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REUNION 1996

The reunion in San Diego again brought together some of our members. The group was busy most of the time. On hand was a couple who came to their 1st or 2nd reunion. Steve Kusak came from Malorca. Many of the regulars who attend most of the reunions were there, as well as a few guest. San Diego with its museums and quaint districts added color to our get together.

There were 2 banquets. One was Chinese which treated us to a variety of very delicious dishes. The last evening was a banquet at the U.S. Grant Hotel. At that dinner a plaque was given to Jim Dalby for his continued effort supporting the traditions and accomplishments of CNAC. As you know, he is currently the President of the San Diego Aero-Space Museum. At that meeting humorous stories were traded by several. Dick Rossi was recognized as the founder of the CNAC Association.

At our business meeting we re-elected Bill Maher President and Gerry Schrawder as Secretary Treasurer. We raised the dues to \$25.00 dollars a year and agreed to donations to the Aero Space Museum. It became necessary to elect 2 new Vice-Presidents. It was reaffirmed that all CNAC were members of the Association. In spite of this it was recommended that everyone pay dues.

The high light off our reunion was a visit to the San Diego Aero Space Museum. We were guests of the Museum and Jim Dalby gave us an escorted tour of the museum and the shops beneath the exhibit where many vintage planes were being repaired and even fabricated right down to the last nut and bolt. It was an impressive tour.

We dedicated an exhibit to the CNAC accomplishments. We are beginning to get recognition for what we did. The Museum is impressive to say the least and is the story of the Association from Langly, Wrights, The Red Baron right up to the present. The Museum is worth a special trip to San Diego just to see it. Its presentation is as impressive as the Smithsonian Aero Space Museum in Washington. It features aviation in a unique way. There are no space capsules or rockets but emphasizes aeronautical advances. Our Association is honored to have our Jim Dalby as President.

If our next "big" reunion is in San Francisco come one come all. Remember at our age we can not have too many more.