

Admin Search & Rescue

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Update from the Admin, Search & Rescue Officer

Sorry to report that Search & Rescue efforts have slowed to a crawl. We have only been able to locate a couple of guys since the last report. Of course this is partly because there aren't that many guys left to look for. My list of missing shipmates is down to 55 guys who have never been accounted for and a few who have slipped off again after we had them on the roles. I do have some information on some of the guys we are missing and will try to get the loose ends tied up and an updated list published in the next newsletter.

We have found two new crew members since our last report. They are:

Edward Young CS3 1949-1950

Emilio Dogoldogol CS1 1970-1971

Unfortunately, during that same period we have found that six of our "found" crew members are now deceased. Two of these just died in June 2007 but the other four died some time ago but nobody informed us. They are listed below along with a couple of photographs representing the three we have photos of.

Stanley Robinson TMCS(COB) 1966-1968
Died 7 June 2007

Leonard Erb LCDR(XO) 1949-1950
Died 12 June 2007

Gordon Engquist LT 1957-1958
Died 29 August 2006

Homer Baxter GSSN 1959-1959
Died 12 October 2005

Calvin Cottman CSSN 1954-1957
Died 13 January 2002

Louis Hackner SD1 1947-1952
Died 5 May 2006

Sailor.... rest your oar...



Calvin Cottman



Chief (COB) Stanley Robinson



Retired Capt. Leonard Erb – Photo taken at the 2001 Sirago Reunion

OK – now I'd like to talk a little about the Administrative Duties that I have recently added to my job Qual Card.

After many years of Spartan service to our Association, Mike Bickel is giving up some of his duties. Foremost among these is the job of Administration. I have assumed the task of Administrative Officer to go along with my role as Search & Rescue Officer. Mike will continue to produce the newsletter, so please continue to send any input you may have for that directly to Mike, but please direct any other administrative matters to me.

Please let me know of any changes in your address, phone number, or email. The Post Office will forward newsletters for awhile, but then they stop and return them to me and I have to go looking again. We don't want you to miss a single exciting issue, so let me know when you move. You can contact me at any of the following:

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Now a brief word about dues and booster. Dues are voluntary for regular members of the Association (ie. Crew Members) and whether or not you send in any money you're in it for life. Your "dues marker" is on your address label and keeping it up-to-date (at \$5.00/year) allows you to vote and hold office. You are a member whether or not you pay these dues. We have also asked that those who can, chip in \$5 a year (Booster) to cover mainly the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and many of you, even guys who read the newsletter on-line and don't get a copy of it mailed to them, have donated generously. Any dues or booster donations should be mailed directly to our Treasurer, Garry Goetschius at 3620 Locust Circle East, Prospect, KY 40059.

Speaking of newsletters, all of our newsletters back to 2000 are available for your viewing pleasure on our website at www.sirago.com.

And, finally, speaking of our website, there are a lot of you in the Association who do not have computers and access to the website at home. Some maybe have never looked at it. You really owe it to yourself to do so, especially to look at the photo album which now has over 2000 photos of the Sirago and its crew. Next time you visit your grandkids, just ask them to get you on the site. They'll know how to do it, trust me. You could also use the computer at your public library.

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