



Vanguard Eagle

San Diego Chapter



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Please submit membership donations to Kay Bays, Vanguard Treasurer, 5038 September Street, SD, CA 92110

---The May 1st Vanguard Meeting---

There was no guest speaker at the May 1st meeting. We started the meeting off with a fire alarm at the Air and Space museum. We all had to clear the building and we waited outside for the fire department to check out the alarm. After around 20 minutes of waiting for the all clear, we were informed that we could reenter the museum. Irene read us a short recap of Bill Sherlock and Bruce Craig's recovery progress. Bill, who has had several damaging falls in the last two years, now has a broken neck as a result of the last mishap. He is now recovering at Grossmont Post Acute Care, Rehabilitation center in La Mesa, California, 8787 Center Dr, La Mesa, CA 91942 **(619) 460-4444**. Bruce Craig is slowly recovering from his heart surgery and is still not mobile enough to attend our meetings. None of the attending members knew the status of Rick Daniels who is coping with a cancer. If any of our members are familiar with these three long time members, I am sure they would appreciate a phone call or visit. Kay Bays gave us our treasurer's report and we still have around \$ 2,000 dollars with which to pay our bills. Nancy Day read us the minutes of the last meeting and Dick McCormick manned the coffee table and sold the 50/50 raffle tickets which were won (maybe for the first time) by Don Gillam. The birthday drawing was not won, because none of the birthday celebrants were present for the meeting. We had 12 members at the meeting this month, but also had a new member in attendance. Chuck Mottern, who recently lost his wife Karyn, attended our meeting at the urging of Mary Price, whose husband Wendell had hired Karyn at the ticket counter many years ago. Chuck was the first new member in our circle since Debby Burroughs joined our group. We hope to see him more often at future meetings as well.

---Guest Speaker at the Upcoming June 5th Vanguard Meeting---

We will have a guest speaker for the upcoming June meeting. She works for the County of San Diego and she will be talking about SCAMS and how to keep from being a victim. I believe this should be of interest for everyone.

---Service Charge for Non-Rev Travel---

If you have used your non-rev travel benefit lately you will notice that there is no longer a service fee for domestic travel on AA. That change was made about a year and a half ago by AA. However if you travel to Europe or Asia you will find that you owe about 80 to 100 dollars when you take off there to return to the US. This is due to the Carbon Tax under the Paris climate agreement. Since Donald Trump rejected that treaty, we are not charged this tax in the US, but when returning from Europe or Asia you will have to pay for your carbon tax via a credit card which will be billed when you fly. On a flight of about 200 people this comes to at least \$ 16,000 dollars. Nice change for climate change.

---Roster Change---

Please cut and paste or write the following into your roster booklet.

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---Retiree Web-Site Help Desk--- 800 447-2000

I recently had a problem trying to book my wife for the return trip from Munich. I ended up having to book her through the "**myIDTravel**" on Lufthansa in the retiree web site. So my wife was able to get home that same day. The next day I called the Jetnet help line at **888 933-5922** to see if they could help me find out why the computer would not let me complete my wife's booking on AA. They could not tell me why there was a problem but gave me the phone number for the Retiree Web-Site Help Line: **800 447-2000**. The agent there was very helpful and we got to the cause of the problem which in my wife's case was an error in her existing profile. Since they require more detailed information now than for the past previous years, (security reasons) any conflict with the stored profile of the employee or spouse against the data you enter at booking time, will not allow you to complete the booking. The Retiree Help desk is manned from **7am to 7pm central time Mon-Fri** and **8am to 4pm central time Sat-Sun**. I am quite certain they can help any retiree with sign in problems or other questions. They certainly were able to diagnose my problem.



---June 19th Beach Clean-up---

We encourage any Vanguard members to get some fresh air, and sunshine by attending our June beach clean-up. It will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month, June 19, 2018, at Ventura Cove across from the Bahia Hotel. A mystery chef will provide the entree. We meet at 10 a.m. You will need to bring with you gloves and a plastic bag or bucket for trash plus a plate and silverware and a beverage of your choice. Bring your favorite treat and join us for Lunch. This is an opportunity for some outdoor activity and a chance to share a little gab with your fellow airline retirees and taste some of their favorite dishes. We recommend getting a Pick-up Stick to avoid bending excessively while cleaning the beach. . As the regular members who usually come to the clean up have various injuries, the meeting may be cancelled. Before you come out, please call Irene Garrett at **619 464-1250**.

---Overdue List---

The following members still have not made their yearly donations. All retirees are Vanguards, but only those who make the \$ 20 dollar donation will receive the newsletter. We need the money from this fee in order to pay our yearly rent to the Air and Space Museum in Balboa Park.

Benitez	Claxton	Doremus	Hefty	Miller	Vock
Bracken	Craig	Evans	Koester	Phifer	Vreeken
Burnett	Degner	Guzman	Liakas	Steven	Wosewick

Happy Birthday Vanguards



June 3 - **Harry Williams**

June 4 - **Ginger Hill**

June 5 - **Marlene Slagle**

June 7 - **June Caldwell**

June 10 - **Mary Kennedy**

June 12 - **Beverly Taylor, Norman Flamion**

June 13 - **Fran Steinberg**

June 15 - **Marion Bracken**

June 19 - **Deanna Ayers, Suzanne Parsons**

June 20 - **Carol Holt, Betty Butler**

June 23 - **Luise Juhnke**

June 24 - **Bob Solsbak, Sandy Peterman**

June 25 - **Nancy Conklin**

June 27 - **Donna Myers**

June 29 - **Carolyn Broady**

June 30 - **Lyle Turner**



---Vanguard Anniversaries---

June 5 - **Bruce and Claudette Craig** (1958) 60 yrs

June 21 - **Bill and Gerry Sherlock** (1958) 60 yrs

June 29 - **Richard and Marge Doremus** (1962) 56 yrs



Jan 12, 2018 - **Karyn L. (Martin) Mottern** was a native Californian born right here in San Diego to her parents Bob and Ruth Martin on 28 May 1959. She was one of four children, having one sister and two brothers. Chuck and Karyn met at a dinner with friends and were married in San Diego on 4 Feb 2003. Karyn began her career with American Airlines as a flight attendant based in Las Vegas. She flew for the first two years, but due to a reduction in force, returned to San Diego. In San Diego Karyn gained a transfer to the ticket counter and completed 35 years with American Airlines as a ticket agent. Karyn is greatly missed by her family and those who knew her, Condolences can be sent to her husband, **Charles Mottern, 6717 Friars Road # 60, San Diego, CA 92108**

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Mar 21, 2018 - **Charlotte (Sonnenberg) Larsen** was born March 5, 1928, to the late Alma and Theodore Sonnenberg. Charlotte was born and raised in Manistee, Mich., where she and Bill married and started their life together. They moved to California in 1973 and lived in southern California before they moved to the Central Coast in 2002. She retired from American Airlines where she was an administrative assistant to the Manager of Flight Service in San Diego. After retirement she enjoyed spending winters in Palm Springs and traveling with her husband, Bill, in their motor-home. Charlotte was a loving mother, wife, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. She died peacefully March 21, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her husband, Bill Larsen; and three children, David Larsen, Rene Macie and husband Paul, and Sally Cull and husband Kevin; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren along with numerous nieces and nephews. Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, along with two infant boys. Charlotte will be buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee, Mich. No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to any Hospice organization. Condolences can be sent to her husband **William D. Larsen, 304 South Mason Street, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420-3317**

Aviation News

---FAA, EASA Order Emergency Checks On CFM56-7B Engines--- 20 Apr 18 Airwise
The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) have issued emergency airworthiness directives requiring operators to inspect fan blades on older CFM56-7B engines within 20 days. The directives apply to CFM International engines of the type that was fitted to the Southwest Airlines Boeing 737-700 that suffered an uncontained engine failure on Tuesday.

A passenger was partially sucked out of the aircraft as hull damage caused decompression. She was pulled back in by other passengers, but later died of her injuries. Initial National Transportation Safety Board inspections of the Southwest engine showed a fan blade had detached and there was evidence of metal fatigue in the fractured blade. Engines with over 30,000 total cycles from new must complete the inspections within 20 days, the FAA said. The CFM engines subject to the emergency directives number 681 worldwide and 352 in the US. CFM56-7B engines with fewer than 30,000 cycles will have to be inspected within 133 days, EASA said.

If a discrepancy is detected on an affected fan blade, it must be replaced before flying again, the EASA directive states. Another of Southwest's 737-700s suffered a similar uncontained engine failure in 2016 on a flight to Orlando. The NTSB said a fan blade separated from the fan disk and showed evidence consistent with fatigue crack growth. The FAA issued an airworthiness directive requiring ultrasonic inspections after that event. The CFM56 engine is manufactured by CFM International, a joint venture between GE Aviation and Safran Aircraft Engines.

---Ultra Long Range A350 Completes First Flight--- 23 Apr 2018 Airwise
Airbus has flown the A350-900 ultra long range aircraft for the first time in preparation for certification and first delivery to Singapore Airlines. The long range variant of the A350 family has a range of 9,700 nautical miles, or just under 18,000 km (11,100 miles), and will be able to fly for over 20 hours without a fuel stop. Launch customer Singapore Airlines intends to use the aircraft on flights between its home base and the US, and will introduce it on the Singapore-New York route to make it the world's longest commercial service. Airbus said a number of changes have been introduced to the A350-900 to extend its range, including a modified fuel system which increases capacity by 24,000 liters without adding more fuel tanks. The A350-900 ultra long range will enter service with Singapore Air in the second half of the year. The airline has seven of the type on order out of a total of 67 A350s.

---Ryanair Converts 25 737 Options in \$ 3 Billion Deal--- 24 April 2018 Airwise

Ryanair has converted options on 25 Boeing 737 MAX 8 high capacity aircraft, in a deal worth \$3 billion dollars at current list prices.

The Irish low cost carrier already had an order for 100 MAX 8s from late 2014, and added 10 more at the Paris Air Show in 2017, bringing its current order total of the type to 135. It still has options on a further 75 MAX 8s.

“We are pleased to announce the exercise of 25 Boeing 737 ‘Gamechanger’ options, bringing our firm order to 135 737 MAX 8s,” the airline’s CFO Neil Sorahan said “The Gamechanger has eight more seats than our current 189-seat Boeing 737-800NG and incorporates the latest technology engines and winglets which reduce fuel consumption and noise emissions,” he added.

Ryanair is the launch customer for the MAX 8, and is Boeing’s largest 737-800 customer. Ryanair took delivery of its 500th 737-800 last month and has ordered over 650 Boeing planes.

---Southwest Engine Fan Blade Showed Signs of Metal Fatigue--- 3 May 18 Airwise The fan blade on the Southwest Airlines 737 engine that failed last month showed signs consistent with metal fatigue, the US **NTSB** said in an update on its accident investigation. The National Transportation Safety Board said an ultrasonic inspection of the CFM56-7B engine’s damaged fan blade revealed fatigue fracture features. The blades had over 32,000 engine cycles since new and were last overhauled 10,712 cycles before the accident. The NTSB’s inspection showed the engine failure had caused significant damage to the wing’s leading edge and a cabin window which was missing.

Flight attendants, who were moving through the aircraft cabin immediately after the incident, observed that a female passenger in row 14 was partially out of the hole in the fuselage where the window had been. The flight attendants and two male passengers were able to bring the passenger in, but she died of her injuries. The flight crew requested an emergency landing and were diverted to Philadelphia. The report shows that the captain was planning a long final approach into the airport to make sure that all checklists were completed, but decided to shorten the approach when the pilots learned of passenger injuries. Of the 144 passengers and five crew on board the flight, eight passengers received minor injuries in addition to the single fatality.

As a result of the incident, the US Federal Aviation Administration and the European Aviation Safety Agency issued emergency airworthiness directives on April 20 requiring operators to inspect fan blades on older CFM56-7B engines. The FAA followed that up this week with a new directive extending the inspections of the engine type on the Southwest Boeing 737-700.

---American Splits \$ 1.4 Billion Dollar Regional Jet Order--- 3 May 2018 Airwise

American Airlines has split its orders for regional aircraft, going for 15 CRJ900s from Bombardier of Canada and 15 E175s from Embraer of Brazil, with a combined value of \$1.4 billion dollars at list prices. The Bombardier order, worth \$719 million dollars, includes options on an additional 15 of the type. Deliveries will start in the second quarter of 2019. The CRJ900s will have a 76-seat two class layout, with accommodation for 12 first class passengers. American subsidiary PSA Airlines will operate the jets under the American Eagle brand.

The Embraer E175 contract has a value of \$705 million dollars based on current list prices, and will also be supplied in a 76-seat, twin class layout with 12 first class and 64 economy class seats. American’s Envoy unit will operate the planes on behalf of the parent company, with deliveries between March and November, 2019. This is the second Embraer order from American in just over six months, after its October 2017 commitment for ten aircraft. Today’s order brings the total number of E175s ordered by American to 89.

---Air France-KLM CEO to Resign After Staff Vote No--- 4 May 2018 Airwise

Air France-KLM chief executive Jean-Marc Janaillac will resign next week after failing to persuade Air France staff to accept a four year pay deal. The French airline has suffered a series of strikes over 13 days that it said have cost it over €300 million Euros (\$360 million dollars), with the most recent on Thursday and Friday this week.

Unions are seeking a 5 percent pay increase this year, but Air France has offered 2 percent for 2018 as part of a four year deal worth 7 percent in total. As a way through the impasse Janaillac launched a consultation process with all staff including an electronic vote on the company's proposal. Prior to the vote, Janaillac said it would be hard for him to remain CEO if staff rejected the pay offer. In the Friday vote, 55.44 percent of votes cast were against the offer, on an 80.33 percent participation rate. As a result, Janaillac is to leave the company and unions said they will go ahead with planned work stoppages on May 7 and 8. Air France has now taken the proposal off the table.

Janaillac said he will draw "personal conclusions" of the results of the staff consultation and will submit his resignation at a board meeting on Wednesday. He said it will be their responsibility to take appropriate measures to ensure the continuity of the airline during a transition period. Air France CEO Franck Turner, will oversee the day-to-day operations of the company while a successor is found.

---Lufthansa To Order Up To 16 Airbus, Boeing Aircraft--- 8 May 2018 Airwise

Lufthansa said it will order up to 16 aircraft from Airbus and Boeing, with a value of €2.1 billion Euros (\$2.5 billion dollars) at list prices if all options are taken up. The Lufthansa group board approved the orders at a meeting on Monday, with deliveries to be completed by 2022, the airline said. Signaling a continuing shortfall in Airbus A320neo deliveries, Lufthansa said it will order up to six A320neos, depending on availability, for immediate deployment. It also converted six A320neo options to firm orders for 2022 delivery.

Lufthansa's SWISS unit will get two Boeing 777-300ERs to add to its existing fleet of ten of the type. With deliveries starting in 2020, SWISS will use the new aircraft to expand its route network. A company statement said the long-haul order "highlights the strategy of Lufthansa Group to predominantly allocate the growth within its multi-hub system where cost and quality offer the best conditions for profitable investments." Rounding off the new orders, Lufthansa Cargo will take two additional Boeing 777F freighters to replace older MD11s. The cargo subsidiary currently operates 12 MD11 and five 777F freighters.

---Emirates Profit Doubles As Conditions Improve--- 9 May 2018 Airwise

UAE airline Emirates more than doubled its full year profit to 2.8 billion dirhams (\$762 million dollars), with economic recovery and exchange rates helping the airline recover from the previous year's downturn. At the group level, which includes ground handler dnata (service group), the year to March 31 brought a 67 percent profit uplift to 4.1 billion dirhams (\$1.1 billion dollars), its 30th consecutive profitable year. Airline revenue grew 8.8 percent to 91.2 billion dirhams as the geopolitical challenges of the previous financial year eased and passenger numbers improved 4.3 percent to 58.5 million. Operating costs also rose, to 88.2 billion dirhams, a 6.8 percent increase, as the cost of fuel jumped 17.9 percent to 24.7 billion dirhams. Labor costs were up by a modest 1.7 percent at just over 13 billion dirhams, but aircraft operating leases rose by a much chunkier 14.8 percent to 11.7 billion dirhams.

Emirates added eight Airbus A380s and nine Boeing 777s to its fleet during the year and phased out eight older aircraft in its ongoing fleet renewal. During 2017 the Dubai-based airline ordered 40 Boeing 787-10 Dreamliners in a \$15.1 billion dollar list price deal, and in February this year added to its A380 orders with commitments for 20 aircraft and options on another 16. The additional A380 deal would be worth \$16 billion dollars at list prices if all options are taken up. At the end of the financial year Emirates operated 268 aircraft - 102 Airbus A380s, 153 Boeing 777s and 13 Boeing 777F freighters - to 155 destinations in 83 countries.

---American, Allegiant In Spotlight As FAA Oversight Reviewed--- 9 May 18 Airwise
A US Transportation Department review of the FAA's oversight of airline maintenance will now concentrate on just Allegiant Air and American Airlines as inspectors "refocus" the audit. The Department's Office of Inspector General (OIG) launched a review of the Federal Aviation Administration's oversight of US air carrier maintenance in June last year, but said it will now adjust the scope of the review and refocus on Allegiant and American.

During its initial audit work, the OIG found that in the case of the two airlines, the FAA had "moved its oversight strategy from emphasizing enforcement actions to working with carriers to address the root causes for noncompliance of safety regulations." The relationships and information-sharing practices between airlines and their FAA oversight offices vary significantly, it said.

The review's objectives will now be to assess the FAA's processes for investigating allegations of improper maintenance practices at the two airlines, including its independent reviews and complaints procedure to see whether inspectors found similar discrepancies. It will also determine whether the FAA ensures that the two airlines implement effective corrective actions to address maintenance problems. American Airlines said it was shocked to learn of the review and said it would work with the Inspector General. Allegiant said it welcomed the review.

---Margaret's Apple Cake---

At the last meeting Don Gillam asked if we could print the recipe for my wife's apple cake, so I asked her to give me the information --- Good Luck Don

Ingredients:

4 large or 6 small apples
6 eggs (separate the yolks and whites into separate bowls)
15 tablespoons sugar
15 tablespoons flour
1 packet of baking powder (16 grams (abt 1/2 oz or 4 teaspoons)
1 lemon (use the juice for the apple cubes, Grate the rind and add to stiffened eggwhites)
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup Mazola oil

Directions:

Peel, core and cut the apples into small cubes and pour the lemon juice over the cubes

Beat eggwhites until stiff and add the grated lemon rind

In mixer add egg yolks and sugar and mix thoroughly, add the flour, baking powder, milk and Mazola oil and mix again.

Add the egg yolk mix into the stiffened egg white mixture and stir slowly by hand

Take a greased ring-mold baking pan and pour 1/2 of dough mix into pan
Add the Lemon juice soaked apple cubes and some raisins (according to preference)
around the circle of the baking pan

Now add the rest of the dough mixture evenly over the apple mix

Bake at 325 degrees for about an hour.

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**Next Meeting
June 5th, 2018
10:15 AM
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