Dear Tom:

Sorry not to have responded sooner to your very nice note, and I appreciate the work that you do in keeping the CNAC story alive and the "family" connected. Also, I appreciate your reaching out to keep me connected with the organization.

Yes, I'm glad to have my name & email listed with the organization. Doubt that I would ever attend any functions, but I think the story is a significant one. Of course I don't know all the details of my dad's story, but he actually resided in Shanghai from 1946-1949 while flying for CNAC. I believe he had a connection somehow with Mr. Langhorne Bond in New York, who I believe was a senior Pan Am official. I think that he was the man responsible for hiring my dad. Interestingly, many years later my dad was able to assist Mr. Bond's son in landing a teaching position at Woodberry Forest School, a somewhat prestigious prep school in Virginia where my father worked for 31 years as the Business Mgr/Treasurer. Also, Mr. Bond's other son, Langhorne Jr, was later head of the FAA. So, a family of some influence obviously.

I think my father was somewhat burned out by all the flying he did during and after the war, as he walked away from it and apparently never looked back. I know that he volunteered to reactivate for Korea but evidently they thought he was too old!! He would have been 34 in 1950!!! born 1916, died 1990. He was a Major in the USMC.

As for myself, I continue to have an abiding interest in aviation, though I never did more than get my private license and gain about 50 hrs flying the Cessna 150. I served in the USAF, flying a desk, and been a registered nurse now for 21 years. I also have jumped out of a couple of perfectly good airplanes!! I'm the 5th/youngest child, now 51. The only thing I "fly" now is my Yamaha. I am always willing to talk about aviation.

Anyway, glad to hear from you, and here's my email: mooreineugene@gmail.com

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I love the old-style web site and sometimes show the photo of my dad to friends. Feel free to contact me.

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