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2008 Reunion

Well another reunion has come and gone. Everyone seemed to have had a good time. They kept Carriker going to Wal-Mart for more beer and goodies. All kidding aside, I personally believe that this was the best reunion so far and we have two people to thank for that. Gene Carriker and Hank Freeman. Especially Gene Carriker. He put a lot of time and effort into all the arrangements, making several trip from North Carolina to Pigeon Forge. I personally, and on behalf on the Association, want to thank Gene for a great job well done.

2009 Reunion

It was decided that we return to The Mainstay Suites, Pigeon Forge, TN for our 2009 reunion. The dates will be 31 Aug—3 Sep. The room price will be \$72.00 + tax. More information will published in the Mar issue.

The Association

The association is growing. We now have 221 members. We gained 13 new members this past year. We had 70 people at the reunion this year and there were several new faces.

From the President

The 2008 reunion is no history. And we're looking forward to 2009. The accommodations at Pigeon Forge were the best we have encountered to date. The hotel was unexplainable for me to put into words in this letter. Let me just say that the rooms were great, the breakfast in the morning was great and no one went away hungry. There was an outside swimming pool and an inside pool with a hot tub. The hospitality room was huge and it was maintained by the "Bucket Ladies", and a fine job they did. Gene Carriker and Hank Freeman out did themselves and provided us with outstanding facilities. There were a lot of old faces and a lot of new faces I enjoyed all the tales that were told and particularly liked the tales told in the hospitality room. I remember being in the PI, but I don't remember doing some of the things mentioned. I could go on and on but I won't, so I suggest that you all come to the next reunion to find out the rest of the stories.



The ladies did a lot of Christmas shopping, and be the looks of what they brought back, someone is going to have a merry Christmas. The association voted and decided that we go back to Pigeon Forge, TN in 2009. Sammy Roysdon, Rick Kirkpatrick and Gene Carriker will set up and be the POC's for the next one. It will be hard to top this one but I'm sure that they will try. The associations financial situation is sound so we should have a good time in Pigeon Forge in 2009.

I would like to thank Linda Kirkpatrick, Sandy Flanagan and Jean West (the Bucket Ladies) for all the help that they provided for the entire reunion, acting as maids, janitors, waitresses, runners and anything else that was requested of them. Enough can't be said of them, the Association is blessed to have them.

I would like to challenge all members to contact at least one new member to attend the 2009 reunion and see if we can top the numbers of all previous reunion. I hope to see you all at Pigeon Forge in 2009.

Jerry

From the Vice-President

Another reunion for the 463rd Airlifters Association has passed, And for the 32 members of the Organization that attended, I'd say we had an outstanding time. This reunion would not have been possible without Gene Carriker and Hank Freeman who set up this gathering. Thanks Gene and Hank we all appreciated your efforts.

This organization has 221 members at this time, and it's pretty sad when we can only get 32 of them to attend our reunion. Our total number at the reunion was 70, counting the spouses and family members. We as a group need to work on getting the word out to the other 189 members and also locate new members. These reunions can only get better if you have a large group telling their stories and reminiscing with fellow Airmen, Sergeants and Officers of years ago. It's everyone's responsibility to promote the Association gatherings, not just a chosen few. I'm as bad on this subject as the next guy, but I'm going to locate at least 3 new members this year and try my best to get them to the 2009 reunion.

Next year, 2009, the reunion is at the Mainstay Suites at Pigeon Forge again. The dates for the reunion are



August 31 thru September 3, 2009. Sammy Roysdon is the primary on setting up the reunion. Since Sammy doesn't have a computer, I will be the middleman for this reunion. I will ensure that all information is forwarded to the web site and association officers, and will help Sammy in any way I can. If you have any concerns or questions forward them to me (Rick Kirkpatrick) at kirkrl@comcast.net and we'll get them taken care of. We have already reserved good weather, no rain like this year.

Our records of member's home address, e-mail address, and phone numbers seem to be incorrect on some of our members. If you have moved or changed e-mail addresses please notify Shaky or myself and I'll ensure Shaky gets the information.

I believe I have filled my allotted area of space in this newsletter so until next time I hope everyone stays safe and in good health.

Rick Kirkpatrick
Association VP

Mark Aug 31-Sep3, 2009 on your calendar, and try to make the reunion in 2009.

O u r f a v o r i t e B u c k e t L a d i e s
Linda & Sandy



One reason that our reunions have run so smoothly is because of these two ladies. They have literally worked their (being the gentleman that I am, I won't put it in print) off. Ladies, I can't thank you enough for all you do to make the reunions a success. I would also like to thank Jean West for her help this year. It was greatly appreciated.

Association officers

Officers for the coming year are as follows.

President: Jerry Haines
Vice President: Rick Kirkpatrick
Secretary: V.G. "Shaky" Bristol
Treasurer: Ralph Fischer
Chaplain: Joseph Mobely
Archivist/Historian: Mike Gaylor
Time Zone Coordinators;
Eastern: Gene Carriker
Central: Earl Schurman
Mountain: James Williams
Pacific: Ed Davis

I would like to introduce our new officers.

Joseph Mobely-Chaplain
Mike Gaylor- Archivist/Historian
James Williams- Mountain Time Coordinator
Welcome aboard fellows, I know you will do a great job.

In attendance

Following is a list of those who attended this years reunion.

Shaky & Pat Bristol
Ralph & Pat Fischer
Joseph & Eileen Sant
Richard & Sue Sweet
Sam & Barbara Roysdon
Steve Roysdon
Edith Roysdon
Maria Roysdon
Veronica Roysdon
Mike Gaylor
Hank Freeman
Norma Stevens
Harold & Lucy Cleet
Earl & Ginny Schuerman
Rick & Linda Kirkpatrick
Gene Carriker
Jerry Haines
Bob & Lorena Dawson
Don & Bonnie Wilson
Phil & Jennifer Tenny
Mark & Kelly Sierzchulski
Brianna Sierzchulski
Robert and Margaret Powell
Richard Burnett
Merritt Gill
Dottie Timms

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Loise Sowers
Bradley & Gloria Ludwig
James & Kat Williams
Bruce & Linda Langerlan
John & Peggy Smith
Michael Sellers
Everette Bozeman
Richard & Mary Sink
Jon & Shari Slinde
Donald Kolz
Morris & Wanda Patrick
Joe & Carolyn Mobley
Robert & Jean West
Bruce Parr
Dan & Sandy Flanagan
Roy & Sylvia Linton
John Schmidt
Hope Smith
Doug Krezan
James & Shirley Canda