



Silver Eagles Newsletter

September 2018

Silver Eagles,

We have two new members this month! – and we lost two special people, Jim Jeglum and Mary Smith. Also, I don't know about the rest of you but Dwight's Erie Canal song, or rather the original lyrics were running through my head for the next day or two after that last newsletter. I have heard nothing about the requests from Brent Bahler and Bob MacIntosh. I also received a new request from Nancy Mason.

New Members:

Tommy McFall

Jim La Belle

Board News: None

Member News:

Sue Berry heard that **Mary Jones** passed away in the end of August. She didn't have any details at that time.

Jim Jeglum, former highway investigator who many of us "old-timers" will remember, passed away recently (Aug. 13). His wife, Carole caught me after Mass recently to let me know. His funeral is was Monday, September 17, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (Warrenton, VA). [*taken from Don Libera's email.*]

Malcolm Brenner wrote: Unfortunately I reside right now in Japan and will be unable to attend. I went out with **Jim** and quite enjoyed it. Good and serious investigator. My regards to his family. [and] A quick story about **Jim**. I was assigned to work on a hapless safety study about fatal truck accidents and, in a bind, had to draft a section on fatigue issues by noon that morning. Desperate, I remembered that **Jim** had once mentioned during an investigation some obscure facts about the history of hours of service regulations. I found him at his desk, and he kindly dictated the basis for the most brilliant opening paragraph of my career: "In 1886, the Federal government first established hours of service limits in the railroad industry and thereby

recognized the need to control fatigue for effective safety oversight..." or something like that. It continued with the history of hours of service regulations in the trucking industry, and so it became easy for me to draft the rest of my section. With a good pedestal, any statue looks good. Thank you Jim for your professionalism and for helping a desperate colleague to actually look good.

Ed Dobranetski wrote: **Jim Jeglum** and I were good friends at the Board.

Jim La Belle said, "Silver I am, at least what is left. Eagle, perhaps not. Hector forwarded the newsletter to me, suggested I contact you. I retired in 2012 from the Anchorage NTSB as the regional director, oops, chief, after 26 years with the Board.

I see there are other assorted malcontents and many such as Hector of dubious backgrounds, so feel free to add me to the lineup if you will--profile photos available on request." [*sorry, I went hunting and didn't find his photo??*]

New member, **Pat Sullivan**, updated his current address for us, but said that would soon be moving.

(See attached Contact List)

Nancy Mason - Do you have any contact information for **Ravi Chhatre**? I understand he retired and would like to contact him. [*Let me know and I'll pass it along or contact Nancy directly using the contact list.*]

I have not heard back from **Scott Dunham** about trips planned??

Our (**Jim & Cindy Henderson**) trip to Canadian Maritimes was great although we traveled north for cool temps and my only pair of shorts got overused! The locals were complaining about the swampy weather. (See photo at Peggy's Cove) I shared my love of Halifax with Cindy and she agreed, but didn't want to move there because of the winters. Cape Breton was gorgeous. Loved the Gaelic inspired music. Didn't really understand the fascination for Anne of Green Gables. Fascinated by the Bay of Fundy. (The secret that I didn't understand about the tidal surge is, first, that the high tide occurs every 12 hours and second, that it takes 12 hours for the waters to recede from the bay to the ocean – so as one high tide is about to exit, the next is coming in!)



Miscellaneous:

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

Have a glorious Columbus Day – although during my trip through the Canadian Maritimes I learned that he really didn't discover America. Some Vikings were here first. I also learned that our textbooks lied to us about who won the War of 1812!

Jim Henderson