



## Silver Eagles Newsletter

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**Silver Eagles,**

We have 2 new members this month. Oh, and Erin really rubbed it in – she was 7 years old when Air Florida went into the Potomac. I was commuting home on the DC Metro when that happened. I remember distinctly because a railcar was torn in half on the following train. I wasn't aware of either accident until I got into my car that evening. BUT! that was just a few years ago – um... maybe 10- 15, right?

**New Members:**

**Yvette Delgado**

**Brent Bahler**

**Board News:**

**Erin Gormley** - Dear friends & colleagues - It is with a heavy heart that I write this final goodbye as an @ntsb.gov-er. I want to thank each of you for the kind words over the past few weeks, the wonderful send off party and the generous gifts that will assist greatly during my next life step. As I relayed that afternoon...I knew my dream job after watching coverage of the Air Florida accident. A career that involved a critical role during the most adverse of conditions, recovering wreckage from underneath a frozen river and piecing together what led to such a tragedy...was spellbinding to me. At 7 years old, I decided I wanted to be part of putting that puzzle together and I never looked back. I had passion, and was fortunate to be lent family support and given an opportunity through an internship to fulfill that goal.

The past 20 years have afforded me amazing opportunities and given me the chance to affect aviation safety in a tangible way that I know has saved lives. I am honored to have worked with such skilled and professional colleagues throughout the years and will continue to cherish the dear friendships fostered among my NTSB family.

I intend to continue in aviation after I take a career break to spend time with family, globe trot and continue my volunteer work mentoring those who have the passion for aviation, but need some guidance to find the support or opportunity. I am headed into uncharted territory, in more ways than one, since NTSB has been central for more than 3/4's of my life, but I am excited for the future and look forward to using my knowledge to make a safety impact from a different perspective.

Wednesday evening I will be on my way relocating to Donegal, Ireland so I will not have a mobile number but please continue to keep in touch through my information below. (contact me.)

### Member News:

**Brent Bahler** - I just found this website while surfing the internet, and am happy to catch up on the whereabouts and whatabouts of my former colleagues at the NTSB. After more than three decades living and working in the Washington area, in 2011 I accepted a job as vice president of public affairs with a national trade association in Indianapolis. After nearly four years there, and having achieved pretty much everything I set out to do there, I decided it was time to retire and do what I wanted to do, when and where I wanted to do it. So my wife Carlene (who I married in 1992 while serving as director of public affairs at the Safety Board) and I set up a real estate investment company, and now own a half-dozen income-producing properties. We also buy, rehab, and resell homes in Indianapolis. And, through my self-directed IRA, I invest in the purchase and rehab of properties by other individuals. Our daughter Grace begins college this fall at McGill University in Montreal, which will make my wife and me empty nesters. That'll be a bit strange, but we're ready for it (I think).

**Ken Peppard** updated his email address. (see attached contact list) "Just back from Oshkosh where Chairman Hart spoke to an audience that's dedicated to improving safety. Although I missed his presentation, my understanding is that it was appreciated and very well received."

I (**Jim Henderson**) finished the rebuild of my son's townhouse kitchen and dining room. This is the end of any hours of dust and body aches. So many aches that I was ready to go to my doctor to see if I had lime disease! When I mentioned this at my recent annual physical, my doctor said, "You are 7 years older than me and you are tearing down walls, ripping up flooring and lifting cabinets! I think you earned those aches." (See photos from my birthday party [below].) [See larger versions at the Photo Gallery.]



### Misc:

**50<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** Nothing new this month.

### Happy Labor Day and the approach of the Fall!

Okay, this should not be my personal showcase! Please send stories and pictures!

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