

Golden Eagles: March update and reminders

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> In an effort to get as many of our members' "pretty faces" as possible posted in our member photo roster on our website, and since a photo of many members has not otherwise been provided, the photos that some members have attached to their email address have been used for this purpose. The problem is that these photos are limited in number and most are of low resolution and do not show up well in the roster (unfortunately some would not show up well with perfect resolution, but that is another story)



. If you notice that your photo from your email address is posted in the roster, please replace it with a better photo if appropriate; preferably a passport size photo or a photo taken from your camera and sent as is, in JPG format, without resizing. For those of you who are "facially" challenged, we will attempt to do some photo editing to make you look younger or



prettier. Forget it Cady, there is nothing we can do for you!

We have had a good response to our request for members to send us a photo for the album, and our Secretary Gary Small has done a great job putting the album together, but we are still a long way from getting all our members in good standing included.

Please help Gary get this project completed by sending him a photo to smallgd@outlook.com. This is his designated



special "one-time good deal for you GI", "airline pilot discounted" email address for this purpose only! **Don't** use his regular email address as posted on the website or in the roster (smallgd@gmail.com) for sending your photo since this will screw



with his head and his head can't take anymore screwing with.....!!!

Seriously, the photo album is looking great. Check it out on the website, www.thegoldeneagles.org, in the Membership section under the roster download heading. Gary has done a really good job with this project!

Gary has just uploaded the latest long and short format of the member rosters to the website. Please check your contact information for accuracy and advise Gary, smallgd@gmail.com, if a correction is required.

> The Executive Committee would like to express their appreciation to Golden Eagles member Captain Rick Bixby for volunteering to be the Chairman of the new Membership Committee. (President Bill got him to do it by pointing out the big bucks involved)



Rick will be working closely with the Executive Committee in examining ways to increase our membership and to improve our recruiting process. Please feel free to contact him with any information you might have on any eligible pilots who might be interested in joining the Golden Eagles, if you have any suggestions on how we might improve our recruiting efforts or if you would like to volunteer to assist Rick on the Membership Committee. No big bucks involved for the helpers...Rick gets it all!!! Rick's email address is rickbixby@mac.com.

> This is to remind ONLY those members WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR 2016 DUES that if dues that were due on Jan 1, 2016 are not paid by April 30, 2016, the member will be dropped from good standing status and will no longer be eligible to receive any benefits of membership. These benefits include receiving email notifications and being provided the password for accessing the member roster and the Golden Contrails Magazine (and of course they will no longer be eligible to purchase the special Golden Eagles member ring with secret compartment and built in jet engine sounding whistle for the discounted member price of \$199.995!)



Members dropped from good standing status can renew their membership by paying the annual dues of \$35 anytime during the current year or if renewing in a subsequent year may renew by paying a prorated dues amount. Details of everything you ever wanted to know about paying dues and renewing your membership are provided on the Golden Eagles website in the Membership section under the Pay Dues and Postage heading. You can also click on the "Click here to pay dues" banner under the picture of the 757 on the website Home Page.

> Write this down  !! The current password for accessing the member rosters and the Contrails magazine is still **cockpit**.

You will be advised when it changes concurrent with the next Contrails publication. 

>It's not too soon to plan for the annual convention to be held this year in Las Vegas at the Tropicana Hotel October 3-6. Details will be updated in a timely manner on the website in the Convention section. Stay tuned and plan on coming....a good time will be had

by all!        and remember that what happens in Las Vegas

stays in Las Vegas!  Shaun you still owe me a beer so show up this time!

>As always Golden Contrails magazine editor, Historian and past Golden Eagles President Shaun Ryan is requesting interesting articles, stories, anecdotes, etc, etc from our members for inclusion in a future issue of the magazine. Please submit any interesting material you may have to Shaun at f100pilot@gmail.com. Shaun's only requirement for material submitted is that it be true, or

mostly true, or at least believable, and if not believable at least entertaining (would you believe he will accept anything)!! 

 Seriously, interesting articles (mostly true ones) provided by our own members have always been a trademark of our magazine and they provide a great way to keep up with what our friends and former co-workers are doing in retirement. Help Shaun

out by sending him some material....he thanks you in advance! 

>Members residing in the Houston and Denver areas are reminded of the Local Area Chapters (LAC) which have been formed in those cities. Complete details are provided on the Golden Eagles website in the LAC section. Check this out if you would like to join your fellow GE members and a few other Continental pilots for regularly scheduled breakfast or lunch meetings, some good

fellowship, lots of laughs and lots of war stories (mostly lies and gross exaggerations!! )

>Some of our members may have noticed some news reports of a possible nomination of Gordon Bethune to the United Board by some large investors in the company. These reports are legitimate and your Executive Committee is monitoring the situation in case we can possibly influence the proceedings in an appropriate manner. We feel that the vast majority of our members would support any effort to get Gordon to join the United Board or to assume any greater leadership role at the company. Clearly there is a need for his input as United attempts to improve its less than sterling performance record. We will keep our members updated on any developments that come to our attention and will continue to work for the benefit of our members in any appropriate limited interaction we may have with United.

Posted here are two links to news articles regarding Bethune's possible future association with United that may be of interest to our members:

1. A business news article by Reuters News: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-ual-board-idUSKCN0WA1MR>
2. An article in Crain's Chicago Business Magazine and the author's email to the Golden Eagles thanking us for our input:

Gentlemen:

Thanks much for helping me out. Here's the story I put together yesterday:

<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20160308/NEWS10/160309828/united-ceo-oscar-munoz-future-at-the-airline-may-be-threatened-by>

Best,

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