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## Hill Country LAC luncheon

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Because We Flew →

Once the wings go on, they never come off whether they can be seen or not. It fuses to the soul through adversity, fear and adrenaline, and no one who has ever worn them with pride, integrity and guts can ever sleep through the 'call of the wild' that wafts through bedroom windows in the deep of the night.

When a good flier leaves the 'job' and retires, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the world of flying, there is a fellowship which lasts long after the flight suits are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

Because we flew, we envy no man on earth.

-Author Unknown

I think the above quote by an unknown author pretty well explains why we "retarded" pilots enjoy getting together occasionally to relive some of the times we have experienced. Clearly not all of us former sky gods take interest in these gatherings, but for those who do, it seems to renew some of the spirit that accompanied us in the cockpit for those many years.

If any of you Hill Country Golden Eagles members would like to share some time with your old buds, you can join the group at the Pecan Street Brewing restaurant in Johnson City on **Thursday, January 20th at 1130**. We had to change

the normal time for the luncheon from the third Wednesday of the third month (quarterly) since the brewery is closed now on Wednesdays. As always, guests are welcome and if you would like to bring your spouse (for driving or other assistance, or just to have them along), feel free to include them.

Not very many of our Hill Country LAC members made it to our BBQ reunion at Ray and Mary Booth's place last October, so it is time for the group to catch up and enjoy some friendly conversation....read, war stories, jokes, lies and exaggerations. It is obvious that the world and our beloved country are in a mess these days, and I'm sure that with our collective wisdom at play we can solve all the problems. We might want to discuss our future nation-wide reunion plans, such as possibly Las Vegas and Denver, and any recommendations for our LAC events. And, it is always nice to share our activities with our friends and find out what they have been up to. The BBQ reunion was great fun and we had a very good turnout with several folks from out of town also. Sorry many of you could not attend....you were missed!

If there are enough of you fine gentlemen to express an interest in attending lunch at the brewery, please let me know with a brief reply to that effect and I will arrange a table or two for us.

I will confirm the luncheon with a subsequent email to include a list of those who plan to attend. No harm, no foul, if you can't make it for any reason....funny how life gets busier after retirement than it was before hanging up the cloud suit. 😊

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and if you can make it, see you on the 20th. 😊

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