



# Flying Tiger Line Pilots Association

*Pilots and employees of the Flying Tiger Line, dedicated to preserving the memory of a great airline and those who served in China and in World War II*

**FALL 2016**

Hello Everyone,

I hope you've had a nice summer. I, along with my other FTLPA officers and Sandy White are back to work making sure we provide the membership with the best possible chance of having a great time in Portland next year during our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion. I'll begin as I have every year, with an invitation for anyone with suggestions, comments, or complaints to contact me directly. The energy and excitement generated at our reunions comes from you, the member, and your input is very important to me in keeping this association vibrant and ahead of the power curve for decades to come.

This newsletter kicks off the 2017 reunion year and is dedicated to news and registration procedures for our upcoming event. This issue is deliberately titled **Fall 2016** because I'll only be publishing these once per seasonal quarter from now on. You can expect the next one on December 1<sup>st</sup>. It's been harder and harder, with each monthly issue, to come up with creative and meaningful things to tell you. So I'm cutting it down to Fall, Winter, Spring (pre-reunion), and Summer (post-reunion) editions. Please print these up, stick them on the fridge, and refer to them as the reunion approaches. Hopefully that will cut down on the number of calls and emails I normally receive after the holidays asking "Hey John, when is the reunion?"

I encourage each of you planning on attending to make your hotel reservations **now**. We contract for a certain amount of rooms at a group rate, sometimes two years in advance, to get the best deal based solely on historical numbers. If we underestimate the enthusiasm for the event then it's always a variable whether the hotel will allow us to add more rooms to the block. The earlier we see that an adjustment needs to be made, the more possible it is that Sandy might be able to do her magic. Nothing is ever guaranteed, however. The earlier you make your reservation, the better.

The Registration Form for sending in your payments is on the last page of this newsletter. Please print, complete, and send it in with your payment to Peter at the address on the bottom of the form. Those who register by the end of the year automatically become eligible for the Registration Raffle. Winning tickets will be drawn by Peter and Gael on New Years Eve.

Unfortunately, the list has already started for those who have Flown West since we last met. We lost Hal Ewing and Greg Beckman shortly after our Napa reunion, Gail Vikse and Bob Kelley in the summer, and Merle Kleen and Scott Cutler just recently. I thank my lucky stars that my path crossed with each of these within this wonderful family that we belong to, made possible by the best airline this world has ever seen – The Flying Tiger Line.

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## Registration Raffle

### 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Two free nights in a Standard Room at the Red Lion  
(\$298 value)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

Two free dinners during our Saturday Banquet  
(\$120 value)

Winning tickets to be drawn on New Years Eve.  
Registration Form and Payments must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to be eligible.

Jeanne and I look forward to seeing you in Portland!


John Dickson  
(208) 699-5909  
[Fr8rcap@gmail.com](mailto:Fr8rcap@gmail.com)

## Checklist Please!

Every year it's become more apparent that we have some extremely smart and qualified members within our group who consistently wait until the absolute last minute to make their reunion plans, missing their slot time, and eventually spending more money than they needed to. It also causes us nothing but grief!

We've finally received authorization from the NDSB to publish the checklist at right. Although it's not required to commit these steps to memory as **Red Tabs**, common sense would dictate that they be accomplished as soon as practical.

Referring to this checklist might hopefully prevent some of the Mayday distress calls we normally receive from members, having lost all SA just before the reunion and consequently asking those of us planning the event to come to their rescue.

FTLPA		PRE-REUNION CHECKLIST			
<b>IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS</b>					
FALL NEWSLETTER.....		READ & STUDY			
REUNION AGENDA.....		REVIEW OPTIONS			
HOTEL RESERVATIONS [Do not delay this step].....		SECURE			
FLIGHT RESERVATIONS .....		ACCOMPLISH, AS REQUIRED			
REGISTRATION FORM [page 9].....		PRINT & COMPLETE			
FORM & PAYMENT[Caution! 31Dec16 Raffle Limit].....		TRANSMIT ASAP			
<b>AS TIME PERMITS</b>					
FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.....		NOTE ANY REVISIONS			
WEBSITE [flyingtigerline.org].....		REVIEW AS ABLE FOR CURRENCY			
APPROACHING REUNION [as required].....		MODIFY/CANCEL RESERVATIONS			
BLOW-AWAY JET .....		"ON THE ROLL!"			
Effective Date: <b>NOW! NOT TOMORROW</b>		Form 073178ft1		NDSB Approved 01SEP16	

## Membership Dues – Are You Current?

This association's membership dues of \$20 per year helps to keep our group together and our association vibrant and alive, particularly for the cost of exploring future venues for upcoming reunions. Your help in staying current with your dues payments in the future would be extremely appreciated. If you're not attending the reunion this year, or haven't in a while, we ask that you please bring or keep your dues current. To see when your last dues were paid, look up your name in the **Membership Roster** and review your Dues Year (the last time we received dues from you.) Contact Peter or Eliot if you do not know the password. This is also a good time to note any changes you would like made to your contact information. Download or use the attached **Registration Form** or go to the **Membership Services** tab on our home page for payment options. Most importantly we want to make sure you're still out there and interested in remaining a member of FTLPA. Everyone is asked to do this each year whether you're going to be able to make the next reunion or not.

## Help Needed

The comment that we continually get at our yearly events is "*Let me know if I can help*" Although still very far away, our largest concern is the most definite ending that our association faces as we loose more and more members of our Tiger family. You can help us keep this ball rolling by reaching out to old friends you haven't heard from in a while and letting them know we miss them. Write to them, call them, Facebook them, whatever it takes and relay that we would love to enjoy their company again. If you're in the junior group we refer to as the "baby tigers", those hired in the late 80's, and have enjoyed being a member, then please spread the word to your fellow classmates who might still be flying for FedEx.

We're also asking for help from anyone who can assist us in transporting reunion supplies from Portland back down to the Palm Springs area. If you're driving, live in SoCal, and can help, please contact John.

## 2017 Portland Reunion - Hotel Reservations



### Red Lion Hotel – Janzten Beach

909 N. Hayden Island Drive  
Portland, OR 97217

#### For Online Reservations

[Click Here](#)

or

#### Call Red Lion Reservations at (503) 283-4466

*Be sure to identify yourself  
as part of the Flying Tiger Group*

Our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion will be held at the **Red Lion Hotel-Janzten Beach**, conveniently located off I-5, just 10 minutes north of downtown Portland and 15 minutes from the Portland International Airport. Special rates have been negotiated for our group and room reservations can now be made by phone or online through our custom site. Group rates are:

**Standard Rooms** at **\$149** (overlooks the parking area)

**Premium Rooms** at **\$164** (overlooks the river, pool, & courts)

These rates will also be offered for nights before and after our official reunion period based on availability. Discounted rates on upgraded rooms (i.e. Junior Suites) may be also available but are not subject to our contract. Applying AAA, Senior, Military discounts *may* possibly get you a better rate.

All rooms are identical and include balconies, small refrigerators, microwaves, internet, complimentary business center use, and free parking. Hotel shuttle service to the MAX rail station and other locations within a 4 mile radius will be provided free of charge.

Reservations can be modified or cancelled up to 24 hours before your first night stay. A 15.3% Occupancy Tax will be added to your room bill.

#### Problems?

[Email John Dickson](#)

#### **IMPORTANT**

***Do Not Delay in making your reservations!***

*Nightly rates available only for as long as group rooms are available.*

*Cutoff Date for group rate is April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

## Reunion Agenda

Be sure to check the **Reunion 2017 Portland** or **Next Reunion** link on our website and refer to future newsletters for any updates to this schedule. Click on underlined links for more information.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	1500 – Hospitality Suite Opens – The Hangar open until 1700 1900 – The Hangar is open until 2100	Multnomah & Clackamas Rooms
<b>Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup></b>	0830 – Golf Tournament 0900 – Hospitality Suite opens each day (Bar will be open noon to midnight each day) The Hangar is open until 1100 1300 – The Hangar is open until 1700 1900 – The Hangar is open until 2100	<u>Heron Lakes Golf Club</u> (Greenback Course) Multnomah & Clackamas Rooms Timberline Room
<b>Friday May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	0900 – Hospitality Suite Opens The Hangar is open until 1300 1600 – Tour and Buffet Dinner at the Evergreen Air & Space Museum (busses to leave hotel at 2:30 PM and return at approximately 11PM)	Multnomah & Clackamas Rooms Timberline Room <u>Evergreen Air &amp; Space Museum</u>
<b>Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	0900 – Hospitality Suite Opens 1000 – Business Meeting 1300 – The Hangar is open until 1600 1800 – Banquet Reception 1900 – Dinner & Dance	Multnomah & Clackamas Rooms Clark Room Timberline Room St Helena Ballroom
<b>Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup></b>	0830 – The Hangar is open until 1000	Timberline Room

## Golf – Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Our golf tournament will be held at the Heron Lakes Golf Club, a public course close to our hotel. First tee off is at 8:30am. Cost per player is \$60 which includes green fees, cart, range balls, prizes, bag handling, and club cleaning. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the Greenback Course that our group will play.

Questions?  
Contact Larry Weeks



## Evergreen Air & Space Museum – Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

The Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum is an aviation museum which displays a number of military and civilian aircraft and spacecraft, most notably, the Hughes H-4 Hercules "Spruce Goose"

The bus ride to and from the museum will take approximately 1 ½ hours aboard 56-passenger luxury busses with restroom facilities. Busses will depart the hotel at 2:30PM and will arrive back at approximately 11PM. Food & beverages are allowed on the busses, but are strictly forbidden from entering the museum.

**Important:** We have only chartered (3) busses for a maximum capacity of 165 and will be initially limiting our ticket sales to that total. If exceeded we will try to find a solution, but nothing is guaranteed.



*The Hughes H-4 Hercules*



*We're hoping to get everyone into the Spruce Goose cockpit for a photo opportunity.*



*We're also hope that everyone gets a chance to climb into Ken Jernstedt's P40 during the night.*

### \$90 per person includes:

Bus Transportation to and from the Red Lion Hotel

Access to to Space Museum from 4 to 5PM

Access to Air Museum from 5 to 10

Buffet Dinner  
(Click [HERE](#) for menu)

No Host Bar serving wine & beer.

### NOTE

*The consumption of personal alcohol is forbidden inside of the museum*

## Banquet & Dance – Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

The Banquet and Dance will be held at 7PM in the Mt. Saint Helens Ballroom overlooking the Columbia River. Cocktails will be available at 6PM. Music will be provided by Cheri Adams, who entertained us during our Seattle banquet reunion in 2014.

The cost for the plated dinner will be \$60 per person. For a description of the meal choices available, please click [HERE](#).

Suggest dress is *Casual Business*





## Tennis Anyone?



The Red Lion has two beautiful courts and will supply rackets and balls. We're considering having the first ever **FTLPA Tennis Open**, ideally for couples to make things a lot easier on all of us. If you're interested and think this is something that might be fun then [email John](#). Play will probably be on Friday before heading to the Evergreen Museum and Saturday between the business meeting and banquet. If we get enough of a response then we'll make it happen.

## Best Friends

The Red Lion is an extremely pet friendly hotel. In fact, the hotel is used for many pet shows throughout the year. For guests that want to bring their pet, there is a one-time \$25 fee for the entire stay that will be charged at check-in. For the first reunion ever, that we know of, you're encouraged to bring your pet to the Hospitality

Suite to show them off. We're also contemplating having a contest on Saturday afternoon for best dressed pet, pet look alike, most original costume, etc. More details will be announced in the next newsletter.

We're always looking to make our reunions just a little different each year. This should do it. Bring your pets. They will have a blast!



Frenchy



Shima



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## The Hangar



Joyce Daniels  
Flight Attendant Representative

*The Hangar*, formerly referred to as *The Tiger Store*, is brought to you by the volunteer efforts of the flight attendant group within our association, lead by their newly appointed representative, Joyce Daniels. Joyce has some wonderful ideas on new merchandise that was suggested to her by members in Napa. We tried our best in the past years to create a system whereby credit cards could be used. Unfortunately, as we are not a retail business, but rather a non-profit organization, we have been advised to return to a system where only cash or checks will be allowed as forms of payment. If you're interested in helping Joyce out next year as a volunteer then please [contact her](#).

## Squawk Ident



[Email John](#) or call him at (208) 699-5909

## Who's That Tiger? – Photo Contest

We're starting something new with this newsletter. The first person to identify this young Tiger at left and contact John Dickson with his name will receive a \$10 gift certificate for merchandise offered at *The Hangar*. The winner will be announced in the next edition and another photo will be added for the contest.

## Pictures Needed!

Got an ancient photo of yourself or a fellow Tiger? Send or email it to John and he'll try to include it as part of the contest in a future issue.

## Future Reunions

Input was solicited during the last business meeting in Napa regarding the selection of the city to host our 2019 reunion. The options were Dayton, Ohio and Los Angeles, California. Our apologies for those wanting Dayton, but for a good number of reasons, a decision was made to hold our 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion in L.A. We will give Dayton or another city east of the Mississippi another shot for the 2020 event.



Renaissance Hotel – Palm Springs

**2018**  
*Flight Attendant  
Recognition Banquet*  
**Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel**  
888 E Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Friday night at the Palm Springs Air Museum



P40 at the Palm Springs Air Museum

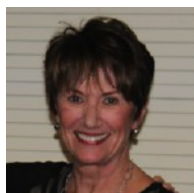


**2019**  
*45-Year  
Anniversary Reunion*  
**Los Angeles Area**  
Hotel Venue to be decided soon.  
Planned events will include visits to the Flight  
Path Museum at LAX and the California  
Science Museum in L.A.



## Cabin Crew Corner

This section of the quarterly newsletter will be dedicated to any news and announcements related to the former FTL cabin crew members within our membership. Unfortunately, this issue deals with the bad news that we received in mid-July about a bad fall taken by Arni Bloomquist, brought to our attention by her good friend, Marilyn Pozas. The following is a summary of Arni's condition by her as of late August.



*On July 19th I got an email from Dick Blomquist that Arni had fallen while alone in their house the previous Sunday night. Long story short she was operated on the following Tuesday, had her neck fused, and is currently paralyzed from her chest down. Last Friday Arni moved to a rehab facility, Northwoods Lodge, after five weeks in Harborview Hospital. Apparently the show of concern when she left Harborview was remarkable. There was a very large group of concerned staff out there to say goodbye. But on she moved, with the help of her husband and new staff at Northwoods Lodge, and in time she will hopefully adjust to her new routine and surroundings. The place seems to be highly rated, so I trust she is in excellent hands.*

*She is still paralyzed from the chest down. She has some movement in her arms but her hands are still paralyzed, although she is having little bursts of feeling in them occasionally. She has what sounds like a very high tech wheel chair that she uses to get around in and is still learning on that front as well.*

*Arni has many good friends that wish her well, along with her incredible husband, Dick. There is a website that you can log onto and receive all the old news and new updates when Dick posts them. It's [caringbridge.org](http://caringbridge.org). You log on and create a user ID and password, then do a search for Arni Blomquist and you will be taken to her pages. I hope and pray the future will be good for Arni and that she will continue to get better and gain mobility. I do think that the outpouring of love and support that Arni has received has really amazed her and has added to her recovery in a very positive way.*

*And as of last night, Dick is beginning to talk about Arni being able to have visitors. On the caring bridge website he gives information to anyone who is interested in visiting her. These cannot be drop in visitors as there is a very small window in the day for short visits.*

*Marilyn Pozas*



## Vintage FTL Advertisement #8

John B. Huarisa, Executive Vice President of Admiral Corp., says—

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Time Magazine, June 30, 1952

## News & Announcements

New Website Is Coming Soon!



The screenshot shows the FTLPA website with a navigation menu on the left (Home, FTL History, Aircraft History, Archived Newsletters, Upcoming Reunion, Reunion Photos, Membership Services, Membership Roster, Memorabilia, Discussion Forum, Flight Attendants, Video Library). The main content area includes a 'WELCOME TO FTLPA' message, an 'ABOUT US' section, and a 'Next Reunion' announcement for the 42nd annual reunion in Napa, CA, from April 20th-24th. A 'Useful Links' section on the right lists links to Advertisers, Your Tiger Sales, FTL Employees Facebook, and Archived.com.

The expected launch date for our new and improved website will be mid-September.

Problems, Comments, Suggestions?

Email Eliot Shulman

## Flown West



The following Flying Tigers have made their final flight since our last reunion in Napa. More information might be found in the [Memoriam Section](#) of our website or in the [FTLPA Discussion Forum](#) if details were sent to us. If you are aware of the passing of any others within our Tiger family, then please bring it to our attention so that we can post it below.

\*Ernie Rice – September 8, 2013

Hal Ewing – April 25, 2016

Greg Beckman – May 9, 2016

Gail Vikse – June 2, 2016

\*Bob Kelley – July 1, 2016

\*Scott Cutler – August 1, 2016

\*Merle Kleen – August 18, 2016

\*Added since last newsletter



Bob Kelley



Scott Cutler



Merle Kleen

## Video Library

Click on the various links below for some interesting websites that pertain to our history at the Flying Tiger Line. If you come across an interesting link yourself, be sure to let us know. This collection will eventually be posted to our newly revised website once we go live with it.

### The Flying Tiger Line

[Flying Tigers "Can Do" Spirit](#) (35:08)  
[Tribute to the Flying Tiger Line](#) (4:05)  
[The True Story of the Flying Tigers](#) (43:17)  
[The Flying Tigers Cargo Company](#) (9:56)  
[Tribute to Bob Prescott](#) (PDF)  
[Elephant Arrival in Burbank](#) (12:56)

### American Volunteer Group

[Wings Over China –The Story of the Flying Tigers](#) (47:44)  
[Flying Tigers: "The Story of the Fourteenth Air Force"](#) (39:50)  
[The Flying Tigers](#) (7:11)  
[The Flying Tigers – Famous Dogfights](#) (43:59)  
[Dick Rossi Interview, 1999](#) (41:18)  
[Flying Tigers Bite Back](#) (4:33)

[History, Books, and Art](#)  
[Discussion Forum](#)

### The P40 Warhawk

[How to Fly the P40 Warhawk](#) (28:18)  
[WW2: Curtiss P-40 Warhawk](#) (46:00)  
[P40, Warbirds of WWII](#) (45:17)  
[P-40 Warhawk Vs. Japanese Zero](#) (4:52)  
[P-40 Cockpit Tour](#) (6:01)  
[Pearl Harbor P40 Boys](#) (5:58)  
[\(NEW\) Amazing WWII Color Pictures](#)

### Miscellaneous

[Boeing 707 Barrel Roll](#) (4:31)  
[Douglas DC-8 - The Birth of a Jet](#) (13:16)  
[Lockheed Constellation Story](#) (10:39)  
[\(NEW\) Classic Airliners - "Freight Dogs" - 1973](#) (10:14)

## Say Again?

***Every man has his price,  
or a guy like me couldn't exist.***

Howard Hughes



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## 2017 REUNION-PORTLAND, OR

May 17<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

I am planning on attending **YES** \_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_ Only 2017 Dues Enclosed \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Other guests attending,

list names here: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed, \$20 for 2017 Dues .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed, \$20 per person for Registration.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed, \$60.00 per person for golf at HERON LAKES GOLF COURSE..\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed, \$90.00 per person for EVERGREEN AIR & SPACE MUSEUM...\$ \_\_\_\_\_

This includes charter bus ride and buffet dinner.

**The cut-off for this event is 165 people. Sign up early!**

Enclosed, \$60.00 per person for Banquet Dinner & Dance

Choose your entrée ..... Ribeye Steak....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mesquite Honey Glazed Salmon.\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Parmesan...\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Puff Pastry.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed, \$6.00 each for custom name badges ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names as you want them to appear \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed.. \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail to FTLPA, 14248 56<sup>TH</sup> Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98168**