WE'RE GOING PLACES........TOGETHER

The cover on this newsletter shows two countries joined together. North America and South America....joined at Panama. I strongly believe that with Courage, Conviction, and Camaraderie, we will all remain joined together. These 3 words will forever be in our hearts if we truly believe in ourselves. We are all Braniff employees and forever will be. It is this common bond that joins us together.

The Braniff Exhibit at the Frontiers of Flight Museum has a beautiful flag on display encased in an oak frame. I am so proud to say that our club is responsible for that display. That flag was flown on May 12th of this past year in Pearl Harbor. It was flown in Honor of The Braniff Airlines Retirement Club.

The Clipped B's joined forces with us and sponsored a silent auction which raised several thousand dollars to benefit the Museum. These two events are the result of our two groups working together. By joining together we accomplished a great step in our history. With Courage, Conviction, and Camaraderie in mind... WE'RE GOING PLACES........TOGETHER.

This Newsletter is dedicated to all our friends and members in The Braniff Family. Throughout this edition you will see pictures of many of our friends enjoying themselves at parties and luncheons. It is because of the love that we have for one another and the Camaraderie we are able to still carry on these fun events. Courage and Conviction give us the strength to accomplish these achievements as we.... STRIVE TO KEEP BRANIFF ALIVE !!
This year of 2011 has been a very productive year for the club thanks to the work and diligence of our club members and officers. In December of 2010 we made HISTORY with the inception of the Clipped B's into our Braniff Christmas Gala. Their efforts proved invaluable in making this party the success that it was. The Silent Auction they hosted was most valuable and proved to be a tremendous asset to making the party the success that it was.

The Newsletter's theme this year on the front cover is WE'RE GOING PLACES TOGETHER. The inside of the Newsletter shows many pictures of the joyous party we as Braniff Employees celebrated together at Christmas time and also during the year of 2011. Throughout the Newsletter you will also see pictures, etc. from Houston and San Antonio and the functions they strive so hard to achieve successfully. The idea is that we are STRIVING TO KEEP BRANIFF ALIVE!!

It is with great conviction that we will continue to build on this platform of doing things together. After all, we are all Braniff Employees. If our officers and members will continue to work with this platform in mind, and I am sure they will, we will continue to be a success in keeping our beloved airline alive and well. Right now we are only taking small steps to assure this event and camaraderie will continue on successfully. I greatly appreciate the assuredness of Clipped B President Pat Dixon that she and her ladies will continue on with their help in making this event successful.

I am also extremely proud and happy to report that our Membership Director/Pass Policies, William Joynes, is helping the B's with their membership roster. WE'RE GOING PLACES TOGETHER and this only proves that we can accomplish much greater things by working together. This is a huge stride forward and proves that we are but One Family. My gratitude and thanks on behalf of all the members of our club and also the Clipped B's goes to Bill Joynes for the work and effort he puts into this record keeping.

The Braniff Christmas Gala will again be held at the Frontiers of Flight Museum on December 11th. The cost is $25 per person and there is a deadline for reserving your place at the tables. Check with Sally Campbell or come to a club meeting for more details. Sally has completed the menu and improved on a few things and this year should be even better than last. Last year was a huge success and let's make sure this year is fun and successful again. With your attendance I am confident it will be. WE'RE GOING PLACES TOGETHER........BELIEVE IT !!!

Gerald L. (Butch) Hunt, President
Braniff Airlines Retirement Club
WE STRIVE TO KEEP BRANIFF ALIVE

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Meeting Dates for 2011
All regular meetings are on Thursday and begin at 10:30. The following will be the scheduled dates for the Braniff Airlines Retirement Club for 2011.

- September 1, 2011
- October 13, 2011
- November 10, 2011
- December 1, 2011

Christmas Party December 11, 2011

Christmas Dinner 2010
WOW!!! The Braniff Airlines Retirement Club made history on the 12th of December. We had all three groups; the pilots, the flight attendants, and ground personnel, together for a GRAND CHRISTMAS GALA. There were approximately 390 in attendance at a catered meal at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field.

In January, Judy Giles, of the flight attendants was approached about getting together for a grand party for all of us. In the past all 3 groups had celebrated individually within their own group. The idea was that we are all former Braniff employees so let’s all get together for a Christmas Gala. Judy thought it was a great idea and it was presented to her group who voted unanimously to continue on with this idea. She came up with the idea of the Frontiers of Flight Museum for the Gala Event. In addition to this she organized the silent auction and several thousand dollars was raised and donated to the Museum.

During the year Sally Campbell approached a couple of catering companies and settled on Celebration of Love Field area. Much work and lots of telephone calls were made by Sally, Retirement Club treasurer, and the credit goes to her for her work in putting this meal together. What a great job and lots of dedication was involved in this achievement. Originally we were hoping for 125-150 and we ended up with 390 paid RSVP’s.

After the introductions were all made, Butch Hunt made a speech and a flag presentation. The flag that was donated to the museum was flown on May 12, 2010, on the Battleship Missouri and was dedicated to the Braniff Airlines Retirement Club. It was presented to Dan Hamilton, Executive Vice President, of the museum. The flag was encased in oak and plexiglass. Ron Campbell deserves all the credit for the beautiful workmanship to encase this official Navy flag. It had been flown on the Battleship Missouri, site of the Japanese surrender, that is now moored at Pearl Harbor. Our beautiful 3 x 5 ft flag is on display at the museum for all to see.

Austin Acker, of Parrish Episcopal School, came as a guest to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Austin is a distinguished
member of the High Honors Class and has a celebrated airline background with his grandfather a former BN employee. His two uncles, one a Captain with a leading carrier and the other an engineer with Rolls Royce. Austin definitely has aviation blood in his veins and it flows proudly with Braniff genes. Austin led the group proudly and did a great job.

A great honor was paid by Bill Schoknect, president of the BISE’S and Pat Dixon, of the Clipped B’s. Both of these individuals expressed a great desire to continue on with this Christmas Gala. The question at this time is if we will make it an annual event or every other year. At this time no decision has been made. Later in the year, a meeting will be held of the presidents and determine if we will continue on with the party yearly or bi-yearly.

Truly everyone had a fantastic time and many, many friendships were renewed and a tear or two was shed in happiness.

As former Braniff employees, our retirement club admires what the flight attendants, pilots and our own members have created and how everyone has persevered in the most challenging of decades in aviation history.

By all of us being together for this event, we have created a bond among us which is a result of Compassion... Courage... and Conviction. We have many things in common, the least of which is a passion for Camaraderie. We will continue to build a strong and never ending future because of the love we have for one another.

Christmas Dinner 2011

The Club’s Christmas Dinner will be held at the Frontiers of Flight Museum located at 6911 Lemmon Ave, Dallas, TX on Sunday, December 11, 2011 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. and the cost will be 25.00 per person (member or guest) for our Club members. The Clipped B’s and the Silver Eagles are being invited to our Christmas Dinner this year.

After our lunch, you will be allowed to tour the facility. Normally the cost of admission is $8. The Braniff display is on the second floor mezzanine just to the right as you come off the elevator.

Enclosed is a Dinner Registration Card, which needs to be filled out and returned BEFORE Monday, December 5, 2011, with your name and the names of guests and money. December 5 is the deadline for the caterer and please NOTE our December meeting is on the 1st.

Directions to the Frontiers of Flight Museum are located below.

If you have any questions, call Sally Campbell at 214-357-2179.

DIRECTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Frontiers of Flight Museum is located on the Southeast corner of Dallas Love Field. From Interstate 35E take W Mockingbird Ln East to Lemmon Ave. Go North on Lemmon Ave. The museum will be located on the left. Go pass the museum and turn at the light.
BLACK BORDER LIST

“Lest we forget”
Braniff Employees and Family

July 2010
James B (Jim) Daugherty – Maintenance
George Paul Gillette Jr – Pilot
Jerry Sue Kennelly Pogue – Unknown

August 2010
Kelly Rex Copeland – Unknown
Doris Elaine Zimmerman Fegraeus - Hostess
Jerry Garner – Customer Service
John Johnson, III – Pilot
Marion Andy Kell – Mechanic
Ruth Ann Cox Mays – Hostess
Clara B Nelson – Reservations
Brenda Joyce Barnes Rowland - Hostess
Erich Edwin Schleier, Jr - Pilot
Gail Armstrong Schneider – Flight Attendant
Martin M Seifert – Machine Shop
Pat Waring - Pilot

September 2010
Neta Faye Clark – Unknown
Margaret Waggoner Darling – Loan Officer
Roy William (Bill) Dwelle – Dispatch
Ronald C Harris – Mechanic
Donald Lee Keller – Unknown
Klaas Kruyshoop – Machinist
Sharon Ann Trahan Lamberth – Customer Service
Jean Toews Maynard - Hostess
Cynthia Ann (Crotty) Ribar – Unknown
Phillip L Wray, Sr - Pilot

October 2010
Lambert (John) Bator – Stock Room
Jeanne Marie Braniff Hardley – Granddaughter/Paul Braniff
Joseph (Joe) Buckovan – Sheet Metal Shop
Kay Lyons Caven – Unknown
Les Edmonds - Pilot
Carol Ann Ferris – Wife/Gerald Ferris
Richard Samuel Garner - Maintenance
Paul Alex Goodrich – Mechanic
William P (Bill) Hurley – Sheet Metal Shop
Merrill (Pat) Patterson - Pilot
Jack Wilford Rhodes – Accountant
Loyd Turner - Pilot

November 2010
Jimmy L Blount, Sr - Unknown
Howard F Cole – Pilot
Robert C (Bob) Coleman - Maintenance
John Doyle Ellison - Unknown
Jay Marion Jackson II – Attorney
Buford A Minter – Maintenance
M Patricia Olson - Unknown

December 2010
Lillian Arbuckle – Janitor
Robert Phillip Bell – Customer Service
James Nicholas Bridges - Pilot
Billy A Cason - Captain
Ron Chirhart – Pilot
Charles (Charlie) Ray Hale – Hanger Shop
Lillian (Vernell) King – Reservations
Edward (Eddie) Vernon Meyers – Mechanic
Tony Vallarino - Finance

January 2011
James A Bahring – Pilot
Joe Bob Blackmon – Mechanic
Kathryn DeHaes – Wife/Gilbert DeHaes
Kenneth William Hansen – Draftsman
Charles Kieffer – Pilot
Dan McGrew - Pilot
June Fitzgerald Nichols – Reservations
Charles H Rice, Jr - Unknown

February 2011
Thomas Edward Bush – Mechanic
Sidney L Cloninger – Maintenance
Carol Jean Thompson Davis - Unknown
Sophronia Pullis (Sophie) Jenson – Wife/S W (Skip) Jenson
Gust Kuehn – Customer Service
Wilbur Lancaster, Jr – Pilot
Alice (Sammy) Larson – Wife/Ken Larson
Lawrence Riddle - Unknown
Lawyer Stiger – Maintenance
Wayne Stillwell – Mechanic Supervisor
Lavern Swallow – Unknown

March 2011
Dudley Mark Berry, Jr – Unknown
Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Emerson – Unknown
Russell James Foust – Maintenance
John Gregory McFarlane – Flight Attendant
Al Rogers - Maintenance
Gerald (Jerry) Scharlau – Pilot
Walter H Schumann – Mechanic
Jeri Ray Walters – Flight Attendant
John William Willis, II – Pilot
Letter from the Vice President

From Darla Williams, Vice President

If you know someone that has not joined our Braniff Airlines Retirement Club, please invite them to join and attend our meetings. We normally meet the 2nd Thursday of September through December and then February through June. Our president, Butch Hunt, always arranges interesting meetings.

Our meetings give you chance to reacquaint yourself with old friends as well as make new ones. Everyone brings a dish for a pot luck buffet. One of the members brings fried chicken and everyone else brings the other dishes. The meals are always very good.

We are trying something new with this newsletter. We will be emailing it to the ones of us that have email addresses. This will give us an opportunity to save printing and mailing expenses.

We will have our Christmas Party at the Frontiers of Flight Museum again this year. Remember you do not have to be a member to attend the party. Invite some of your Braniff friends that are not members of our club.

Come and join us at our meetings and get in on some of the fun!!
Letter from the Secretary

Message from Carolyn J Casey, Secretary

It has been a privilege to have been voted in to take the place of the past Secretary, Patsy Hunt, who did an outstanding job. At first, not holding this type of position before, I was a little leery of saying yes, when I was asked. Needless to say it has been a great experience and I have enjoyed every minute.

I started with Braniff Airways on August 3rd, 1966 in Kansas City, MO (MKC) as a Customer Service Agent, working as a ticket agent. I moved to the new airport (MCI), in 1972. On March 15, 1978, I was transferred to DFW at my request and was there when the bankruptcy occurred, May 12, 1982. It was the best move, I made. I met my husband Bill Casey, who also worked for Braniff. It was a very sad day, when the bankruptcy happened for every Braniff employee and in my opinion, it should never of happened.

I love how the club has kept going for over 29 years. I am so glad I am now able to attend. I also love going to Grapevine McDonalds in Wal-Mart every Tuesday morning to have coffee with everyone, now that I am no longer working. It is nice to play catch up with everyone and to go over memories of Braniff history.

It is nice to have a lunch after the meeting, being able to try new dishes that are brought in by members and to socialize with everyone. On another note, it is sad to hear the Sunshine report every month of the ones that have passed on.

I wish that more members would attend the meetings, that is held the 2nd Thursday of the month, except for January, July, and August. I do understand a lot of the members are from out of town. It is always great to see everyone at the Christmas Party in December.

Thanks for your confidence in electing me Secretary of the club. Here is to another fun and exciting year at the Braniff Retirement Club meetings. Hope to see you at one of the meetings in the coming year!

Director of Membership

Bill Joynes, Membership & Pass Privileges Director

Howdy fellow club members, I cannot believe another year has come and disappeared, just like a blink of the eye, it was gone. As far as our club membership goes, we are maintaining over 1,000 members, our losses and gains have basically balanced themselves so far.

A memo to the annual members…….Please be aware that the club does not notify you when your dues are due, it is up to the member to keep track. Please note that the club rules state that when a member is in arrears three years, that member will be dropped from the membership and your ID pass card will be cancelled, so be careful of your annual dues.

On May 26, a meeting with Pat Dixon, president, Helen Adair, membership officer of the Braniff clipped “B” retirement club, and I met at the Frontiers of Flight Museum to discuss the making of their ID pass identification cards due to the death of their processing officer. Since I have the computer programming and equipment set up I have made a verbal agreement to make the ID cards for their club. Call it Braniff Family helping Braniff Family.

I want to encourage all members to seek out Braniff Family who are not members to join our club, it’s your club support it.
Membership Report

As of August 1, 2011 we have a total membership in our Braniff Airlines Retirement Club of 1036. Of that number, 886 are Lifetime Members and 150 Annual Renewing Members. We have not had much activity of Renewing Annual memberships because most of our members are Lifetime Members. Since January 2011, we have had 14 Lifetime Members and 7 Annual Renewing Members join our club. The Annual dues are $15 per person and the Lifetime dues are $60 per person. ID cards are now $4 each. If you are an Annual Member, your dues are due in January. Please mail your membership dues to: BRANIFF AIRLINES RETIREMENT CLUB, C/O SALLY CAMPBELL, 3207 WALDROP ST, DALLAS, TX 75229-5005. In the front of the newsletter, you will find the ANNUAL RENEWAL or LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP form. If you have already paid your dues or if you are a lifetime member, please disregard this form. Fill in the dues form and mail it to the address above with a check for amount of your membership fee.

"STRIVE TO KEEP BRANIFF ALIVE"

Letter from the Chaplain/Flag Officer

From Clark Holder, Chaplain/Flag Officer

I am inspired to write my article for the Newsletter a little bit early this year. At the request of our President, Butch Hunt, my article this year is inspired by the things that have taken place in our club. Things that I remember the most through joyful memories and some sad ones also.

For the most part this year has been a happy one for most all of us. The camaraderie is still as great as it always was. Our members are always so happy and cheerful. I do enjoy leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. I remember so well the day that flag was presented to our club. It had flown on the Battleship Missouri in Pearl Harbor prior to being presented to us. I stand with pride and a little taller when I look at it. I listen with pride to our members and Veterans as they recite the Pledge with me.

On the other hand, it is most humbling when asking our GOD to Bless us and pray for his guidance. Again I am reminded of the fallen who have fought for that beautiful flag and former Braniff employees who paid the ultimate price.

I pray for all of us who have lost loved ones in battle. For it is they who have paid the ultimate price to allow us to salute this beautiful flag in our meeting room. Yes, my friends, it is most humbling when these thoughts are racing thru one’s mind.

I am a very fortunate man. I have a loving family and a healthy life. I belong to the Braniff Retirement Club along with all of you….my friends. With these thoughts in mind it brings me to these words of wisdom. “Remember my friends…..you do not own yourself. Someone else owns you……and He paid the ultimate price for you.”

Please come and join us at the club meetings. We like everyone to come and have a good time. Our club is your club and you make the club. Remember….WE STRIVE TO KEEP BRANIFF ALIVE  ! ! ! And with great conviction we will continue to do so.
The CLIPPED B organization was founded in 1947 by four charter members for the purpose of seeing old friends and discussing past carefree days in the airline business. The name, CLIPPED B was suggested by Eve Heneger and became the official club name in 1950. A bank account was opened and our Constitution and By-Laws were written in 1955. Other CLIPPED B Clubs were established in Flight Attendant base cities: Minneapolis/St Paul in 1966; Kansas City in 1967; Houston in 1972; San Antonio in 1973; Denver in 1980; Los Angeles in 1986.

As early as 1951, the Club selected a charitable organization to sponsor and this sponsorship has continued throughout the Club's history. Many organizations have benefited from the Club's donations through the years. A portion of each member's dues are designated annually for a selected charity or civic organization. For the past several years, our donation has gone to the Frontier's of Flight Museum at Love Field for the development and enhancement of our BRANIFF exhibit. In addition to these charitable donations, the CLIPPED B'S collect for "TOYS FOR TOTS" at Christmas each year. These toys are donated to the US Marine's toy drive and to the USO at DFW Airport.

Currently, the purpose of the CLIPPED B organization is to endeavor to bring about a closer fellowship of the members, to aid a charitable, benevolent or civic organization selected periodically to encourage in its activities, and to pursue cultural achievements of the members through educational programs. Elected officers consist of a President; a First Vice-President; a Second Vice-President; a Recording Secretary; a Corresponding Secretary; a Treasurer. Other officers may be appointed to head various committees as needed and serve as members of the Board of Directors with the elected officers.

Board Meetings are held in September, November, February and April; a Business/Social Meeting in March for the election of officers; a Salad Toss Luncheon is held in October; a Sherry Party is held in December; a Spring Luncheon is held in May. All events and meetings are open to all active members.

The CLIPPED B web site www.clippedb.org is maintained and available to all Club members at all times. A news letter, BUZZ NOTES, is published and distributed four times a year.

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Below you will find real life stories of Celebs that flew on Braniff flights as related by the Bee's that sent the Stories in for your Enjoyment.

Please send your Celeb story to bdemoulin@sbcglobal.net

**Sent in by Barbie Conn:**
While flying the early stages of PAC-MAC, several crews were able to have some "celebrities" ride with us to meet up with the USN tours in Viet Nam. I had just finished a layover in Honolulu and was in the crew room waiting to board the aircraft for that long haul across the Pacific to Clark AFB in the Philippines.

My roommate; Doreen Januszewski (Christensen) brought the flight in from Travis and as we met in the crew room, she informed me she had left me a surprise in seat 1C. Wondering what it could be, I boarded the plane to find 1C empty. Hmmmm? Maybe the ship cleaners had run off with my treat!! (The troops could deplane in Honolulu for an hour or so for fueling).

The gate manager told us we were ready for boarding, so Amber Wacasey (Laws) and I stood at the front doorway welcoming the troops back on board. There in the middle of the guys in uniform was my surprise!! James Garner (Maverick) came sauntering up the steps with a big grin! His first words were: "Hi; Barbie, Doreen said you would take me to Clark AFB!" Neither Amber nor I could speak for a moment but then quickly regained our composure and led him to seat 1C!!

Throughout the flight he was Prince Charming in disguise! After the meal service, he came up to the galley area and we started talking about his TV show "Maverick" and several movies he had been in. I told him one of my favorites had been "Sayonara" with Marlon Brando but my all-time favorite was "The Great Escape" because I had a huge crush on Steve McQueen and would love to get my hands on him! Garner retorted, "But Barbie, Steve is way too short for you!" Without thinking, I blurted out, "But I didn't plan on standing up the whole time!" He roared with laughter, I was horribly embarrassed, but managed to recover and not put my foot in my mouth again! He was a delightful passenger, talked to the troops the entire trip and even helped us serve coffee and drinks.

I was sorry I couldn't take him the entire trip, but as it turned out Mickey Conn, my future husband, was the co-pilot on the next leg... and he made sure everyone took very good care of him.

**Sent in by Barbara DeMoulin:**
I was working an Electra flight between DAL and HOD mid-summer of 1963. I must have been "junior" because I was meeting and greeting at the top of the stairs and having to sling the passenger suitcases into the luggage compartment. While directing one of the passengers back to FC I noticed the name on his ticket was T Ritter, he had on a white Stetson, cowboy boots and was very polite. After we finished the service, I went and sat next to him and shyly asked if he was the "real Tex Ritter"? He grinned and said, "Yes, he was". I said to him, "Oh my gosh, you used to be one of my favorite cowboys" ... and he replied, "What do you mean used to be??" After I got over my embarrassment and he stopped laughing, he gave me his autograph and told me, "I should never stop watching Western movies".
Many years later while working a SEA/DFW trip his son, John Ritter, of "Three's Company" fame boarded the flight and was seated in coach. When things finally slowed down long enough for me to share the story with him, I think he laughed harder than his Dad.

John was also a delightful passenger and shared stories of what it was like growing up with a famous parent and how much he learned from him. He was wonderful to the entire crew and we all agreed; we landed in Dallas way too soon!

Sent in by Myrl Graham Talkington, who is originally from Oklahoma:
Over the years I have had many famous people on board including, Johnny Cash, Willy Nelson (who wrote me a note that said, "I love you too") and Chet Atkins. But I never had my "fantasy" passenger on board. I always wanted to have Merle Haggard on a flight so I could go up to him and say, "Hello Merle, I am an Okie from Muskogee, my name is Myrl ... and I'm "haggard".

Carol Jodan Gillis sent this story in via email:
While I was flying the PAC-MAC somewhere in the early 1968 "era" -- I had Martha Raye and the famed jockey Willie Shoemaker on board. Martha sat in the front row and started a card game with some of the troops we were carrying to Vietnam--then more wanted to get in on the game until we had half the front of the plane engaged in the "infamous" poker fest. Martha was suited in camouflage gear, and swore like the rest of them--it was quite a fun trip while she entertained us all with stories of her life, as well. I saw Martha on Broadway in "Hello Dolly" sometime later and think she was the best of the Dolly's who played the role. I later met Willie Shoemaker at one of the races at Santa Anita and recalled having him aboard one of my Vietnam flights--to his delight. Shortly after meeting "The Shoe" - he was in an accident, paralyzed, and never rode again.

In my six (6) years of Pac-Mac flying, there were other celebrities and highly placed officials from Washington on board, but I always loved Martha and Willie Shoemaker. They made the greatest impressions on me.

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**Braniff BISE Fly-In 2011**

**A BIG "THANKS"!!!!**

On behalf of the Braniff International Silver Eagles (BISE), I would like to thank your members for joining us at our Annual Fly-In that was held at the Gainesville Airport on Memorial Day.

We will be having our next Fly-In on Memorial Day in 2012 --- that event will mark the 30 years since Braniff shut down in May 1982. We look forward to many of the former Braniff family members attending our Fly-In.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your Club members next year.

Bill Schoknecht
President -- BISE
Braniff Reunion - Houston 2011

A reunion of former Braniff Airways employees was held at The 1940 Air Terminal Museum January 29, 2011. The Air Terminal Museum is the original art deco terminal for William P Hobby Airport.

The event was the brainchild of Janet Cowart Stewart, Judy Guess Sweatt, Nell Coyle Taulbert and Betty Moore. They arranged for the DJ, food, wine and soft drinks.

More than 90 former Braniff employees came from far and wide to attend the event. Bill and Vee Robertson won the prize and came the farthest from their home in Hawaii. Other out-of-towners included: Terry Kent, Stuart, FL; Nelda Estes Ireland and David Moore, Dallas, TX; Jim and Mary (McKee) Meyers, Missouri; Paul Fric and Bob Levy, San Antonio, TX, and Bobby Head, Phoenix, AZ.

Posters and a display of flight attendant uniforms decorated the old building.

Braniff was the first air carrier to depart from Hobby back in 1939. The Museum has many Braniff items on display. They welcome any Braniff items. For more information you can visit their web site at The1940AirTerminalMuseum.com.

The Houston area Braniff employees hope to make it a yearly event. To place your information on file for future events: email Judy at jsweatt2@comcast.net or Linda Brannen at lbbrannen@hotmail.com.

Braniff SAT Picnic 2011

Here are the pictures from the Braniff SAT picnic on June 4, 2011. John Rogers hosted the event and Gigi Duke was the coordinator. Rogers Ranch is along a beautiful section of the Medina River with plenty of shade trees. We all had a great time. If you have any questions email me at: buckwroten@aol.com, or call me at home: 210-499-0224.

Buck Wroten
Minutes of Our Meetings

Minutes for September 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Hunt at 10:40AM with 68 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was lead and given by Chaplain Clark Holder.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and entered into record by the members.

The financial report was given by treasurer Sally Campbell and accepted and entered into record by the members.

Vice President Darla Williams gave us the report on our membership with 863 lifetime members and annual members numbering 153 for a total of 1016.

Vice Pres Williams and member Jerry Zmolek also gave us reports on the members who have passed during the summer months.

Our Happy Birthday people included Yankee Metcalf, Clyde Ehlers, Shirley Wheldon, Elwanda Owen, Arlis Davis, Helen DiMaggio, Thurman Bartley and Johnny Jackson. A rousing Happy Birthday was sung by all.

For summer anniversaries we had Glen and Shirley Bryan, Lane and Lorene Eason, Roger and June Ivey, and Bill and Greta Joynes. A very Happy Anniversary was sung by all with a wish for many more also.
At this time it was noted by Pres Hunt that first time attendees George Nolan and Lane and Elaine Eason were with us today.

President Hunt also made several announcements of happenings this summer that had occurred and all needed to be aware of. Our meeting hall had been broken into and several items were stolen or broken including our PA System, and also our club Flag had been stolen but the flag had mysteriously reappeared. Our storage cabinet had been broken into and the doors were destroyed. Ron Campbell applied his labor and fixed the doors for us and a big thank you was given by the members. An anonymous donation of a new PA System was gratefully accepted and a rousing show of appreciation was given. It was determined by Pres Hunt that this system would be assigned to member Tom Bernard for his safe keeping between meetings rather than leave it in the storage locker again. Tom accepted the responsibility and so it is.

Pres Hunt also announced he had a meeting in Atlanta, Ga. with Capt John North, former Braniff Captain, regarding the upcoming Braniff Christmas Gala. Capt. North, webmaster of the Pilots List, will make the appropriate announcement in their website with the invitation to all pilots and also a copy of the catered Christmas meal. The big party is scheduled for Dec. 12, 2010, at the Frontier of Flight Museum. Pres Hunt also urged all members to please pay their monies ahead of time to Sally Campbell thus assuring her of a more accurate count for the caterer.

Lottery winners included Sally Campbell $12.00, John Davis $8.00, Roger Ivey $6.00.

It had been announced in previous meeting this was to be a Salad Toss Day and the ladies were asked to bring their favorite salad and what a nice table spread of salad we had. It was the healthiest meal we have had for a long time according to Pres Hunt. A big hearty thanks to all the ladies who participated.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Brenda Granchay, acting secretary for Patsy Hunt

**Minutes for October 14, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 10:45AM by President Butch Hunt, with 70 members attending. Clark Holder, the Chaplain, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and said a short prayer. The minutes from the meeting held on September 09, 2010 were accepted and entered into record by the members.

Butch Hunt brought to our attention of a scam that was printed and placed on the table concerning Facebook, for every member to read. No old business was brought up.

Treasurer Sally Campbell, gave the financial report, Beginning Balance = $5,416.13, New Income = $686.79, New Expense = $97.00, Total General Checking = $6,005.92, Total M/M Account = $6,169.05, making a grand total of $12,174.94. Report was accepted and entered into the record by the members.

Vice President Darla Williams gave us the membership report of 870 Lifetime members, 147 Annual members, 1017 Total. Break down for September added five new Lifetime members, three renewals changed over to Lifetime members, and twelve renewal members.

Vice President Darla Williams gave us a report of the ones who passed in September 2010: Neta Faye Clark, Margaret Waggoner Darling (Loan Officer), Roy William (Bill) Dwelle (Dispatch), Ronald C. Harris (Mechanic), Donald Lee Keller, Klaas Kruyshoop (Machinist), Phillip L. Wray, Sr (Pilot).
Jerry Zmolek read about the passing of Margaret Wagner Darling, who passed away 9/29/2010, 91 yrs old. He also read an email he had received concerning the bankruptcy of Braniff, May 12, 1982. Also mentioned, that newspaper reporter and TV news man, Walter Cronkite, who worked for Braniff at one time. He also mentioned the gathering of Braniff Employees at the Golden Corral in Lewisville, October 15, 2010, around 1PM... Everyone was invited.

The September and October Birthdays, were announced: Sally Campbell = 10/02, Roger Ivy = 10/02, Patsy Hunt 9/20 (66yrs), Maxine Guenther = 10/29 (90), Jerry Zmolek = 10/21 (78yrs), Eleanor Rusnak = 10/11 (85yrs), Kathryn Williams = 10/15, Willie Walton 9/8 (84yrs). A very Happy Birthday was sung by the members.

Celebrating anniversaries are Sally and Ron Campbell on 10/3 (46yrs) and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Holder on 9/20 (57yrs). Happy Anniversary was sung by the members.

President Butch Hunt introduced Carolyn Casey as the new face at the officer’s table, who is taking Patsy Hunt’s position as secretary until the end of 2010. Tom Bernard made the motion to accept Carolyn Casey for the secretary position until the end of 2010 and Joe DiMaggio 2nd.

Bill Joynes thanked the 2010 officers for a job well done, announcing that a committee is needed to elect officers for the year 2011. Ron Campbell made a motion to re-nominate the 2010 officers, with Carolyn Casey being the new nominee for the office of Secretary. The voting will take place at the next meeting. Joe DiMaggio 2nd.

President Butch Hunt brought up the collections of tabs, thanking those who donated, which will be turned over to the Ronald McDonald House to help with buying food.

President Butch Hunt advised us, the guest speaker Tena Burrell will not be present, due to being ill. She will re-schedule at a later date.

He also, brought up the cost of postage and printing of the Newsletter as being very expensive. Next year; the minutes would be left off, or sent via email. Joe DiMaggio brought up the idea, that not everyone has email. It was decided that one’s without email would receive them by regular mail. This year, there were twelve Newsletters that came back. Any changes to email or regular mailing address needs to be brought to the attention of Bill Joynes. He keeps the rooster up to date with both email and mailing addresses.

President Butch Hunt advised us of the Christmas Party, which will be Sunday, December 12, 2010 at the Frontier of Flight Museum. Payment for the party needs to be sent to Sally Campbell by December 6, 2010. At this time, Sally has received around 50 payments, while the Clip B’s and pilots have received none. Sally will keep a record of who has paid and will be at the front door to check everyone in. The Christmas party is opened to all Braniff employees and paying guest. Bill Joynes is donating three of his books for the silent auction. Also, Ron Campbell completed the Flag, with a certificate mounted on the inside, which will be donated to Dan Hamilton (Director & President) of the museum. The flag will be inside of the entry way and right up front for everyone to see.

Jerry Zmolek wants someone to come in early to help with setting up the tables and chairs, so it is not the same one every time. Bill Joynes made a notion for one person to volunteer to help each month, so it is not the same one all the time and Edna Hart 2nd.
Lottery winners were: $14.00 = Greta Joynes, $8.00 = Don Ernest, $6.00 Benny Bennett and $4.00 = Jerry Zmolek, who donated it back to the club. Winners of the potholders, donated by Carolyn Casey, were Glenn Bowers, Tom Bernard and Barbara Corbin.

It was brought to everyone’s attention, that we needed to let the Lunch Ladies, go through the lunch line first and then the tables. Great big thanks were given to the Lunch Ladies for all that they do in getting the table ready.

Just as the meeting was to end, Bill Joynes announced we had a two new members join and a great big welcome was given to Betsy and Al Smith.

As President Butch Hunt announced that the next meeting would be on November 11, 2010, Tom Bernard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, at 11:35AM with Roger Ivy’s 2nd.

Carolyn J. Casey, Secretary

**Minutes for November 11, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 10:45AM by President Butch Hunt, with a great big howdy given by the attendees. There were 80 members attending, with 41 members signed in as Veterans. President Hunt requested at this time, all cell phones please be put on silent or vibrate, as they become a distraction to others, while the meeting is being held. President Hunt made mention for all Veterans, to please sign the other sheet at the sign up table, if they have not done, so we would have an accurate count of all Veterans, who had attended the meeting.

Clark Holder, the Chaplain, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and said a short prayer. The minutes from the meeting held on October 14, 2010 were accepted and entered into record by the members, with one error. Clyde Ehler’s birthday was left off, and was on 9-17-1930.

There was no other old business brought up.

Treasurer Sally Campbell, gave the financial report, Beginning Balance = 6,005.92, New Income = $1,022.21, New Expense = $59.42, Total General Checking = $6,968.71, Total M/M Account = $6,469.30, making a grand total of $13,438.01. Report was accepted and entered into the record by the members.

The membership report was given by Vice President Darla Williams. At this time we 868 Life Time Members, 145 Annual, with a total members being 1013. For October, we had two new life time members join, with six renewals, and one changing from annual to life time.

The Sunshine report was given by Bill Ladd, who advised us that due to personal reasons, he would not be able to continue for the next year, 2011. He advised us that he gets his information from Bill Joynes, the Dallas Morning News, Darla Williams, Jerry Zmolek, and many other sources. His report, listed we had lost Jay Jackson, Braniff Attorney for 37 years, Lambert Bator in Oct, worked in Stock Room, Carol Ferris, wife of Gerald Ferris, Joe Buckovan, Sheet Metal Shop, Kay Lyons Caven, Merrill Patterson, Pilot, Jack Rhodes, Accounting, Wife of Rob Ashberg, (Pilot), passed away last year, lived in Florida, and William Hurley.

For birthdays we had Bill Joynes, Penny Spiker, Rudy Bowling, Gene Wheeldon, November, with Ken Spiker in October. Bill Joynes led us in singing Happy Birthday.

For anniversaries, we had Rudy and Marilyn Bowling, JT and Dora Lee Watson, Dovie and Frank Pilney, along with Thurman and Shirley Thorton. Bill Joynes also led us in singing the Happy Anniversary song.
No report from Jerry Zmolek, which was a first and a surprise for many of the members as a chuckle went through the crowd. President Hunt made mention of Roland Upton as being in the audience, as he had not been to a meeting for some time. Eddie and Rita Meyer joined as new member and we had a new face, Susan Thigsen, daughter of Samuel Thigsen was visiting.

At this time, Bill Joynes, asked us to be thinking of who might want to take over the Sunshine Position, Bill Ladd was leaving, when Rudy Bowling raised his hand to volunteer, with a shocked look on Marilyn’s face. When Marilyn was asked, if she was behind Rudy’s volunteering, a big NO answer was given. Then a motion was made by Tom Bernard, to accept Rudy Bowling for the Sunshine position and Butch Hunt 2 nd and the nomination carried by a show of member’s hands.

Bill Joynes, continued with the “Is” for voting and acceptance of the 2011 Officers, with Rudy Bowling in the Sunshine position. The “Is” carried and our 2011 Officers are: President: Butch Hunt, Vice President: Darla Williams, Secretary: Carolyn Casey, Treasurer: Sally Campbell, Sunshine Position: Rudy Bowling, Sgt. @ Arms: Willie Walton, Chaplin: Clark Holder, Director of Membership: Bill Joynes and email Officer: Jerry Zmolek. There was only one NO from Ron Campbell, concerning the re-nomination of Wife, Sally as the treasurer for the 2011 year. Come to find out, he was only joking!

A big thank you was given to Sally Campbell for continuing to do an outstanding job in the position of Treasurer. Her devotion to the position was recognized by everyone and very much appreciated.

Before President Hunt introduced our guest speaker, Tena Burrell, he recognized all of the Veterans in attendance, reading a short memo, thanking them for all of their services and hard work. He made mention that the table decorations were done by his wife, Patsy Hunt, with Brenda Granchay making two cakes that were on the display table. Jack Witherspoon did the honors of cutting both cakes for Brenda, with Carolyn Casey doing the serving of the slices of cakes to the Veterans.

President Hunt also made mentioned, of the December 12 th Christmas party and for everyone planning to attend to please have their payments into Sally Campbell by December 6, 2010, so a good head count could be given to the caterers.

We had the lottery drawing, with the winners being: $12 = Jim Crockett, who donated it back into the coffee fund, $10 = Bill Joynes, $7 = Eddie Meyers, $5 = Bill Joynes. Potholders donated by Carolyn Casey were won by Jose Hinojosa and Joe DiMaggio won two sets. An Angel donated by Pat Matthews was won by Harriett Finch.

Also, the volunteers for the December 9 th set up, were Clark Holder and Robert Nied. Big thanks to you both.

At this time President Hunt introduced our guest speaker, Tena Burrell, who had spoke to the group back in May 2010 and was invited back to bring us up to date on the changes being made by the government on Social Security and Medicare. She gave us a lot of information and stayed around to answer any questions, anyone might have had about the two programs.

After she was finished, President Hunt asked for the meeting to be adjourned and for the Veterans to be first in line, with the helpers from the kitchens to be next and then the rest could join in.

Carolyn J. Casey, Secretary
Minutes for December 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:45AM by President Butch Hunt. He advised everyone to be sure and sign the paper on the table by the door, so we could get a good count of how many were in attendance. There were only 43 members in attendance, as Clark Holder led in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation. Also a request was made to put all cell phones on silent or vibrate, so they would not be a disturbance to anyone.

There were no changes to minutes from the November 11, 2010 meeting, so they were accepted and entered into record by the members. There was no old business brought up by the members.

Sally Campbell, Treasurer gave the financial report, Beginning Balance = $6,968.71, New Income = $2,136.03, New Expenses = $47.76, Total General Checking = $9,056.98 plus Total Money Market Account = $6,649.58, making a grand total of $15,706.56. Report was accepted and entered into record by the members.

Membership report was given by Bill Joynes. He started off by congratulating the 2010 Officers for a job well done and welcoming the 2011 Officers to their new positions. He went on to say there were 871 Life Time Members, 149 Annual Members, making a Total of 1020 members. For November 2010, we had three new life time members, with four new annual, and twelve renewals.

The Sunshine Report was given by Rudy Bowling. During November 2010 and December 2010, we lost Howard F. Cole, Pilot, November 1st, Ft. Myers, FL; John Doyle Ellisson, November 6th, Kaufman, TX; Jimmy L. Blount Sr., November 12th, Hasting, MN; Buford A. Minter, November 13. Maintenance, Georgetown, TX; Robert C. ‘Bob’ Colman Sr., November 21st, Maintenance, Houston, TX; Antony ‘Tony’ Peniston, November 22nd, M. Patricia Olson, November 28th, 20yrs seniority, Leewood, KS; Robert Philip Bell, December 3rd, Dallas, TX; Charles Hale, December 6th, Hanger Shops; Thomas C. Vleisides, December 7th, Customer Service Agent, Kansas City, MO. There was one from October 2010, Joe Buckovan, October 25th; Sheet Metal Shop.

Jerry Zmolek advised he had received an email from Robert Roll, on the history of Braniff, as the memories live on, with the shut down date of May 12, 1982. He also went on to talk about Buford A. Minter, who passed, November 13, 2010, and how he first met Buford. He also told a story of his first year with Braniff. He was to be on the BAC 111, Flight 250 that went down in Falls City, NE, in 1966. We are so glad that he wasn’t, so he could give us good stories about Braniff and the employees that he worked with during those years. Buford turned down his expense report, due to a $4.00 phone call.

For the December birthdays, Bill Joynes led us in singing the Happy Birthday song. On December 3rd = Stanley Owen (81); December 13th = Jose Hinojosa (82); December 22nd = Richard Shanahan (81).

We only had one marriage anniversary, Elwanda and Stanley Owen, December 17th, 61 years. Bill Joynes led us again in singing Happy Anniversary to them.

Bill Joynes brought up the date of December 7th, Pearl Harbor and for us not to forget what took place over in Hawaii on that date. He also wanted us to leave Christ in Christmas and to pray for our government.
Sally Campbell gave the Christmas Party report. There were 390 paid reservations and last year there were only 106. They thought there would be around 200 and Sally had to turn people away. She reminded everyone that the date was December 12th (Sunday) and to wear their name tags. The time for the party was from 11am to 2pm, but you could stay until 5pm if you wanted. There would be plenty of parking spaces and a cash-open bar, which would open at 11am and close at 12:45pm. Sally Campbell, Darla Williams and Carolyn Casey would be at the front desk to check people in and Brenda Granchay, along with Jack Witherspoon would be at the table to help people with name tags. Clip B’s would have a Silent Auction for anyone that might want to purchase items that were donated. Directions were given to the Frontier Flight Museum, pointing out there would be a sign and an airplane parked out front of the building.

President Butch Hunt had Carolyn Casey read The Five Tips for Woman and got a big laugh from everyone.

Bill Joynes helped with the lotto: Winners were: $10 = Jose Hinojosa; $8 = Clark Holder; $6 = Bill Hall. Winner of the Candy Display donated by President Butch Hunt = Olivia Sullivan and also donated by President Butch Hunt, a coaster set, which was won by Darla Williams. Winners of Pot Holders, donated by Carolyn Casey, were Bob Nied, Helen DiMaggio and Pat Buttery.

President Butch Hunt advised the next meeting would be February 10, 2011, with no meeting in January 2011. He asked for someone to make a motion to end the meeting. Tom Bernard made a motion to end the meeting and Joe DiMaggio 2nd, so we could go to the buffet tables.

Carolyn J. Casey = Secretary

**Minutes for February 10, 2011**

This meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

**Minutes for March 10, 2011**

President Gerald (Butch) Hunt called the meeting to order at 10:30AM, with 61 in attendance. Due to the absence of Clark Holder, Bill Joynes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and also in prayer.

President Hunt asked if there were any corrections to the December 9th, 2010 minutes that had been placed on the tables earlier. The minutes were approved by the member as written and entered into record.

Next, Sally Campbell gives the treasurer report, for December 2010, January and February 2011, as follows: Beginning Balance = $9,056.98 + Income = $4,660.97 – Expenses = $7,656.99 + balance in the Money Market Account = $7,192.40 leaving an ending Balance of $13,253.36. Most of the expenses were for the Christmas party held in December 2010 at the Frontier Flight Museum, which was enjoyed by all. Sally let us know that $1,000.00 was given to help members enjoy paying for a lower ticket price. Our club donated a huge flag of the United States, along with a case that was made by Ron Campbell. The treasurer report was approved by the members and entered into record.

We celebrated the following birthdays: Glen Bryan (77) = January 30th; Ron Beauvais, (on the backside of 30) = March 9th; Carron Hare, (age doesn't matter) = March 6; Jack Witherspoon (69) = March 15th; Marilyn Bowling (72) = January 5th; Joe DiMaggio (92) = January 23rd; Ron Campbell (74) = January 5th; Darla Williams (63) = February 19th. President Hunt led us in the birthday song.

Anniversaries celebrated during this time frame, we had only one. Our very own President Gerald (Butch) Hunt and his wonderful Wife Patsy celebrated 46 years of marriage on March 7th. We all sing the anniversary song to them, with a big round of clapping.
Sunshine report was given by Rudy Bowling, who gives a long list of Braniff employees and family members that left us during the months of December 2010, January, February, and March 2011. They are as follows: Robert Phillip Bell, CSA @ DFW = December 3rd, 2010; Lillie Arbuckle, Janitor @ DFW = December 3rd, 2010; Lillian Vernell King, Reservations = December 4th, 2010; Charles (Charlie) Ray Hale, Hanger Shop = December 6th, 2010; Tom Vleisides, CSA @ MKC & MCI = December 7th, 2010; Ron Chirhart, Pilot = December 17th, 2010; James Nicholas Bridges, Pilot = December 18th, 010; Billy A Cason, Pilot = December 19th, 2010; Eddie Myers, Maintenance = December 24th, 2010; Kenneth William Hansen, Draftsman, December 31st, 2010; James A Bahrings, Pilot = January 1st, 2011; Dan McGrew, Pilot = January 2nd, 2011; June Fitzgerald Nichols, Reservations @ DAL = January 8th, 2011; Charles Keiffer, Pilot = January 9th, 2011; Joe Bob Blackmon, A/E Mechanic @ DFW = January 28th, 2011; Kathryn DeHaes (Wife of Gilbert DeHaes) = January 2011; Thomas Edward Bush, Maintenance @ MCI = February 2nd, 2011; Lavern Swallow, Waxahachie, TX = February 3rd, 2011; Lawyer Stiger, Maintenance = February 6th, 2011; Wilbur Troy Lancaster, Pilot = February 8th, 2011; Sidney L. Cloninger, Maintenance = February 5th, 2011; Alice Larson (Wife of Captain Ken Larson) = February 15, 2011; Carol Jean Thompson Davis, Denton, TX = February 17th, 2011; Charles H. Rice, Jr., North Richland Hills = February 21st, 2011; Gust Kuehn, CSA @ DFW = February 2011; Wayne Stillwell, Mechanics Supervisor = February 2011; Lawrence Riddle = February 2011; Sophronia (Sophia) Pullis Jensen = February 2011; John McFarlane, Cargo Service/In-flight = March 1st, 2011; Walter (Big Shoe) Schumann, Maintenance = March 3rd, 2011; Jeri Ray Walters, Flight Attendant = March 5th, 2011; Russell James Foust = March 2011.

Jerry Zmolek added to the list by commenting on several that were mentioned above: Captain James Nichols Bridges, Billy A. Carson, and Kenneth Hansen. Talked about how he was able to get Eddie Myers to join, which he did join, but then he passed away. Jerry talked about how he and his wife would see Walter Schumann and his wife, who worked a booth at the German Festival.

Now it was time for Bill Joynes to give the membership report. We have annual members = 155; with life time members = 876 for a total of 1031. We picked up 10 new members. We are staying pretty close to the same numbers, as members pass on and new ones join up, keeping the total close to the same.

President Hunt brought up some new business, concerning the Christmas party for December 2011. He had approached Judy Giles, President of the Clip B’s on having all three groups join together again, but they are under a new President, Pat Dixon and want to skip a year, along with the pilot group. President Hunt asks for a raise of hands if we also wanted to skip a year and not have a Christmas Party in 2011. The vote was to continue having a Christmas Party in December 2011, even though the ticket prices would be higher. Ron Campbell brought up that there was 390 that attended the Christmas Party at the Frontier Flight Museum on December 12th, 2010, with our group totaling 284, as the pilots and clipped B’s made up the rest of 106. Ron also mentioned that Sally, his wife had to turn people away, who waited until the last minutes to buy tickets. It was mentioned that all three groups were invited and the word was out, even as far as the east and west coast. Tom Bernard commented on a job well done and he enjoyed seeing everyone and had a great time. Jerry Zmolek brought up the subject of not having enough to drink during the meal and not being able to set with people he knew, which led to more discussions. President brought the meeting back to order, as it was getting close to lunch time.

Lottery winners were: $10 = Helen DiMaggio; $7 = Sam Hubber; $6 = Brenda Granchay; $4 = Rudy Bowling. Winners of the potholders donated by Carolyn Casey were = Kay Ripp, Greta Joynes and Alex McCracken. Winner of the Braniff Playing Cards donated by Bill Joynes was James Sperry.

Just before asking for a motion to dismiss, President Hunt asks for volunteers to help with setting up the food and in the kitchen during the meetings. He left it with everyone to be thinking of how they could help, as it is everyone’s club.

Greta Joynes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45AM, as everyone was getting hungry, with Tom Bernard 2nd. Numbers for the tables were picked by Darla Williams, starting with table #3 then #5 and so on.

Carolyn J. Casey, Secretary
Minutes for April 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:40AM by our President Gerald (Butch) Hunt, with 54 in attendance, plus one guest. President Hunt made the announcement to be sure and purchases your lotto tickets from Willie. Also, to be sure to sign the book that is on the table by the entrance way.

Clark Holder was back and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and also in the Invocation.

The Secretary’s minutes from the last meeting, March 10, 2011 were approved and entered into record.

Due to the absence of our Treasurer, Sally Campbell, Brenda Granchay gave the treasurer’s report, as follows: Beginning Balance = $6,060.96 + Income = $84.50 – Expenses = $358.64 + balance in the Money Market Account = $7432.70, leaving an ending Balance of $13,219.52. We had an increase of $240.30 over the previous month. The caterer, Celebrations, returned an amount of $700.00, due to an error with the drinks. A check for $350.00 was written to the Clipped B’s as they shared in the amount paid to Celebrations. The Treasurer’s report was approved by the members and entered into record.

Before our Membership report was given by Bill Joynes, he told us a cute joke. At the end of March 2011, we had a total of 1031 members and picked up 6 new members, leaving us with a total of 1037. We now have 882 Life Time members and 155 annual members, adding up to 1037.

Next Rudy Bowling gave the Sunshine report. During the months of March and April 2011, we lost Gerald (Jerry) Scharlau, Pilot, DFW = March 11th, 2011; John William (Bill) Willis, II, Pilot, DFW = March 24th, 2011; Al Rogers, Maintenance, DFW = March 31st, 2011; Jane McCray Freitag, Sales, SAT = April 5th, 2011; Glenn Leech, Pilot for Midcontinent & BN = April 6th, 2011. Rudy had found three others that were not mentioned before, that have passed on: Richard Samuel Garner, Maintenance = October 19th, 2011; Paul Alex Goodrich, Maintenance = October 19th, 2011; and Tony Vallarino, worked in Finance for both Panagra & BN, December 8th, 2011. Jerry Zmolek had nothing to add to the report.

Jack Witherspoon introduced his guest, Lee Schooling, who worked in reservations with Braniff in Kansas City, MO and Dallas, TX. She worked the drive-in window at the old Muhlbach Hotel on 12th street in Kansas City. President Hunt welcomed her to the meeting and thanked her for helping out in the kitchen.

President Hunt also went on to give thanks to all who come in early to help set up with the table and chairs, along with helping out in the kitchen. He also mention that Clark Holder, who has been doing the set up for some time, would not be able to do it alone in the future, so please continue to come in early if at all possible to help. President Hunt went on to say he has had some complaints about not having enough food for the last people in line to eat. Food needs to be brought in by everyone and to take only one piece of chicken, so there is enough to go around. Tom Bernard, who donates the chicken, and we thank him for doing so, says he will bring more.

Birthdays celebrated for the month: Marion Ehlers (78), April 11th, 1933; James Sperry (74), April 4, 1937; Brenda Granchay (who makes a lot of the birthday cakes), (67), (but she doesn’t remember), April 7, 1944. Also, our President, Butch Hunt turned 68 on April 21, 1943, same day as Queen Elizabeth, told the story, that his Mother didn’t want him born on April 20th, as that was the birthday of Adolf Hitler and so he wasn’t, but a day later. Everyone sang the birthday song.

Next we celebrated marriage anniversaries: Bob and Barbara Corbin (51 years) on April 15th, 1955, along with Melvin and Helen Young (15 years) on April 27th, 1996. We also sang the anniversary song.
Jerry Zmolek talked about the storms that have been in his area. He went to attend a funeral at a church, which was really at the funeral home, but there had been no damages, thank goodness.

President Hunt told us about a discussion he had with Dan Hamilton of Frontier Flight Museum about displaying some of the maintenance uniforms. He would be happy to but would need some mannequins to put them on for display. A call went out for anyone that might have some to donate. Someone suggested hanging them on hangers in the area.

President Hunt brought us up to date on the Christmas party. He and Sally Campbell had talked with Dan Hamilton of Frontier Flight Museum to confirm the date for the Christmas party and it is going to be on Sunday, December 11th, 2011. Also the Clipped B’s and Pilots’ group are both invited to attend. This year, there are going to be a lot of changes happening at the museum, as Southwest Airlines has donated a whole 737 airplane to be on display, as well as some items donated by Bell Helicopter.

Lotto winners were: $9.00 = Kay Ripp, who donated to Coffee fund, $7.00 = Benny Bennett, who donated to Coffee fund; $6.00 = Bob Corbin, who donated to Coffee fund.

Meeting to adjourn was made by Ron Campbell, with Tom Bernard 2nd. Darla Williams drew the tables in the order of 5-4-1 and so on. As the lines were forming at the food table, President Hunt made mention that for the May meeting, we would be having our burger fest and for everyone to have a good month.

Carolyn J. Casey, Secretary

Minutes for May 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order around 10:40am, May 12, 2011, with 52 members present, by our President Gerald (Butch) Hunt. He reminded everyone to please sign in, so we could have a good count of members that attended today’s meeting. He then asked us if we remembered what happened 29 years ago on this date, as the crowd gave a sigh of sadness. How could anyone ever forget!

Our Chaplain Clark Holder led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation. It was mentioned that Cecil Suggs called to say hello and if anyone wanted to call him, his number is 817-261-6747, not a metro number.

President Hunt asked if the Secretary’s minutes from the last meeting had been read and if the members approved them. They were approved as written and entered into record.

Sally Campbell gave the treasurers report as follows: Beginning balance: $5,786.82; Total Income: $74.11; minus Total Expenses: $61.00; leaving a General Checking Account Balance of $5,799.93, plus Money Market Account $ 7,672.99, leaving a total balance of both accounts of $13,472.92. Sally’s report was approved and entered into record.

The Sunshine Report was given by Rudy Bowling and the following Braniff employees were lost to us: Thomas Edward Bush, Maintenance (MKC) = February 02, 2011; Russell James Foust, Maintenance (MCI) = March 02, 2011; Van Jackson, Virginia Beach, NC = March 17, 2011; Katrine Maxey, Monument, CO = April 10, 2011; Wynne M (Morris) Analla, In-flight- Hostess, Blufiton, SC = April 15, 2011; Foy Carl Huskey, Texarkana = April 18, 2011; Glenn Powell Shoop, Pilot, Dallas, TX = April 24, 2011; Dorothy Louise Chessher Priest, San Antonio Reservations, Seguin = April 26, 2011; Donald (Don) Wray Thurlow, Pilot, Whitehouse = April 28, 2011; Arlie Chester Beck, Jr., Maintenance, Carrollton, TX = May 03, 2011; Jerry Gale Cosson, Customer Service, Austin, TX = May 08, 2011.

President Hunt recognized the visitors. Charles Harris, who is a Life Time Member, but first time visitor, worked in Maintenance. Benny Ramos lives in Irving, TX, worked in the Postal Shop. New Member and visitor, Nelda Ireland, started with Braniff in April 4th, 1972, worked in Kansas City and Houston Reservations, also worked at Lubbock and Houston’s FTO’s. This is her first meeting. She attended the meeting with Elizabeth Sheppard.
President Hunt advised us that the next meeting would be an ice cream social and no meetings for July and August. Our meetings would start back up the second Thursday in September 2011.

Birthdays for the past month: Dolores Ann Hammer (79) = April 23; Betty Shaw (82), May 4th; Ella Mae Zmolek (77) = May 4; Dave Hare (72) = May 17th; Carolyn Casey (65) = May 16th. Dave Hare led us all in the Birthday song.

Anniversaries for the past month: Clyde and Marion Ehlers (57) = May 21st; Richard and Betty Shanahan (58) = May 23rd; Joe and Helen DiMaggio (12) = May 1st. Melvin led us in the anniversaries song.

Bill Joynes came in from cooking the hamburgers for our lunch and give the membership report. We now have 1039 total members, as we are signing up a lot of flight attendants, from the Christmas party. He also said he had been receiving a lot of compliments on Sally Campbell and Gerald (Butch) Hunt, from the Christmas Party.

President Hunt, at the same time give Bill Joynes some praise on how much time he spends on the computer putting together items for the club. He created a data base for the member’s file, along with another data base for everyone’s email address.

President Hunt asked the members, if they would be interested in having an attorney come and talk with them on the reasons to having a living will. There was a show of hands in favor, so he advised that he would look into having one come to a meeting in the future.

Jerry Zmolek gave some comments on Glenn Powell, who was a Braniff Captain, served in World War II. Also Arlie Beck, served in World War II and was a mechanic for Braniff, but he didn’t attend the funeral. He also went on to talk about how things have changed in his life time. He purchased a 1960 Chevy Pick-up for $2,300 and gas was a lot cheaper than it is today. The pick-up was used to go deer hunting in Colorado.

Jack Witherspoon drew the lotto numbers for the drawing: Winners were: $10.00 and $6.00 went to Elizabeth Sheppard who donated it back to the club. $8.00 winner was Darla Williams.

We give a shout out to Bill Joynes and Rudy Bowling, who stood outside during the meeting, cooking the hamburgers for today’s luncheon. They were awesome and tasted so good.

Just before the meeting was adjourned, Carolyn Casey read a short story on “Why God Created Texas”, which brought a smile to everyone.

Tom Bernard made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Ron Campbell giving the 2nd. The numbers for the tables were drawn by Darla Williams, starting with 4, then 5, then 2 and so on.

Carolyn J. Casey, Secretary

Minutes for June 9, 2011

President Gerald (Butch) Hunt called the meeting to order around 10:45AM and advised it would be a short meeting today, with only 39 attending. He requested that everyone sign the book, so we would know how many did attend. He let us know that the reason for the short meeting was the other parts of the meeting was going to social and enjoy some ice cream. The ice cream was brought by Pat Buttery and Bob Neid and both tubs of ice cream were delicious.

Also, President Hunt made mention that Brenda Granchay made three cakes, two of them are sugar free and the other one is made with sugar. He said that Brenda makes these cakes for the group she works with at DFW Airport, the Braniff group that meets at McDonalds in Grapevine on Tuesday mornings, and she also brings one over to his home, when she visits. She made the cakes to honor the Veterans for the past Memorial Day in May.
In the absence of Clark Holder, Bill Joynes led us in the Pledge of Alliance to the Flag and Sally Campbell said the prayer.

President Hunt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from May and there wasn’t, so the May minutes were approved and entered into record.

Sally Campbell gave the treasure’s report from May 1, 2011 thru May 31, 2011: Beginning Balance = $5,799.93; Total income = $106.33; Total Expenses = ($115.77), leaving the balance in the General Checking Fund of $5,790.49; Plus Balance in Money Market Fund = $8,033.33; making a total balance of both accounts of $13,823.82 and an increase of $360.34 from the previous month. Treasurer report was approved and entered into record. Question was asked by Tom Bernard of which bank, where the money was being kept and Sally answered Chase Bank.

Bill Joynes gave the membership report. He has been working on the roster; to be able divide yearly members by which year and to see which ones are in arrears, so they will be dropped from the roster. We have been maintaining over a 1,000 members. There was 153 annual members plus 884 life time members, making a total of 1037. On May 7th, some converted from annual membership to life time, giving a total of 888, giving a total membership of 1042.

In the absence of Rudy Bowling, Jerry Zmolek gives the Sunshine Report: Van Weaver passed away May 19th, during World War II, he was an US Marine, worked in the Shop at Love Field, was line supervisor and after retiring he volunteered as an ambassador at DFW Airport. Arlis Beck passed away April 28, 2011 and worked in Maintenance, lived in Carrollton, TX. M.R. Smith passed away April 6, 2008, was an A&P Mechanic on line service and after Braniff, worked with Piedmont and US Air.

There were no birthdays to celebrate, so no birthday song was sung.

There were three anniversaries: June 18th = Jerry & Ella Mae Zmolek (56). Don’t have anything else to say. June 1st = Bill and Pat Buttery (59); June 3rd = Bernie & Dorothy Bennett. Bill Joynes led us in singing the anniversaries song.

There was no new or old business.

Bill Joynes did bring to our attention that on May 26, he had met with Pat Dixon and Helen Adair of the Flight Attendants at the Frontier Flight museums, to discuss making their clubs ID cards. It was agreed that the charge would be $5.00 and $2.00 would go to cover the materials for $1.00 and the other $1.00 would go to our club. The cards would be the same as ours.

Darla Williams let us know the reason Helen and Joe DiMaggio were not at the meeting. Helen is having surgery and Joe is going to be staying in a nursery home and to please keep them both in your prayers, as Helen goes through recovery.

Winners of the lotto were: $10.00 = Johnny Solis, donated $5.00 to the coffee fund; $8.00 = Tom Bernard; $7.00 = Bernie Bennett. Winners of items donated by President Hunt: Blue Berry Passion, Strawberry Kiwi Candle & 3 piece tea light holder set was Bob Neid; Candle Set (Cotton Blossom, Silky Breeze, and Morning Mist = Carolyn Casey.

Tom Bernard made a motion to adjoin the meeting and Ron Campbell 2nd.

Number 2 was the number of the first table drawn by Darla Williams. Since there were so very few members, the rest were asked to join behind table # 2.

President Hunt mentioned that the next meeting would be September 1st the first Thursday of September, instead of the second Thursday. This would be the only time the meeting would happen on the first Thursday. In October, the meeting would be the second Thursday. He wished everyone a nice cool summer.

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