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A Not-So-Routine Six Leg IGS Pattern

by Gene Woerner

It was a lovely June summer afternoon in 1972. I am the First Officer on a B-727, and we are on the third leg of a six leg routine IGS pattern. We had departed Tempelhof Airport in Berlin on our flight to Hanover with a full load of mostly German Passengers. The weather enroute was beautiful and clear, and the weather in Hanover was forecast to be good with some scattered clouds in the Terminal area.

The flight was short; we had about a 45 K tailwind and arrived in the Hanover terminal area 10 minutes ahead of schedule. We were given the choice of a visual approach to Rwy 27R which we readily accepted, as it was a straight in approaching from the east.

After landing and just as we were turning off the active Runway, we were told to stop and wait for the Follow Me truck, which was unusual. As the truck appeared, we were cleared to follow him; however, to our surprise, he was headed away from the Terminal, taking us towards an open space on the ramp area.

We were then told to stop and shut down the engines. The Flight Engineer had already started the APU, so we complied as requested. When we questioned the reason for this, we were told that there was a security issue with our flight, with no other explanation.

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No Password Needed for Members Only Section of the Website

Please note - we have changed the access to the online newsletters so that you will no longer need a password to access them. GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT: www.clipperpioneers.com. To request a current membership list, email sue@clipperpioneers.com with your request. Click on the "Members Only" button on the righthand side to access the current and previous newsletters.

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The next thing that happened was a number of Police and Swat vehicles had started to surround the aircraft. Officers were exiting the vehicles in full swat and riot gear with automatic weapons pointed at the aircraft.

We were shocked, as this was unexpected! We had not been given any indication nor reason for this by Pan Am or Air Traffic Control.

At that point, a Police official who identified himself as a Colonel in the control tower, informed us that they had received credible information that we had at least one if not several of the infamous Baader- Meinhof gang members on Board. The Badder Meinhof group was a very dangerous left leaning political group, also know as the Red Army Faction, which for several years had been involved and accused of kidnapping a number of high German Government officials and the murder of a very wealthy German Industrialist.

We were told to lower the aft air stairs and to deplane the aircraft. The Captain made a short announcement, and the passengers, who had no idea what was happening and had obviously seen the Police activity surrounding the airplane, reluctantly deplaned. All were scrutinized against photographs by the Police Officers and then whisked away to the passenger terminal. No one acted suspicious or resisted their demands.

Once all the passenger were off the airplane and only the six crew members remained onboard, the police conducted a thorough search of the whole cabin, cockpit and both toilets.

Nobody was arrested at the airport; however, we found out a later that Ulricke Meinhof one of the main members of the group had deplaned undetected on our flight from Berlin and somehow evaded the scrutiny of the Police at the airport. I found out later that she was captured in Hanover -Langfeld later that day, and that she was unarmed. As it turned out, she had been observed at a secret meeting in West Berlin with the threaded STASI, the East German Secret State Police, but then disappeared. It was, however, suspected that she would try to make her way from Berlin to Hanover by air.

We departed Hanover about 90 min late back to Berlin, relieved that this little adventure did not turn into a nasty shootout or worse.

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

Bank balance as of Dec. 31, 2022 was \$13,303.17. The opportunity to renew your membership with your donation is on a form on page 4 of this newsletter, which will go toward continuing forward. Thank you to the those who have mailed in your donations in 2023 already! Be sure to clip and send in your check if you'd like to continue to receive the newsletter. Thank you!

Unforeseen Power Outages: It's Good to be Prepared

As we see continuing issues with power outages, it's good to be prepared. Are you prepared? We all need to "plan ahead" for unforeseen outages. Here are a few tips:

Never Use Candles! Have several flashlights with extra batteries and/per non-electric lamps on-hand and ready for use.

Have an emergency plan for relocation those most susceptible to the cold to a warm and safe place.

Have an emergency plan for checking on those who may need help during storms and outages and a back-up plan if phones are out.

Keep freezers closed during an outage. Full freezers can keep food frozen for about two days - one day if less than full.

Make a habit of backing up computer files to prevent loss of data.

For people with disabilities...

Consider purchasing a back-up generator for use during extended outages for those dependent upon home medical life support.

Keep a spare, charged battery for motorized scooters or wheelchairs.

Keep at least a 5 day supply of essential medications on hand.

With your generator...

Only operate it outside in a well-ventilated area.

Do not attach a generator your fuse or breaker panel. It requires special equipment to do so - contact your utility district for more information.

A Documentary Series about Pan American Airways on PBS

When Pan Am's M-130 flying boat "China Clipper" took off for the first scheduled flight to Manila on November 22, 1935, it riveted the attention of people around the world. At that moment Pan Am vaulted to a commanding position and the world changed forever as a result. That's the story brought to life in "Across the Pacific." Newly unearthed archival motion pictures, photographs, and original sound recordings as well as stunning graphics, help bring this history back to life.

The film by Moreno/Lyons Productions tells the epic story of how Pan American Airways became the first to bridge the mighty Pacific - the first airline to cross any ocean. Focusing in particular on the contributions of Pan Am's visionary leader Juan Trippe, aircraft designer Igor Sikorsky, and radio engineer Hugo Leuteritz, the three-part program is currently broadcast on PBS. "Across the Pacific" premiered on VPM PBS in Richmond Virginia May/June 2020. You can watch each episode on the home page of the Clipper Pioneers website (www.clipperpioneers.com)

Protect Your Personal Information for Medicare and Social Security

Guard your Medicare and Social Security Numbers. Treat them like you would treat your credit cards.

Be suspicious of anyone who offers you free medical equipment or services and then requests your Medicare number. If it's free, they do not need your number!

Do not let anyone borrow or pay to use your Medicare ID card or your identity. It's illegal, and it's not worth it!

If your Medicare card is lost or stolen, report it right away. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) for a replacement. If you get benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board, call 1 877 772 5772, or visit www.rrb.gov.

Check Your Medical Bills, Medicare Summary Notices, Explanation of Benefits, and Credit Reports Get help reading your Medicare Summary Notice.

Get a free credit report each year by calling 1-877-322-8228

It was Great to be a Pilot!

Cruising mere feet above a billiard-table-flat cloud deck with your chin on the glare shield and your face as close as you can get to the windshield.

The majesty and grandeur of towering cumulus.

Rotating and feeling the airplane come alive as she lifts off.

RENEW TODAY!

In order to keep the newsletter and website going for the Clipper Pioneers, it's time for renewal donations. If you haven't already, please send your donation to: Clipper Pioneers, P. O. Box 3457, Sequim, WA 98382. Thank you!

Your Name: _____

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(Make check payable to: Clipper Pioneers and mail to: P. O. Box 3457, Sequim WA 98382)

Thank you for your continuing support of the Clipper Pioneers!

PAN AM 15 DAY MIAMI TO ROME CRUISE



Dear Pan Amer's:

Come join us on our next transatlantic reunion cruise on Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas. Reserve restful days at sea to splurge in Spain, France and Italy with ports of call to die for. It's going to be fabulous – don't miss out – bring family and friends along ! Your cruise includes gourmet meals, entertainment, accommodations, group activities, cocktail parties and much more.

Itinerary – April 23, 2023 from Miami to May 8, 2023 Rome, Italy

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart	Boarding
Sun 23Apr2023	Miami, Florida	-	4:00 PM	Cruising
Mon 24Apr-01 May	Cruising High Seas	-	-	Docked
Tue 02May2023	Malaga, Spain	8:00 AM	6:00 PM	Docked
Wed 03May2023	Cartagena, Spain	8:00 AM	6:00 PM	Docked
Thu 04May2023	Palma De Mallorca, Spain	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	Docked
Fri 05May2023	Provence (Marseilles), France	9:00 AM	6:00 PM	Tendered
Sat 06May2023	Nice (Villefranche), France	8:00 AM	6:00 PM	Tendered
Sun 07May2023	Ajaccio, Corsica	8:00 AM	6:00 PM	Departure
Mon 08May2023	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy	5:00 AM	-	

Rates from:

Inside \$859 / *Inside Virtual Bal / Outside \$959 / Balcony \$1399 / Suites \$1999

Prices: Per person, subject to availability at time of booking and do not include port charges and taxes (\$354.pp) or amenity fees (\$150.pp) (cocktail parties, pay restaurant get togethers, etc).

*Interior with Virtual Balcony – High-definition screen that spans floor to ceiling, providing real-time views of the ocean and destinations. Inquire on pricing.

Deposit \$450.pp. ; all major cards accepted. Mail amenity fee check to Stuart Archer upon reserving (7340 SW 132 St., Miami, FL 33156). Insurance, available and advisable on invoice.

More information in future emails. Call 1-844-278-9745 Air & Sea for flights.

To reserve: call Carmen 786-252-7838.

Cruise information call former Pan Am Capt. Stu Archer 305-238-0911.

Pan Am Philadelphia Area Pilots (PAPAP)

We meet the second Tuesday of every quarter at the Continental Inn in Yardley, PA at 1200 for a bit of BS before going to our private conference room upstairs for lunch.

Been going on since 1992 and it's a great way to stay together. Contact: Chris Blaydon [215 757 6229](tel:2157576229) or cblayd@aol.com

Flying Boat Reunion clip now available for viewing

A 15-minute special that aired April 27, 2016 on Ireland's popular RTE TV show "Nationwide" is now available for viewing. China Clipper First Officer Robert Hicks (94); Merry Barton, daughter of Folger Athearn (Pan Am's station manager in Noumea, New Caledonia in 1941); Director of the Foynes Flying Boat Museum Margaret O'Shaughnessy; Ed Trippe and Mary Lou Bigelow were interviewed during the Foynes Flying Boat reunion. <http://www.rte.ie/player/us/show/nationwide-21/10566026/>

Pan Am -- Personal Tributes to A Global Aviation Pioneer

The Pan Am Historical Foundation recently published the highly acclaimed *Pan Am -- Personal Tributes to a Global Aviation Pioneer*, a book that caught the attention of Pan Amers and aviation enthusiasts around the world. Visit <https://www.panam.org/shop/669-panam90-book> to order.

Flying Somewhere? Useful Tip for Air Traffic

FlightAware is a free flight tracker that will change what you think about live flight tracking and aviation data. It can be seen at: www.flightaware.com/

Layovers for Pan Am

Check out Pan American layovers at www.paacrewlayover.com, where some 81 cities and over 161 hotels are shown in photos.

Check Out the Lockerbie Website

A website has been created for Lockerbie. It can be viewed at www.lockerbie103.com. It might be a worthwhile site to check out, especially for those who plan on visiting Lockerbie. Be sure to enter the web address in the browser (not Google Search, etc.) with the www. Otherwise, they will get hundreds of Lockerbies and 103s and may not find the web site after 15 pages. ~Claude Hudspeth

Thank You for the Stories You're Sending In! Keep 'em coming!!

We've been getting some good stories about memories of your times with Pan Am, and we want you to know we appreciate it! Keep them coming, and you will see them in the upcoming issues! Are there memories you've written down that you'd like to share with us in this newsletter - short or long? Have you come across an interesting article that you'd like to share with us? Would you share pieces from a book you've written? Send them to sue@clipperpioneers.com.

*...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

Captain David Meade Criley died at age 88 on August 8, 2022, of Pancreatic Cancer. He was at home under Hospice care surrounded by his wife and family members. David was preceded in death by their beloved 10-year-old son David; his brother Walter and sister Jean; parents Marjorie and Walter; beloved aunts and uncles.

Dave hired on with Pan American Airlines in July of 1964 as a Flight Engineer on the Boeing 707, later to make Captain and fly both the 707 and 747, as well as the Lockheed 1011, until Pan American closed its doors in 1991. With 3 more years of eligibility left to fly, he took a job flying Captain on the 747's for Connie Kalitta's Charter Airline out of Ypsilanti, MI, to the Middle East.

Marvin "Randy" Carter, 87, of Orlando, FL went to his heavenly home on December 26, 2022. Randy was a very loving and devoted husband, father and son. Born in Hodgenville, Kentucky, Randy was the son of the late Berney Solomon and Alberta Carter. He grew up helping his father on the family farm. After serving in the Army and working as an Air Traffic Controller, he pursued his dream of Aviation. First as a Flight Instructor and then as a Commercial Airline Pilot, ultimately flying all over the world as a Captain with Pan American World Airways.

Oliver G. "Tim" Locher was called home to his Lord and Savior on 29 November 2022 at the age of 83.

Tim was born on 29 June 1939 to Oliver Glenn and Lela Barbara Locher in Bluffton, Ohio. The family moved to South Florida where Tim and his sister, Nan, attended Lake Worth High School. It was there that Tim enjoyed football and basketball. More importantly, Lake Worth is where God blessed him with the love of his life, Karen Thoureen.

After graduating high school in 1957, Tim accepted an appointment at the Naval Preparatory School and in 1958 reported to the U.S. Naval Academy with the Class of 1962. While at Annapolis, Tim played on the varsity football team and developed a love for the Mighty Goat.

Receiving his naval aviator wings in 1964, Tim flew the E-2 Hawkeye before transitioning to a career in civil aviation where he flew for National, Pan American, and Delta Airlines.

For more information and full obituaries 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 Sue Forde at sue@clipperpioneers.com, or mail to: Sue Forde, P. O. Box 3457, Sequim, WA 98382

Do You Know About Events that are Upcoming?

There are many events and get-togethers that may be of interest to our readers. If you know about one, or have a group that gets together on a regular basis - or even once in awhile - please let us know so we can share with our readers! :)

**PAN AM MUSEUM FOUNDATION
COME CRUISE WITH US!
Join us on a fabulous luxury Silversea Cruise!
Mark Your Calendars: August 2 - 9, 2023
CRUISE ITALY & CROATIA IN STYLE**

Come sail with us in Pan Am style and support the Pan Am Museum! Enjoy exclusive amenities and guest benefits by booking your suite through this fundraiser.

We've secured the very best pricing and a liberal cancellation policy for our exclusive PAMF group (all pricing excludes airfare and transfers). In addition, our special pricing will be guaranteed until Dec. 31, 2022.

Open to friends and family! Space is limited! Many suites offer a 3rd guest with a pullout couch.

Venice to Venice: August 2 - 9, 2023

VOYAGE ITINERARY

Silver Spirit – 7 Days

Leaves Port: August 2, 2023

Voyage SL 230802007

Day 1: Venice (Departs at 7pm)

Day 2: Trieste, Italy

Day 3: Zadar, Croatia

Day 4: Hvar, Croatia

Day 5: Dubrovnik, Croatia

Day 6: Split, Croatia

Day 7: Kvarner Bay, Croatia

Day 8: Venice (Arrive at 8am)

For More Information

**The Pan Am Museum Foundation
board@thepanammuseum.org
www.thePanAmMuseum.org**

What's Included prices starting at \$4,400 per person

Shore Excursions (1 per port/per day)

All beverages included at all times including premium
liquor and wine selection of 150+ bottles

Personal butler service in every suite category

24-hour room service

1:1 Crew to guest ratio

Fully customized mini bar

\$350 Ship Board Credit per suite

All crew gratuities

Exclusive PAMF Welcome Cocktail Reception and other exclusive onboard events

8 Fine dining options offering culinary excellence

Onboard activities and live entertainment

High speed WiFi

Pillow menu

Visit their website for more information: <https://www.thepanammuseum.org/cruise-benefit/>