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# 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*

**Winter 2018**

Hello Fellow Tigers,

I'm hopeful that you're enjoying the holiday season so far.

Our **45<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion** in Long Beach, CA is now only five months away. Over 200 members and guests have made hotel reservations so far and Peter has received registration forms and payments from about 70. I'm still hoping for a total attendance figure of 400. I renew my request for your help in spreading the word, recruiting new members, and bringing old Tiger friends that we have not seen in a while so that this goal can be achieved.



I am pleased to announce that we now have a logo for our event next year. Capt. Susie Latvala, FDX, volunteered her time and talents to create a poodle skirt design that reflects the theme for our Saturday night Sock Hop. It's topped by a Curtiss C46 Commando, the workhorse chosen to replace the Budds and supplement the DC3s in the early 50's. Susie became an Honorary Member of FTLPA in 2015 during our New Orleans reunion. Her dedication confirms the excellent choice that we made in confirming her. Thanks for the *Tiger Spirit* Susie!

An important reminder that the deadline for the Registration Raffle is coming up at the end of this month. Peter must receive your form and payment by midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup> in order for you to be eligible to win either two free hotel nights or two free banquet meals. The winner will be announced in the January 1<sup>st</sup> Bulletin.

We've either lost or been made aware of the passage of many good Tigers since the last newsletter. I will never forget Amos's exuberance, the decorum of Gen. Ed Loughran, or the perpetual smile that Fred Ferguson wore. My last memories with these Tigers is a driving force behind the motivation I have to help organize and attend our reunions. During those days together, I cherish every moment with the understanding that none of us ever know if it will be our last time together. I hope that you feel the same way and make an effort to join us in Long Beach next year.

Jeanne and I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas!

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Logo designed by Susie Latvala

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## *From Our Vice-President – Scott Mergele*

Well, here we are starting the holiday season. Where does the time go?

Not a lot to report on from my end. Sharon Sowell and Bill Libby have stepped up to help us recruit more of the Tigers that were hired from '87 thru '89 and the merger. They are trying to make personal contact with each of those Tiger's to invite them to join the Association and participate in our reunions. Let me know if you have suggestions on a way to make this effort more successful. Thank you, Sharon and Bill, for your work.

As John has mentioned in his letter, we are asking for your help in getting registered early for our reunion in Long Beach. It is important because we have to commit early on a few things in conjunction with the reunion, buses, etc. Many of you have already shown your interest by reserving your hotel and we thank you. We are just asking you to get your registration in soon so we can better plan for another great reunion.

That's all from me. As always, feel free to contact any of us if you have questions or comments (good or bad) about how we do things for YOUR Association

Happy holidays and we look forward to seeing you in Long Beach.

Scott  
Aka Tonto

## *From Our Secretary/Treasurer – Peter Okicich*

It has been my distinct pleasure and honor to act as your Secretary/Treasurer for all these twenty-three years since my retirement at age sixty. It is my way of staying in touch and help hold our Tiger family together if I am able.

I am encouraging everyone to make every effort to attend our 45th Reunion in Long Beach. I realize the cost of hotel and travel expenses are prohibitive to many and we are trying to pare down dinner costs as we can.

Our president, John Dickson and wife Jeanne do a fantastic job of organizing and planning for these events. And our VP, Scott Mergele with wife Donna and Flight Attendant Representative Joyce Danielson-Dalby along with Historian George Gewehr and wife Julie round out this crew. I must not leave out our photographer Eliot Shulman. Our thanks to all the other volunteers at these reunions.

My saddest task is having to announce when one of our family has Flown West. It is a journey we will all make. Not trying to sound insensitive, but my Serbian father who immigrated at age eighteen, never purchased anything on time and always paid cash. He would often remind me "There's no pockets in that last pair of pants." He meant you are not taking it with you!

Enjoy the holidays and hope to see you in Long Beach.

Peter and Gael

## *From Our Historian – George Gewehr*

### **A Story Of A Red Head**

"I'm running out of gas," she told her husband over the radio. She and her husband were operators of an air freight service in Long Beach, California. Her name was Diana Cyrus Bixby. She was born in Ventura California on September 30, 1922 and was killed off the coast of Baja California, Mexico. The village of Loreto was where she was headed but the visibility was poor so she was over the Gulf of California. She was flying an A-20 bomber, which was a twin engine airplane. She and her husband were flying separate airplanes when she radioed him and told him of her emergency. Navy divers recovered her body a day after she crashed on January 2, 1955. Why is Diana Bixby a feature of our newsletter? Because she was closely connected to the Flying Tiger Line at one time.

You might say she was really the first red headed woman pilot to work for Flying Tigers. I'll step back further in time to 1949 when the Boston station opened for business.

The inaugural flight was piloted by Diana Bixby, a small, almost petite, reddish haired twenty-seven year old. A charming grace note to air freight had arrived. In the nine years of flying she had logged 3,000 hours. She came from a family that owned interests in a large ranching business. She and her husband owned two DC-3s and they came to Tigers with an interesting proposition. "You need the air lift and Diana wants to fly the airplane" The company came to an agreement, they would lease the DC-3s for three months and Diana could fly one of them with a stipulation she had to have a Tiger pilot as her copilot. The company chose Dick Stratford since he was a copilot at the time. Referencing Vern Modlrem's book,

*Tiger Tails*, Stratford commented "I was assigned to fly with her as her copilot. We would fly from Newark to Hartford and Boston, then back to Newark. I'm sure she was the first woman to fly captain on any part 121 (airline) operation. I flew with her for about two months and then I was checked out as a captain myself. About that time Diana got bored with it all and went back to the west coast." Diana left tigers but she came back later with another quest. This time it was an attempt to fly around the world.



The airplane she chose was a deHavilland Mosquito (model, at left). It was another twin engine craft built mostly of wood. It was a very fast airplane and was used and flown by the British Air Force during WW2. The airplane had the Tiger teeth painted on it. The color was white and maroon paint with her name on it plus the words *Flying Tigers*. FTL did all of the maintenance and support for it. The record attempt started on April 1st 1950 at 10:30 local time from San Francisco. The pilots were Mr. and Mrs. Bixby. They reached Cairo, then Karachi where they were behind schedule, but engine trouble caused the flight to be terminated. Diana then attempted a second flight by herself in April 1954, but bad weather and

technical problems caused her to abandon the whole effort on April 16th.

The story of Diana Bixby is one that has passed on in the annals of aviation history. She was a pioneer for women in the early aviation days of the 1950s and who knows where she would have ended up in the future.

More can be found by visiting the following website: <https://oppositelock.kinja.com/an-unexpected-journey-wingspan-1822183541>

George Gewehr, Historian, FTLPA

### ***From Our Photographer – Eliot Shulman***

Hello Tigers and adoptees,

Eliot here, your occasionally pushy photographer and attempted instigator. The Long Beach Reunion is coming up soon, and it follows the best Tiger reunion in history at Palm Springs, (IMHO). What made it the best was our leadership.

There are only three things that members can do to demonstrate real support for our leadership and get together:

1. Acknowledge the extremem personal efforts of the leadership that the group does regularly
2. SHOW UP!
3. Make your plans early and get your registration forms submitted...that's where the energy comes from.

Nothing is more demotivating than getting the feeling that we are PUSHING the rope up the hill. Your leadership gets its energy directly from the individual members, so if you want the continued privilege of being part of the only truly successful airline retirement group in the entire industry, let us know by logging in when requested by John's effervescent newsletters. They take HOURS to write! See you all there.

Best,

Eliot

 *From Our F/A Rep – Joyce Danielsen Dalbey*

### **Pajama Party Brunch**

Debbie Paul and Michele Rizza are hosting a Pajama Party Brunch for flight attendants at Debbie's house, located only 8 miles away from our hotel. Debbie says that, "The caterer is going to be out of this world and is very excited about developing our Tiger theme. It's going to be sooooo fun, and you know our group, craziness follows us wherever we go". So, even if you aren't sure about all the other reunion activities, please let us know on the registration roster if you plan to attend the Pajama Party so Debbie will know how much food to plan for. If you've already sent in your registration form and didn't check the Pajama Party box, just let us know and we will add your name to the list.

### **Dr. Cynthia Chennault**

In November I received a very delightful email from Dr. Cynthia Chennault, daughter of Lt. General Claire and Anna Chennault. She is currently Professor Emerita of Chinese Language and Literature at the University of Florida and had just been made aware that Tigers had flight attendants! She had been granted passage on a 1973 cargo flight and had many questions about deadhead personnel and especially flight attendants and their contribution to Tigers over the years. We have invited her to be our guest of honor at a reunion of her choosing. I am anxiously awaiting her reply.



### **Reminder**

As usual at this time of year, the registrations are just trickling in. With the large attendance of the F/A Recognition Event in Palm Springs, we are looking forward to many more attending the 2019 celebration. I am encouraging all F/A's who plan on attending next year to reach out to an F/A that's never been to a reunion before. There is no need for them to pay dues as long as they are hosted on a member's form. So reach out to a fellow attendant and let them know what they are missing.

### **The Hangar**

I've been working with Andee Wright for our Hangar order and, in addition to our vast merchandise, we will be having a few new items in the Hangar next year. And don't forget, you have to attend to purchase items. We can't compete with Amazon! Every reunion I am so grateful to have so many members step-up and volunteer to help in the Hangar. I would like to encourage more to do so. Every little bit helps and it lets those of us involved in the planning of our reunions to have a little more time to enjoy them.

### **Enjoy!**

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are planning a heartwarming Christmas with family and friends. So now your officers and volunteers will be taking a well deserved break for the holidays and will hit the ground running after the first of the year. My husband and I are planning an long trip to California to be with extended family and grandchildren this holiday season. So take care and get those registration forms in!

A blessed Christmas to all!

Joyce Danielsen Dalbey

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## 2019 Long Beach Reunion Updates

The full details of our 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion can be found on the **Next Reunion** page of our website as well as in the **Fall 2018 Newsletter**. Below are some updates and reminders for you to consider.

### Hotel Reservations

Approximately 15 rooms are still available at the Renaissance Long Beach at the group rate of \$189 per night. You should not delay if you plan to attend but have not yet made your reservations. Call Renaissance Reservations at 1 (800) 468-3571 or visit our custom reservation site at [FTLPA Online Reservations](#). Their system is defaulted to King Bed Rooms. Be sure to specify a Double Bed Room if that's your desire.

### Golf Tournament – Thursday @ 9am

*From Robert Carona*

Although it is several months out, the upcoming golf event for the Long Beach FTLPA reunion, Thursday May 2nd will be here before we know it. Tom Constable and I have teamed up again to put together the golf outing this year at the Los Alamitos [Navy Golf Course](#) in Cypress. The course management has been very accommodating in meeting our needs and are looking forward to hosting our group. I am sure everyone will enjoy playing at The Navy Course

The course play will challenge the best players while still being forgiving enough not to overwhelm the average golfer. For fun we are planning a shotgun start with best ball play. There also is a driving range and practice putting green for those needing a little practice beforehand. The Eagles Nest, the on site restaurant and bar is a great place for breakfast before or lunch afterwards not to mention a cold drink or two. This is a really good deal! green fees, including a cart are \$34 for 18 holes not only that they are offering additional discounts for active DOD personal. Those who have played at previous reunions know this is by far the best rate ever. For those who would rather not drag their clubs around the club house has Srixon and Titleist clubs for rent for \$40 per set. The course is conveniently located near the hotel only 30 minutes away. We should have several players and their vehicles with extra space so transportation for those without car shouldn't be a problem. For all those returning golfers welcome back we are looking forward to another great time for those who haven't played, come on out, even if you only play a couple times a year. I assure you it is a laidback event. We are all out to have a good time, no pressure golf. Don't forget to mark your registration forms if you want to play. No money involved, you don't have to pay until game day, each player will pay their own green fee at the course. There will be more details coming out as the date approaches, so please make sure your email address on the FTLPA member roster is up to date. I would hate to have you miss an update because of a bad email address.

If you have any questions or comments please email me at [racarona@hotmail.com](mailto:racarona@hotmail.com).

### FA Brunch – Thursday from 10am to 1pm

*From Debbie Paul*

Michele Rizza and I are trying to get the word out to all the Flight Attendants this year that we are having a unique party just for us. The caterer we are hiring is famous throughout California for her specialty presentations, and is developing a Tiger theme just for us. This is our special gift to you, so please sign up on the registration form as soon as possible so we can get a good count.

Please don't wait until the last minute. If we don't have at least 25 sign-ups in the next two months, we'll probably have to cancel the party. If you want to donate, that's up to you, but you don't have to. Our treat!

I've already bought my Tiger pajamas and Tiger feet house slippers, so I'm ready to engage in the next BIG ROAR. If you don't want to invest in Tiger themed sleepers, absolutely come as COMFORTABLE as you possibly can.

What will make this an extraordinary day is that we will once again be partying with dear friends who shared adventures only WE can understand. As the years go by, those relationships become even more precious as we try to keep the *Tiger Spirit* alive as long as we can.

Don't forget there will be crazy games and prizes. Cool prizes, not just your little toots and whistles, and plenty of brunch and beverages.

My house is just a few minutes over the Vincent Thomas Bridge for those of you who want to either Uber or carpool over, but we'll have all those directions in the Spring Newsletter.

Please make the Flight Attendant Pajama Party part of your reunion experience this year. We want this to be CRAZIEST, gaga pajama party ever.

Call Debbie Paul at 310-259-9701 or Michelle Rizza 310-403-9835 if you have any questions.

Please don't PAWS, sign up now!

Can't wait to see you,  
Deb and Michele

### **Group Bicycle Ride – Friday from 8am to Noon**

*From Gene Dalbey*

Regarding the weather in Long Beach California, in the May time frame daily high temperatures are around 73°F rarely falling below 64°F or exceeding 84°F. Daily low temperature is increased by 3° from 55°F to 58° rarely falling below 50° or exceeding 62°. For a reference, on August 24 the hottest day of the year temperatures in Long Beach typically range from 64°F to 82°F, while on December 27 the coldest day of the year they range from 48°F to 66°F.

May is national bike month. It will be celebrated throughout the city of Long Beach. There may be several activities related to bicycling during the period of the reunion. The city is also ranked a Silver Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclist. The facilities are very friendly to bicyclist and much safer than some other cities. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to celebrate bicycling in Long Beach on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of eight and noon.

Long Beach has 156 miles of paved bike path. One path runs near the ocean and the other runs near the Los Angeles river. As I see it at this time there are three options. Bringing your bicycle and enjoy the bike path as time allows. The second is to use the bike share program they have in Long Beach. There are 60 stations and 400 bicycles. The bike share seems to be a very good program and information is available on the website, . A third option is renting a bike from a local bike shop and having a tour prepared by them for us.

At this time we are planing a ride with bikes being rented from Wheel Fun Rentals. A free trolly ride or a 10 minute walk. Their website is at <https://Wheelfunrentals.com/ca/longbeach/shoreline-village>. Although we are well on the way to the planning of this activity the organ[www.longbeachbikeshare.com](http://www.longbeachbikeshare.com)ization does not progress at the same speed as we would wish. So as it looks now the ride will take place on Friday morning from 8 am to 12 noon. We will have bikes reserved for us and be able to pick them up around 8 but must be before 9. The ride will go along the beach from the bike shop riding generally in a southeast direction. We will ride for about an hour and then an hour return to the bike shop, a two hour round trip. Ride at your own pace.

At the conclusion of the ride we can gather for lunch at one of the many restaurants at Shoreline Village, including the Yard House and Tequila Jacks.

I am looking forward to a great reunion. Although I am new to the organization I do feel the sincere sense of comradeship and fellowship.

Thank you,

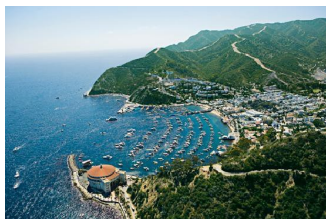
Gene Dalbey

## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion Banquet and Dance – Saturday Night

The theme for our Saturday night dinner and dance is a 1950's Sock Hop. The suggested dress will be one of the more relaxed themes for the banquet night that we've had in a while. Settle back this winter and watch the movies *Grease* or *American Graffiti* to get into the mood. Click on the link below for some great suggestions on how to dress.

### [How to Dress for a Sock Hop](#)

## The Catalina Adventure



Avalon Bay

A separate 4-day excursion to Avalon on the Catalina Island has been planned and registration is now open for those who have the ability to join us. Departure will be from the Catalina Express terminal on Sunday morning, May 5th, and return Wednesday, May 8th. It's going to be a great time and a wonderful topper for our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion celebration.

Details, costs, and registration forms can be found by visiting the [Catalina Adventure](#) page of our website. Confirmed reservations are open until January 15, 2019 and then based on availability thereafter.

## Future Reunions



[The Westin Riverwalk](#)  
San Antonio, TX

**2020**

**46-Year Reunion**

**Westin Riverwalk Hotel**

420 W. Market Street  
San Antonio, TX 78205

May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Group Rate of \$189 per night



[National Museum of the Pacific War](#)  
Fredericksburg, TX

For those that have the available time, a post-reunion excursion will be planned for the 4-hour bus trip up to Fredericksburg, TX for a multi-day visit to experience the National Museum of the Pacific War, wineries, breweries, and other attractions that this charming little city has to offer. More details will be available next year. *Note: the reunion will take place from Sunday to Tuesday as opposed to traditional weekend days.*



[Crowne Plaza Hotel](#)  
San Diego, CA

**2021**

**47-Year Reunion**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

2270 Hotel Circle North  
San Diego, CA 92108

May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Group Rate of \$134 per night

(That's right, only \$134. Sandy did good!)



## 2022-2024?

Sandy White has been given the task of investigating Nashville as a viable reunion city for the year 2022 and should have details and options available by the Long Beach business meeting. In addition she'll be revisiting Phoenix and Tucson as possibilities for the year 2023. Our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion in 2024 may very well take place in Ft. Worth, TX which is the birthplace of Robert Prescott. A total eclipse of the sun will take place on April 8, 2024 and the line of totality will run right through the area to provide a very symbolic experience to such a milestone event for our Association.

## Flown West



*To fly west, my friend,  
is a flight we all must  
take for a final check*

Author unknown

The following former Flying Tigers have made their final flight since our last 2018 reunion in Palm Springs. More information can be found in the ***Flown West*** section of our website.

Ted Brondum – July, 2017  
John Kuhn – July, 2017  
Bill “WP” Smith – May 6, 2018  
Becky Day – May 24, 2018  
Bill Dukich – May 31, 2018  
Phil Jones – June 11, 2018  
\* Phil Tomasky # – September 6, 2018

\*Ed Loughran – September 16, 2018  
\*Jim Beneli – September 28, 2018  
\*Leon Mock # – September 28, 2018  
\*Amos Blum (scheduling) October 20, 2018  
\*Fred Ferguson – November 5, 2018

\*Added since last newsletter  
# Former SWA

## The Flabob Express Heads to Normandy for D-Day



The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day is June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the Flabob Express will be flying from California to Europe to be there. Those lucky enough to fly aboard her during the Palm Springs 2018 reunion will recall what a thrill it was. The aircraft continues to serve as a “flying classroom” for the youth programs of the Wathen Center’s “Historic Flabob Airport”.

Her dedicated crew, to include our own John and Bob Tymczyszyn, are actively readying her for a trans-Atlantic flight to England next year to honor this

historic occasion, joining some two dozen other DC-3 / C-47’s in crossing the English Channel, over Normandy and on to Caen, France. This will very likely be the last major anniversary of D-day to honor living WWII veterans.

An effort is under way to collect the necessary donations to make the crossing. Please help our fellow Tigers fulfill the dreams of many and consider making a contribution. For information on how to do so please visit the following link: <https://ddaydc3.com> ??

## Help Needed for Boeing 707 Cockpit-Simulator Conversion.

After the success of the project to rescue and restore (to static display) the Flying Tiger Line DC-8 simulator, Guy Van Herbruggen, Charles Kennedy and Brussels Airlines A340 pilot Nils Alegren are raising \$10,000 for the acquisition, shipping and display of a Boeing 707-330B cockpit, originally D-ABUF “Hannover” with Lufthansa and Condor, and later as N88ZL in executive configuration flying rock stars including Bon Jovi and the Spice Girls on world concert tours.

This legendary aircraft is being scrapped in Florida this month (September 2018) and the cockpit has already been allocated for salvage by their team. After being containerised and shipped across the Atlantic to a new small aviation museum near München, Germany, the 707 cockpit will go on display alongside the only Air France SE-210 and Mirage 5 active flight simulators in the world.

Planned shipping date is October 2018, and the cockpit will be open to the public by appointment in 2019. On site, the 707 cockpit will then be converted in a fully operational 707 simulator.



For More Information  
[Click Here](#)

To donate visit

[www.gofundme.com/rguv57](https://www.gofundme.com/rguv57)

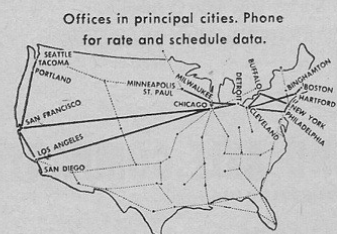
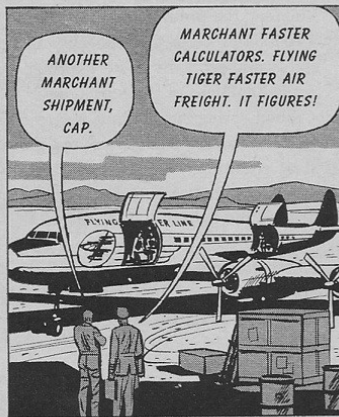
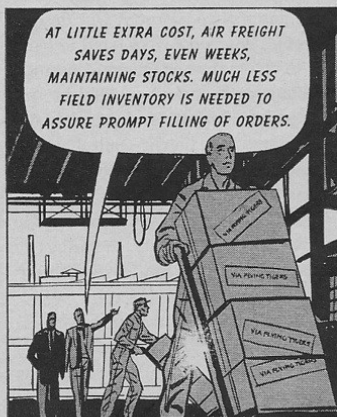
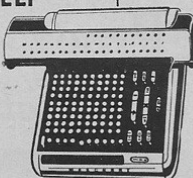


## Vintage FTL Advertisement #18



### "HOW FLYING TIGERS HELP SOLVE A MARCHANT INVENTORY PROBLEM"

revealed by Edgar B. Jessup, President  
Marchant Calculators, Inc.



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## News & Announcements

### End of the Vintage FTL Ads

Only 18 vintage FTL ads were purchased by FTLPA a couple of years ago. The long running series will unfortunately come to an end with this newsletter. It must have been something to live in an era where advertising was so unique, yet so very simple.

### SPAR Reunion

The former Seaboard pilots celebrated another reunion in Kennebunkport, Maine from Oct. 7-10, 2018. Some great photos were taken of some of our old friends and can be viewed by clicking on the link below

[2018 Reunion Photos](#)

### Jim Brendel Rides a P40



Jim, pictured above with Johnna, was able to take a recent flight in a Warhawk out of Sonoma County Airport, a retirement gift given to him by Paul Bjornstad. He told us that it was great to fly it, a high point in his 45-year aviation adventure. It's good to see Jim doing so well after the high performance aerobatics he performed off a 10 foot ladder a couple of years ago that almost crippled him. Looking good Jim!

### Jo Nell Kocisko Visits Space



Visiting Kennedy Space Center, Titusville, FL

"The Tigers would LOVE this exhibit, I sure did! I saw INSIGHT landing on Mars at the space center, experienced a simulated rocket ride, checked out all the interactive simulators and bus tour of facilities and wildlife on Merritt island."

Who's up for a reunion there in the future?

## All In The Tiger Family Project

John started an interesting project when first asked how many father/son combos we had at Flying Tigers. This morphed into parent/flight attendant relationships, and eventually sons and daughters of former Tigers who are currently flying for FedEx. Help is needed with the name of FTL Captain Jim Wilson's son, which for some unexplained reason has become elusive. Jim Wilson was hired by FTL on 4/30/1973. He unfortunately passed away in 2008, but not before his son was hired as a pilot at FedEx. Anyone who might still stay in touch with the Wilson family, or currently works for FedEx is asked to help.

The All in the Tiger Family can be viewed on our website by visiting the link below. Please bring any errors or omissions to Johns attention.

<https://www.flyingtigerline.org/wordpress1/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/The-Tiger-Family.pdf>

## Say Again?

*Same with anyone who's been flying for years and loves it still... we're part of a world we deeply love. Just as musicians feel about scores and melodies, dancers about the steps and flow of music, so we're one with the principle of flight, the magic of being aloft in the wind!* — Richard Bach

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## Registration Form

Most of you will notice that the registration form on the following page has been redesigned this year to provide both you and the association more information, along with some formulas that will hopefully keep the math errors to a minimum.

Please remember the following:

- Contact information, especially email addresses, are required on all forms.
- Dues are only required by the member listed on the form unless you are a Life Member (widowed)
- Registration Fees are required by all attendees listed on the form.
- All Guests must be listed (or attached to) a members registration form. Guests cannot send in their own forms unless coordinated with their host and FTLPA.

Contact any of us above if you have questions regarding this form.

# Long Beach Reunion Registration Form

*The deadline to receive this form is April 15, 2019*

**May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

## The Long Beach Renaissance Hotel

111 E. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
(562) 437-5900

### Group Hotel Reservations

\$189 per night (+15.5% tax)

Book Online

or call

(800) 468-3571

*Identify yourself as a Flying Tiger*

### Reunion Agenda

*See Next Reunion for more details  
and updated agenda times.*

#### Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

3pm- Reunion Begins in Hospitality Suite

#### Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

9am- Golf Tournament at Los Alamitos Golf Course

10am- FA Pajama Brunch at Deborah Paul's house

#### Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

8am- Group Bicycle Ride along coast (3-4 hours)

2pm- Buses depart for Flight Path Learning Center

3pm- Happy Hour at the Flight Path

6pm- Buses depart for return to Renaissance Hotel

#### Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

9am- Business Meeting

2pm- Open Mic in the Hospitality Suite

6pm- Cocktail Reception

7pm- Dinner & Sock Hop (50's Theme)

#### Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Post Reunion Excursion to Catalina Island

*Details, costs, and registration for this  
post reunion event will be made  
available on October 1, 2018*

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Dues

*Not Required for Guests*

My Annual Dues for 2019 are included (\$20) - - - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

An additional \_\_\_\_\_ years are included - - - - - (\_\_\_\_ x \$20=) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*The Membership Roster will reflect the year paid to in advance*

### Reunion Fees

Registration Fee (\$30 per person required) - - (\_\_\_\_ x \$30=) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Flight Path Learning Center (\$30 per person) (\_\_\_\_ x \$30=) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Round Trip Bus Tickets (\$20 per person) - (\_\_\_\_ x \$20=) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will provide for my own transportation to LAX

*Note: Only 200 tickets available for Flight Path on Friday due to venue capacity*

### Plated Dinner Entrée Options *(Click for Additional Descriptions)*

Seared Loch Duart Salmon (\$75 ea) - - - - - (\_\_\_\_ x \$75=) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Roasted Chicken Breast (\$70 ea) - - - - - (\_\_\_\_ x \$70=) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Risotto with Wild Mushrooms (V) (\$70 ea) - (\_\_\_\_ x \$70=) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Activities

*Check the group activities that you might be interested in joining  
You will be contacted later by the event organizer regarding details and costs*

\_\_\_\_ Golf Tournament on Thursday \_\_\_\_ FA Pajama Brunch on Thursday

\_\_\_\_ Group Bike Ride on Friday \_\_\_\_ Catalina Excursion (Post-reunion)

### Magnetic Name Tags (\$7 each)

*Write your names as you wish them to appear*

*Registration Form **must** be received by April 1, 2019 to process name tag orders*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Additional names are listed on back - - - (\_\_\_\_ x \$7=) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Mail this completed form and your check made payable to FTLPA to:*

**FTLPA**

**14248 56<sup>th</sup> Ave. So.  
Seattle, WA 98168**

### Questions?

Email@flyingtigerline.org