

Silver Eagles Newsletter

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Two new members this month. A voice from my personal past and a voice from my “personnel” past.

New Members:

Cliff Zimmerman – A neighbor and occasional carpooler from NTSB’s Pipeline and HazMat Division. We ran into each other biking on Burke Centre’s bike paths to and from the farmer’s market. Not literally! He is currently working with DOT’s Office of Pipeline Safety.

Bob Pyle – He was in NTSB personnel for about 20 years. “I now live at Innisbrook Golf Resort about a mile from the Gulf of Mexico in Palm Harbor, Florida...kind of a strange Florida location in that it has real rolling hills for about 5 miles kinda like No Virginia...it is near Clearwater...been in Tampa Bay area since 1999...”

I left NTSB at a very bad time for me as my wife was very sick and I did not like the direction and activities of the NTSB leadership in 1998/9, but for her health and mine time to go...I did not get to say the good-bye to everyone I would have liked as they were so special to me having been at NTSB for over 20 years...but, I am happy to say my wife has recovered well from her illness back then although she still has it and I am in pretty good health for a 68 year old guy...my wife and I met at NTSB... [Georgette Conneen/Terembes] worked there for about a year, and have been married 25 years this October...”

He also mentioned getting in touch with Hector to get information on cruises for his 25th wedding anniversary. His address is in the contact list.

Miscellaneous:

Jay Kivowitz’s ashes were placed at Horseshoe Curve near Altoona, PA. Following is the photo of Jay, who passed away in February, on the cab of ex-PRR Steam Locomotive No. 1361 (Class K-4s). Taken April 12, 1987, Tyrone, PA. The locomotive engineer is William Withuhn, who, at that time, was Director of the Transportation Smithsonian, in Wash. D.C. The locomotive operated 1987-1988 and was later sidelined for mechanical problems. It is now under restoration by Railroader's Memorial Museum, Altoona, PA.



Photo by David Seidel.

One quick question for my near future decision: Turning 65 next August and will begin Medicare. Do any of you know which government medical insurance plans work exceptionally well with – or exceptionally badly with – Medicare? Any advice???

Autumn is starting! Out of the frying pan and into cooler weather!

Jim Henderson