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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

The summer field trip to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley was very interesting and quite enjoyable. The traffic up and back was something else, but fortunately we were in a very comfortable air conditioned bus and no worries about driving. One of the great benefits of retirement – not having to join that mad freeway commute each day. We had 39 attendees which were divided into four groups upon arrival and each group had their own docent. This really added to the visit with all the behind the scenes information and insights that were provided. After lunch we had several hours to explore the facility on our own. A magnificent facility to visit. A big thanks to Jerry Callaghan, our VP Special Projects, for organizing then executing the event.

Our October Luncheon – first, let me set the date straight! In my article in the last ROUNDUP I said “Make sure to keep that 2nd Tuesday in October (the 6th) open so you can attend the Luncheon”. Well, the October 6th date is correct but it is the 1st Tuesday in October not the 2nd. Our Luncheons are always the 1st Tuesday in March and October. We are looking forward to hearing from Randy Tinseth, Boeing Commercial Airplanes Vice President of Marketing. After the merger a number of us from Long Beach worked closely with Randy on a number of different projects and sales campaigns. Randy is well-respected and knowledgeable in the area of where commercial aviation is headed and what the customer needs. I am sure we will get a very informative and entertaining presentation.

Betty Kult continues to improve our website and I encourage you to check it out. In your ROUNDUP mailing you should have found a business size card with the web address, along with your Luncheon reservation card. If you come in contact with other retirees that are not in our Association give them the card and encourage them to check us out and join. If more cards

are needed, Barbara Callaghan, our VP Membership and Meetings, can supply them.

Hope to see many of you in October at the Luncheon.

Jim Phillips, President, DAC MDC Boeing Retirees of California

OCTOBER LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Our speaker for the October luncheon will be Randy Tinseth, Vice President of Marketing, Boeing Commercial Aircraft (BCA). His presentation is “Commercial Aircraft Industry Outlook”.

Randy will brief us on where the market is, where it is going and the role that Boeing will play in the aftermath of enormous sales over the last few years.

Randy is a more than 30 year veteran with the Boeing Co. and in his current assignment carries huge responsibilities. As VP Marketing, he and his team have to get it right.

Appointed to his current position in 2008, Randy has seen enormous acceptance of BCA products, resulting in the current historical backlogs. A large part of Randy’s knowledge of the marketplace comes from not just experience but also by keeping up with and forecasting industry developments and associated

financial requirements, both prerequisites for successful airline product fits and business cases. He is also a good communicator with intimate knowledge of all BCA products and hosts a popular Boeing Blog site called Randy's Journal, a site with more than 4 million hits.

Before his current position, Randy began his professional life at Boeing in 1981 as a flight test engineer and later joined Marketing as a sales engineer. In 1997, Randy became Sales Director for North America followed by Director - Product Marketing and Services with heavy emphasis on the 747-8 and 787 Programs.

Randy grew up in Kalispell, Montana. He holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University and received an MBA from Seattle University. Randy lives in Seattle area with his wife and three children and enjoys all water sports.

Bill Rickard/Rolf Sellge

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2015

The mid-June field trip to The Ronald Reagan Presidential Museum and Library was very worthwhile (even considering the long bus ride). It provided all of us with an excellent overview of the Reagan era from a personal, historic, and political point of view.

After a call for suggestions for future field trip venues, I received five additional options to add to our growing list. At our November BOD meeting I will provide the members with a list of suggestions for review and selection of our mid-June 2016 field trip. We will announce the selection in the January 2016 Newsletter. I'm sure it will be of interest to many of you.....stay tuned! Hope to see you at the Fall Luncheon.

Jerry Callaghan

ADVENTURES IN WORK TRAVEL (THE VISA, THE AIRPORT, THE HOTEL)

I enjoyed Dan Pemble's story (February Roundup NO. 175) about his "adventures" in Nigeria; how true. It also triggered some of my own memories about a soiree to Nigerian Airways some time before Dan's. It was a design engineering team's visit to the airline to answer some last minute DC-10 questions that the Nigerians had. I was representing "Avionics/Flight Guidance" together with folks from other engineering and business

disciplines. There were like four or five of us (the gray matter is not as good today as it was). Anyway, let's roll back the clock and proceed.

It was June 24th, 1976; the time was eleven thirty o'clock at night when the phone woke me up. It was my boss. I had to report at the regular time to work in the morning, however, with my passport and a fully packed suitcase: I was going to Nigeria! Talk about short notice. There were letters of invitation from the Nigerian Airways specifying the date for our arrival. But, we could not emulate flight crew, so we still needed to get visas. The nearest Nigerian consulate was in San Francisco the other in New York. To fly to San Francisco, apply and wait for visas there we would have wasted a day and been no nearer to Nigeria and missed the specified arrival time. The decision was made to fly to New York and obtain the visas there. We arrived late that evening. Early on the 25th, we went to Nigerian consulate. It was very crowded, long lines of people trying to get visas. Waving letters of invitation we muscled in front of everyone demanding that we need to be issued visas now. It worked! We got fourteen day visas and flew out next morning.

The tickets were issued by Nigerian Airways, but we flew on Pan Am 707. In those days Pan Am used to block out some seats for Nigeria. On the way, the aircraft developed engine problems and had to make an unscheduled landing in Liberia. It was hot and very humid. We deplaned onto the tarmac which was covered with very large black beetles; one had to watch where to step to miss them. The terminal looked to me like old Quonset hut: no air conditioning or even a good place to relax. But, we were in luck, they had cold beer and accepted U.S. dollars. Several hours later we departed to Lagos. The airplane was full. In our cabin a Texan, with a ten gallon hat, was loudly boasting about the grandiose state of Texas. I thought he had one or two too many.

The airport at Lagos, in addition to civil traffic, also housed military operations. We arrived some four months later after an unsuccessful, but very bloody military coup. The presence of soldiers all over were very heavy. During the descent, an announcement was made that there will be no photos taken at the airport. The landing was uneventful. No jet ways were available in those days over there, so we started to deplane via a stairway. On the tarmac there were several soldiers armed with automatic rifles (Kalashnikovs?) guiding us towards the airport terminal. In front of me was our "friend" from Texas with a camera dangling from his

neck. I did not pay much attention, till he turned around and started taking snapshots of the airplane and the surroundings. The big guard in front of him very politely told him not to take any photos. The Texan ignored the request and kept on photographing. At that point I was ready to dive to the tarmac, I was sure a hail of bullets will be coming our way. The guard grabbed him by the shoulder, turned him around, and pushed him back into the line with the rest of us.

Clearing through the customs was uneventful. Inside we were met by our marketing representative and after hiring a “taxi” (that’s another story) we were taken to the Airport Hotel (where else?!). We met our Service Rep and his first question was: “Did you take your worm pills?” Say what?! Worm pills? Upon hearing this he herded us to the nearest drugstore to buy some pills. “Start taking these pills and do not stop, even when you are back home, till you finish all of them”, was his instruction. The water in Lagos was not very safe for us to drink or even brush our teeth. We bought bottled water for the brushing chore and stuck to “STAR” beer to quench our thirst. The beer was very good since the brewery was established by Dutch Heineken Breweries. Food that was boiled, baked, or cooked was OK to eat, but, stay away from fresh vegetables or fruit.

The Airport Hotel must have seen better days. In front of it was an Olympic sized swimming pool with, what looked like three and ten meter, diving platforms. The local kids were enjoying a cool dip on a hot afternoon. I was not tempted to join them since in my opinion the pool could have been used to make “Monster from Black Lagoon” movie. The water was dark green almost black! Did not bother the kids though. Inside the hotel hallways were populated with orange colored lizards. I was told to leave them alone; they are good and keep the “bug” population in check. Also, found one in my room. We got along fine.

Toilet tank in my room, for whatever reason, was empty and could not be filled with water. No problem. There was an empty bucket and by filling it in the bathtub and pouring into the bowl I could flush the toilet. At the end of each hallway sat a person (guard, hall monitor?). In the room above the bed, within hands reach, was a call button. During the night I accidentally hit it and within seconds that person was in my room asking if there is a problem or if I needed anything.

First thing next morning we met for breakfast in the hotel’s restaurant. We all gathered around one table.

Some of us did notice that the tablecloth was dirty. Had spots, caked on food scraps, crumbs. When a server showed up, someone in our party pointed that out to him. “No problem Sir” was a quick response. The man yanked the tablecloth off the table, turned it over, and put it right back on. I took one look at it and asked that he flip it back to the previous side. Yes, I remember “adventurous” Airport Hotel well.

From Vid Variakojis, Villa Park, California

Editors Note: articles like these submittals are greatly appreciated and I look forward to presenting more as we continue to publish our newsletter. If you would like to contribute you can email me at ron@ronbeeler.com or mail direct to my home; 3422 Studebaker Rd, Long Beach, CA 90808

NEW BOEING ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Boeing is completing its first eventful century in business and will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2016. All of us were a part of that history and some of us were involved with one or more of the heritage companies and Boeing itself. One of the first milestones in what is sure to be a wonderful year of historic events celebrating the past and looking forward to the future is a new book on the first 10 decades of The Boeing Company called *Higher:100 Years of Boeing* by Pulitzer-prize-nominee Russ Banham. In 10 main chapters the book chronicles everything from how the company was founded to how it has flourished in recent years with new developments and the acquisition of its heritage companies, all of which were major contributors to the history of aviation in their own right.

Many rare photos are included and the book promises to be a “coffee table” collectible for years to come. The current issue of *Frontiers Magazine* has a feature about the book and in their words, “Banham’s words and the company photos come together much like wings and a fuselage.” Like Boeing, *Aviation Week Magazine* also celebrates its 100th anniversary next year. *Av Week* writer Guy Norris has written a review of the new book which calls it, “a lavishly illustrated and meticulously researched overview of the aerospace giant’s first century.” It covers the parallel development of the heritage companies and goes through World War II in the “Arsenal of Democracy” chapter as well as later periods including the Cold War, Space Race and the enormous growth of commercial aviation and new technology into the 21st century.

The book is a “must read” for aviation buffs and all current and former Boeing and heritage employees. Several versions of the book are available through a number of outlets including the Boeing Store, Museum of Flight and Amazon.com. Foreign editions are in current production for release soon.

Elayne Bendel

FROM BARBARA’S MEMBERSHIP DESK

I would like to share with you a lovely note I recently received from one of our members and it says:

“I retired Sept. 1980 after working for Douglas then McDonnell Douglas for 36 years. I am happy to say I am still doing well and enjoying life. I used to go to all the luncheons, but hardly know anyone there now. I did enjoy my many years at Douglas. I was one of the first women to be a General Foreman at the plant.”

Life is Good, I.D. Peggy Hinrichs

Thank you, Peggy, for writing; it was great to hear from you.

Barbara Callaghan

Welcome New Members

Beatrice Donabedian, A3, Learning-Training-Development.

Beth Brodersen, N/A.

Sheryl Brooks, A3, Phantom Works, Systems Analysis.

Viola Cline, C1, Marketing.

Harry Gardikis, C-17, Government Property Mgmt.

Bill Kummert, C1, Commercial Air Worthiness.

Kay Lykins, C6 & C1 Engineering Production Control.

Robert G. McIntyre, C6 & C1 - Interiors/Special Products.

F3D-2 SKYKNIGHT

Del Valle Park, Lakewood



The F3D Skyknight has returned to Del Valle Park on Woodruff and Centralia in Lakewood, completely restored in a new display mode as if taking off from the deck of a Carrier. At night it is totally lighted for a very dramatic effect.

On the grounds are bricks commemorating our fighting men who have served overseas, There are many spaces available if someone would like to purchase a brick for someone they would like to honor, order forms are available at the Lakewood City Hall, 5050 Clark Ave., Lakewood, or on-line from their website; <https://lakewoodca.wufoo.com/forms/r1knxko70ijifbg/>

Bricks are priced at \$100 and a replica brick for taking home may be purchased for \$75.

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