



Silver Eagles Newsletter

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Silver Eagles,

We have 1 new member this month! My intentionally irritating newsletter of last month actually delivered news – although, Dwight’s song and the other news were from some of our very supportive members! What about some news from the great unheard? – or unheard for a very long time. There are also requests from Brent Bahler and Bob MacIntosh.

New Member:

Patrick Sullivan

Board News: [Member Requests]

Brent Bahler: A producer at the National Geographic channel’s “Air Crash Investigation” reached out to me this morning looking for any NTSB investigators involved with the investigation of the **United Express 6292 crash on final approach to Port Columbus International Airport on January 7, 1994**. I can’t recall who was on the go team, so if you can put the word out that if anyone would like to talk with the producer they can shoot me an email with their phone number and role in the investigation.

Bob MacIntosh: I know **Ron Price** recently retired from NTSB (Aviation Engineering). I’ve got some folks looking for him – and I don’t see anything. Has he checked in with you ???

(I didn’t hear back from him after inviting him to join us in December. Anyone know his contact info? Please contact Brent and Bob directly since I will be out of touch for the next few weeks. Contact info is in the attached contact list.)

Member News:

Bridget Serchak ran into **Patrick Sullivan** and helped him join us!

This from **Dwight Foster**:

Carol and I just finished biking 400 miles on the Erie Canal,

and now every inch we know,

from Albany to Buffalo.

Eight days, biking all around

Eight days, till we roll into a town.

And you'll always know your 600 neighbors.

And you'll always know your 600 pals.

If you've ever tried to bike the Erie Canal.

We were in an organized group of 600 of our closest friends and camped in school athletic fields, a Jewish community center, and once in a Revolutionary War Fort (Rome, NY). The organizers fed us breakfast and dinner but also provided snacks along the way. The average age of the riders was 61, so a fair amount of grey-hairs, but some families with kids as well. Most towns you go through also have tables set up with water and snacks and directions to the local attractions. Lots of history on the Erie Canal, so we went to several museums, historical sites, forts, rode canal boats, ate ice cream every day, often before lunch, etc. We went with another couple that we've known for 30 years, so that also made it fun. (See Dwight's photo.)



This from **Michael Stockhill**:

I spend six months in Polson, Montana, hibernating in Mesquite, Nevada, during the off season. It is the first warm place headed south. It is a Yin-Yang sort of life. When I am down there, I have little pressing to fix or do, so I am anxious to head back north to deal with all my projects. About a week after getting back to Montana, I am tired of fixing and building things, and am anxious to

get back south to relax. I continue doing the Senior Games bicycle time trials. Not much competition, so I generally get the gold on the short course, and silver or gold on the long course. Next year I graduate to another age group, where I will have even less competition. That may be the only advantage of aging. I am spending our allowance on landscaping and building a deck. A wet June provided only a couple good days for glider flying. Now, July has a high-pressure area killing lift. Not any thermals, so my only flights seem to be taking kids for rides.

This from **Jim Wildey**: In July my wife and I spent a week at Hilton Head SC for a family reunion celebrating the 100th birthday of my aunt, Virginia Wildey Cook.

Advertising from **Scott Dunham (LOL)**:

Katie and I are now the proud owners of Tarheel Getaways LLC, a travel franchise operating under the Dream Vacations/World Travel Holdings companies. After decades of non-fun travel, we thought we'd branch out to the fun travel world. We can work with our Silver Eagle friends to arrange cruises, all-in-one resorts, and land packages such as safaris or other nature excursions. Our website is www.tarheelgetaways.com, and we'd love to help you with a dream vacation to somewhere special. We can be contacted through the site, or at sdunham@dreamvacations.com.

Actually, I love traveling with people that I know – or knew. Do we have a volunteer organizer for a Silver Eagle group trip? – BUT PLEASE not to old accident site! Hey, what about a trip combining planes and trains and autobuses and boats (no duckboats) and passing by a pipeline or two? Let me know if there is any interest in this and proposed trip locations. Scott mentioned that Alaska would fit the bill! We've already done that, but another group of you might start the NTSB travel club there! We can join on the next!

My wife and I (**Jim Henderson**) have finally saved up enough money for another trip. We will be heading up to the Canadian Maritimes with the group, Road Scholar, formerly known as Elder Hostel (bad image). I fell in love with Halifax, Nova Scotia, when I went up there for chemical tankship training and wanted to share that city with Cindy. I note that my former trip coincided with the Swissair crash off Peggy's Cove (*Oh, Oh an accident site! Although a real beauty!*) and I hung out with the team when I wasn't training to load a chemical tankship without it exploding or capsizing. Such fun!

Miscellaneous:

Great news month! Let's keep this up. There are about 200 of us and yet maybe 30% have told stories of life after NTSB. Consider it your civic duty to put in a sentence or two over the next year - or YIELD to my guilt messages! LOL

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

Have a toil-less Labor Day – Oh wait!! TOOT YOUR HORN and bring in a Happy Rosh Hashanah! (*I'm pretty sure that is like Jewish New Year?*)

Jim Henderson