



My Dear Friends,

We are currently finalizing plans for our 33rd. Piedmont Silver Eagles Reunion. The reunion this year is October 16-18, 2011 at the Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The Springmaid has guaranteed the room rates the same as last year. Registration forms are now on the web site.

This has been a very busy year and your board has worked tirelessly to implement programs to benefit our organization. Back on 26 November, 2002, a vision became reality. Piedmont Silver Eagles Charitable Funds received approval of its articles of incorporation. Since then, we depended entirely on donations from our members and sale of Piedmont memorabilia at our conventions to fund it. We were always looking for ways to generate a continuous flow of capital from other sources. Capt Don (Cochise) Cheatham had an idea for a NC Piedmont license plate and pursued it vigorously. With considerable help from Capt. Ken and Joy Duncan, it became a reality this year. This will generate funds for years.

We had an abundance of memorabilia from past conventions that we needed to liquidate. Capt. David and Ann Caudle delivered it to Capt Duncan. Ken and Joy then sold it over the internet, packed and shipped it. The promotional items brought \$2,179 for the Charitable fund. Capt Stephanie Hamilton suggested contributing the last 50 youth items to the Ft. Mill Children's Home. Captains Stephanie and Jim Hamilton made a limited collection of stemware with different Piedmont aircraft with the old and new logos. These profits also went to the PSECFI.

This year we have made a change to our dinner on Tuesday night. Most agreed last year that they would like to spend more time socializing than have a formal sit down dinner on Tuesday night. We, therefore, will have buffet dinner on both Monday and Tuesday nights. Capt. Don Vining contacted the Board and requested to pay for the dinner buffet on Monday night for all Piedmont pilots attending this year's reunion. Capt. Vining has attended the past reunions and we certainly hope he will be able to attend this year.

We will have two guest speakers on Monday after the business meeting Mr. Don Honeycutt and Mr. Steve Cole, U. S. Airways Retirees Organization. They have been conducting meetings in different cities discussing benefits and changes for retirees. We understand the meetings have been most informative.

We truly appreciate your membership and the desire to keep up with our "Piedmont family." We would like to see your familiar, smiling face at this year's reunion.

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Ron Gabor, President

Piedmont Silver Eagles Inc.