



## Silver Eagles Newsletter

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### Silver Eagles,

We have no new members this month. I got more kick-backs (unable to deliver) on last month's newsletter than usual. Do any of you know the status of Mark Doub, Sandy Daugherty, James LeBerte and Butch Wilson? Oh, a couple of you pointed out that I put Mary Smith instead of Jones in my intro paragraph on last month's newsletter. Sorry! I knew Mary Jones when she worked with Dennis Grossi, my fellow carpooler, in the vehicle recorders group. I also had a Mary Smith in high school – Alias Smith and Jones??

**New Members: None**

**Board News: None**

### Member News:

One further note on **Jim Jeglum** from **Michael P. O'Neill**: "I worked with **Jim Jeglum** on several highway accidents and he was a great guy to work with. Jim was a 100% highway guy all the way, he just didn't care for/like the railroads. Just before he retired, I drafted up a retirement letter using CSX railroad letter head. It was a glowing letter about Jim's many achievements and it even invited Jim and his family to Jacksonville, Florida for a personal tour of the CSX headquarters facilities. The letter was signed by the CSX Vice President who I knew well. Jim read the letter out loud at his retirement party and he just couldn't believe that the railroad would take the time to send him, of all people, a personal retirement letter. Jim once asked me what the letters CSX stood for. I replied: "Crash, Spill and Xplode." We had a lot of laughs that day. I will always remember his great laugh. He will be missed.

Just so you will know where to find me (**Mike O'Neill**), I'm working as a safety consultant at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) in Bethesda, Md."

**Bob Benson** said: On the next version of the contact list could you please list me as below, just to simplify the entry a bit. Susan and I are doing fine as snowbirds. Our trips are becoming more and more local. The Conch Republic (aka Key West, FL) gets a week every year. (*The address change is on the attached current contact list.*)

This from **Al Yurman**: This is my latest news about me I'd like to pass on to you. I have passed this on to several of my NTSB friends, but since you have asked for news here is mine. There are 16 chapters in the book, Legend: The Incredible Story of Green Beret Sergeant Roy Benavidez's Heroic Mission to Rescue a Special Forces Team Caught Behind Enemy Lines, by Eric Blehm, and I appear in 6 of them. I was in charge of the 240th 2nd Platoon featured in this book. I helped the author with the Aviation portion of this book. [*He indicated that you can find the book on Amazon.*]

**Debbie Taylor** updated her email address (see contact list) and sent the following: I've spent a lot of time lately prepping for and running away from hurricanes. Flo chased us west to Asheville, NC, on a Tuesday and then back to the Outer Banks four days later. No sooner than I had hauled my excess bottled water to a hurricane relief drive, here comes Michael! Happy to report my neighborhood escaped both storms with minimal damage. Hope my fellow Silver Eagles can say the same. (*I echo Debbie's hope, but if your adventures provide news.... Please*)

This from **Ray Smith**: I've deleted the last message you sent that said someone wanted to reach one of the investigators of a past accident, so I don't remember exactly which accident was mentioned. But there may be an easy solution to finding the staff that worked on an accident--even very old ones.

Each major accident and even interim recommendation letters are transmitted to the Board Members with an attached Notation Memorandum. At least I assume they still do it that way. The Notation Memorandum lists the staff who participated in the investigation. All someone has to do is pull up the PDF copy of the accident report online, search for the Notation number (usually found on a page near the front of the document), and then call the NTSB office that has the Notation memos on file (used to be the Executive Secretariat MD-5) and ask them to provide the list of staff names.

Now there is one caveat: the Notation Memorandum used to be designated "For Official Use Only" since it sometimes discussed issues or had statements that were not for public release because the whole document is considered a working internal draft until the Board adopts the report. The Notation Memo itself is not printed with the report and, to my understanding, was never releasable to the public. But I don't think the NTSB General Counsel or FOIA office would prevent NTSB staff from providing someone the list of names of investigators and others who were involved in the investigation.

It's worth a try. (*I'll let those concerned work on this...*)

Thanks for sending out these emails. It is nice to keep in touch. I do note that the Silver Eagles website has not been updated in a few years. Has **Robert Moore** stopped working on that? (*My assumption is that Robert is still working, but we work gratis on our own schedule.*)

About our (**Jim & Cindy Henderson**) trip to Canadian Maritimes **Ray Smith** also, provided the following:

I found my trip to Nova Scotia quite spectacular also. I always recommend it to people looking for a nice place to spend some time.

Here's an article that might explain the fascination for *Anne of Green Gables* and all of the Japanese tourists on PEI: (*Note that there are links here that I don't know and haven't tested.*)

## [Why Anne Of Green Gables Is Big In Japan](#)

Did you go to the potato museum on PEI? It has an iron lung machine also.

I noticed a lot of blacks in one town in Nova Scotia and thought that a little odd for so far north in Canada. But here's the explanation:

### [Black Nova Scotians](#)

*(We didn't go to a potato museum or see an iron lung, but we learned a lot about Nova Scotia's African Americans. Slaves were brought to the Colonies and later the British offered freedom to slaves who abandoned the rebels during what we call the American Revolution and fought with the British against the rebellious colonists.)*

Where's your next trip? *(No trip planned, yet. Iceland, railroads into the Canadian Rockies and Greece are on the list.)*

### **Miscellaneous:**

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

Have a Spooky Halloween!

Jim Henderson