



Silver Eagles Newsletter

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Silver Eagles,

We have one new members this month, Joe Epperson, and his retirement party was fun! For those who remembered it, Joe's penny jar provided a free drink for each of us!

New Members:

Joe Epperson (see contact list)

Board News:

Paul Schuda, Training Center Director, was one of three persons who died on board a single-engine airplane that crashed last night at Batesville, Indiana while en route from Columbus, Indiana to Frederick, Maryland.

Paul is survived by his wife, Laurie and two children, Chris and Stephanie. Chris expressed that Paul "absolutely enjoyed his job".

Jim Hall responded, "So sad!"

Crystal Thomas - Wow that is so sad. He was a really nice guy. A Pittsburgh guy too... I remember talking to him about it back when I was a co-op and he was still at HQ. Thanks for sharing.

Nancy Mason - I am at a lost for words. Rest In Peace Paul. You were a nice person who will be missed.

Phuong Le Callaway - Thanks Jim. Very sad news! It is quite a shock to me! How could he end up dying this way? May he rest In peace!

Also from **Phuong's** Facebook - I am totally shocked! How could he die this way? The medical professor was the pilot in command. The FAA is leading the investigation. It seems as they were on a CAP mission. R.I.P. Paul! Thoughts and prayers are with victims' families!

Joe Kris - Sad news Jim. Can you keep me posted if you hear anything on services and/or where to send condolences to his family??

Paul was a great supervisor to me and I learned so much from him.

Member News:

Nancy Mason sent some photos and announced that she and I are classmates (?) at the young age of 70! [Nancy's birthday was December 11th for those who keep track!]

Also from **Nancy** - This is my cruise on Royal Caribbean's Harmony of the Seas, the largest cruise ship in the country. The ship is a floating resort in itself. We went to Haiti, Falmouth Jamaica, and Cozumel Mexico. (See pictures of Nancy and her daughter.)



I [**Jim Henderson**] admit that I expected to see more of the Silver Eagles' metallurgists at **Joe Epperson's** retirement party, but I understand that **Jean** is already in Washington State and **Jim Wildey** recently had an operation. **Mike Marx** was there with bells on! Let's see... **Malcolm Brenner** (within days of leaving for Japan), **Jim Ritter**, **Lorenda** (our inside person) and **Jeff Guzzetti** also were there. I'm probably prejudiced but I thought that **Jeff** stole the show with a few "unofficial and probably illegal" FAA memorabilia and some stories of **Joe's** investigations. Then again, the current Materials Lab did manage to dissect a Magic Eight Ball and reassemble it loaded with **Joe's** expressions on the internal floating icosahedron (20-faced object).

This from **Joe Epperson** - I think I hit everyone with this unauthorized email to all hands. Please reply to me not all. No one else needs to know that you are sad / happy to see me go.

I've been here since 1984, that's nearly 34 years, plus the 5 before working for the Air Force that makes 39 years working for Uncle Sam. It's been fun but it's time to say good bye.

As I walked around yesterday I realized that there are not many old timers still here. Only one investigator Arnold Scott and a 5 or 6 others with more time, I think.

In those 34 years I've seen a bunch of chairmen and board members and managers come and go. Some I was sorry to see go - some not. One thing I learned early that made life easier with board members was the thought, "I'll be here when they are gone." Now I'm gone.

Another thing, that took me longer to learn, was to know when to sweat the little details and when not to. Sometimes "was not a factor" is all you need to say, other times a book is not enough. Knowing when to stop beating the horse is the trick.

95% of the time working here has been fun and exciting. Truly a good place to work.

Now for the next chapter Kiki and I will be staying in the area. We will continue to race and ride and travel and have fun.

This from **Ron Schleede** - My granddaughter Jody at the Nutcracker last Saturday. The Fairy Queen was wonderful. Ron shared a photo.



Dr. Vernon Grose provided address corrections to the contact list.

Miscellaneous:

Okay, I love this kind of a newsletter – full of news. Please keep it up! Workshops? Volunteer work? Vacations? Please! Please!

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

Have a Merry um... well today is MLK's Day! I have his writings on my bookshelf!

Jim Henderson