



LIFELINE PILOTS

the shortest distance between home and hope

It is really exciting when a family takes the time to update LifeLine Pilots and the volunteer pilots that have helped them along their journey. In December 2006, volunteer pilot, Bob Conrad, flew Natalie home after she had surgery to correct her bone condition. Transporting Natalie was a challenge due to her inability to transfer in and out of the plane independently. In January 2010, Natalie's mother, Roslyn, emailed pictures to Bob to share with him their delight in Natalie's progress. Roslyn was also happy to share with LifeLine Pilots' friends their family's experience with the organization. Thank you to Roslyn for sharing the experience and pictures. Bob's willingness to facilitate this challenging mission demonstrates what a generous volunteer he has been for LifeLine Pilots. Bob has flown over 98 missions for LifeLine Pilots since joining in 2001. His devotion to our passengers is truly amazing and appreciated.

Volunteer Pilot, Bob Conrad and Natalie



While it's been over three years ago, I will never forget the call I received from Lifeline Pilots telling me they had a pilot. With that call, what a huge load was lifted from my shoulders! The memory of that call still brings tears to my eyes today.

We had begun the search for a doctor a year before. My daughter Natalie has a bone condition which resulted in her legs being severely knock-kneed, to the point that she had severe pain when she walked. Without correction, she would lose the ability to walk. We ultimately decided upon a surgeon in Wilmington, Delaware - 650 miles from our home in Ohio. The treatment was not simple - it would involve a ten hour surgery followed by two weeks in Delaware, and then months of painful treatment in which we would adjust the frames on her legs multiple times a day to gradually straighten her bones. I was overwhelmed . . . not sure how we would ever get through it.



Loading up to go to home

At times like this, and especially when it involves your child, it is easy to feel as though you are carrying the weight of the world. When someone steps forward to take a piece of that responsibility . . . well, there aren't words to describe it. I had worried and worried about how we would get Natalie home. She had frames around both legs and twelve pins protruding through each leg; she was not able to bend her legs and any movement or jarring caused severe pain for her. A commercial plane was not an option and driving ten hours in a car was impossible. I didn't know what to do.

I must admit that I don't remember a lot of the details for coordinating our flight home. I just know that it was a smooth process . . . I vaguely recall a van taking us to the airport where we met our pilot, Bob. Bob came prepared with blankets, and he jumped in to help my son and I lift Natalie in the plane. And I remember landing in Ohio, a smooth landing after a smooth flight. To be home . . . what can I say?

Four months later the frames came off Natalie's legs - and her legs were now straight. For the first time in years, she could touch her ankles together. Within two months she was walking. Today, Natalie has the most beautiful, straight legs.

For all of you with Lifeline Pilots please know that what you do is not taken for granted and it is not forgotten. What you do is more than delivering people to their destination; it is about lifting a huge weight when life is at its toughest. Malibu Bob, we will never forget you. Thank you.

Roslyn and Natalie



Natalie ~ post surgery



LifeLine Pilots' year started with a flurry of activity. In addition to preparing for this year's projects, LifeLine Pilots was called upon to help with Haiti relief efforts. Mission coordination began facilitating relief missions to move supplies and volunteers as well as helping other organizations find resources to aid their efforts. It is always amazing to see all that can be accomplished when organizations work together. While LifeLine Pilots does not facilitate missions outside the United States, Agape of Venice Florida does and was in need of more volunteer pilots and planes. LifeLine Pilots has both! By referring our volunteer pilots to Agape, they were able to rescue other Agape pilots after a close call with a ruined runway and bring Haitian orphans back to the United States where they were eagerly greeted by their adoptive families. As the relief activity continues, we will have more stories and pictures to share in future newsletters.

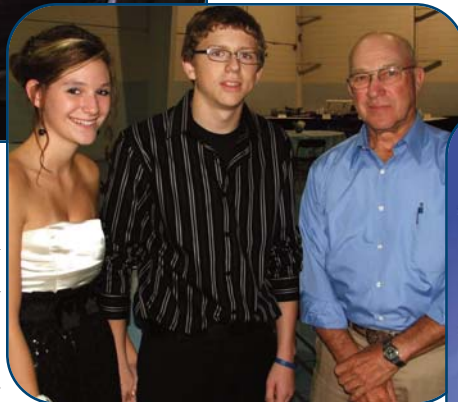
We are very excited that so many of our volunteer pilots have agreed to help with pilot and mission outreach through our Aid Kit program. Their efforts have been tremendous. On May 1st, LifeLine Pilots will once again be hosting Hope in a Hangar at Byerly Aviation. Inspired by the positive feedback from the 2009 event, we are working even harder to make the evening fun and entertaining. We hope those who attended last year will join us again and bring along more new faces with whom to share LifeLine Pilots' mission. As always, thank you for your continued support of LifeLine Pilots!



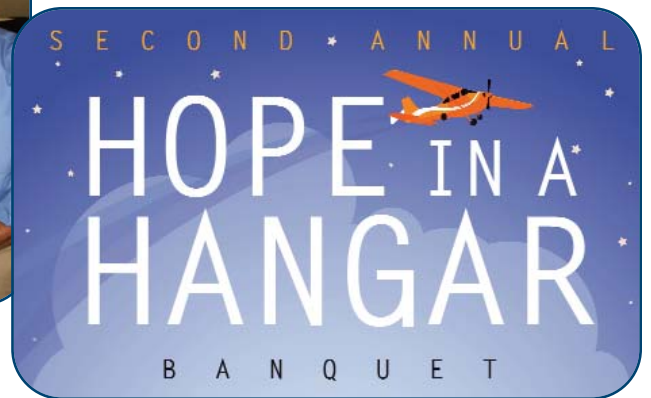
Guests of
Hope in a Hangar
2009

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On September 26, 2009, LifeLine Pilots held its first annual banquet, Hope in a Hangar, at Byerly Aviation. The evening was filled with familiar and new faces enjoying an evening of good food, sharing of experiences and fun. Passengers Jake Achterburg, Kurtis Downs and Melissa Neumann shared how their unique medical conditions have impacted their lives and how LifeLine Pilots' wonderful volunteer pilots have helped ease their burden. Thank you to each one of them for giving of themselves that evening to educate our guests.



Jake and his date along with volunteer pilot, Dick Miller



HOPE IN A HANGAR 2010

May 1, 2010

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.

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Edward Cutler Currently a resident of Denver, Colorado, Ed **Denver, CO** began flying while a student at the University of Southern California, where he received a B.A. in International Relations in 1953. Ed earned his Flight Instructor certificate in 1958, and received an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Colorado in 1960. While in college, Ed was in the Naval ROTC and later began his pilot training at Pensacola in 1954. He flew P2V-5F aircraft in the Fleet, eventually receiving the designation of Patrol Plane Commander. Ed completed his Naval Reserve duty as a Naval Aviator and Naval War College instructor from 1958 – 1966. Ed worked in commercial aviation for 30 years, serving as a co-pilot, a flight instructor and a Captain. He also worked as an FAA Designated Examiner at a school for DC-8 aircraft. Ed enjoys mentoring pilots of newly-acquired multi engine planes, and is also active in flying Young Eagles, an EAA-sponsored program to attract young people to aviation. Ed has been married for 55 years to Renee, a Registered Nurse. His daughter, Helene Wolk, is also a RN and her husband, Dr. Larry Wolk, is founder and CEO of Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics, which provides medical services for inner-city youth. Ed is the proud grandpa of four grandchildren, ranging in ages from 11 to 25.



Mark Pestal A resident of Denver, Colorado, Mark has been an **Denver, CO** Assistant United States Attorney with the Department of Justice since 1993. Prior to that, he served as an Attorney-Advisor with the Department of Justice, Office of Legislative Affairs, and as an Associate General Counsel with the Washington Legal Foundation in Washington, D.C. Mark received his J.D. in 1987, and his B.S. in Business-Finance in 1984, both from the University of Colorado in Boulder. Mark has been published in several periodicals including Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Daily Journal and IFR and has given numerous presentations on trial and litigation strategies. Mark is a multi-engine instrument rated pilot. He has been a member of AOPA since 1986 and has flown with the Civil Air Patrol from 1990 – 1993 and from May 2009 to present.



Michael Samp Mike started flying at age 17 and is an instrument **Metamora, IL** rated private pilot. He owns a Cirrus SR22 based in Lacon, IL and has been a volunteer pilot with LifeLine Pilots and Angel Flight since 2006. Mike received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois and completed the Program for Executives at Carnegie Mellon University. After many different marketing positions at Caterpillar, he is currently a Director in Global Information Services. He has had two international assignments, serving during one as Vice Chairman of the Board for the American School in Japan. He and his wife, Lori, have been married for 26 years and have two sons.



Christiansen von Wormer Chris has had a business career full of **Grosse Pointe Farms, MI** variety. After graduating from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida with a B.A. in economics and a Masters Degree in Business Administration he went into advertising, eventually becoming a field account executive (stationed in Washington D.C.) for Ross Roy Advertising on the Chrysler Corporation account. Discovering his interest in the car dealership business, Chris became President of von Wormer-Huvaere Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge in Richmond, Michigan. He then tried his hand at residential land lording, but he wasn't busy enough so he earned his J.D. at The University of Detroit School of Law. Rather than practice law however, he became President of Wright-Austin Company of Detroit and manufactured an industrial product. After many years Chris sold the manufacturing company and became a commercial landlord with small office buildings in Grosse Pointe Farms. He sold his office buildings in 2006 (before the real estate market crash) and is currently buying homes at auction suitable for renting. Chris has been a commercial, multi-engine, instrument rated pilot for 25 years. He owns and operates a Beechcraft Baron based at Detroit City Airport. Chris joined LifeLine Pilots in 2006. He also enjoys captaining a cabin cruiser around the Great Lakes and riding his motorcycle. Chris currently resides with his family in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

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