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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SEPTEMBER 95 PICNIC: Sixty people signed up for the Summer-95 picnic that was held September 9, 95, at Lake Williams on Buckley AWC Base. (The only fish that was caught was a 2" dead minnow that floated to shore - we do need some expert fisherman at the next picnic). Fifty-eight of the people that signed up did show up and the sudden down-pour of rain at about four o'clock couldn't put a damper on things. It was fun! Our special thanks go out to the people that put forth the time and effort to make it an enjoyable affair. We had Earl Pierce making location arrangements; Lonnie Gibbons and Bill Schmied handled the entertainment and games; Dick Platt and Lonnie Gibbons was responsible for the beverages (excellent choice of wines); and the chefs, Bryce Dunn and George Plunkard - excellent job in preparations and on the grill. And at the last minute, we had to call on Earnie Long to bring his portable tent and Bill Braukman to bring his roll of paper to cover the tables with. Next time you see one of these guys, please thank them for a job well done. If you were not there this year be sure to make the next one! As usual, we gave away "door prizes"- T-Shirts, hats, beer steins, label pins, the new bronze coin, etc. And finally, it was a concerted effort on the final clean-up. Thanks to the many that contributed. And without any doubt, the area was much cleaner after we left than it was when we arrived.

ED NOTE: For those of you that received the AFTAC Newsletter in which I was quoted as saying "only half the people that signed up showed up". Well, I WAS WRONG WITH THAT QUOTE! I made that assessment based on the amount of food that was consumed. We had much too much food left over. The next day Bill Schmied gave me an actual count of 58; only two did not show up. A very excellent showing and getting better every year. By the way, who were those guys that were there until the wee small hours????? GREAT PICNIC!!!!

MEMBERSHIP/TREASURY REPORT: We received a good response to our request for dues. Dues continue to be \$5.00 for the year and our fiscal year starts February 1 of each year. We often are asked why we request that checks be made out to "Bill Schmied"? Basically, because we are not a business or a corporation. The checking account we maintain at the credit union is in a personal name, therefore, checks must be made out to either Bill Schmied or Ben Vlassick; preferably, Bill Schmied as he is the Treasurer. Therefore, send dues to Bill Schmied, 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, CO, 80010, and use Bill's name on the check. A

convenient application is included on the last page of this Newsletter for dues submission. You can tell if you owe dues by the date on the address label.

COLORADO 1996 REUNION

AAAC had a general membership breakfast June 24, 95, to discuss and plan the Summer - 95 picnic. A topic of discussion was having a 1996 National Reunion in Colorado. One statement said it all - "If we don't have a Reunion in Colorado in 96, the next time we consider one will be in 1999 since Florida will host one in 1997". Therefore, having a reunion in Colorado in 1996 is about to happen! **PLANNING CONTINUES.** (By the way, we looked into holding the reunion at a mountain resort, like in Keystone. Turned out the prices are outrageous - even during summer months.) So, while your editor visited St. Thomas of the Virgin Islands with Marilyn, Florida sent out 660 mailers with an insert to sign up for the Colorado Reunion in June 1996. Colorado sent out 220 mailers to surrounding states. By the Oct 31 cut off date, we received 70 responses for a commitment of 130 people.

With this total in hand, the committee met again on Nov 04. This is what was decided:

* A review of figures for Colorado Reunion 1989 showed that we had 232 pre-registrations; for California in 1994, there were 221 pre-registrations. The Colorado committee decided that 200 is a bottom line figure for us to work with. We have 130. So where do we go from here?

* Three people, Earl Pierce, Chuck Toner and Tom Ware will do a telephone solicitation of local people who have not pre-registered.

* Bill Braukman and Bill Schmied are working on an extended mailing list (of the 880 mailers already sent there is approximately 700 addition names that have not been contacted).

* It was suggested that many people were unable to make a commitment with an October 31 suspense. **WE ARE EXTENDING THE CUT-OFF DATE TO JANUARY 15, 96.** So if you know of anyone that did not pre-register, a copy of the registration form is included - pass it on to a friend.

* And, keep in mind that our maximum is 260 people. That equates to 130 couples. Once 260 people are pre-registered, we will stop accepting registrations; you could miss out.