

# Golden Eagles April update and reminders

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> The new password for accessing the Golden Contrails magazine and the member rosters on the Golden Eagles website, [www.thegoldeneagles.org](http://www.thegoldeneagles.org), is solo.

>As of the end of this month the members who have not paid their annual dues that were due on Jan 1 will be removed from our active member lists and will no longer receive any benefits of membership. These include receipt of our email notifications, Golden Contrails magazine and access to our rosters among other benefits. Full details are available by clicking on the blue banner labelled "click here to pay dues" that is located under the picture of the 757 on our website homepage.

>We continue to get a number of our members who have paid their 2016 dues making a duplicate dues payment. When this happens we are applying the additional payment to the 2017 dues year. Please check your dues status before you send in a dues payment. Your dues "paid up through year" can be found in the long form of the member roster on our website and it is also included on the hard copy of the Golden Contrails magazine that is mailed to members who have elected to receive a copy by US mail. *Remember, our email notices are sent in a blast email to all active members, and even though the email appears to be addressed to only you [because the email is sent using the blind carbon copy method (BCC)] the approximately 700 active members are getting the same message even though they are not visible as addressees in the email to you. If the message is a reminder to pay your dues, this is meant to only apply to those who have not paid, so if you have paid, please disregard the reminder and do not pay again. Again, check your dues status before sending in a dues payment.*

*Additionally, our secretary Gary Small sends out targeted emails to individual members who have not paid their dues as the deadline for remaining a member in good standing approaches (April 30). These emails have the members name and address in the email and are only sent to that member specifically stating that we have not received that member`s dues. If you get an email from Gary so addressed then you probably do owe your dues for the current year, but it still is a good idea to check your status and personal records before sending in a payment. Any email notice from the email liaison, Dave Newell, is normally a generic blast email sent to all members, and any dues reminders may or may not apply to each member receiving the email.*

>An additional note from our Treasurer/Webmaster Bruce Sprague: "Some members using their **American Express credit cards** for Golden Eagles payments are having trouble getting it to "submit". The problem appears to be they are entering in the WRONG "CVV Security Code". Most credit cards use the 3 digit number on the back of the card, *but the AMEX card*

*uses the 4 digit number on the FRONT of the card.* Also, make sure that you are putting in the correct "billing address ZIP code".

>Golden Eagles Secretary Gary Small has done an outstanding job of putting together our active member and Gone West members photo rosters on our website. Check it out in the Membership/roster download section of the website. If you have not as yet sent in your photo to Gary, please do so at your convenience. *Please send a "passport type" photo (or full size jpg) to [smallgd@outlook.com](mailto:smallgd@outlook.com).* Gary's [outlook.com](mailto:smallgd@outlook.com) email address is only for submitting these photos and is not the same as his usual contact email address of [smallgd@gmail.com](mailto:smallgd@gmail.com). Details are available on the website under the Membership heading and Roster Download sub-heading.

> We have some bad news and some good news. The bad news first: The hotels in Las Vegas have substantially increased their charges for banquet meals. Now the good news: The Golden Eagles Executive Committee has decided to subsidize the meal costs for our convention banquet and the ladies luncheon to keep them in line with past years. We feel that this is a worthy expenditure for us to make for the benefit of our members. Our annual convention is an iconic event for the Golden Eagles and in order to encourage our members to continue to support this popular gathering we felt it made sense to assist those who have chosen to expend the time and expense to attend.

More details of the convention will be forthcoming, but for now mark your calendar for Oct 3-6 for the 2016 gathering at the Tropicana in Las Vegas. Additional information is available on our website under the Convention heading.

> We have had a request from Golden Eagles member Larry Mecham inquiring about former Continental pilot Joe McGonagle. If anyone has any information regarding Joe's contact information or his current status, please respond to Larry at [tucker2@yahoo.com](mailto:tucker2@yahoo.com), [770 358-4464](tel:7703584464). Larry's email is posted below.

Good evening David,

I lost contact with retired CO pilot Joe McGonagle. I don't think Joe is a Golden Eagles member. He was based in EWR. Does anyone out there know Joe and his status.

Thanks,

Larry Mechem

> As a reminder, many airline discounts available to United co-workers and retirees for products and services are listed on the *flyingtogether website*. For information on these discounts go to the United website at <http://flyingtogether.ual.com>, then from the blue banner at the top of the page select Company, then scroll down to the "working together" section and then click on "employee discounts.

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