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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. The first general membership breakfast meeting of the year will be held **Saturday, February 28, 1998**, at the usual place, **CoCo's on Havana at Parker**. Meeting time is 8 AM (0800). Beverage of choice will be provided. Your attendance must be confirmed no later than February 26. Please advise Ben Vlassick, 303-690-1239, or Earl Pierce, 303-343-4665.

DET 045 OPEN HOUSE. Capt. Hall, Detachment 045 Commander, and his staff will hold an open house of the Det 045 AFTAC facility on **February 28, 1998**, at Buckley ANGB. Two tours will be conducted (one at 1200 and the second at 1330 hours). AAAC members and families are invited to attend the Open House. Refreshments will be provided by Det 045 personnel. Det 045 personnel will be on-duty to provide an informative tour of Space Command operations center, an antenna (golf ball), and the detachment's operations center as well as receive an overview of Det 045 mission ("learn how we support Space Command, AFTAC, and the rest of the Air Force"). **OF IMPORTANCE:** Each person (Man, Woman and Children over 10-years of age) entering the facility must provide the Buckley ANGB Commander full name, SSN, date and place of birth and phone number prior to **February 20, 1998**. **RSVP TO TSGT KING, 303-677-9364, PRIOR TO FEB 20TH AND ADVISE WHICH TOUR (1200 OR 1330) YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. A DOD picture ID is required to receive a visitors badge.** Please meet at the main entry control point to the compound on Buckley (See Map on Page 11), turn west on East Devil's Thumb Ave. off of Aspen St. to the parking lot.

TREASURY REPORT. February is the Chapter's anniversary month. During February, we remind members to check the date on their address label. That is your expiration date for dues. We are still only Five Dollars a year and a renewal/application is on the back page.



S-MAIL

ADDRESS CHANGES: Dave & Susan Miller, Winchester, KY; Bill Harris, Denver, CO; Willie & Dee Osteen, San

Angelo, TX. For more information, contact BenV or Bill S or AFTACCO@AOL.com.

APPLICATION REQUEST: John & Linda Johnson, E-Mail = jspc@eatel.net, Baton Rouge, LA.

Dear Bill: Keep me on the books for 3-more years. Went thru Pinedale (WY) this year on a tour bus. Big time town. **Chuck Siegismund, Jacksonville, AR. (RMCN74A @prodigy.com). (08-18-97)**

Hi Bill,

The holiday gave me a chance to catch up on my reading. The commemorative issue of the Monitor and the Commemorative History of AFTAC really flooded my memories. After re-reading the September news letter I realized that I was over due on my dues, so that's enclosed. I keep watching the news letter for names that I recognize but so far I haven't seen any. I did get a response on Don Jacobson and found out that he was killed in an accident in Japan. Also his name shows up in Commemorative History and if I'm not mistaken, on page 43 of the Commemorative History, he's the airman on the left.

If anyone out there recognizes my name, I was in "Q" systems 1966-1969, Det 205 67-68, and part of the team from McClellan that transferred 'I' systems from the Army in 69-70. I can be reached at "BDEFFLER@UAL.COM" **Bruce Deffler, Parker, CO. (11-27-97)** (Ed Note: The Airman on the left on Page 43 is A2C Julian (Randy) Arnette. His name is also on the Memorial Plaque at HQ.)

Dear Bill, Enclosed are my dues for 2-more years. Thanks for keeping us informed with the Newsletter. It is hard to believe that 46 years ago I came aboard 1009th in Washington D.C., on S.O. #157, Keesler AFB, MS, 9 July 1951. (They told us to we were going to "Special Weather Research", if anybody asked what we did). I never did figure out why. But I did enjoy good times and lasting friendships until this day. I hope to renew some more friendships at the 50th anniversary in Florida. See you there, **Leo J. Cotter, Gainesville, GA. (08-14-97)**

Happy Holidays. This year (1997) we became an E-Mail owner and we really use that a lot. If you have an E-Mail, contact us at: "trayrobert@aol.com". I'm enclosing a membership check. **Marge and Terry Roberts, Aurora CO. (12-97)**

MORE MAIL



Dear Bill:

I am former member of Team B-204, Fairbanks AK, Team 421AA, Alice Springs, NT Australia, and briefly, Team 142, Encampment, WY. I also served briefly as an instructor at Ft. Sill, and then participated in setting up the school at Lowry AFB, where I acted as an instructor until I left for Australia. I was also involved in surveying for a site somewhere around Genesee Mountain near Denver, and another in the Philippines. I was a member of the Squadron from 1950 - 1957.

I am very much interested in joining the Association, primarily for contact with former teammates, and for your newsletters. The chances of my being able to attend membership meetings or evening functions are pretty slim, but not totally impossible.

I have no objection to any personal information I may provide being furnished to any AFTAC'er who may be interested, in fact, I would encourage that action. The 1009th, and those with whom I served there have always had a special place in my memories of my service career, and I am very happy to finally have the opportunity to re-establish contact with them.

If you should need any further information from me, please feel free to call or write to me. I will be happy to provide whatever you might need in that line. Please accept my most heartfelt thanks for doing what you have done, and are now doing for all of us old AFTAC'ers. Sincerely,
Harold D. McCarter ("Mac"), Colorado Springs, CO.
(01-01-98) (Ed Note: Thanks for the kind words Mac).



E-MAIL



Do you guys have a web page? If not, could I get a list of your members via e-mail to see if I know anyone? **Bob Pierce, Rio Rancho, NM.** (bob@bobware.com). (Ed Note: Provided Bob a list via snail mail).

Where Are Ya!!!! The AFTAC Alumni is alive and well. We had our monthly meeting (FL) this evening and the subject of - naturally Alumni came up! The president told me that it would be interesting if I could find out where some of the alumni were and what they were doing now that they were away from the outfit. Well, me being an ex-Q troop, I decided to let the electronic media do my walking.

I would love to get a note from each of you. Tell me who you are, where you are, and what you are doing now that you are out and about. We will post the results in the next issue of the Post Monitor.

Can you believe that we have already grown to 266 on electronic mail? This has potential and if you folks would like me to keep you informed between newsletters, let me know. Thanks gang.....**Clark (Creery) sends, "clark312@metrolink.net".** (Ed note: This was received Feb 09 so is rather new. If you are not on e-mail, write Clark c/o AFTAC Alumni Association, P.O. Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892.)

Howdy from an old AFTACer,

Got a call from Bill Scott and a copy of the Aviation Week article. Boy lots of good old memories. Been a long time. Looked up the CSI website and here I am. Do you have an info package on the local AFTAC Chapter? I'm interested. I was AFTAC 1963 - 69 (A Ops) and 1975 - 79 (MCL). Best Regards, **Roger Krautkremer, Aurora, CO** "rogerkoyy@AOL.com". (09-11-97) (Ed Note: Provided Roger copy of Newsletter).

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