tucson Tournament this Sunday. Austin Henry and his spouse are driving with us. I am in the process of leasing my golf course so I will have more time.

I retired 8 months ago. Sure feels good.

The Frontier Bash date is September 21 & 22. I'll send an ad for the next issue. (See page 3)

Rusty Lambert

My name is Janice Cobb. I don't know if you remember Danny Cobb or not. I am his widow. Danny passed away in 1983. I was attending Frontier flight attendant school when I met Danny. We fell in love at first sight and were married a month later. Danny Cobb was a wonderful person and he is so greatly missed. We had 2 children, both of whom live in the Dallas area. We are so thrilled to know that there is a newsletter.

I had been living in San Antonio for a while and moved back to the Dallas area. While attending a new church I meet a gentleman, Bill McKee. Introducing ourselves, he happened to say that he was retired Frontier employee. It is a small world. The next sunday he gave me the newsletter. I was so thrilled to see some familiar names and there was Danny Cobb's name on the deceased list.

I have two requests. One, I would like to become a member. Two, please tell Ace and Janet Avakian hello. Thanks.

Janice Cobb

Hi , my name is Diana English, an ExFal , my name used to be Diana Nino. I was given a copy of a newsletter, and I would really like to add my name and a friend's to the mailing list.

Oh, by the way , I hope there is some information on some payments to FL Exs from Wells Fargo Bank. (See page 15)

I worked res, gates & tkt counter until the last flight out that Aug in 86. I will try to get addresses on some that are now at America West as I am. I have been here now since Sept 1986, in inflight.

So happy to have found this publication. Thank you so much for all your time and effort.

Diana English in Scottsdale, Az.

I am a former Frontier Airlines employee, just found out about this web site and would like to be put on your mailing list for news items. (Some of these have been real shockers!) When Frontier went under, I worked in the accounting department and my name was Nancy Monheiser. I now live in Hot Springs, Arkansas and my name is Nancy Baker.

I moved to Hot Springs about 8 1/2 years ago. I was tired of shoveling snow and since my son was in college and it was just me and my daughter at home, I decided to move back to warmer weather and be near my family. I have always loved Hot Springs. My daddy was originally from here and we came here nearly every year when I was little to visit my grandmother.

Yesterday was the first time I had seen the Frontier website, and I was shocked to see how many people I knew that had died in the past 10 years. And so many of them seem so young. I really do like hearing about all the FL people though.

Nancy Baker



I was hired in Denver in 1969 with 2nd highest score in our class of about 20 as I remember. I got to choose my assignment out of several openings. That choice was Great Falls, Montana. Gary Bolshweiller was the manager at the time. I mostly worked the ramp. I sometimes worked the flight operations but was not very good at it. I worked there for 6 months and got transferred to St. Louis, Missouri.

I remember Russ Nauert, he rented my house in Berkeley, Mo. when I left for Salt Lake. I remember Jerry Baltz, Denny Abraham, and Jim Hargis, Glen Davis and Bob Dirksen. I see that Dean Kirksey died.

I worked all of the positions there but really fell in love running the air freight. I did that for quite a while. I became known as "pretty boy" due to my hand writing. My air bills looked like they were typed but that is just the way that I write (even today). My manager while in St. Louis was Bob Brown. Later I got transferred to Salt Lake City and wasn't there for too long before leaving FL in 1972.

I have been self employed ever since and live in Spokane, Washington. I make reproduction parts for antique vehicles. I have always enjoyed flying and I got my student pilot license while I was in the 8th grade while living in Englewood, Colorado. I still fly and have owned 19 different airplanes down through the years.

I also have a mini transportation museum. Cars, airplanes, motorcycles, bicycles and boats. I have a lot of airline memorabilia that I have collected down through the years.

Jerry Turner

Continental is threatening to terminate me because I haven't attended re-current training on working the ramp. Can you believe it? Some young punk in the training dept that wasn't born yet while I was working ramp is now threatening to terminate me for "Being un-qualified to work for Continental Airlines"!

Just today my assignment was acting Lead on two gates with a bunch of new-hires. We did everything perfect...no delays...no left off bags...no damaged aircraft!!

I know it may sound strange, but I haven't flown for many years due to a "Panic Disorder" that I have been under treatment for. I cannot be cooped up like that! Give me the Great Outdoors!! If God meant for me to fly, He would have given me wings!!

But meanwhile, Jim Hargis (Lead), Denny Abraham (evening ops), and me, continue to hold down the fort here in STL...as long as they allow us to!! No Union...No Good!!! Take care!

Jerry Baltz

I'm Ron Herring, date of hire 3-14-59, worked in CYS JAC SLC PHX TUS DEN and back to TUS at the end of FRONTIER. I am now officially signed up as a new member of the FL online club. Wish I had heard about it sooner. I have been online for about 2 yrs now.

I went to work to run a electroplating Mfg. company the first week FAL went under. My brother-in-law said he would buy this company that was for sale, if I would run it for him. It sounded like quite a change but with the shock of out of work after 29 yrs at one job I said ok.

I did that for 4 yrs and got it going real good but wanted out because of the chemicals. I was having some health challenges,

so sold out and went to work for Beaudry RV selling Motorhomes. Stayed with them until 1999 and at 63 decided to do that RETIRE thing and started to draw that big FAL retirement and SS checks.

25yrs ago got re-married to another airline emp. - she's now 61yrs young. I'll be 67 this month - anyway she still works for UAL Mileage Plus- here in TUS, she'll work another year or so.

While in the RV business I started playing at RV parks (I play keyboards) I do a lot of one man gigs and also have a band for some bigger jobs. The band is R&R EXPRESS you can check it out at randrx.com Anyhow I am enjoying semi-retirement cause I get to do what I really like and get paid for it.

I was in JAC a couple of years in the 60's. I think Danny Forman was Mgr the first time then Don Jorgensen, then of course again in 70 and I guess 73 and then 74 was the last time. I remember being at the pig roast in 75.

I remember those times with you and Stan Needham in JAC. Of course it was Stan that got me the audition for RJ Bar. Did you ever come up to Jac Lake lodge when I was there? I played there many summers, also Pink Garter Theatre down-stairs at the bar. One summer I worked a FAL tkt counter in the daytime and played at night in the Starlight Lounge. Boy those were the days, my friend. I think you were at a Pig roast later in the 70's, I think 75 maybe.

Went down to Green Valley today to see who showed up for the FAL Golf tourney, and showed off my first copy of FAL NEWS. I'm sure several will be contacting you for an invite to sign up.

Only had a short time to visit in the afternoon and had to get back to TUS but saw Eddie Bryant, Gary Mackie, Danny Price, and Don Hockenberry. All ex TUS FAL employees - Also Jim Oby came down with me. We had a wonderful visit and already looking forward to make plans to join them for next year's event. Already had plans for the weekend for this year, but glad we went down for only an hour or two.

Ron Herring

Name: Forrest E. (Woody) Fogg - I began 4-24-68 with FL and ended August 26, 1986.

At the time of FL's end, I was on a years LOA and worked for Gallatin Field Airport as the Assistant Airport Manager. I had just sent a letter of intent to return to Frontier on August 20, 1986. I had decided to finish my career with Frontier rather than switch. I remember hearing a jet leave the Gallatin Valley approximately 0400 on the day of 8/26. Since I worked at the airport, I mentally reviewed who was there with what jets, corporate that is, and who might be leaving. I had no idea that it was FL's returning to DEN and that the end had occurred until I arrived at work that morning.

What a dismal day. Since then I have been with Gallatin Field as Asst. Mgr., Cody, WY as Airport MGR., and now back at Gallatin Field as the Airport's Safety Officer. Will retire soon, and I don't believe a day goes by that I do not think about FRONTIER AIRLINES.

Woody Fogg



R&R = Ron & Randy

I saw notes from several people that I have not heard from since the dark days of 1986. I recently had lunch in SLC with Larry Scofield, Duane Phelps and Howard Schatz. It was great re-living some of the past.

I originally started with FL in RIW in 1956 - Ron Gildea was the manager (he passed away several years ago), then to CYS where Bob Anderson was manager (he also passed away several years ago), on to MLS where Steven Bird was manager. Due to staff reductions in 1962, I was off until the accident of flight 32 in 1964, then returned to work when Gene Martin was manager. Staff reductions again in 1968 and I moved to MSO where Bob Bricker was manager. Roger Lienau and Billy Hatfield then I were later managers in MSO.

I moved to SEA as manager in 1981. After we closed in 1986, I worked for CO for 8 years, then finished my career with the new Frontier, retiring on 12/31/01. Thanks for keeping us all informed.

Red Barringer

Here's \$20 to be used for an ad. You are doing a truly wonderful job keeping all of us non-revers in touch with a very special past. May you live forever and may the last voice you hear be mine! Jack Payne & John Kelley (MEM) will be in touch with you soon. I'm trying to get the word out about the ESOP settlement too. Over & out,

Bob Ostrum

Thanks for the FL NEWS. I pass it on to my son who works for AA in BNA. He knows a lot of old FL people from RNO & DEN.

Pat Roberts

The last issue had many many names of people that I used to work with. I can't believe the names of former employees that have gone west. The names of many that showed up I had no idea as to where they were. There are a few stories about the old airline in the early fifties. Sometime I will have to sit down and write some of them. Sometimes, all of us now find things amusing but things like that taking place today would get us killed. Thanks again,

Ken Houchens

My name is Jackie (Riddle) Power and I was an 18 year FL employee in STL, MCI, DEN, MKE AND ORD. I would love to join this group.

Jackie Power

I'm Claire Carver Hagemeier, Economic Planning, and moved to Bay Area, California in June 1972. Would be interested in where other folks are. Thanks.

Claire Hagemeier

I was a flight attendant for Frontier Airlines from 1962 to 1968 and based out of Denver, CO and my name at that time was Beverly Brown. I had the strongest toes from flying DC-3s. I would love to join the online club and possibly connect with anyone who was an employee at that time. I now live outside Boston, MA and am tickled that Frontier now flies out of Boston. Can't tell you how excited I am that someone has started this group.

I have been trying to locate an old flying partner of mine, Cecilia Beardsley. If anyone knows where she is I would love to hear from her. Can't tell you how exciting it is after 35-40 years to be back in touch with people from Frontier. It was a great time working on Frontier.

Beverly Armando

Hey FL friends, keep the good work going, keeping in touch with many of our old friends. My history was all FL, from SAD, CTF, ABQ, IDA, RAP, JAC, MOT, PHX, LAS, ELP, BZN, CPR, DAL, DFW, GEG & finally SGF. There are many stories that are not told.

The woman at 92 years old was so glad when she found a woman of 96 years old on the same flight because she always liked to travel with someone older than she was.

The man and woman who boarded a flight at the last moment. When they got to their seats, he looked back to see his wife with another man.

The time the man took his new puppy on the flight with him. Since it wasn't allowed he pushed it down in his pants. On the flight the FA noticed he moved around his seat a lot. She told him where the blue room was. He admitted he had the puppy in his pants. The FA said, "I'm sorry he's not housebroken." "No, it's not that," said the man, "it's not weaned yet."

There are a lot of stories that need to be told. Keep it coming!

Bill Mertens

I'm writing on behalf of my father Jack Payne (MEMOOFL) he's looking for some information on something about an ESOP that Frontier had back in 1986.

My father is doing well now, they moved back to Middleton, TN. after the Continental acquisition and has put himself into semi-retirement.

He started his own Trucking company a few years ago and that at least gives him something to do. In 2000 he was diagnosed with Polyarteritis Nodosa, a rare disease that attacks the some of the internal organs of the body. He spent a month or two in the hospital for this and now is doing okay, he had bypass surgery and a mitro-valve replaced due to the disease. He's doing about three days a week in dialysis again from the disease.

They're doing well though they've moved back into their old house when they moved back to Tennessee and taking things one day at a time. He did mention he wanted to try and attend the picnic that you have or some has organized in August I believe, so any information you have on it would greatly appreciated.

Roger Payne

Thanks for the FL NEWS, it is really good. It's surprising how many people in the paper I knew & some I had forgotten about - many in the obit list.

I started with FL at RIW, 1950. Had a stint in the army during the Korean conflict, then returned to RIW in 1954. Went to ISN as S/M in 1956. When FL expanded into NE, I went to LNK as S/M, I worked in LNK, OMA and GRI in NE, Then went to GEG as city Mgr for FL where I was when FL quit. Thanks again,

Glenn Emmons

My name is Chuck Dolan. I am a former Frontier Airlines Reservations Sales Agent. I was employed with Frontier in Denver from 07/1978 - 08/1986.

After FL, I got hired temporarily with United. I then moved to Orlando with my parents and got hired by Florida Express (lots of ex-FL) folks. After BN2 bought them out, they went bankrupt. I worked for Comair, a Canadian Charter (Odyssey Int'l) and then Southeastern Academy Travel School in Kissimmee.

I then got hired by Express Airlines I, d/b/a Northwest Airlink as Customer Service Manager in Montgomery, AL. (Old Southern Airways/ALEA Territory.) I worked in MGM for 8 years from 1991-1998. In 1999 I got promoted to Operations Hub

Coordinator in Memphis. My wife did not want to move from AL to TN, so we moved back to FL and I commuted for a year.

After that, I got involved with a telecommunications office and got laid off this past January. I now a customer relations manager with a medical laboratory in Orlando.

I got married in 1991 and have 2 beautiful children, ages 8 and 10. I look forward to rekindling my ties with FL. I saw the Obituary page and was saddened by those who have flown west. Look forward to hearing from the old FL gang. Take care.

Chuck Dolan

Cliff Brown is retiring from Frontier airlines after 43 years in the Airline Industry: May/1959 - June 2002.

He's moving to Florida. Cliff closed on his home today and has June 1 (his 68th birthday) as his retirement date. He will be taking his vacation time till then so did not bid shifts today. He will most likely be in route to Florida Sunday or Monday. All his household and vehicles have already been shipped.

Gary Stevens.

I enjoy the FL NEWS. Thanks for your efforts. I'm living on Grand Lake in Oklahoma this summer in my motorhome and sailing my boat. I winterized in MSY/TUS/PHX. Please send me the contacts for Tony Worden in FSM. I was SLC Manager for many years. Keep the FL NEWS coming.

Harold Maxwell

The FL websites are great! I started with FL in Beatrice, NE in 1961 after serving 5 years in the US Air Force. (Beatrice NE SSM Roy Weathington and SSA Ray Engstrom). Shortly afterwards FAL dropped Beatrice and I wanted to stay home so I quit.

In May 1967 I came back at Lincoln and did 19 years (stn agt LNKTTF 1967-86) mostly night ticket counter. I was bottom seniority for the 19 years as LNK was considered a seniority station. I loved every bit of it and miss it but I now like this retirement thing !

Gerald L. (Cork) Guenther

Please be advised, Ron Heckman will be retiring from Continental Air Lines. He will be coming in to Denver from Houston on Saturday, June 1st arriving DIA at 1231 PM local time. A surprise gate party is being planned. It'd sure be nice if his friends living in the Denver area could be at the airport to greet him and congratulate him for the occasion. Best Wishes,

Ace Avakian

Being a ex-Fal employee, I would like to contact others.

Name: Carl (Pat) Kern

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E-Mail Address: COLOKERN@AOL.COM

I worked at FL in Ground Support Equipment, Aircraft Appearance, GJT, DEN, station agent, fueler, stock cleark, cleaner, supervisor, production control maint. scheduler, ticket counter, lost and found all within 18 1/2 yrs.

Pat Kern

I have owned A-BEST TRANSMISSION & AUTO REPAIR in TUS for ten years now. I worked in LBL MOT WRL GUY CEZ FLG PUB LEX COS OAK. I would like to get the FL NEWS. Thanks,

Allan Holmes

I would love to hear from some of the folks I met in my years with Frontier. I was DEN RK from 1-2-79 thru about 9-10-79. LAW station from 9-15-79 till about 6-15-81. DEN station from 6-20-81 till about 9-1-83. MAF station from 9-10-83 til

bankruptcy. Look forward to hearing from some old friends.

From LAW I remember you, Delford Caudle, Joe Barker and Jack Ballard who was my best friend - I was with him in Denver and in Lawton.

I went with the Delta Air Lines commuter ASA when they expanded in 1986 (November) and worked as an agent in ABI for 6 months and back to MAF as the manager for 11 months and they pulled out. Then I went home to Sweetwater (west of ABI) and commuted to DFW for 4 months as special projects manager, started catering etc....auditing stations and assisting station inspections and the like....after that I went to BPT as manager for 18 months and had lots of employee problems there. I was stupid enough to take manager in MYR (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) what a dumb move. Resort town and it sucked..putting up with golfers and beach goers. I saw an out and took an agent job in ABI and moved home and drove back and forth 50 miles oneway. I saw the writing on the wall, much like FL, and quit before they closed ABI.

I took a sales job for a couple of years (electrical supplies) and then drove a truck over the road a couple of years. I quit that the first of the year and work with my nephew and his wife in a medical staffing and consulting company he started and moved to Sweetwater. My wife quit her job and is in our office too. We staff radiology departments with temporary techs in hospitals and clinics through out the country.

I miss the airline and the airline business but I guess life goes on. I have been talking to Ray Hall who I worked with in LAW and sent Gale Moss an email the other day too. This is really wonderful. I look forward to the Newsletter.

Well, I have gone on and on enough, stay in touch

Billy "Pat" Maxwell



My name is John Friess and I was employed with Frontier Airlines from April of 1974 until cessation of operations in August of 1986 ... I was one of the first Canadian employees hired on the start of service into Winnipeg in June of 1974.

In my 12 years with Frontier I held positions as Passenger Service Agent Winnipeg, Senior Agent Vancouver, City Manager Saskatoon, and City Manager Winnipeg. I have very fond memories of my time with Frontier... the job was demanding but rewarding... mostly I remember the people.

Frontier had the best group of managers and staff I have ever had the privilege to work with. Presently I am an Area Sales Manager for Calm Air International Ltd., a regional carrier based in Winnipeg. Would like to see who is still around and get caught up on what the folks are up to.

John Friess

When FL first flew into YWG, several of us from Reservations visited YWG. John was a gracious host in showing us around.

Diane Olesky

My name is Ted Pfau, employee Nr. 7033. I was a station agent in Billings, Glendive, Miles City MT, Salt Lake City UT and Albuquerque NM. I joined Frontier Airlines in April of 1956 and was with the Airline when it all ended. I would like more information on membership in the Frontier Online Club. (*The Club has 345 members now. It's free and if you're online - email ExFAL@yahoo.com to join.*)

Ted Pfau

Les & I were wondering today, June 18th, whatever became of Milt Howard. If anyone has any info we would appreciate hearing it... Milt made a ring for me at Les' request, and I still wear it....hope it is good news, if anyone knows his whereabouts.

Mary Pat Simpson

My name is Francis (Frank) Meyer. I retired from the U.S. Air Force August 1, 1967 as a Fighter Pilot and I applied at many airlines for pilot employment & was rejected due to my age (38). Thru several pilot employees I knew they went to bat for me. I flew a T-38 from Williams AFB, Arizona to Buckley ANG Base to be interviewed for a Pilot Training position. I was told by the interviewer that I was too old to fly Jets even though I had close to 6,000 hours of single engine 7 multi-engine flight time.

I bit my tongue & the result I was employed Sept 5, 1967 as a Ground School instructor on B-727s & I checked out as a B-727 Flight Engineer. It turned out to be a very enjoyable job with people that were dedicated & proud to be with Frontier. After a few changes in the Pilot Training Dept. I was Type Rated in the CV-580 & the B-737 for the purpose of Flight Testing & delivering B-737 to United Air Lines at San Francisco. I was employed to the bitter end August 24, 1986. I was hired by Metro Airlines (American Eagle) October 8, 1986 as Director - Crew Training.

In September 1987 I had a call from United Parcel Service offering me the position as Manager Crew Training & would get me Captain qualified in the B-727. I took the offer & by the time I was able to check out in the 727 I turned 60 which the FAA says that we are now "instant senile" From January 1992 I was assigned to the Flight Test section as 1 of 2 Flight Engineers to have all the B-727-100s Re-engined with the Rolls Royce Tay Engines. This program was a recertification of the 27 & we operated on an EXPERIMENTAL status. This was a fun job & in the course of the Experimental flying we made 14 flights to Ireland, Germany & Italy.

September 1995 I retired & moved from San Antonio to Grove OK which is one of several communities that surround the "Grand Lake of The Cherokees".

I consider myself a very lucky person to have worked for & with people of FRONTIER & UPS.

Frank Meyer

My Father is Verne Nibbe. He worked for Frontier from 1966 until the end. He was a mechanic stationed in Denver most of the time. He was, from what I have heard, the best 580 mechanic Frontier had. He would like to get in touch with some Frontier folk. Thanks,

Beth Nibbe Fricks

OLD DAYS AT CENTRAL

I worked for Central from 1955 to 1958. I started in Fayetteville, AR and worked there for about three months. I was sent to school in Ft. Worth where I was offered a job with Harry Branam in Dallas Love Field. I worked in Dallas for about a year and was called into the home office by the Superintendent of Stations and offered the "Station Agent Relief" job for the area from Tulsa north. That didn't last very long when the three other Relief Agents either quit or ask to go back to a station. At that time I became the "Station Manager Relief" for the entire route (six states) and was stationed out of Amon Carter Field. I worked 'em all, one-man stations to the big ones. I held that position until Uncle Sam sent me a note and invited me to "see the world".

I took military leave from Central in May 1958 and planned to return in 1960. The only problem was that I got a very good education in electronics and decided to take that path. I have since worked for RCA and IBM, retiring in 2001 with 35 years at IBM.

I see some names I remember, Keith Kahle, Bill Blackmon and Leonard Pratt. Is there any club, contact or news letter that still communicated with the "OLD" Central gang. I knew all the pilots, flight attendants, most of the station personnel and most of the Home Office people.

Did you know that the DC3, tail number 18939, was the aircraft flown in the movie "Strategic Air Command" with Jimmy Stewart? It had that information painted on the side right by the passenger door for a long time after the movie. It was flown by the Chief Pilot, Gordan Bourland, I think. It also had the Chief Stewardess and several others on the plane but they didn't get in the movie.

I also have a Christmas card from the Fayetteville Station with the agents in uniform standing in front of the counter. This would have been in 1955.

Do you remember the airport manager who also owned the flight service and charter service to Little Rock. I flew fire patrol with him over the Ozarks once. Keith Kahle hated his guts and we were told not to talk with him. Keith came up while I was there and we had a long talk (mostly Keith) about the airport manager. His name was Ray Ellis of Ellis Flying Service.

Boy, looking at the web sites sure does bring back some good memories and some good stories, especially at Love Field and at some of the smaller stations in Oklahoma (one-man stations like Ardmore and Ada) where we took weather, made reservations, sold tickets, handled air freight, air express, baggage, ramped the planes, did the load calculations and overcame the boredom of four flights a day, working seven hours a day for six days a week. That was the GOOD LIFE, HUH ???

I'll bet the old FYV airport out in the valley has changed a lot. The runway was 3800 feet with the turn-off about one-third way up. No side taxiways and a non-controlled field. We did have a FFA office on site for weather but that's all.

During UA football games the field would be full of planes of all sizes. After the game the planes would be allowed to leave at one-minute intervals. Every so often the field would be shutdown to let the dust settle because the visibility would go to zero. The FAA guy had a long curly card that he would hook up so he could go outside to direct traffic.



I was over in Ellis' hanger one day when the actress that played Annie Oakley flew in. When she came through Ray introduced her to me. Ray knew all of them.

We had to work with the Eastern ADIZ for planes going and coming from St.Louis. We filed clearances and reported on the ground to close out. One day we had a plane come in and make a "three-hopper" landing. I picked up the mike and ask the crew "which one of those touchdowns do you want to consideras on-the-ground". Needless to say I got a pretty gruff comeback.

I got a note from Bill Blackmon, ex-chief pilot in Ok City. He said there was going to be a reunion in the Dallas-Ft Worth area in October. He said he would let me know when and where. It would be fun to see some of the old Central gang.

Don Whitley



I remember Bill Sharkey as being the chief relief agent, but that was after 1955. I am familiar with the Strategic Air Command movie with Jimmy Stewart and the Central Airlines DC3, tail 939, and Chief Pilot Gordon Bourland.

Central Airlines only had 3 real DC-3 aircraft, 939 being one of them. The other 6 "DC-3" aircraft were really converted C-47 army transports, makine a fleet of 9 aircraft, until the Dart 600's were added years later. The DC-3 and the C-47 had the passenger doors on different sides of the plane, so you had to park them differently to have the passengers deplane towards the terminal building.

Joe Max Johnson

Yes, I remember the two types of DC-3s that CN had & the necessity of parking them differently. The C-47s had the large cargo door too which made a difference in load planning for items such as large dogs & cargo.

Bill Blackmon & Lee Wood told me that James Stewart had a financial interest in CN and was around the airline quite a bit in the 50s. That's why CN was in his film. He was on the Board too.

That's interesting about the antipathy between Kahle & Ray Ellis. The old white hangar where Ray operated is now an air museum and full of stuff from Ray & Skyways - his airline now long gone. He lived to about 90 and is an aviation legend and in the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame.

FL pulled out of FYV at the end of Jan. 1982 and it ceased to be a commercial airline airport in 1999. After decades of talking, a new regional airport was finally opened up in Wal-Mart territory near Bentonville. Its designator is XNA! Before it closed, FYV had a huge new terminal, control tower and an 8,000 ft runway. But they couldn't do anything about the hills surrounding it.

Jake Lamkins

I did not work for Central. I was just starting out to college in the fall of 1955. My dad, Robert L. "Bob" Wood, was on the Board and partners with Mr. (Kirk) Johnson and Mr. (Jimmy) Stewart in Central and many other business ventures. I met Mr. Kahle many times. They were in our home in Midland often as was the whole Ambassador and Central bunch.

When my dad passed away, I got the Hubbell DC-3 print and the Central memorabilia. My children have a lot of it and I have told them all of the stories of those days. I think of them often and my wife tells me I dwell on the past too much. Well, they were great folks and good models to dwell on. It is not like that today and I miss them, and their era, very much.

I would like to see all the news about those folks. Take care and let me hear from you time to time.

Lee Wood



More Letters

I accidentally came across the FL website. Great by the way - it brings back a lot of memories. I was a flight attendant from 1970 - 1986. My name is Barb (Ludwig) Womack and I was based in KC and later Denver at the end. Are you guys out there?!! Are you all OK??! I hope so. All my best,

Barb Ludwig Womack

I'm unable to find the Frontier Airlines Salaried Employee Pension Fund. Was it also part of the ESOP settlement? I never received a dime. Is anyone else having these problems? I was a Foreman in Line Maintenance Denver.

I am really having a problem with is finding my retirement money which was reported to the IRS in 1986. I am talking about my regular retirement. I was a salary employee out of DEN. It seems to have gone into a black hole and my name not listed in any of the retirement funds. The Department of Labor is also trying to locate it and being lead in circles and getting very upset. Do you know of any other salary employees having this problem? These funds are different from the ESOP. Something is amiss Are you aware of the Employee Retirement Security Act passed in 1974? Someone after 1986 failed to report those funds and secure them under that act. Those funds are guaranteed under the act and payment of pension benefits are taken over by the PBGC where corporate sponsors of defined benefit pension plans have gone bankrupt or have ceased operation. Otherwise someone failed to report to the Department of Labor where those funds are or changed plan numbers and failed to include all people covered. Thanks for your help.

Sure would enjoy hearing from some of the FAL folks I worked with - several in Charlotte and I run into others around the country from time to time. Thanks again for your help. I would be interested in the on line club and also the newspaper. I miss the family. I was with two other carriers before retirement - they were nothing like Frontier but the good part was I had a lot of my Frontier mechanics with me and every one said they were the best. (And they damn sure were).

Don White

(Anyone with info on Don's problem - let me know & I'll pass it on.)

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FL ESOP Payout

I've received word from a few of our FAL pilots that the ESOP lawsuit between Frontier and People Express was settled in favor of Frontier employees and further, that contact to the affected employees has been attempted. However, due to address changes, etc., contacts have been rather poor although some, not all, have been contacted. Affected employees have monetary amounts due them - not much - but money is owed. If you are one of the affected ones, please contact;

Wells Fargo Institutional Trust Group
Attn: Leslie Gallagher
1740 Broadway C7301-027
Denver CO 80274

State your name address, etc. I have a phone number however, due to the volume of calls Leslie is receiving, it is suggested affected one's write giving the details re your last addresses as well as your current one, etc.

This information was given to me by several of the affected pilots with a special 'thank you' from Bob Folken and Bob Reisig. This may not be much money but hey, a nickel is a nickel.

All of this is FYI. Best Wishes,

Ace Avakian

I received a letter from Wells Fargo Bank West, N.A. which evidently took over the United Bank of Colorado, N.A. advising they are in receipt of funds attributable to the Frontier Airlines, Inc. ESOP. They wish to distribute each ones proportionate share of the sum as soon as possible. They sent a form with instructions and a SASE. It is signed by Leslie Ann Gallagher, Vice President. It states if you have any questions about this distribution please contact me at (303) 863-6258. It is referred to as MAC C7301-027. It is dated Feb.28, 2002 and postmarked Mar 15'02. I thought it was just an advertisement and put it with my Junk Mail. I finally got around to opening it tonight and remembered the messages re ESOP. My amount is \$126.86. Anyway I'm gonna fill it out and have them send it to me. I thought you might want to call her and check into it.

Ray Hall

I called the number. Yes, there is money due anyone on the payroll at shutdown. Not a lot, but...not a lot is more than none. Amazing, after all these years. Anyway, when I spoke with the lady at the bank she is very interested in getting current mailing addresses for entitlements. Her name is Leslie Ann Gallagher, Institutional Trust Group, Ref: MAC C7301-027 and phone is #303-863-6258. Cheers,

Barb Turner

I received the info and completed it and returned it. I should get about \$200.00, which is that much more than I expected. Surprises do spring up occasionally. Thanks for the info. Always glad to keep up with anything going on.

Roy Schreder

I'm Vince Davis, Agent and Sr Agent in OMA, BIL, ABQ, DEN, RDD, RNO, & Manager of P.A. Program. Currently work for City of Reno, Nv.

Thanks for the ESOP info. Not sure I understand the whole thing. Does this refer just to the pilots or as per Barb Turners msg it sounds like it refers to all employees. Could you update me on this? Would also like Barb Turners and Ace Avakian's email addresses. Thanks.

Vince Davis

On Tuesday, July 10th, I phoned Leslieann Gallagher who's mentioned in the other notes. I had written over a month ago the address Ace gave and never heard anything.

She was VERY helpful and is in the situation of a ticket agent with a weather delay - she's getting blamed when she's not at fault.

The facts are that a lawsuit filed by the FL ESOP plan (called the TRASOP plan too, I believe) against People Express was finally settled in 1991 and the money deposited in the United Bank of Colorado. The FL ESOP plan had been terminated by that time and the funds distributed. Most of you recall getting the payout. Nobody at the United Bank apparently could figure out what to do since the Plan was terminated and they no longer even had the database for the Plan. Then Wells Fargo bought out United Bank. First thing you know 9 years have gone by and the money in the account has grown to \$202,000.

Last December Wells Fargo decided to re-create the database from the Jan, 1, 1986 allocation report for the Frontier ESOP Plan. That's where they're at now. It appears only a few people are working on this effort and they are nearly 2 months behind.



"Here's the latest on the FL ESOP payout!"

Ms. Gallagher said there are 3700 people expected in the group to share the money. The amount one will receive is based on what you had in the ESOP Plan on Jan.1, 1986. You won't be getting any payout if you had less than 3 years with FL at that time or you had already taken a distribution before that date or if you did not participate in the ESOP Plan.

They are working now to get the database updated. If you haven't heard from them and were in the Plan 1/1/86, had at least 3 years with FL and were an ESOP participant and have not already written and/or phoned, do one of these:

- Call Ms. Gallagher at 303-863-6258
- Mail her at the address Ace gave
- E-mail her at Leslieann.Gallagher@WellsFargo.com

She will need your name and social security number. And the ladies need to give the name you were using at that time.

So, even though I had written and heard nothing, she said the information had been entered but the reply was in the backlog.

It's like "found money" - I'm still startled there was anything left in poor ol' FL's carcass.



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THAT FINAL DAY

I was a TCA in Salt Lake City that final day in 1986.
I began my career in June of 1967 in Kansas City with Central Airlines. Bob Brown was Station Manager. We all suffered through the "airport" merger in October 1967. I transferred to Fort Smith, Arkansas in 1969 and left in 1973 to go to Salt Lake City. I thought I would stay my minimum six months and transfer somewhere else and thus see the west. I liked Salt Lake City and the great Frontier employees there that I stayed 13 years!

I live now in Lowell, Arkansas and work at the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas. I've been there 15 years now.

My address is: 523 South Goad Springs Road
Lowell, Arkansas 72745

My telephone is: (479) 770-6655
Write, call, or come by!

Paul Farris

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