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PICNIC 1998:

The sixth annual picnic on August 22, 1998, had 32 adults, 8 children and a babe in arms in attendance. Ten people that had scheduled did not show. Left more refreshments and food for all others. Rick and Bryce have admitted that they now know how to do a bratwurst right. All agreed as evidenced by the return trips to the barbie. The Chevas Regal door prize had everyone's attention. Thank you Dick for that and other donations. Other door prizes included golf and T-shirts, a beer mug, hat, AFTAC coin and logo pin, and a few bottles of wine.

The improvements at the Lake Williams facility were quite impressive considering what wasn't there before. There is now electricity, refrigerator, stereo system and a new wooden floor. Looks good. They now need running water and a bathroom. No immediate plans however as money is thin at this time.

EVENING FUNCTION : By popular demand, we have scheduled our first evening function that is not a national reunion. We have reserved the Camana Club on Buckley ANG Base. The date is November. 21, 1998; Cocktails at 6 PM, Dinner at 7PM. A complimentary drink of choice (within reason) will be provided each attendee. Music will be provided by Tempo Techniques featuring DJ Debbie Waddill. All the information needed to enjoy an evening of dining and dancing with friends, or to make a few new ones, is included in a separate reservation application with this Newsletter. Don't delay - mail your reservation today!! Less chance of forgetting.

MEMBERSHIP: Our membership continues to remain at the 125 mark. We lose some due to forgetfulness but we gain a few new members which keeps the total within plus or minus five each time we send out a Newsletter. While on the subject, check the address label. The date on the label is an expiration date. If it is earlier than todays date, mail it to Bill Schmied today. You'd be surprised at the number of people that say something like, "Rats - I just flat forgot".

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SMAIL MAIL:

Bill - Do not know if I'll attend (the picnic) but want to send money for two adults and one child -- you'll have fun. If I don't see \underline{u} , I'll be thinking of \underline{u} . Couldn't mail sooner because I didn't get it (the picnic info) until after July 9. What's going on ??? Need a new Sec/Recorder? Sorry! My (working) days are over!!!! Just kidding ----- Talk to <u>u</u>. Later. Bobbi Futtrell, Denver, CO.

Dear Bill - As discussed in our phone conversation, enclosed is a \$5.00 check to cover membership dues in the AFTAC alumni organization. I was a member of the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron from 1951 to 1954, and during that time I was stationed at the Douglas, Wyoming facility. I must have enjoyed my tour of duty in Douglas, because I decided to live here when I retired. Norm & Jan Negrete, Douglas, WY. E-Mail: dojan24t@ coffey.com. (Ed Note: Your address was provided the CA Reunion committee so you will receive info on the April 99 reunion.)

Dear Bill -

Hope this letter finds all the folks in Colorado doing fine. We here in The Dallas Area are finding it very HOT and with NO rain. This has been a extremely Hot summer. Wanda & I do miss that wonderful Colorado Weather.

Inclosed please find my dues for next year and our NEW MAILING ADDRESS. We do hope Ben Vlassick is doing well. When you see him give him and Ginger our best regards.

Hope to see everyone at the next get together, when ever and where ever that may be. May the Good Lord watch over each one - until next time - let Love rule. Sincerely, Jack & Wanda Kimball, Greenville, TX. (Ed Note: Next get together is CA in April and Ben said, thanks for the kind words).

Dear Bill - Sorry to be late with my dues!

Thank everyone who worked on and published the "A Fifty Year Commemorative History of Long Range Detection"! A superb job by the Florida people, Mary Welsh, etc. I wish you to know that I am in the process of editing it down to <u>read</u> on cassette tape. Have become aware that some of our AFTAC'ers have serious eye problems or too ill to read themselves. If anyone is interested in receiving tapes (could be several tapes before I finish) <u>please</u> <u>let me know</u>. There will be no charge to them. If there is any problems with my doing this, please let me know about that too!! Not sure if I need permission or not - would appreciate your help with this part. Am not setting a date may take me most of the winter to get it done.

Have a great time at the picnic!! Sincerely, Marian Chambers-Jordan, Box 1222, Kings Beach, CA 96143, (530) 546-3086. (Ed Note: Have passed your letter to FL in response to your question. Good luck with your project.)

E-MAIL

IN MEMORY: Dear Ben, I am writing to all my fellow



AFTAC'ers to let them know that Gerry Sanchez passed away Mon. Sept. 28, 1998. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in June. His wife, Dee Dee and the rest of the family was with him when he peacefully

went away. The Sanchez address is: 18944 Gregory Street, Bloomington, CA 92316. John Kemna (Butch), e-mail: johnlor@rsvlonline.net. (Ed Note: Our condolences go out to the Sanchez family.)

(Ed Note: Second of two e-mails). Ben - Got your second msg -I'm tickled to death to get back to the old outfit. I was at Lowry (wasn't everyone? then McClellan then Ankara, then Teheran (original survey team in 62) then Encampment, WY, then out of 1035th to SAC......Thanks for the info, I have enough contacts to stay in touch now. By the way, I think one of the old commanders at Encampment, Ernest Relac, is in Colorado Springs. I will spread the word. I have web searched quite a few people that aren't aware of the association -- they will be now!! Cheers! McCartyde @aol.com (Ed Note: Will look for Maj. Relac in the Springs area. Thanks: Also, Sorry that I misplaced your first e-mail).I

Hi Bill - Mike Steskal here. I work as an engineer for Raythcon in Alice Springs, Australia. Chuck Conrad is the Det Chief here. It is hard to believe that 18-years ago Chuck and I were airman nobodies working for you at 422. The Florida Chapter has asked me to start an alumni chapter in Australia when I have the time.

Hope things are going well with you. Send an e-mail when you get a chance. Michael Steskal, Alice Springs, Australia; e-mail: steskalm@octa4.net.au. (Ed note: Good luck on a new chapter.Mike)

Hey Ben -I just received the latest issue of the Alumni newspaper and noted the 1155th shutdown. I travel frequently to California and though I would do my damindest to make the event for at least a day. Will you be going? Would hate to go and not know anyone.

JoAnne and I are still living in Florida and I am working in several of our offices in either LA, Dallas or Toronto. The travel has been very burdensome over the past 10 years or so but am finally acclimated. Children are great as are the grandchildren (4-each 14 down to 5). Have kept up with you through the articles in the alumni newspaper. Bud Horrett, Coral Spgs, FL; e-mail: gatabud@aol.com. (Ed note: Bud - I definitely plan to be in California for the April reunion).

New addresses:

Eugene Killey has moved from Minnetonka, MN to Las Vegas, NV.

Elling and Mary Lyslo have moved to Brooten, MN.

On November 21, 1998, at 1800 Hours (6 PM), AFTAC Alumni are invited to attend the first annual AAAC dinner and dance. The location is the Camana Club at Buckley ANG base. Music will be provided by "Tempo Techniques" featuring DJ Debbie Waddill. Menu selection features two entrees: 8 oz. Sirloin Steak with baked potato and Roasted Chicken with rice pilaf. Each entree is \$12.00 which includes tip and cost of dessert (dessert is usually apple crisp or tort). Cocktails will be served from a pay as you go bar between 1800 to 1900 hours (6 PM to 7 PM). Each person that attends will be provided a token for one free drink (glass of wine, beer or mixed drink). Dinner will commence at 1900 hours (7 PM). Dancing will followdinner until ??. Now is the time to make a reservation. Clip and complete the form below and mail with your check to Bill Schmied, 2078 Kenton St, Aurora, CO 80010-1310. Questions, call Ben Vlassick, (303) 690-1239.

NAME:	SPOUSE NAME:
	Sirloin Steak, 8 oz, (all steaks will be cooked medium) Total Nbr@. \$12.00. = \$
	Roasted Chicken (assorted cuts)
	Total Cost (Number of people X \$12.00 each)= \$

Mail your checks payable to Bill Schmied at 2078 Kenton St, Aurora, CO 80010-1310 to arrive NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 14, 1998.

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MAIL FLORIDA DUES (\$10.00 PER YEAR)

TO: AFTAC Alumni Association P.O. Box 254892 Patrick AFB, Flonda 32925-0892

Name:

Spouse name

Address

City, State, ZIP:

Telephone No.:

Unless advised to the contrary, personal information listed above is releasable to other AFTAC members.

DUES ARE \$5.40 PER 12-MONTH PERIOD PAYABLE DURING EXPIRATION MONTH. (SEE ADDRESS LABES, FOR INDIVIDUAL EXPIRATION MONTH). <u>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BILL SCHMIED.</u> MAIL TO: BILL SCHMIED, J078 Kenion SL, Adroit, CO 60014. Membership questions may be directed to Bill Schmied at (303) 367-9625.

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