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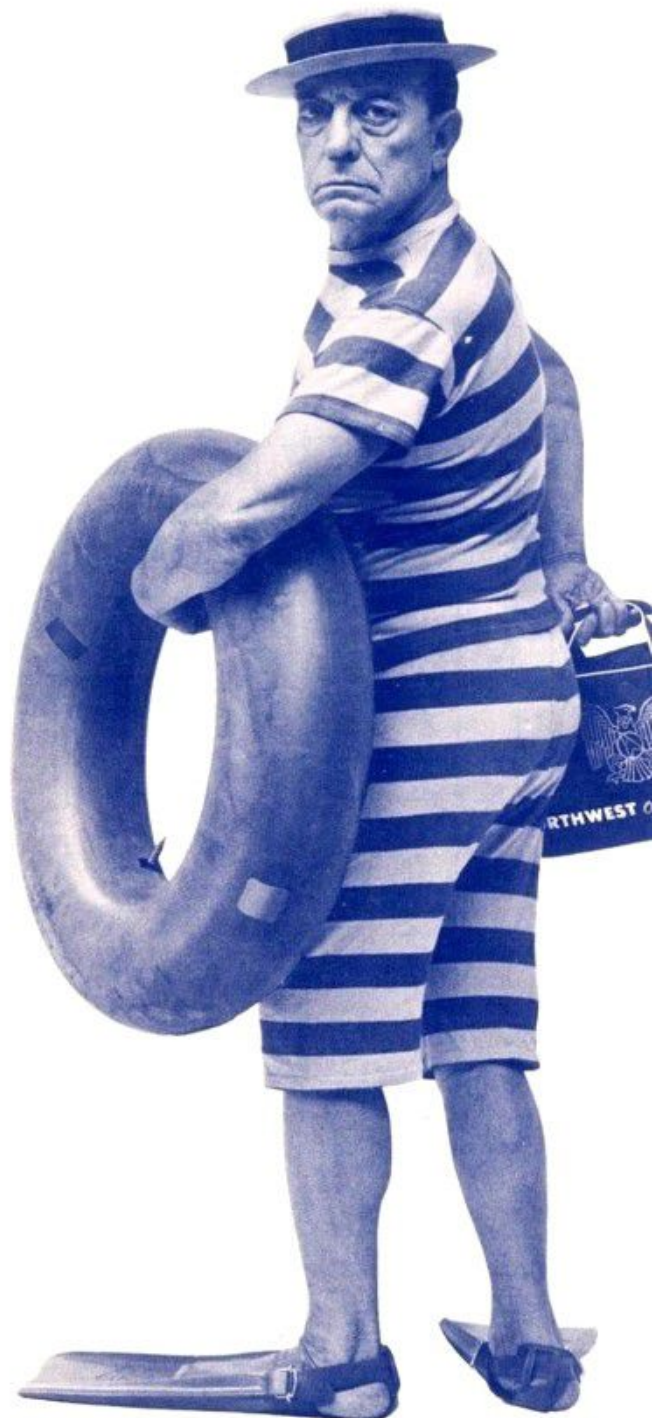
Summer's around the corner, and not a moment too soon! For many of us, last winter was a nightmare (in Detroit, we had the most snow in local history. Minneapolis? You don't want to know). So I've decided we all deserve a break.

In this issue, which I call our "Beach Issue", you'll find a more casual vibe than usual, with a focus on recent activities at the NWAHC---shorter articles about our volunteers and our visitors, with *lots* of photos. Of course, there's some history, too—a review of a recent flurry of articles about Northwest and Republic--but no homework this time, I promise. It's an issue to enjoy at the beach, while flying non-rev (if you dare), or while relaxing in your patio lounge chair or hammock, with a frosty beverage (or two!) close at hand.

So, as *The Jamies* sang, back in 1958:

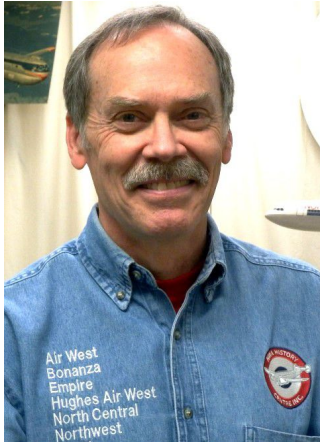
"Well, shut them books and throw 'em away, and no more studyin' history, because it's summertime, summertime, sum-sum-SUMMERTIME!"

Robert DuBert, Editor



Actor Buster Keaton, who appeared in many NWA commercials during the early 1960s, from the March 1963 system timetable.

President's Message



Bruce Kitt Photo: Joe Callaci

The NWA History Centre is saddened to report the death of Albert "Al" Carriveau, on May 3rd. Al was one of the founders of the History Centre, and a volunteer and member of our Board of Directors from Day One. We also deeply regret the resignation of Director Mary Fryer, another founder and the Board Secretary. We extend our condolences to the Carriveau family, and offer a sincere "Thank You" to Mary for her many years of faithful work to keep the History Centre open and running.

The Board also thanks each and every person who has responded to date to our 2014 spring solicitation letter. It takes many hours and much effort to keep the NWAHC running. As I opened each donation envelope, I was humbled by the realization that others, former employees and non-airline people alike, recognize and appreciate everything our volunteers do to see the history of a unique global airline commemorated, and each contributor shares that same desire. Just as Northwest was built on the legacies of the 12 earlier airlines in its history, so Northwest is a stepping-stone on which other airlines build their futures and their histories. All of our volunteers thank you for your continued support.

I also want to note the death of Steven Rothmeier on May 14, 2014. Steven was the Northwest Orient President and CEO who worked with Republic's Stephen Wolf to arrange what would become Northwest Airlines, the 4th largest US airline, in 1986.

Enjoy your summer! Please keep in touch with the NWAHC on our Facebook page and website; we look forward to greeting you at some of the events we'll post on social media. As a heads-up for later this summer, look for a documentary on Twin Cities Public Television entitled "Lost Twin Cities IV", which will include a segment about NWA, filmed at the HC (see pp. 4-5), broadcast date and time to be announced. And, by all means, do come and visit us at the NWA History Centre this summer. CAVU. ➔

NWA History Centre Visitor Information

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Admission FREE (special events may incur a charge)

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Please call 952.698.4478

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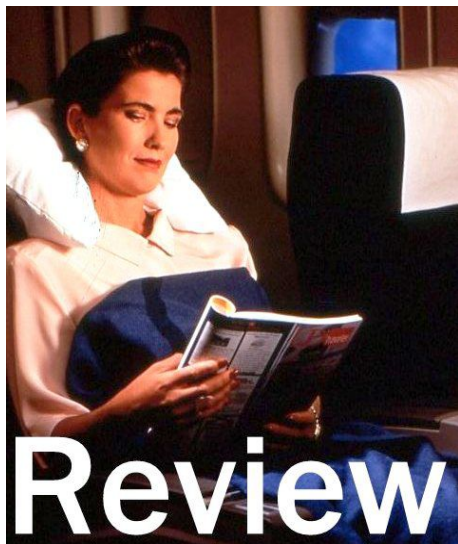
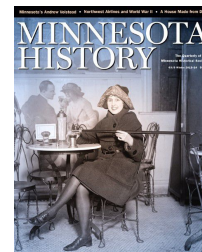


Photo: NWAHC Archive

Republic and Northwest—Gone, But Definitely Not Forgotten

By Robert DuBert

Allert, Johannes. Northwest Airlines' Modification Center in World War II, from *Minnesota History Quarterly*, Winter 2014, published by the **Minnesota Historical Society**, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul MN 55102. \$5.00. Purchase issue directly from the society website: <http://www.mnhs.org/market/mhspress/minnesotahistory/>



Johannes Allert is a Minnesota resident, a scholarly writer with a Master's Degree in Military History from Norwich University-The Military College of Vermont, and a member of the NWAHC. Keen readers will remember his article about the 1929 NWA Ford Tri-Motor crash (REFLECTIONS Winter 2012). He is uniquely qualified to write what is certainly the best general history of the Northwest Airlines wartime bomber modification center to appear in print, and it's especially gratifying that it appears in a magazine more likely to be read by members of the general public than if it appeared in a specialty publication. Allert is an articulate, fluid writer with the expertise necessary to summarize arcane details in ways that are both accurate



Johannes Allert.

and understandable. I especially appreciated his step-by-step explanation of how aircraft were processed, from their arrival from the Ford plant at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, Michigan to their departure for the frontline. And, he sheds light on the early administrative problems at the mod center, which from the Army's perspective made it a toxic military career assignment. The article concludes with a full-page of end-note references which reveal the depth of Allert's research. Allert has other NWA-related projects in the works, for which I can only say "Hooray! I can't wait!" →

While Republic Airlines and Northwest Airlines continue to gradually fade in public memory, the 2010 demise of NWA appeared to prompt two book-length histories, Terry Love's **The Republic Airlines Story** and Jack El-Hai's **Non-Stop, the Turbulent History of Northwest Airlines**, both reviewed in these pages (REFLECTIONS Spring and December 2013). If, like me, you are annoyed by El-Hai's minor but irritating factual errors and Love's clunky prose, you will welcome the following series of recent articles by professional aviation writer-historians.



The **American Aviation Historical Society** was founded in 1956, with the objective of "the preservation and dissemination of the rich heritage of American aviation". The Society maintains an extensive archive of books, documents and

photographs, and publishes the quarterly *AAHS Journal*, which includes articles covering military, commercial, general and sport aviation, aircraft, manufacturers and aviators. Annual membership, including journal subscription: \$40.00 (print edition); \$25.00 (digital edition via email). Articles and complete back issues may be ordered separately: P.O. Box 3023 Huntington Beach, CA 92605. <http://aahs-online.org/>

Membership includes free online access to digitized back issues, **including:**

Libby, Justin H.: *North Star Rising—Part 1—Colonel Lewis Hotchkiss Brittin*, Spring 2012; *Part 2—Croil Hunter: Grand Horizons*, Winter 2012; *Part 3—Donald Nyrop: Unlimited Horizons*, Spring 2013.

Justin H. Libby, an Associate Professor Emeritus of History at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, lists his academic interests as "American diplomatic history, Japanese history, and the WW2 naval war in the Pacific", but luckily for us, he's equally fascinated by the history of Northwest Airlines. His three-part series of Northwest presidential profiles is the most thorough account of the first 50 years of NWA executive history to be found anywhere. These articles are *not* light reading; they

are text-rich and sprinkled with but a few photos, mostly from the AAHS archives. Libby's articles supplement and "flesh out" the NWA history books by Ken Ruble and Jack El-Hai. Find a comfortable seat, focus, and plow through these articles, and you will be amply rewarded with a deeper understanding of your company and a renewed appreciation for the foresight of Presidents Brittin, Hunter and Nyrop. (note: Libby has also written a biography of Northwest president Harold Harris [Winter 2010], but focuses on his military career.)

Equally masterful is David H. Stringer's five-part series *America's Local Service Airlines*, Fall 2012-2013, which covers all 25 feeder airlines certificated by the Civil Aeronautics Board after World War 2 and the 13 Local Service Carriers granted permanent certificates in 1955. You'll find detailed, engaging accounts of the history of every airline which comprises the Republic "family tree", amply illustrated with aircraft photos from the AAHS archives and artwork from Stringer's massive collection of airline timetables. He's a contributing editor of *Airways* magazine and a fine writer (and a retired SO/RC/NW flight attendant!). While the tales of second-hand DC-3s and precarious financing are unavoidably repetitive, this is the best overview history of these airlines in print.

Further back in the AAHS online archive, don't miss Noel Allard's *Northwest Airlines—The Northern Region, War in Alaska* (Summer 2006). Brilliant!

My advice: get the \$25 email membership, print out what you want from the hundreds of available articles. Such a deal! →

It's a Wrap! Northwest Airlines to Fly Again on Public Television

By Robert L. Johnson Photos: Joe Callaci and Robert L. Johnson

The Olden Days. Days of Yore. Stories, nostalgia, memories. However briefly, Northwest Airlines will soon again be airborne, on the television airwaves and online video---your NWA History Centre recently hosted a production crew from Twin Cities Public Television (TPT) for two full days of filming for episode IV of the documentary series entitled "Lost Twin Cities".

This series presents personalities, buildings, landmarks, companies and organizations which were once highly visible on the local scene but which are no more. Northwest will occupy a major segment of the upcoming installment, which will reach a potential viewing audience of a half-million in Minnesota, and a worldwide reach online.

Four retired NWA employees were interviewed for the show: Captains Homer "Red" Sutter, 95, and Norman Midthun (a mere 89), stewardess Anne Kerr and flight attendant Fay Kulenkamp. Also interviewed was Jack El-Hai, author of the recent, acclaimed volume *Non-Stop. A Turbulent History of Northwest Airlines*.

Sutter and Midthun remembered aircraft and experiences from their combined 75 years of flying for Northwest. Kerr recalled the "luxurious era" of postwar airline travel while Kulenkamp spoke about the "transition period" to modern times. El-Hai detailed the strengths and difficulties of Northwest's turbulent *and* storied 84-year history.

Anne Kerr is former editor of REFLECTIONS and remains a frequent contributor. Fay Kulenkamp, who flew for 42 years, is a director on the NWAHC board. Jack El-Hai is a Mentor in Creative Writing at Augsburg College, and a director of the Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis.

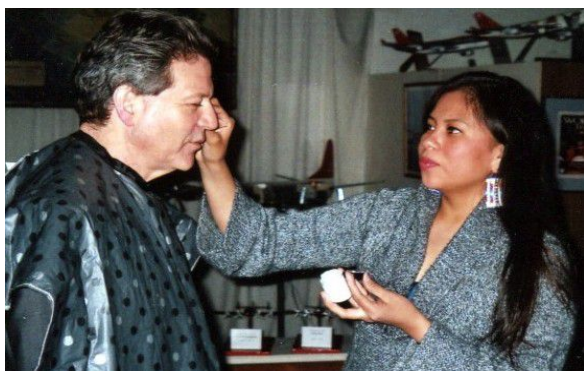
"Lost Twin Cities IV" has a planned air-date of late August, 2014. Watch your local listings. Online info to follow. ➔



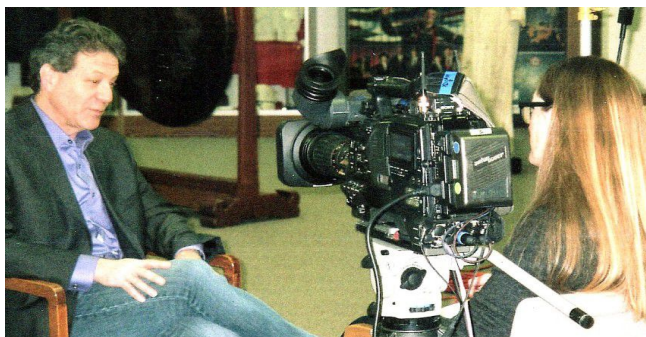
Lisa Blackstone, Producer/Director, with TPT Production Crew Robert Hutchings, video and Eric Pagel, audio.



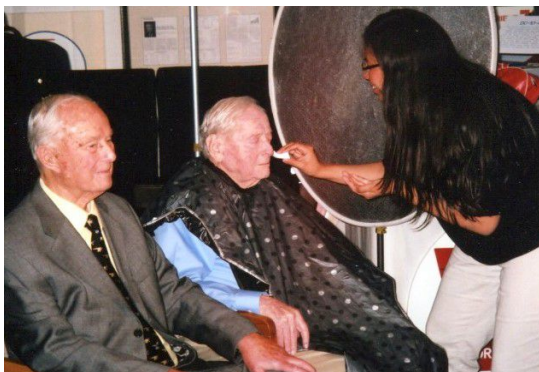
"Quiet on the Set!" HC VP Wayne Snyder and Elaine Mielke guard the door.



TPT Production Assistant Leya Hale applies makeup to Jack El-Hai.



Lisa Blackstone poses a question to Jack El-Hai.



Leya Hale prepares Norm Midthun, left, and Red Sutter for the camera.

Watch all previous episodes of
"Lost Twin Cities" online:



http://www.mnvideovault.org/program_titles.php?letter=L

Scroll down to "Lost Twin Cities" episodes I, II and III. Episode II has four minutes of NWA footage, beginning at the 2:15 mark.

L: Eric Pagel fits Captains Norm and Red with microphones.

R: Sound checks for Fay and Anne.



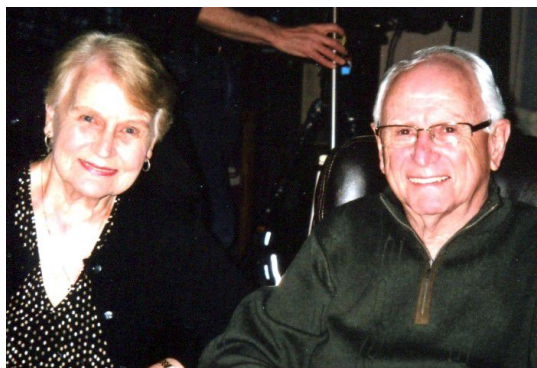
L: Fay checks her notes. The interviews were non-scripted, but it was a good idea to be prepared with career recollections for reference.

R: The HC overhead lights are turned off, and studio spotlights are used for the most dramatic production values.



L: Capt. Red makes a point during a scene.

R: Capt. and Mrs. Lowell Kegley. Capt. Kegley graciously agrees to be on standby as an "understudy" in case either Norm or Red are unable to appear. He thereby joins the ranks of the likes of Anthony Hopkins, Shirley MacLaine and Stan Laurel, who understudied for Laurence Olivier, Carol Haney and Charlie Chaplin, respectively!



L: HC volunteers Dorothy Sutter, Flo Dreyer and Elaine Mielke, *de facto* production assistants for the filming sessions. Flo performs triple-duties as organizer, "location director" and "stage manager."

R: Lisa Blackstone celebrates the completion of the filming. Now it's on to the editing studio at TPT, to create the finished program!



Visitors



Photo: NWAHC Archives

GROUPS VISIT THE NWAHC

While many of the visitors to the HC are individuals—airline employees and retirees, friends, relatives, people with an interest in the airline industry or aviation in general, someone bringing memorabilia to donate—we also play host to group visits. These visitors already share a common bond, and they come to the HC for an educational experience, out of curiosity, or as a social outing. They bring energy, enthusiasm and a sense of discovery which delight our HC volunteer docents, who all take pride in sharing the history of our airline. Below are three of our recent visiting groups, and some information about what they do.

The Experimental Aircraft Association

Hiawatha Valley EAA Chapter 1518
Red Wing, Minn.

<http://www.1518.eeachapter.org/>

The EAA, with national headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisc., is a community of passionate aviation enthusiasts who promote and support recreational flying. Its mission is to grow participation in aviation by promoting the "Spirit of Aviation." Chapter 1518 offers the EAA Young Eagles program, which provides free introductory flights to young people, to encourage an interest in aviation.

L-R: Marv Kuchera, Denny Ahern, Ed Whitman (chapter president), Paul Swanstrom, Pete Sigterman.



Photo: Anne Kerr

The Travel Academy

Eagan, Minn.

<http://www.thetravelacademy.com/>

The Travel Academy, founded in 1984, is a private career school offering comprehensive training and lifetime job placement assistance for those seeking careers in the airline, cruise, travel agency, tourism, car rental and hospitality industries. The Academy draws students worldwide.

On this day, Academy instructor Julie Povolny, a former NWA flight attendant, brought two class groups to the HC, where students received a brief introduction to Northwest Airlines, and had the opportunity to learn from HC docents about the realities of a career with an airline.



Academy photos: Robert DuBert



Anne Kerr presents the histories of Northwest and Republic Airlines.



Future Reservations Agents?

The Commemorative Air Force Minnesota Wing

Fleming Field, South St. Paul, Minn.

<http://www.cafmn.org>

Founded in 1971, the museum is home to six historic aircraft, a large motor pool fleet, and a unique collection of World War II artifacts. The hangar and museum are open on Wednesdays and Sundays, 10am-4pm, with free admission.

Local residents and visitors to the Twin Cities are cordially invited to visit.



Elaine Mielke and Flo Dreyer with students.



NWA History Centre Volunteer Report

It takes a lot of people to operate an airline, and it takes a lot of people to staff and operate an airline museum. Here are our statistics for our volunteers for 2013:

Days of Operation (regular hours and special events):	301
History Centre volunteer pool:	60
Total volunteers hours, on and offsite:	6558
Estimated hourly value of a volunteer's hour:	\$22.14*
Total equivalent value of our volunteers:	\$145,194.12

*as determined by the independentsector.org



Photo: NWAHC Archives

Product Placement, aka Embedded Marketing, at Northwest Airlines

Definition: "An advertising technique used by companies to subtly promote their products through a non-traditional advertising technique, usually through appearances in film, television, or other media. Product placements can be initiated through an agreement between a product manufacturer and the media company in which the media company receives economic benefit. A company might pay a fee to have their product used, displayed, or featured in a movie or show. "

Source: BusinessDictionary.com

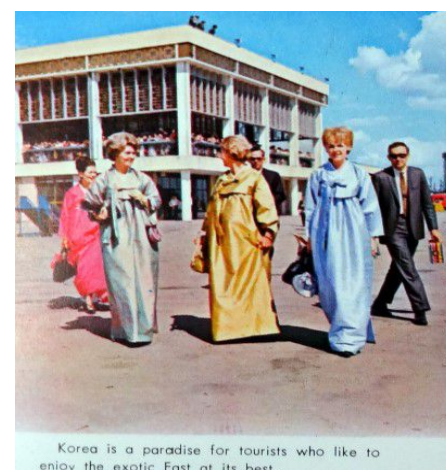
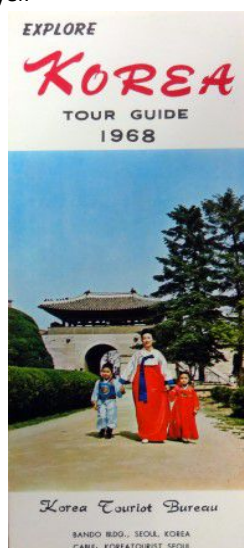
In short, it's the technique of using one product to help sell another, and advertisers for years have used the perceived glamor and prestige of Northwest Airlines to help sell their products, or in the case of television and film, to add realism and credibility to the screenplay. Here are just a few examples.



In October 1967, a team from Northwest Airlines went to Korea to promote the airline with the Korean Tourist Bureau. Korean officials liked the NWA women (stewardesses and res agents) so much that they were asked to appear in the "Explore Korea Tour Guide", posing as western tourists. Photos courtesy Flora Dreyer.



L-R: Flora Dreyer, Anita Holland, Richard Kitchen- VP-Public Relations, Karen Baye, Linda Schilling.



L-R: Karen Baye, Flora Dreyer, Linda Schilling, Anita Holland.

NWA in movies and television

You can see Northwest—aircraft, airport scenes, employees, the brand logo—in the following films, tv shows, and music videos. There may be split-second glimpses or extended scenes, so watch closely!

Films

North by Northwest, 1959
Airport, 1970
Airport 1975, 1975
Karate Kid 2, 1986
Midnight Run, 1988
Black Rain, 1989
Collision Course, 1989
Major League, 1989
Total Recall, 1990
The Firm, 1993
The Chamber, 1996
Fargo, 1996
My Best Friend's Wedding, 1997
A Chance of Snow, 1998
The Savages, 2007
New in Town, 2009
Taking Chance, 2009

TV Shows

Brad Meltzer's Decoded—DB Cooper
Dallas
Dukes of Hazard
Forensic Files—Needle in a Haystack
Mad Men (ep. 606)
Malcolm in the Middle
Married with Children (ep. 54)

Music Video

Wyclif Jean-Gone 'Til November

Many thanks to the following NWA employee alumni who assisted in compiling this list, via the NWA Employee page on Facebook:

Tony Bautista, Corey Hanley, Rod Harder, Tim Hooey, Jeanine Diadoo-Johnson, Deborah Newton Lee, Keith Mock, Daniel Nixon, Tim Nogosek, David Perkins, Tim Phillipp, Michael Randall, Dale Rush, Velma Kitka Todd, Grant Walker.

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Jane Baer
 Flight Attendant
 Northwest Airlines
 Edina, Minnesota

RICH'S
 Living the good life. jordan marsh

Newsweek, 1989.

Black Rain and Taking Chance have extended scenes showing NWA. Thumbs Up!



Michael Douglas in *Black Rain*, a police action thriller set in Japan.



Taking Chance, starring Kevin Bacon, filmed at EWR and BZN, a poignant and inspiring drama.

News, Stories, and Announcements



Photo: Dirk Jan Kraan

The NWAHC is proud to be participant in the Blue Star Museums, a collaboration of the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums across America, to offer free admission for the nation's active-duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve members and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, 2014. Leadership support has been provided by the MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. The program provides military families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and to learn more about their new communities after a move. The complete list of participating museums is available at: arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums (Admission to the NWAHC is always free, except for special events.)



Republic Airlines Alumni Annual SUMMER REUNION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014, 12 Noon.

Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center,

8768 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth MI 48170

If you live in the DTW area and have attended previously, you will be contacted in late July. If you've never attended our reunion, or live outside the Metro Detroit area and would like to join the party, please RSVP: Barbara Ike, 517-596-3005, A2ike@aol.com OR Annie Heiss, 734-481-0027, bheiss1254@aol.com.



Right: "Ducks" enjoy the delicious buffet at last year's reunion.



FUN TIME! Former HC board member **Mary Fryer** recently invited some key HC stalwarts to an intimate party to celebrate **Elaine Mielke's** 85th birthday. Elaine is an active HC volunteer, and her late husband, Capt. **Bob Mielke**, was an HC board member.

Left: The Mielke Birthday Party. Front, L-R: Anne Kerr, Elaine Mielke, Diane Lempke. Rear, L-R: Flora Dreyer, Mary Fryer, Susan Rostkoski. Photo: Robert Johnson

CONTACTS WANTED We received the following enquiry recently, from **Joe Pehoushek**, son of a former NWA employee: "Having read your newsletter archives some months ago, I saw an article about NWA's operation of UN-99 out of Tokyo during the Korean War:

http://nwahistory.org/newsletter/04_sep_newsletter.pdf

As the teenage son of Joe Pehoushek, NWA's Radio Mechanic in TYO for almost ten years from the beginnings in

'47, I have many memories of NWA life over there. We lived in NWA-furnished housing starting with the Omori Hotel (the first NWA Staff House), the Tamagawa Apartments, and finally the NWA Shibuya Housing Compound. We were also regular visitors to the NWA Shibuya Staff House in Tokyo. It would be great to connect up with any other of the dozen or so NWA kids who came and went during my many years there. I have, for example, a photo of me and Mary Lynn Wood (daughter of TYO mechanic Jack Wood) babysitting Gretchen Dean (new born daughter of TYO-based pilot Bill Dean). Do you have any subscribers who are children of TYO based personnel?" Email: joe@pehoushek.com



POST-GRAD RESEARCH A regular visitor to the HC lately has been **Derek Yen**, a university graduate student from Taipei, Taiwan who is conducting research on Northwest Airlines. He recently treated HC staffers to boxes of a Taiwanese pineapple pastry delight called Chia-Te. Thank you, Derek!



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS The NWAHC is located in a Bloomington, Minn. neighborhood called The South Loop, that is home to the Mall of America, the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, 13 hotels, four Metro Blue Line LRT stations, an existing residential area, and significant new development opportunities. We'll be expecting extra visitors to the HC on *Transportation Day*, June 17, part of a week-long event called the **2014 Discovery Charette**, organized by the city to showcase all this neighborhood has to offer, as part of a long-range plan to transform the

South Loop into a densely-populated, walkable urban neighborhood that attracts residents, workers, hotel guests, and shoppers through its unique character. For a schedule of events: <http://btacmn.org/placemaking/images/CharretteSchedule.pdf>.

IN MEMORIAM

In recent weeks, we have lost several people who, in different ways, have helped shape the history of Northwest Airlines.

(listed in alphabetical order)

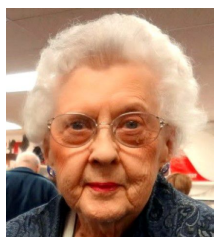


Photo: Karen Schmit.

MARIANNE BLOMQUIST 1922-2014. Died on April 24. A native of Waubun, Minn., and graduate of the Minnesota School of Business, Marianne was an NWA employee for 42 years, where she served as secretary to president Donald Nyrop. She was a long-time member and supporter of the NWAHC, and regularly attended programs and special events at the museum. In

June, 2011, Marianne was a featured speaker at the NWAHC *Coffee and Conversation* "Remembering Donald Nyrop" tribute. See REFLECTIONS Summer 2011:

http://nwahistory.org/newsletter/11_summer_special.pdf

The *Minneapolis Star Tribune* obituary:

<http://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/14069073/?fullname=marianne-blomquist>

A Tribute from Anne Kerr:

<http://blog.ladyskywriter.com/2014/05/marianne-blomquist-former-nwa-president.html>

ALBERT CARRIVEAU 1909-2014. Died on May 3. Al joined Northwest Airlines in 1942, and became Manager of Inflight Passenger and Food Service Equipment in 1967, a position he held until he retired in 1981. Al served on the Board of Directors of the NWA Federal Credit Union from 1964-1989, and was a founder of the NWAHC, serving on the Board of Directors since its inception.

The *Minneapolis Star Tribune* obituary:

<http://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/14072404/?fullname=albert-carriveau>

A Tribute from Anne Kerr:

<http://blog.ladyskywriter.com/2014/05/as-northwest-airlines-in-flight-food.html>

Mary Fryer, also a founder and board member, writes:

AL CARRIVEAU, MY FRIEND

"Al called me his friend for several years now. It was a privilege and a blessing to be his friend. I met him when he was on the Board of Directors for NWA Federal Credit Union (now Wings Financial) from 1964 to 1989. I've known him close to 40 years. Al was a true gentleman, always a pleasure to work with. When NWA History Centre began, he was on its Board of Directors, too. Al was always the quiet, calm voice of reason. His thoughtful decisions left their impact. Al spent countless hours working on various projects and day-to-day operations helping anyone who came. He would have been 95 on June 4th. I brought a birthday cake to the board meeting for his 90th birthday. He let us celebrate his birthday, but he let me know he wasn't celebrating birthdays any more. He was humbly devoted to supporting the History Centre. Al left his mark on the History Centre even though his name won't be evident. He was famous for his homemade little cart with wheels and a rope to pull it. He still used it at 90 to move things too heavy for him to carry. He was proud of his military service, his long career at

Northwest Airlines, his service to the Credit Union. He loved the NWA History Centre but most of all he loved his family. He was always telling me about trips to Portland, Florida, and around town to visit his family. One day we were at the History Centre and I was complaining about something. Then I apologized and said he shouldn't have to listen to this. He calmly responded, 'Mary, that's what friends are for.' He was a very good friend and I shall miss him very much."

Mary Fryer



Mary presents Al's 90th birthday cake. Photo courtesy Mary Fryer.

DAVID GALBRAITH 1938-2014. Died on Jan. 16, Eugene, Ore. A Minneapolis native, Galbraith was an eminent aviation historian who over the course of decades compiled comprehensive, detailed fleet lists and historical data for most of the country's airlines. A curator at the Oregon Air and Space Museum, he built 1000 aircraft models for their archival displays.

Anne Kerr, during her tenure as REFLECTIONS editor, regularly called on him for information, advice and insight, always generously given.



Anne Kerr, David Galbraith and Bruce Kitt. Photo: Robert DuBert.

<http://www.oasm.info/index.php>

STEVEN ROTHMEIER 1946-2014. Died on May 14, Naples, Fla.



Photo courtesy Anne Kerr.

Steven Rothmeier, born in Mankato, Minn., was a football star at Notre Dame, a Bronze Star-decorated Lieutenant in the US Army, and a supremely capable business executive, whose decades-long career included only 16 years at NWA, but what years those were! Becoming president in 1983, and chairman and CEO in 1985, he will be long remembered for

negotiating and implementing the 1986 merger of Northwest Airlines and Republic Airlines, fulfilling his belief that NWA had to become bigger to survive. Following the leveraged buyout of the company by Wings Holdings in 1989, Rothmeier resigned, and pursued other ventures until his retirement in 2012. An occasional visitor to the NWAHC, he donated several items of historic importance, including a sportcoat commissioned for him by the Boeing Company. See Neal St. Anthony's *Star Tribune* article, which focuses on his days at NWA:

<http://www.startribune.com/business/259620131.html>

For a comprehensive account of his complete career:

<http://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/14086190/?fullname=steven-g-rothmeier>

The story of the sportcoat: REFLECTIONS, June 2011.

Digital Edition Exclusive Extras

Scenes from the Sneak Preview of the new Delta Flight Museum during the ATL Delta Block Party, May 17, 2014.

Photos: Robert DuBert

The Delta Flight Museum is now open to employees and retirees, and will open to the public in June.

Hours of operation: Mo, Tu, Th, Fr, Sa 10a-430p,
Su Noon-430p. For complete information:

<http://www.deltamuseum.org/visit>

This museum is immense and very impressive. However, not all exhibits and displays are yet fully installed, so I suggest waiting until later in the year before planning a visit. RD



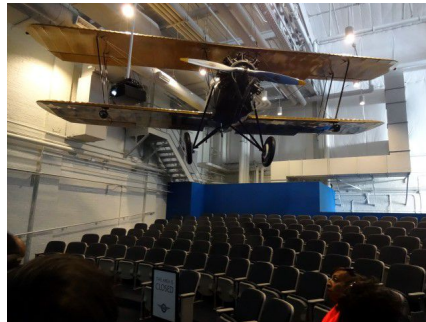
The museum occupies two original hangars on the Delta Headquarters Campus.



Delta CEO (and former NWA CEO) Richard Anderson presided over the opening ceremony.



Note: NWA retirees may take the Delta employee bus from ATL to Delta HQ and the museum. See the DeltaNet website for the schedule.



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