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Turning Finals - Air Rage ~CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE

by John A. Marshall

The two of them exchanged uneasy glances. "What's The Book?"

I chuckled inwardly, but kept a stern visage. I lowered my voice, and confided, "It isn't generally known, but every major airline keeps a book, a list of passengers that cause trouble. It's passed around. Once your name goes in there you'll have a very difficult time ever making a booking on a flight to anywhere, ever again."

There was a heavy silence as together they stared at me, disbelieving. "You're joking," one said, hesitantly.

I shrugged. "Believe it or not, gentlemen. If it were up to me your names would be in it tomorrow." I turned and started back up the stairs. I motioned to the purser and said, "No more alcohol for anyone down here."

I retired to my rest seat upstairs and listened for a long while to the night sounds of the big Clipper. It was quiet, and I slept. When I woke, nearly two hours later, the sky was gray behind the drawn shades on the windows, and I glanced at my watch. Another ninety minutes to top of descent. After splashing myself fully awake in the upstairs lavatory, I crept downstairs where the girls were setting up for the continental breakfast for the first class passengers. No one stirred; the sounds of heavily breathing bodies cut the air. I stepped into the galley where the purser pressed a steaming cup of coffee into my waiting hand.

"Any more trouble?" I asked.

"Not a whisper," she replied, smiling.

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Please note - we have changed the access to the online newsletters so that you will need a password to access them. We're hoping this will help past members who haven't paid their dues to do so, in order to read the newsletter. This password will also give you access to the membership & phone list. GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT: www.clipperpioneers.com.

Click on the "Members Only" button on the righthand side. The password will be: captain.

Dues are \$20 a year or \$60 for the 3 remaining years. Make them payable to Clipper Pioneers, and mail to Jerry Holmes at 192 Foursome Dr., Sequim, WA 98382.

Turning Finals - Air Rage

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An isolated case? Yes and no. The great majority of incidents that could properly be called air rage consist of little more than insults thrown across an airplane aisle, or an occasional push and shove. Intercession by a crewmember, particularly one of the cockpit crew, usually solves the problem, and that's the end of it. It is the rare individual, or individuals, fueled by alcohol and beset by demons that speak only to them, that goes berserk and creates real problems. It is when the safety of the crew and passengers, or even the aircraft itself, is threatened that drastic measures must be taken. Some airlines issue plastic cuff restraints to their captains; others, tasked with unique security concerns, like Israel's El Al, staff each flight with an armed security guard. Korean Air carries a loaded pistol in a special compartment locked with a key that is available only to the purser. The majority of carriers, however, rely on the innate civility and common sense of its passengers to keep the peace. Present day air travel, with its crowded, cramped aircraft, inadequate storage space, delays, inedible food, and lost baggage all conspire to create an atmosphere conducive to unrest.

The air rage problem is getting considerable attention from groups that are in a position to address the problem, from the FAA to airline pilots' and flight attendant labor unions. Law enforcement entities, from local police to the U S Attorney's office, are becoming focused and involved. Arrest and prosecution are becoming more prevalent, in the hopes the resulting publicity will stem the tide. Will it help? Time will tell.

DON'T FORGET!

**If your envelope date ended with 2014,
your dues need to be paid for 2015.**

Don't miss an issue of the Clipper Pioneers' newsletter - send in your check today!

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Treasurer's Report

By Jerry Holmes

Finances – Checkbook - \$8,416.00

CD - \$34,516.00

Be aware that most of the CD money is to pay off the people who have paid in advance in the event the Clipper Pioneers ceases to exist. That is not planned for a long time, however

We publish every month as long as there is material available, and so far, have plenty of that. Our expenses other than for the newsletter are nominal. The newsletter costs about \$1,300 a month, including printing and mailing (October).

**REMINDER: CLIPPER PIONEERS NEWSLETTER'S
LAST PRINT EDITION WILL BE DEC. 2018**

Lindbergh's Predictions

In early 1935, the world was on the cusp of big changes in commercial air transport. Charles Lindbergh, Chair of Pan American Airways' technical committee which was developing the parameters of specifications for commercial aviation for the company, wanted to put his thoughts on paper about how things might go.

He had just been the "godfather" so to speak, of the recently introduced Sikorsky S-42 flying boat. This beautiful aircraft was a real advance, in no small measure due to his collaboration with aircraft designer Igor Sikorsky. High wing-loading, braking constant speed propellers, and flush riveting were some of the advancements that marked this airplane as a step towards the future.

But Lindbergh was nothing if not a realist. He thought in big terms, and knew that over-ocean intercontinental air transport would demand more than just what the S-42 brought to the game to achieve the vision of Pan American's Juan Trippe, whose world-girdling commercial ambition was the real driver behind the technological advances.

This paper outlines Lindbergh's considerations for the next few years, and his grasp of the challenges and possibilities made for some very prescient conjecture. He foresaw how things would go. Flying boats would continue to play a vital role for some time, but he knew that at some point advances in engine, construction, and navigation technology in the air, and infrastructure on the ground, would mean the inevitable succession of land planes as primary means of crossing the oceans by air.

Many thanks to historian John Johnson, Jr., the Metropolitan Air Post Society, and its editor Chester Browning for making this report available to us.

It says, in part:

"I believe that a trans-oceanic service can best be inaugurated with multi-engine flying boats. Such equipment combines the maximum safety with the greatest possible flexibility during the developmental stages. It may well be that as years pass and our knowledge of aircraft and their operation increases, we will find the landplane more efficient and so reliable that a boat hull is unnecessary. However, regardless of which type is eventually used, it seems desirable to begin with flying boats for the following reasons:

"Safety: With a reasonable fuel reserve and a properly organized radio and meteorological service, it would be feasible to direct a flying boat to a satisfactory off-line landing place wherever a body of sheltered water of sufficient size exists.

"Under normal conditions, a flying boat can be landed in open ocean without damage. After landing, it can weather a considerable storm in safety.

"In emergency, a boat can land wherever a land plane can, without injury to passengers, crew or cargo. Consequently, on field, swamp or beach can be used safely in extreme necessity. There is available far more knowledge and experience in the operation of flying boats over water than of landplanes. Emergency landings have been made at sea in safety and, in several instances, on land, without injury to occupants or even serious damage to the hull." The rest of the paper can be read online here: http://panam.org/images/PeopleAndPlaces/LindberghPredictions/Lindbergh%20report_March-1935.pdf

(from <http://panam.org/points-of-departure/people-places/388-lindbergh-s-predictions.html>)

Keep the memories alive! Send in your stories to sue@clipperpioneers.com. If you know of upcoming events, can pass on good stories by others that you think our members would enjoy, or any other information, please pass that along to us too!

Pan Am's Treasure Island and the War Effort

With war looming, Uncle Sam saw the eminent value of a base at Treasure Island, and with the removal of the world's fair, the US Navy soon moved in, using some of the fair's "temporary" structures. Plans for runways were scrapped.

Because Pan Am and its fleet of ocean-crossing clippers was integral to America's defense, there was no question but that the airline's base would remain. When war did arrive, on the wings of Japanese warplanes at Pearl Harbor, and across the vast Pacific basin, it severed the peaceful international air routes stretching out from Treasure Island. Pan Am planes, crews, and facilities were drafted into the war effort.

For most of the next four years, Pan Am's Treasure Island base served the nation. The elegant clippers were joined by big military seaplanes, also operated by Pan Am crews, to be sent out across the Pacific on wartime missions.

Towards the close of the war, the Pan American operation was relocated to what had become San Francisco International Airport - SFO - south of the city, which would soon be seeing fleets of new landplanes replacing the aging and now obsolete flying boats. (Interesting to note: SFO'S new director was William Peyton Day.)

Pan Am's iconic Treasure Island terminal is now on the U.S. government's Register of Historic Places, awaiting a more defined permanent role.

Since the US Navy closed its base on the island in 1997 (and forced the closing of the Treasure Island Museum which had kept the historic legacy alive) the stately building has been used as a movie set, and meeting venue. The historic heritage of Treasure Island remains in the care of the Treasure Island Museum Association, which is working to reopen its museum.

Whatever the future brings, the terminal continues to evoke its heritage of both an exotic worlds fair, and an age of romantic air travel.

<http://panam.org/points-of-departure/people-places/358-treasure-island.html>

On the Lighter Side...

Tower: 'American 123, and for your information, you were slightly to the left of the centerline on that approach.'

American 123: 'That's correct; and, my First Officer was slightly to the right.'

Student Pilot: 'I'm lost; I'm over a big lake and heading toward the big "E".

Controller: 'Make several 90 degree turns so I can identify you on radar.' (short pause)...

Controller: 'Okay then. That big lake is the Atlantic Ocean. Suggest you turn to the big "W" immediately...'

Pan Am Historical Society has a Facebook page. You can view it here:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pan-Am-Historical-Foundation/226994925218>

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT NORMANDY AND OMAHA BEACH!

What a great opportunity to visit all of Normandy and Omaha Beach. The Pan Am Reunion Cruise departing Boston 24 April next year has some great port calls, including 16 hours in Le Havre and 10 hour in Cherbourg, France. That gives you plenty of time to visit the Battle of Normandy Museum in Bayeux, the Airborne Museum in Sainte-Mere-Eglise, Caen's, Deauville and the beautiful village of Honfleur, plus much more.

We will be on Royal Caribbean's ship, "Serenade of the Seas", with additional stops at Cork, Ireland, Portland, Dorset on the south coast of England, Bruges, Belgium, Amsterdam, Netherlands (at the peak of the tulip festival), Gothenburg, Denmark and our final stop, Copenhagen, Denmark where you can visit as long as you like.

Flights returning to the U.S. in mid May should be a good time to travel; the tourist season has not begun.

Also sometime starting July, Royal Caribbean will make arrangements and publish return flights home. We still have cabins at great prices, a deposit will lock in the current price, starting at \$1279.00. Call Interline Travels at [1-888-592-7245](tel:1-888-592-7245) or Carmen's Cell [786-252-7838](tel:786-252-7838) or e-mail interlinetravels@yahoo.com. You can always call me at [305-238-0911](tel:305-238-0911) or e-mail stunjune@aol.com. This Cruise is for all the Pan Am folks and their friends, so help me spread the word , forward it to your friend. Thanks, Stu

2015 SERENADE OF THE SEAS ITINERARY

24-Apr	Boston, Massachusetts	5:00 PM
25-Apr thru 30 April	Cruising	
1-May	Cork, Ireland	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
2-May	Portland (Dorset), UK 1	1:00 AM - 9:00 PM
3-May	Le Havre (Paris), France	7:00 AM - 11:00 PM
4-May	Cherbourg, France	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
5-May	Zeebrugge (Brussels), Belgium	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
6-May	Amsterdam, Holland	10:00 AM 9:00 PM
7-May	Cruising	
8-May	Gothenburg, Sweden	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
9-May	Copenhagen, Denmark	6:00 AM

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MORE ON THE CLIPPERS PIONEERS WEBSITE!

We've updated our website! Check out the Clipper Pioneers online www.clipperpioneers.com - for announcements, videos about Pan Am, and other interesting articles and photos! The "In Memory Of..." page features more information about those who have passed on than what we can print here, and the current list of members is also available for paid members. There is also a great list of "resources" available.

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or email to: jerryholmes747@gmail.com***

PAN AM REUNION CRUISE ~ APRIL 24 - MAY 9, 2015

ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S SERENADE OF THE SEAS

Dear Pan Amers:

Once again we prepare for our next much welcomed Pan Am reunion cruise. We are honoring the many requests for a Transatlantic cruise with lots of wonderful and interesting ports of call. Our 15 day cruise, departing Boston to Copenhagen, starts off with six relaxing days at sea. Plenty of time to reach out to old friends, take a spa treatment, movies to watch and much, much more. Expect a great time.

Embarking on an oceangoing adventure like this will be no doubt one of the most exciting moments of any traveler's life. The old saying that it's as much about the journey as the destination has never been truer. Adventures await you at each port, shopping, exploring famous attractions or sipping a cool drink in a romantic café. So, welcome aboard, I know this cruise will provide you with a lifetime of memories to cherish. Family and friends are most welcomed.

Rates: Prices are per person, double occupancy, cruise only and based on availability at time of booking. Once our allotment is gone prevailing rates will take effect. Singles pay 200% of cruise fare and port charge. Port charges (\$240) and taxes (\$280.94) additional. Call in your reservation now; a deposit of \$450 per person will lock in the current price which may increase in the future. As usual, all major credit cards are accepted but checks are preferred in an attempt to keep down credit card fees and pass the savings toward our onboard amenities, onboard parties and the like. **DON'T DELAY !**

Insurance is available and highly suggested and is priced by category chosen. Inquire on your price. More information will come with your invoice.

Inside from \$1279 / Outside from \$1749 / Balcony from \$1979.

PRICES MAY BE INCREASED AFTER Nov. 25th. To check on this, contact:

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Email **interlinetravels@yahoo.com**.

My line may be tied with many calls for this cruise;
please be patient and leave your message and I will get to you ASAP. Thank you.

Address - 456 MERLIN CT. , TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

Feel free to contact Stu Archer former Pan Am pilot and cruise consultant at 305-238-0911.
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Having trouble viewing the membership list online? When you open the list, go to the top of your screen - you should see that it is set at a percentage. Click on that to make it larger.

*...and God will lift you up on Eagle's Wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas (Tom) Allen Bennett peacefully died in his home on December 9, 2014. Affectionately known as "Skipper" to his friends, Tom was born on February 19, 1939 in Englewood, NJ to the late Madeline and Edwin K. Bennett. He attended the University of Memphis and graduated from Christian Brothers University. Following graduation, Tom realized a life-long passion for flying as he proudly served as a 29-year veteran pilot in the Air National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel and enjoyed a 30-year career as an airline pilot in the position of Captain for both Pan Am and United Airlines. The majority of his service was spent in California. READ MORE>>>

Allan H Locher, of Kerrville, TX Flew West on 12/8/2014.

For more information about each of these friends who will be missed, click on "In Memory Of..." at our website: www.clipperpioneers.com. Know of someone from Pan Am who has passed? Email the obit to Jerry Holmes at jerryholmes747@gmail.com

Laughter: It really "is" good medicine

We've all heard that "laughter is good medicine". It's well-known as a way to reduce stress, particularly as we grow older. Now there seems to be an added benefit: a reduction of those "senior moments".

According to studies at Loma Linda University in California, a good chuckle seems to reduce levels of cortisol, the "stress hormone". Researchers there tested three groups of seniors and learned that the ones who laughed while watching funny videos had "significantly reduced levels of cortisol" when they were finished. The extra benefit was the fact that those seniors scored higher in post-trial memory assessments than the ones who didn't watch the videos.

Dr. Lee Burk, who co-authored the study, explained that "humor reduces detrimental stress hormones like cortisol that decrease memory hippocampal neurons, lowers your blood pressure and increases blood flow and your mood state. The act of laughter – or simply enjoying some humor – increases the release of endorphins and dopamine in the brain, which provides a sense of pleasure and reward."

So, not only is laughter and the enjoyment of life and those around you more fun, it's also very good for you. Smile..... ☺

(excerpts from www.amac.us – Dec. 2014)

TIPS FOR SELF-PROTECTION - IN YOUR CAR . . .

- Don't leave your purse or wallet on the seat beside you; put it on the floor, where it is more difficult for someone to grab it.
- Lock bundles or bags in the trunk. If interesting packages are out of sight, a thief will be less tempted to break in to steal them.

Ways to Help Defend Against Identity Theft

According to the U. S. Postal Service and the U. S. Secret Service, both of which are charged to help protect citizens against identify theft, there are a number of steps we can take to protect ourselves against the criminals out there who would steal and use our identities to open new credit or financial accounts, buy cars, apply for loans or Social Security benefits, all in someone else's name.

Add these tips to your "must do" list to protect your identity:

1. Deposit outgoing mail at a Post Office or a blue U. S. Postal Service collection box, or give it directly to your letter carrier.
2. Shred or tear up unwanted documents that contain personal information before discarding them.
3. Review your consumer credit reports annually. You can order a free credit report once a year from each credit bureau to check for accuracy and fraud use. Order it online at annualcreditreport.com or by calling 1-877-322-8228.
4. Never give personal information over the phone or the internet unless you initiated the contact.
5. Report lost or stolen credit cards to the issuer immediately.
6. Sign your new credit cards – before someone else does.
7. Memorize your Social Security number and passwords; don't carry them with you. Don't use your date of birth as your password.
8. Don't ever leave receipts behind – at ATMs, on counters at financial institutions or at gasoline pumps.
9. Check expiration dates on credit cards and contact the issuer if you don't get a replacement before they expire. Ditto for monthly financial statements and bills.
10. Match credit card receipt against monthly bills and check financial statements for accuracy.

While identity theft is a growing problem, if we take commonsense steps including the ones mentioned above, the odds are better in our favor that we won't end up as a victim. Learn more information here: www.about.usps.com/publications/pub280.pdf.

**Wishing You and Your Family
a Wonderful and Prosperous New Year!**

Don't forget to check out our website at: www.clipperpioneers.com