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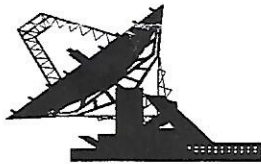
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General Membership Meeting: The first general membership breakfast meeting of the year was held Saturday, February 28, 1998, at the usual place, CoCo's at Havana and Parker. Nineteen people were in attendance. Items covered were:

The Next Picnic: The next picnic is scheduled for **August 22, 1998, Saturday, starting at 10AM** at Lake Williams, Buckley ANG Base. The usual picnic food, fun and games will be provided and available. There is a flyer attached for a head count and all particulars are spelled out. Return your reservation to Bill Schmied.

Evening Function: Yes, we should plan an evening affair later in the year that includes dinner and dancing. Anyone that has a favorite place that we should consider, please advise.

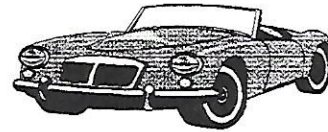


Detachment 45 - AFTAC:

--Det 45, located at Buckley Air National Guard Base, just east of Denver, Colorado, is responsible for detecting and reporting atmospheric nuclear detonations. The detachment operates the primary leg of the US Nuclear Detonation Detection System (USNDS) and the Integrated Correlation and Display System (ICADS). ICADS processes data from both the Defense Support Program and Global Positioning System satellite constellations.

--Det 45 traces its roots to February 1972 when prototype equipment was installed. Today, Det 45 continues to support both AFTAC and AFSPC in varied mission roles to include Nuclear Treaty Monitoring and Integrated Tactical Warning and Attack Assessment.

--February 28, 1998, was open house day at the Det 45 facility. AFTAC retired personnel living in the area were guests of Capt. Steve Hall, Commander, Det 45. Capt. Hall and his staff provided a very informative and interesting tour that included entering one of the 'golf balls'. The alumni that attended are grateful to Capt. Hall and staff and thank them very much for an enlightening day.



Snail Mail:

New Members:

Welcome aboard!

>Ed and Sandi Bennett of Shiloh, Illinois. E-Mail address - sandied@apci.net.

>We would like to receive the AFTAC Newsletter from Denver. Thanks, Frank & Monai Winter of Big Rapids, Michigan.

>Raymond and Janett Mallard of Aurora, CO.

Quick Notes:

>Please add me to the AFTAC Alumni Association roster. I was with the 1009th Special Weapon Squadron from about 1951 to 1954. I served in Washinton, D.C., NOL, AS11, Laramie, Wyo, Rock Pile, Korea and Nevada. Thanks, Ed. Ed Carty of Arnold, Maryland.

>Bill - Sorry I'm late. Meant to take care of the dues before we came south for the winter. Anyway - here's another 4-years. Gene & Barbara Shipp of Fairfield, California.

>Please find enclosed check in the amount of \$10 for dues. Warren & Beth Stern of Red Hook, New York.

>We have a street address change (but still reside in St. Joseph, MO.) Glenn & Lillie Kinman.

>Moved from Las Vegas, Nevada to Minnetonka, Minnesota. Eugene Killey.

>Moved from Durango, Colorado, to Mesa, Arizona. Orville and Shirley Kvamme.

(Editor note: Anyone wishing info on address or phone numbers, call Bill Schmied (303) 367-0625 or e-mail Ben V at AFTACCO@AOL.COM.)

News Release: Buckley could have commissary, PX in 2000. A commissary and post exchange at Buckley ANG base could open by 2000. Last week, AF Undersecretary for Installations, Jim Dischner, visited Buckley to take a look at the five possible sites being considered for the \$24.7 million project, John Spann, public affairs officer, said. The commissary and PX would be open to Denver's 3,000 active-duty military personnel, 17,00 military retirees and their families, estimated at 30,000 people total, Spann said. Source: Rocky Mountain News, March 26, 1998.

IN MEMORY



LINDSAY MILLER

Mary Miller advised the alumni that Lindsay passed away of cancer on June 3rd. A memorial service was held June 8th in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Lindsay spent 12 years in AFTAC. He was at Dets 205, 412, and 313. He was stationed at headquarters the other years. Lindsay had many friends in AFTAC and I just wanted you all to know of his passing. **Mary Miller, e-mail lemmem@pagosa.net.**

MICHAEL PENNEFATHER

Michael Pennefather passed away of cancer on June 9th. He was living in Manassas, Virginia. Mike will always be remembered as a cheerful individual, never shy and dedicated to his family and the Air Force.

LETTERS

Bill - saw your note in latest Newsletter. Address is correct; Winchester, Kentucky. Sorry about delay on dues...hopefully if I pay a couple years ahead, I won't be behind.

We now have our own 2,500 SqFt craft & gift store. It's great, having lots of fun despite the 10 - 14 hour days.

Just returned from a 3-week business trip to Florida. Fishing was great. Planning on a business trip to Denver/Aurora in July or August.

Thanks for keeping me on the list for the Newsletter.
Dave Mullen.

(Ed. Note: You're welcome. Give us a call when you reach Denver).

Hello Bill - I was going through my old e-mail and realized that I never sent you my membership dues. Put me down for 2-years if it's still 5-bucks!

I've been finding a few more of my old buddies on the web; I think it's great!

Hope to make it to one of your gatherings in the near future. Sincerely, **Bill Harris, Denver, Colorado, "Q Troop".**

(Ed Note: See you at the August 22 picnic ?).



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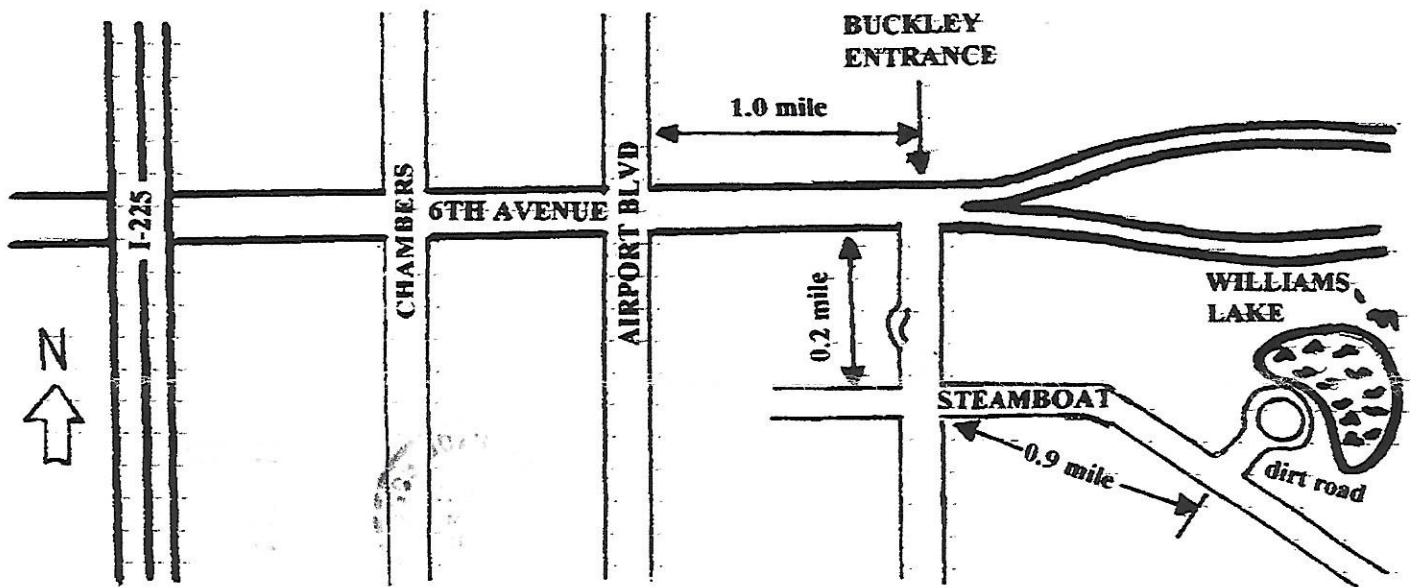
Glad to hear about AFTAC being De-Class'd. Went to the 50th reunion in Florida. I was at Lowry in '62 and 1155th then on to Det 407. I am sending membership to you also - **THANKS. Randy Creamer, Chesapeake, Virginia. E-mail: PRC28@AOL.COM.**

(Ed. Note: And we thank you Randy.)



PICNIC 1998

August 22, 1998, starting at 1000 hours, we will gather at Buckley ANG Base Lake William's recreation center (Cottage on the Lake) for our sixth annual picnic. Everything is available except electricity (no major set-back). Our Food Committee has always provided an enjoyable menu selection. The lake area lends itself for having a good time with volley ball, horseshoe, etc., areas available. So fill in the reservation form below; return it to Bill Schmied as indicated and be prepared for fun. Bring your volleyball playing shoes and your horseshoe pitching arms. There will be challenges. A map to the area for you first timers follows:



Mail the following reservation application to Bill Schmied, 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, CO 80010, to arrive no later than August 15, 1998. Any questions, call Bill, (303)-367-0625, or Ben Vlassick, (303)-690-1239, but don't forget to make your reservation.

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YES, COUNT ON ME TO ATTEND THE AUGUST 22, 1998, PICNIC, STARTING AT 1000L, AT LAKE WILLIAMS ON BUCKLEY FIELD AND TO JOIN IN THE FUN. (FOOD WILL BE READY AT 1300L). ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK PAYABLE TO BILL SCHMIED, TO COVER THE PEOPLE IN MY PARTY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE \$2.50 PER ADULT AND \$1.00 PER EACH CHILD WILL NOT BE REFUNDABLE AFTER FOOD, ETC., HAS BEEN PURCHASED.

NAME: _____ SPOUSE NAME: _____
 ATTENDEES: _____ ADULTS (\$2.50 EACH), _____ CHILDREN (\$1.00 EACH).
 TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____ (Mail to arrive no later than July 9, 1998 to Bill Schmied).