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When Reg Farrar departed for Hogy Taw on September 24, 2004, just about two years ago, the CNAC Cannonball fell silent. He had edited this newsletter from the beginning, and perhaps it was impossible to imagine anyone replacing him in this role. With the encouragement and advice of Mary Farrar, Fletcher Hanks and Bill Maher, I am going to try. My father was a pilot with CNAC, as well as a writer (you will see an essay he wrote in 1945 later in this issue), and I am pleased and honored to have the opportunity to keep the newsletter going. Please feel free to contact me with ideas and stories. I look forward to seeing some of you at the reunion this year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eve", followed by a horizontal line.

REUNION IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

I'm told that the early responses predict a great turnout for the reunion in San Francisco this year, September 28-October 1, 2006.

The 90 Plus Club has 5 members this year...Harold Chin (94), Moon Chin (93), Robert Sherwood (92), Dick Rossi (91) and Pete Goutiere, who will be celebrating his 91st birthday AT the reunion.

TRIBUTE TO REG FARRAR

Because some of you are new or may not have read these before, here is Reg's farewell to CNAC, as well as a note from his family and a recent letter of commendation written by President Bill Maher.

Over the years since its founding in May 1954, it has been an honor and a privilege to have served the Association just as one of the founders, its Secretary and finally as the editor of this newsletter, the CNAC Cannonball.

Like many of you, my time in CNAC flavored my life forever. It led me to strange and interesting lands and to some of the greatest people one could have ever known and ultimately, to meet and marry my wife Mary who has been a helpmate in these mailings, my friend and the mother of our children.

I hope a book will be written about us someday and we all will be remembered, that these Cannonballs I sent you (and hopefully, Maher saved!) will be used to help CNAC. I cannot predict whether this newsletter will be continued. I hope it will be. In the past I have said it was a cornball, but at any rate, it has been a ball.

Reg Farrar, Editor

It may be that some of you weren't informed of Doc's passing until now. I remember meeting many of you for the first time in 1964 with Reg, and later, working for Pan American in NYC. Reg so enjoyed the reunions, putting together the Cannonball, and making the banner that is hung at each reunion. Our family and I thank CNAC and Captain Bill Maher for the wonderful wreath, which we carried from New Jersey to the grave site in Maine. Also, thank you Captain and Mrs. Bowles for coming to the church and repast in New Jersey. It was very kind of you to travel so far in such stormy weather. It meant a lot to us. Later, at the repast, a giant rainbow spanned the beach from north to south where we all were. Someone said it was Reg, and things would be OK. Please keep the organization going. God Bless you all. *Mary Farrar, for the Farrar family*

(Mary is sorry she won't be able to come to this year's reunion, but she promises to come next year! And she'd love to hear from CNAC friends in the meantime, at 319 Euclid Ave., Loch Arbour, NJ 07711)