



Silver Eagles Newsletter

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Silver Eagles,

We have one new member this month! Cindy and I had a fantastic trip to Ireland, although we both agreed that the Scottish Highlands were more our style. Emilie, our new member from last month provided a photo.

New Members:

Ash Chatterjee former Marine Investigator

Board News:

This from **Ron Battocchi** - The NTSB began operations as an independent agency on April 1, 1967, 50 years ago today. (Well it was today when he sent it, but I was in Ireland.)

Fiftieth Reunion News

Lorenda said that the 50th has stalled out and guessed that it had something to do with the transition. No date, yet... Maybe some of our former Chair-people/Members could put in a good word for us! Hey, maybe we start a write-in to the chairman!!

Member News:

Chris Bonanti offered to provide the assistance on a highway accident investigation that Lorenda requested.

Sandy Browne also told Lorenda to check with local NTSB highway investigators or David Rayburn for an independent contact. Silver Eagles to the rescue!

This from **Emilie Eisold** - “Hello, NTSBers!!!!

It is truly a pleasure to be reconnected with all of you. NTSB was one of the best places I’ve worked in, but more importantly I had the opportunity to meet many of you awesome folks!!!

As for Eric Sager, truly an immense loss to the NTSB family.

In any case, I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Best,

Em" (see Emilie's photo)



Em got us in touch with **Ash Chatterjee**. He asked for help identifying Marine investigators from 1992 to 1998. I sent him the current contact list, but please contact him directly. (See the contact list.)

This from **Ash Chatterjee** - Since I left the Marine Division at NTSB, I have been like a rudderless ship drifting in multiple directions, enjoying myriad views and many adventures. From NTSB I went to TSA Hq in the Mass Transit Security Division (Mass Transit includes the Washington Metro System - rated #1 in the world & an absolute joy to ride, every day tops my previous commute/ adventure). When my TSA interviewer asked: "what does your Marine experience have to do with Mass Transit?" I replied that both began with "M". I was on the right track. They hired me.

Around circa 2008, after several beers at a party, I overheard that "IT" was a happening thing & my neighboring drunk recommended that I check out IT careers. After googling what IT meant, I felt confident enough to apply on USAJOBS for IT jobs, and then DHS/ NPPD hired me to do IT in its Office of Infrastructure Protection. I found IT to be a heck of a lot more complicated than anything I had ever done before. However, I have been toiling away in DHS IT since, and now they tell me that Cybersecurity is where IT is Really at. I am now in quest for a cyber job in govt, wandering in the wilderness of USAJOBS like a lost goat.

It is great to get back in touch with NTSB, my roots, a homecoming, a time when I was the youngest person in the office (now I am the oldest by far, no lie can hide that). Jim, I thank you for taking this laudable initiative to form an NTSB alumni network, where we can share our

stories. The value of an alumni network becomes increasingly more evident with the passage of time.

Whether this, written on the fly, is fit to print, is entirely your decision, I will not take offence if you roundfile it. Caution: It does not fit the NTSB report format; hopefully you can evade the editor's eye. *[I told Ash that I have no troubles with my (nonexistent) editors. I laughed at his comment because when I finally decided to retire I realized that the writing/ rewriting of reports was more stressful than climbing over an accident site. I still dream of jumping on the CG airplane and launching to the scene, but I would never put myself back into the writing with bosses and editors. Although the latter were not half bad as the former!]*

Take care, and enjoy your weekend. Thanks again.

Ash

My wife, Cindy and I (**Jim Henderson**) had a great time in Ireland! We travelled the rolling soggy hills from Shannon to Dingle to the cliffs of Moher to Galway to the Aran Islands to Kylemore Abbey to Westport to Achill Island to the Kilbeggan Irish Whiskey distillery and on to Dublin. We followed the John Byrne band and enjoyed shows in pubs all the way. Tons of photos, but you'll have to follow me on Facebook to see them all. I'll include one or two of the group. Hey, I'll also recommend travelling with the band in the future. Lots of fun!! (See Jim's photos) On the Scotland comment. The Highlands are less tame with lots of wildlife! Rolling hills and sheep? Baaaaaa!



Miscellaneous:

Please keep the news coming! Workshops? Volunteer work? Vacations? Please! Please!

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

Have a Happy May Day! Wrap a Maypole in your neighborhood!

Jim Henderson