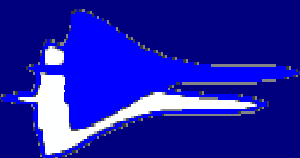
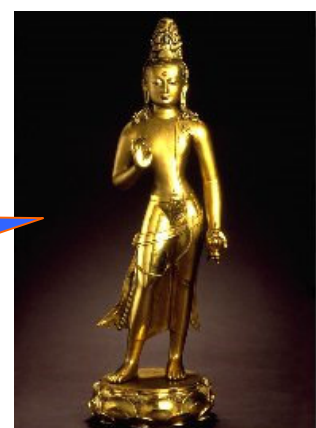
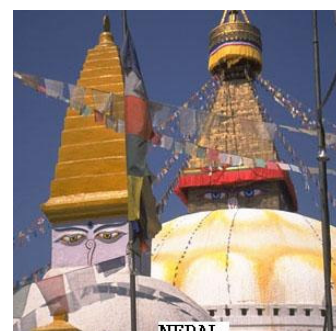
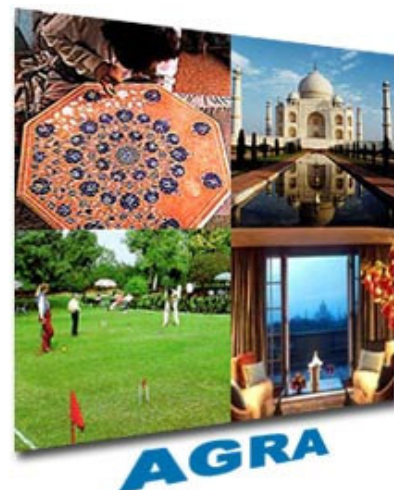


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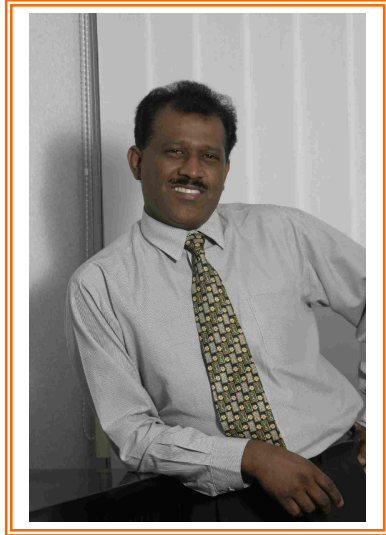
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President's Message

Dear all WACA friends,



Welcome to the World WACA News, 2005 edition. As a matter of pride I am contributing to this issue again and I am sure interliners will make good use of this communication tool to cascade down information to all the fellow members of your home

club, potential members joining us and to the Airline Companies or associated business partners to know much more about us, WACA.

Obviously one of the most pressing appeals is my personal invitation to you all to support our annual event, the **38th Annual General Assembly** to be held in Agra 10 - 15 September.

The WACA Executive Committee members as well as the members of the hosting club Delhi Interline Club are sparing no efforts to make this event a most successful one, but we count much on your attendance and participation.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Thai Airways International and the President and Executive Committee members of the Thailand Interline Club for bringing their contribution in the holding of the 38th AGA in India by providing ID tickets to all our interliners willing to attend the AGA in Agra. Make the most of it.

Our Vice President International Events and Special Projects will be pleased to welcome you in India as well with your donation of bed linen, towels and unused coins to support our philanthropic projects in India, in which we at WACA believe fully that it is part of our credo to help people in need and mainly those from the hosting countries we visited. WACA members are recognized as Peaceful Travelers and we want to bring and share these values wherever we go. The Airline Industry is and will continue to be a privileged partner of the Peaceful Travelers.

Year 2005 is a transitional year for WACA, we would like to seize this occasion to welcome the new WACA Headquarter Manager, Keith Miller, and with the various projects in the pipeline, like the WACA portal project, and the development of different products to offer to our interliners, we hope to reach the expectations of our dear members both as an individual and/or as a group. WACA EC members need your support to reach the goals set.

I would like to invite all our Members of Honor, past EC members and other well wishers to continue to come forward with suggestions of how we can improve, as there is always room for improvement.

Looking forward to hear from you all and see you in Delhi/Agra.

Yours Sincerely

Maga Ramasamy
WACA President

Editorial



Dear Interliners,

Welcome to the first issue 2005 of our WACA World News!

In this edition we will report to you about some of the many activities of our Association during the past few months.

The year began with a shock for all of us. The terrible tsunami rolled over South-East Asia and Indian Ocean Islands, leaving behind thousands of deaths, homeless families, orphans, hunger, illnesses and destroyed villages. Never before has a natural disaster caused so much affliction and agony. But never before has such a worldwide wave of immediate support to the affected area been seen. Governments, relief organizations, corporations and private people from all over the world joined in, sending out military, doctors and aid. Aircrafts full of medicine, food and linen arrived in the affected areas within a short time. WACA and most of our clubs also participated spontaneously and immediately after this terrible catastrophe, with special events to collect money and supplies. The clubs organized charity events, tombolas and collections. WACA created the special fund "Just for a Drop" to support a special project in Sri Lanka. On behalf of the Executive Committee I want to thank you for all your solidarity and support given in the midst of so much affliction!

Our industry is still trying to recover from all the well-known problems of the last years and many of you are feeling the consequences personally or in your clubs as well. But, we still had some excellent events during the last few months, some of them new to our calendar of events. Congratulations for the success of these events and to the organizers – you have done an excellent job!

Some new products have been launched by our Association, such as the WACA-Morning Teas and the WACA-Interline Festival. You will find more details in this edition of your WACA World News!

In the meantime some new airline clubs are being created in different regions and we hope to welcome many of new friends at our next AGA in Delhi.

Last but not least – our warmest welcome to our new Headquarters Manager. Most of you already know Keith Miller, Past President and Member of Honor of WACA. We are sure that Keith will give us the same excellent support as we have received from Aubrey Winterbotham during the last 15 years!

I sincerely hope to meet most of you in September in Agra to our AGA.

Yours in Interlining
Rosemarie Mamede

Vice President Public Relations

Has your Club already organized its WACA Morning Tea?

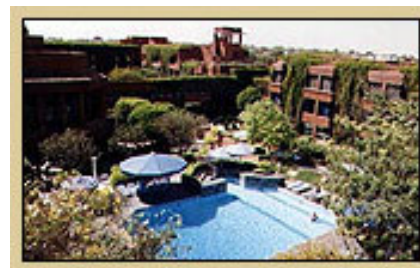
An Invitation

*John Aarons, Vice President Special Projects and International Events
is celebrating another Milestone in his life
on Saturday 30th July
and asks you to celebrate and assist WACA by inviting each Club to hold
a morning orafternoon tea Worldwide.
One member is asked to open their house for the function and each person attending is
asked to bring a food plate and a donation for WACA and their Club.
This way we can have a worldwide party and help inject some funds into our
organization.
And you can all have a drink for me.....*

Join us at our AGA in Agra, India!

Dear Fellow Interliners,

This year, between the 10th to 15th of September, the WACA General Assembly shall be held in Agra, India. It has been 17 years since the event was last held in this great country. In March, O-rathai Bhuddhamanupap RVP Far East Australasia, and myself visited Delhi Interline Club and inspected the sites of the 2005 AGA. We were pleased with the program plan and the facilities that are on offer. Both the Marriott Hotel in Delhi and the Mughal Sheraton Hotel in Agra are of a high standard; but the main draw of the AGA is its setting in Agra, with the magnificent Taj Mahal as its background. Visiting the Taj is worth the journey by itself and India, with its rich historical and cultural legacy, will provide memories of a lifetime.



In addition, the DIC have arranged for special pre and post AGA tours. For the pre-tour, the DIC have put together a wonderful package to Srinagar in Kashmir. Kashmir's natural beauty has few equals in the world and I am certain this will be a very popular package indeed. As for the post tour, the DIC have packages to Jaipur in culturally rich Rajasthan and perhaps, a side package to Katmandu in Nepal. All these to ensure you to take full advantage of the attractions whilst you are in the region.

For further information on the AGA, please visit the website of the Delhi Interline Club at <http://www.delinterlineclub.com>

Let us all make this AGA a successful and memorable one, and do not forget to submit your registration forms soon. The DIC and the WACA EC committee will be very pleased to assist you on any queries you may have regarding the upcoming AGA.

Happy Interlining!

Julian Chau
Secretary General

Bed Linen, Towels, Coins and Auction Items...

Do you still have some coins from your last vacations?

Do you wish to support an orphanage or an old people's home?

Do you want to assist those who lost everything at the terrible Tsunami?

If your answer to one of these questions is YES, don't forget to bring your coins, bed linen, towels and items for our big auction, along with yourselves to our AGA!

Many children and elderly people will be were grateful in receiving our donations!

New Headquarter Manager



We warmly welcome our new Head-quarters Manager, **Keith Miller**.

New to this position, longtime interliner Keith, who has occupied a number of positions on the Montreal Committee and the EC over the past 25 years, culminating in the Presidency from 1994-95, Keith brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience.

He was made a Member of Honour in 1994 and has been involved with several programs in our Organization, such as the Youth Program, the editing of our Constitution and Bylaws, and the WACA Website amongst many others.

Born in Leeds, England, Keith joined IATA in Geneva in 1977 and was transferred in 1979 to Montreal, Headquarters of IATA.

With his extensive knowledge of all WACA issues and his administrative skills, he will be able to provide the EC and all the members of WACA with excellent support from our Offices in the IATA-Building in Montreal.

Keith is succeeding Aubrey Winterbotham in this position, who after 15 years of exemplary service to the Association will now enjoy his well deserved retirement.

We wish Keith much success in his new activities!

On behalf of the **London Interline Club**, I would like to thank all of you for your kind messages and telephone calls after the disaster which struck London on 7 July.

We are well and as far as we know none of our Members were affected.

Nuala was in London but not in the area which was targeted.

We will get on and rebuild, but would ask all of you to encourage people to still visit London. We cannot let terrorism win.

Kind regards
Chris Orton

JOHN AARONS has asked to read this message and take notice to help contact relatives in case of emergencies as most of us travel so frequently.

"Following the disaster in London East Anglican Ambulance Service have launched a national "In case of Emergency (ICE) "campaign with the support of Falklands war hero Simon Weston and in association with Vodafone's annual life savers award.

The idea is that you store the word "I C E" in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency".

In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them.

It's so simple that everyone can do it. Please do.

Please will you also forward this to everybody in your address book; it won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life.

For more than one contact name ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc

Summer Letter from RVP North America



Dear All:

Here we are in the middle of June and it seems like yesterday we were in Tampa with the Florida Interline Club for our Regional Meeting. Trust you are all enjoying the summer months and hope you are getting lots of sunshine. Here in Calgary, it has been raining off and on for the last 14 days, which is very unusual for this part of the country. We did need rain but it can stop now. Some places have been experiencing flooding but thank heavens we have not had any. Everything is lush and green but we need some sun to make the gardens bloom. I have been spending a lot of time in my garden, boots and raincoat and all.

Since we are only a couple of months away from our AGA in Agra, I want to remind all the clubs to please get your credentials filled in and mailed on time so there is no problem later. If you have not received your credentials in the mail, please let me know as well as Aubrey at Headquarters in Montreal. Our new Headquarters' Manager, Keith Miller, will be taking over the helm towards the end of June and we can all make his job easier and the transition smoother

if we do our part to submit things on time and pay attention to deadlines. I hope as many clubs as possible will be sending delegates to the AGA. Don't forget the Elton Clifford fund is there to help clubs who may need financial assistance to get their delegates to the AGA. Just let me know how I can assist.

Since we last met, I have been busy with WACA related endeavors. May 15th, I took an early morning flight from Calgary to Vancouver so I could spend the day with the interliners taking part in the Vancouver Wine Tour. It was great to see so many happy people and good to see Ellie, Ann, Cathy, Marie and meet some people for the first time.

Sheila and team deserve a pat on the back for putting on such an excellent tour and I know they all had fun. Only wish I could have gone with them. However, that evening I returned to Calgary and left the day after to go east to Niagara Falls, where our Air Canada Pionairs were having their Annual General Meeting. I was delighted the organizing committee allowed me to have a table to give out information on WACA and talk to many of our retirees who showed great interest in our organization. I am still following up on these contacts and the good news is we have sparked some interest to form an Interline Club in the Greater Toronto Area. There are so many employees and retirees of different airlines living in and around Toronto that a club should be started. I have one young man who is interested in spearheading this and I hope to make it a reality. Also, the Texas Club is well on its way to becoming part of our family, thanks to the diligent work of John Bancker. With co-operation and a bit of work, we hope to welcome them in Agra.

From Toronto, Joe and I went on to Montreal and met up with Maga on the same flight. We were graciously hosted in Montreal by Aubrey and Kitty Winterbotham at their lovely home and had a chance to visit with other Mont-

real Interliners. Our purpose of course was to interview and confirm the hiring of Keith Miller as our new Headquarters' Manager and I know you all will give him your support as he takes over from Aubrey and assist him in any way we can to make the transition a good one. Regrettably, Keith's father had passed away in England and as he had to be away for a few weeks. We decided that the end of June would be the actual time to pass the torch. We all send our condolences and well wishes to Keith and his family.

I would like to thank Aubrey and Kitty for all their help and keeping everything running smoothly during this period and especially for their kindness and hospitality shown to all of us. You really do know what WACA is all about and the friendships made around the world. Thank you's come from our hearts.

While in Montreal, we were warmly hosted by Julio and Maud Seiz for lunch before heading to the airport. We had a wonderful time and it was good to meet their daughter Helen, whom many of you know. A big thank you to them and a big hello from them to all of you.

Now that we are home, I have been trying to catch up and keep on top of everything. I always think I am forgetting to do something. Our Calgary Interline Club have decided to once again present our Ski Package to Lake Louise next February 4-10th and we hope you will circle it on your calendars, if you like to ski or just enjoy the mountains and scenery. We hope to make it a success and be able to continue in the future.

So, until we meet again in Delhi, have a wonderful summer and keep in touch.

Elaine Miller

Regional Vice-President North America
World Airlines Clubs Association

Meetings and Tours around the WACA-World

Florida Interline Club welcomes the North American Region in Tampa

The weekend of April 29th brought the Interline Clubs of North America together in Tampa, Florida for their Regional Meeting. The "Sunshine State" lived up to their reputation and provided great weather to enjoy when our meetings were over. Congratulations must go to Poppy, Roy, Kiki, Shirley, Don, Earl and the rest of the Florida Interline Club for organizing a terrific weekend and keeping things running smoothly.



With 11 out of 16 clubs represented, we were able to have a lot of lively discussion and input from all parts of our jurisdiction.



On Friday evening, our opening cocktail party gave us all a chance to meet and get acquainted while we enjoyed good food and drink.

The following day was taken up with our meetings, but finishing at a good hour gave us time to have some pool time before joining other members of the Florida Interline Club for a great evening at Stumps Restaurant at Channel side. Our 50/50 draw enabled us to add \$65.00 USD to our Eric Moilliet Fund and other raffles throughout the evening helped with the fun. The music was great and after dinner we went over to another nightspot "Howl On The Moon" and enjoyed the music and fun of the dueling pianos. The evening ended with an old-fashioned trolley ride and short walking tour of YBOR CITY in the oldest part of Tampa.



Next morning, after breakfast, was time for departures and goodbyes and safe trips home until we meet again in Agra, India in September.

Elaine Miller

Regional Vice-President North America

TOURING THE VINEYARDS - MAY 15 - May 21/05

The Vancouver Interline Club has just completed another very successful five day, six night tour of the Southern Okanagan Wine district. The tour was made up of thirty-eight very happy interliners and one very exceptional bus driver. Folks came from Johannesburg, London, Manchester, Germany, USA & Canada.

Sunday - May 15th - They were welcomed to Executive Airport Plaza and their rooms for registration and a light dinner in the hospitality suite which for the most part was provided by the generosity of our Vancouver Interline Club members, that I would personally like to say thank you to all of you.

Monday - May 16th - Breakfast @ the Hotel then on the bus with a stop in Princeton for lunch at the Copper Mtn. Bar & Grill. Returned to the bus, then on to Oliver to the Southwind Inn, that was our home for the next three days. The bus was met by the hotel owners Mike & Joan, those folks made everyone feel so special. The hotel has two floors and they were kind enough to put our group on the two floors facing the pool and hot tub and the lawn and barbecue area. A very special thank you to Lori, Tosh, Tony and the entire staff that looked after all of our wishes.

Tuesday - May 17th - Today took us to four wineries, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. For lunch that day we went to a Chinese smorgasboard in Summerland that was organized by our late interline friend, Eric Moilliet's sister Lyn Moilliet who lives in Summerland.

Wednesday - May 18th - Had a tour at the only aboriginal owned & operated winery. Did not go on the desert tour because the rain started so went on to Osoyoos and let them shop, then to the Sage Pub for lunch. In the afternoon two more wineries then back to the Southwind Inn.

Thursday - May 19th - Left Southwind Inn on our way to Merritt Travelodge. Lunch was at a very famous pub in Peachland by the name of the Gasthaus. Stopped at two more wineries, then checked into the Travelodge. Dinner that evening was at the Quilchena Hotel built in 1908, which also has beautiful rooms and suites that you can rent.

Friday - May 20th - Heading back to the Executive Airport Plaza for our last evening. Dropped into the historic town of Fort Langley for a couple of hours. After a rest in the hotel then out to the Charthouse restaurant in Steveston for our last dinner, had a wonderful dinner, back to the hospitality suite to say our goodbyes and have some refreshments and our famous 'moosemilk'.

This was the fifth tour that the Vancouver Interline Club has organized since 1991. I would personally like to say a very special thank you to the three ladies that helped myself in putting this together, Ann Harward, name tags, registrations, etc. etc., Pat Lindeman, emailed the wineries, etc., Arlene Fankhauser, who organized the lunches etc.. I set up all of the Hotels and the Bus company etc. etc.. The four of us worked together as a team, took us a year to plan and we had community lunches at my home with wine refreshments.

Thanks to each and every one of you for signing up for this tour. I would also like to say a special thank you to our great driver.

Thanks also to the hotels, restaurants, pubs and wineries that helped us by going the extra mile.

Yours in interlining,
Sheila Read



Palestine Interline Club

On 27 of January the Palestine Interline Club received Interliners and friends for a nice dinner.



Friendship Weekend With Jordan Interline Club in Zürich

Dear Peter

Napoleon said "Behind every great man is a woman" so you are great, honest and proud of your beautiful country – Switzerland. I am very proud to have a friend and brother like you!

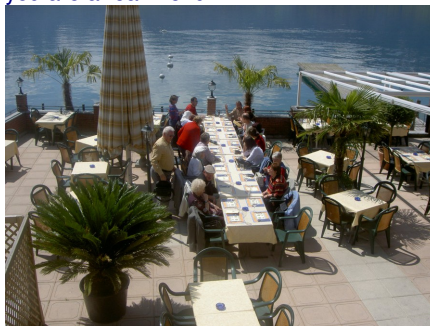
Mrs. Gilardoni is the woman behind the great man Peter, Heidi, you did a hard job really well. I don't know how you managed. Up early every to prepare breakfast, looking after us all day and then the excellent dinner for 20 was perfect.



Ria, Trudy, Hans, Hilde & Eugene, Ernest & Heidi, Irma, Emil, all working as part of a team, from day one when we were met at airport by Eugene and Ria, until the final day when you took the interliners to the Airport early in the morning for departure by train or by plane.

Inka, I don't know what to say, what a hard worker, working every day from 0700am to 0700pm and in the evening helping your Mother to entertain us. Also big thanks for doing the lovely sightseeing tour of Zürich.

Ria, a special thanks to you for taking care of my daughter, and for accompanying the JIC group all day in Zurich, it was so nice and to talk to you at the departure gate - you are a real friend.



From day one the sightseeing was wonderful, the Rhein Falls is one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen in my life, the Mountains, the Restaurant at the Lake was marvellous, the views were unbelievable, then the cheese factory, the sight where we entered a narrow place like Petra and the boat trip for two hours on the lake, the City of Zurich is very beautiful. Finally the shopping, lunch at the roof Garden and the visit to the beach on Lake Zurich with our friend Ria was just perfect. On the final day the breakfast with champagne was lovely and the tour was very beautiful.



I know I missed a lot of things, please forgive me, because for me it was just like a dream and now I am awake and I can't remember everything in perfect detail.

I hope that I didn't forget any one of you and this message is just to say "Thank you all for your perfect and excellent hospitality".



On behalf of Jordan Interline Group

YOUSEF

DODO'S NEST 2005

A group of 10 IACZ members started from Zurich on 3rd June 2005 to arrive at Plaisance Airport, Mauritius the following morning. The island presented its European guests a wet reception. But some of the more knowledgeable tourists with the experience of several stays to the Indian Ocean area would tell their friends that rain in this region is of short live only.



After a very warm welcome by the local WACA-members, the visitors headed towards northwest to find their accommodation in hotel MARI-TIM based closed to the village of Balacava. The enchanted hotel with its own beach and small harper seemed to be the right place to spent your holidays, doing some sports in the open air or spent your time in the water, while swimming or diving in the more than 25°C ocean. An indoor sports centre is available to and a qualified wellness department is offering the „delights of Ayurvedic massages.

The 350 hectares large hotel ground is ideally situated alongside of a small river having a cascade, an old pirate residence (now being reconstructed) and a zoo with 250 years old giant tortoise to attract and amuse children. Moreover, a 9-hole golf ground and 2 tennis-courts are available and are kept in a very professional state.



The nice architecture has provided the restaurant an opening towards the sea, offering its guests a closed contact to the exotic garden and to sparrows and collared doves an invitation to a meal, fighting for it on your breakfast table. Always friendly and helpful waiters

added their part to make the foreigners feel well. Quite some of the guest – 360 per year -obviously felt so well kept that they decide to choose the hotel for their wedding ceremony and wedding party.

Our trip to the Midlands, an obligation, led us first to the 1820 built EUREKA, a colonial house, being a museum today preserving the British and French heritage of the island. Further towards the south the lake district in the area of Le Petrin houses the holy place for Hindus, gave us a fresh welcome so that not even a foot wash was recommendable. Instead, we plunged directly into the green jungle of the Black River Gorges that demonstrated to us its wildness and savagery. The jump over the rock obliges the water to fall hundreds of meters deep into the abyss of a green hell and seemed swallowed and vanished for ever.

More European and Asiatic guests from WACA and IACZ joint us, and were



given a splendid welcome by all of the responsible crew of WACA Mauritius at the hotel. Now, being complete, the big party could start. Everyone was keen to learn what kind of a program we might have around the banquet in the evening, knowing that our Mauritian friends never

lacked for ideas. A short presentation of the events out of the past months, combined with a warm gratitude to all of the active people within WACA was followed by a firework of music and dance performances of the best of dancing groups of the country. No wonder, no one would have liked to remain seated after all these presentations. Samba time was on till early in the morning.

Another highlight organised by Maga and his friends was a gorgeous trip on two catamaran boats to an island off shore, a place



ideal for divers and surfers enjoying the crystal clear water or the richness of the sea ground. By eating grilled chicken and having some drinks the way back seemed a lot shorter than when coming. Caribbean rhythms did a good job to ensure the already developed friendships.

When time came to say good by our thoughts were reflecting the days and evenings we relished, having witnessed the sunrises and the lovely sunsets, enjoyed the tasteful meals and the enriching encounters. Mauritius, an island of 1 Mio inhabitants, has given us enthusiasm, by far enough to already plan coming back one day.

Dieter W. Kaufmann

European and Africa, Indian Ocean and Middle East Regions met at the very top of the World in Svalbard

After the success of the last years, the European Region and the Africa, Indian Ocean and Near East Region decided again to have their Regional Meetings together. This time it was the turn of the European Region to host the event and our friends prepared something very special and different for us.

Let the comments and photos tell you about this great venue!

Dear Lill & Sissel,

This message is addressed to all Members of Oslo Airliners club,,I will start with a BIG THANKS to LILL & SISSEL, as without them, we would have never reached such a beautiful Area "Longyearbyen, Svalbard Norway"

We could not reach this AREA without the assistance and contribution of the SAS Braathens Airlines. Big thanks goes to SAS Braathens and special thanks goes to Sissel. My self as RVP AIM Region I will never forget that Sissel did a Great Job to manage all these tickets, with very special rate for all participants. Without your efforts we will not have reached such a unique place in the World.

Lill ,,So the fairytale came true, we really experienced a true fairytale in Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway. Thank you.

We were 63 interliners from Europe and Africa-Indian Ocean Islands & Middle East,,that wanted to Experience this Small Island ,,so full of adventure and beauty...

The fairytale ends- but the memories is there forever.

Thank you OSLO AIRLINERS CLUB for giving us this special memory and showed us true interlining.

Yousef a. Yousef

RVP Africa-Indian Ocean Islands-Middle East (AIM)

Dear Lill and Sissel,

A big thank you from me personally and Maria Tofaridou for the unique and wonderful experience you have offered us. We do realize and appreciate all personal efforts made and time spent to make your event a success. Sincere congratulations. You have delivered what you promised to do. Expectations were met. Congratulations ladies. Keep up with the WACA spirit.

Stella Savvidou,

Cyprus Interline Club



Dear Yousef,

Thank you for your email to Sissel and Lill - you express our sentiments 100% -the snow may melt -days turn to darkness but our memories will remain with us forever -a once in a lifetime experience.

Regards

Viv and Lorraine

Dear Lill, Dear Sissel,

Hello.. Hello!!!

Well, I am back to work.. back to reality!!!

I would like to thank you both for the great job you did and for choosing Svalbard as the meeting place.. thank you for giving me the chance of knowing this beautiful island.... by the way, I took very nice and unique photos while on the ship...

My best regards and thanks to IC Oslo members..

Carmen Thouny

IC Lebanon, WACA Rep

My dear friends,

Is it true, that we had only 3 full days in Svalbard? I can't believe it - but that have been so wonderful and unforgettable days! What you have offered us was something very very special and unique, and will be always in my memory. I have enjoyed these days, the nature, animals and birds, new impressions ... but also the great friendship and support I got from you all friends.

You have done a fantastic job, excellent organization and detailed planning. Thank you so much for everything!

Danke schön!!!!!!

Rosemarie Mamede

VP Public Relations, WACA

Dear Lill, Dear Sissel,

On behalf of the Svalbard participants of the Interairline Club Zurich I would like to thank both of you and Oslo Airliners Club for this wonderful event up in the north of Norway. We have spent an unforgettable time in this breathtaking part of Norway.

At the same time I would like to take the opportunity to thank SAS Braathens who gave us a chance to make this dream possible: we have spent 4 days at a place where the sun "never went under", it was daylight all the time, an experience we will never forget!...We have much appreciated this generous offer of issuing tickets on SK/BU.

At the same time we felt again what interlining really means!

Coming back to Oslo I spent some days with Norwegian friends at the south coast and some days in the lofty mountains before returning back to Zurich.

Once again, thank you so much for all the efforts and the generous offer to make this event a big success, which we will forget!

Yours in interlining,

Mia Zwahlen,

Waca Representative. Interairline Club Zurich



Skiweek April 3rd to 9th 2005 in Graun, Südtirol

An adventure week for skiers and non-skiers – that's what the invitation of the Interline Club Zurich promised. And they made their promise come true. We experienced a wonderful week with varied activities in the border triangle of Italy, Switzerland and Austria. Ria and her team had everything well organized including the wonderful weather and we speculated that Ria might have some special connections to Petrus himself.

Most of us arrived early on the 2nd of April in Zurich and were accommodated by host families. Other partici-



pants came by private car directly to Graun and gave the ski slopes an advance try.

We enjoyed the 5 hour bus ride from Zurich to Graun and time flew as we listened to our bus driver's jokes and interesting stories and details about the places we passed. Since the weather was good we benefited from the pass over the mountain instead of the Arlberg tunnel and enjoyed the lovely view and the impressive panorama. Our competent "bus ride attendants" Ria, Mia and Heidemarie even provided a snack after takeoff as well as drinks.

The hotel „Traube“ became our home for the following days, a very agreeable and comfortable accommodation. Rooms were allocated to us and we still had a little time to investigate the surroundings and the lake. Graun is a village that has been relocated from its original site in 1949 because of a storage lake for power generation was build. From the old village only the church steeple is left, today

surrounded by water, as a reminder of the village's fate. The inhabitants were resettled and their houses were demolished. Some remained in the new village like the father of our landlady, but many moved to other areas. Nobody at that time had been happy about this decision. -

Before dinner we were invited for a welcome „Apero“, daily between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. With a drink in one hand we had time to mingle, to chat and get to know each other. On the first evening Ria and Peter greeted us all and made the introductions. After a delicious meal – a rich salad

buffet, starters and main dishes to choose from and all this topped by luscious desserts (if any room was left in the tummy) we went to bed, happy and full.

For non-skiers a sleigh ride to the Melago-Alp was planned for the 2nd day. Unfortunately there wasn't enough snow for the sleighs and so we walked to the Alp after the bus dropped us off at the end of the village. There we stocked up on sunshine, enjoyed lovely food and drinks, chatted along and had a good time. In the evening, after Apero and dinner, we were offered tombola tickets. The proceeds of the sales went to the charity fond of the club. Here again, Ria had some wonderful surprises for us.

The next morning was free at our own disposal. In the afternoon we went to Samnaun for duty free shopping. This was well used and some returned to the bus with a full load of goods. On the way back Kurt, our bus driver, offered to us Campari and orange juice and Philipp distributed sausages to everybody – what a lovely gesture. And a very entertaining return. This evening, the group from cologne sponsored the Apero, Kölsch and blood sausage, of course. This was very much appreciated by all and everyone.

„Einkehrschwung“ was the name of the hut on Alp Schöneben where we had our Lasagne lunch on the patio the following day, again with beautiful sunshine. Wine and water were sponsored by the club. Musical entertainment was provided by two Tyrolean originals characters, playing guitar and accordion. There were lots of laughs, singing, „schunkeln“ (swaying from left to right – sorry, no translation into English language possible. Sounds drunk, but these movements are done on purpose) and jokes were told. This evening it was Disco-night and some didn't retire to bed before 4:00 am.

Next day free time once more for the non-skiers and most of us used it for a trip to Nauders. With the ski bus we drove to the ski station and walked from there at an unhurried pace to the village of Nauders. After a coffeebreak and sightseeing we returned to the station. This time walking was hard work because we had to fight against a strong wind – we were victorious and had even more reason and a feeling of achievement when we enjoyed our evening of music and entertainment.

For the last day a trip to Meran was planned. A colourful market, a shopping spree downtown or spending time sightseeing – everything was possible and everyone spent the day to his liking. The drive (1.5 h) led us thru the Vinschgau, the world's largest production area for fruit as Kurt explained to us. Again we learned many facts worth knowing about the places we passed.

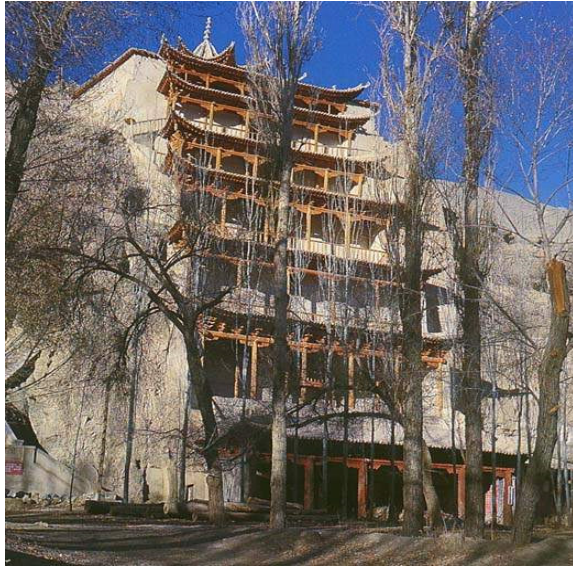
That evening it was time to say good-bye and thank you to all who made this stay so extraordinary. Frank Miller proposed to rename the „Skiweek“ into „Snow, Sun and Fun“. In my opinion this name is down to the point. Thank you, Ria!

Ute Betz
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The Silk Road From Xian, Shaanxi Province to Kashgar, in the SW Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, of China

Both Michael Ryan and Gay Robinson have written detailed reports of this wonderful tour. If you want a copy of the full report please request it to the WWN-Editor or to Heather Voget (heathray2@optusnet.com.au).

The China expedition was a great success as a good time was had by all. It was really an adventure as great distances were covered in a relatively short time. Two train rides of 22hours and 10hours, a bus ride of 10hours and four aircraft rides took the group along the Silk Road to the furthest point of China in the North West corner.



There were camels and Kazak ponies to ride, huge sand dunes to slide down, beautiful oases and trellised grape vines to shade an idyllic luncheon.

Antiquities were at every stop and the modern explosion of Chinese showed where the next superpower was being born. The large group rode in two buses, with the Sydney group filling one.

However this separation was compensated by the intermingling at meals, entertainment and at the hotels and sights we visited. The food and accommodation was very good. The Chinese breakfast at a couple of the hotels left a few of us longing for our cornflakes. The hotel at Dunhuang was an experience. It was built like a fort with large surrounding walls and watchtowers. We had a magnificent breakfast on the rooftop dining area as the sun was just rising. It was a place that we could have gladly spent a day taking in view of the surrounding sand dunes and their background snow covered mountains.



Shopping both on the Silk Road and Shenzhen caused some of the group to "shop 'til you drop" or "run out of money". All got great bargains! It was agreed that the trip was a terrific experience and the organization provided by the Hong Kong group was "first class". We thank the two leaders, Julian and Diamond for their much appreciated effort.

Michael Ryan



Airline Club Thailand Charity Golf Tournament 2005



Mr. Vadhana Paradorachai , Vice President, Radisson Hotel Bangkok, Former President, Airline Club of Thailand, presided over the official opening of a Charity Golf Foundation, which was organized by the Airline Club of Thailand, at Dhupatemiya Royal Thai Air Force Golf Club. The winners were awarded A Royal Trophy from HRH Princess Galayani Vadhana.



Her Royal Highness Princess Galayani Vadhana granted a royal audience to Mr. Vasing Kittikul, THAI's Executive Vice President , Commercial department and President Airline Club of Thailand and committee to present proceeds of 150,000 baht from the Airline Club Charity Golf Tournament for the Princess Mother Medical Volunteer Foundation. On the same occasion, the Princess also presented a winning trophy to Team Leader, at Villa Vadhana Royal Palace, Sukumvit 47

Far East and Australasia Region met in Colombo, Sri Lanka

The 1st Far East & Australasia Regional Meeting was hosted by Sri Lanka I.C. in the heart of Colombo City. The meeting was set at the Intercontinental Colombo Hotel by the beach, we could walk along with the cool breeze from the Indian Ocean and enjoyed the scene of the pool and the sea when we had our lunch. We received warm welcome from the President Ms. Onalee Perera and all the committee of SLIC at the meeting room on the top of the hotel with beautiful view. Even though six clubs out of nine attended but we received reports from all nine clubs together with a special report from VP Inter. Events & Special Project (John Aarons), and attendance of Julian Chau, Secretary General of WACA and delegate from HKG IC, the meeting had a fruitful and satisfactory discussion. The Waca Tsunami Fund is still needed by SLIC, Ms. Onalee & Mr. Ranjeeva will rush propose the specific charity mission plan in details to John for EC's approval.

The host SLIC surprised us with a farewell dinner at a Local Club's Dance Party with 180 attendants. The party was lively and special. We also met many old friends, such as former RVP Mr. Deannath and made many new friends too.



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RVP Far East & Australasia



Do you Remember ?

In this new section of WACA World News we want to remember the "good old days" from the early days of our Association.

Do you still have old pictures, old reports or stories to tell us? Do you have good memories and want to share them?

Please send us your articles!

Today we start our new section by remembering all our past presidents. Each one of them has stamped their own mark on our Association and made it what it is today!

1966-1968	Dieter Friedrich	(NCE; TW)
1968-1970	Henry Williams	(LON; PK)
1970-1972	Ibrahim Jamal	(BEY; ME)
1972-1976	Jal Daroowalla	(BOM, ME)
1976 – 1978	Gerry Philbrook	(YMQ, AC)
1978-1980	Malai Sakolviphak (e)	(BKK, AA)
1980-1984	Gerry Philbrook	(YMQ, AC)
1984-1986	David Larkin	(LON, BA)
1986-1988	Julio Seiz	(YMQ, AC)
1988-1990	Wally Gibbes	(AKL, NZ)
1990-1994	Marjorie Homenick	(YWG, AC)
1994-1996	Keith Miller	(YMQ, XB)
1996-2000	Ramzi Shuwayhat	(AMM, RJ)
2000-present	Maga Ramasamy	(MRU,MK)

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