

# 82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



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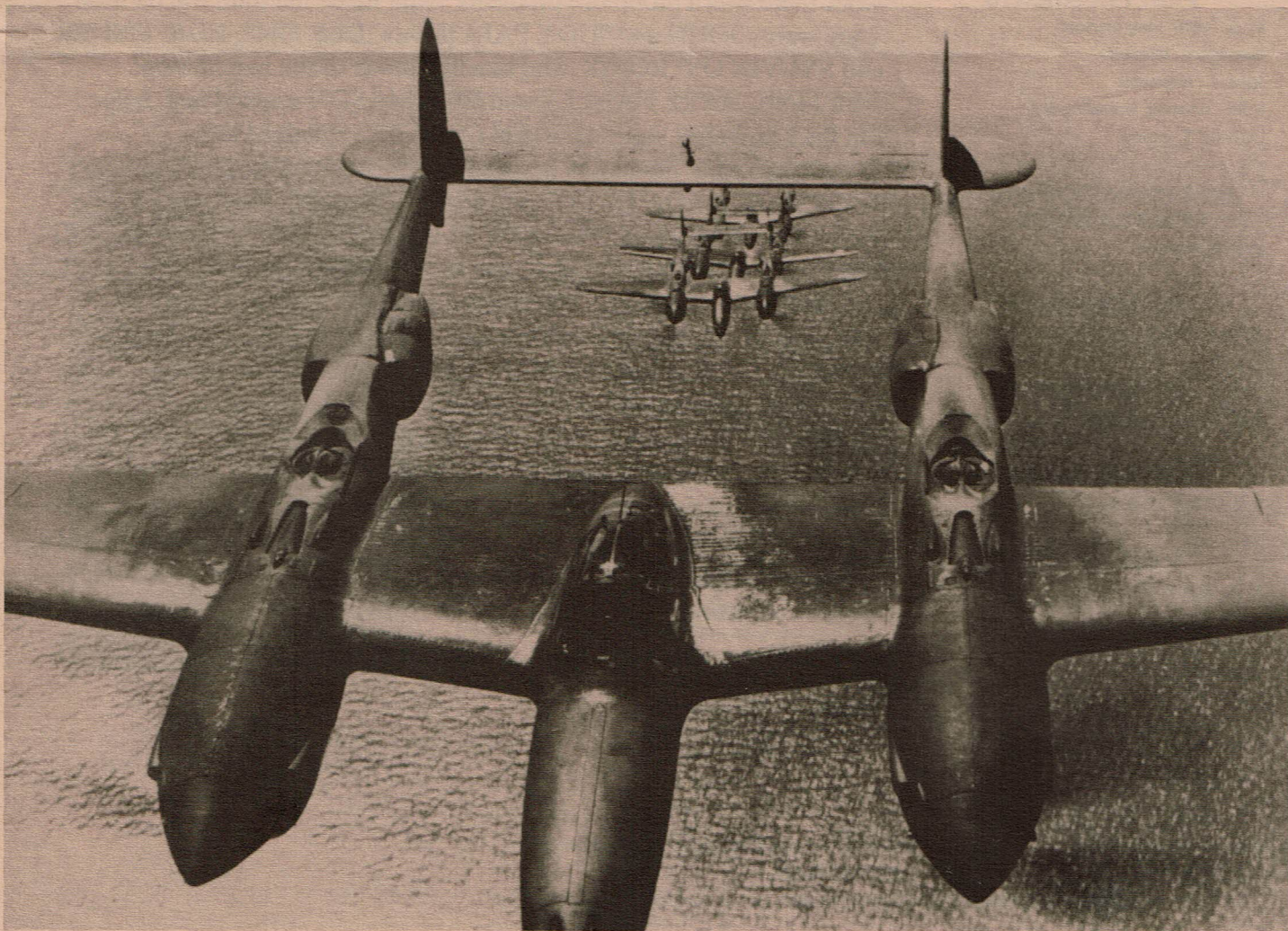


*82nd FG President and 1st Lady  
John and Frances Kane*

## SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:

**SAN ANTONIO REUNION, Comments & Photos**  
**Special Secretary and Treasurer Report**  
**PALM SPRINGS REUNION preview - Sept 28 - 01 Oct**  
**Palm Springs, California**

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## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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Hello cherished members of the 82nd Fighter Group Association, What a great time we had at the San Antonio reunion!! There was much visiting and taking in the many sights offered by the city. An added bonus was the trip to Laughlin Air Force Base where we were warmly greeted and feted by the 96th Flying Training Squadron. It made us proud to meet the young men and women who are training such motivated students to fly "Air Force style". In addition to Terry's good work there was a group of volunteers "who made the train run on time". They were : JOHN and JUDY PARLIMAN, DEE FINE, EDIE FISHER and SYLVIA OSTRONIK who handled much of the registration; DEE FINE, DAVE HANLEY and BILL MASON stocked and helped run the hospitality suite bar; NAN CONVER organized the Riverboat/dining Excursion assisted by SYLVIA OSTRONIK and JUDY PARLIMAN; LT COL and MRS. TODD FELTON, DAVE HANLEY, BILL MASON, GARY PLOESSER, EVERARD SMITH III and TERRY MASSICK drove vans to the WWII museum at Fredricksburg; CATHY and BOB PRIEST donated a patriotic throw for a raffle and REGINA FOLEY ran the raffle which netted \$160; LT COL and MRS TODD FELTON donated a 3 by 5 FGA poster that was displayed in the hospitality room as well as coordinating a terrific visit to the 96th FTS at LAUGHLIN AFB; ALAN GRAHAM and DAVE HANLEY drove vans to and from Laughlin AFB; LT COL JOHN "SKEETS" LINDSEY, Commander of the 96th FTS presented a plaque signed by his staff, with photos of their training planes; and MEADE STEWART who served as our official photographer. If I have overlooked anyone, please let me know. We owe all these people --- big time !!!

{President's message continued on page 2.}



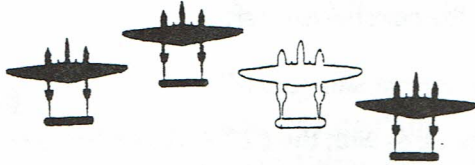
At the annual meeting we talked about something that I would like to mention for the benefit of those folks who were unable to attend the 2010 reunion during the past months of this year, we have experienced a few "barnacles" in our inter group relations. Most of our problems were based upon misunderstandings and were solved by a bit of "nice talk and an imaginary back rub". When a dispute looms on the horizon, my first reaction is to revisit our by- laws. The opening sentence says it all. The 82nd Fighter Group Association is formed to remember the men who served in the group during WWII and to promote the bonds of friendship among the members, their descendants and other members. Another thing I like about our organization --- although it is not specified in our by-laws--- is that there is no rank; we are all veterans or their descendants and we are all peers. We enjoy the results of the wisdom of our founders as they created a workable set of by-laws. All we have to do is be guided by them. Looking to the future, it appears that Bill Blurock is operating at " full throttle" while planning for our next reunion at Palm Springs, California. Bill has already fleshed out a plan for an active and interesting experience for each of us. It would be nice if everyone were able to attend.

*As always, let's be well and be proud of who we are.*

John Kane



82<sup>nd</sup> FGA President John Kane  
with 96<sup>th</sup> FTS Plaque. See p- 7.

FLY BY of HONOR			
			
Missing plane formation for recently departed Heroes and Courageous Ladies of the 82 <sup>nd</sup> .			
**	**	**	**
Robert Shepherd	95	96 <sup>th</sup>	
Harry Tyndale	02	97 <sup>th</sup>	
Thomas Urton	05	95 <sup>th</sup>	
Fred Gong	03 Dec, 02	97 <sup>th</sup>	
William Shankling	20 Jun., 05	95 <sup>th</sup>	
Marie Koivuniemi (Rueben)	17 Feb., 08	96 <sup>th</sup>	
John Davis	Sept., 08	97 <sup>th</sup>	
Dorothy Klein ( Vincent)	Oct., 08	97 <sup>th</sup>	
Ethel Montgomery ( Fred)	08	96 <sup>th</sup>	
Jack G. Walker	08 Mar 10	97 <sup>th</sup>	
Ed Huss	15 May 10	97 <sup>th</sup>	
Vincent Klein	16 May, 10	97 <sup>th</sup>	
Kaki Fuqua (Gordon)	24 May, 10	97 <sup>th</sup>	



## SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT

### Memorial Fund

A fund has been established to build a memorial to the original WWII 82<sup>nd</sup> FG members at March Field where the unit initially trained and deployed to England. This is the brainchild of Leo Fisher (96<sup>th</sup>) who made the motion at the annual meeting in San Antonio and backed it with a starting donation of \$1000. Donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by a letter of appreciation indicating that. Updates will follow in later newsletter issues.

### Annual Membership Dues

**CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL.** The upper right hand corner has a 3 digit code that indicates if your dues are current. 'C' indicates current/paid and 'D' indicates due/owed followed by the amount paid or due. For instance C20 means you are current and paid \$20. D15 means you are not current and owe \$15. Dues are owed as of April 1 of each year and are optional for WWII members and their spouses, though the revenue is very much needed and appreciated.

### Reunion Net

The San Antonio reunion net will not be tallied until the November bank statement has been received. Reunion attendees generously donated pre-paid fees from the cancelled Randolph AFB trip totaling \$671 which was applied to reunion expenses.

### Finances

Balances in our accounts as of 10/31/2010 are shown below.

Operating Account (\$5,799.23)

Reunion Fund (\$1,331.42)

Memorial Fund (\$1000.00)

### Laughlin DVD

At Laughlin AFB, WWII 82<sup>nd</sup> FG members were guest speakers at an assembly of the 96 FTS training staff. Each told a brief story of a WWII experience that the moderator wove into current training principles. The DVD is being edited. The eight speakers will each get a copy. Copies will be available for purchase when the edits are complete. The price will be published in the next newsletter.

### 82<sup>nd</sup> FGA Note Cards

Personal note cards with the 82<sup>nd</sup> FGA logo are being developed and will be available for purchase soon. The price has not yet been determined. More information will be in the next newsletter.

### Updated Rosters

The updated rosters are now ready. At the annual meeting it was unanimously decided that the 82<sup>nd</sup> FGA could no longer subsidize the printing and updating expenses for the roster. These are now available for \$10 per copy including shipping. Contact the Secretary to purchase a copy.

This report is respectfully submitted by:

John Netzer, 95F, Treasurer

Judy Parlman, 95F, Secretary



## Reunion Banquet

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### Table One

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John Kane	President	96th
Don Foley	ex President	97th
Regina Foley	ex 1 <sup>st</sup> Lady	97th
Lt. Col. & Mrs Todd Felton		96FTS
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Bounaguidi		97th
Jeff, (son)		

### Table Two

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Terry Massick		95th
Bill Mason		Hq
Lt. Col. & Mrs James Payne		96FTS
Will Hattendorf	ex President	95th
Bill Hattendorf		95th
Dee Fine		95th

### Table Three

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Dick Ostronik	Vice President	96th
Sylvia Ostronik		96th
Mel Roalsvig		97th
Lois Roalsvig		97th
Hank Phillips		96th
Lute Thompson		96th
Kathy Rockey		95th

### Table Four

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Olen Medley		95th
Betty Medley		95th
Nanette Medley		95th
Nancy Manduano		95th
Bill Vincent		95th
Eileen Vincent		95th
Bill Blurock		95th

### Table five

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Jerry Powell
Nan Conver
Steve Powell
Peggy Powell
George Rivest
Grace Davidson
Fred Graham
Al Graham

97th

Guest ✓

97th

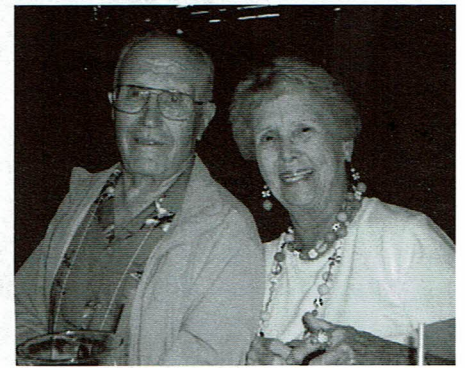
97th

97th

Guest

96th

96th



### Table Six

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Meade Stewart
Dottie Stewart
Robert Priest
Kathy priest
Del Ryland
David Ryland

95th

95th

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### Table Seven

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Roy Norris
JoAnn Norris
Chip Norris
Charles Pinson
Gary Ploesser
David Hanley

96th

96th

96th

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95<sup>t</sup>

### Table Eight

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Leo Fisher
Edie Fisher
Blythe Pratt
Marie Duke
John Parlman
Judy Parlman

96th

96th

97th

Guest

95th

95th

*Special thanks go to Nan for arranging the wonderful barge dinner cruise on Friday night. The 40 people that attended had a super time. Mexican Manhattan provided a great enchilada dinner with wine, beer and pitchers of margaritas. San Antonio history was explained by the colorful barge captains.*

*Nan is seen here with boy friend Gerry Powell.*

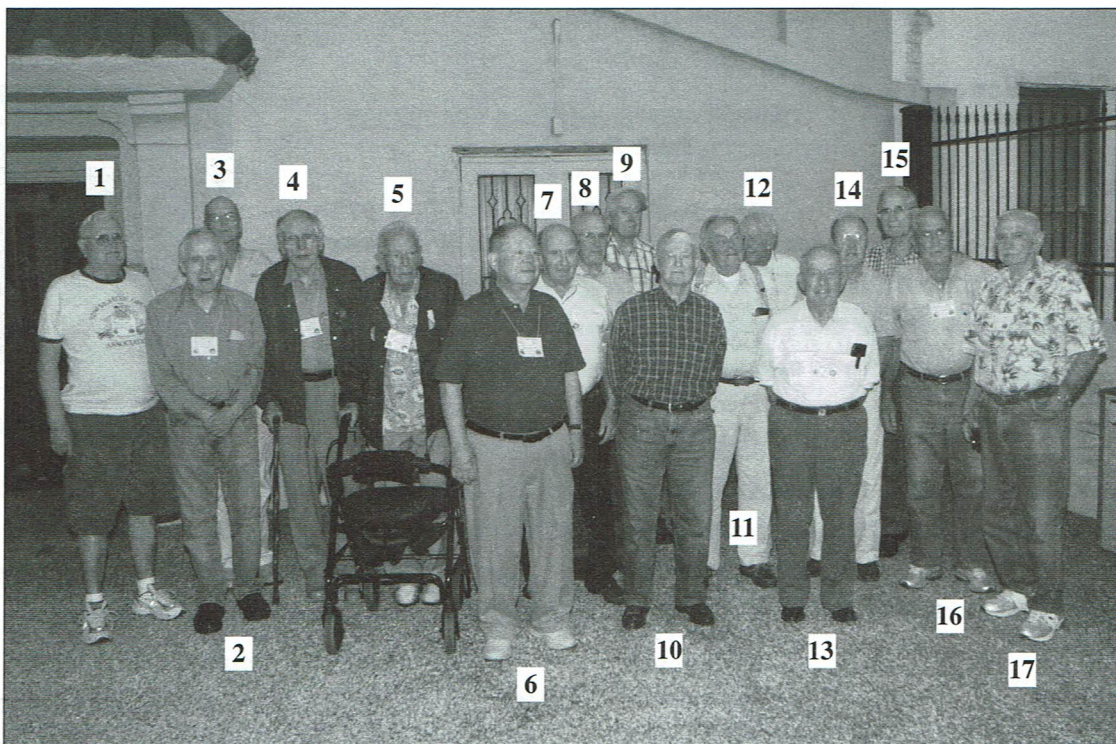
*Thanks to Terry and Dee Fine for providing "Thinking of You" cards that were mailed to 10 members.*

*Twenty one members had a fantastic time at Laughlin thanks to Lt. Col. Todd Felton and Col. Skeet Lindsley, of the 96th Reserve.*

Can you guess who has this license plate?  
Clue: He has beautiful twin daughters  
who faithfully attend our reunions!







1	Charles Pinson --96 <sup>th</sup>	7	Mel Roalsvig -- 97 <sup>th</sup>	13	unk
2	unk	8	Jerry Powell -- 97 <sup>th</sup>	14	Roy Norris -- 96 <sup>th</sup>
3	Dick ostronik--96 <sup>th</sup>	9	Will Hattendorf --95 <sup>th</sup>	15	Olen Medley -- 95 <sup>th</sup>
4	Del Ryland -- 95 <sup>th</sup>	10	Don Foley -- 97 <sup>th</sup>	16	Fred Graham -- 96 <sup>th</sup>
5	Bill Blurock -- 95 <sup>th</sup>	11	Hank Phillips --96 <sup>th</sup>	17	Leo Fisher -- 96 <sup>th</sup>
6	John Kane -- 96 <sup>th</sup>	12	George Rivest -- 97 <sup>th</sup>		

To: All members of the 82d FG Association:

Dear Friends,

We regretted to be unable to attend this year's reunion. However, our thoughts were with you. Thank you for the greeting card signed by many of you! It made us feel good!

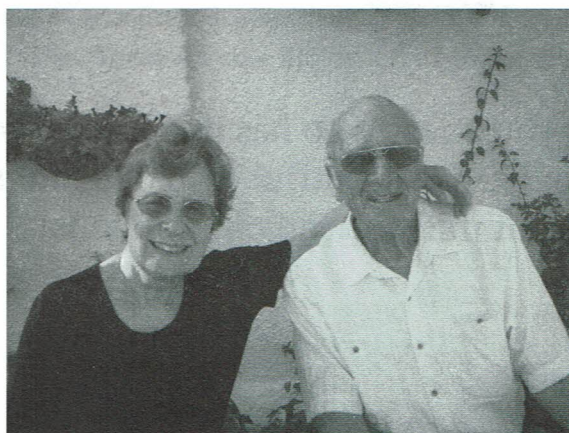
We hope that we will be in good shape for next year's reunion at Palm Springs.

We wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Horrido -

Georg and Lilo Fuereder

Georg and Lilo Fuereder



*Horrido is an old German Hunting Call.  
It is to bring Luck in the hunt. It became  
Popular in WWII by wishing Luftwaffe  
Fighter Pilots luck at take-off on missions.*

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*Kathy and Bob Priest donated a patriot quilt to our group. Judy Parlman and Regina Foley sold raffle tickets and \$170 was raised. They are seen here with Allen Graham, son of Fred.*

*The lucky winner was George Rivest, seen here with Grace Davidson and Lois Roalsvig.*



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Thanks Terry for the souvenir glass mugs



*Thanks to Terry and Dee Fine for providing "Thinking of You" cards that were mailed to 10 members.*

Judy Parlman handled the reunion registration, with help from Edie Fisher and Sylvia Ostronik. Thanks gals.



Regina Foley and Judy Parlman working the registration desk.



The golfers, Leo Fisher, Will Hattendorf, Dick Ostronik, and John Netzer Parlman, had a fun time at Alamo City Riverside Golf Course.



## Laughlin AFB – 96th Fighter Training Squadron Tour

As an optional side-trip after the San Antonio reunion, we were invited to a tour of the 96<sup>th</sup> Fighter Training Squadron at Laughlin AFB. The trip was enthusiastically promoted and hosted by the squadron commander, L/C John 'Skeet' Lindsey and coordinated by Terry Mas-sick and L/C Todd Felton, an 82<sup>nd</sup> FGA Honorary member.



The two-day tour started with a Texas Bar-b-que in the T-6 Herit-age Room hosted by training staff and spouses. WWII 82<sup>nd</sup> FG members were invited to sign a poster which now hangs in Skeet's office.



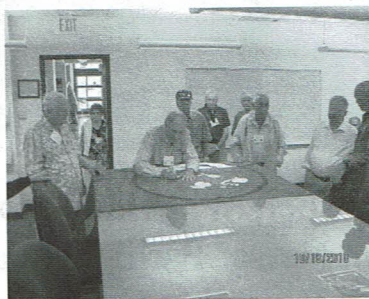
Day two started with breakfast burritos followed by an assem-bly in the auditorium where the guest speakers were the eight WWII 82nd FG members present and the audience was the 96th FTS IP staff and some trainees. Each of our 82nd mem-bers told a brief story of an experience in WWII that the mod-erator, L/C Felton, wove into current training procedures and practices. (Charlie Pinson has the stage)

After the assembly, we tried the various simulators. It wasn't pretty, but the trainers assured we didn't crash. Lute Thomp-son (right), coached by Major Kat Burkhead, did a fine job.



Lunch was an outstanding Tex-Mex buffet at the O-Club fol-lowed by the presentation by Skeet Lindsey and Todd Felton to John Kane of a photo of the 96th FTS training planes signed by training staff.

We toured the flight line after lunch, took photos and visited.



Before departing, the WWII 82nd FG members were accorded the honor of signing the jackrabbit insignia on the 96th FTS flag. Olen Medley is shown adding his signature.

The 82nd FGA wants to extend a special note of appreciation to Col Lindsey, Todd Felton and the rest of the 96th FTS staff and spouses for according us such top notch hospitality.



November 18, 2010

Hank,

As of Monday, we have resolved a majority of the details for the P-38 Reunion of 2011.

HOTEL: Hyatt Regency Palm Springs. Address: 285 No. Palm Canyon Dr. Palm Springs, Ca. 92262. Telephone: (760) 322-9000.

The hotel is located on the main street with many shopping and dining areas.

All the rooms in the hotel are suite rooms.

The rooms look out onto a five story modern atrium.

The hospitality room is very nice with adjacent space for our memorabilia display . There is a balcony and a separate adjoining private room.

For each thirty-five rooms filled, the hotel will provide a complimentary room.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

##### WEDNESDAY, September 28:

Golf is available on site with rental of golf clubs and carts.  
Registration all day.

Lunch and Dinner are at your leisure.

##### THURSDAY, September 29:

Breakfast vouchers will be given to dine in the restaurant.

10:00 AM. Shuttle to Palm Springs Air Museum.

Program and tour of museum.

Lunch served in the hanger.

Return to the hotel for a little R&R.

On Thursday evening the street closes down and becomes a festive walking, dining and shopping area.



FRIDAY, September 30.

We will be bussed to March Air Force Museum. We will tour the museum and the P-38 hangar.

There is a café available for lunch on your own.

The tour of March Field is not lengthy and we would be back at the hotel early afternoon.

At 6:00 PM we will take the aerial tramway to view beautiful Palm Springs.

We will dine at the restaurant at the top of the tram.

SATURDAY, October 1.

At 8:30 AM we will be bussed to Chino Air Museum.

There will be a "Planes of Fame Air Show" from 10 AM to 2 PM.

There is a cafeteria on the premises. Lunch will be on your own.

Return to hotel for a little R&R.

6:30 -7:00 PM will be a no-host bar.

7:00 is our Reunion Banquet.

SUNDAY, October 2.

8:00 AM is Board Meeting.

9:00 AM is Membership Meeting

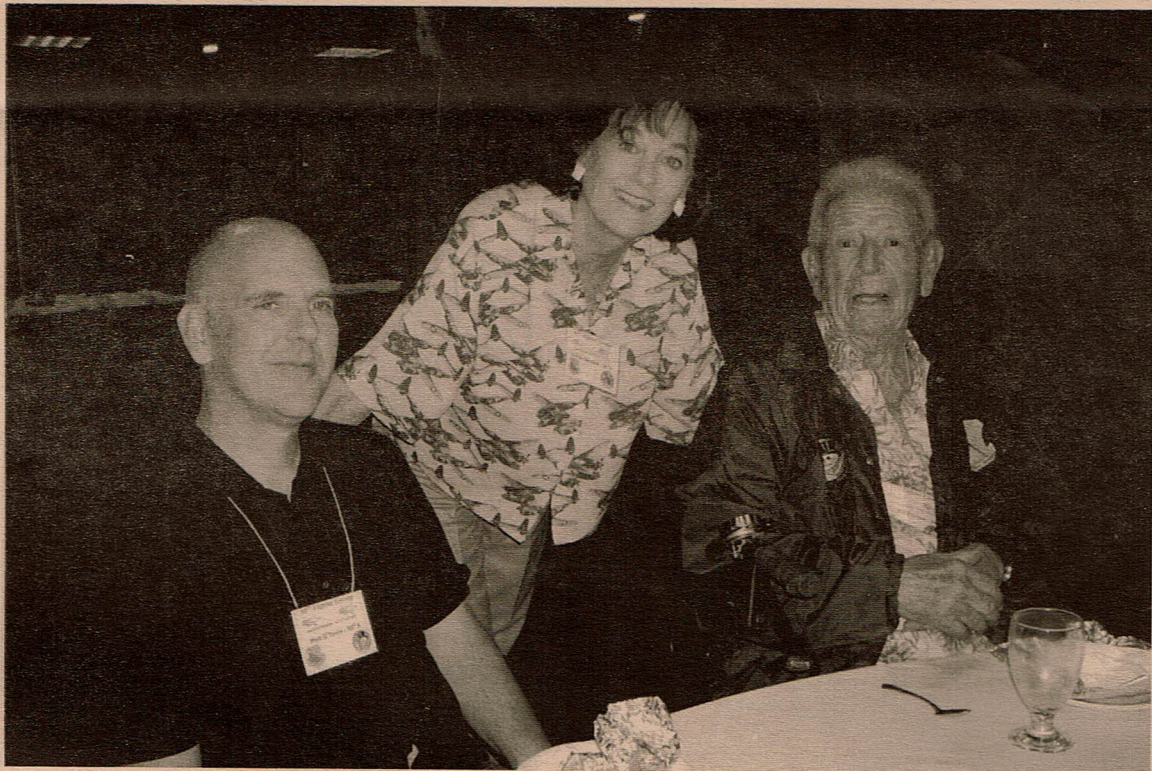
NOTE: REGISTRATION BEFORE SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 is \$40.00.

REGISTRATION AFTER SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 is \$50.00.

!!!!REGISTER EARLY!!!!



Hi Bill,  
Thank you for getting the Hyatt ! Know everyone will love the location.  
And breakfast also ! That is super.  
The schedule sounds just great. Know the ladies will enjoy the Street  
Fair.  
How about offering, as an option, a tour of the famous Palm Springs  
homes of movie stars. Maybe on Wednesday afternoon or ?.  
Too bad the Follies are closed in September.  
What fun to have the "ride and dine" on the Tramway.  
Delighted that you have done so well.  
Really appreciate all of your efforts. Thank you, thank you!  
Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving.  
With love and all our best,  
Sylvia and Richard



Matt O'Toole, Sylvia Ostronik and Bill Blurock  
at Laughlin Air Base lunch. Bill with help from  
Matt will be our reunion hosts in Southern  
Ca. in 2011.