

Silver Eagles Newsletter

April 2012

As you know, we almost didn't have a newsletter this month, but a couple of members stepped up! Let's see if each of you can send me at least one update, favorite clean joke related to NTSB or retirement, or photo (I love photos!) a year! Okay???

New Members: None

Board News: None

Member News:

Bob Trainor - I can't help about the 1978 United accident, but I was at the intersection of Rt. 50 and Old Centreville Road (about 1/2 mile of Rt. 28) for the Discovery fly-by. Susan and I saw the initial approach of the carrier plane and Discovery about 9:45 am. WTOP was reporting the arrival time about 10 am. By the time we were positioned at our vantage point on Rt. 50, the fly-by over the District was underway. So we waited, and we weren't disappointed. The plane and Discovery were on approach to Dulles with the wheels up so we knew we would be treated to another pass. Discovery and the 747 looked to be less than 1,000 feet, and they went right over us. The next pass the wheels were down, but the view was again spectacular. They landed about 11 am. A great experience.

I am enjoying retirement greatly. It is so nice to set your own agenda. However, so far, I've been busy catching up with finances, taxes, medical appointments and family matters. My older brother Tom died on March 29. He was diagnosed last summer with liver cancer and was not well enough at that time to come to my Dad's funeral last July. Things are settling down, and I hope any future travels this year will be for pleasure.

Jim Henderson – I was sent a photo of the space shuttle from a fellow observer on the Burke railroad station parking deck.



Chris Voegle - We are moving from our home in Jasper, GA as we bought a home in Punta Gorda, FL on the Gulf of Mexico. I will send you any contact changes once the move is complete.

Ron Schleede, Eunice Bellinger, Julie Beal and Betty Scott offered help or advice to the Canadian TV station. If anyone know how to contact **Matt McCormick**, Betty said that he was the group chairman for Human Factors.

Jim Henderson