INTRODUCING

MARY KAYS HUTCHINSON

OUR FIRST FLIGHT ATTENDANT DIRECTOR
Ladies and Gentlemen of The Silver Falcons,

This letter is being written under technical duress. I am here at Newnan Computers because my computer has been infected with malicious spyware and I would like to find the SOB’s who do this and send a spare B-52 to nuke them! To make the day more interesting my grandson just had a compression fracture above the right wrist of both bones which may require surgery. However there are stories of other people’s problems that make me willing to keep what I have. Now to business.

The convention was the usual success due to the Sanak’s and Frank’s expert experience in running conventions. We also want to thank the help of Eileen Zito, Mariann Ingle, Jane Borrelli, and Kathryn Bomar. The Silver Falcons really have made a track record that is hard to beat. Next year the San Antonio Convention should be a great Texas experience as all the previous ones have been. The Menger Hotel by the Alamo was our crew layover in the past and should be like visiting an old friend. Also the River Walk has been expanded and will give us more areas to explore than in previous years.

You will note in the minutes that Bob Ramsey resigned due to medical problems involving his past multiple back surgeries. We wish him well and thank him for his service and commitment to serve again in the future. His remaining term of one year, in which he was to serve as President, will be filled by me at the request of the Board of Directors. Also the membership approved Phil Hutchinson, Mary Hutchinson and Joe Wolbert as the new BOD members. That’s right we have the first husband and wife incoming to the board. Mary comes in under the new bylaws of charter membership approved last year by the business meeting. She is already bringing in new qualified F/A’s to the fold. Was this a good political move or not? Joe Wolbert was not able to attend as his wife broke a leg on a trip to Pennsylvania and is in rehab at this time. The good news is that her progress is steady and optimistic. Feel free to send your best wishes to all of these loyal family members.

In spite of everything we will recover and march on to more fun and camaraderie in our next times together. Thanks to everyone for your support.

Fraternally,
C.R. Shoop, President
Check out our web site at: www.silverfalcons.com.

A new movie every quarter!
Check out the current newsletter, back issues, photo galleries, convention info... Everything you need to know.
LEXINGTON, KY, OCTOBER 7, 2010: James Graybill, a pilot who has attained more than 33,000 flying hours in his career, will be inducted into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame on November 6, 2010 in Lexington.

Jim Graybill was born in Mason County and made his first solo flight at 16 years old. He later was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Kentucky and joined the US Marine Corps. He served on the ground and earned the rank of Captain during the Korean War. Certified Instructor Pilot work after the war was followed by a pilot position at Eastern Airlines, beginning in 1961. From that year, Graybill gained flying hours in nearly all the airliners that U.S. carriers operated. He has worked for FlightSafety Incorporated and has prepared materials for pilots of the executive Gulfstream IV executive aircraft. Joining Graybill in the induction to the Hall of Fame are Charles “Chip” Collins, test pilot for the MIT Flight Facility and contributor to the development of inertial navigation systems; David Fleming, US Army aviator who led National Guard unit in Kentucky; and Gene Soucy, air show performer and three-time national aerobatic champion.

The honorees will be inducted at a black-tie dinner held at the Museum. Reservations for the event on Saturday November 6 are $90 for Museum members and $100 for others. These can be made on-line at www.aviationky.org.

The Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame has honored natives of Kentucky and other outstanding individuals for their aviation or aerospace achievements since the first enshrinement in 1996. Previous honorees include inventors, pilots, scientists, designers, military aviators, and a NASA shuttle astronaut.

For information regarding the induction banquet and ceremony on November 6, call 859-317-2815.
Come to San Antonio and enjoy the color and excitement of the Alamo, the world famous River Walk, the Market Square, the Mission District, the Hemisfair Park, and La Villita, and the many other historic venues that make our city a prime tourist destination. Ride the river barges on the San Antonio River, including the new Museum Reach section with its dams and locks and interesting architectural works.
The Convention will be held in the Menger Hotel which was established in 1859 when the city was known for it’s wranglers, six guns, fast tempers, and faster draws. The hotel has been expanded several times and is now a 350 room, elegantly restored hotel that is unique, filled with priceless art and antiques. It sits directly across the street from The Alamo and about one hundred yards from the river walk. Directly behind is the River City Mall, the largest shopping center in the downtown area.

Buddy Davison will be hosting the golf tournament and the details will be published just after the first of the new year.

The pre-arrival dinner will be held at Luciano’s Restaurante Italiano on Riverwalk. The setting is delightful and the cuisine is outstanding. The spousal luncheon will be held at Mi Tierra at Market square.

Many Silver Falcons will remember layovers at the hotel when San Antonio was an Eastern Airlines destination. We hope this will become a nostalgia experience and a trip down memory lane for the Pilots and Flight Attendants who were fortunate enough to experience the old San Antonio and the old Menger back when Eastern Air Lines was the undisputed best Air Line in the World and when to be an Eastern Crew Member meant pride in company and pride in profession.

So put this on your calendar for 2011. Pack your best turquoise jewelry, cowboy boots, ten gallon hats, chaps and spurs and come prepared for the western party of your life.

In 1909 the hotel was enlarged with an addition to the south side. Architect Alfred Giles altered the main façade, adding Renaissance Revival details in stuccoed brick, pressed metal, and cast iron; he also designed an interior rotunda that provided light and served as a circulation hub. The hotel was a center of San Antonio social affairs and a meeting place for visiting celebrities. It declined during the Great Depression, but in the mid-1940’s the building was reconditioned, and the more celebrated dining rooms were restored. By 1951 a new wing had been added, and the building had been completely modernized. In 1976 the hotel was added to the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Alamo Plaza Historic District. The Menger was again renovated in the 1980’s.
In addition to its significance as a historical landmark, the Menger offers unparalleled amenities which continue to include the famous Colonial Room Restaurant and the Menger Bar along with 316 guest rooms and suites. Many rooms overlook the Alamo, pool or Alamo Plaza and all retain the furniture, art, and accessories from the hotel’s earlier days, including four-poster beds, velvet-covered Victorian sofas and chairs, marble-topped tables and period wall coverings.

As to its resident ghosts, the historic Menger Hotel is said be called home or visited regularly by some 32 different entities. Seemingly, they don’t mind sharing the old hotel with the living, as they pleasantly go about their business.

The Menger’s most famous spiritual guest is that of former President Teddy Roosevelt. It was here, in the Menger Bar, that Roosevelt recruited hard-living cowboys fresh from the Chisholm Trail, to his detachment of Rough Riders. Reportedly, Teddy would sit at the bar and as the cowboys came in, he would jovially offer them a free drink (or several) as he worked his recruiting strategy upon the unsuspecting cowpoke. Many sobered up the next morning to find themselves on their way to basic military training at Fort Sam Houston before joining in the Spanish American War. Over the years, Roosevelt has reportedly been seen having a drink at the dark little barroom off the main lobby.

The most often sighted spiritual guest is a woman named Sallie White. Long ago, Sallie was a chambermaid who worked within the hotel and one night after an argument with her husband, she stayed overnight. The next day her husband threatened to kill her and some time later, on March 28, 1876, he attacked her inside the hotel. Badly injured, she held on for two days before dying from her injuries. According to the hotel’s ledgers, it paid for her funeral at a cost of $32.00.

Today, Sallie apparently continues to perform her duties within the Victorian wing of the hotel. Sallie has been seen numerous times wearing an old long gray skirt and a bandana around her forehead, the uniform common during her era. Primarily, appearing at night, Sallie is generally seen walking along the hotel hallways, carrying a load of clean towels for the guests.

An apparition of a woman is often spotted sitting in the original lobby of the historic hotel. Wearing an old fashioned blue dress, small wire-framed glasses, and a tasseled beret in her hair, she sits quietly knitting. On one occasion a staff member stopped to ask her, “Are you comfortable...may I get you something?”, only to be answered with an unfriendly “No” before the woman disappeared.

Another guest reported emerging from the shower to see an apparition dressed in a buckskin jacket and grey pants, who is busy having a heated conversation with an unseen presence. The entity demands to know; "Are you gonna stay or are you gonna go?" three times before vanishing.

Other entities have been known to "help" in the kitchen area, as various utensils have floated through the air seemingly all by themselves. Utensils are often seen transporting themselves from one area to another without the help of human hands.

Adjacent to the Alamo, some of these ghostly visitors to the hotel are attributed to the many that died during the battle of the Alamo. Often heavy footsteps and kicking are heard and old military boots are spied by the guests and staff.

Other spiritual guests are said to have been some of the many who have stayed there over the years, as well as those who were recruited into the Rough Riders. Though the number of entities counted at the historic Menger Hotel is high, all are said to be harmless to staff and visitors, doing nothing more than sometimes startling a guest or an employee.

The first choice of San Antonio ghost hunters, the hotel is located downtown, immediately adjacent to both the Alamo and the Rivercenter Mall.
“Family is very important to us.” We are passionate about sharing with your family an authentic Italian experience.

You could say our story began in a small town outside Naples, Italy. That’s where our mother, Lina, operated a trattoria and where we would learn the valuable skills we would later put to use in our Italian restaurants. Most importantly, we learned to use only the finest and freshest ingredients straight from the heart of Italy.

**Authentic Italian family recipes since 1971.**

When the Centofanti family left Italy for America in 1971, we brought with us a tradition of hard work, a passion for excellence and—just as importantly—Nonna Lina’s authentic Italian recipes. These priceless original recipes are still on our menus today.

**The Luciano’s experience—inspired by Nonna Lina & Nonno Salvatore.**

From our complimentary bruscetta to our comfortable family atmosphere, you can see the influence of our loving parents. It was our late father, Sal, who taught us attention to details and keeping the customer first.

Our mother, Lina, created authentic, Italian specialties in the kitchen and is still our inspiration today.

**When people come back again and again, they become like family.**

We love return customers, and we have a lot of them. Having customers enjoy our authentic Italian food and our atmosphere makes us feel good about what we do. It’s like having family drop in for lunch or dinner.

**From our family to yours: “Make yourself at home.”**

There are plenty of good Italian restaurants. But very few combine great food, friendly service and affordability all in a comfortable family atmosphere. At Luciano’s, we put them all together, so you can relax and feel right at home.
The following Silver Falcons and family members are currently under the weather and would appreciate calls, cards, and visits from friends. A card or a friendly voice can do wonders when a person is really hurting!

It’s easy to get on the Lay-A-Bed list. All it takes is a bad headache and a big mouthed friend. Getting off the list is another matter altogether! No one ever tells us when they get well!

Therefore we have had to make rules to control this situation. In the future:

1. When the flower dies, take your name off the lay-a-bed list whether you are sick or not.
2. If you are still sick, put your name back on the list and we will send you a new flower!
3. When the new flower dies, go back to rule one!

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CAPTAIN BUFKIN FAIRCHILD

We have just been advised that Captain Bufkin Fairchild passed away yesterday, October 7, after a long illness. At the present time we have no other information. Bufkin was not only our oldest Silver Falcon, but one of our earliest members. Until his health began to fail he was a constant attendee with his son Randy at our annual conventions. One of the old breed of independent airline pilots, Bufkin’s career with Eastern went all the way back to the days of the DC-3 when an airline pilot was someone to be looked up to with respect and the Captain was actually the pilot in command. Because of the example set by Captain Fairchild and those other pilots of his generation, Eastern grew to become the “Pilot’s Air Line” that we inherited. Thank you, Bufkin, for originating and giving us the responsibility and authority that made the title “Eastern Air Lines Captain” the most envied and respected title in the airline industry. You may not be with us any longer, but wherever you are we can rest comfortably with the knowledge that there is still a Pilot In Command!
MRS. BEBE COURTNEY

We announce with deep regret the passing of Mrs. Bebe Courtney, wife of Captain Al Courtney, after a prolonged respiratory illness. Bebe was born on January 17, 1932, attended the University of Texas, and married Al in September of 1958. They had four children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Al and Bebe were fixtures at our Silver Falcons conventions and dinners and she will be sorely missed by her many friends. Godspeed, Bebe, may your journey be peaceful!

F/A LAMORAH STEPHENS

Lamorah Stebbins Stephens – Age 70
Went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, September 20, 2010 after suffering from the very rare disease of Creutzfeldt- Jakob disease, which is a Neurological disorder. She was a flight attendant for Eastern Airlines for 28 years, and then after Eastern Airlines went under she dusted off her RN degree and went back to nursing school receiving a BSN and later specializing in Wound Care. She then joined Army National Guard Unit 117th M.A.S.H. until mandatory retirement at the age of 60. She continued her military service by volunteering with the Georgia State Defense Force. Survived by her Husband of 46 years J. E. Stephens; Son – Todd & His Wife Holly of Cocoa, FL; Daughter – Lamorah Leigh of Fairburn, GA; Grandsons – Frank, James, Nicholas, and Daniel; Sisters – Marybee Armstrong of DeFuniak Springs, FL; and Rosie Ness, Steamboat Springs, CO; Brothers – Mickey Harvin, Jupiter, FL, and Rusty Harvin, Charleston, SC. In Lieu of flowers – Donations in Lamorah’s honor may be made to East Point Presbyterian Church, 2810 Church Street, East Point, GA 30344 or Amberwood Sanctuary, 6785 White Mill Rd., Fairburn, GA 30213. Our Flight Attendants have always been the wind beneath our wings. May that same wind carry you to your reward, Lamorah.

MRS. PAULINE LOUISE MALLARY

Mrs. Pauline Louise Mallary, age 77, wife of Captain Pete Mallary, passed away peacefully at home August 16, 2010. She was born on March 24th, 1933 in Allegany County, Michigan. Pauline is survived by her husband of 45 years, retired Eastern Airline Captain Lyle Peter (Pete) Mallary, originally of Clinton, Iowa; her daughter Tracy Lynn Mallary; son-in-law Neil Andrew Russell; and her brother Robert Pranga. She was preceded in death by her sister Eleanor Wilkens. In 1963 Pauline and Pete met while she was a flight instructor and he was a crop duster in South Haven, Michigan. They were married in January of 1966 and resided in Atlanta, Georgia area from 1969 to 2009 when they settled in Statesboro. In 2000, Pauline authored “Racing in the Skies; a Pilgrimage to the Past”, the account of her forty years and 102 air races throughout the United States, Canada, Bahamas, Mexico, and Central America to Nicaragua. As pilot in command, she won ten races including the 1977 All Women’s International Air Race (Angel Derby) and in all others her name was usually found among the top ten finishers. You have flown the final race and the winner is assured, Pauline.

CAPTAIN WALDO HARRINGTON

Captain Waldo R. Harrington, age 76, of Stone Mountain, GA died October 2, 2010. He was preceded in death by his parents, Waldo R. Harrington and Stella Nunez and sister, Goldie Meaux. He is survived by wife, Janice Harrington, daughters, Angela Ingram and Dawn Glaze, sons, Lance Harrington, Kelly Harrington & Kent Harrington, brothers, Roland Harrington & Dayton Harrington and 6 grandchildren. A founding member of The Silver Falcons and a loyal supporter of Eastern Air Lines, Waldo and Janice were fixtures at our conventions and dinners and he leaves a void in our organization that will be hard to fill. I know your trip will be smooth, Waldo. You wouldn’t allow it to be any other way! RIP old friend!
The Holidays will soon be here and plans are made for our Annual Christmas Dinner. We will gather Friday, December 17, 2010, at Petit Auberge in NE Atlanta.

Cash Bar Cocktail Hour begins at 6:00 PM with Dinner at 7:00

French Onion Soup with Two Cheeses

Seasonal Mixed Greens Salad
In a Fried Wonton Shell with a Balsamic Vinaigrette and topped with Chevre Cheese

Entrée choices include:
- Chicken Cordon Blue
- Fresh Poached Grouper
  Topped with Spinach and a Beurre Blanc Sauce
- Pan Seared Pork Tenderloin
- Veal Piccata
  Sauteed Veal in a Lemon Caper Sauce
- Grilled Filet Mignon

Dessert – Baked Alaska
Layers of Sherbet & Ice Cream surrounded by Cake and Meringue
Decorated with Fresh Fruit and Flambeed in the Dining Room

Coffee and Tea

Petit Auberge
2935 N. Druid Hills Rd. · Atlanta, GA 30329 · 404-634-6268
The cost is $44.50 per person including tax and gratuity
It was noticeable, both at our recent convention as well as on the obituary page, that our group is aging and we are slowly being overtaken by Father Time. Familiar faces are disappearing from our gatherings, in many cases simply because of personal illness or family illness, and a number of us are no longer able to travel. When The Silver Falcons was organized we gave it a predicted life of twenty years and assumed it would die a natural death.

Surprisingly we have maintained an active membership in excess of 450 members for a number of years and, as members have passed away or resigned, we have been able to attract new members to take their place. This has been accomplished by new members discovering us and by implementing two new programs that have truly revitalized the group. The first is elevating our Flight Attendant members to full membership status with the ability to vote and to hold office. Our first Flight Attendant Director will take office January first. We have already had a pleasantly comfortable number of new Flight Attendant applications and I believe we will have considerably more as the year progresses. We were pretty much unknown in Flight Attendant circles in previous years, but are currently receiving lots of favorable publicity. The other pleasant surprise has been the number of new family members. As you are aware, at last year’s convention we opened a special membership category of “Family Member” available only to the children and blood relatives of Charter members. During the past year we have enrolled eight new family members—three at our recent convention. If this continues then we will actually experience an increase in overall membership this year for the first time in quite a few years. We are breathing new life into The Silver Falcons while still restricting our membership exclusively to those who did not cross our picket line and their immediate families. This is a good thing. We have not had to sell memberships wholesale just to build the rolls and increase the revenue.

Starting with the 2012 membership year—next year’s dues, not the dues you will pay for 2011—our dues will increase five dollars to thirty dollars a year. The reason for this is not because membership is declining, but simply because we have 46 widows now who receive complimentary life memberships which they richly deserve. By 2012 we will have reached the break-even point income-wise and a five dollar increase in dues will relieve any possibility for negative financing. Unlike many other organizations, this is our first dues increase in fifteen years—a pretty enviable record when you consider the rate of inflation we have experienced in this same period of time.

I guess what I’m trying to say is that after 15 years we are still rock-solid both financially as well as in the number of active members and the future truly looks rosy. The loyalty of our members and their commitment to our very reason for existence combined with their pride for having stood up to a tyrant and having fought him to a standstill still unites us in a brotherhood that can never be destroyed. I am proud to be a Silver Falcon not because of what I did, but because of what you did, and I am proud to be allowed to associate with all of you!

Dick Borrelli
Editor
As a Check Airman, I was originally assigned to do a Mexico Qual flight for this trip with the Captain that subsequently went sick; Ray picked up the trip in open time. Unfortunately the crew desk never informed the Line Check desk of the original Captain going sick. Once this was discovered the day before the trip, the crew desk realized that they were short a first officer and offered me the opportunity to fly the trip with Ray. I figured there may never be another opportunity for two ole’ Eastern Pilots to fly together again, as there are too many of us anymore at UAL, so I took the trip.

We had a great time, and in typical Eastern fashion, we took the whole crew out to a local Taqueria for dinner. Due to the way crews are scheduled, this doesn’t happen very often at UAL. It was like the old days again.

Thanks Capt. Duncan Flett
rEAL SFOFO

Captain J-Ron Wheeler has sent us this picture of his beautifully decorated motorcycle trailer. With J-Ron and John Heilman both on the road then Eastern Air Lines will truly never die!

Does anyone else out there have a similar item we can display? You send it – we’ll print it!
A number of significant events happened at our annual business meeting. Our first Flight Attendant Board member, Mary Kays Hutchinson, was elected, our dues were raised for the first time from $25 to $30 to take effect next year. Current dues are still $25. It was confirmed that our next convention would be in San Antonio at the Menger Hotel and the possibility of a cruise convention the following year was discussed but not decided on.

The banquet and pre banquet cocktail party were the highlights of the convention with a chicken and steak dinner followed by the awards program. Collins Bomar is our new golf champion and is now the caretaker of the Piontek Cup for until next year. Duane Fischer won prizes for “Only Lady Golfer,” “Golfer Shorter Than a Putter,” and “Only Golfer Who had to Run to Keep Up!” We awarded $500 in 50/50 prizes, two bottles of liquor as door prizes as well as models of an Eastern Curtis Condor, DC-3, A-300, and L-188 Electra. A vintage Eastern advertising poster from the 1970s was donated by Phil Hutchinson and won by Stuart Hughes. We had a musical combo that played throughout dinner and for dancing after the awards program. Those that were still able returned to the hospitality suite for the farewell party and the convention finally began to slow down. After a delicious buffet breakfast the next morning we all began to drift out of the hotel with fond memories of 2010 and looking forward to 2011.
Minutes of the Annual Silver Falcons Business Meeting
Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center
October 1, 2010

President Shoop called the meeting to order at 1005 EDT. All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were President Ron Shoop, Vice President Hank Sanak, Directors Bill Frank and Dave Ingle and Financial Officer Joe Zito. Secretary Bob Ramsey had resigned due to medical reasons. Sitting as Secretary by designation was Stuart Hughes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Joe Zito stated that the organization was solvent and had no outstanding bills, thanks to the cost-cutting efforts of Dick Borrelli and Paul Fischer. He thanked Joe Piontek and The La Ferla group for their support and noted that some other financial support of previous years was no longer active. The current convention was aided with gifts from Eileen Zito-Coca Cola, Kroger and Congressman Lynn Westmoreland. He acknowledged the cost-free tax services of Andrews, Giuliano & Mussig and noted that the Silver Falcons had a checking account balance of $27,000.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Dick Borrelli stated that our membership over the past few years has been holding in the 450 area and noted the milestone of the first F/A to sit on the Board in the person of new member, Mary Kays Hutchinson, pending approval. Borrelli briefly talked about the membership makeup with regard to the growing number of life members that don’t produce any income and the possible need for a $5 dues increase next year. Gil Gilbert suggested eliminating the yearly paper roster in favor of using the SF website. Dick said that had been tried previously without success. A straw poll indicated only 9 votes for the web version. He closed with a comment that this had been the best year ever for non-renewals and that we were actively recruiting flight attendants. A short discussion followed over e-mail options for the passing of information. Don Teel moved to raise dues that died for lack of a second.

OLD BUSINESS: President Shoop read the minutes of the 2009 meeting. Jim Lauderdale moved to accept same, seconded by Joe Zito, passed unanimously. He then read the proposed amendment to Article X of the By-Laws to read: “Dissolution of The Silver Falcons shall require a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the remaining Members in good standing as balloted by US Mail. Any funds remaining in the treasury after all financial obligations have been paid will be distributed to needy charities as identified by the Board of Directors or the President and approved by a majority vote of the remaining members.” Jim Lauderdale moved to enact the amendment, seconded by Bob Shaw, approved unanimously. Bob Drawdy addressed the Atlanta Plaque situation saying that more information would be available in November. Joe Zito stated that the balance in the flower fund was $24.

NEW BUSINESS: Pres. Shoop named the new members of the 2011 Board of Directors as Phil Hutchinson, Joe Wolbert and Mary Kays Hutchinson. Gil Gilbert moved to accept the new members, seconded by Dick Borrelli, passed unanimously. Gil Gilbert then moved to accept Ron Shoop to fill the remainder of Bob Ramsey’s term, seconded by Don Teel. Gilbert then withdrew the motion with the blessing of the second due to the wording of the By-Laws for that succession. Ron Shoop stated that the Airbus Plaque Project was stuck in bureaucratic red tape. He then asked for any additional items of new business and relayed that Mary Lloyd still had items available in the store and that she was asking for suggestions for new items. Bill Frank asked for the floor and read a letter from a man who, as a kid in Rome, Georgia in the late ‘50s and early ‘60s, pressed his face against the airport fence anytime an Eastern airplane was there. After an invitation to an Eastern cockpit one day, this kid, who is now sixty, became the biggest Eastern fanatic you could find. His house is crammed with EAL memorabilia and continues to receive new items from Bill, Joe Zito and other Eastern people. Bill then moved to make Chuck Maner, 23 Battey Drive NW, Rome, GA 30165 an honorary member of the Silver Falcons, seconded by Chuck Taliaferro, passed unanimously. Carol Thompson, who will host the SAT Convention next year, introduced husband, Don. Together, they offered a plan for the 2012 Convention as a Royal Caribbean cruise, with the idea that it would be no more expensive than a land convention. They went into detail of the travel agency’s role in concert with the cruise line. A straw poll then indicated considerable interest in the idea.

Dick Borrelli then moved to renew our annual ALS contribution, seconded by Bill Frank, passed unanimously. Ron Shoop noted that there were no sites as yet for the 2012 Convention. Jim Lauderdale moved to raise the dues to $30, seconded by Bill Rogers. After a short discussion and with the blessing of the second, Jim modified the motion to become effective in 2012, passed with one abstention. Gil Gilbert moved to adjourn for lunch, seconded by Hank Sanak, passed unanimously at 1145.

President Shoop reopened the meeting at 1245. A discussion ensued about the funding of various aspects of the Silver Falcons’ operations and the source of funds. Jim Furlong moved to adjourn, seconded by Phil Hutchinson, passed unanimously at 1315.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Hughes
Acting secretary
A paraprosdokian (from Greek “παρα-”, meaning “beyond” and “προσδοκία”, meaning “expectation”) is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect, sometimes producing an anticlimax. Some paraprodokians not only change the meaning of an early phrase, but also play on the double meaning, creating a syllepsis.

Ø I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn’t work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Ø Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Ø I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

Ø Going to church doesn’t make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Ø The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it’s still on the list.

Ø Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Ø If I agreed with you we’d both be wrong.

Ø We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

Ø War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Ø Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Ø The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Ø Evening news is where they begin with ‘Good evening’, and then proceed to tell you why it isn’t.

Ø To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

Ø A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

Ø How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Ø Some people are like Slinkies ... not really good for anything, but you can’t help smiling when you see one tumble down the stairs.

Ø Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

Ø I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted pay checks.

Ø A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don’t need it.

Ø Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says “If an emergency, notify:” I put “DOCTOR”.

Ø I didn’t say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
Ø I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with “Guess” on it...so I said “Implants?”

Ø Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Ø Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

Ø Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

Ø Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

Ø A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Ø You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Ø The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!

Ø Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won’t expect it back.

Ø A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.

Ø Hospitality: making your guests feel like they’re at home, even if you wish they were.

Ø Money can’t buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

Ø I discovered I scream the same way whether I’m about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot.

Ø Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.

Ø There’s a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can’t get away.

Ø I used to be indecisive. Now I’m not sure.

Ø I always take life with a grain of salt, plus a slice of lemon, and a shot of tequila.

Ø When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.

Ø You’re never too old to learn something stupid.

Ø To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Ø Nostalgia isn’t what it used to be.

Ø Some people hear voices. Some see invisible people. Others have no imagination whatsoever.

Ø A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.

Ø If you are supposed to learn from your mistakes, why do some people have more than one child?

Ø Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine