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Silver Eagles Newsletter

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Silver Eagles,

We have no new members this month. There has been a couple more responses to **Joe Epperson's** idea. Check the attached contact list for embolded information to see if anyone lives near you. There have been no Volunteers to help with Silver Eagles continuity – and there is no news. \bigcirc Well, I did let you know that Bob Campbell, a retired Rail investigator, died.

New Members: None

Board News: None

Member News:

Given no news and no volunteers perhaps I should take a few minutes to let you know how simple my job is. (Yes, dangling whatever) It would be wonderful to have some talented writer with graphic skills as the newsletter's author, but no luck! You are stuck with me! (3)

First, I use the same four categories in each newsletter. Second, I maintain contact with our inside person at NTSB, currently Lorenda, and all of you.

I open my email once a day to look for Silver Eagle news. Once or twice a week I get something. (The week after a newsletter is generally an exception. I can get lots of feedback.) Anyway, I simply highlight, copy and paste this info into the appropriate category in a draft newsletter. I add and embolden the sender's name. Infrequently, I will add my responses to the senders. I also save any sent photos into my Silver Eagle photo file with a date for the next newsletter. If I get a new member it is a little more complicated since their email address has to be stored in my email contacts and assigned to a group, their address information has to be added to my contact list, and I ask them for some news, of course. Lorenda is my best source of new members although several have recently come from current members. I send a form email to new people so that is pretty easy.

Finally, the day of publishing comes. I bring up the draft newsletter that I have been pasting news into. (I know- editor!) I read through all of the info and draft an intro paragraph complete with editorial gaffs. I will try to find something for the Miscellaneous category and look for an upcoming holiday.

That is about it. Oh, and it takes much less time than it took today. My wife left for her guitar lessons about a half hour ago. That was my signal to run up here.

I will turn 72 in a couple of months so I may have a decade of rational thought, but somewhere along the line we will need a plan to keep the Silver Eagles alive. I would not like to be the person who has to rebuild it from the WORD contact list, but I guess that I won't have to worry about that.

Miscellaneous:

See attached photo. I know that I've used this before.



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

Have a swimming Memorial Day. I know that I will. OH, OUCH! I almost forgot NEWS! NEWS! FABULOUS (or just interesting) NEWS! -PLEASE

Jim Henderson