



This message is from Dave Newell and is being sent exclusively to all San Antonio and Austin area Golden Eagles members.

Greetings Hill Country Golden Eagles members.

This email has been sent specifically to you in order to explore the desirability and feasibility of forming a luncheon group consisting of the Golden Eagles members from the San Antonio and Austin/Georgetown areas. **If** enough of you respond that you would be interested in such a concept, we will poll the members to determine a suitable location, frequency and dates and times for the gatherings.

Due to the fairly large area from which we would want to draw members, it would seem advisable at the outset to assume that a monthly or quarterly meeting schedule would be most desirable. An initial survey of the available locations that would meet our needs, such as room for 10-20 people in a group setting, a varied menu at reasonable prices, a casual setting and a location within a reasonable driving distance that is easy to locate with adequate parking, seems to suggest a venue located midway between the two major areas of San Antonio and Austin. For example, one option I checked out is the Pecan Street Brewery in Johnson City. It is a bit of a drive north of San Antonio but close enough to Austin (about 50 miles and an hour +/- for both areas) to draw the folks from both areas. My thinking is that a meeting place that has a "typical" Texas laid-back, casual atmosphere.....

.....and a location out of the "big city" would be most desirable. The Pecan Street Brewery has a large dance hall in the back where they could set up tables and we could have lots of room to ourselves. They have a reputation for good food and beer, great service and a pleasant, relaxing setting. Having the luncheon once a month around 11:30 am would be one option.... say for example the first Wednesday of each month...? Of course there are many other options and if we decide to do this, input from everyone as to the venue and date and time would be part of the process of setting it all up.

As the Email coordinator for the Golden Eagles, I have been bugging you with numerous emails dealing with all kinds of things for the past several years, so since I had all the contact info I felt that I should logically be the one to contact you

with this proposal. Also I felt (and heard) that some of you might be interested in doing this, so I volunteered myself to go with it. I would also commit to be the guy to write up the activity reports and take some pictures and I would also keep the members informed of the schedule and planned venues if desired by the group.

As you all probably know, there are currently Golden Eagles Local Area Councils (LACs) in the Houston and Denver areas and United's retired pilot organization (RUPA) has monthly luncheons all over the country. Golden Eagles member and Past President Bill Chambers is the originator and designated leader of the Golden Eagles LAC program and monitors its activities and progress. One of the reasons the program was initiated, other than having a good time, was to enhance our recruiting efforts and the program has been somewhat successful in this regard. These gatherings seem to be popular and fairly well attended and seem to provide a means for the "retarded" (retired) guys and gals to get together and swap lies. There is also a similar group of Continental and United retirees in the Northeast that seems to be active and I believe there are other informal groups around the country that meet regularly, as in California, Florida, etc.

Soooo....if you are interested in participating in such a program please let me know, and as the self appointed organizer of the "Hill Country Eagles" LAC.....

.....I will press on with putting this together. Bear in mind that these gatherings would not be a business or official meeting of the Golden Eagles itself. They would just be social luncheons held for the purpose of having a good time and catching up with old friends and making some new ones. The program happens to be connected to the Golden Eagles and carries the GE label since all of the initial attendees would be Golden Eagles members. Certainly non-member CAL/UAL retirees would be welcome as guests and those eligible would be given an invitation to become GE members. Since I do not have access to non-GE members contact information, I could not include those non-members who live in the SAT/AUS area in this initial email; we would have to depend on our Golden Eagles members to identify and invite potential new members to these functions.

The activities of the group (written reports and photos) would likely be included in regular Golden Eagles communications, such as the Golden Contrails magazine and monthly updates, and a description of the group would likely be included in the Golden Eagles website. There would be no officers elected or agendas of any kind pursued at these luncheons,just lots of war stories and lies told and good food and drink consumed. Maintaining the friendships and relationships formed during our airline careers is one of the important things that makes our retirement years enjoyable....programs like this one can help us do that....

I have posted below a list of the GE members who live in the area for your information. For your convenience, I will send each of you in a separate email a list of these names in PDF and Word formats for ease of printing or saving as a file in your computer. Links to these files are also posted below at the end of this email.

Please let me know your thoughts on this proposal at your convenience. If we can plan on 10-20 participants on a regular basis I think it would be a lot of fun and worth pursuing. I will keep you posted as to the response to this idea.

Regards to all,
Dave

These are links to PDF and Word copies of the files containing the names of the subject members.

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