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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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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.