



*Here is another **convention reminder** gem from President Elect/Golden Eagles Editor Gary Small....Grin and bear it!*

Who's Cheap?

There has been a long standing rumor that pilots are cheap, but I think it's time to refute this baseless and hurtful stereotype as a low form of "identity generalization".

While it's true that some of us may have a closet full of dried out little bars of soap with colorful packaging that COULD be reminiscent of current or former hotel brands, these items can be classified as examples of "Americana" (or maybe other countries' cultural icons). Shampoos may also be included in these "collections".

There was also a misguided assumption that pilots are too cheap to buy a newspaper, but that accusation fails to take into consideration that pilots generally already know everything and have no need for other people's OPINIONS of what happened as news. After all, those journalists are not pilots so how could they know?

Sure, there are other false impressions, such as some pilots taking their crew meals home for dinner, but this was most likely an homage to the chef-inspired quality of the little lasagna like squares and chicken (or was it meat?) parts in a sauce that you simply couldn't get elsewhere.

I'm not denying that SOME pilots are cheap, especially when it comes to buying that beer you have been promising (you all know who you are)!

So here's the thing...

We are having a big party in Las Vegas in a few weeks and most of it is FREE! You only have to pay for a part of your banquet dinner (the Golden Eagles treasury subsidizes it), the hospitality suite has free snacks and some other food (depending on what Tom gets for us) and of course BEER, WINE and "who knows" what else? Keep in mind that as pilots we are much more keen on quantity than someone else's idea of what's "good"...especially if they're not pilots.

SOMEBODY will be standing in a corner telling outrageous lies about flying (or maybe layovers),

you'll get your picture taken to put in the magazine, and there will be music and dancing...which can be fun to WATCH.

Plus it's in VEGAS!

Plus, Gentry will probably be tending bar!

So whether you're one of the unlikely few that are cheap, or like every other pilot who likes a GOOD DEAL, come and join us. You simply don't get a good deal like this very often...even from a buddy who knows someone who can get you a deal on.....

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