

# ✈ SQUAWK ✈

## FEBRUARY 2022

**From the President:**            **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

Recently, our newsletter editor/publisher, Ken (Brownie) Brown, posted a survey with some yes/no questions and some open text questions. We had expectations of a response ratio ranging from 20 to 70 percent. We achieved almost 50 percent! We are truly grateful to those of you who took time to think about and respond to the survey.

Currently we have several vacancies on our board of directors, and several of you indicated a willingness to at least consider filling some of those vacancies. Again, thank you. Rest assured that we will research these responses and follow up as needed. In the meantime, if you are among those who indicated a willingness to serve, it would be helpful if you would take the time to prepare a resume of your strengths and experience. ( email to [jimsufo@gmail.com](mailto:jimsufo@gmail.com) )

Better still; please feel free to give me a telephone call at (817) 202-1044. I would welcome the opportunity of discussing the duties/requirements/rewards of serving.

As you know, one of the main requirements for membership in the UFO is reaching that magic age of 80. The problem with that requirement is that when one volunteers for one of these positions of leadership he/she does not have an infinite number of years to devote to the job. As a result, youth is definitely a plus for any applicant! So, just because you may not have been a member for long, do not let that stand in the way of stepping up to the plate.

Opportunity awaits!

Jim Cavender

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## Region 1 Report by Bob Barker CT MA ME NH NJ NY RI VT

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

My health crashed in November and further recovery is not anticipated, therefore I will not be able to organize UFO Fly-Ins in the future.

However, any member can arrange a meeting. All you need to do for a simple meeting is to choose a time and place, and then send email notices to the surrounding members. I can provide the email addresses. Reimbursement is available for your out-of-pocket expenses. If 10 or more members attend, an automatic \$50 payment is available.

The future of the Region is now in your hands. Call or email me and

"say Intentions". Bob Barker 203 321-1073 [BobsUFOmail@barkerbox.net](mailto:BobsUFOmail@barkerbox.net)

A story of a UFO's courage and perseverance by Bob Barker [read it here](#) (p 20)

A review:

**Fuzz, Feathers, and Flight** © by Director Bob Barker Stamford CT

Just finished Bob Barker's book, *Fuzz, Feathers, and Flight*. I didn't use the bookmark that came with the book, because I couldn't put it down until I finished reading it. I sat on our living room sofa, laughing out loud with tears "streaming down my face." I thoroughly enjoyed my afternoon, reading this charming funny book. Unlike Bob's Maine childhood adventures, my childhood in Story City, Iowa did not include water, a mountain, or a friend called Gook. We had cornfields for hide & seek, a river called Skunk River, and tornadoes in the summer. He introduces us to a family friend, Gook Bakeman, and I could relate because I had uncles named Stub, Shorty & Red. Reading Bob's adventures brought to mind my own childhood escapades.

Bob's adventures of "growing up in Maine" are full of his subtle wit. His stories, without embellishment, are true as he tells them from a young boy's point of view.

*Skip*

[Click here to purchase his book directly from Bob. Barker](#)



## Region 2 Report DC DE MD PA VA WV

Maybe this is finally the year when we can get back to normal and have some UFO meetings. However, I am no longer in a position where I can be depended on to attend. But I can be a great deal of help in setting up meetings. I can get the mailings out, provide name tags, help provide announcements on our website, help provide meeting writeups, and help get reimbursements for expenses, etc.

I look to our Area Representatives to arrange meetings, but you do not need to be an Area Representative to arrange a meeting. There is no single format for a meeting. What has seemed to work best in the past is midweek luncheon meetings at or near the airport. We have also had museum visits, tours of aviation facilities, speakers, etc. Anyone setting up a meeting that is attended by 10 or more members will receive an almost automatic \$50 to reimburse expenses. With proper preplanning I can help obtain up to \$250 for expenses such as room rental, museum fees, bus transportation, lunch for a speaker, etc. If you have a good idea for a meeting and are willing to help implement it, please let me know.

I have just completed preparation of the 2022 Friendship Directory and it should be in the mail this weekend. It contains more than just member contact information. It shows that the UFO membership has continued to grow (slightly) even with all the Covid issues. We currently have almost 1700 members, including 167 in the Mid-Atlantic Region. A total of 37 are new UFO Mid Atlantic members who joined in 2021 and 2022.

We had a difficult year administratively in 2021 because of the loss of our Treasurer and also our website manager. For most part we have recovered. We have gained a newsletter editor, Ken Brown, and our newsletter is now distributed to all our members for whom we have an e-mail address.

Please remember that the UFO is run by 80+ year old volunteers. The sole exception is the paid administrative assistant who handles our records and financial tracking. Our 90-year-old President, Jim Cavender, is an outstanding example of the volunteer effort that keeps this organization running. Among other things he is also the acting Treasurer. For starters, that involves processing 1700 payments per year.

Thanks to you who responded to the member survey sent by our Newsletter Editor. We had excellent response with almost half of our members responding. We will review the information to see what new ideas and programs we can implement. John Sullivan

Robert Tyler Mar 18, 1937    airbobtwo@yahoo.com of Virginia New Member

## Region 3 Report AL FL GA KY MS NC SC TN

Ron Darlington Florida October 3, 1941

ronj41@sbcglobal.net

Started with a PT 19 in 1966 still flying my beautiful P35 V Tail. Have 5200 hours and still going strong. Happy to be a member of this fine group, and look forward to meeting any of you that I can.



Bill McLean RV-4 Lower Alabama

So what did I do on my birthday? Went to the US Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory where I work part time as a consultant on anything that can affect or enhance aviators' vision such as night vision goggles and optical assessments of protective eyewear such as laser protective visors. <https://federallabs.org/labs/us-army-aeromedical-research-laboratory-usaarl#about> . After lunch went to the airport to practice the proposed IAC Intermediate Known and my Free Style sequences. The weather was perfect with clear skies, temps above 50 degrees, and calm winds. With the 10 maneuvers in the sequence, I pulled 5.2 positive and 2.2 negative Gs while staying in the 1000 x 1000 meter box most of the time. With my Free Style sequence, it was 5.0 positive and 3.2 negative Gs, which included an inverted spin and inverted push out from a down 45 degree line. YeeeeHaaaa. I'm still planning on my bucket list item of flying in an aerobatic contest at the Intermediate level in my RV-4 and over 80 years old. When I was 79, I flew in a contest before Corvid changed everything. Some older videos can be found at: [willyeyeball - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwilyyeball) I have been blessed.

Don Youngblood Jun 19, 1941 allauuall@gmail.com

Retired Air Force Reservist C-141 Flight Engineer, retired Civil Service Charleston AFB Civil Engineering. 6 years building my Pietenpol Air Camper N41YB, Experimental Light Sport, Airworthy Nov 2016, 200 +/- hours,

Private Pilot Certificate w/400+/- total time.



## Region 4 Report AR CO LA NM OK TX

Don Pate Jan 11, 1937 donppate1@gmail.com of Oklahoma

"Don Pate: My Father was a Civilian aircraft mechanic during WWII. In 1944 my Dad put me in the seat of the top turret of a fully armed B-25 and then in the back seat of a BT-13 one night when he did a runup, wow what a sensory overload, that 450 sound, vibration, fumes, runway lights, hooked on airplanes from then on! Soloed at 16 in an L3 as a member of the Stuttgart, AR Air Explorer Sq., then on to college Aero Engr at OU, MA at UA , Research Engr on the Apollo program at NAA S&ID; Math/ Comp Sc Professor at OCU then joined up with the FAA. Along the way got my SEL, MEL, Helicopter ratings and became a standards development specialist in TERPS and Flight Inspection Standards. Became the manager of the organization that developed all Instrument Flight Procedure Standards contained in the FAA TERPS document. Responsible for establishing the standards for Basic GPS and WAAS instrument flight procedure standards and then RNP procedures for the airlines before retirement.



Have owned some great airplanes: C170A, 1967 Bonanza V35, RV8, and currently a nice Clipped Wing Cub. Always had a passion to fly the P-51, Spitfire and the MIG-15.

After turning 80, I did my dream flight in Crazy Horse/P-51, and on the next line of my log book is the flight I did in a two place Spitfire out over the Channel and to top it off went out to Santa Fe, NM for a great flight in the Jet Warbird MIG 15."



## Region 5 Report IA IL KS MN MO ND NE SD WI



### North Central Area 5 Newsletter



#### USPILOTS

Recently I had a delightful phone conversation with a new UFO MO member. Jan HOYNACKI is also the Executive Director of USPILOTS Association. They organize several fly outs each year to interesting destinations. I attended one in Wichita, Kansas. Each fly out is normally held in conjunction with a Wings seminar, tours of aircraft factories and aviation attractions and free time to explore alone or with flying friends. Recent events include tours of Mooney, Beechcraft and Cessna factories. Visits to local entertainment which include their non-flying partners. Most events are attended by couples. Dues are also \$20.00 annually, but now there is a limited time offer to get the rest of the year free! Fly outs planned at this time is in Branson MO May 19-22, visit Silver Dollar City, Dolly Parton's Stampede and many other attractions. A fall fly out is being planned for Tucson AZ. For more information contact [jan@uspilots.org](mailto:jan@uspilots.org).

USPILOTS is a sister pilots organization without UFO requirement for our MATURITY requirement.

New member for NE on page [12 Click here Robert Mann](#)



## Region 6 Report by Brownie AK ID MT OR WA WY

What is happening in the Northwest? Covid-19 restrictions are being lifted. Mask mandates will be revised on March 11, 2022. More aviation events are showing up on the horizon and we will be able to meet once again. Hoping our region will have local gatherings at good food establishments and programs. I need your help in setting this in motion. Northwesterners, give me an email or phone shout, and let's see what we can do. [brownie.ufo@gmail.com](mailto:brownie.ufo@gmail.com) or 360-808-3266

Gerald Mahoney January 11, 1942 [elfavi@olypen.com](mailto:elfavi@olypen.com) of Washington

Bio: Solo: 9-25-1963 Pilot Certificate: 3-5-1964 1583488 Naval Aviator: # V-24958, 26 May 1967 ASMEL, ATP, Inst, CFI, A&P. I.A. Type: L-18, B-747, Douglas A-4, (all Models)

James White Dec 24, 1941 [jcwhite@littleappletech.com](mailto:jcwhite@littleappletech.com) of Montana

GA pilot with approximately 3500 logged hours. Commercial certificate; ASEL, ASES, AMEL, Inst. Mechanic Certificate with A&P ratings. Presently own and fly a Piper Cheyenne I, a Commander 114B and a Varga 2150A. Based at Yellowstone International Airport (KBZN), Bozeman, MT.

George Johnson Oct 27, 1941 [180pilot@gmail.com](mailto:180pilot@gmail.com) of Washington

"Soloed 1958, PPL 1959, CPL 1960, CFI 1962

Hired by United 1964, Retired at 60 thanks to the FAA. Flew Learjets until last year. 27,000 hours and still flying my 180 on floats."



**NW Aviation Conference & Trade Show Feb 26-27, 2022 @ Puyallup Fair Grounds** [The thirty-eighth Northwest Aviation Conference & Tradeshow](#) continued on next page



## Region 7 Report AZ CA HI NV UT

Michae Meyer Sep 19, 1941 mooneymikemeyer@gmail.com of Arizona

Started flying in Nov of 72 when a friend asked if I would like to join in a flight around Baltimore in a 172. Yikes, joined a local club and started flying next week and finished with IFR training next year. Owned a Luscombe with a friend and upgraded to a C model Mooney which I flew to LA when I transferred to CA for a job. Sold the Mooney for rent and bought a Cherokee 150 then a Comanche 250 before moving to Phx for a job. Purchased my retirement F model Mooney in 93 and still average 100 hrs per year and plan to stay in AZ til I'm done!



**WASHINGTON STATE UFO AND WANNABEE'  
I WILL BE AT THE NW AVIATION CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW  
When you see me stop and talk.**

Look for me at the show on Saturday-  
Meet & Greet







## Region 8 Report IN OH MI

**This region needs a Regional Manager Volunteer today.**

Harry Harden Oct 6, 1934 CaptainHBH@aol.com of Indiana

"West-by180" by Captain Harry Harden A book about a journey into some of the most rugged and remote airstrips in America. Join Captain Harden for 3 months as he pilots his 1956 Cessna-180 over the Rocky Mtns, the Pacific NW & the harsh geography of the Arizona and Utah wilderness. From Maine to the San Juan Islands & back again. 12 color photos.

My aircraft still goes on floats every summer on Pemaquid Lake, Maine.

CaptainHBH@aol.com"

### PERCEPTION

it is all about how you view it



Why is insurance more expensive for older pilots?

By Janice Wood · February 17, 2022 ·

[General Aviation News](#)

*\* Editors note: In the AOPA article the safety factor under basic med do not show an increase in safety.*





## Region 9 Canada, Europe, and the “Down Under Area”

Would really love to hear anything from all of you. I know you fly, and that means getting together to eat Poutine, Bangers and Mash, Bouillabaisse, Fondue, or Barbecued snags .

So give the rest of us a taste of what you are doing and eating. You write it, and I'll publish it.

### [FIRST LOOK AT 2022 AVIATION EVENTS](#) [THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN OF AVIATION](#) [EVENTS are back click the link](#)

#### Item of interest

[AOPA SUPPORTS PROPOSED EXPANSION OF BASICMED FOR SAFETY PILOTS](#)



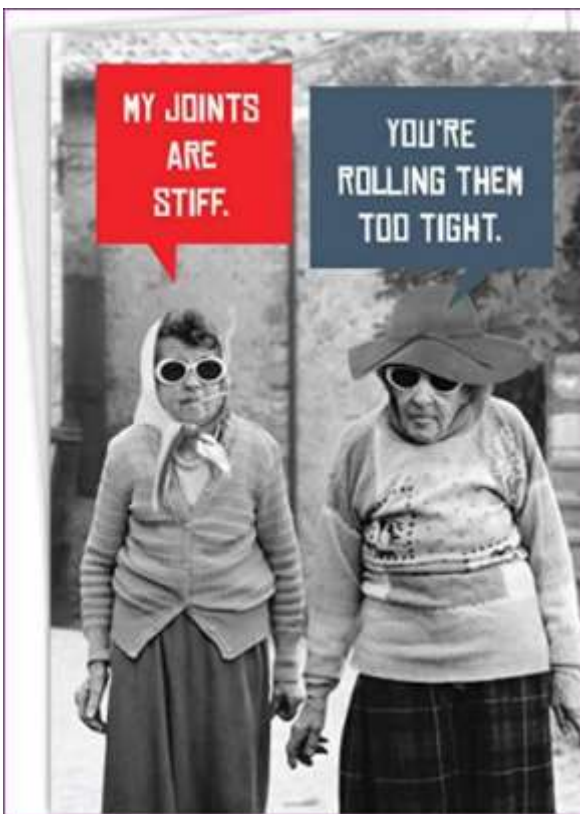
## Missing Bio's *Mia Culpa*

**EDITORS Note:** During the preparation of this newsletter some of submitted Bio's were lost. I apologize for this unfortunate event.

Please, if your bio is not included , resubmit it at ([Click here](#))

### NOTAM

If you live in any of these states (IN MI OH) would you consider being a regional manger? We need a coordinator to organize meetings. Please let us know.



If you have not had your bio in the newsletter and would like to submit one for publication with 1 or 2 pictures please use the new link.

(Please limit your input to approximately 250 words.)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE INPUT FORM](#)



## Other Important News

Robert Mann May 12, 1941wallywoodcutter@gmail.com of NE

I have been flying since 1972, and most of my hours have been logged in a French Emeraude and Beryl, both of which I built from plans. Being an Aviation Structural Mechanic in the Navy helped immensely when I built these two aircraft. On my 80th. birthday, May 12, 2021 I turned over the 1000th. hour on my Beryl, which I have been flying for the past 22 years. When I came home, I immediately joined the UFO. I am a retired vocational woodworking instructor.



## Defense One



Military Pilots' DNA May Hold Key To What's Causing Their Prostate Cancers

Click on the picture to read the article

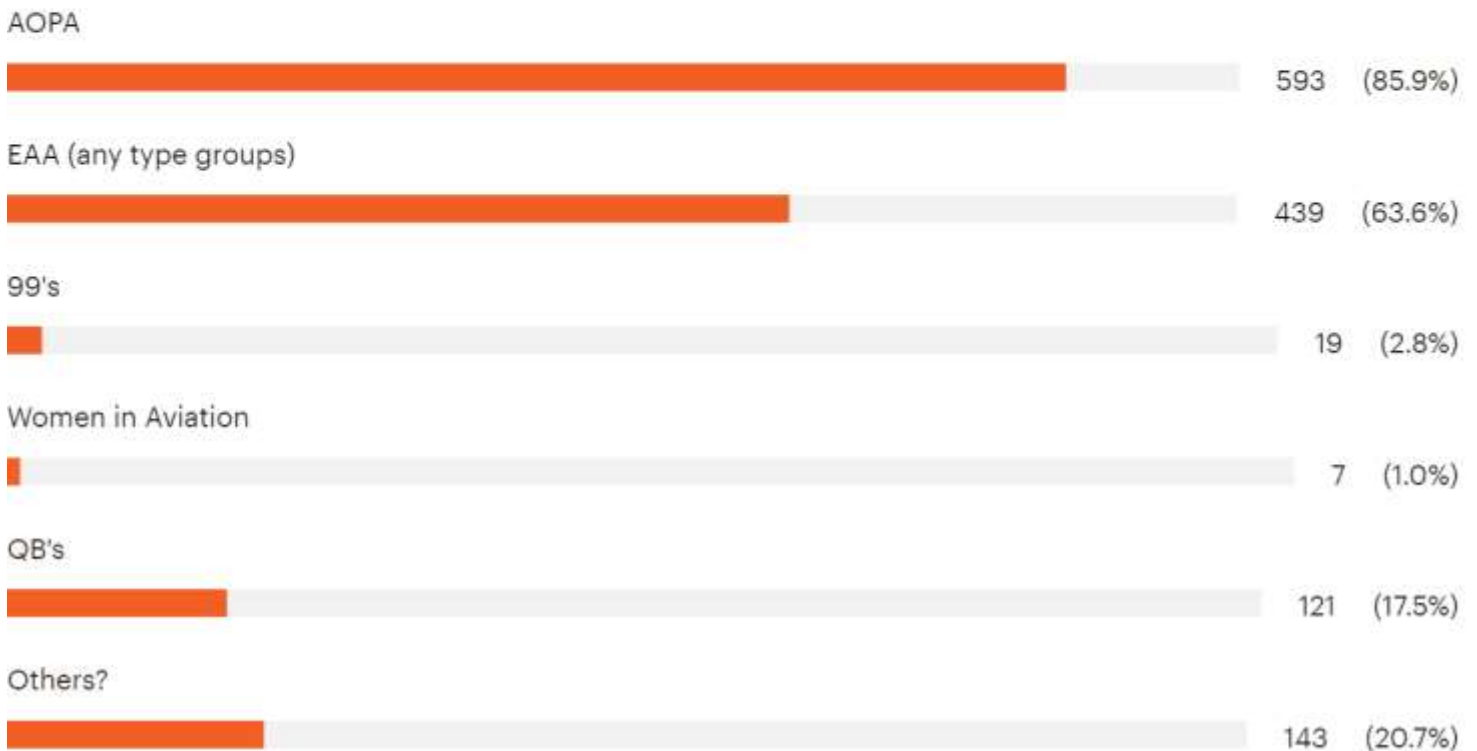
Share the newsletter with your friends who are almost old enough to be a UFO.



## PONDER THIS: The Survey Results

Question 1 has 656 answers (Checkboxes)

“Are you a member of any of these organizations? (Check all that apply) ”





## PONDER THIS: Survey results continued

Question 2 has 664 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Are you a Wright Brothers Master Pilot?”



Question 3 has 629 answers (Radio Buttons)

“1) Are you a Charles Taylor Master Mechanic”





## PONDER THIS: Survey results continued

Question 4 has 653 answers (Radio Buttons)

“1) Are you a board member or officer in any other aviation organization”



Question 7 has 680 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Are you still flying? ”



Question 9 has 546 answers (Radio Buttons)

“If you are flying do you Rent or Own”





## PONDER THIS: Survey results continued

Question 10 has 652 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Do you belong to a flying club?”







## PONDER THIS: Survey results continued

Question 11 has 9 answers (Checkboxes)

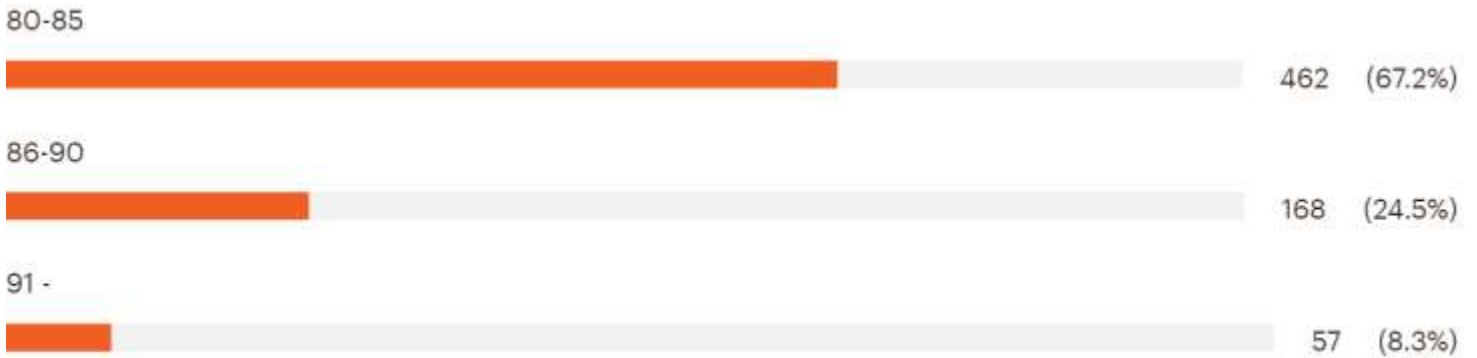
“Would you like to be a volunteer in the UFO family (click all that apply)”



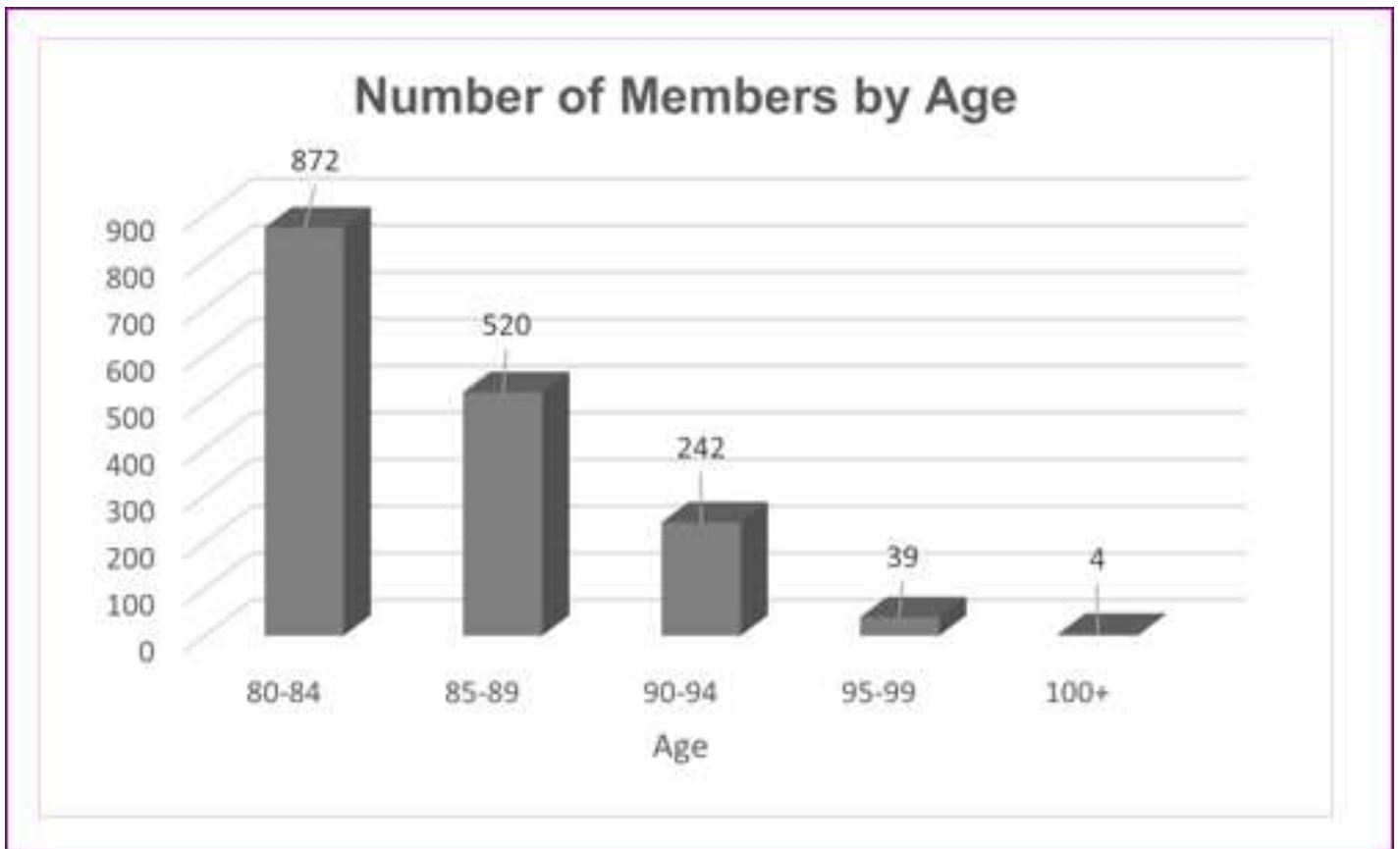
# PONDER THIS: Survey results continued

Question 13 has 687 answers (Radio Buttons)

“What is your age bracket? ”



From the membership roster: age breakdown



## PONDER THIS: Survey results continued

Questions 5, 6, 8, and 12 were open text. The responses were very informative. Hopefully your area manager will follow up with you about your response to serve in the UFO organization.

If you would like to see any of the “job descriptions” or “duties” [click on this link](#) and request file or files that you find interesting.



***What are the positions within the UFO organization***

- ◆ **UFO Board Member**
  - ◆ **President**
  - ◆ **Executive Vice President**
  - ◆ **Vice President Membership**
  - ◆ **Treasurer**
  - ◆ **Secretary**
  - ◆ **Region Manager (s)**
  - ◆ **Newsletter Editor Publisher**
  - ◆ **Web Editor (WIX or WordPress)**
  - ◆ **Merchandise Fulfillments**
  - ◆ **State Area Representative**
  - ◆ **State Area Assistant Rep**



## A story of courage and perseverance

### THE MOST MEMORABLE FLIGHT OF MY LIFE

The year was 2017

It was clear and cool that November day. It was the kind of weather that beckons both plane and pilot to explore the endless sky. The winds were light and the distance short but when the pilot rose to speak at the UFO luncheon he said "The flight here was one of the most memorable flights of my life". How could that be? It was a simple uneventful 32 mile solo between Danbury and New Haven, Connecticut. The answer lies in some things the 80 year old pilot did not say that day but I have his permission to tell you now.

Young John Barrett was one of those crazy kids that lived and breathed airplanes. I suppose that could describe any one of us. At 14 he knew exactly what he was going to do with his life. He was going to be a jet fighter pilot in the United States Air Force.

But at 15 John was stricken with kidney tuberculosis. The doctors did all they could, but it was 1947 and no effective treatment was known at the time. After a three year struggle his left kidney was removed. He was just 18. So much for the Air Force, but John did not give up; there were always civilian planes he could command. He took private lessons and began to fly.

When 1991 rolled around, John underwent surgery to repair a 90% occluded carotid artery. Ten years later the same operation was performed again, this time on the other side of his neck. But there is more -- in 2010 John underwent chemotherapy treatment for colorectal cancer, completely unrelated to his earlier afflictions. He conquered that one too. Another year went by and the doctors told John he had lung cancer. The year was 2011. This was a third type of tumor, not one that had metastasized from his colon cancer. Half of his left lung was cut out. That brings us to November, 2012.



On November 13, 2012 John Barrett celebrated his 80th birthday at home with his wife Lorna. The very next day and now 80 years of age, he flew alone in a Piper Dakota to the UFO luncheon. A pilot's pilot, John had beaten all the odds and qualified to become one of the special band-of-brothers who call themselves The United Flying Octogenarians. Now you know why his head dipped and why his voice faltered when he rose and slowly..., slowly told the group "Yesterday I turned 80, and today I flew. It was one of the most memorable flights of my life".

by Bob Barker

Could it be that the life of this man of courage was extended by his passion for flight? If so, we would like to think the club played a small part by defining a specific goal to seek. But it was John's own courage, determination and passion for flight that made it happen. And who does John credit? George Terranova, MD, the AME who guided him through the FAA Medical Special Issuance process under which he has been flying uninterrupted ever since 1991.



## Gone West. 2021-22 Final flight plan filed and completed

John Elwell	@88	November 3, 2021	of Anaheim CA	<a href="#"><u>OBIT</u></a>
J Homer Doell	@84	November 10, 2021	of Elfrida AZ	<a href="#"><u>OBIT</u></a>
Frank Ahlman	@84	December 2, 2021	of Faribault MN	<a href="#"><u>OBIT</u></a>
Walter J Carlson	@93	December 6 2021	of Des Moines IA	<a href="#"><u>OBIT</u></a>
Walter "Bud" Carlson	@93	December 9, 2021	of W. Des Moines IA	<a href="#"><u>OBIT</u></a>
James C Geanakos	@85	December 11, 2021	of Arlington MA	<a href="#"><u>OBIT</u></a>
Col. Robert McBride	@99	December 13 2021	of Cedar Park TX	<a href="#"><u>OBIT</u></a>
Eugene Clifford	@85	December 19, 2021	of Valparaiso IN	<a href="#"><u>OBIT</u></a>

