



OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN GANG

We Still Give a Damn
Office of the President

Greetings From the Ridge!

21 Jan 87

We had three first-timers at our January luncheon; Bill Glenn, Bob and Alice McVay. Bill and Bob retired recently; Bill from the Electric Shop in the hangar, Bob from Civil Engineering. Back in the good ol' days, Bob used to furnish the old simulator section with several yards of potting soil each spring so we could raise several hundred tomato plants in the men's room.

We damn near had WW3 when we were given only half the Contrails we needed. I felt about as popular as General Wm T. Sherman making his march through Georgia during the Civil War. I have written a letter to General Franzen asking for his support in the matter. If the person in charge of Contrails were a member of our gang, we could elect him president in April. I'll bet we would get plenty of Contrails then.

Free lunches were won by Gordon Terroux and Mava Dilley.

Happy Birthday members were Jan Axton and Harry Emily.

Our first aaaaah was dedicated to Ed Villano who is usually served lunch last. Ed was so impressed that he helped serve the cakes. I was so impressed with the job Ed did on the cakes, he was appointed permanent cake slicer with one stripe.

The highlight of our luncheon was when we had a surprise drawing for two sets of auto license plate holders with Colorado Air Guard engraved on them. These plates were scrounged by Ol' Art Caldwell, our ambassador of sound. These hardto-get treasures were won by Phil Packer and Walt Reither.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 3 Feb 87. Schedule of events for our luncheon will be:

1100-1200 Assembly, shoot the bull, cash bar.

1200- ? Bugle call (Soupy) chow call to younger folks.

After lunch - President's important poop.

Shoot the bull and or depart. Note: Don't forget to pay your bill and leave name tag.

Tom Linam *Stathielm*
President Sec/Treas

Dianna Thebado
Membership Chariperson

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| January Attendance: | Bill Koger | Bobbie Terroux | Jo Duncan |
| Joe Bahmeier | Roy Carpenter | Jim Coleman | Mava Dilley |
| Wayne Carlton | John Haaf | Ed Villano | Walt Reither |
| Tom Linam | Ben Bates | Henry Martin | Alex Franz |
| Dianna Thebado | Art Caldwell | Phil Packer | Warren Hohnstein |
| Bob McVay | Wally Buck | Ralph Easley | Pappy Hughes |
| Alica McVay | Bill Glenn | Steve Pahs | Bill Knipprath |
| Les Waggoner | Bill Haggerty | Bill Axton | Flo Wilhelm |
| Bob Snyder | Harry Emily | Jan Axton | Clarence Reimann |
| Bill Marlowe | Ben Perry | Joe Moffitt | Robert Reposo |
| John Kottal | Gordon Terroux | Mary Edwards | Dave Rubeck |

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18 Feb 87

Greetings From the Ridge!

When I introduced the first timers at our last luncheon there was so much pressure on your president that I forgot to mention George Stolley. I called George and pleaded the fifth and promised to right this wrong. As president I hereby and hereon declare George Stolley, George Stolley, George Stolley, a first timer. How about that, Geroge?

Everybody was having such a good time laughing and talking we slipped the Poverty Basket around the tables. I only heard three moans and groans! This is a record. Only two people took off for the restrooms. The dollars we collect in the basket go toward our expenses. The tips we leave on the tables go to Mary, the club manager, and her helpers. I'm sure you will agree, they really do an outstanding job for us.

Our April luncheon is worth special mention. This will be our Presidential election time. We will elect only the president who will select his cabinet. To kinda comply with state law, there will be no strong drink served during the election proceedings, so buy several drinks and have them on hand before voting starts so you'll have something to drink during this two minute period. If you think being absent will keep you from being nominated and elected president, think again. You stand a better chance of being "elected" if you are absent.

So far the aaaaah program has hit a big zero. If you all don't rat on your friends and give us the information, we can't mention it.

Did you hear about the woman who came home and found the family car in the living room and her husband drunk behind the wheel? She asked him how it happened. He replied, "No big deal. I drove through the garage, then the kitchen, then I made a left turn when I came out of the dining room." Booooooooooooo!

Free lunches were won by Art Caldwell, and Tom Barfoot.

Declared birthdays; Ed Brown, and Clarence Reimann.

Those who won our coveted license plate holders; Jan Axton, Harry Emily, Tuck Mestepey and Fred Haff.

I regret to report that Leroy Lauck passed away 2 February 1987. Lee was an aircraft mechanic. He joined the 120th Observation Squadron in 1935. He retired from the Colorado ANG in 1951. He served in the South Pacific area during World War II.

Our next luncheon will be Tuesday 3 March.

Tom Linam

President, Tom Linam

Flo Wilhelm

Sec/Treas, Flo Wilhelm

Dianna Thebado
Membership Chairperson

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13 March 87

Greetings From The Ridge:

Those of you who missed our March luncheon really missed a humdinger. Our tables were decorated with green for St Patricks Day, the weather was warm and sunny, and the food and drinks were excellent.

We had two aaaaahs: Art Caldwell won a free lunch back in February. He had ordered the cheapest thing on the menu. He griped to me that he had brought his own can of pop and thought he should be reimbursed for the cost. We gave Art a big aaaaah and presented him with a jar of original Buckley water from the old reservior. Phil Packer sat in the seat usually occupied by Ed Villano. He holds the record of being served last. Well, true to form, so was Phil. Aaaaah!

We have held an extensive investigation into the arms sale to Iran. As of this writing, I am proud to announce that no member of the Other Side of the Mountain Gang is involved in it anyway. With this behind us a balanced budget, and no foreign trade deficit I hereby announce that I am a candidate for President of the Other Side of the Mountain Gang.

Those hard-to-get license plate holders were won by John Kottal, J.C. Parson, Stan Morris, and Gordon Terroux.

Our Happy Birthdays for March were Harry Scott, Les Waggoner, Dianna Thebado, Rio Lucas, Walt Moeller, Al Bargmann, Vee Reid, and Henry McCarley.

Free lunches were won by Rio Lucas and Harry Emily.

Whoever put the Canadian dollar in the Poverty Basket, would you please bring a US dollar next time. We have no agreement with Canada to exchange currency.

Our next luncheon will be on Tuesday 7 April. If you all don't have any big important committments, we would like to see you at our luncheon. We are hoping to have a total of 75 in April.

Tom Linam
TOM LINAM, President
Flo Wilhelm
FLO WILHELM, Secretary

DIANNA THEBADO
Membership Chairperson

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| March Attendance: | Bob Snyder | Steve Pahs | Stan Morrison |
| Henry Martin | Jack Wilhite | Dianna Thebado | Walt Leiker |
| Harry Emily | Fred Brower | Jim Coleman | J.C. Parsons |
| Henry McCarley | Bud DePry | Rio Lucas | Ben Perry |
| George Stolley | Joe Bahmeier | Spike Boyle | Tuck Mestepey |
| Les Waggoner | Alex Franz | Tom Oliver | Ray Kwidzinski |
| Stan Morris | Irven Hughes | Jim Burghardt | Juan Aguilar |
| Wayne Carlton | Al Bargmaan | Clarence Reimann | Bill Pryor |
| Vee Reid | John Kottal | Gordon Terroux | Walt Reither |
| Harry Scott | Dan Morse | Robert Reposa | Art Caldwell |
| Maxine Merten | Tom Linam | Neil Burke | Wally Buck |
| Walt Moeller | R.D.Stoufer | Flo Wilhelm | Phil Packer |

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Greetings From the Ridge :

16 Apr 87

Those of you who missed our April luncheon really goofed. I was "elected" president for another year. I really want to express my appreciation for your support because I have eighteen more car payments to make.

Now that the election is over, we don't expect to raise taxes; but it is time to ask those of you who do not attend our luncheons on a regular basis to send your yearly contribution to help with mailing expenses. If you want only the newsletter please sent at least \$3.00. If you want only the bi-monthly Contrails please sent at least \$3.00. If you want both newsletter and Contrails, send at least \$6.00.

To show how serious I am about meeting our goal of \$100.00, let me explain: I heard a voice that told me if I didn't meet a goal of \$100.00 all sour mash whiskey would vanish from this earth. So, I'll head for the Buckley CAMANA (NCO Club), crawl upon a bar stool in the Cathedral room and pray until contributions reach \$100.00. Please keep those letters going folks.

We had only one aaaaaah this time. Rio Lucas was talking and not listening when your president announced Rio as a winner of a free lunch in March. He paid for his lunch and wrote a sad letter explaining his misfortune. The Gripe Committee voted thumbs down on Rio's request for mercy and back pay for the free lunch, aaaaaah!

We had one f i r s t timer in April, Monsignor Richard C Heister. For those of you younger troops who may not know, Father Heister was Chaplain for the 140TFW for many years before he retired. He also played a hot banjo for a lot of our Annual Children's Christmas parties. That was back in "the old days before we got too big".

The Club is being remodeled. Mary, our club manager, with the assistance of the interim board, has made several changes. Your president was "invited" out on opening day to help get the club ready. I was asked to perform a job requiring a high degree of training. I washed pots and pans for six hours. Mary has planned many of the changes for months and her dreams finally came true. There is an old saying back in the hills of Tennessee, "Everything goes when the big wagon comes".

April birthdays: Ernie Nold, Ed Villano, Alex Franz, Henry Martin and Roy Ash.

Free lunches: Walt Reither and Jim Deyo.

Free license plates: Al Bargmann, Jan Axton, Bob Snyder and Flo Wilhelm.

"Modern Expressions" My hands are tied. Times have changed. It's against all regulations. No way, can't do that anymore. They'd have my ___ if we were caught. Those old days are gone forever. These are modern times. That's illegal as hell. I would be glad to help you, however ----- . I'd be sticking my neck out a mile. Sorry, but the answer is NO.

Next luncheon, Tues, May 5.

Tom Linam
TOM LINAM, President

Flo Wilhelm
FLO WILHELM, Sec/Treas

DIANNA THEBADO
Membership Chairperson

April Attendance

Steve Pahs
Leslie Waggoner
Alex Franz
Bob Cherry
Joe Bahmeier
Harry Byma
Jim Dayo
Ron Jankovsky
Walter Moeller
Neil Burke
Clarence Reimann
Benson Bates
Keith McGinnis
Henry Martin
Walt Reither
Ralph Easley
Joe Moffitt
Al Bargmann
Jan Axton
Bob Snyder
Wally Buck
Ernie Nold
John Kottal
Bud De Pry
DAn Morse

Kenneth Smith
Ed Villano
Stan Morrison
Roy Ash
Pappy Hughes
Tom Linam
Wayne Carlton
George Stolley
Warren Hohnstein
Flo Wilhelm
Gordon Terroux
Bobbie Terroux
Mava Dilly
Jo Duncan
Bob Reposa
Lorrain Reposa
Ed Brown
Dianna Thebado
Bill Axton
Art Caldwell
Tuck Mestepey
Richard C. Heister
John Haaf
Ben Perry
Rio C. Lucas

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Greetings From the Ridge:

May 87

A bill to make July luncheons an annual Hog Calling Contest event has passed both the House and Senate and is expected to be signed by the President of the Other Side of the Mountain Gang as soon as he finished planting his tomatoes. A valuable prize will be awarded the first place winner in both the Womens and Mens Divisions. Professional Hog Callers and members of their immediate families are not eligible. Impartial judges will be chosen and a watch dog committee will be selected to keep a close tab on the judges.

Had a letter from Daniel Morse dated 2 May 87. "Dear Tom: Was discharged from Fitzsimons 1 May 87. Feeling so much better to be home. Please convey my best to the gang. Forgot to mention that I received open heart surgery."

Dan's address is 1540 Billings St., C-29, Aurora, CO 80011. We wish the best for Dan and will expect to see him in June in not then in July for the Hog Calling Contest.

Had a question from a member at the May luncheon. "Would it be OK if I bring my wife to our luncheons? Answer: "Sure, that would probably be a lot safer than bringing somebody else's wife."

Do these things ever happen to you? Drive a few blocks from home then drive back to see if you locked the front door or turned off the stove, or disconnected the coffee pot; go down to the basement to get something and forgot what you came after; spend twenty minutes in a parking lot looking for the car because you don't remember where you parked?

This city dude was driving through the back roads of Tennessee when all of a sudden his Porsche stopped dead as a door nail. He raised the hood and was looking inside when he heard a voice say "It's your carburetor." He looked around and the only thing near was a cow standing in a pasture looking at him and the car. The man panicked and ran down the road where he met a farmer hoeing cotton near the road. He explained to the farmer what the cow had said and described the cow as being white with brown spots. The farmer thought for a minute and said, "I'd get a second opinion if I was you. That cow is ol' Bessie. She is pretty good on Ford's and Chevies, but not too hot on foreign cars." BOOOOOOO!

We had three first timers at our last luncheon; Dannie Yancey, Jim Hanson, and George Pickfor.

May birthdays; Walt Reither, Jim Deyo, Ray Kwidzisky, Mackie Clark, and Flo Wilhelm.

Free lunches: Henry Martin and Jan Axton.

Our next luncheon will be Tuesday 2 June.

TOM LINAM, President

Tom Linam
FLO WILHELM, Sec/Treas

Flo Wilhelm

DIANNA THEBADO,
Membership Chairperson

May Attendance:

George Pickford
Bud DePry
Jim Deyo
Wayne Carlton
Vince Hill
Dan Yancey
Geroge Stolley
Tuck Mestepey
Ron Jankovsky
Jim Hanson
John Haaf
Bill Marlowe
Walt Reither
Joe Bahmeier
Dianna Thebado
Bob Snyder
Al Bargmann
John Kottal
Spike Boyle
Marie Boyle
Mackie ?
Clarence Douglas
Ralph Easley
Ed Villano
Bill Axton
Fred Brower

Joe Moffitt
Wally Buck
Stan Morrison
Bill Skinner
Al Barnes
Juan Aquilar
Ben Perry
Henry Martin
Ray Kwidzincki
Benson Bates
Tom Florea
Rio Lucas
Warren Hohnstein
Robert Roman
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Chet Simcox
Phil Packer
Tom Cerovl (? Sp)
Tom Linam
Pappy Hughes
Tom Barfoot
Stanley Miles
J. C. Parsons
Bill Knipprath
Jan Axton

THE SPELLING OF THE NAMES ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS THE WRITING. WOULD RECOMMEND
YOU PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME WHEN SIGNING THE ROSTER. THANKS!

A Short History The Other Side Of The Mountain Gang

A few years ago one of our retired G.I.'s asked a half dozen of us to meet him at the N.C.O. Club for lunch. We met at 10:30 A.M., had a few beers to whet our appetites then ordered lunch around 1:30 P.M. After lunch we had a few more beers for the road. About 5:00 P.M. we decided it was about time to leave when someone remarked what a good time we were having and it was a shame that so many of our old friends were missing out on our good time. He suggested that we have lunch more often and invite a few more retirees. So, we sat back down and discussed the matter.

We decided to meet once a month for lunch and invite retirees from Buckley: military and civilians from the Air Guard, Army Guard, Navy & Marine Reserves and invited guests.

We didn't want anything fancy, just wear jeans, sport shirts, tennis shoes, etc. No written rules or regulations, since we never followed them in the past and weren't about to change. We just wanted to keep in touch with our old friends and try to forgive those who might have ticked us off in the past, if that were possible.

There is no such thing as rank in our organization. We are all on a first name basis as we have been for years. General (that's his first name) Joe forgets and raises his voice sometimes, but we don't jump as fast or as high as we used to.

We meet at our old N.C.O. Club (now called the CAMANA Club) at 11:30 A.M. the first Tuesday of the month unless there is a holiday and the base is closed. In that case, we meet the 2nd Tuesday. We started with six, and we now have over 150 members. There are no dues. We pass the poverty basket at some of the meetings and receive donations from out of town members. We use the money for postage, get-well and sympathy cards, and birthday cakes.

We also like to keep up on things that are happening at Buckley. A lot of folks spent many years building the unit, and we want to make sure the younger generation doesn't take on very many customs of their Air Force cousins. We could always out-fight and out-shoot the Air Force with one-tenth the manpower and with hand-me-down airplanes and equipment. We hope we can help preserve the old Air Guard traditions.



Tom Linam
President, 1987

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June 1987

Greetings From the Ridge!

We had a real good turnout for our June luncheon as you can see by the attached list. We appreciate your support. A lot of our members have been absent for several months. If they don't show up soon or call, we plan to get up a group of about fifty and visit one or two homes and have a 'rowdy beer bust'.

A few of us were kicking around the idea of having a theme song for our organization. Some of the songs suggested are; Wait 'Til the Sun Shines Nellie; Too Old to Cut the Mustard Anymore; They Try to Tell Us We're Too Young; When You and I Were Young Maggie; Goober Peas; My Old Flame; Tonight We Love; Two Sleepy People; When I Grow to Old to Dream; Those Were the Days My Friend; How Do I Know It's Real; and Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition.

GREAT BIG CHANGE: Our July luncheon will be held on TUESDAY 14 JULY. Our Planning Board figured a lot of folks would take several days extra the 4th of July weekend. So remember, if you go out the 7th of July and we aren't there come back the 14th and have lunch with us.

Had a letter from Chris Chaney. He reports that all is well in Great Falls and that a visit to Buckley is not likely this year. He sends a hello to all the gang and a check for three dollars for newsletter postage.

Due to the limited time we have at our luncheons our Steering Committee has asked that trout stories be held to ten minutes and a maximum of thirty-five pounds.

Your president is getting a lot of negative response to our Hog Calling Contest that is planned for 14 July luncheon. I hear things like: you've got to be kidding me; why I've never called hog in my life; I'll be out of town; I'd be too embarrassed: etc. BOOOOOO!

Hope to see you all Tuesday 14 July.

June Birthdays: Steve Pahs and Juan Aguilar.

Free Lunches: Steve Pahs and George Stolley.

Free Licenses Plate Holders: Larry Schlauger, Tom Oliver and Marcel Dube.

Tom Linam

Tom Linam, President

Flo Wilhelm

Flo Wilhelm, Sec/Tres

Dianna Theboda

Membership Chairperson

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| June Attendance: | D.P. Germain | J.C. Parsons | Bill Brown |
| Les Waggoner | Clarence Reiman | Spike Boyle | John Haaf |
| Joe Vahmeier | Wayne Carlton | Clarence Douglas | Ron Jankovsky |
| Bill Marlowe | Alex Franz | Fred Bahmeier | Walt Reither |
| Harry Byma | John Kottal | George Stolley | Dean Huling |
| Bill Bath | Kennard Johnson | Bob Talbot | Alvin Bargmann |
| Marcel Dube | Gordon Terroux | Bobbie Terroux | Matt Fleck |
| Bill Axton | Jan Axton | Jim Deyo | Stan Morris |
| Steve Pahs | Tuck Mestepey | Larry Schlauger | Tom Barfoot |
| Marie Boyle | Ed Brown | Ben Bates | Art Caldwell |
| Neil Burke | Rio Lucas | Izzy Fosenbloom | Robert Reposo |
| Bill Williams | F.B. Ripley | Tom Oliver | Al Barnes |
| Ray Kwidzinski | Juan Aguilar | Eddie Martin | Robert Roman |
| Tom Florea | Chuck Whitley | John Morris | Pappy Hughes |
| Dianna Theabado | Joe Moffitt | Bud DePry | Tom Linam |

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July 1987

Greetings From the Ridge!

The 14th of July 1987 will go down in history as the most outstanding day in the history of the Colorado Air Guard. This was the day that the Other Side of the Mountain Gang held its first Hog Calling Contest. Starting about 1:00 PM, the walls and rafters echoed with the sounds of Whoooooeeee, Wheeeeeeeoooo, Ooooo ieeeeee, Sooo-ey Sooo-ey Soooey, Pig Pig Pig! Tears filled the eyes of the callers and to those who were too chicken to join in. Your president hasn't heard such sweet music since Roy Acuff first sang Wabash Cannon Ball. In the women's division Dianna took first prize and Maxine Merten second; in the men's division Bill Koger first, Dan Morse second and Bill Williams third. First prize was a blue ribbon and a jar of pickled pig's feet. Second and third place awards were a can of corn. Now you can see what a tight budget we have to work with.

Flo, our secretary and treasurer, was presented a silver bowl and a check by General Franzen for Flo's outstanding work and devotion to duty while employed with the Air Guard. (If Flo gives the Gang \$10.00 we won't tell the IRS.)

Mary, our efficient and gracious club manager, was presented a birthday gift and a card by your president to express our appreciation for her never-ending support. In keeping with the theme of our Hog Calling Contest, Mary's gift was four ears of corn.

It is with sadness that I tell you of the deaths of Harold Gritton and Charles A. McDonald in June and Karen Simonson, daughter of Gen Joe and Marian Moffitt, also in June.

There is a shortage of long tables at our club and our Action Committee discovered why. Seems that a \$600.00 a week consultant hired by the interim board had six of the tables cut up to build a bar. The Other Side of the Mountain Gang Corps of Engineers would like to have some of the glory at the club. They propose to take the large bar in the Cathedral Room, cut it up and make long tables out of it. They will do it for \$6.00 a week plus drinks.

July birthdays: Bud DePry, Bill Haggerty, Mary Dahmer (club manager), Spike Boyle and Al Barnes.

Free Lunches: Spike Boyle and Bill Bahmeier.

Free license plate holders: Bill Williams, Dan Morse, Lee Stamps and Ernie Nold.

Plan to attend our luncheon on Tuesday August 4. Come on out, we'll cook up something.

Tom Linam
Tom Linam, Pres
Flo Wilhelm
Flo Wilhelm, Sec/Treas

Dianna Thebado
Membership Chairperson

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| July Attendance: | Joe Bahmeier | Guy Geiler | Jo Duncan | Charles Whitley |
| Wayne Carlton | Bob Snyder | Benjamin Perry | Bill Koger | Pappy Yourell |
| Leslie Waggoner | Neil Burke | Sdi Webb | Ed Villano | Ed Brown |
| Irven Hughes | Clarence Reimann | Walt Reither | Steve Pahs | Robt Reposa |
| Tom Linam | Henry Martin | Art Caldwell | John Balckis | Lorraine REposa |
| Dianna Thebado | Dan Clanton | Walt Williams | Stan Morris | |
| Bill Williams | Dan Morse | John Ballard | Rio Lucas | |
| Bill Knipprath | Ron Jankovsky | Bill Axton | Phil Packer | |
| John Kottel | Bud DePry | Jan Axton | John Haaf | |
| Fred Bahmeier | Spike Boyle | Lee Stamps | Maxine Merten | |
| Bill Bahmeier | Ralph Moose | Bill Haggerty | Vee Reid | |
| Jim Coleman | Ernie Nold | Harry Byma | Ray Kwidzinski | |
| Walt Moeller | Flo Wilhelm | Stan Morrison | Al Barnes | |

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Tuck Mestepey
Jim Deyo
Leslie Waggoner
Ethel Waggoner
Bob Snyder
Wally Buck
Neil Burke
Walt Reither
Pappy Hughes
Matt Fleck
Tom Barfoot
Harry Emily
Bill Haggerty
Al Bargmann
Clarence Reimann
John Kottal
Henry Martin
Stan Morrison
Art Caldwell
Jose Bahmeier
Jim Dube
Bill Marlowe
Tom Oliver
Dan Morse

Ben Perry
Fred Haaf
Ben Bates
Bill Skinner
Ray Kwidzinski
Steve Pahs
Thomas Florea
John Reither
Bill Axton
Jan Axton
Wayne Carlton
Jessie Carlton
George Stolley
Joe Moffitt
Dan Clanton
Robt Reposa
Flo Wilhelm
Alex Franz
Bud De Pry
Tom Linam
Ed Brown
Cleo Organ
Ed Villano

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August 87

Greetings From the Ridge!

I regret to tell those of you that missed our August luncheon that Mary, our Club Manager, was fired by the interim board about an hour or so before we arrived at the club. Many of those present asked questions about Mary's firing and the future of the club for which I had no answer. I have invited General Franzen to chat with us at our 1 September luncheon at the club and he has accepted the invitation. You all can direct your questions to him at that time.

Colonel Villano (not our Ed), head of the interim board, called and asked for a representative from the Other Side of the Mountain Gang to serve on a new club board that will take over the club in the near future. I contacted Les Waggoner and he "volunteered" to serve as our representative. Les is one of the charter members of our group. He was also one of the ring leaders of our infamous NCO club Old Roadhouse Gang.

I have always prided myself as a TOP tomato grower and have for years produced the first ripe tomato. Each year I give my friends tomato plants. Due to my poor showing and all the flak I have taken this year, the first ripe tomato contest has been discontinued. Next year we'll have a contest for the first tomato worm over five inches.

Have you ever gone to a grocery store and tried to get a shopping cart out of a dozen or so that have been smashed together? After spending a few minutes trying to get them apart by different means, and a few people have gathered to watch the show, the damn things still won't separate. I have the big answer to this problem! Always go to the front of the bunch, attempt to pull the first cart out. If you get a single cart, HOORAY! If you get several carts stuck together, start pushing the whole bunch down the aisles. You'll be surprised how fast the store clerks come to help you.

Free lunches: Ed Villano and Bill Williams.

Free License plate holders: Joe Hallock, Clarence Reimann, Ralph Easley and John Ballard.

August Birthdays: Jack Wilhite, Joe Bahmeier, Bob Snyder, and your president. (No gifts please).

Our next luncheon will be 1 September at the same time and place.

Tom Linam

TOM LINAM, President

DIANNA THEBADO, Chairperson

Flo Wilhelm

FLO WILHELM, Sec/Treas

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September 87

For those of you who may not have heard, two of our members have passed away. Pappy Hughes died in August. Dan Clanton died in September. Pappy was one of the original six members of the Other Side of the Mountain Gang.

General Franzen spoke to us about the club at our September luncheon. The club is gaining ground on its indebtedness and things seem to be looking up. We were assured of a place at the club for our luncheons. Also, if there is a change in the club's operation that would affect our luncheons we would be given thirty days notice. I personally thanked General Franzen for meeting with us. As many of you may know, most generals now-a-days don't meet and discuss things. They usually send someone to do their work for them.

Big hint: When is the last time you tried to find your drivers license to see if it has expired????

Big reminder: We sent out a big plea last May for contributions to cover cost of mailing letters and the Contrails newspaper. The cost of mailing the letter is \$3.00 a year, Contrails \$3.00 a year or both at a bargain rate of \$6.00. For those of you who don't attend our meetings and put a dollar in the Poverty Basket once in a while, please send in your contributions. If you have already taken care of this important chore, please ignore this big hint.

At our September luncheon it was suggested, seconded, and carried without one dissenting vote that Mary, former manager of the club, become an honorary member of the Other Side of the Mountain Gang. I'm sure Mary can't wait to help us slice and serve birthday cakes. Welcome back Mary!!!!

The Last to be Served Award for September goes to John Blackis. The luncheon was about over and folks were leaving when his hamburger was served. We gave John a rousing cheer and applause for holding his temper. Eat your heart out Ed.

Those of you who may have thought, as I did, that the coyotes had gotten Dan Chamberlain will be happy to know Ol' Dan showed up at our September luncheon. Welcome home Dan! For those of you who may owe Dan money or vice versa can contact him at Rt 1, Box 91, Cross Timbers, MO 65634.

Art Caldwell, our Ambassador of Sound, goofed off the didn't attend our last luncheon. We almost had a riot on our hands when folks found our Art didn't bring those hard to find license plate holders.

Next luncheon will be Tuesday, 6 October 1987 at Buckley.

Tom Linam
Tom Linam, President

Dianna Thebado
Membership Chairperson

Flo Wilhelm
Flo Wilhelm, Sec/Treas

Other Side Of The Mountain Gang

Sept. 1987

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| 1. Tom Linnam | 29 Bill Skinner |
| 2. Leah Waggon | 30 Jy Parsons |
| 3 Jim Dejo | 31 KARL LAWRENCE |
| 4 John H. Kottal | 32 Steve Pahe |
| 5 Robert E. M ^r . Vay | 33 RAY KWIDZINSKI |
| 6 R. J. Morrow | 34 ROBT. RONAN |
| 7 Donald W wood | 35 JOHN BALLARD |
| 8 Bob SNYDER | 36 ED VILLANO |
| 9 CP PETERS & D | 37 WALT REISHER |
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| 14 Bill Axton | 42 Lisa Reid |
| 15 Jan Axton | 43 Dianna Shebado |
| 16 Daniel B. MORSE | 44 John Blackis |
| 17 George J Stolley | 45 Ron JANKOVSKY |
| 18 STAN MORRISON | 46 Walter Muller |
| 19 Dan Chamberlain | 47 Susie Glenn |
| 20 M. J. Duley | 48 William Glenn |
| 21 JOE BAHMEIER | 49 Mary L. Larner |
| 22 HARRY D SCOTT | 50 Bill KNIPPRATH |
| 23 Jo DUNCAN | 51. Maj Chuck Whitley |
| 24 MAVR DILLEY | 52 Neil B. Bubb |
| 25 Ralph Leasing | 53 Robert Repost |
| 26 Stan Mule | 54 Jim Colman |
| 27 Phil Lacker | |
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OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN GANG
We Still Give a Damn
Office of the President

Greetings from the Ridge!

October 87

Several of our members have complained that our newsletter "occasionally" has mistakes. There are several good excuses for this. Back in the hills of Tennessee the English language is a little different from the rest of the country. Then too we intentionally misspell a word or two to keep the experts on their toes. Did you hear about the new monk at the monastery? The first day the head monk told him that he would be permitted to speak only two words at the end of each five year period. At the end of the first five years the new monk said, "Food bad"; at the end of ten years, "Bed hard"; at the end off fifteen years, "Room cold"; at the end of twenty years, "I quit". The head monk said, "Good, all you have done since you arrived is bitch, bitch, bitch". B0000000

Those of you who were in the Air Guard prior to 1951 will remember Angelo "Joe" Villano. I'm sorry to report that Joe passed away in September.

We are planning to make our November luncheon a special event. We will have one large Thanksgiving turkey to raffle. Members and guests will be offered tickets at fifty cents each (limit twenty tickets per person). Due to Air Guard regulations (they have one for everything now) the turkey will be frozen, not live.

The new club manager is Peggy Graham. Peggy was present to greet our members at the October luncheon. She stated that the two free lunches program is still in effect.

Clem Hoffmann is planning to attend our November luncheon. We will give Clem two minutes to tell us about the Los Angeles earthquakes.

Chuck Whitley, Commander of the Colorado Pride Squadron, came to out last luncheon. This time he was selling Gunsmoke T-shirts not history books. If you all would like to purchase one or more of the T-shirts, contact him at Buckley, Building 27, or phone 340-9431, price \$7.50 each.


Don't forget to call me at 935-1108 if you know of any of our members who are hospitalized or seriously ill. We would like to send them a card or see if they need our help.


Free lunch winners: Walt Moeller and Ed Villano.

October birthdays: Neil Burke, Bill Marlow and George Stolley.

License plate holders: Gen Joe, Les Waggoner, Phil Packer and Ernie Nold.

If you aren't sick, have out of town visitors, gone fishing, out of town, have a doctor's appointment, have a hair appointment, or whatever, plan to attend our luncheon on Tuesday, 3 November.


Tom Linam, President


Flo Wilhelm, Sec/Treas

Dianna Thebado
Membership Chairperson

Other Side of the Mountain Gang

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| 3 | Jim Dejo | 31 | Stamman |
| 4 | Neil B. Burke | 32 | BENJAMIN F. PERRY |
| 5 | Louie Wiggum | 33 | MONROE MATHIAS |
| 6 | Henry Martin | 34 | MORSE |
| 7 | Wayne W. Easton | 35 | WALLY BUCK |
| 8 | Wesley Coonrod | 36 | Mara Helling |
| 9 | Bob SWYDER | 37 | Bob Duncan |
| 10 | Joe Rahmiller | 38 | Ernie Todd |
| 11 | RON JANKOWSKY | 39 | Keith D. Henson |
| 12 | FLO WILHELM | 40 | Ed Villano |
| 13 | Walter P. Moller | 41 | Warren Robinson |
| 14 | Clarence Piesmann | 42 | May. Charles Whitley |
| 15 | Bill McGuffin | 43 | Tsgt Fred Ripley |
| 16 | STAN MORRIS | 44 | George T. Stolley |
| 17 | STEVE PAHS | 45 | Pic St. Lucas |
| 18 | L. W. BAREMINK | 46 | Clarence Douglas |
| 19 | Marie Boyle | 47 | Al Barnes |
| 20 | WD SPIKE Boyle | 48 | Tom Linam |
| 21 | GORDON TIERNOUX | 49 | |
| 22 | LAWRENCE "BUD" DEPRY | 50 | |
| 23 | Joe Moffitt | | |
| 24 | W. C. Flagg | | |
| 25 | Ralph Gasby | | |
| 26 | Walt Reither | | |
| 27 | Ray L. Ash | | |
| 28 | HARRY G BYMA | | |

FROM THE PRESIDENT
OTHER SIDE OF THE MTN GANG
WE STILL GIVE A DAMN

Greetings From the Ridge!

November 87

At our November luncheon, Ray Church, USMC (retired), dedicated a plaque to the memory of Pappy Hughes. The plaque will be displayed above the fireplace mantle in the Cathedral Room in the near future. Mrs. Lucille Hughes, Pappy's wife, and Willie Cain, Pappy's daughter, were present for the unveiling of the plaque. Pappy, you may recall, was one of the original six who started the Other Side of the Mountain Gang, was the favorite bartender of the club for many years, and a damn close friend to a lot of us for a long, long time.


The bowl of punch which we enjoyed was provided by club manager Peggy Graham and members of her squadron. Some of our members had several glasses full, "just trying to figure out what was in the punch." It didn't have the mule kick of the old Artillery Punch we used to strain through loaves of bread in WW2, but we appreciated the kind thought.

John Plunkett who worked in Logistics (Supply to you ol' timers) for many years, passed away the first week of November.

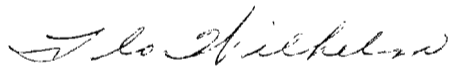
Mark your calendar for Tuesday, 1 December. That is the day the Other Side of the Mountain Gang will have its Christmas luncheon. Thanks to the overwhelming support of our members we made a killing on our turkey raffle. (No pun intended). We sold \$59.00 in tickets. The turkey cost \$11.00 (wholesale plus senior and military discount) so we have \$48.00 to spend on goodies for our Christmas luncheon. Maxine Merten had the winning ticket for the turkey. Our congratulations to Maxine. Now the men will gripe that the women always win!

November Birthdays: Bill, Axton, Harry Serra, Tuck Mestepay, Wayne Carlton, Ben Bates, Phil Packer, and J.C. Parson.

Free lunches: Steve Pahs and Bill Axton.


Tom Linam, President

Dianna Thebado, Chairperson


Flo Wilhelm, Sec/Treas



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- 2 Dorothy Hoffmann
- 3 Clem Hoffmann
- 4 Lester Waggoner
- 5 JOSE BAHMEIER
- 6 VINCE HILL
- 7 John L. Kottel
- 8 TOM LINAM
- 9 Dianna Thebado
- 10 JIM DEYO
- 11 Robert F. McVay
- 12 W. E. Haggerty
- 13 Donald Wood
- 14 Harry Emery
- 15 WALLY BUCK
- 16 CHARENCE BLENMAN
- 17 ROBERT M. MINNEHAN
- 18 ANGELINE M. MINNEHAN
- 19 STEVE PAHS
- 20 Bob Cherry
- 21 WALT REITHER
- 22 STAN MORRIS
- 23 JIM HANSON
- 24 Neil Burkho
- 25 Alex L. FRANK
- 26 Maxine Bertze
- 27 Henry Martin
- 28 Stan Thomas

- 29 Harry A. Sena
- 30 LUCILLE Hughes
- 31 Willie Cain
- 32 DANIEL B. MORSE
- 33 Bill Axton
- 34 Jan Axton
- 35 HARRY G. BYMA
- 36 JOHN BALLARD
- 37 Wynn Coomer
- 38 Ed Brown
- 39 Ben Bates
- 40 John Hoef
- 41 Ed Villano
- 42 TUCK MESTREY
- 43 Bob POLSKI
- 44 George J. Stolley
- 45 J.C. Pinner
- 46 Robert Reposa
- 47 Lorene Reposa
- 48 FLO WILHELM
- 49 Mary L. Dahmer
- 50 POW JAN KOVSKY
- 51 Phil Rappier
- 52 Tom Chinn
- 53 Darmer Douglas
- 54 Ray Kwidzinski
- 55 BILL SKINNER
- 56 AL BARNES



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Greetings From the Ridge!

December 87

We had sixty members present for our Christmas luncheon. Thanks to the Club, the tables were set for the season with holiday tablecloths, holly, and candles. Flo, our secretary, made several nice center pieces for the tables, which she donated as door prizes. Dianna had put together dozens of hand-wrapped red and green packages of goodies for each member. Thanks to Dianna, Flo and club employees, we had a very enjoyable day. I had planned for us to sing a few Christmas Carols in G-flat minor, but we are still having a little problem with "Happy Birthday" that we need to work on. Maybe it's my old harmonica that needs tuning.

Les Waggoner, our chief engineer, is asking for "volunteers" to help put the Perry Jefferson room in shape. There is dry walling, painting, and a ceiling to replace plus some other things. As you may know, Guard Bureau Regulations, if adhered to, do not permit the base carpenters, plumbers, and electricians to work at the club on company time. So if you would like to help, give Les a call at 363-0253. I have volunteered to do the technical work. I'm still damn sharp with a broom and mop and delivering beer. (You may remember we used to refer to the Guard Bureau as "Fumble Jungle" in the good old days).

The free lunches were won by Wally Buck and Don Wood.

December Birthdays: Tom Oliver, Ben Perry and Maxine Merten.

Henry Martin won a gift that was donated by the club.

Center pieces were won by John Kottal, General Joe, Jo Duncan, Walt Williams, Dianna Thebado, Al Bargmann and Ed Brown.

During the winter months there is always a chance the base may be closed due to heavy snow conditions. In that case we would cancel our luncheon. The last Contrails stated that when the base is closed, eight radio stations and four TV stations would be notified. The stations were not listed. So, check around before heading out to the club.

Dianna, Flo, General Joe, Art Caldwell and I wish all of you a very joyous Holiday Season with peace, good health and a whole bunch of happiness in the years ahead.

Our next luncheon is Tuesday, January 5. See you then.

Tom Linam
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| 4 | Leslie Wagganck | 32 | WARREN HOHUSTEIN |
| 5 | VINCE HILL | 33 | Maxine Beisell |
| 6 | John L. Kottal | 34 | Alan Morrison |
| 7 | ALEX H. FRITVIZ | 35 | Ellen K. Williams |
| 8 | BILL KNIPPRATH | 36 | W-E Williams |
| 9 | JAN AXTON | 37 | Flo WILHELM |
| 10 | BILL AXTON | 38 | Alan W. Wilson |
| 11 | Rio G. Lucas | 39 | Steve Pals |
| 12 | KENNETH L. SMITH | 40 | Benjamin F. Perry |
| 13 | Harvey D. Scott | 41 | TUCK MIESTEPHY |
| 14 | WALT BRITHER | 42 | Mara Dickey |
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| 16 | HARRY G BYMA | 44 | Ed Villano |
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| 18 | Joe Maffei | 46 | Tom O'Brien |
| 19 | Maria Ruffe | 47 | Tom O'Brien |
| 20 | Spike Doyle | 48 | Charles Whitley |
| 21 | Paul Koggs | 49 | Frederick Kipley |
| 22 | Henry Martin | 50 | Bell Shinnick |
| 23 | DANIEL B MORSE | 51 | ED BROWN |
| 24 | Ch. Brannaman | 52 | Ray Kuczyński |
| 25 | Ed Wolfe | 53 | Juan A. Aguilar |
| 26 | Harry Emily | 54 | Aldous Hareley |
| 27 | Jack White | 55 | Robert H. Hargrave |
| 28 | Bill Reid | | |

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