

Sentimental Journey New Year 2025 Newsletter

Happy New Year everyone. We pray you are all doing well and getting excited for 2025. We look forward to seeing you in Lock Haven at the 39th annual fly-in, Tuesday, June 17th thru Saturday, June 21st. In preparation for the fly-in, we are still in need of some things you might be able to help us out with. We would like to have a few more advertisers and stories for the 2025 program book. Our program book is a beautifully put together piece of memorabilia, full of pictures, stories, award winners, ads, and the information concerning the event. If you have anything to contribute to the book, contact Kim at: j3cub@kcnet.org, or Esther at: sifly-in@hotmail.com before April 30th. Remember, this book is a keeper!

We also have a few vendor spaces available, inside & outside. If you would like to be a vendor, contact Kim. There is a \$20.00 discount if you reserve a space before Jan. 31st. Deadline is April 4th, 2025.

As you know, S.J. relies on membership dues and donations to keep afloat. Every year we lose more and more members due to the inevitable. We are in dire need of new members. If your membership has expired, we ask you to please renew it, and while you're thinking about it, invite a friend to join.

While we all had a great time at the 2024 fly-in, our attendance was way down. Everyone attributed it to the week long, sweltering heat wave. It was too much for many people to handle, so needless to say we took a big hit. In order to meet the financial obligations involved with having a fly-in, we are counting on our members for donations to make it happen. We are very grateful for the donations we have received, and would be very grateful for any and all future donations, no matter how big or how small the amount. Every bit helps! Thank you all.

All You Can Eat Breakfast

Come to the Lock Haven Airport, Hangar 1, on Sunday, May 4th & Sunday, September 21st and allow our crew to cook for you. The line begins at 8:00 and ends at noon...RAIN or SHINE! Our lovely volunteers will be serving you delicious buttermilk pancakes w/ PA maple syrup, sausage links, hash brown patties, sausage gravy & biscuits, eggs, fruit cocktail, OJ, coffee & tea. Be sure to arrive hungry....it's ALL YOU CAN EAT!! See you there.

Short Wing Piper Club

Don't forget the Short Wing Piper Club will be holding their convention here during the fly-in. We are looking forward to lining the fence with short wings again. It's always nice to have them back home where they were born. Welcome home!

Leah Jones Scholarship

Sentimental Journey will once again be awarding one deserving high school student with a \$1000.00 aviation scholarship. To be qualified, you must be either a resident of PA, or a child/grandchild of a current S.J. member, regardless of where you live in the US. To obtain

further information on this scholarship, call Kim at 570-893-4200 and leave your number, or email Kim at j3cub@kcnet.org.

On a Personal Note

After a lot of thought, I made the decision last summer to hand my duties over to someone new, at the end of 2025. I'm not going anywhere...I'll still be here, but in a different capacity. I began this "journey" in the late 80's, as a volunteer on the flight line. Some of you weren't even born yet! In 2009, after my retirement with the State Department of Corrections, I was "tricked" into accepting the role of Executive Coordinator... a position I wasn't looking for, but have thoroughly enjoyed. I'm eternally grateful for the cards, letters, emails, calls, and those "little notes" tucked inside your membership renewals, telling me "Thank you for all you do, and keep up the good work". Those kind words of encouragement throughout the years are what have kept me going, and I thank you & I love you all! So to the hundreds of people I've made friends with these past 37 years, I really hope you are making your plans to be in Lock Haven in June...we aren't getting any younger, and I'd love to see your faces!

The Spring/Summer Newsletter

The Spring/Summer newsletter should be out sometime in April, and will contain the information you may want concerning the 2025 fly-in. Until then, stay warm. And as always, be good, be kind, be careful. We hope to see you soon.