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## General Membership Breakfast

Saturday 23 Feb 2002  
Where: Plainsman III  
Time: 0800 Hrs.

The Plainsman III is located on Smith Rd, just east of Chambers in Aurora, Co. Purpose of Breakfast is eat, just get together, and talk about year's activities. Please contact Jack Smith e-mail [coaftrmkt@aol.com](mailto:coaftrmkt@aol.com) or Ph 303-428-1812 or Bill Schmied 303-367-0625. Please contact by 19 Feb 02. Hope to see you there.

Jack Smith

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## From the Webmaster

From Bill Harris, our Webmaster:

### AFTAC Colorado Alumni Web Site is on line 24/7

Be sure to take a few minutes to visit the Colorado alumni Web site at

[www.aftacco.org](http://www.aftacco.org). You'll find the latest updates on association activities, lots of pictures of the June 2001 reunion in Denver and the fall social at Buckley AFB and links to other sites of interest to AFTAC alumni and active duty folks.

Just point that browser to [www.aftacco.org](http://www.aftacco.org) and you'll be 'connected'!

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## MAIL

Email from Ed McKenna

Good morning Bryce,

Not sure that this is newsworthy or not. After spending 23 1/2 years with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, on December 31st I took early retirement at age 62 to start up a consulting business.

Ed McKenna Consulting: Technical design and assistance on general instrumentation systems, feel that there is a market out there.

I'll see you at our next meeting, and encourage as many Colorado members as possible to attend.

Ed McKenna

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## 2002 Colorado Chapter Picnic

Mark your calendars. The annual picnic will be held at Buckley AFB, at the Williams Reservoir Cabin on 22 June.

This year Lonnie Gibbons volunteered to help put together a morning golf tournament at Spring Hill Golf Course (across from Buckley AFB), which will be followed by the picnic.

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## From the Florida Post-Monitor National Reunion 2003

According to the Post Monitor, a National Reunion is being planed for mid-year 2003 at AFTAC Headquarters, Patrick AFB, Florida.

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## From the West Coast Chapter – The Depot Fallout

Frank Goodreau's E-mail: Hi all, Here is a book about AFTAC and related groups, if you are interested. It's been around since 1995, so you may have a copy. *Spying without Spies: Origins of America's Secret Nuclear Surveillance System* by Charles A. Ziegler and David Jacobson. Praeger Publishers, 88 Post Road, Westport, Connecticut 06881, 1995, 242 pages. *Spying without Spies* deals with how the United States detected the first atomic explosion deep inside the Soviet Union in 1949—a subject that up until now has remained hidden from the American people. The Manhattan Engineer District ran the first rudimentary detection system on Germany in 1944 using A-26s with xenon-detection equipment. Manhattan Engineer District was the cover name assigned to the Army organization that designed, built, and tested the first atomic bombs. At the end of the war, no one was sure how or if the US could even detect atomic events deep inside the Soviet Union. This book tells how scientists, intelligence officials, Air Force officers, and commissioners of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) grappled with the problem. The book also provides an understanding of how national security decisions were made in the early postwar years.

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