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Silver Eagles Newsletter

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Silver Eagles,

One new Member this month thanks to Ray Smith and Eunice. I envy her being able to attract hummingbirds. My feeders only attracted ants. Also, a big thanks to Corky! Keep the bears outdoors! I do love member news – so please, PLEASE send more!! – and keep an eye out for NTSB alumni!

New Member:

Bea Hardesty

Board News: None

Member News:

Bea Hardesty - I'm a very busy person--nothing important, nothing special- I feed and clean stalls for my younger daughter's three horses and then I go help my oldest daughter feed and clean paddocks for the alpaca. I have two Jack Russell dogs - one is deaf and the other is blind and has diabetes (a lot of work especially at night - late at night - 1, 2, 3 and 4 o'clock). I feed about 20 hummingbirds and I have about 10 fish in a 70 gallon fish tank.

I'm still canning every summer-- tomatoes, pickles, green beans, jellies of all kind.

Oh, I seem to be rambling, so I'll stop for now. (*I assured her that rambling is great – esp with old friends.*) (Her contact info is on the attached contact list.)

Corky Smith - Patty and I just became great grandparents on the 14th. Madelyn Grace Pickett entered the world at Fort Bragg, North Carolina at 6 pounds and 19 and ½ inches long. Her father Adam is a Special Forces Commander and her mother is a nurse. I went out to Cloudcroft New Mexico last month to visit my brother who retired from law enforcement. He lives in the mountains at 9,000 feet. Every other night we would have a visitor show up at the back porch who would take Daisy the dogs dog food. It is a brown bear which he has named BOO. Another bear showed up with its cub under my bedroom window which is patriotic so I have sent you some photos. (See Corky photos.)







News from **Ron Battocchi** about:

Charley Pereira built, owns and captained the boat that landed the largest tuna in the White Marlin Open. The fish was worth \$ 573,000 shared among the crew and anglers who teamed up for the week long White Marlin Open tournament. Charlie is on the left holding a fin of the tuna in the attached photo. When not building things on the Outer Banks, or running his restaurant, the Orange Blossom Cafe, in Buxton North Carolina, or fishing the coastal waters, Charley resides in D.C. with his wife, Lisa, and brand new daughter Sophia. And he still does accident investigation work. Busy man. (See photo Charleytuna.)

Jim Henderson and my wife, Cindy, got on the jetsetter website for a last minute vacation and did coastal Maine and Martha's Vineyard. We stayed a couple of wonderful resorts for less than half price and spent a lot of time on or near the water. Cindy was testing her sea legs for our first real cruise next fall to Alaska. She isn't great with motion-related sickness, but had no problems on several boats and ferries (one with major swells), sooo we should be good to go! If you'd like info on next year's trip just email me. Cindy has friends from her water aerobics group going, so I could use a few, too.



Don't forget the Silver Eagle Website: www.precisionwrite.com/SilverEagles.html

Happy Fall! Love the cooler weather!

Jim Henderson