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"THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER"

Greetings,

Whee!!! Whatta reunion!! "The Atlanta Gathering" was wonderful. Will and Betty Hattendorf plus helpers did a super job for which we all are so grateful. Our membership and guest attendance exceeded our past record. So Dick Lingenfelter, you and Boise have something to shoot at in 1987 and we're all with you.

At the reunion we gratefully received a plaque from the 95th Fighter Interceptor Training Squadron to the men and women of the 82nd Fighter Group Association thanking us for the warm hospitality and great war stories. Incidentally, fifteen of these young troops came and some of them brought their wives along to join in the fun . . . What energy!!!

While on the subject of awards . . . We presented to Capt. Stu Warren, 95th FITS and Lt. Lawrence E. Pitts, 82nd Fighter Training Wing, "Outstanding Instructor Pilot" awards which they happily accepted. Next year we will be presenting awards to the NCO/Airman of these units.

During our business meeting we came up with a "Volunteer Chairman", Dixie Sloan for our 1988 reunion to be held in Dayton, Ohio. This will solve our dedication problem for our memorial at Wright-Patterson AFB. Those of you in that area can be a great help to Dixie, so contact him and give him a hand.

As a final word . . . thanks to all of you for making the 82nd Fighter Group Association the very best!!

See you in Boise.

"MEMBERSHIP SURVEY"

The Association is making a survey of selected members to determine their interest in continuing to be listed on the Membership Roster and in continuing to receive the Newsletter. If you are one of the members being surveyed for this information you will find enclosed in this Newsletter a postage paid postcard to be returned to Jerry Loewenberg. If you are not being surveyed, a postcard is not enclosed and you will continue to be listed on the Roster and will continue to receive the Newsletter.

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"TAPS"

The following members of the 82nd FGA have made their "last flight"- put out their hand, and touched the face of God:

Jess Adams

Samuel Simunic - 96th

Oct. 9, 1986

John V. Thorne - 97th

William W. Wittliff - 97th

Agnes "Penny" Zubarik - Hon

Oct. 18, 1986

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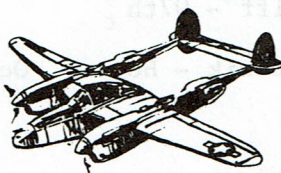
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How time flies! It seems like just a few months, but it has been two years since the idea for a Newsletter was hatched at the Denver reunion. This Newsletter represents the 6th issue that Betty and I have put together and distributed. We want to thank all of the wonderful folks who have expressed their sincere appreciation for our work. The letters, telephone calls, and the comments in person at the last two reunions, have been super. The Newsletter has been quite a bit of work but we believe it has been worthwhile and your support and encouragement has been greatly appreciated.

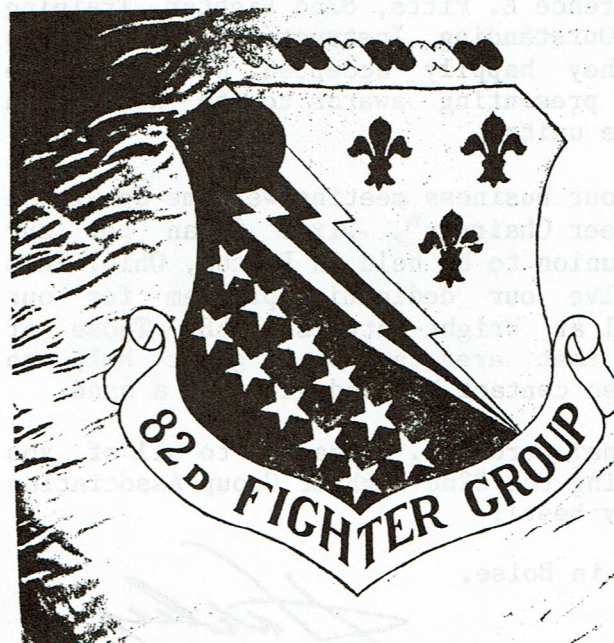
Betty and I have labored long and hard in the trenches for the Association, not only with the Newsletter, but with other projects as well. We have neglected other worthwhile activities outside of the Association, but we have no regrets.

However, perhaps the time has come to step back that one step forward that I took at the Denver reunion when I offered to do a Newsletter. The philosophical differences which I have encountered are such that it has become frustrating and exhausting to try to do a decent job for the Association.

And finally, I have no ambitions to become an officer of the Association, but only to help and be effective in whatever activity I am involved in.

"Jorgie"

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"ATLANTA REUNION REPORT"

Another successful Reunion has been concluded and hopefully all the folks returned safely to their homes or where ever they were going.

The Holiday Inn-Powers Ferry was a perfect location and the prices were right. Parking was convenient and plentiful. Will Hattenorf's preparations for Reunion registration were outstanding. He was assisted by his wife Betty, Miles Hoelzel, Harriette Taback, and Paul and Betty Jorgensen. Jerry Loewenberg had his "collection agency" set up at the registration desk and was assisted at times by Pincus Taback. Dick Lingenfelter had a whole table of goodies devoted to touting Boise, Idaho, the location of our 1987 Reunion.

When Will opened the registration desk at 1 P.M. on Wednesday, October 8th there were already many of the early arrivals waiting. It seemed like more of the troops decided to come earlier this year to beat the rush and also have more time for visiting old (and new) friends. Upon registering, each man was given a souvenir mug and each lady a tote bag, both inscribed with the logo of the 82nd FGA and "1986 REUNION, ATLANTA, GEORGIA". After checking in, a visit to the hospitality suite, which was well stocked, was in order. This year the "go-fers" were Johnson and Janie Williams who went out on many re-supply missions. Wednesday afternoon and evening were "free-time" and gave us all a chance to get acquainted.

Jack Duncan, as at past reunions, had procured an ample supply of souvenir baseball caps with the 82nd FGA logo and reunion location which he distributed (for a price).

One of the highlights of this Reunion was Will Hattendorf's establishment of a special Memorabilia room for the display of the many 82nd FG mementos brought by the members. Displays included photo albums, flight manuals, flying equipment, Queen Mary accident articles, etc. Sometime during the Reunion the active duty troops from the current 95th FITS at Tyndall AFB, Florida slipped in their mascot, a "life-size" skeleton named "Mr. Bones" complete with top hat and cane and a full-size coffin to keep him comfortable. As everyone knows, the skeleton head with top hat and cane is the insignia of the 95th.

Thursday, October 9th dawned with a light rain falling and was the big day for arrivals

at the registration desk. In early afternoon a bus loaded for the first tour of the Lockheed plant where we saw the production lines for the C-5B and the C-130. In the evening we all gathered for the poolside buffet and later adjourned to the hospitality suites for further big story swapping.

Friday, October 10th started out again with a light rain but it didn't dampen the spirits of the congenial crowd. In the morning the second tour of the Lockheed plant departed and many of the other folks chose to take the "Gracious Lifestyles" tour of Atlanta. Also, this morning some of the folks went shopping at the Cumberland Mall. Pincus Taback and the golfers tried their best at the Stone Mountain Golf Course but the bad weather was just too much for them and they ended up comparing what might have been while socializing in the hospitality suite.

Friday afternoon found everybody boarding buses for the Stone Mountain Park excursion with hostesses highlighting the park's activities such as the Memorial Hall, the carvings on Stone Mountain, the Plantation, and the Country Store. Due to the light rain the latter was the favorite place for some of the candy shoppers. After Stone Mountain we went to Lakeside Center for the Riverboat Party. After boarding the Riverboat and getting fairly well settled, the men were requested to disembark for a photo session. Group pictures were taken separately for the Group Headquarters folks and each of the three squadrons. As soon as we all got back on board the Riverboat it shoved off for a cruise on the beautiful lake. Snacks were served and the entertainment was a banjo player who played all the old favorites. When the Riverboat docked back at Lakeside Center we all proceeded to the dining room for a fantastic barbeque, music and dancing.

Saturday, October 11th started out with the men attending the 82nd FGA Business Meeting. (See separate article on this meeting). Just prior to the Business Meeting Mr. E. Patrick Epps of the Greenland Expedition Society gave a presentation of the experiences of the Society in attempting to locate and salvage the P-38s which were lost on the Greenland icecap during 1942. At the same time the Business Meeting was being held, the ladies attended a special program "A New Year--A New You" presented by Gayle Glenn, formerly Mrs. Georgia. (continued on page 4)

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After the Business Meeting a VCR and TV were set up by Will Hattendorf and Hugh "Lee" Thompson and Lee showed his film on "Ploesti" and Paul Jorgensen's film "P-38 Flight Characteristics". The P-38 film was a Lockheed training film narrated by Milo Burcham and Tony LeVier, both well known Lockheed test pilots.

In the afternoon many of the "shoppers" went at it again, this time to the world famous "Lennox Square" shopping mall. Also, this afternoon there were about four busloads of "tourists" who chose the local tour "Atlanta Past and Present". This tour included both the old and new parts of Atlanta (including all the new freeway construction) climaxing with a visit to the Cyclorama presentation of the Civil War battle for Atlanta.

At about 6 P.M. the crowd began arriving for the pre-banquet cocktail hour which was held in one of the special rooms set-aside for the evening affair. The highlight of the cocktail hour was the presentation of the "Lightning Lady", Jackie Brundage Gardner and the massing of her admirers from the 96th, while the TV cameras were grinding away.

After the happy hour we all proceeded into the the beautifully decorated dining room for the banquet. As in the past, tables were identified for the three squadrons and headquarters. ("Mr. Bones" of Memorabilia room fame was given a place of honor next to the head table).

When the meal was finished, Will Hattendorf started the festivities with a few remarks about "Mr. Bones" and then thanked everybody for coming to Atlanta and invited all the folks to enjoy the music and dancing in an adjoining room after the banquet. At this point Will took time to thank some of the people who had helped him with the reunion duties and in particular, his wife Betty who supported him all the way through. He mentioned Betty and Paul Jorgensen, Miles Hoelzel, and Harriette Taback for helping at the registration desk; Johnson and Janie Williams for keeping the hospitality suites supplied with goodies; Pincus Taback for the golf tournament; Jack Duncan for support on all kinds of miscellaneous things; and many many others. Will then introduced the head table which consisted mostly of "Colonels" (We all know there isn't supposed to be any rank in the 82nd FGA, don't we? How about not mentioning rank in the future except for active

duty guests). Among those introduced was Lt. Col. Pete Brennan from the active duty 95th FITS at Tyndall AFB, Florida. At this point Will told the diners, that due to the generosity of "Uncle Wally" Reyerson, their desserts had been up-graded by the addition of the whipped cream, cherry, and cookies.

Next, Will turned the podium over to Paul Jorgensen who led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and then conducted a short memorial service for our comrades who had "made their last flight". The service was concluded with the playing of "taps".

After the memorial service Harley Vaughn, 82nd FGA President, with the help of Col. Brennan, presented an "Outstanding Instructor Pilot" award to Capt. Stu Warren of the 95th FITS at Tyndall AFB. Col. Brennan, after a short talk, then presented Harley and the 82nd FGA with a plaque from the 95th FITS. Harley then presented 1st Lt. Larry Pitts, 82nd FTW (96th & 97th) at Williams AFB, Arizona with an "Outstanding Instructor Pilot" award.

Towards the end of the banquet, Jack Duncan led a contingent of about 25-30 members of the 97th to a telephone and called "Uncle Wally" Reyerson at his home in Minnesota. It should also be mentioned that during the reunion the 97th folks signed and sent a greeting card to Wally and Margaret Reyerson.

The banquet concluded and we all moved to the next room for beautiful nostalgic music and dancing.

On Sunday morning, October 12th we concluded the reunion festivities with the Farewell Brunch and afterwards most of the folks left Atlanta to return to their homes all over the USA and even one to Central America.

At last count we had 270 members and guests registered at the Reunion which is probably some kind of a record. Congratulations to Will and Betty from all of us!

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"ATLANTA BUSINESS MEETING"

October 11, 1986

(Ed. Note: No official transcript is available for the Atlanta Business Meeting; therefore, the following has been developed from a tape recording of the meeting. Items discussed that had nothing to do with the Association's business have been omitted. Business items may be condensed or consolidated).

Harley Vaughn, President of the Association opened the meeting by thanking the members for coming to the reunion. Harley stated that there were several things he wanted to cover but that this was an off-year as far as our By-Laws are concerned, and that we couldn't come up with any new things to do but we have enough leeway that we can maneuver around and then next year which is a regular year we are going to change our By-Laws so that we will be able to meet every year and in accordance with the By-Laws make any rules or regulation changes or things that we want to do. Harley asked for any ideas that the members might have. He indicated that we are looking forward to getting our dedications (of memorials) taken care of both at Wright-Patterson and Colorado Springs at the Air Force Academy with the reunion in 1988 being held at one of those locations.

At this point the meeting was turned over to Jerry Loewenberg who explained that according to our By-Laws we have General Meetings every two years, which happens to be the years when the Officers are elected. The By-Laws provide that between the meetings the affairs of the Association are run by the Executive Committee.

Jerry gave a report on the meeting of the Executive Committee which was held on Oct. 10th. (See separate article with Jerry's complete report on this meeting).

Jerry then made the Treasurer's report. The assets of the Association as of September 9, 1986 were \$11,140.15 with no liabilities, and there is in the neighborhood of another \$2,000.00 that has been collected in dues since that date. The Association has no desire to build up a big surplus and Harley has been giving very serious thought to ways to make the membership profit from the surplus and the members in attendance were asked to come up with ideas. It was pointed out that funds have been used to establish Memorials to the men of the 82nd Fighter Group in the Memorial Park at Wright-Patterson AFB and at the Air Force Academy.

At this point Harley recognized Paul and Betty Jorgensen for the work they have done on our Newsletters and other activities of the organization. Harley also thanked Will Hattendorf and all his crew that helped out with the Reunion.

In response to Harley's invitation for questions or comments, Pincus Taback asked if a former Flying Sergeant, not associated with the 82nd, could become a member? Harley replied that if Pincus would recommend him, he could be admitted as an Honorary Member.

John Hendrix asked about the possibility of holding one of the future reunions on the Queen Mary at Long Beach, California. Harley indicated that he had checked it out a couple of years ago and it (the cost) is outrageous. A general discussion by the members followed which covered alternative ways of having the reunion in the vicinity of the Queen Mary and at the same time keeping the costs down. John pointed out that a significant number of our members live in California and volunteered to assist anybody who would be willing to sponsor a reunion in the vicinity of the Queen Mary. He invited any of the members in the Southern California area that were interested to sit down with him and discuss some preliminary plans. Harley indicated that was a good idea and put his blessing on the idea.

One of the members asked if some thought was being given to the possibility of getting a tax exempt-non profit status for the 82nd FGA now that we are going to have "Life Memberships". Jerry responded that an application has been made to the IRS for such status and that a representative of the IRS has assured Jerry by telephone that we would have it before the end of the year.

Joe Solko suggested that Washington, D.C. would be a beautiful place to hold a future reunion. Another member invited the 82nd FGA to hold a future reunion in Asheville, North Carolina.

A general discussion ensued among the members regarding the location of current day P-38s, both flyable and non-flyable.

Jerry mentioned the P-38 National Convention to be held in California in 1987. Jack Walker and "Stumpy" Hollinger are both on the Board. (Jack Walker was supposed to have some time to talk to the meeting about this Convention, but time ran out before he could be called on).

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Harley then covered the subject of awards to the active duty troops. Awards will be made to an instructor pilot from the 82nd FTW at Williams AFB and to another instructor pilot from the 95th FITS at Tyndall AFB. The awards were to be made at the Saturday night banquet. Next year the awards will be expanded to cover airmen of those units and suggestions were requested from the members as to who the awards should go to.

Dick Willsie told the members assembled what the plans were for the ABC television crew that was there to cover the "Lightning Lady" story for ABC's "Our World" program. He indicated that ABC wanted to expand the story to include the history of the entire 82nd Fighter Group and not just the 96th.

Harley then thanked Dick Lingenfelter for all the work he had done on the "Lightning Lady" project and pointed out that the 82nd FGA had picked up a substantial number of new members due to all of the publicity.

Pincus Taback suggested that at future reunions, the golf tournament be scheduled a day earlier to provide scheduling flexibility in case of inclement weather.

Will Hattendorf expressed his appreciation for all those attending and pointed out that everyone, including the wives and guests, were an absolutely fantastic crowd and real fun for him and Betty to spend time with. Will mentioned the arrival of "Mr. Bones" in the memorabilia room and expressed some concern about the possible reaction of the hotel cleaning staff when they met him last night! Will was then given a standing ovation by the membership for the wonderful job he had done on the reunion.

At this point Will suggested that the 82nd FGA might want to make a contribution to Pat Epps and the Greenland Expedition Society to help in finding the P-38s under the ice in Greenland. The membership voted to present Mr. Epps with a contribution check for \$1,000 from the 82nd FGA and he was given this news at the end of the meeting.

Jack Duncan was asked to explain the insignia of the 82nd Fighter Group which he did. (Jack's complete explanation will be run in some future issue of the Newsletter).

Jerry Loewenberg then read a resolution that Paul Jorgensen offered to the membership:

"Whereas, the By-Laws of the 82nd Fighter Group Association state that it is the purpose of The Association to perpetuate the bonds of friendship that exist between all of its members, and that one of the objectives shall be to maintain a contact between all members, therefore be it

Resolved, that the membership in attendance and voting, hereby by affirmative vote, instruct the Officers of the Association to publish and distribute, once a calendar year at the expense of The Association, a Membership Roster of the Association to all members listed on the Roster and all new members. Additional Rosters, over and above the one free annual Roster, desired by any member, will be available at a nominal charge."

Jerry pointed out that the Executive Committee had agreed to send a Roster to everyone on a one time basis and that this resolution provides for sending a Roster to everyone once a year. Jerry indicated that he did not favor the resolution but that it would be put to a vote after Paul discussed the reason for the resolution.

Paul explained that the reason for the resolution was to assure that all members on the roster would receive a copy once a year. He pointed out that the lifeblood of our organization is communication with and between all members. If just one of our members finds a long-lost buddy on the roster it would all be worth while. Communication with the members of our organization is accomplished by the publication and distribution of a newsletter, a membership roster, and of course the annual reunions. A copy of the Newsletter is sent to everybody on the roster but the roster itself is not. The current policy of the Association has been to make a copy of the roster available to dues paying members, if they remembered to ask the Secretary for it. Those folks who don't pay dues could obtain a roster by asking for it and paying \$3.00! According to our Secretary, if a dues paying member doesn't ask for a roster, or if a non-dues paying member doesn't buy one, they must not be interested in the Association. Paul told the meeting that the roster should be sent to all members whether or not they pay dues. That is what this resolution is all about — send a roster to everybody, whether we think they are interested or not, so they know who is on the roster.

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"THE MISSING LIGHTNING LADY IS FOUND"

It all started in early 1944 when the enlisted men of the 96th decided that they wanted their own pin-up girl and through their spokesman T/Sgt John Fucciolo sent the following letter to Lockheed in Burbank, California:

"We, the enlisted men of the Fighting 96th 'Slugging Jackrabbit' squadron have decided after 19 months of actual combat operations, that we want a special, favorite girl friend for our own . . . Having worked with the P-38 for nearly three years now, and sincerely considering it the finest fighting plane in the air today, we want to choose our official girl from among the feminine workers in your plant who are helping to build the plane on which we pin our private hopes for final victory".

As a result of that letter the Lockheed Employee's Recreation Club (LERC) instigated the "Belle Ballot" and asked for the Lockheed girls working on the P-38 to submit their pictures for consideration towards becoming the 96th's official "Lightning Lady". From scores of entries in the "Belle Ballot", AAF test pilots resident at Lockheed selected 38 finalists. The 38 finalists were re-photographed by LERC and the photos were then submitted to the men of the 96th for their decision as to which of the entrants would be their "Lightning Lady".

The November 3, 1944 issue of The Lockheed Star disclosed that the winner of the "Lightning Lady" contest was Jackie Brundage a 21 year old secretary. Announcing the winner of the "Lightning Lady" title, the Slugging Jackrabbit squadron wrote the Lockheed Star through spokesman T/Sgt. J.D. Allen who was President of the enlisted men's club:

"When we decided we needed a special, exclusive pin-up girl for our own, we had in mind something other than the professional beauty of a stage or screen personality, something closer to home. We wanted a girl who by her natural loveliness and pleasing appearance would, for awhile, stand for our own girl friends — or sisters perhaps — at home. Miss Brundage qualified in our minds as a composite of all that is fine and beautiful in the 'average American girl'. In her special place as official 'Lightning Lady' of the squadron, she stands for the kind of girl we want to come home to, the kind of a girl we

are fighting for". In this contest there were only winners. In addition to Jackie, the photographs of the all of the other 37 contestants were hung on the walls of the enlisted men's club in Foggia, Italy. Jackie's name and picture was painted on the side of the P-38 flown by the 96th squadron commander, Major Richard Willsie.

When Dick Willsie rotated stateside he visited the Lockheed plant where the P-38s were built and had the opportunity to meet Jackie Brundage. Photographs of that meeting show Dick in the cockpit of a P-38 and Jackie standing near him bending over a wing of the aircraft.

After WW II everybody went their own way and the "Lightning Lady" was all but forgotten except for Dick Lingenfelter who in January of this year took on the role of a one man task-force to find Jackie, hopefully in time for the 82nd FGA reunion in Atlanta. Persistence paid off for Dick. He had originally contacted the Lockheed Public Relations department and asked for their assistance in locating Jackie. Unfortunately, Lockheed's records shed no light on the whereabouts of their former employee.

Lingenfelter then turned to the Los Angeles Times. Requesting assistance from Lockheed Public Relations, Times reporter Paul Dean, received photo copies of 1944 issues of the Lockheed Star featuring the "Lightning Lady" contest and the winner along with other available information. The feature article and photos that ran in the Aug. 3 Times triggered inquiries to the Lockheed Star from local area, state, and national news media: Associated Press, United Press International, Cable News Network, USA Today, Orange County Register, Good Morning America, ABC network television, KPIX San Francisco television, KNXT Los Angeles television, and other TV news programs. "We think Jackie Brundage is still out there somewhere," the Star told news people.

As a result of the news media attention, Dick Lingenfelter received a phone call from the husband of the one-time "Lightning Lady"— now Mrs. Paul Gardner of Rancho Cucamonga, California, only a few miles from the home of Dick Willsie. The search was over.

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LIGHTNING LADY (continued from page 7.)

A delighted Jackie Brundage Gardner was interviewed and photographed by the press and appeared on TV newscasts. Leaving Lockheed at the end of WW II, she had said goodbye to the role as the 96th's pinup girl, pen pal, and girl-next-door they'd be coming home to. Later she was a private secretary to Ozzie and Harriet Nelson and Art Linkletter. Jackie eventually moved to Australia where she met and wed Paul Gardner 33 years ago. The Gardners have lived in Southern California since the late 1950s.

Jackie and her husband were invited to the Atlanta reunion of the 82nd Fighter Group Association and they accepted. Lingenfelter then sent out an appeal to his 96th buddies for the funds necessary to finance the invitation to the Gardners. The checks started rolling in, and although we are not sure, it seems that the men of the 96th and others came through at the appropriate time.

Jackie and her husband did attend the Atlanta reunion. For the men of the 96th at the reunion it was the first time, except for Dick Willsie, that they met the pinup girl that they had selected back in 1944.

During the reunion ABC television filmed many of the events which are scheduled to be televised as a segment of the "Our World" program on Thursday, November 13th. Check your local TV program listings for the time of showing in your area.



"Lightning Lady" in the '40s.

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One of the members asked about the cost of printing and mailing the rosters. Paul indicated that rosters cost 45 cents a piece to print and they can be mailed first class for 22 cents, or a total cost to the Association of 67 cents per roster or \$325 a year for the entire distribution.

Marty Collis then pointed out that those members who were present had the money to attend the reunion and get a roster, but that there are other members who don't have the money to come, and that every member whether he has a nickel or a million should get a roster. Other members expressed their opinion that the roster should be sent to everyone.

Miles Hoelzel suggested that we publish a special roster which would include all our members that had "passed away". This will be considered for a future project.

Paul gave credit to Ralph Embrey for having done most of the work in setting up the roster in its present form and Ralph was given a round of applause by the troops for his efforts.

A vote was taken on the resolution and it passed with only one member dissenting.

Dick Lingenfelter finally had an opportunity to say a few words about next years reunion in Boise (on instructions from our leader he kept it "short"). Dick had letters from the Mayor of Boise and the Governor of Idaho welcoming the 82nd FGA to Boise in 1987 which he presented to Harley. (See Dick's write-up elsewhere in this Newsletter about the 1987 reunion in Boise).

Dick told us of the success of the project to bring the "Lightning Lady" to Atlanta. He then said that the 96th was offering to relinquish the "Lightning Lady" to the 82nd FGA as a mascot for all squadrons of the 82nd. The other squadrons accepted.

A question was raised with respect to the location of the 1988 reunion. Harley announced that Dixie Sloan had volunteered to host the 1988 reunion in Dayton, Ohio.

The meeting concluded with the presentation of a \$1,000 contribution to the Greenland Expedition Society to help in locating and salvaging the P-38s under the ice in Greenland.

"EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT"

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held in Atlanta on 10 October 1986 all members of the Committee were present and included the following: Harley Vaughn (President), Ralph Embrey (Vice President), Jerry Loewenberg (Secretary/Treasurer), Gayle Hasenplaugh (95th), Buddy Strozier (96th), and Jack Duncan (97th). President Vaughn presided.

By unanimous vote of all Committee members the following actions were taken:

1. At the last General Meeting of the Association in San Antonio in 1985 the matter of establishing Life Memberships was referred to the Executive Committee. It was decided to propose an amendment to our By-Laws at the next General Meeting in 1987, providing for a class of membership called Life Membership. Meanwhile it was decided that any member who paid the Association \$100, with credit for all dues already paid for years beyond 1986, would be designated a Sustaining Member for Life.

2. A one time mailing of our October 1, 1986 roster would be made to all members who had not received one.

3. The next issue of the Newsletter will contain a postage-paid postcard, addressed to the Association Secretary, on which there would be a questionnaire to determine the members interest in being retained on the Association Roster. The intent is to see if there are persons listed on our Roster who have no real interest in the Association. Cards will not be included in Newsletters being sent to voluntary dues payers, attendees at any of the 1984, 1985, or 1986 reunions, or persons who have already demonstrated interest in the Association. Persons failing to respond may be dropped from the Roster.

Harley Vaughn explained that the 96th and 97th squadrons are now assigned to the 82nd Fighter Training Wing; and the 95th squadron is assigned to the 325th Fighter Training Wing. An award, consisting of a plaque will be awarded to the outstanding flight instructor in the 96th or 97th squadrons, and one to the outstanding flight instructor of the 95th squadron; the winners to be selected by their respective commanding officers. The two current winners are attending this reunion, and the awards will be made at the banquet.

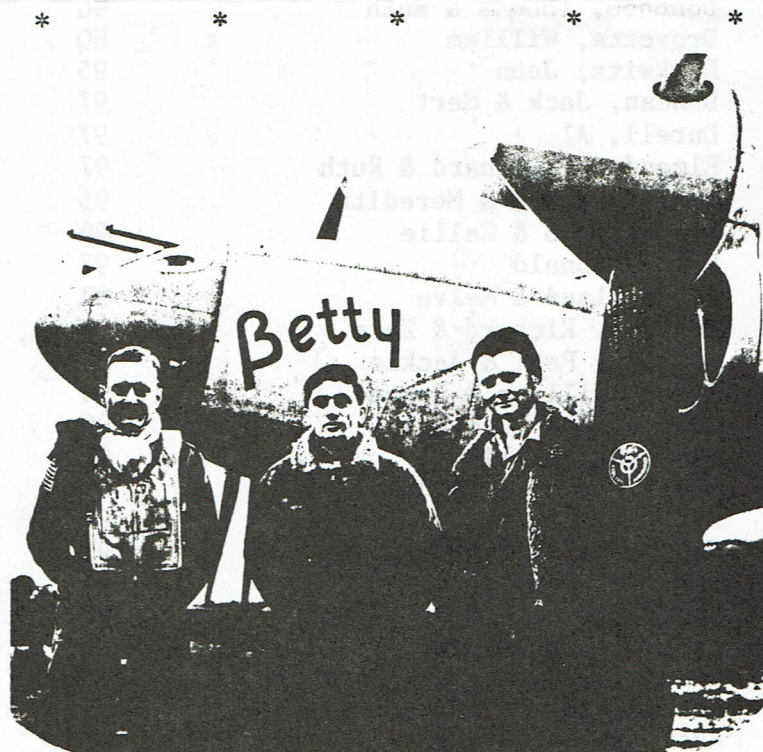
Jack Duncan suggested that an award be created for enlisted men, such as mechanics, crew chiefs, etc. That suggestion was unanimously approved, and the method of selection will be determined after discussions with the commanders of the active duty organizations.

Jerry Loewenberg reported that all of the 150 P-38 tie-tacs that he had obtained from Lockheed have been sold. There is still a demand and "Stumpy" Hollinger has volunteered to assist members in procuring such tie-tacs.

Jerry Loewenberg reported that the IRS had issued an Employer's Identification Number to the Association, and that an application for Tax Exempt status has been filed with the IRS.

There was a discussion as to the desirability of holding the 1988 reunion in Dayton, Ohio, and it was decided to have that matter discussed by all members at the meeting to be held on Saturday, October 11th.

Jerry Loewenberg
Secretary/Treasurer



L to R: "Monty" Bardwell, Hazzouis (?), Kingery. Thanks to "Monty" for the photo.

"ATLANTA REUNION ATTENDEES"

The following Association members and guests were in attendance at the Atlanta Reunion:

Adams, Charles & Dorothy	95
Adams, Roberta & Vysta	95
Baker, James & Betty	96
Balucha, Carl & Betty	97
Bardwell, Charles	96
Baucom, Fred & Margaret	95
Bingham, Fred	95
Blake, Steven & Marjorie	HON
Bosshard, John & Eunice	97
Bowers, George & Joan	95
Butler, Barry & Melissa	95
Campbell, Robert	96
Carlson, Walter + Guest	96
Carpenter, Robert & Gerry	95
Cavanaugh, Gerald	95
Chapman, Francis	96
Charlton, Wilfred & Ginny	97
Christensen, Merv & Lynn	HQ
Collis, Martin & June	97
Congdon, Robert & Wilma	97
Craft, Bernise	95
Davis, John & Emilie	97
Deforge, Alvah & Claire	97
Dearing, Henry & Peg	95
Donohoo, Thomas & Ruth	96
Drovetta, William	HQ
Duckwitz, John	95
Duncan, Jack & Mert	97
Durell, Al	97
Elmendorf, Richard & Ruth	97
Embrey, Ralph & Meredith	95
Fisher, Leo & Callie	96
Foley, Donald	97
Ford, Claud & Melva	97
Gadbury, Richard & Zeta	97
Gardner, Paul & Jackie	HON
Gates, William & Swanee	96
Giertz, Robert & Lola	96
Glowacki, William	95
Gray, Thomas & Mildred	97
Hall, William & Eva	97
Haney, William & Virginia	96
Harding, Roswell	97
Harman, Paul & Arky	96
Harrington, Robert & Nell	96
Hasenplaugh, Gayle & Dorothy	95
Hattendorf, Will & Betty	95
Heck, Walter & Alice	97
Hendrix, John & Phyllis	95
Herrick, Ken & Betty	96
Hoelzel, Miles & Marjorie	HQ
Holeman, William & Lee	96
Hollinger, Richard "Stumpy"	LKHD
Hooper, Bill & Sybil	96

Howard, Jack	96
Hughes, Bryce & Margo	96
Huss, Edward & June	97
Iles, Raymond & Eulalia	97
Ireland, Bruce & Emma	96
Johnson, Burl & Florence	95
Johnson, Howard & Norma	95
Jones, Lincoln & Midge	96
Jones, Grover + Guest	
Jones, Robert	96
Jorda, Wayne & Erma	96
Jorgensen, Paul & Betty	97
Kane, John	96
Kaufman, Ted & Susan	96
Keller, Jack & Ruth	95
Kingery, Meredith & June	96
Koivuniemi, Reuben & Marie	96
Kostyo, John & Sarah	96
Kuczmarski, Len & Eloise	96
Kupcinkas, Stanley & Aldona	96
Ladd, Gerald & Marian	96
Latta, Ted & Dorothy	96
Lingenfelter, Richard & Jo Ann	96
Litchfield, Henry & Ruth	97
Litchfield, John & Ysobel	97
Loewenberg, Jerry & Pat	HQ
Lynn, Roland & Bonnie	96
Martin, Alex	96
Marvin, George	97
Mason, Ben	HQ
Mass, Paul	95
Mazurak, Eugene & Lynn	97
Medley, Olen & Betty	95
Mikes, Alphons & Anita	96
Montgomery, Fred & Ethel	96
Morgan, Emory & Fern	97
Morris, Harry	97
Mosely, Martin & Frances	97
Mosely, William	96
Mullin, Melvin & Vi	95
Murphy, Frank	95
O'Brien, Hugh & Lucille	95
Ostronik, Richard	96
Parker, Guy & Lillian	96
Perry, Donald	96
Phillips, Henry	96
Pinson, Charles & Bette	96
Pratt, Leonard & Blythe	97
Puetz, Joseph	96
Radawec, Mike & Albina	HQ
Reisman, Irving & Sheila	97
Rogero, Frank & Marian	96
Routhier, Romeo	96
Rudy, James & Dorothy	95
Russell, Eugene & Bettye	96
Saccomano, Fedele & Alma	96
Sawicki, Edward & Julie	97
Schneider, Albert & Gayle	97
Scott, Edwin & Phyl	96

Selle, Fred & Shirley	96
Sides, Jack & Judith	96
Sloan, Dixie	96
Solko, Joseph & Tina	95
Spence, T.O. & Mar-Jo	96
Stanaway, John & Susan	HON
Strong, Thaddeus	97
Strozier, Buddy	96
Swanson, Harold & Hope	96
Taback, Pincus & Harriett	97
Taylor, Vernon	95
Teegarden, Dock & Dorothy	97
Terry, Harry & Mildred	97
Thomas, Garrett	96
Thompson, Lee	95
Thompson, Lute & Jackie	96
Tillapaugh, Clayton & Beverly	96
Turner, Amos & Mary	HQ
Urech, John & Lee	96HQ
Valliere, Paul & Claire	96
Vaughn, Harley & Vi	96
Walbert, Andy	97
Walker, Jack	97
Ware, Curtis + Guest	97
Williams, Curtis & Ruth	95
Williams, Johnson & Janie	97
Willsie, Richard	96
Wilson, Calvert	97
Woodhouse, Jesse & Clara	97
Wray, Robert & Miriam	95
Wren, Marshall & Connie	97

Lt Col Pete Brennan	95FITS
Major Bill Mannecke	95FITS
CAPT "Stu" Warren	95FITS
Capt Mark Putch	95FITS
Lieut Larry Pitts	82FTW
Lieut "Gooch" Whitmore	95FITA
Lieut Pete Bartos	95FITS
Lieut George Hitchens	95FITS
Lieut Don Blau	95FITS
Lieut Cary Anderson	95FITS
Lieut Dan Manulo	95FITS
Lieut Hollis Reese	95FITS
Lieut Ward Larsen	95FITS
Lieut Frank De Martini	95FITS
Lieut Howard Hobday	95FITS
"Mr." Bones	95FITS



"SUSTAINING MEMBERS FOR LIFE"

The Association is happy to announce that the following members are now "Sustaining Members for Life" having met the requirement for that type of membership. (See Executive Committee Report for details). Names are listed in the order in which dues were received.

1. Wallace E. Reyerson	97th
2. Charles E. Adams, Jr.	95th
3. Ben A. Mason	HQ
4. Robert F. Campbell	96th
5. Jack Duncan	97th
6. Roswell S. Harding	97th
7. Francis Chapman	96th
8. Curtis S. Williams	95th
9. Richard Willsie	96th
10. Charles Pinson	96th
11. William P. Haney	96th

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"NEW 82ND FGA MEMBERS"

The following new members are welcomed to the Association:

Thomas Berube of Tewksbury, MA.	96th
Harry Dean of Leesburg, FL.	?
Henry E. Dearing of Salem, VA.	95th
William R. Drovetta of Belleville, IL.	HQ
Leo A. Fisher of Paso Robles, CA.	96th
Jack Furr of Camden, AR.	96th
Jackie Gardner of Rancho Cucamonga, CA.	Hon
Glenn Gates of Holidaysburg, PA.	95th
Ervin G. Haack of Middletown, PA.	HQ
Jim Halford of Huntington Beach, CA.	95th
William P. Haney of Nancy, KY.	96th
Ken Herrick of Ft. Worth, TX.	96th
Jack Howard of Houston, TX.	96th
William H. Jefferson of Sparta, WI.	97th
Ted Kaufman of Santa Cruz, CA.	96th
John A. Kostyo, Sr. of Munster, IN.	96th
Keith G. Leachman of San Diego, CA.	95th
James F. Mahoney of St. Paul Park, MN.	95th
Alex Martin of Southfield, MI.	96th
Richard D. Ostronik of San Gabriel, CA.	96th
Donald L. Perry of Rolling Hills Est. Ca.	96th
Harlan W. Raymond	?
Jack Sides of Anaheim, CA.	96th
Joseph C. Solko of Lanham, MD.	95th
Millard E. Stroope of Riverside, CA.	96th
Garrett R. Thomas of Sumter, SC.	96th
Robert Tipton of London, OH.	?
Paul Valliere of Concord, NH.	96th
Jack J. Watson of Van Nuys, CA.	97th
Byron T. Wood of Carthage, IL.	95th

"BOISE, IDAHO 1987 REUNION"

By Dick Lingenfelter

Boise, Idaho is the site of the Association's 1987 Reunion. It will be held on September 17 thru 19.

Reunion headquarters will be at the Red Lion-Riverside in Boise. There are other top quality motels nearby which can be used but it wouldn't be to your advantage to stay elsewhere because the Red Lion is offering rooms at what they refer to as 50% rack rate which means that registrants will stay in \$65 rooms for \$32.50 double occupancy. Rack rates are subject to change but not the discount. I believe you will find the facilities at the Red Lion equal to or better than you had at the last three reunions.

Boise's population is 120,000 with greater Boise including another 75,000. Essentially Boise is a "small town" yet has a big city spread of cultural, entertainment and tourist opportunities. Shopping is not something we brag about; however, there are a few charming period type shopping areas which might be interesting to visitors. There are excellent restaurants in Boise to suit most tastes. The weather in Boise in September is usually warm and beautiful. If the weather is bad in Boise it is worse someplace else.

United Airlines has direct flights to Boise from Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. Boise is also served by Western Airlines, Continental, and Horizon. The Red Lion is only 5 minutes from the airport and will probably furnish jitney service. Most auto traffic from the east will approach on I-84 and from the southwest and California on I-15, U.S. 91, 93, & 95.

The traditional reunion format will be followed for the three days plus the Sunday Brunch --- except for one departure: for the first time, Squadron Dinners in separate dining rooms will be held on Thursday night. On Friday afternoon and evening we will load into buses and go up into the beautiful Boise National Forest for a western-type feed and program. Bring your scuffies. Fees at the reunion will be a pleasant surprise.

(Ed. note: I understand that "Uncle Wally" Reyerson has already made a contribution of \$100, to be used at the Boise reunion for possibly up-grading the banquet desert. Dick, now all you have to do is to get Wally's contribution from Jerry).

"VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION DUES"

Association dues are strictly voluntary and we never send you a bill; however, we do solicit your contribution of any amount if you feel it is worthwhile to support the Association. A contribution of \$15.00 or more each year earns you the rank of "Sustaining Member". A new membership class has been established called "Sustaining Member for Life" and requires a contribution of \$100 (with credit towards the \$100 given for prior contributions for years beyond 1986).

The mailing label on this Newsletter reflects the year, according to the Secretary's records, that your Sustaining Member dues are paid through. Our dues year is the calendar year, i.e. January through December. For example, if this year you paid for one year, the year "1986" will appear to the right of your name on the label. If you have paid for two years, the year "1987" will appear, and if you have paid for three years, the year "1988" will appear, etc. If you are a "Sustaining Member for Life" the word Life will appear on the label instead of a date. If, according to the Secretary's records, you are not a Sustaining Member, then "0" will appear. If you don't agree with the date or the "0" on the label, just drop a line to Jerry Loewenberg and tell him about it.

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"ODDS AND ENDS"

Jerry Loewenberg has gone out of the business of procuring and selling P-38 lapel pins; however, he has found a willing volunteer to take over. If you are interested in obtaining P-38 pins, drop "Stumpy" Hollinger a note. His address is in the Roster.

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Plans are well under way for the P-38 National Convention to be held at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in North Hollywood, California on May 13-17, 1987. Everybody has been pretty well informed of the Convention and we will probably run up to date details in the next Newsletter.

In the meantime, if you desire more information send a letter to:

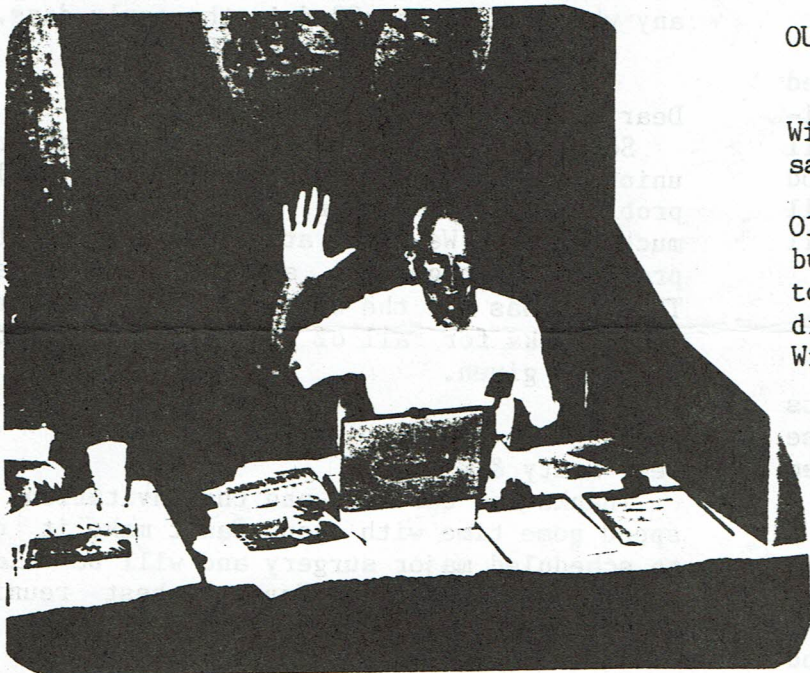
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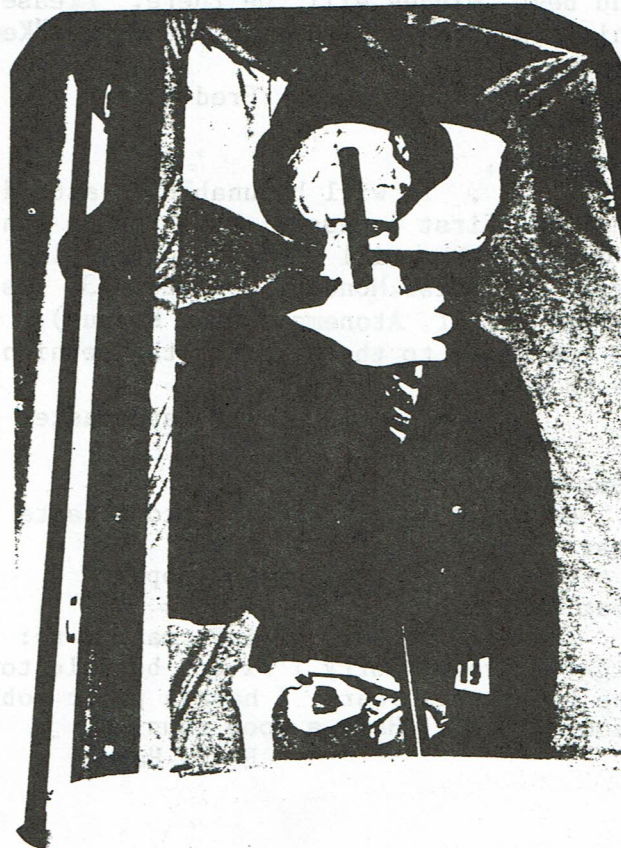


OUR HOST IN ATLANTA - WILL HATTENDORF
(Will at registration desk)

Will H. to old flyboy type: "What did you say your name was? Did you pre-register?"

Old flyboy type: "My name? I was in the 82nd but you don't know me. I didn't know whether to come or not, but I finally decided to drop in and see what was goin' on". (and Will got one more grey hair).

"MR. BONES" - MASCOT OF THE 95TH FITS,
TYNDALL AFB, FLORIDA.



"LETTERS FROM THE MEMBERS"

Several of the members who could not make the Atlanta reunion sent Will Hattendorf letters. Some of those letters are printed here and may be in a condensed form to make them fit.

Dear Will,

. . . We both feel badly about missing this reunion. Wish you have a wonderful time. It's obvious you both have devoted a tremendous amount of time in arranging the affair.

Joe & Freda Gerber

Dear Will,

Thanks for all you have done in arranging the reunion. However, due to illness in the family we will be unable to attend. Hope to see you all next year.

G. T. Lewis

Dear Will,

Thanks for the card. I was all programmed to attend the reunion but unexpected medical problems will prevent it. Be sure I will come to the next one. There are a lot of good memories in the old days of the 95th. Tell all those aging fighter jocks hello and I'll see them next year.

Bob Kirtley

Will,

I can't make to the reunion - my thoughts and best wishes will be there. Please use this check for goodies at the bar. "Keep'em flying".

Fred Wolfe

Dear Will,

. . . I will be unable to attend the reunion, first because I have both a son and a daughter who will be getting married this fall, and also Monday, October 13, is the Jewish Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), which is too close to the dates of the reunion for me to come. . . .

Ted Papermaster

Dear Will,

Emma and I will not be to Atlanta this year. Keep up the good work.

Bob Roper

Dear Will,

Thank you for the information re: 82nd Fighter Group. Sorry I'll not be able to join the group this year. I have a prior obligation. . . . Have a good reunion.

Ervin Haack

Hello Betty & Will,

. . . I regret to say that it is impossible for me to make the reunion. The dates conflict with our hunting season here in Colorado. If only to hunt it would not be a problem; however, . . . I am associated with a business - back country guiding and outfitting. . . . As of this date we are fully booked. People, horses & mules are lots of work - but I enjoy it! Your program looks great & the tales that will be told! It is obvious that '86 will be the biggest & best.

Dan Sharp

Dear Will,

. . . There is nothing I'd rather do than join you in Atlanta but it's just not to be. . . . my health has been very poor for the last few years and I don't get around much anymore. Please give my best regards to any who were in the 82nd in the early days.

Bill Covington

Dear Will,

Sorry we won't be able to attend the reunion in Atlanta. Have developed a few health problems this past year. Next year should be much better. We have attended four of the previous get togethers and they were great. This one has all the signs of being the best yet. Thanks for all of the time and effort you have given.

John Perrone

Dear Betty & Will,

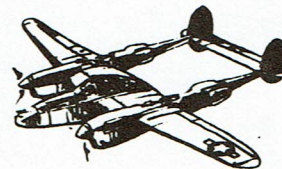
Thanks for the note and the invitation to spend some time with you. Can't make it due to scheduled major surgery and will be close to home for some time. Have the best reunion and my best to all. Wish I could be there.

Bill Weltman

Dear Will,

I have delayed sending in my registration because of the uncertainty of the date for eye surgery for Jeanne, my wife. The surgery is scheduled for October 13th or 14th. Please give my regards to all. So sorry we can't make the reunion, and thanks.


Ellis Roy



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