



Suncoaster

Suncoast Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Chairman's Message



Dear Chapter Members and Friends;

What a great day for a ballgame. Members, family and friends met at Legends field on March 26 to watch the Yankees beat the Phillies. Regardless of your favorite team all had a great time. Again a special thanks to Phil McNiff. The tickets were outstanding and on the day of the game. Phil graciously furnished Yankee caps for those in attendance.

We will have our chapter meeting on April 17. Please mark your calendar. Ed Fleck has scheduled another outstanding speaker for this occasion. Please support the chapter and the efforts that Ed and the staff make each month by attending our meetings. Bring a friend. You will have a great time.

Jim Barrow recently passed. I was pleased that many of our chapter members and former colleagues and friends of Jim were able to attend the wake and funeral. There was a great turnout for a great friend. Jim will be sorely missed.

Remember that the National Convention will be held in Orlando this year. Please make your reservation to attend.

Richard Holland

Suncoast Event Dates

April 17th

**Monthly Luncheon – 11:30 am
Radisson Bay Harbor Hotel
RSVP to Bob Ulmer
727 394-8269 bobulmer@tampabay.rr.com**

April 24th

Race Day at Tampa Bay Downs

April Meeting

We are privileged to have as our speaker at our April 17th meeting SA Sara Oates, Applicant Coordinator of the Tampa Office. Sara will bring us up-to-date on the current qualifications for Agents, hiring predictions, how the selection system works, transfer policy, starting salaries for Agent and support, and answer any questions. Attend and learn so that when you see a bright prospect, you will have the latest scoop to impart.

Race Day at Tampa Bay Downs

Tom Connolly advises Race Day @ Tampa Bay Downs is scheduled for April 24th on a Tuesday. The meal will be an Italian buffet.

We need a head count for this event immediately. Contact Bob Ulmer if you want to attend – 727 394-8269 or bobulmer@tampabay.rr.com

From our Treasurer

This month, we will be having an April luncheon meeting in addition to a Day at the Races. The luncheon (\$12) will be at the Radisson Bay Harbor on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 and the Day at the Races (\$20) is scheduled for the following Tuesday, April 24, 2007. If you plan to attend, please advise me by e-mail or by sending me a check in the mail for either event.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 am and the Day at the buffet at the Day at the Races begins at 11:30am with the first race going off at 12:30pm.

Bob Ulmer, Treasurer

FBI Retired Badge

There are two retired FBI badges being produced for sale to retired members.

Lou Gandolfo, a former NYO ASAC has created a badge for retired Special Agents of the FBI. I've done an email exchange with Lou, and he has sent me a picture of the badge which is attached to this email. You'll note that it substantially replicates the form of the FBI Special Agent badge, but with the addition of the words "Retired Special Agent" at the lowest point of the badge. Physically, the badge is slightly larger (in height) than the FBI Badge (2.6 inches vs. about 2.25 inches) but proportionally, it looks like the Bu badge."

Lou is offering these badges for sale for \$75 (plus \$5 shipping) You can order the badge by sending your check or money order made payable to "Cash" and sending it to L. Gandolfo, PO Box 3675, Easton, PA 18043-3675.

A second badge is offered by Kelly Adams, Account Manager, Recognition Services, Inc., 8577 Zionsville Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268 - (877) 808-9400

This badge requires a minimum order of 20 pieces.

The Suncoast chapter will make an order of the second FBI retired badges. We will charge \$25 for the badge, to include shipping in a padded envelope and a few dollars for the "kitty".

If you want to order and are not from the Suncoast chapter, please identify your chapter so we will be able to verify your status.

Dennis Hughes will take the orders for the \$25 badge and the BUDED is April 22nd. (I just love to bring up those old acronyms). Send Dennis a message or phone at 727 346-0203. Send no money now – pay when they arrive.

Lapel Pins

Several members have attractive Society lapel pins and others have asked how they can get one. The chapter has ordered 50 of these Society lapel pins which will be available at the meeting for two dollars. We think you will want to have one. See Ed Fleck at the meeting.

Chapter info

The March chapter meeting was cancelled due to a mix-up at our meeting site. We had not previously met in March and the Radisson had scheduled another group for our space.

Services for Jim Barrow

On March 23, at least 15 chapter members attended the funeral service for member Jim Barrow, who passed away on March 20. Jim EOD in 1959 as a support employee in NYO and retired in Tampa in 1994. The service was held at Incarnation Catholic Church in Tampa. Also in attendance were a number of long-time Tampa support employees. SAC Carl Whitehead was also present. Chapter members Richard Holland and Barry Carmody, along with Tampa support employee and close friend of Jim's, Steve Matthews, served as pall bearers along with others, including retired SA Bob Lee of Pine Island and another retired SA, Jim McIntosh, who lives in the Tampa area. Tampa support employee Becky Morton was outstanding as a vocalist, particularly performing "The Lord's Prayer." Burial followed at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Clearwater.

Wellness Report

No information was received by our family assistance officers. Please keep our Family Assistance staff up to date if you are having health issues or if you learn of a member with health issues, please let us (or 'family assistance reps') know – Lane Bonner, Daniel Saunders and Mike Lunsford.

Humanitarian Service Award

The deadline for submissions is April 30th. We have had two past winners from our chapter – Mary Hall, wife of Jessie Hall, and Hank McInturff. Any nominations from our chapter? Submit nominations to Richard Holland.

Grapevine

Ed Fleck has taken will be responsible for the Grapevine submissions. Get your info to Ed.

Web site

We have been waiting since 2006 for instructions on how to move our web site to the National site. This may not be possible. If we don't hear from Headquarters by the end of April I will start a site for the Florida Region chapters that want to participate.

Florida Region Report – Al Robinson, Vice President

I have established a resource list of Society members in our Florida Region who can help you get started in your hobby. See the next pages for specific information.











Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

If you have wanted to do something new, here is a resource list of Society members who can help you get started.


How to Use: The volunteers named below will be glad to share their knowledge of the activity, to include any additional resources that may be available. When calling or emailing, be sure to let them know to which Chapter you belong and your contact information.







Want to be a Resource? If you are interested in being added to the list as a resource or know of another Society member who could be a resource, please contact Al Robinson, Regional Vice President, at 727-421-1057 or via email at rbluelight@aol.com.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Sub-category</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
Automobile 	Antique Car Restoration	Al Robinson 3212 Tanglewood Trail Palm Harbor, FL 34685 727.421.1057 rbluelight@aol.com
	Corvette Car Shows / Clubs	Lance Van Atta 6326 Nikki Lane Tampa, FL 33625 813.962.8504
	Racing (Stock/Sports Cars)	Al Robinson 3212 Tanglewood Trail Palm Harbor, FL 34685 727.421.1057 rbluelight@aol.com
	Volunteering-Race Track (Corner Workers, Time Keepers)	Al Robinson 3212 Tanglewood Trail Palm Harbor, FL 34685 727.421.1057 rbluelight@aol.com
Boating 	Ownership	Al Robinson 3212 Tanglewood Trail Palm Harbor, FL 34685 727.421.1057 rbluelight@aol.com
	Maintenance	Al Robinson 3212 Tanglewood Trail

Activity	Sub-category	Contact Information
Cycling 	Fitness Leisure	Palm Harbor, FL 34685 727.421.1057 rbluelight@aol.com Richard Suter 3351 Bristol Place Tarpon Springs, FL 34688 x007rus@yahoo.com Richard Suter 3351 Bristol Place Tarpon Springs, FL 34688 x007rus@yahoo.com
Motorcycles 	Ownership/ Club Activities	Dennis Hughes 7972 3rd Avenue S. St. Petersburg, FL 33707 727.346.0203 dvhughes@mindspring.com
Running/Jogging 	Leisure/Training	Edward Fleck 4614 Player Ct. Tampa, FL 33624-4517 813.961.4259 eefleck@aol.com
Swimming 	Masters Program Open Water Competitions	Al Robinson 3212 Tanglewood Trail Palm Harbor, FL 34685 727.421.1057 rbluelight@aol.com Al Robinson 3212 Tanglewood Trail Palm Harbor, FL 34685 727.421.1057 rbluelight@aol.com
Volunteering 	Charities	Al Robinson 3212 Tanglewood Trail Palm Harbor, FL 34685 727.421.1057 rbluelight@aol.com
Windsurfing 		Jim Cusack 4910 Saint Croix Drive Tampa, FL 33629-4831 813.223.1276

If you don't see the activity you're interested in listed above? Here are some other popular interests. If you are interested in becoming a resource volunteer – or have an activity of your own to suggest – please contact Al Robinson, Regional Vice President, at 727-421-1057 or via email at rbluelight@aol.com.

Activity	Sub-category	Contact Information
Coin Collecting 		

Activity	Sub-category	Contact Information
Stamp Collecting		
		
Airplanes	Flying	
	Clubs	
Remote Control Models	Boats	
	Cars	
Computer Graphics		
		
Sports	Bodybuilding	
	Baseball	
	Softball	
Furniture	Restoration	
	Making	