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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 today's 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".

MAIL 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 u, I'll be thinking of 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. 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 read 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) please let me know. 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.)

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.)

Hi Bill - Mike Steskal here. I work as an engineer for Raytheon in Alice Springs, Australia. Chuck Conrad is the Det Chief here. It is hard to believe that 18-years ago Chuck

Hope things are going well with you. Send an e-mail when you get a chance. **Michael Steskal, Alice Springs, Australia; e-mail: steska1m@octa4.net.au.** (Ed note: Good luck on a new chapter, Mike)

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 Horrell, Coral Spgs, FL; e-mail: gatabud@aol.com.** (Ed note: Bud - I definitely plan to be in California for the April reunion).

Elling and Mary Lyslo have moved to Brooten,
MN.

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Total Cost (Number of people X \$12.00 each).....= \$_____.

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