

Cannonball

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The issue of the Cannonball is dedicated to Potty.

He was born Robert W. Pottschmidt in Cincinnati in 1911 and was destined to be one of that group of unique, colorful characters who went out to China and CNAC. He was one of the early group. He survived the 1937 cut, returned home briefly and returned to stay with CNAC till after the war. He flew about everything we had, checked many of us out, flew passengers from Calcutta to such remote destinations as Urumshi and Lancum not to mention Kuming and Chungking. I remember the mellons he brought back.

Unfortunately, he was skipped over and was never management but remained the archetypical CNAC pilot. He joined the older group with the newer, and probably knew more members. As much as anyone he typified the pioneer aviator in the Orient as well as a member of our association.

Potty wrote his own obituary. It follows and is reproduced in total.

REUNION IN OJAI

Its time to start thinking our next reunion. It will be back at Ojai. I might add, the new and improved Ojai Valley Inn. We do not take over the entire Inn, so it is important to have reservations in early. There are 2 other motels but its better when we all are in the main complex.

There is no program yet but the best part of the reunion will be continuing and renewing old friendships. If you have never attended a reunion come out this year. Even if you never came out before there is certain to be some one you knew who will be anxious to see you again.

It costs a pretty rupee but you can't take it with you.

Every year some one new shows up and that makes sending notices and the Cannonball to everyone we know worth while.

AVG-CNAC REUNION
OJAI VALLEY INN
JULY 2,3, &4, 1989

RESERVATIONS

Ojai Valley Inn - 1-800-422-OJAI
Box L
Ojai, VA 93202
\$140.00 DBL - \$130.00 SGL

El Camino Motel 1-805-646-4341
Box 183
Ojai, CA 93203
\$45.00 DBL - \$42.00 SGL
Seniors - \$40.50

The Ojai Rancho 1-805-646-4305
615 W. Ojai Avenue
Ojai, CA 93203
Seniors - \$46.00 - \$51.00 - \$57.00 DBL
(Only 17 Rooms)

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!!

If I can return to the fold its time all of the rest of you shirkers come out or come back. Many of us have few or no friends among CNAC, and maybe many of us didn't distinguish ourselves out there. Although to many of us this was a sort of high in our lives, at least it must be said it was different. A fair sized group attend these reunions and through them friendships are formed and maintained. I personally made many new friends. At the very least you will share a few days, and a few stories from a brief interval of your younger days.

The previous reunions have been highlights of the intervening years.

To wives - it could be that some of us are no longer with us. Remember all of our comrades who have gone on to Hogy Taw are still missed, still loved and still remembered. Those of you who lost husbands are as revered as much as they. Your coming to the reunion brings a part of them back to us. Please come and join us!

THE LIST

Every mailing produces a new group of address changes. Below are some corrections:

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The list below are recently lost. They are returns from our last mailing. If anyone knows their new addresses please send the new address to Bob Rengo, 9200 Aura, Kaleva, Michigan.

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Annie Liang Moore
Captain Robert McCaleb
James Mabus
James Maupin
James Phillips
James Pellegrini
Captain Wayne Snyder
Byron Sherrill
Charles Vaughn
Captain Sidney Wilson
Y Y Sze

Robert Chang
J.L. Hall
Robert Raine
Milton Caniff *Deceased*