

# PIEDMONT PRESS NOTES

**AUGUSTA** — Reporter **M. Plummer**: Greetings y'all. Not a whole lot new around here. Everyone is planning their vacations. Our manager, Sweet Ole **Bob** (we go mostly by initials here) **Bennington** just got back from sunny California. To hear him tell it, he's still fighting off Universal's movie scouts. Says Piedmont offers more job security. According to him, topless shows are pretty big out there. He went to one and returned flat-busted. Would you believe? **Van Berckman** is up in BAL on his vacation now. Be glad when he gets back. That will make this reporter's vacation that much closer. As it is now, we should get off about next January. But we hear the skiing is real good in Canada that time of year. Our chief agent **Jack "Tiger" Cluck** is finally learning to flip the switches to refuel all those 227B's somebody's been sending us. By the way, if you see Capt. Kozak, ask him what the signal for no outside power on a cut-two stop for a 227B is. That one won't make the manual. **Charlie "Flash" Bergamy** has gone into business as a car radio repairman. The customer removes the radio from the car, delivers it to "Flash," who repairs it and returns the radio to the customer, who then puts the radio back in the car. Talk about specialization. **Jim "Wrong Way Corrigan" Crank** managed to land the 150 Club's Cessna and not have enough fuel to clear the runway. Seems that he miscalculated by about two minutes. The fuel tanks were supposed to be dry upon arrival at the ramp.

**BALTIMORE** — Reporter **Bill Burton**: We have a new agent, **Louie Flora**, who is an "old hand" with Piedmont. Sound confusing? Not really. While on his tour of duty with the Coast Guard, at ECG, Louie spent much of his leisure time giving a helping hand to Piedmont's ECG station. Louie has a firm basic knowledge of Piedmont Airlines, which boosts him off to a flying start as a station agent to credit Piedmont Airlines. Had a surprise visit from Captain **Frank Nicholson** of INT and his lovely wife **Audry**. They were on their way to vacationing in Hawaii. Speaking of surprise visits, our District Supervisor, **C. B. Nutt** paid us a short visit and held a station inspection. We passed with flying colors? BAL gang went fishing in July up at Cape May, New Jersey, to see if the Yankee fish were as plentiful and gullible as the fish of the Chesapeake Bay. Opinions varied, but not for **Hank Eisenbath**. He thinks Yankee fish are okay. Hank not only caught the largest fish (12 lb. Cod), but won \$17.00 from a pool we held for the largest fish caught. Three of the BAL agents, **Howard Lewis**, **Tom Thompson** and **Carl Harrison** claim that southern fish are much better than Yankee ones. They headed south to Myrtle Beach but were in such a hurry to get there, they forgot to water Howard's radiator in his '62 Ford Station Wagon that got them as far as RMT. So there they were, stranded in Rocky Mount with tons of fishing gear, lots of food and a station wagon with a split block. It just so happened that Chief Agent **George Scherer** decided to take his long deserved vacation a few days before their trip to Myrtle Beach. George had plans of a peaceful stay at home. As he settled down in his most comfortable chair to watch one of his favorite TV shows that he rarely watches because of hours of work, there came a long distance phone call from RMT. George, being partial to the south for some reason or other, couldn't deny Howard, Tom and Carl the chance to prove that southern fish are much better than Yankee fish. To uphold the pride of the southern fisherman and fish, George drove Carl's car to RMT. The trip to Myrtle Beach was continued. George caught the next flight from RMT to DCA, only to return to work the following day.

**FAYETTEVILLE** — Reporters **Trick** and **Lew**: Welcome home, **Gene Shaw**. He transferred from Johnsonland. We enjoy his company and he adores Fayetteville even if Winston still sends his mail via Dulles. We also welcome three new agents in Res, **Sandy Fersak**, **Nancy Thomas** and **Al Smith**. We are very proud of our lead agents **Steve Boykins** and **Gene Shaw**. They just won't quit helping ladies who want to "fly now and pay later" to Seattle. **John Lasater** may be young at heart but he's getting no younger. A recent surprise birthday party helped to record that fact. And speaking of births, **Pauline Carter** is expecting a petite Piedmonitor soon. A shower helped bid her the best of luck just before she departed our station. We have quite a few artists among our people. Recently seen having a "paint-in" were **Tom Slappe** and **Jim Barefoot** who painted the Res Office green and operations a darker green with contrasting blue. It was so contrasting Jim repainted it just to soothe the frayed nerves of our even-tempered operations men. Everyone is happy to hear that **Robert Nunnery** and "Stonewall" Jackson's little boys are out of the hospital and doing fine. Celes frequented our station this month. Vaughn Monroe and Dee Dee Sharpe passed through our portals. Clyburn tells us that wigs are being shipped from Hong Kong in packages marked as cameras. Must close for this month, much work to be done. You don't believe us? — Check the statistics while we're enjoying our steak dinner.

**GREENVILLE - SPARTANBURG** — Reporters **Joel Bruce** and **Tom Finney**: After four months we are just about to get settled with the exception of two agents **Bob Harper** and **Ski Day**. They just can't seem to get the hang of working with more than one agent on duty. But we think they will come around soon. Ski will be working at LOZ on vacation relief during August. Our boardings are picking up but mail, freight and express are down. We have hopes that will pick up before long. Ya'll come to see us soon.

**HOT SPRINGS** — Reporter **Sharn Perry**: They say that no news is good news — by that reasoning there has been a lot of good news out of Hot Springs recently. It's easy to tell everyone has missed us, because we were given credit for Huntington's station news last month — not that we wanted the blame for Huntington. We thought someone was moonlighting when we started reading, then realized HTS was trying to capitalize on HSP's popularity. We won't disclose the source of the following, further than to disclaim all guilt personally. It does rather show our humorous, or should that be tragic, location!

"Before going up on Warm Springs Hill  
I take a tranquilizing pill  
That's the way it is and always shall be.  
"When I finally make it to the top  
My wheel's fall off—my motor's hot  
That's the way it is and always shall be.  
"I tried to catch a Piedmont plane  
And ended up on a C&O train  
That's the way it is and always shall be.  
That's the way it is and always shall be."

Wonder who really did write that? In case anyone is interested in transferring to HSP, consider the following facts: HSP has five agents, until recently four of those five had pregnant wives. These winters sure are H...eaven.

**LYNCHBURG** — Reporter **J. Hunt**: LYH has two new employees, **Dave Mayberry** and **Junior Nichols**. Junior happened to be working on one of those rough Piedmont days in the sky. When he opened an F-27 door to take off the luggage he noticed one of those white paper bags on the floor. Not knowing what it was, he asked another agent if it was cream. Lynchburg agents no longer drink cream in their coffee. **J. A. Woodruff** and wife spent five days in Riverside, California where Woodruff took part in the American Wheel Chair Association national bowling tournament. Woodruff placed twenty-fifth out of seventy-seven. Good rolling, Woody. It was Mrs. Woodruff's first flight. She enjoyed flying but said the windows on the F-27 seemed low and she felt like she was going to fall out. Delta Airlines gave a picnic for Piedmont employees here in Lynchburg. Plenty of food and refreshments of different types were offered. **C. R. Blackmon** spent his vacation at the beach. If these mini-skirts get any shorter the girls won't be able to sit down and the men won't be able to stand up. **Wally Carwile**, **Lloyd Jones** and **Claude Coats** spent a day in New York on TWA. They never did get to JFK but they all had a fine time in NYC. Now what they saw no one would say, but it was enough to last them awhile. **Guy Linn** and **Larry Fuda** are helping out the credit union by sporting new cars. Must be nice. **Charlotte Osborn** spent three days in the hospital, getting some of that Blue Cross-Blue Shield investment back. **Tom Tyree** spent his vacation at Smith Mountain Lake.

**NEW YORK** — Reporter **Eddie Jones**: Much has happened in New York since our last Piedmonitor report. We welcome our new sales manager, **Vince Dieringer** to Piedmont and our New York staff. Vince has been quite busy in the past couple of weeks in setting up his new office at 511 Fifth Avenue. It's a mighty nice office and a most distinguished address — naturally, to match the type service we take pride in providing our customers! Vince is a native New Yorker but is married to one of our fine southern girls. In fact, Loretta has him so well oriented that occasionally he's overheard using the "Y" all" in his conversation or sales technique. Our best wishes, Vince. We now have some mighty fine commercials on the TODAY SHOW in New York. They are of one-minute duration and most informative of our new service into New York. We've overheard several good comments concerning these commercials insofar as their content and quality. We feel sure they will help out in increasing our boardings each month. We've recently sub-leased some office space from Eastern and have moved in. This area consists of the Station Manager's office, a reception area, Chief Mechanic's office, a large area for storage of maintenance parts and supplies and a Crew Lounge. All is presently in use, except the crew lounge which required minor alterations and repairs and the purchase of furniture. This should be in use before too long. Our passenger boardings have increased a thousand a month or more since beginning of our operations in November, with

the exception of February. We hope to see this continue and even increase as more people hear of our service, through our new Sales Manager and advertising. This gives us all something to think about; when we operate in a new area or station, we naturally introduce many, many customers to Piedmont. We've got to give them the service that will bring them back—RIGHT?? Time Does Fly! Noticed in the last issue of our Piedmonitor that Dottie Elmore, among our very first stewardesses, had received her five year pin. Seems hard to believe that our in-flight services have had that touch of beauty for five years. Congratulations, Dottie! Our air freight sure has shown a great increase in our eight months at LGA. Interesting increases are: November—1,660; December—7,642; March—17,194; June—31,317. July will be another record. The boys at United are to be complimented on the handling of our air freight, too, as they are real pros in the industry. Just wish we knew as much about this phase of the airline as Ed Glinnin and his co-workers. They say they enjoy handling our freight but would enjoy it more if everyone would bear a little harder when writing your air-bills! Remember, messages concerning air freight to LGA are coded: LGAFFUA. Guess you have all noticed the cooperation of our Eastern personnel at LGA in doing so much to get our flights on time. It's amazing to see the reports of flights arriving late but leave on-time, which we realize takes a lot of work. We know you down-line stations appreciate Eastern's efforts in sending them your way on-time, too. Our fun city haze and ATC delays sure can cut into turn around times. Know those of you who've met Harry McCandless will be happy to know he has recently been promoted to Supervisor, Terminal Services. Certainly enjoyed the visit with all you non-revs during your familiarization trips to New York. Am sure you agree there is a lot to see and do in fun city, in addition to becoming familiar with various conditions at LGA for connections.

**RICHMOND** — Reporter **David Cain**: As well as being a new employee, **David Cain** is the new reporter for Richmond. We hope to give you the full report on the happenings here in the All America City. We welcome new agent **Al Frame** who is somewhere between the age of 21 and 30, for you single girls who may be unattached. Al is a native of Richmond. **David Cain** enjoyed a self conducted tour of INT early this month. He recommends the same to all new employees as well as the older ones. It was exciting and quite interesting. Agent **MacPherson** is on his way to San Francisco without flowers in his hair. We trust he'll have a great time and lots to tell us upon his return.

**ROANOKE** — Reporter **Don Conner**: **Merryman**, **Pitzenbarger**, **Berry**, **Kemp**, **Bowles**, **Jones**, **Helmick**. Do these names sound unfamiliar? Well, they should. They're all new ROA employees. **Ruth Shumate**, formerly of CRW, has joined our CTO staff. These, along with the rest of us veterans, helped ROA to achieve a record 16,404 boardings in June. The Operations Department stayed pretty busy that month as all 1,060 scheduled flights operated. True, a few were a tad late, but they operated. From the numerous inquiries we get concerning the whereabouts of flights out of ROA, it seems most stations assume that flights only land at ROA, never depart. (LYH swears it's the other way around, in the winter anyway). Flights really do depart from ROA, boys. It just takes us a while to figure out which one left. All the work of June brought on a rash of vacations. **Pete Martin** and **Rudy Kirkwood** are rumored to be in Florida, following the tiretracks of **Trish Gray** who just returned. **Don Vance** relaxed, in his own shade, by the lake. **Paul Shively** took off to goodness knows where, while **Don Martin** went native and camped out. **Aileen Aldridge** made another pilgrimage to the west coast. **Gerald Wingo**, who is spending his vacation supervising his house moving operation, showing up periodically to keep the hired help from getting too jovial in his absence. Winding up vacations, **Guy Mowbray** is presently incognito someplace, probably swimming to the aid of his former home, the U.S.S. Forrestal. Congratulations to **Frank Carroll** who was recently promoted to Lead Agent-Ticket Counter. Frank has just moved into a new mountain-top home (not unlike Hot Springs). Congrats are also in order for the new ROA Captains **Howard Thompson**, **Charlie Peavler**, and **Charlie Foster**. And of course, there's Captain "John-John" Best, a transfer from down ORF way, who has a bad habit of finding ½-inch bolts in nose wheels. **Jim Wilson** was the surprise house guest of **Rodney Bowers** recently. Jim, following typical airline passenger tradition, missed his flight to DCA. The ROA crew of **Downey**, **Bennett**, and **Faulkner** found themselves without a doctor in the house the other day and almost wound up playing stork. We didn't know a M404 could fly that fast, fellas! The fellow you see hobbling around on crutches these days is **J. W. Helms**. He has several different stories about how his injury was incurred, but the truth of the matter is that he learned how to water ski mentally but forgot to teach his feet. With Jay returning, **Dan Campbell** entered the hospital for an operation on his nose. In closing, **Don Conner** is still looking for the BNA announcement. We understand there are only 1436 guitar pickers left in Nashville and we're hoping for a transfer while there's a shortage. How about it, Mr. Best?