



Silver Eagles Newsletter

February 2019

Silver Eagles,

We have 4 new members this month, including **Jennifer**, a great HazMat classmate of mine! Yes, I finally got in touch with **Jennifer Morrison** -and **Dennis Jones** (thanks to the MAYDAY request). Ton's of news this month!! Let's get to it!

New Members:

Jennifer Morrison

Tom Latson

Anne Smith

Dennis Jones

(see attached member list)

Board News:

Lorenda (our inside person) forwarded this from **Jane Foster**, Electronics Engineer, RE: My last day at the NTSB is February 22, 2019. I will be moving to New York City.

Thanks to each and every one of you for making my experience at NTSB the best that it could be, and for your work improving transportation safety. I have enjoyed working with you and I will miss the board very much.

I can be reached at my personal email (please contact me). Please stay in touch!

Take care, Jane (*I sent her an invite.*)

Member News:

From **Jennifer Morrison**: I'm honored to join the distinguished group of former NTSBers. My contact information is [on the attached contact list]. I feel like I've dodged quite a bullet switching from federal service to the private sector just prior to the government shutdown. Feeling lucky to

have a paycheck but worried about my friends still at NTSB and DOT with no sign of the government reopening in the near future. (*It has reopened now.*)

From **Anne Smith**: (*thanks to Hector Casanova*), I send my request to receive the "Silver Eagles." I retired 12/31/2010. I was Assistant (Legal Secretary/Legal Assistant) to Judge Wm. Mullins in Arlington, TX, and also to Judge Pat Geraghty in the Denver office--who passed away Feb. 2011. Judge Mullins still works out of Arlington, TX. I worked there 17 1/2 years (worked more than 44 years in legal profession--great trial lawyer in Dallas). Anyway, I would appreciate receiving the newsletter and thank you in advance.

Anne later sent: I tell a lot of people that when I retired, I also retired my computer but kept visitation rights! (Old joke working for lawyers and judges--44 years total in legal field but approx. 62 years in workplace--started young!)

From **Danielle (Roerber) Wolfe**: For your next newsletter, you can announce that my husband and I welcomed a new addition to our family - Mary-Grace Wolfe. (see photo D Wolfe)



This from **Michael Stockhill**: Fascinating that **Pam Sullivan** just retired. We were contemporaries, but I have been retired over 18.5 years! That is an additional career's span. I never

dreamed when I was young that I would figure out a way to manage two homes, one in Montana and a winter home in Nevada, plus two powered sailplanes.

I checked the listing and note that my email address is stale. Would you like to change that to: [see the attached contact list for change]

This from **Hector Casanova**: I am saddened to hear about the passing of **Vicky Anderson**. She was a great asset to all our investigators in the field. While the same can be said for everyone in AAI-100 (FAA), Vicky was very special and most caring. I am very glad to have our **CHAMPION Chairman Debbie Hersman** joining us in this group. She is still on track being a Champion of safety and accident prevention in all areas.

*[Of note, I (**Jim Henderson**) have been digging through old files without success to determine if the FAA rep on the Quantas investigation involving a failed cylinder that holed the aircraft was **Vicky Anderson**. I suspect that she was with us on that one. If so, I got to know her and liked her.]*

I (**Hector**) am also very glad that **Gary Mucho** has also joined our group all the way from Southern California. Salud

This also from **Hector** that might serve as **a reminder to each of us**: I did not know that you have several (*email*) lists, and I have been forwarding the list to some that did not appear on the one I am on. My apologies for that !!! (*he means that I have 4, soon to be 5, email lists to get to all of us without triggering a Spam warning*)

I (**Hector**) think that you are doing a superb job in keeping us united as a group. We have all retired or separated from the Board, but we continue to be safety advocates in our daily lives. Your newsletter keeps us informed and united. Thanks to you and all of our former members who contribute to make the Silver Eagles the message that we all look forward to getting each and every month. Best wishes to (*all of the Silver Eagles*) and (*their*) famil(*ies*) in 2019.....Salud.

This from **Joe Epperson**: You should remind **Debbie Hersman** of the Mark Twain attributed quote "The coldest winter I ever saw was the summer I spent in San Francisco." But she is probably out in the valley where it's warmer. (*I did remind her and added that my early experiences there included fog, wind and snow; although the latter was in Squaw Valley – during a few day trips*)

Tom Latson said that he retired at age-74 from DFW Office in 2017. (10-years Army, 10-years FAA, 10-years NTSB)

Dennis Jones said that his interests include reading, traveling, genealogical research, flying, playing piano, and history. The best email address is on the attached contact list. He looks forward to staying in touch, and asks us to feel free to contact him at any time.

This from **Kristy Welch** through **Lorenda**, our inside person who is back to work:

(**Kristy**) Due to the shutdown, **Pam Sullivan** was unable to send a farewell email before she retired, so she asked me to forward this message:

(**Pam Sullivan**) As some of you may have heard, after 35+ years at the NTSB I have decided it is time to move on from this amazing journey.

I've had the opportunity to work with many of you over the years and I thank you for your support, friendship, and guidance though the years.

To my Central Region Family – Thank you. It is such a blessing to have worked with all of you. YOU ROCK!!

If you would like to keep in touch, please do. I would enjoy the occasional email or phone call. You can reach me at: (See attached contact list.)

My wife and I (**Jim Henderson**) went to Key West. No, Chris Bonanti, not to relive our gasoline tank truck explosion on Stock Island, but to really learn about the island. Truman's story was absolutely amazing! I had no idea of his importance in history – Berlin Air Lift – Marshall Plan -UN – NATO - the seeds for MEDICARE and on and on. Hemingway's life provided no great surprises – nor did Tennessee Williams but it was great set of reminders. Oh! - and the Road Scholar nonprofit org. (formerly Elder Hostel) provide great trips for seniors who want to learn while exploring new places. Hey, while I'm advertising, my wife and I plan another "bucket list" trip next spring to Greece. Road Scholar has leased a small cruise ship that they intend to fill with senior travelers. Currently you can get free airfare if you sign up before the end of the month. If interested, contact me and I'll let you know when we plan to go. (see photo)



Miscellaneous:

A note for those about to hit the required distribution of your retirement accounts at 71 ½. I just received a notice from the TSP that I must withdraw X dollars in 2018 and Y dollars in 2019. The notice worried me that I had done something wrong. I had signed up for the automatic withdrawal as I turned that age knowing that withdrawals were not required for a year, but preferred to receive the automatic withdrawals monthly over the year. Anyway I checked with the TSP and learned that this notice goes out annually. Once signed up they will make sure that everything is handled properly.

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

Have a Great... I'll probably get out the next newsletter before Saint Paddy's Day, so... President's Day! Enjoy!

Jim Henderson