



THE SLIP STREAM

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From The Flight Deck

The Left Seat

One of the most impressive things about the UFO meetings I attend are the stories from my peers at these meetings. The experiences are individually unique and very interesting. It is information I get no other way and no other place. If you're not attending your UFO meeting, you are missing a good bet! Your peers have some great experiences and stories to share. Attend your next UFO gathering - you'll be glad you did. Also, you'll enjoy great camaraderie.

The Right Seat

In three years, the UFO has doubled to 1292 members. However, as I write this at the first of March, less than half have paid their dues and that is not so wonderful. Please see if you have sent in your check for \$20. Send to UFO, 19 Bay State Rd., Natick, MA 01760, or call me if you are uncertain whether or not you are paid up. 508-651-8287

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The Jump Seat

With all of the new members recently, I have had a wonderful experience putting the Slipstream together for the UFO. The reflections all of you have expressed in your Bios and pictures has made it possible to have 12 pages worth viewing. You have sent me more than I can put into each issue. Please know that those whose stories have not been shown have been most appreciated. Keep sending me pictures and stories. We will do our best to allow the UFO to appreciate them. I recently was able to fly to several UFO get-togethers in the West. There were lots of great people to meet and we all had a wonderful time sharing stories. This is the reason this Slipstream is a little late. Check out these meetings on pages 4 and 5.

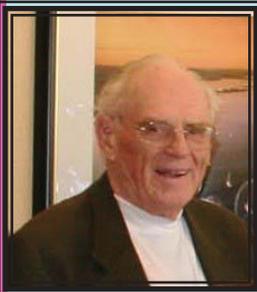
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Special Points
of
Interest:
Herb Sloane Memorial



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UFO ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

License To Shine

We are a unique group of men and women, but so little known that the media literally leaps at the opportunity to write about us upon learning we exist. Whereas others fight for recognition, all we must do is raise a hand. Some of us have done so. If you have not, contact the editor of your local newspaper or the columnist who writes human interest stories. They will dispatch a photographer pronto to the airport to interview you. Go prepared with info about our website. If you need help, let me know. You will shine ... and so will the United Flying Octogenarians.

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Herb Sloane's (98) Memorial –Wetumpka AL Airport

Herbert Karl Sloane

November 4, 1914—January 11, 2013



On February 14, 2013, over 100 attended the memorial service for Herb Sloane. It was a most moving program for this man who was our Secretary/Treasurer for many years. At 1:30 PM, all left the hangar to view the ceremony of a Piper Cub flying over the runway and dropping his ashes. This was followed by two Yaks with one of them peeling off to the west. Don Newman and his wife Pat were there and paid great tribute to this man who flew 25 missions in combat. His counsel in development of our board and leadership will leave a tremendous void in the ranks of the UFO. Herb's obituary can be seen at:

www.southernmemorialfuneral.com

UFO Nominating Committee Is Accepting Nominations

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations from the floor for the position of Director on the National Board of the United Flying Octogenarians. Interested members in good standing should send a one-page description of their qualifications to Nancy J. Warren, 2748 Lafayette Avenue, Columbus, IN 47201. Please submit within 30 days from the date of this announcement.

Get-Together Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, March 8, 2013

These three make a get-together worth while. Every time they have an OX-5 meeting, they combine it with the UFO. The meeting is at the Anchorage Aviation Museum. From the left: Buck Stewart (82), Ed Beeman (82), and Howard Hunt (91).





3 Months of Get-Togethers and Meetings

Reports On UFO Members That Had Local Meetings!!

Aviation Museum, San Carlos, CA 2/22/2013



Warren Wood (82) put this meeting together. There were 23 members and 12 guests. The speaker was Skip Armstrong (retired Admiral and Northrop Grumman executive). He gave a great presentation regarding the B-2 Stealth Bomber. All had a nice lunch and wonderful time socializing with their peers. Nice going Warren.



Lakeland FL meeting on January 25, 2013

65 members and guest were there. WOW!!!! Florida does this up right thanks to Charlie Lopez. He unfortunately couldn't attend his latest plan. Don Newman took over and did an outstanding job of giving out info on UFO and plans for the future. They discussed plans for two more meetings in FL, Spruce Creek on April 19 and Crystal River on August 3, 2013. With an hour of coffee and lemonade during registration, there was the opportunity for much back-slapping and camaraderie. Topics discussed: Knowing when to stop flying, New Airman's Certificate online, and Aircraft Insurance Coverage after 80.



Weedsport, NY 2/15/2013, A Cool Meeting

Bob Barker (81) set up this meeting with the help of Jack Briggs (91), Harold Levy (84), and Bill King (83). Weedsport lies downwind of the Great Lakes and sits in the middle of lake effect country. It takes a lot nerve to plan a winter flight-into Weedsport. But when the signing was done and the sitting down begun, 24 noses were counted. They came early and stayed late.





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The West's Spring Meetings

The West has many great area Representatives and Volunteers. When asked to make a get-together, they jump in and do it right. We had 10 meetings in 6 states, in 18 days and 143 participated. Some tough weather took its toll though. Here is what happened.

Cottage Grove, OR 3/15/13

Warren Glaze assembled 20 that met at the Museum for a meeting and a tour. They all had lunch across the street at the Valley Green Resort.



Nevada City, CA 3/18/13



Area Representative Harold Wolfe assembled 25 of which 12 flew in. They came from near and as far as Fresno and Chico. Harold showed off his newly finished AV-12. Tofanelli's Restaurant gave them a private room for their meeting and lunch.

Brackett Field, CA 3/19/13

Shell Bresin assembled 25 in the meeting room at the airport at Brackett Field, and all had great food in the adjoining restaurant. Shell reported that the weather was lousy and many who were going to fly in had to cancel. Last year, there were over 40 attending. His camera wouldn't work, so there are no pictures.

Bermuda Dunes, CA 3/23/13

Tony Terrigno assembled 20 at Murph's Restaurant on the field at Bermuda Dunes. A special member came with Marv Rosenberg, Dr. Forest Bird (91), who has his own museum in Sagle, ID with 22 flyable airplanes. He invented the respirator now in hospitals all over the world.



Glendale, AZ 3/28/13

Jim Moyle of Scottsdale assembled 12 at the airport restaurant at Glendale. Harry Amster volunteered to do next year's meeting in North Arizona. Kayl Craig of Tucson is planning a get-together this fall in South Arizona.





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The West's Spring Meetings (continued)



San Diego, CA 3/30/13

Area Representative Bob Johnson assembled 6 at the EAA Chapter 14 hangar at Brown Field. With his brother, they prepared lunch for 35 diners and the menu was "build your own Taco". They had the UFO meeting after the lunch.

Albuquerque, NM 3/31/13

Lee McLaren, retired Area Representative, assembled 14 at Monroe's Restaurant. We have a new volunteer in Vern Dudley, who is working on the next get-together. Herb Delker is still our photographer. NM UFO's have the greatest percentage of participation in the nation.



Cedar City, UT 4/1/13

Russ Roberts of New Harmony assembled 5 for a meeting at his hangar. The weather interfered and many were not able to attend. His hangar has an apartment in it and Webber got to stay there for 2 nights. The price was minimal.



Las Vegas, NV 4/1/13

Area Representative Marv Rogge assembled 9 for a meeting at a restaurant in North Las Vegas. There are not very many members in Nevada, so he hustled 3 who will become members in the next 2 months.



Reno, NV 4/1/13

Charles Kettering, our volunteer in northern Nevada, assembled 7 for a luncheon in South Reno. The Reno UFO group is a very active group and plan to meet every 3 months. Charlie showed Bill Webber the spot at the airport where the plane crashed during the Reno Air Races last year.



Look At All The New UFO Members !!

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Welcome New UFO Members

Our Postcard Mailing to
those on the FAA list has
generated
200 new members.

Also we have many more
members that joined
because of current
members word of
mouth. Keep spreading
the word about our
**Organization and
WATCH US GROW**

Thanks to all who have
made this possible.



Watch Us Grow



We now have
1292 members.
Since December 2012, we have
added **46 New Members**
WOW!!!

Our Oldest Members :
Pearl Laska (103)
George Levis (103)
Doris Lockness (103)



The Friendship Directory

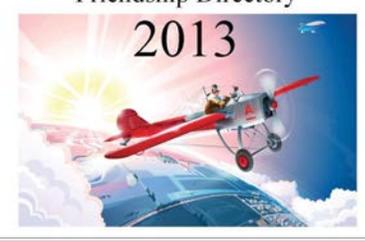


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Friendship Directory

2013



In January, you received the 2013 UFO Directory. It is now called The Friendship Directory. The directory is shown by Alphabetical (Section 1) and by State (Section 2).

I have been asked: "What is with this new name"? There is a big and wonderful discovery that came about in 2012. I found out that being a UFO is the luckiest thing that can happen to people that are over 80 years old.

The research shows that at this age, a dramatic experience happens to all of us. WE ARE LOSING OUR FRIENDS. They are dying. We are going to funerals a lot more than we used to. Example: I used to have three other guys to play golf with on Thursday and Saturday. They have all passed on and I have to find an opening with some very young members just to be included. My wife Beth used to have 3 tables of bridge once a month. She has cancelled bridge because they are all gone now. Other people 80 years and older find themselves with fewer people to talk to and they are living in a smaller world.

UFOs are so lucky. We do not have to have this happen!!! We can find a new friend easily and with our same interest-Flying. We can go to the Friendship Directory and find someone close (in our own state) or far away. For those close to us, we can call or email them and say "I am looking for a new friend. How about having a cup of coffee or lunch"? They may reply by saying "No, not interested" or they may reply and say "Thanks for calling. I would love to get together". Remember, they are in the same boat as you, looking for someone new to talk to. I proposed this to the board last year and Don Newman, our president, took the first step. He called a UFO at an airport in Florida and said how about meeting me at your airport and we will have tea and take a flight around the airport in my airplane. It happened, and two people now have a new friend. Now I am going to help you with the next step. When do you do this? Two choices that I can think of; #1, Once a month after you pay your bills. You could have 12 new friends in just one year, or #2, After a funeral. This will keep you from losing any more friends and you will be holding your own. Now decide to do this. When you have a new friend, let me know and you will be adding to the best news for all UFOs.

Warm Regards, Bill Webber.

Have You Paid Your 2013 Dues?



The UFO needs your continued support to keep all the activities on track. We do this with the support of your annual dues. \$20 per year is an investment in a great organization. If you are not sure if you have paid, please contact Bart Bratko and he will be happy to look it up. Bart Bratko can be reached at UFO, 19 Bay State Rd., Natick, MA 01760, (508) 651-8287.





THE HIGH FLYERS

John Novack (80) Bethlehem, PA

John started flying in 1957 and since then has logged 4000 hrs. He also got involved with Gliders and had 14 parachute jumps in the 1950s-60s. He flew for the Civil Air Patrol and earned the rank of Captain. He was awarded a plaque for 20 years of service with them. He bought a Cardinal in 2010.



Jack Fox (80) Boca Raton, FL



Jack started flying in 1959 and has logged 4500 hours. He holds all the ratings and owns a Beech Baron 85. He has used it to travel for business in Virginia and Maryland. He has flown in Alaska and Newfoundland. He has flown a C-172 across Australia twice and does many Angel Flights each year.

Dennis Atkeson (80) Mansfield, OH

Dennis started flying in 1967 and since then has all the ratings, including the DC-3 in 1996. He has logged 4475 hours in all in the Aeronca, Beech, Cessna and Piper airplanes. In 1985-1999, he flew as mission pilot and Asst. Director of Ohio University Avionics Engineering Center. He was Command Pilot for basic research for landing/navigation systems and initial GPS air navigation systems for the Military, NASA, and FAA. He received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot award in 2005.



Al Ranger (80) Port Charlotte, FL

Al soloed in 1957 in the service and eventually became an Aircraft Maintenance Officer for B-47 Alert Aircraft. He became an Aerospace Engineer and retired as owner of Ranger Engineering in Michigan. He found an FV-5A in 2007, and completed it in 2008. He flies it between Michigan and Florida each year. It is very good for this kind of flying.



Edward Lucas (84) Norfolk, VA

Edward started flying in 1952 in an Aeronca (Air Knocker) Champ and has owned a Taylorcraft BC 12 D, flown a J-3 Cub, C-172, C-182, and a Piper Apache. He is a life member of the Combative Air Force, Old Dominion Squadron. For many years, he flew each weekend to air shows in the C-60 and S2F. He is also a Civil Air Patrol member.



THE HIGH FLYERS

Wayne Williamson (80) McKinney, TX

Wayne started flying in 1947 in a J-3 at \$8/hr. He worked for American Airlines for 43 years. He started as an Instrument Tech, then an A & P, then as a Flight Engineer licensed to work on Douglas, Lockheed and Boeing through the 747. He has over 2000 hours and flies this C182 from the Bahamas, Sun-Fun and many \$100 hamburger events.



Gardiner Mason (80) Atlanta, GA



Gardiner flew with his father, an early aviator, and soloed at 16. He was a Delta Airlines pilot for 35 years. The Pietenpol Air Camper that he flew is a wood-and-fabric home-built based on the 1929 design. He started flying this 7 years ago after it was initially built. He flew it for 70 hours before it was damaged by a tornado at Sun-N-Fun in Spring of 2011. He rebuilt the damaged plane, and took it on its first flight 12/4/2012, shortly after his 80th birthday.

Charles Bohonowicz (85) South Deerfield, MA

Charles started flying in 1948. After 2 years in the service, he earned his A&P and worked for Republic Aviation maintaining F105 Thunderbirds. His wife agreed that they would sell their home and become an FBO called Pioneer Aviation in Turner Falls, MA. He had very little time to do any flying. Since then, he has a favorite airplane that he owns which is a Piper Comanche. He invites everyone to stop in and say hi. His son is running the FBO now.



Ralph Boger (80) Massillon, OH

Ralph started flying in 1953 and has 6200 hours. He went into the Air Force and flew T-34A and T-28A. In 1957, he was in Air Defense Command flying an F-86L. He joined the Ohio National Guard flying F-84s. By 1977, he had attained the Commercial Helicopter Rotocraft rating along with all the others. He has 3300 hours as a flight instructor and has added Airline Transport Pilot Rating. He received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award in 2004.





THE HIGH FLYERS

Arnold Ebnetter (84) Woodinville, WA

Arnold designed his own airplane (The E-1) when he was going to school in 1958. Arnold built it and flew it in 2010 and has the record for a Class C-1 aircraft from Everett, WA to Fredericksburg, VA nonstop in 18 hours 30 minutes (2,327 statute miles). This beat the old record by 8%. In October, 2012, he set another world record for airplane fuel efficiency of 55 miles per gallon over a 500 mile course.



Art Brock (80) Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Art has two mailing addresses, one in CA and one in Bend, OR. Bonanza's have been a big part of his flying life, with 3850 hours, most of those in Bonanzas. He has owned this airplane since 2001. It is turbo-normalized with built in oxygen. His favorite flying challenge is flying formation. He flies with the Beach Boys in the San Francisco area and has flown Air Ventures showcase at Oshkosh. He was a board director of ABS from 2003-2009 and was president in 2008. Nice going Art.



Skip Smith (82) State College, PA

Skip learned to fly in a J-3 Cub in 1952. He has owned 7 airplanes, from an Aeronca Chief to a Mooney. He was a Professor of Engineering for 30 years at Penn State University. For much of that time, he was the pilot for the Department and operated aircraft on research projects and student in-flight experiments. He has written books on technical subjects for pilots and other non-engineering jobs. After some problems with the FAA, he bought an LSA Tecnam Sierra. This is the way to go when you are fighting the FAA on Medicals!!

Al Malecha (80) Green Valley, AZ

Al flew in the Air Force in the 1950s and then in the Minnesota Air Guard. He flew for United Airlines for 30 years from DC-6s to B-747s. Later on, he flew 12 years in several B-17s. He flew the MATS Connie for 10 years, including a 5 month tour of Europe. This plane was on the Berlin Airlift. In 1997, he built an RV-6A and subsequently built 7 more, the last one being an RV-7A which he completed in 2010. He plans to fly to Alaska this summer.





THE HIGH FLYERS

Ben Short (80) Santa Barbara, CA



Ben spent 30 years in the Navy flying A-4s and A-7s. In Vietnam, he had 2 cruises with over 200 combat missions. He has 3600 hours in the Navy and 2000 hours in General Aviation. He flies for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Aero Squadron, Angel Flight, and picks up potential dogs for the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation. He just had a trip to the East Coast when his Auto Pilot quit and his GPS stopped. He had 4+ hours in the clouds.

Bev Patterson Frier (82) Naperville, IL

Discovered this wonderful program
 "PACKER WINGS" Helping Youth To Fly

It is the intent of Packer Wings to provide to deserving members of the youth and other contributing members of society, an opportunity to experience flight and to learn its many attributes and to understand its science and technology in its many areas.

The founding members of Packer Wings have actively pursued educational roles during their lifelong involvement with aviation. The conviction of each member is to share with society our heartfelt dedication to the expansion of aviation horizons. The sharing of our knowledge, experience, training, and facilities will become an integral part of the charitable activities of Packer Wings.

Examples of our contributions to society have been:

1. One student was assisted in a low gravity research program, was introduced to flying, and conducted experiments on the NASA Space Plane. She is now pursuing a PhD in Chemical Engineering at the University of California Berkeley where her studies are expected to continue her interest in space flight and aviation related materials.
2. A high school teacher from Aurora School District 136 was assisted in developing a course for his students who have an interest in pursuing an aviation career.
3. Packer Wings founders have been and will continue to provide free introductory flights to children. Packer Wings is an avenue for which children ages 8 – 21 will have access to participation in the Young Eagles Program developed by the EAA Foundation, the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Flight Program, and the Angel Flight "compassion flights" for children in need of medical transportation. The flight activities for the children will utilize Packer Wings vintage aircraft that is based at Clow International Airport. Children will be given the opportunity to observe how pilots fly airplanes, the functionality of aircraft controls, and be given an opportunity to discuss how to become involved in the aerospace industry. This exposure of the aerospace community to children of a young age will benefit our society and provide an investment to our future aerospace leaders.
4. An Aviation Safety Institution was formed utilizing a skill based learning curriculum for the pilots of vintage, antique, and experimental aircraft. This school has been established to assist individuals who wish to further their knowledge in the design, maintenance, and inspection of such aircraft. The knowledge gained from this hands-on experience will contribute to the safer operations of aging aircraft and will be of great value to the flying community and the public in general.
5. The Packer Wings built a "total" replica of the Wright Flyer several years ago. It was on display at Oshkosh and is now in the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. The build of the replica included actually reconstructing the engine, every nut and bolt, just as the Wright Brothers had done on their engine.
6. The Packer Wings are currently planning a summer one week day camp for kids to learn more about math and science through aviation.



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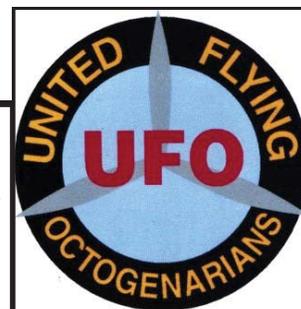
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