

THE TIGER RAG

FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER, 1985



1985 AVG-CNAC REUNION

OJAI, CALIFORNIA

1985 OJAI AVG/CNAC REUNION

Leave it to our group to schedule our reunion during a huge uncontrolled wildfire. The Wednesday before our official meeting was truly an Ash Wednesday. Smoke and ashes blanketed the entire area, sending the temperature well above 100°! At times, visibility was down to zero. It did not take a town meeting or extended discussion to decide to cancel the Fourth of July parade and fireworks. The street had to be kept open for fire and emergency vehicles, and there was no need for more fireworks.

Surprisingly, all this did not put a damper on our reunion attendance. They all came. On Thursday, July 4th, conditions had improved in the vicinity of the Ojai Valley Inn. We could move outdoors again, without a continual shower of ashes, and there was a pleasant temperature drop.

By the time our hayride departed for Tiger Glen, it was very comfortable outside. At the Glen we enjoyed the Boeing Cocktail party, Square dancing and our steak-fry.

Besides the usual activities of golf, swimming, tennis, etc., we had various video cassettes running on the lobby TV on Friday and Saturday. Friday afternoon we had the CNAC business meeting, and Association Officer elections. Bob Pottschmidt was elected as permanent chairman, and the incumbent officers were reelected for another term. The CNAC secretary, Art Kininmonth will have a report of the meeting sent out to the members.

Friday night we had a sumptuous hors d'oeuvre and cocktail party, courtesy of Johnson and Higgins, followed by the CNAC banquet. The speaker was AVGer Gerhard Neumann (Herman the German). It was truly an entertaining and interesting talk.

Although the fire was still burning in the adjacent area, it had cooled off comfortably to a very pleasant temperature. The favorable weather condition held through Saturday.

Saturday afternoon the AVG business meeting was held. The incumbent officers were reelected, to everyone's surprise. The AVG



Marian and Bob Layher and Dolly Luce



Gerhard Neumann, Bill Maher and Gen. Szeto



Bob Rengo, "Ma" Davidson and Rodewald

1985 OJAI AVG/CNAC REUNION



Sen. Goldwater accepts leather wallet with AVG insignia and P-40, made by Tony Rossi



Layher, Anne-Marie Prescott, Williams, Laura and Wayne Hoffman, Watson, Greene and Doc Rich at Flying Tiger Line cocktail party



General Loh and Tex Hill in golf cart

Saturday evening, Wayne and Laura Hoffman hosted the Flying Tiger Line cocktail party for the group. Our AVG Pilot Trophy Awardee, Senator Barry Goldwater, joined us at this time. Following the cocktail party, we proceeded into the dining room for the AVG banquet, at which we had about 240 people. After dinner, we heard from Miss Flying Tiger and Mr. Wayne Hoffman. Then some gifts and the trophy were presented to Senator Goldwater. Then we heard a short but stirring address from the Senator on the current situation in Washington. The party continued til the wee hours in the dancing and drinking area.

Among our attendees, we had General Y.T. Loh, General Szeto Fu, Col. C.P. Mao and Col. C.Y. Lu from Taipei. Also attending, from San Francisco was Marian "Ma" Davidson. "Ma" ran the CAMCO Club and cottages at Loiwing, where quite a few AVG'ers were stationed during March and April of 1942. There we were able to enjoy home style food and drink, after the very austere last weeks of Burma. "Ma" is 90½ years young! Secretary, Rode, will have a report for the members. Another event on Saturday was the fly-by of five AT-6's (SNJ's) from the Condor Squadron of Van Nuys. A combination of fog and smoke gave the pilots a little trouble in locating the Inn, but it all worked out OK. By Sunday morning, the heat started to return, but we were leaving by then, so we did get a big break on the weather.

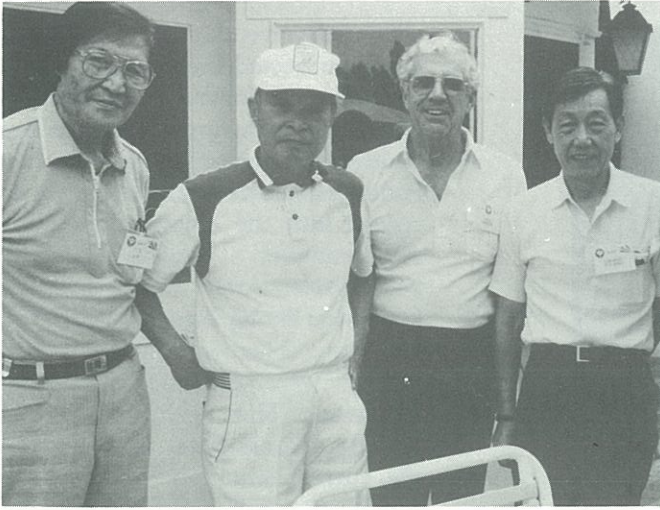
CORRECTION

We regret that there was a typographical error in the reunion program, misspelling Tom Kelly's name in the IN MEMORIAM notice.

Special Acknowledgement

This issue of the Tiger Rag was typeset, composed and printed by the Palm Springs High School (California) VICA (Vocational/Industrial Clubs of America) printing class, under the direction of Bob Andrade. We want to thank the students and Bob for this fine work.

TIGER RAG



Col. Lu, Gen. Loh, Maher and Col. Mao



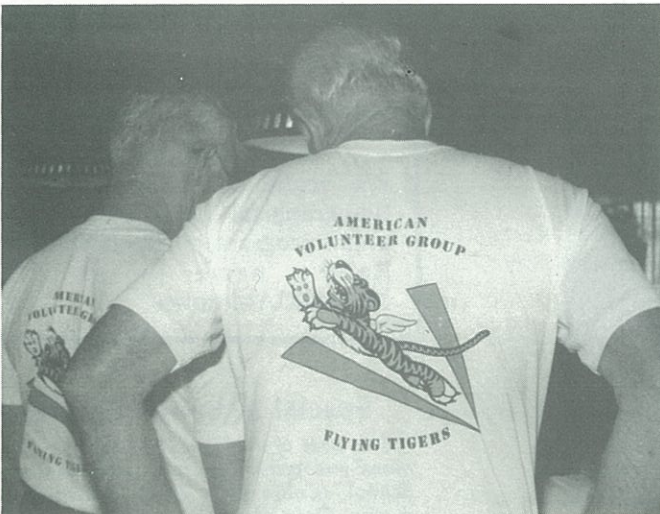
Eleanor and Bill Schaper



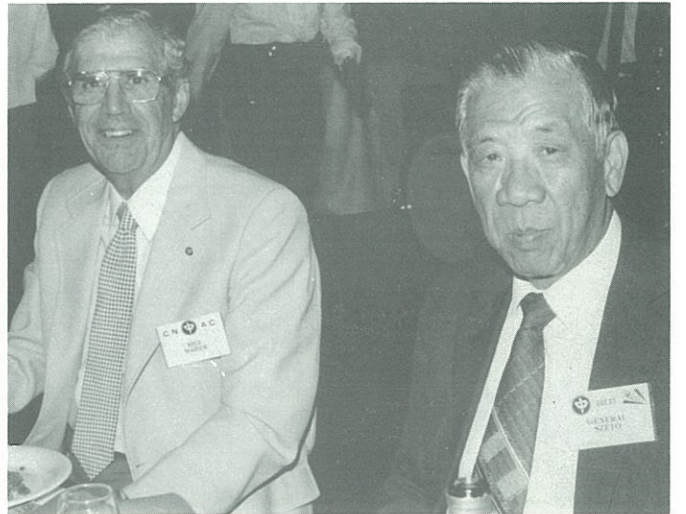
Chuck Older and "Moose" Moss



Maizie Hill, Marian Layher and Metha Keeton

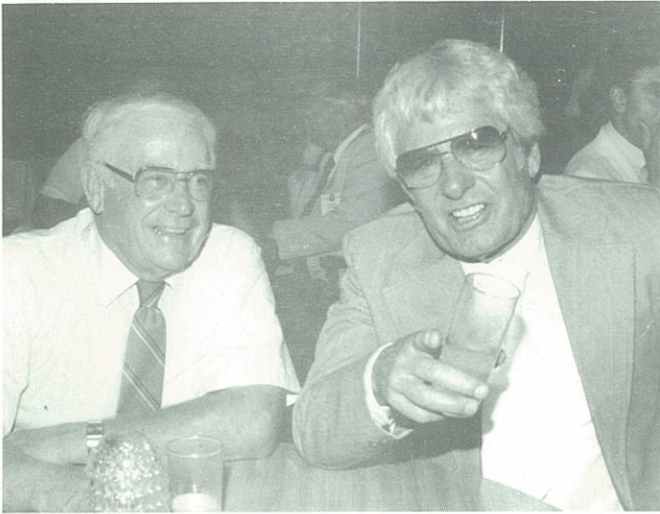


Baisden and Christensen with AVG T-shirts



Bill Maher and Gen. Szeto

TIGER RAG



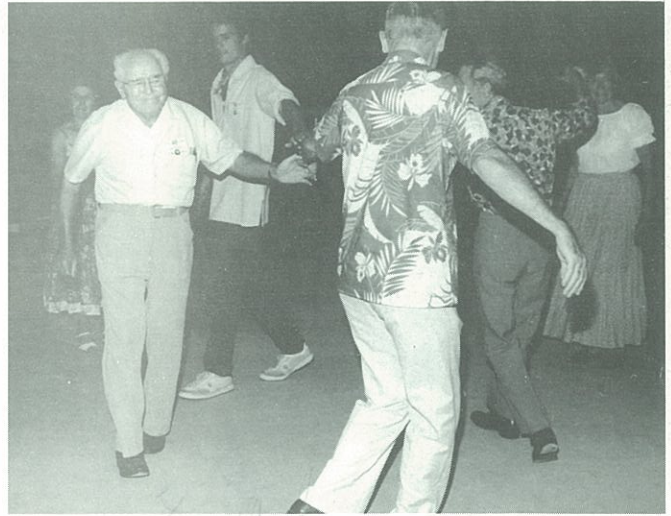
Bob Layher and Paul Greene



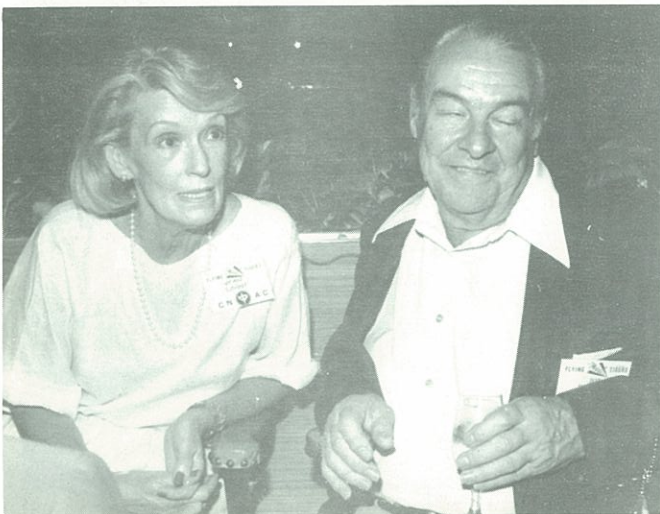
Ed Rector and Jo Neal



Mary Poshefko, Willa Baisden, Marge Christensen, P.J. Perry, Chuck Baisden and Joe Poshefko



Doc Rich at square dance

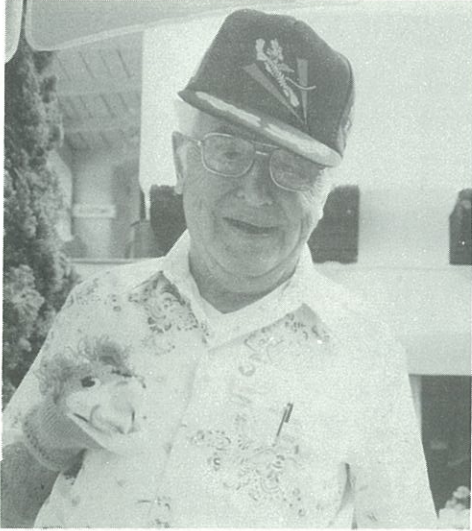


Jean Loane and Joe Rosbert



Rossi, Sen. Goldwater, Layher and Willa Baisden

TIGER RAG



Dock Rich



Rodewald, Jo Neal and P.J. Greene



Ilse Shilling and Lydia Rossi

*Ilse Shilling
Lydia Rossi*



Judy Andrade, Joe Rosbert and Bob Andrade



Herman the German

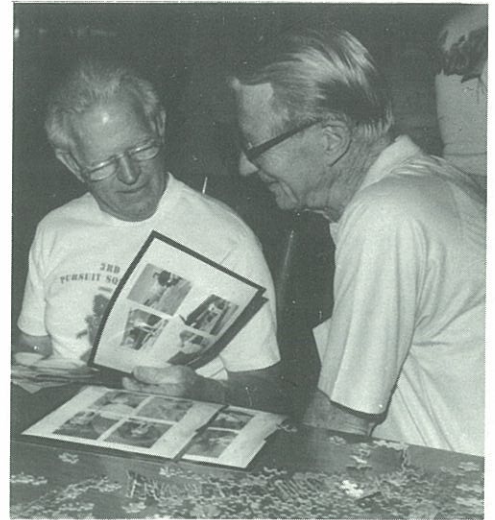


Gwynn Locke, Willa Baisden, STiles, Dolly Luce,
Burma Bob and Edith Stiles

TIGER RAG



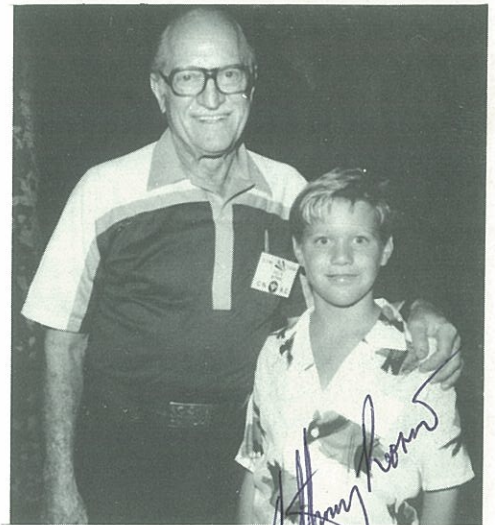
Moss, Bivens, Weiner and Watson



Shilling and Oliver Glenn



Wayne Hoffman, Bob Rengo, Tony Rossi and Carey Bowles



Dick and Tony Rossi



Kustay, Poshefko, Perry, Doc, Baisden, Christensen



Link Laughlin

MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND THE 1985 AVG/CNAC

AVG/CNAC

Link & Farrell Laughlin
Jean & Stephan Loane
Moose & Janie Moss
Steve & Wendy Moss
Anne Marie Prescott
French & Dominique Prescott Reill
Dr. L.J. Richards
Joe & Lil Rosbert
Dick, Lydia & Tony Rossi
Dave & Alice Rossi
Eric, Ilse & Ricky Shilling

AVG

Chuck & Willa Baisden
Roz & Twisty Bent
Keith & Marge Christensen
Paul & Dorothy Clouthier
Jesse & Bernadine Crookshanks
Jim & Betty Cross
Bryant & Barbara Nelson
with Karen & Don
Dan & Cathi Mercer
with Danny & Cameron
Parker Dupuoy
Paul J. Greene
"Red" Hanks
J.J. Harrington
Tex & Maizie Hill
Louis & Sherry Hoffman
Dale & Janet Hoffman
Ken Jernstedt
Al & Corky Kaelin
Bus & Metha Keeton
Mel & Evelyn Kemp
Steve & Ann Kustay
Bob & Peggy Lee and Denise
Bob & Marian Layher
Bob & Gwynn Locke
W.L. & Julia Musgrove
Jo Neal
Gerhard & Clarice Neumann
Chuck & Kitty Older
Jean Peret
P.J. Perry
Joe & Mary Poshefko
Alys Hoffman Phreaner
Ed Rector
Doreen Reynolds
Don Rodewald & Dolly Luce
Judy & Hank Wagner



"Moose" Moss, Shilling and Felix Smith



Corky Kaelin, Pam Uebele, Al Kaelin and John Uebele



Bent, Christensen and Baisden

GUESTS ATTENDING OJAI REUNION



Roberts, Gen. Loh, Kininmonth, Sen. Goldwater and Col. Mao



Red Holmes, Gene Powers, and Russ Bivens



Carroll, Potts Schmidt, Kininmonth, Maher, Sherwood, Hardin and Rengo

Rosemary Rodewald Read
 Rich & Dorothy Richardson
 Bill & Eleanor Schaper
 Rick & Rose Schaper
 Bob M. Smith
 R.T. Smith
 Ed & Edith Stiles
 Irv & Virginia Stolet & Jeff
 Bill & Hazel Towery
 John & Pam Uebele
 Martin & Robin Veir
 John Williams
 Hal Wylie

CNAC

Tom & Marcelle Applegate
 Russ & Lisa Bivens
 Carey & Cynthia Bowles
 Glen & Shirley Carroll
 Bob & Martha Conrath
 Jim & Peggy Dalby
 Neumie Dillow
 Oliver & Rosemary Glenn
 with son & daughter-in-law
 Joe Hall
 Christy Hanks
 Joe & Anne Hardin
 Don & Emily Hassig
 Red Holmes
 Art & Ciskey Kininmonth
 Bill & Mary Lee Maher & Pat
 Ralph & Lisa Mitchel
 Al Oldenburg & Mary Smith
 Fred & Louise Pittenger
 Bob Potts Schmidt
 Gene Powers
 Bob & Marge Rengo
 Al & Linda Fischer
 "Robbie" Roberts
 Tom & Zena Sailer
 with son & daughter
 Henry & Gloria Schaus
 Bob & Audrene Sherwood
 Gerry & Angela Shrawder
 Mary Moulton
 Felix Smith
 Jules & Peggy Watson
 Frank & Kay Watson
 with two children
 Jeff & Peggy Weiner

★ ★ ★ ★

THANKS

Most photos were taken by Colleen
 Ferguson, FTL.

MEMBERS, FAMILIES & GUESTS ATTENDING THE 1985 AVG/CNAC OJAI REUNION

GUESTS

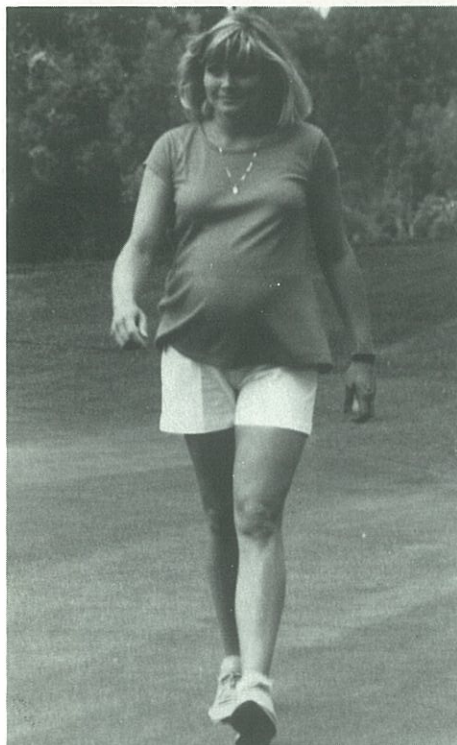
Bob & Judy Andrade
 Dorothy Barkow
 M/M Bill Bond
 George & Denise Brannick
 Lari & Chris Caster
 Jeff Chouinard
 Mary Cowgill
 Marian "Ma" Davidson & George
 Bill Dodds
 Brett Elliott
 Jeff Ethell
 Colleen Ferguson
 Geoff Gerling
 Barry Goldwater
 Matt & Rita Gormly
 Bill Graham
 Ted Halibrand
 Wayne & Laura Hoffman
 Randy Humphrey
 Chris & Steve Irwin
 Butch Jackson
 Jack & Mary Lynn Jackson
 Lewis & Peggy Jordon
 with Jason & Stevan
 Victor & Tassia Joukoff
 John Lewis
 General Y.T. Loh
 M/M Dave Lokken & daughter
 Col. C.Y. Lu
 Col. C.P. Mao
 Cyril Murphy
 M/M Larry Nagin
 M/M Alwin Ning
 M/M Hoyt Pinaire
 Norman Randolph
 Joy Sabol
 Jack Samson
 General & Mrs. Szeto
 M/M Frank Szeto
 Starr & Magee Thompson
 Barrett Tillman
 M/M Ray Toliver
 Ashley Wells
 M/M George Westfall
 M/M John White
 Dolly Wong
 Harold & Joan Woody & daughter



Red and Christy Hanks



Bernadine and Jesse Crookshanks



Judy Rodewald Wagner with a new Rodewald on the way



Kay Dornbusch who handles all of our reservations at Ojai

NEWS FLASH...

Soon after the reunion Judy gave birth to a bouncing baby girl, Alexandra on August 26th.

Mini-Reunions

CNAC

At the CNAC business meeting it was decided to hold a CNAC mini-reunion next March in the Orlando, Florida area. Information on this will be forthcoming, as soon as some details are firmed up. It would be a good chance to get a few more East Coasters to join the gang for some tall tale sessions. It may be held in conjunction with the Valiant Air Command Air Show at the TI-CO Airport.

AVG

Captain Bill Dodds, of the Flying Tiger Line, came to the AVG business meeting representing the Oshkosh Air Show, and extended an invitation to AVG members to be guests at their Air Show at Oshkosh in July 1986. It starts the last weekend in July. As soon as details are available, there will be notice sent out, giving the particulars.

1987 Flying Tiger Pilot Award

This is the earliest we have ever been able to name the recipient of the Flying Tiger Pilot Award. We are proud and happy to announce that the next awardee will be Don Rodewald! It is very nice to be able to have one of our own group as the honored pilot. Rode is the first and only paraplegic to fly solo, in a single engine airplane around the world.



AVG members at TICO Airport at VAC Air Show

Video Tapes Available

John Williams advises us that he can have copies made on VHS video cassettes of the Air Force film "China Crises" and also of the film put together by "Pappy" Paxton about the AVG. The cost is \$25.00 for each. Those interested can contact John Williams.

★ ★ ★ ★

General S.Y. Liu advises that he has video tapes of the Taiwan trip of last October. They are available for US\$50.00 a copy. If you want a copy, send your check to S.Y. Liu, P.O. Box 87-812, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. Be sure to specify whether you want VHS or BETA.

AVG Attends VAC Air Show

We have not had a Bulletin out to report it, but the Valiant Air Command of Titusville, Florida had AVG members as guests of their Air Show last March. It was a last minute idea, and did not get very wide notice to the group.

They had a fine Air Show, their most successful to date. That is what prompted the round of drinks sent to us at the reunion at Ojai. They had a very colorful P-40 with Flying Tiger markings, among their many WWII warbirds.

They are establishing a fund for a museum of WWII aviation and the AVG helped them raise money for this undertaking. They had a colorful poster of three P-40's in formation, all in Flying Tiger markings, taken of currently flying planes. Those AVG members present autographed the posters, and they were sold to the public for \$10.00 a copy. They ran out of posters, so I guess there are still a lot of people interested in the real Flying Tigers.

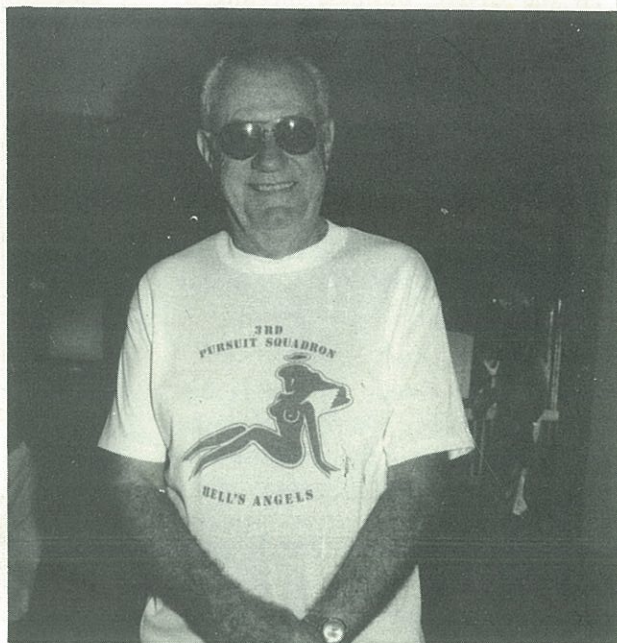
The following AVGers were at the Air Show; Frank Adkins, Frank Andersen, Chuck Baisden, Keith Christensen, Ed Gallagher, Irv Gove, Tex Hill, Bus Keeton, Link Laughlin, Bob Layher, Joe Poshefko, Joe Rosbert, Dick Rossi, Don Rodewald, Snuffy Smith and Don Whelpley.



Rode and Dolly at Titusville with his Comanche



Hill, Williams, Rossi, Shilling and "Ma" Davidson



"Tadpole" Smith

DICK ROSSI
3083 E. Mission Road
Fallbrook, CA 92028