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Thank you for printing the thoughts of people who remembered Bill. It was very gratifying to read the kind words from you, [Gennie Cook](#), [Val Barrett](#), [Capt. Joe Henderson](#) and [Charles MacQuarrie](#).



Sincerely, Billie Keating P.S. My phone number is changed to (925) 899-0287 *****

Hi Jeane, Thank you for the prompt reply and placing the information in your alumni newsletter. [Nov 2011] Are the C-46 images used on the www.taloo.org website available? Image #s 14, 38, 39 and 40 are more than enough. The only one I know for sure is a C-46 is image #38, which is of the aircraft described in my book. Sincerely, Greg Liefer

Webmaster response: Hi Greg, Yes, you may use any image from our website. Please provide credit to the Transocean Air Lines Alumni Association website:

www.taloo.org Images # 14, 38, 39 & 40 are all C-46s. In addition to these images, you will find further images of C-46 E&F models by going to this webpage on our site: <http://www.taloo.org/aircraft.html>

Scroll down through the table to locate the specific aircraft and then click on the photo image links in the right column. Hope that helps, Jeane

Jeane, Thank you very much. The images on your website should be of sufficient quality for use in the book. They are most welcome additions to the story. Best regards, Greg Liefer *****

Thanks Jeane --per usual a wonderful newsletter. [Jennie Cook](#) *****

Doing family research, found passenger list on ancestry.com and remembered I had a picture of the plane I arrived in NY on Sept. 23, 1952. Tail number n75416 was Transoceanic bird. I was 7 months old. Anyhow thought I'd offer to e-mail you the picture...just need an address. By the way, nice site. Dan Schermerhorn

Webmaster response: Good Morning Dan, I'm happy you found our website and even more so to receive the image of N75416! Please send it to: jeanenbob@caltel.com I will publish your note w/ plane image in our next alumni newsletter (due out in aprox. 2-3 months). Where

did your NY flight originate from? Where there any other family members with you? Do you have any images of yourself or your family from that time period? I'd be happy to publish those along with your note and any other family member's account of this moment in history.

Warm regards, Jeane Kennedy Toynbee (Capt. Frank Kennedy's daughter)

Jeane...Here's the passenger list from the flight I came to the US on. My father was a Captain in the Army stationed in Mannheim, Germany after the war. He

AIR PASSENGER MANIFEST									
TRANSOCEAN AIR LINES									
OWNER OR OPERATOR: 75416 PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES									
AIRCRAFT: 75416 FLIGHT NO. DATE: 23 September 1952									
POINT OF EMBARKATION: Rhein Main Air Base POINT OF DISEMBARKATION: Idlewild, New York									
NAME IN FULL (Last and first)									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Family name-Given name-Full permanent address (1)	Age (2)	Sex (3)	Citizenship, passport No., and date of issue (4)	552 (5)	Person Weight (6)	No. Bags (7)	Reg. Wt/ps (8)		
1 Taylor, Gene	1/Lt	38	01541531 11-66-02, 04 11-66-35		190	8	190		
2 Taylor, Ella Mae	Mrs	37	PP-28909 Amer thru 40		170	-	-		
3 Taylor, Alan	Matr	16	" " "		60	-	-		
4 Taylor, Michel	Matr	8	" " "		50	-	-		
5 Taylor, Victor	Matr	5	" " "		40	-	-		
6 Taylor, Carol	Miss	18	PP-31518 Amer		140	-	-		
7 Donnelly, Joseph B.	SFC	30	RA8012016 11-69-79 thru 82		200	4	150		
8 Donnelly, Juanita	Mrs	25	PP-19488 Amer		91	-	-		
9 Donnelly, Joseph	Matr	6	" " "		55	-	-		
10 Donnelly, Richard	Matr	3	" " "		45	-	-		
11 Donnelly, Robert	Matr	3	" " "		38	-	-		
12 Donnelly, Patricia	Miss	11	" " "		28	-	-		
13 Schermerhorn, Arthur E.	Capt	35	01644748 11-66-20 thru 24		155	5	240		
14 Schermerhorn, Dorothy A.	Mrs	29	PP-15498 Amer		105	-	-		
15 Schermerhorn, Sharon L.	Miss	10	" " "		70	-	-		
16 Schermerhorn, Ruth A.	Miss	6	" " "		50	-	-		
17 Schermerhorn, Jay D.	Miss	7 1/2	" " "		19	-	-		
18 Edwards, Carl W.	Lt/Cpl	25	023502 11-62-14, 25, 19, 20, 21		170	6	175		
19 Edwards, Marye	Mrs	28	PP-11372 Amer - 11-69-83		125	-	-		
20 Edwards, Bruce	Matr	2 1/2	" " "		8	-	-		
21 Edwards, Patricia	Miss	2 1/2	" " "		30	-	-		
22 Fischer, Leonard J.	Maj	34	01634750 11-66-41 thru 44		165	8	260		
23 Fischer, Avelynne	Mrs	30	PP-33965 Amer		109	-	-		
24 Fischer, Stephen	Matr	9	PP-834 Amer		70	-	-		
25 Fischer, Emily	Miss	3	PP-33965 Amer		40	-	-		
26 Martin, Jacquelyn L.	Mrs	26	PP-7960 Amer 11-65-25 11-66-02, 02, 26		119	4	90		
27 Martin, Peggy L.	Miss	7	" " "		57	-	-		
28 Martin, Linda L.	Miss	5	" " "		40	-	-		
29 Martin, James R.	Matr	2	" " "		30	-	-		
30 Greene, Maurice W.	2/Lt	28	0999003 11-66-01, 05 05, 07		175	5	134		
31 Greene, Rose V.	Mrs	28	PP-16356 Amer 11-66-49		130	-	-		
32 Greene, Ronald W.	Matr	6	" " "		75	-	-		

brought my mother and 2 sisters over with him and I was born there. Dan *****

Thank you for the beautiful newsletter. Very interesting. Meanwhile the book about Oliver Andre Rosto has been published. See www.oliverrosto.com. Here is a digital link to the parts of the book: <http://www.digibrochure.nl/digibrochure/europeanairline/s/oliverandrerosto/magazine.html> - Perhaps of interest to your readers. Cheers, Rob Mulder *****

Upon my grandfather's passing I was given some old slides that he had and among them was one that I thought you folks might like to have included in your collection. Tail number N68961 don't know where or



when this was taken but the ramp has Phillipines A... on it. I have attached a smaller version of the image. You have a wonderful site, full of fun and fond memories Sincerely, Greg McCallister

*Webmaster response: Beautiful, Greg! Thanks so much for sending the image. I would like to include it on the Transocean website. Can you email the larger version of the image? What was your grandfather doing in the Philippines, do you know? ******

Dear Jeane, this thank you note is long overdue! I appreciate and enjoy getting the newsletter and forward it (I hope this is ok with you) to Peter J Marson in England. He is the author of the definitive Lockheed Constellation book and is in fact also researching the DC4/C54 for another book. A great aviation person. Am just wondering...did the Transocean Stratocruiser model I sent you complete its flight from Kerry Ireland to the Oakland museum yet? Am doing up my own library/mini museum here myself and thought of you and TAL! Very best regards, Donal Goggin

*Webmaster response: Hello Donal, We are more than pleased to have you forward our newsletter to anyone you feel would be interested in reading it. And yes, the Transocean Stratocruiser is proudly displayed at the Oakland Aviation Museum with much thanks to yourself for your kind generosity in sending it. How about sending a picture of your museum? We'd love to see how it's coming along. Warmest regards, Jeane ******

Hi Jeane, I would like to ask a favor if I can. In the November 2010 issue there was a letter from MJ Ekstrand, and it included a picture MJ provided that was

of my Mom, Erlie Sayers. She remembers MJ very well; knew her for many years, and she would love to get in touch with her. I would like to provide you my Mom's contact information and hope that you can pass it on to MJ in case she would also like to make contact with my Mom. Thank you, Brian Sayers

Hi Brian, Don't know if you've heard from MJ or not...I forwarded your email to her so if not, stand by. Btw...please tell me about the image you attached to the email. Who was the painter? How did you come across the painting? etc.



Jeane...My Dad had the paintings done by a painter in New York City; there is no signature on them and my Mom does not remember the painter's name. This was back in the latter 1950's. The paintings hung in Transocean's Rockefeller Plaza in NY. In 1960 we moved to London and my Dad was working for International Airlines. The paintings along with other belongings had been put into storage until they came back to the US in the early 1970's. My Mom kept the paintings until she retired 20 years ago and she gave them to me. I also have a wood TAL Boeing Stratocruiser model made of wood that my Dad had made for the NY office. Regards, Brian

Editor: What follows is my email exchange to John Davis, author of an upcoming book cataloging the history of DC4s...

Hi John, Just wanted to pass along the following DC4 info...Two new images of DC4s have been added to our website - N68961 & N75416. You can find them by scrolling down through the second table at: <http://www.taloe.org/aircraft.html> N68961 appears to be in the Philippines while N75416 may have been taken in NY. Take care, Jeane

Dear Jeane, Thanks for advising me on these new images, always good to confirm usage. I note that your

father flew N68961 between 1949 and 1952, and N75416 in 1953.

The power of the TALOA Newsletter is unequalled. Since the latest issue hit the newsstands I have heard from Val Barrett and Jesse Walton. Neither had anything specific on Transocean, but both talked about their aviation careers - all grist to the mill. When (if) I have time I want to send you some updates to the fleet lists on taloa.org, and also send some money to put into the Association's money box. As is usual, I really appreciate your help and assistance. John Davis *****

I am trying to find out anything I can on **Moreau Flying Service** which was bought out in 1950, located at Oakland Airport. I am West Moreau's grandson. Thanks, Marcus Moreau

Webmaster response: Hi Marcus, I'm publishing your email in our next edition of the TALOA Alumni Newsletter. Unfortunately, we just published an edition so it will probably be February before the next edition is ready. So...stand by...we'll try to get you some answers.

Jeane...I just can't thank you enough for your quick response and consideration. Would I need to become a member in order to receive a copy of the newsletter and or get a response? There is so little information out there on the web on my grandfather and he didn't talk about his 20 years of flying business at Oakland and San Francisco Airports. What I am trying to do is piece together a timeline and gather stories from pilots and relatives - memories of what they recall. I would really like to find out what was paid for Moreau Flying Service. The information must be somewhere. It is just part of the history I would really like to know. Thanks again for your help. Marcus

*Hi Marcus, I will add your email to our notification list. You'll receive word as each of our newsletters are published. Generally we publish about every 3 - 4 months. I've also attached our last newsletter. As you can see it was just published for November so another edition probably won't be out until after the first of the year. We'd be happy to enroll you as a member, that way you'll be sure to continue receiving the newsletters. You may choose either a year to year membership of \$20 each year or a once only Lifetime membership of \$100. Send to our treasurer: Pat Stachon Kearns, 15592 Maplewood Drive, Sonoma CA 95476. **And welcome aboard!** ******

Greetings, loved your site!! My family flew in a Stratocruiser non/sked or charter from New York (Idlewild??) to Las Vegas in early 1959. The night flight passed through severe T-storms with significant turbulence. Postflight, my dad, a private pilot, spoke with the captain who praised the inherent strength of the B-29 based airframe while lamenting the absence of airborne weather radar. I was but 4 months old and have no

recollection! But this never hampered my love for aviation and today I fly for UAL. I'm guessing this was a Transocean flight given the a/c type and timeframe.... any confirmation possible? Many thanks - given the state of the industry I was probably born 20 years too late!!!! Take care, Scott Becker

Hi Scott, We're glad you enjoyed the Transocean website and happy to receive the positive comments! As a child, I remember many hours of turbulent flight over the Pacific Ocean, often on our way to Hawaii. To me it was like being on a rollercoaster - fun & exciting. My sister, however, spent most of her time filling up the complimentary airline paper sacks. I've looked through my father's logbooks and haven't found an entry from NY to Las Vegas in early 1959. During that period of time, my father logged most of his hours between San Francisco, Honolulu, Seattle & Alaska. However, I will publish your note in the next edition of our alumni association newsletter and perhaps we'll get some answers for you. So please stand by

Hi Jeane. Thanks so much for your research and quick reply! I'll await a possible update from the alumni. As mentioned, my parents are absolutely certain the a/c was a Stratocruiser, but cannot recall the airline. They are quite sure it was a non-sked operation, so Transocean by default seems most likely in the December 1958 to possibly March of 1959 timeframe. Memories may fade with time, but your father's logbooks are an indelible link to your intertwined past. I would imagine they enhance the bond with him via a lively and diverse career. Take care, Scott Becker *****

My dad, [Hank Severin](#), was a navigator for TALOA until the bitter end. There is a photo of him at the Oakland Airport Museum display for TALOA, and just saw one in a book he did. He died over a year ago. I used to take him to Oakland or elsewhere for the reunions! Are there more photos of him? He lived in Cupertino California for over 50 years and used to commute to Oakland in a 1951 Ford. Thanx, Son Robert Severin
*Hi Robert, I'm not aware of any photograph, other than the one you mentioned at the Oakland Aviation Museum. In which book did you find a photo of your dad? We have very few stories by navigators circa TALOA days and would welcome any you could remember your dad relating. I would be happy to add these to our website & publish in our newsletter. ******

Submitted 1/24/2012: Hope all is going well with everybody. I haven't seen a TALOA Newsletter for December and January 2012 is about gone. Could I have missed the announcement? Take care. Regards, Mac ([Charles Mac Quarrie](#))

No, Mac. I only publish when I have at 6 - 8 pages, however it's gratifying to know that you are looking forward to each issue! To date, I only have 5 1/2 pages so

I need to collect more email & articles. Maybe toward the end of February I'll have 8 pages so stand by, Mac.

Thanks for the info, Jeane. My son is always on eBay looking for anything to do with TAL, SBW, & FTL. He came across a book written by a pilot named Mitchel (Nov 92) out of Connecticut. Mitchel flew with SBW and others early on as so many of us did. I always look to see if we may have crossed paths or with some of their crew members. Sure enough towards the end of his interesting story he mentioned flying with Wendell Hale, my first flight pilot in 1949 with TAL. One of the nicest persons one would ever meet – small world and exciting! I just completed my latest book for family and friends on my experiences of WWII, Middle East and Korean Airlift that involved TAL, FTL, and SBW. I enjoyed reliving what many refer to as the “Good Old Days”. (maybe a little bias) Ha!! Attempting to learn the art of story writing keeps my mind fresh or at least active. (90 years just around the bend.) Take care and keep up your excellent writing. My Best Always, Mac*****

Dear Jeane. Thank you for all you do for us “Taloans”. It is much appreciated by this Taloan as is the great style of your beautifully written newsletter! Best wishes, [Sam Mckee Mhoon](#) *****
*Thanks so much for the kind words, however, I learned a long time ago to just get out of the way and let you Taloans converse! Publishing all your emails keeps everyone in touch. Taloans have always had THE BEST stories!!! ******

Hello Taloa crews. I would like to prepare an article for *Propliner Magazine* (UK) on the movie *The High and the Mighty* and the TALOA DC-4s.



I discovered fascinating data on your site. May I use some of your data in my article by mentioning your association? Many thanks in advance! Yours sincerely, Fernand Van de Plas – Belgium

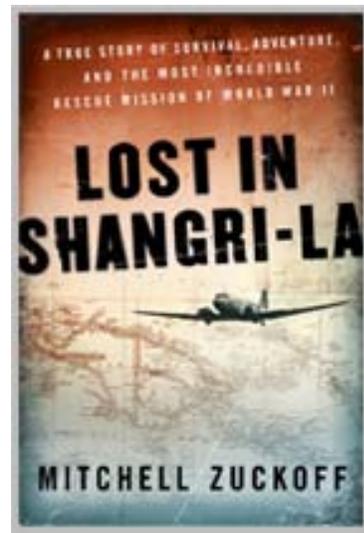
Webmaster response: Hi Fernand. Yes, you have our permission to use information found on our site. Please reference our organization and website as: Transocean Air Lines Alumni Association, www.taloa.org Let us know when the article becomes available and we'll feature the story in our alumni newsletter. The TALOA family loves to reminisce!
Regards, Jeane

Hi Jeane. Many thanks I'll keep you informed. Maybe I will ask for some 'action pictures' in the near future.

Pictures of TALOA aircraft are much easier to get in general. Enclosed two color profiles I made a while ago of Taloa Strats. Maybe interesting for use on your website. It's free of course. Kind regards & have a nice weekend, Fernand Van de Plas



Subject: An excellent reading Enjoyed your piece in the newsletter on Samoa. Thank you. Have just finished a fantastic book, *Lost in Shangri-La* by Mitchell Zuckoff. Are you familiar with it? Sounds like right out of Transocean, but one of the main characters(a true story of survival and rescue in WWII) is Colonel Ray T Elsmore-cofounder of Transocean. Best regards, [Carol \(Johansen\) Hill](#)



*Webmaster response: Hi Carol. Thanks for the book tip. Yes, it is a fascinating, true story of one of Transocean's colorful characters, Colonel Elsmore! I highly recommend reading this book!******

Subject: Whatever happened to Earl Parish. I hope he is okay. Thank you for managing this amazing web site. My name is Anna V. Johnson, I used go by [Anna V. Romo](#) when I worked as a cost accountant at the Oakland accounting office from the early 1950's until Transocean Air Lines closed down. Would you happen to have any information on what ever became of my supervisor, Mr. Earl Parish who was the head of the accounting department at the Oakland Airport?

Hi Anna. I don't have any information for you myself but I'm publishing your note in the next edition of the TALOA Newsletter so perhaps one of our readers will be able to

answer that question for you. If you'd like to become a member of the TALOA Alumni Association and receive advance notice of our newsletters please send \$20 to: TALOA Treasurer Pat Kearns, 15592 Maplewood Dr, Sonoma CA 95476. Lifetime membership are still available for a one-time contribution of \$100. Your membership helps keep the memory of Transocean Air Lines soaring! *****

Hi. You sure have a nice web site. I spent a few months on Wake Island back in 2003. It was there that I first heard about TALOA. Those were the days. Thanks, Ray Charlton *****



Letters to our Treasurer...

Dear Pat, I have been enjoying the newsletter the TALOA Alumni group sponsors and would like to join the lifetime membership category. My father was Roy Minson. Sincerely, Sharon Minson.

Editor & webmaster's note: Many thanks to Sharon! Her name is now included in our list

of "Taloa Kids" located at:

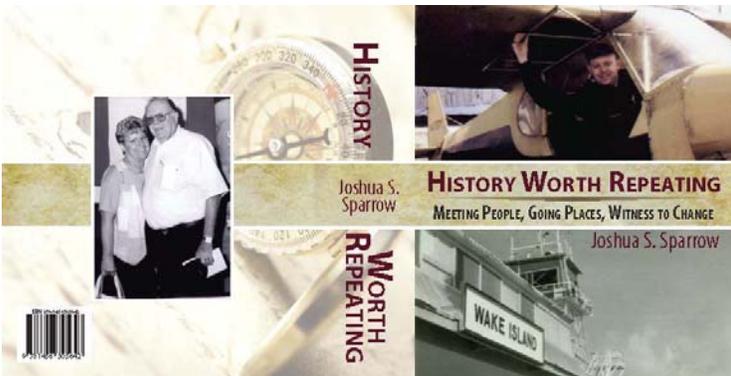
<http://www.taloea.org/members.html>

Cheers and best wishes for a super 2012! John Willhalm

History Worth Repeating

by Josh Sparrow

Read about the loss of TAL 806 between Wake Island and Midway. The author was a Coast Guardsman then and wrote the story for the newspapers back at home. Josh Sparrow's book can be purchased at Amazon and a copy is on exhibit at the Oakland Aviation Museum, Transocean Exhibit.



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Following is a list of kids & grandkids of TAL's former employees who have sent in a **one-time only** payment of **\$100** and became a **TALOA KID!** Their membership will fund the publishing of TALOA's website which attracts thousands of viewers every month!



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