



Depot Fallout

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dave Tarquino, WCC President

SURPRISE, SURPRISE, SURPRISE!! With the unexpected resignation of Charlie Penn as President, the Board of Directors unanimously voted for me to assume the Presidency, and Joe Johnson the Vice-Presidency of our Association at our 12 March Board meeting. There was barely time to make the motion and second it before the hands went up for the count!

Charlie Penn...farewell and best wishes as you move into your new abode in Pismo Beach. No one will miss you as much as I will. Thank you for all that you've done for us over the last eight years; from paying our bills to chairing a very successful reunion in 2011. It's been an honor serving with you.

The Association has a new Depot Fallout editor...Don King. Thank you Don for volunteering to provide this valuable service for us.

Don't forget our picnic on 2 June at Tempo Park. We hope to see you there.

THE \$5B RIDE

by Charlie Penn, WCC Immediate Past President

The editorial staff on the Depot Fallout has afforded me the opportunity to tell you one more war story: I once drove a \$5 billion vessel! While in the Air Force I always tried to "pilot" any type aircraft that I was flying in support of our sampling mission with AFTAC. This started way back when in 1962 when I was an airborne student and was flying training mission on our C-47. The aircrew would let me sit in the pilot or copilot's seat for a while and I would get to work the radios and make course corrections using the autopilot. Later in my career some of the pilots would even let me actually fly a little which I must profess have no talent. The planes that I got stick time included all the weather service birds and in 1981 I was on a training mission onboard a B-52 knowing this was the last time I would be on the BUFF. About three hours into the mission I got up my nerve and talked to the pilot telling him I was about to retire and how I had "flown" many types of planes during my 20 years but had never been allowed to get any stick time on the B-52. The pilot promptly told the copilot to get out of his ejection seat and I took over getting about a 30 minute flying lesson courtesy of the Strategic Air Command.

Now, you know that a B-52 doesn't have a \$5 billion price tag so where is this going? My oldest son is currently in the navy down in San Diego and a couple of years ago he invited me to go on a day "Tiger Cruise" onboard the CVN Stennis which is a nuclear powered aircraft carrier. A "Tiger Cruise" is when family and friends are allowed to sail aboard. This once in a lifetime cruise started out with the ship doing different high speed runs and turns and then we were treated to an air show; there were four F-18s that did catapult shot takeoffs, arresting wire landings and several passes by the flight deck while going supersonic. After the air show my son took me on a tour of the ship and we ended up on the bridge to see the navigation area and view the helm which was not some huge spoked wheel like on a pirate ship but was a spoked wooden wheel no bigger than a steering wheel on a car. I made a comment about the size and the captain overheard me and asked my son to introduce me to him. Well, I told the captain that I was retired Air Force and he wanted to know if I flew. Yep, I told him about my flying prowess including the B-52 episode. The captain immediately told the helmsman to "step aside" and I began a 5 minute stint driving a \$5 billion vessel. There you have the rest of the story; I have steered everything from a Gooney bird to a nuclear aircraft carrier.

OUR YC-121 "CONNIE"

by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor

This was our regal YC-121 Squadron Aircraft at McClellan AFB during my time there in 1958-1960. It was set up with a number of SEO training stations, so that when we were going somewhere, we could get in some additional training. There were 2 bunks on the port side up front, so long flights to Europe, Africa and the Middle East were really quite comfortable, especially when compared to the normal MATS flights. Major Davison was the A/C. This aircraft had a fantastic rate of climb when all four were turning, which was rarely. The most that we lost at once were all four over Texas, and we usually had problems with at least one. The engineer caught 3 of them, so we didn't have to bail out, but an unannounced landing at Biggs AFB (SAC) showed us how LeMay's SAC treated the uninvited! I'll add to this later on. I have more pictures of WFO during my era that I will share as I dig through my archives.



Source: Aviation Enthusiasts Corner, <http://www.aero-web.org>

ONE OF OUR OWN SEO AUTHOR

By Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor



William B. (Bill) Scott, former **SEO**, is a coauthor of **Space Wars: The First Six Hours of World War III** and the sequel, **Counterspace: The Next Hours of World War III**. He also co-authored a nonfiction book, **Inside the Stealth Bomber: The B-2 Story**, with Col. Rick Couch, a test pilot, who headed the B-2 test program. **Black Aura**, a novel about flying highly classified aircraft at the Top Secret Groom Lake, Nevada, base, is also in process. The excerpt of "Black Aura" is on his website: <http://www.williamsboscott.com> Just click on the book's cover art. He'll get back to writing it as soon as "Permit" is wrapped up and in the publishing cycle.

Bill is currently writing a serialization based on the death of his son, Erik B.

Scott, entitled "**The Permit**." This work of fiction explores how government arrogance and enormous sums of Las Vegas money combine to kill innocent citizens. That is, until a corrupt police force kills the wrong guy, unleashing the avenging wrath of highly classified, covert "black world" forces. He is posting a new chapter every Friday. A new Preface (all new) and Chapters 1 and 2 are now "up" at: <http://thepermit.blogspot.com/>

For a complete bio on Bill, go to his website <http://www.williamsboscott.com>.

These are Bill's books and the magazine that he worked for to date.



NEWS REQUEST

by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor

As you can see, I have added a "One OF Our Own" features to give interesting info about one of our talented members (all of you). Please feel free to submit neat things that you do. Remember that we are a fraternity! Also, there must be a lot of untold stories out there. They need not be humorous, just something interesting for AFTAC insiders. Don't be paranoid about the classified issues. I will sanitize it based upon advice from knowledgeable advisors.

LRDS SNOWBALL & AFTAC AWARDS CEREMONY

by Dale Klug

Thank you, again I was honored to be selected 2011 Alumni of the Year. The SnowBall was fun, and the turnout was impressive. The food was outstanding and plentiful. The theme this year was Alaska, Det 460. Chief Nederhoed's Detachment 460 briefing was right on target. The planning committee deserves a big round of applause. The AFTAC Awards Banquet was very well done, one of the best we've attended. It's great to be a part of acknowledging the contributions made by the Center's personnel. Having dinner with longtime friends and meeting new people at both banquets rounded off a wonderful week at Patrick AFB. Chief Dave Melton arranged for our suite at the VOQ. It was comfortable, spacious and had convenient wheelchair access. The weather they arranged was just perfect. Dinners with John & Chris Horsch and Harvey & Carol Shaw at the "Lobster Shanty" and Tom & Moira Eddleman at their home added to the enjoyment of our visit. Our surprise visitors, Lance & Karen Wolrab, who drove down from Atlanta to attend the SnowBall, just made our stay that much more memorable. Lance & I got a chance to share our war stories of working together at Det 3XX, Det 452 and TOD with our wives. Rose & I also spent a day at Daytona Beach International Speedway and got to take the tour around the track. A big 'Thank You' to all those in Florida who made Rose & my visit so pleasant. Also, to the West Coast Alumni chapter for picking up the cost of our Awards Banquet meal and the Florida Alumni chapter for the SnowBall banquet meal.



Col Roberts, Dale Klug, Chief Nederhoed



Florida Chap Pres Terry Hammond & Dale Klug

Who Said That??

by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus

- >> Have you considered that if you "don't make waves," nobody, including yourself, will know that you were alive?
- >> If you just try long enough & hard enough, you can always manage to boot yourself in the posterior.
- >> Life's short – sometimes you've just got to spoil yourself.
- >> You can't help someone up a hill without getting closer to the top yourself.

Do you think you know who the above quotes came from? Send your best guess to: dkconsulting@juno.com

First WCC member to send in all four correct answers gets an "Attaboy" or "Attagirl" in the next edition of the newsletter.

January 2012's quotes were from Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Unknown and B.A. Mello. The coveted "Attaboy" goes to Bob Baker who was the first to get all four correct. Ralph Simonton believed it was George Burns who uttered the second quote. It sure does sound like something he would say, Ralph, but I believe George Burns said "I've reached the age where 'Happy Hour' is a nap."

IN MEMORY OF

by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus

ISKE, Margaret Ann



Margaret Ann (Marge) Iske was born on Jan. 4, 1937 in North Bend, NE to Leonard and Clare (Gaughen) Iske. Passed away Jan. 29, 2012. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from North Bend High School in 1954. After high school she moved to Omaha where she worked as a secretary at Offutt Air Force base before moving to Sacramento in 1963. She then worked for McClellan Air Force Base until her retirement in 1998. She enjoyed skiing and traveling and traveled all over the world. She was a member of National Assoc. of Retired Federal Employees and Sports Leisure Travel Group. Marge is survived by a brother, Charles (Gorgene) Iske of North Bend, NE, and two sisters, Mary Jean (Martin) Paup of Seattle, WA, Helen (Ken) Tallerico of Sacramento, and numerous nieces and nephews. No services are planned. Memorials to the NBC Jr. Sr. High School Foundation or donor's choice. **Published in the Sacramento Bee on 5 Feb 2012 and includes a guest book, at the following link.**

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=155765151>

NOTE: Marge worked in 1155th TOS/Technical Operations Division from 1965 to her retirement in Jan 1998. During those years, she served as a civilian secretary in MCL, LGE and Operations.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

As of 15 March 2012:

Welcome to new life member, **Charles G. Hosier**

Total Active Members = 156 Life Members = 135

Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year. Check your mailing label, or check the "WCC Roster" from our website "Forms" page. Life memberships are available for \$75. You can use the "Membership Application/Roster Update" form on the last page of this newsletter or the one from our web site "Forms" page to send with your dues. Don't let your membership lapse. **Those alumni who are not current with their membership dues will be dropped from the "active" roster along with our newsletter distribution & email notification lists.** (See our web site "Forms" page, "WCC Roster" link to check your status.)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Business/Member meetings are now the **2nd Mondays** quarterly at the Lions Gate Restaurant, McClellan. (Always check our 'Events' page at www.AFTACWCC.org or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)
11 Jun 2012 - 10 Sep 2012 - 10 Dec 2012
- **02 Jun, Sat. 11am-3pm: Annual Picnic BBQ & Potluck** (Sign-up form is required - see below.)
- ___ **Nov: FALL SOCIAL** : 9 or 16 November (Note: Date, Time & Location to be decided. Watch our web site! **Registration will be required.**)

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - WEST COAST CHAPTER

ANNUAL PICNIC – 02 JUN 2012

Tempo Park, 13201 Fair Oaks Blvd, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

ATTENTION TO ORDERS

Yes, folks, it's time for the aroma of burnt meat. We will be hosting the annual WCC picnic on 02 June 2012 at the same venue as Sep 2011's picnic. Good restroom facilities, ample parking, and a covered pavilion. We will be lighting the BBQs at 1100 hours and wind things up around 1500 hours. Once again the West Coast Chapter (WCC) of our alumni association will supply the basics: hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks & water. We ask that you bring a salad, side dish, dessert, or chips to help out. **Please remember that due to current county regulations there is no alcohol consumption allowed at this facility.** All members and their guests are cordially invited, but please sign up early so the logistics can be tweaked. Don't forget to bring your stories, goodies & appetite to the picnic. Please fill out the sign-up form & send it to us.

VITAL DETAILS:

When: **Saturday, 02 June 2012**

Where: **Tempo Park**

Address: **13201 Fair Oaks Blvd, Citrus Heights, 95610**

Hours: **1100 Hrs -1500 Hrs (11:00 am – 3:00 pm)**

Cost: **Nada** *(However, if you would like to help defray the cost of this event, there will be a container at the picnic for your donation, which will be gratefully accepted.)*

DIRECTIONS

From I-80: Go East on Greenback, turn left (North) on Fair Oaks Blvd, the park will be on the left side.

From Hwy 50: Go North on Sunrise Blvd, turn right (East) on Greenback and left (North) on Fair Oaks Blvd.



The 2012 Picnic is being arranged by Butch Kemna, WCC Treasurer, and Charlie Penn, WCC President. If you have any questions, call Butch, (916) 722-8509 or Charlie, (916) 391-6956 or Email them at: PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org.

PLEASE FILL IN & MAIL or EMAIL YOUR SIGN-UP FORM TODAY TO:

AFTAC-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974

I mailed / Emailed my form on ___/___/12. There will be ___ of us coming & we'll bring _____ for potluck.

(The upper part is for your records, so keep it as a reminder)

-----*(cut here & mail or copy the form & e-mail it to: "<PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org>"*-----

Picnic Sign-up Form

ANNUAL WCC PICNIC – 02 JUNE 2012

(Please print)

NAME: _____ SPOUSE/GUEST: _____

Add'l Guest(s): _____ Total Number Attending []

I/We will bring for the potluck:

Salad [] Side Dish [] Dessert [] Other _____

Your Ph#: (____) _____ - _____ Email Addr: _____



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / ROSTER UPDATE

Annual membership fee of \$10.⁰⁰ is due by 01 January each year. Check your mailing label for expiration date. Your last newsletter will be the one following your expiration date. Life memberships are available for \$75.⁰⁰.

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