



Silver Eagles Newsletter

May 2015

Silver Eagles,

We have one new member this month. I actually made it to the Awards Ceremony this year!

New Members:

Leon Katcharian

Board News:

The Awards Ceremony was different for me this time. A minor but interesting event was the loud arrival of the Coast Guard Color Guard marching through the conference room. The biggie was that there was no mystery about the award recipients. Their names popped out before a description of their accomplishments was started. I kinda liked the old mystery, but probably would not have been able to guess anyone, even those I knew.

I was surprised to recognize several recipients. The best was **Joe Epperson** (Met Lab) for the **Chairman's Award!!** I flashed back to the two of us sitting together many years ago in an award's ceremony and joking about the Chairman's Award being the "O' Farts Award." (Sorry if that offends, but we were young and never considered ever getting one!) – Well, who's the o' fart now, Joe! **LOL** However, Joe one-upped the show by being in Australia and having to send a videotaped speech to the affair. Although a couple of us old-timers cringed in anticipation before he started talking, he was well-spoken, and only did the true Joe pop out when he faked a conclusion, then looked into the camera, donned a Australian hat, and wished everyone a "Guday!"

Employee Peer Award: Georgia Struhsaker (Aviation) related to Jim Struhsaker?

Distinguished Employee Award: Jim Rodriguez (GC), Gwynne O'Reagan (Hwy Editor – former RPH), Georgia Struhsaker (again), Antoin Downs (Media), and Emily Carroll (personnel)

EEO, Diversity and Inclusion Award: Paula Sind-Prunier,

Distinguished Investigative Award: Larry Bowling (Marine), Ted Turpin (Rail), Jennifer Rodi (Aviation), Dr. Deborah Bruce (RE), and Aaron Sauer (Aviation)

Nall-Raskin Public Service Award: Steve Blackistone (GA – also an EMT)

Dr. John K. Lauber Science and Engineering Award: Scott Warren (Met Lab?) He developed a method of using CT scans to do non-destructive examinations.

Managing Director's Award: Erik Grosop (Family Affairs?) Help during launches, finding Go-airplanes, returning black boxes and dealing with NYC

Also mentioned was that Joe Kolly (RE) received the **President's Rank Award**.

For future reference, a SharePoint Portal for Awards and Recognition is available for your viewing. One this page you can also research former award recipients. Select this link to view the page: <http://portal/WorkplaceHR/PerformanceAwards/Pages/AwardsRecognition.aspx>

[I haven't opened this page from NTSB. For you fellow paranoid Silver Eagles, I will put the official list at the bottom of this email.]

Dwight Foster - Well, as my youngest Son said to me when I told him I was retiring: "and now it begins..."

Tomorrow I enter the witness protection program. No cell phone, no Facebook, no twitter, no Instagram, none of that silly stuff. (Wife and I will be hiking the Appalachian trail starting Monday, so if we survive that, I suppose we will survive retirement)

However, I wanted everyone to know how much I appreciate all the help, advice, patience, and friendship you have all shown to me over the years. Who would'a thought you could fall in love with a government agency, but I guess it just grows on you. It has been really fun being part of something so much bigger. (See Dwight at undisclosed location photo)

*We've been searching for our whole lives.
And we have traveled through unexplainable stories.
Swear to God I fought the good fight,
always waiting for the coming of morning.
And I heard the Captain say, I heard the Captain say,
"The more I know, the less I'm knowing."
And I heard the Captain say, I heard the Captain say,
"Activate your force-fields and just keep going..."*

[Cloud Cult: The Mission: Unexplainable Stories]

Finally, here's a music video about all the important stuff in life like Pumpkin Chunkin, VW car racing (oxymoron?), backpacking, and just tooling around in your car. My son wrote the song.

[Again, I can't vouch for the safety of this site. Too scared of viruses! I attempted to contact Dwight with no luck. Maybe he is already on the trail. Jim H]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-LyWAFcFA>

Here's Dwight at an "undisclosed location":



Member News:

I (**Jim Henderson**) actually ran into **Leon Katcharian** walking a dog in a park near us: totally random luck. We had never visited this side of the lake before. Amazing! (see contact list)

Misc:

50th Celebration: During the Award's Ceremony I briefly caught **Chairman Hart** on his way to the hill and mentioned our interest in a 50 Year Celebration. He was busy, but it appeared that he heard me. Also the Acting Managing Director (I can't remember his name and forgot to take a note! My skills are waning.) mentioned that he has had contact with our inside person, Karen Bury. Actually it didn't hurt that Joe Epperson mentioned on his tape that he had attended the 40th, 30th, 20th, and even the 10th Celebration! I personally find it hard to believe that Joe, the kid who bombed on his dirt bike and broke his back while at the Board, was here for the 10th!

Happy ... um... well I should say spring but DC seems to have hopped directly into steambath summer! I know I'm never satisfied! LOL

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

Jim Henderson

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Major Awards

• Chairman's Award:

- o Joseph Epperson - Office of Research and Engineering

• Managing Director's Award:

- o Erik R. Grosf - Office of Managing Director

•Dr. John K. Lauber Science and Engineering Award:

- o Scott Warren - Office of Aviation Safety

• Nall-Raskin Public Service Award:

- o Stephen D. Blackistone – Office of Communication

•Distinguished Investigative Service Award:

- o Larry D. Bowling, Office of Marine Safety
- o Ted T. Turpin, Office of Railroad, Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Investigations
- o Jennifer S. Rodi, Office of Aviation Safety
- o Deborah S. Bruce, Office of Highway Safety
- o Aaron M. Sauer, Office of Aviation Safety

•stinguished Employee Service Award:

- o James F. Rodriguez, Office of General Counsel
- o Gwynne E. O’Reagan, Office of Highway Safety
- o Georgia R. Struhsaker, Office of Aviation Safety
- o Antion D. Downs, Office of Communications
- o Emily T. Carroll, Office of Administration

•EEO, Diversity and Inclusion Award

- o Paula Sind-Prunier, Office of Managing Director

• Employee Peer Award:

- o Georgia R. Struhsaker, Office of Aviation Safety

• The Presidential Rank Award:

- o Joseph Kolly, Office of Research and Engineering

Special Recognition Awards

Asiana Team

Ben Allen - GC	Erin Gormley - RE	Mary Pat McKay – RE
Brice Banning - AS	Max Green – OC	Bryan Moy – AD
Bill Bramble – AS	Joe Gregor – RE	Brian Murphy - AS

Doug Brazy - AS	Erik Grosf – MD	Kelly Nantel – OC
Josh Cawthra – AS	Matt Hazlinsky –AD	Andy Olvis – AS
Ivan Cheung - RE	Keith Holloway - OC	Alice Park – RE
Noel Coleman - AS	Carol Horgan –AS	Howard Plagens – AS
Tealeye Cornejo - AS	Rob Hunsberger – AS	Kevin Renze – RE
Roger Cox - AS	Adam Huray – AS	Jim Rodriguez – GC
Michael Crook - OC	Tom Jacky – AS	Greg Smith – RE
Pocholo Cruz - AS	Elias Kontanis – OC	Christy Spangler – OC
Antion Downs - OC	Timothy LeBaron – AS	Georgia Struhsaker – AS
Eric Emery - RE	Courtney Liedler – AS	Paul Suffern – AS
Bill English - AS	Stephanie Matonek – OC	Jane Terry – OC
Jason Fedok - AS	Nancy McAtee – RE	Peter Wentz – AS
Emily Gibson - AS	Janice McCoy – AD	John Whitener – CIO
		Nicholas Worrell – OC

Rail Safety Forum Team

Steve Blackistone – OC	Stephanie Matonek –OC
Sharon Bryson – OC	Erik Mueller – RE
Rick Downs – RPH	Carl Schultheisz – RE
Muhamed El-Zoghbi – RPH	Paul Stancil – RPH
Gena Evans – RPH	Ted Turpin – RPH
Matt Fox - RPH	John Vordebrueggen – RPH
Nancy Mason - RPH	Dave Watson - RPH

HR Recruitment Team

Reshan Blackwell – AD	Delicia McKenzie – AD
Ivania Blanco – AD	Mary Mikkola – AD
Chester Fisher – AD	Britney Simmons - AD
Elaine Jefferson – AD	Tracy Williams - GC
Lisa Kleiner - AD	

Cruise Ship Safety Forum Team

Larry Bowling –MS	Nancy McAtee -RE
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Lucille Jones – MS	Monica Mitchell- MS
Robbie Jones – MS	Eric Stolzenberg -MS
Liam LaRue – MS	Barry Strauch - MS

Drowsy Driving Team

Ensar Becic – HS	Tre Matthews – AD
Kenneth Bragg– HS	Mary Pat McKay – RE
Deb Bruce – HS	Rob Molloy – HS
Dennis Collins – HS	Carl Perkins – CIO
Antion Downs – OC	Jana Price – HS
Beverly Drake –OC	Christy Spangler - OC