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AVG/CNAC BULLETIN

Last poop sheet before on to Ojai for 1973

Things are shaping up great for Ojai July 5-7 and our 31st Anniversary Reunion. We look for one of our best turnouts so if you haven't got on the bandwagon, you'll want to act pronto.

We've got Lt. Gen. Samuel C. Phillips for our Pilot Trophy Award. He is Commander, Space and Missile Systems Organization (SAMSO) of the Air Force Systems Command (AFSC), Los Angeles Air Force Station, California. He is one of the top men in our Space Program having served as Director of the Apollo Manned Lunar Landing Program. He now heads up the big Space and Missile Systems Program in Los Angeles and has received the Distinguished Service Medal for his contributions to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

His career is one of the great chapters of military aviation, including two combat tours with the 364th Fighter Group, 8th Air Force, in World War II, and a spell as Chief of Logistics for the Strategic Air Command's 7th Air Division in England. There he earned the Air Force Legion of Merit for his part in creating the International Agreement with Great Britain for deployment and use of the Thor Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM). He also holds the Smithsonian Institution's Langley Medal for his contributions to the Apollo manned space program, in which he was a key factor for five years.

The trophy award at the Saturday night banquet will be the big highlight of our program, along with Bob Prescott's new set of stories, which are also trophy winners. Thanks to Tex Hill for setting this up--we mean the trophy award; not Prescott's stories.

MEMO NOTES ON THE REUNION

BUS

Again, if you're arriving early, let Rode know. We can provide some early transportation to Ojai, or discount motel accommodations at L.A. Airport--and it ain't some cheap old hotel either.

For the regular arrivals, there will be a bus to take you up to Ojai on the morning of July 5--then another to bring us back the afternoon of July 8.

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Secretary

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TICKETS Rode is getting out the Flying Tiger transportation tickets to all who made reservations. Knowing what happens sometimes to today's mail, give him an alert if you don't have your tickets by June 15. Included in the mailing will be an instruction sheet on how to contact the Tiger office for your flight.

PICTURES Bring your films and pictures. We'll have special showings with one slide program of past and near present which those of you who'd like to try can narrate. A few belts in advance should give you plenty of ammunition along with the slides.

STOP-OVER HOTEL We've made arrangements with the Sheraton Inn at Los Angeles International Airport to give us the airline rate for anyone who gets in early and needs accommodations at Los Angeles. The Inn has direct pickup for you at the Airport with their own limousines. You can make reservations direct if you wish or let Rode know. The rates are \$12 single, \$15 double, \$18 for three or more. This is 40 percent under regular rates. If you contact the hotel directly, let them know you are with the Flying Tiger group and they'll extend the special rate.

PROGRAM The schedule for the shindig will run something like this with a few halts and hitches to loosen you up.

First Day -- Arrival, mutual exchange of greetings with a little libation here and there to get relaxed. Evening--hay ride, steak fry, barbeque, square dance and booze under the starry skies of Ojai. Non-porno picture showing in afternoon.

Second Day -- CNAC banquet, preceded by start of the Golf Tournament and immediately preceded by a cocktail party; that is the banquet is preceded by a cocktail party, not the tournament. Swimming, horse-back riding and general reacquaintance sessions on a do-it-yourself basis. Another non-porno pix show in afternoon. (However, for those interested, porno pix shows available in Los Angeles.)

Third Day--- AVG banquet and pilot trophy award, preceded by cocktail party and earlier preceded by golf tournament finale, swimming, horse-back riding, in depth reacquaintance, settling of bets, afternoon picture shows, all legitimate.

Notes on the Golf: Judge Older has ruled that Ole Olson cannot take the Fifth Amendment on his handicap, which should give some of us a chance to get into his wallet for the first time.

Jim Cross sends word that heart attack or else, he expects to collect the \$23 back that Bob Prescott did not pay from the 1971 links bash.

Second Note: There will positively be no speeches longer than 30 seconds--lots of speakers may be but no William Jennings Bryan stuff. There is a trap door under the speaker's stand, especially arranged by Prescott.

Another Special Note -- Rode hopes to have the film of the Dayton Aviation Hall of Fame program which placed the Old Man in this distinguished group of aviation pioneers.

SOME LATE NEWS ABOUT US

General Meriam Cooper has joined the Old Man. He passed away in April at his Coronado, Calif., home at the age of 79, a victim of cancer.

His film career made him one of the great celebrities of Hollywood, among his pictures being Little Women, Flying Down to Rio, King Kong, She Wore a Yellow Ribbon, Fort Apache and The Quiet Man. He first paired Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers as a dance team.

During World War I, he served as a Polish Air Force pilot; then became a reporter for the New York Times; wrote several books and was one of the first directors of Pan American World Airways and Western Airlines. In World War II, he came to China with the China Air Task Force and served in the 14th Air Force. He was a colonel in the U.S. Air Corps and later became a brigadier general. He was the Old Man's intelligence officer in the 14th and then served in the same role for Lt. Gen. George Kenney, who commanded the Pacific Air Forces.

He was with us at many reunions and we'll miss his stories and his keen personality.

MORE NOTES

Bob Prescott is getting famous. The National Defense Transportation Association's Transportation Man of the Year award was presented to him in May in Washington for the part he has played in developing air cargo. They call him the father of air cargo and that is just about 100 percent correct. You'll have to ask him what other fatherhoods he's fathered. It was really a prestigious award and he joins such other honorees as Juan Trippe, William Allen, Donald Douglas, Sr., and Igor Sikorsky.

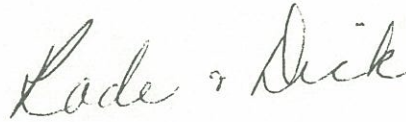
Gerhard Neumann was signally recognized in the February issue of Forbes Magazine. The page-long story started this way: Gerhard Neumann, the hard-driving German-born engine designer who heads General Electric's aircraft engine group, chuckles when he tells the story. A friend reports visiting the East Hartford, Conn., plant of rival United Aircraft Corp. and seeing a poster portraying a scowling Neumann and bearing the caption: "Will you let this man take your job away?" His giant CF6 engine is in the McDonnell-Douglas DC-10 and the European air bus, the A330B. It is also going into an advance model of the Boeing 747. The Neumann design permits fuel savings of 25 percent. He got GE to put \$200 million into developing the engine. The story credits him with putting GE back into the running in the commercial jet engine business.

Gil Bright is in the hospital and quite ill in New York, and would appreciate hearing from some of the gang. Send him a card or letter to: U.S. Veterans Hospital, Ward 3F, Knightsbridge Street, Bronx, New York.

A feature story in the Los Angeles Times in April from London hailed a claim by Hong Kong doctors that they had discovered a cure for hard drug addiction by using the ancient Chinese technique of acupuncture. The doctors believe it may be a major breakthrough in the treatment of those hopelessly addicted. The discovery is credited to Dr. H. L. Wen who began experimenting after watching the use of acupuncture in surgery in China. Do you know who Dr. Wen was? Dick Rossi does. He used to be Dick's co-pilot on the Hump. Dick is trying to get him over for the reunion. You can fill in the rest of the paragraph.

Pappy Quinn has had a little setback. He's down in Texas with his sister recuperating and vowing that nothing will keep him from being with us. We're pulling for you Pappy.

See you all in Ojai,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lade & Dick". The word "Lade" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Dick" is written in a smaller script to its right.

Dick Rossi
Don Rodewald

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LATE FLASH

Walter "Pappy" Quinn is critically ill with cancer in the White Settlement Hospital, White Settlement, Texas, 76108. He is in Room 107, telephone 817-246-2491 and calls or cards are urged. He is getting cobalt and his doctor says if he can get some improvement, he might be able to make it to Ojai.

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Tom Stafford told Rode he was going all out to make Ojai and if he does, he'll introduce General Phillips. Should be a great program.

~~and tell that doc~~

we've got lots of talkin & drinkin
to do at Ojai - see ya then -