



## Silver Eagles Newsletter

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**Silver Eagles,**

We have no new members this month. Just back from Scotland and my sister, my wife and I have left our hearts in the highlands! It is a wonder that our ancestors left, but I understand that the British drove them out and into the cities.



About new news, I got a few things before I left: several people left messages about the passing of Phillis, Kay sent an article on a Super fortress that she knows personally, and there was a request for info on Les Reingold. However, nothing came in since then - well, unless I mass-deleted important news with the 2000 junk emails I received since I left! The internet isn't great in the highlands.

**New Members:** None

**Board News:**

About the passing of **Phillis Styles:**

Sorry to learn of the sad news ... May She Rest in Peace . **Jim Danaher**

So very sorry. She was one of my favorite ladies at the NTSB for years. I'm sorry I missed the services. **Ron Schleede**

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Phillis Styles. She was a first class lady in every way. **Michael P. O'Neill**

She was one classy lady! Always, Always a pleasure to be in her presence and get a beautiful Styles smile. GBU **Tom McCarthy**

#### **Member News:**

**Jim Henderson** – I'll stick in a couple of photos of the Scottish highlands. Cool, drizzly weather – a refreshing escape from the Washington summer. (See photos)

**Corky Smith** provided an alternate address – although she didn't get back to me on the significance of the alternative address.

**Mitch Garber** provided a new email address for **Chris Bonanti**.

(both on contact list)

This from **Kay Sommerfeld**:

Subject: Story and video: Doc, a restored B-29 Superfortress WWII bomber

Sixteen years ago, a group of aviation enthusiasts from Wichita rescued a WWII B-29 bomber from a target range in the Mojave Desert. "Doc," part of a squadron named for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, had been built at the Wichita Boeing plant in 1945. Doc was moved piece by piece back to Wichita where many volunteers began to restore the plane. The link below contains Doc's history and restoration story. I also recommend your viewing the interesting 5-minutes video on that web page.

<http://www.b-29doc.com/docs-story/>

This past July 17, Sunday, about 8:30 a.m., Doc made its first flight. Hundreds of people parked on the roads outside of McConnell AFB to witness the historic event. Others--by invitation only--were on a grassy area adjacent to the runway. The invited dignitaries included two of Doc's original crew members and the woman who had riveted Doc's nose piece in 1945 (she is seen in the video, wearing her Rosie Riveter hair bandana).

Doc's first flight was streamed live on the web. Leon and I have been following the progress of Doc's restoration over the years, and we were stationed in front of the computer monitor for the flight that morning. Shortly after Doc was airborne, we rushed to our front porch. From there, we saw Doc and a vintage chase plane in flight as they circled around and prepared to land (we live only a few miles from the AFB and the open field across the street from our home allows a grand view of military aircraft on approach to landing).

Enjoy this video of Doc's first flight. Viewing time about 4 minutes.

<http://www.b-29doc.com/2016/07/18/video-first-flight-success/>

**Kay** - One of "Doc's Friends"

**Misc:**

This request from **Vernon Grose** through **Bridget Serchak**:

I am wondering whether you ever met or knew **Les Reingold** who served as my press agent on a NTSB Go-Team. In my latest book, DEATH Is Not FATAL, I recall one AMTRAK crash that involved Les. I would love to let him know about the book.

**Les Reingold** – Does anyone know how to contact him??

Don't forget the Silver Eagle Website: [www.precisionwrite.com/SilverEagles.html](http://www.precisionwrite.com/SilverEagles.html)

Search and you might find a refreshing solution to the summer doldrums! Remember, this newsletter needs NEWS!!

Jim Henderson