

SAN ANTONIO, TX.

RECEPTION - 1992



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The final week of August, 1993 found our members making preparations for the big weekend in San Antonio, Texas. However, Hurricane Andrew was making other plans for those on the southern tip of Florida and Louisiana.

Jesse Walton was one of those who had to postpone his reunion plans while he removed his sailboat from a tree and repaired his waterfront home.



Jesse's house before the hurricane.



Eagle photo by Deborah Wight

SAILBOAT 'RESCUED' – Marco Marine Construction workers Bob DiRoucher and Curtis Leggett secure cables on 25-foot sailboat owned by Jesse Walton of Magnolia Court. Hurricane Andrew blew it sideways and twisted the base of the hoist. The rescue crew from Marco Marine had to use a crane to first straighten the boat up before lowering it into the water.



Jesse's house after the hurricane.

Ron Dubinsky was also prevented from attending the reunion by his recent coronation as King of Seoul, Korea. Present for the ceremony were his daughters Joana, Nadina and Sasha.



Shane Tang (Commo Chief AAM UDN) called in to say he would not be able to make it from Taiwan.

The weather in San Antonio behaved, and the reunion attendees were able to see the sights of the city under clear skies and the mild 100+ temperatures San Antonio is renowned for. (The outside weather probably affected four or five people.)



The Alamo.



The Riverwalk.



We are happy to report that many of our faithful reunioneers did find a way to attend the revelries. They came from near and far to join in the fun.



The member coming the greatest distance for the reunion was probably Mike Seale. Here he is shown being bid farewell by his family at the Mekong River crossing on his way to San Antonio, Texas. Doesn't he have a beautiful family?

Frank Stergar decided to fly one of his planes to the reunion. He is shown here trying to decide which one to take.

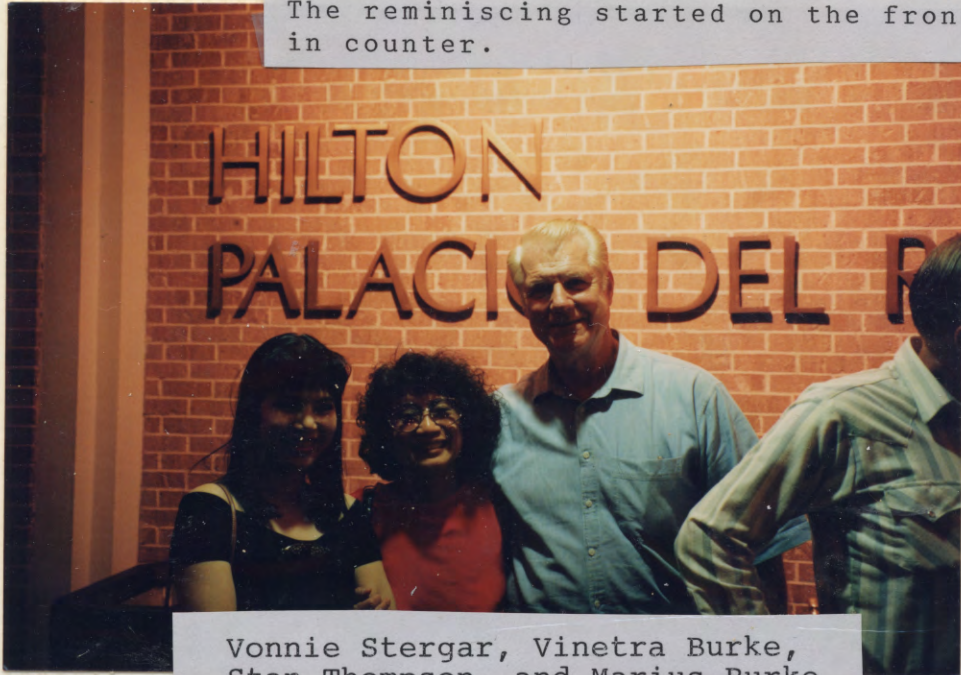


Yea! That one looks good Frank.

The reunion was held at the Hilton Palacio Del Rio on the banks of the San Antonio River, famous for its riverwalk.

The reminiscing started on the front steps even before the check-in counter.

HILTON
PALACIO DEL RIO



Vonnie Stergar, Vinetra Burke, Stan Thompson, and Marius Burke

HILTON
PALACIO DEL RIO



Vinetra and Marius Burke



Marius Burke, Frank Stergar, Tony Byrne, and Sean Byrne.

DEL RIO



Marius Burke and Frank Stergar

Inside more of the same.

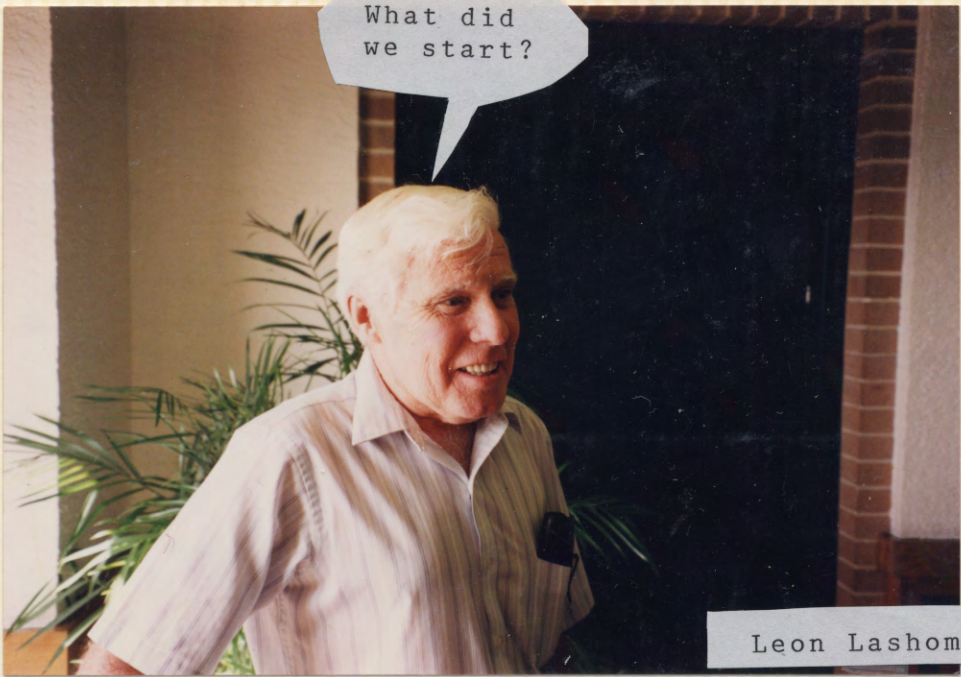
Leon Lashomb and ConnieSegrist



Ben Van Etten, Leon Lashomb, Ruth Ann Theriault, and Linda Van Etten



What did we start?



Leon Lashomb



Don "The Dink" Whittaker and Maxine Bays



Ellie Eakins (Adams), Monty Sandoval, and Carol Hails (Laturner)



John Burkhardt and Les Bays

The social activities in San Antonio, as at all past reunions, centered about the hospitality suite. Therefore, the first stop after checking in was (you guessed it) the hospitality suite. There, at the door, is our wonderful club treasurer, Norma Green and her husband Chuck selling chit books for the bar (set up by R.J. Bond, John Stallman, and Peggy Keele).



Let me get this straight. You'll be paying for this chit book in pennies??!!

Norma Green, Chuck Green, and Al Rich

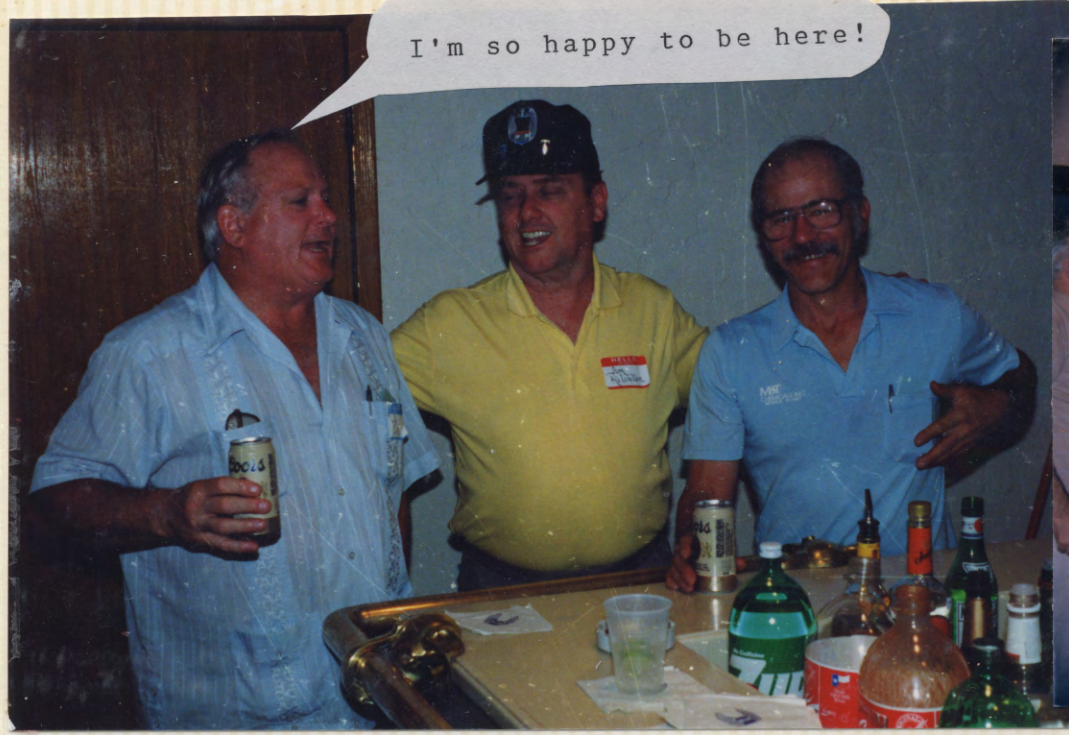


Jane Mullins and John Stallman insure the bar is ready to open.



The Bar is open!

Jane Mullins



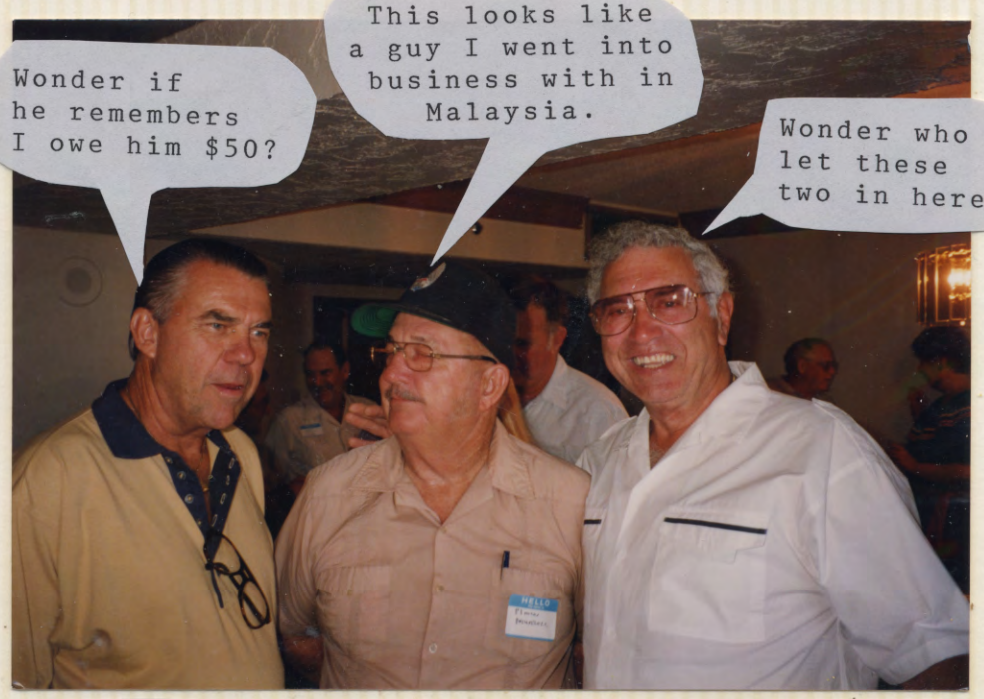
Rob Robberts, Jim Kilcullen, and Cliff Hamilton

K. D. Nolan, Kippi Densley, and Dave Crowell



Terry Bruner, Dan Gamelin, and John Melton

Cliff Hamilton, Dick O Conner, and Vince Clark



Don Overfield, Mike Seale, and Willie Parker

Brian Johnson, Elmer Munsell, and Matt Daddio



Jim Rhyne and Stan Pelzynski



Larry Stadulis (standing), Mike Seale, John Stallman and Ben Densley (background) Hank Glindeman, Emmett Sullivan



Frank Buck, Roger Cook, Frank Hines, and Vern Shelton



Gary Gentz and Dave Crowell



Miss Johnson (daughter of Brian) and Kelly Wheeler. That's Frank Hines and Connie Siegrist in the background.



Gracie and Bob Mehaffey



Les Bays, Larry Frazier, and Al Cates (old picture-Dallas?)



Mike Seale, Jack Fitch, and Bob Murray



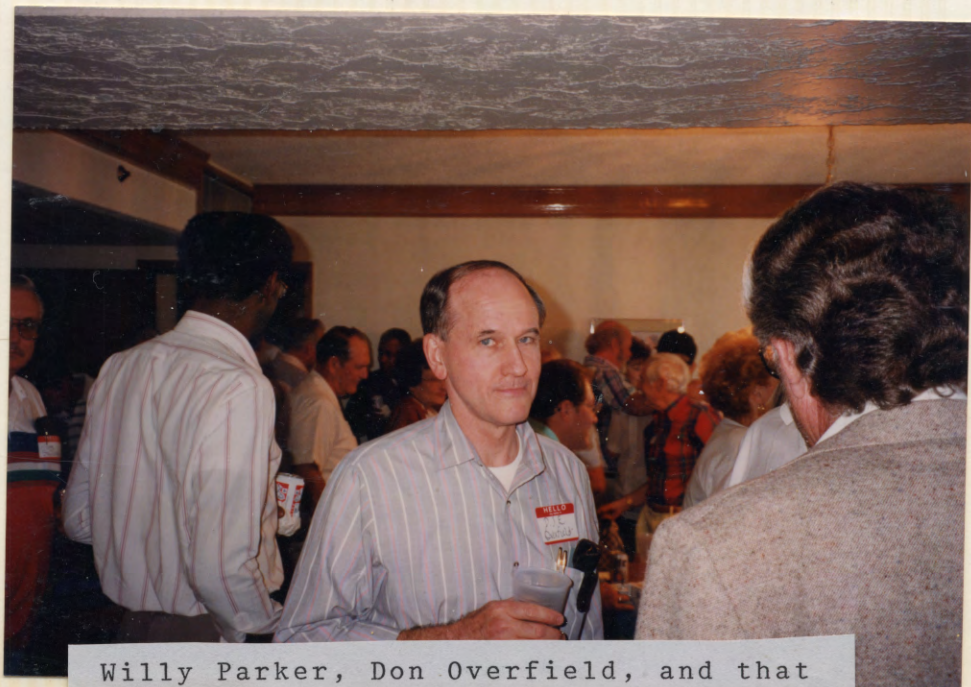
Connie Seigrist, Jeff Jeffery, Bill and Ely Palmer



Duane Keele, Jim Rhyn, and daughter of Wayne Lannin



Jeff Jeffery, man in grey coat, Chauncy Collard, and Boyd Mescher ?



Willy Parker, Don Overfield, and that same stranger in the grey coat-seems a little camera shy-maybe he's CIA



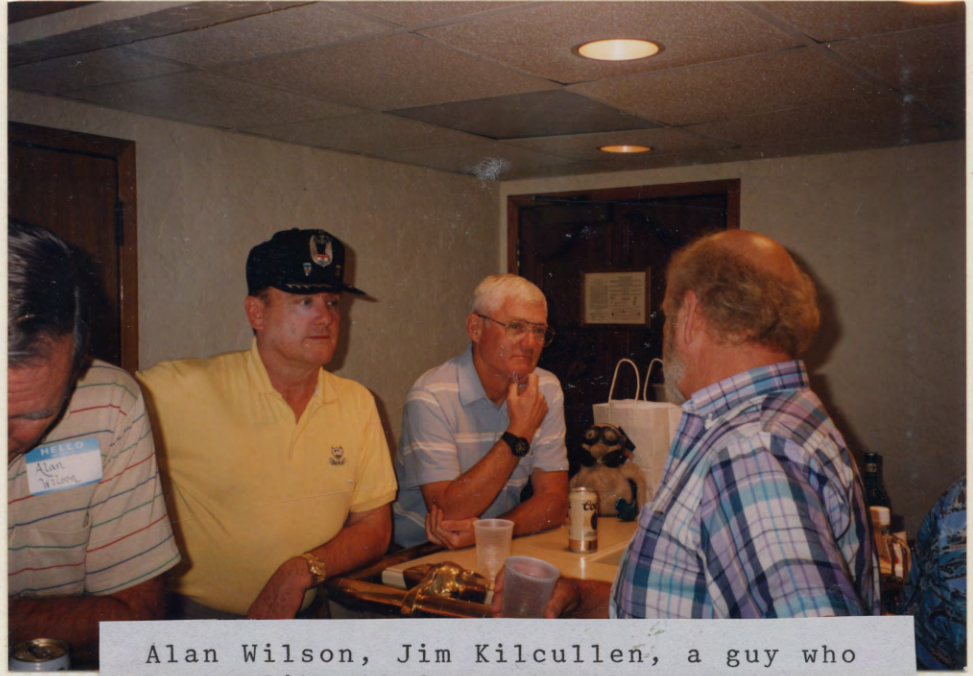
Roger Cook and Mike Marshall



Phyllis Burkhardt, Larry Stadulis, and Kelly (Johnson)



Bob Watson, Mike Seale, Matt Daddio, and Bert Opitz



Alan Wilson, Jim Kilcullen, a guy who looks like Al Cates brother, and someone with a fresh shine



Sompit Jeffrey, Be Genz, Stan Pelzynski, and Bob Caron



Link Luckett, Monty Sandoval, and June Trucilla Crowell



Link, I've heard what you've been telling the girls. It's BS.



Emmett Sullivan, John Mcrainey, and Don Wright



Don Wright, Peggy Keele, Kippi and Ben Densley



Larry Taylor and Rick Strba



Christine and Lucky Mulqueen with Cliff Hamilton



Matt Daddio and John McRainey



Dick Elder, Bob Mitchell, and Tom Hoppe



Larry and Jody Sall representing the McDermott Library



Jerry McEntee and Sam Jordan ?



Gary Gentz and Duane Keele



Leon Lashomb and Bill Collier



Bert Opitz, Bob Murray, Sompit and Jeff Jeffery



Cecilia and Dave Ankerberg



Frank Hines, ? , Connie Seigris, and Jeff Jeffery



Lucette Cates and Don Overfield



Who was that girl.

Don't know.

Guy doing the photo album has been trying to identify her for weeks.

Yea, no name tag. Really bad situation!

Frank Hines and Connie Seigris
Jeff Jeffery on the side

Finally identified as Ulif Luckett



Gene Landry, Jean Singleton, and Les Bays



Masao Takiyama and Jane Mullins



B.J. and Jean Singleton, Hai Collard,
Sompit Jeffery, Ulif Lockett, and Be Genz



Inez Mulholland and Connie Hill
Jim Rhyne (left background)



Larry Taylor
Gen. USMC



Jean and Billy Joe Singleton with Jane
Mullins



Bill Collier and Kathy B



Bill Burkhardt and Connie Hill



Martha (as of spring '93) Gantz and Gary Gantz



Duane Keele, Juliette and Brian Johnson



Frank Devito and Bonnie Elder
Willie Parker in background



Phanh and Mike Kandt



Bob Murray and Bert Opitz



Gary Gentz, Jim Rhyn, Brian Johnson,
and Matt Daddio



Tony Byrne, Dick Elder, Tom Hoppe,
and Bob Mitchell



George Carroll, Tom Hoppe, Dick Elder,
Tony Byrne, and Bob Mitchell



Family portrait!

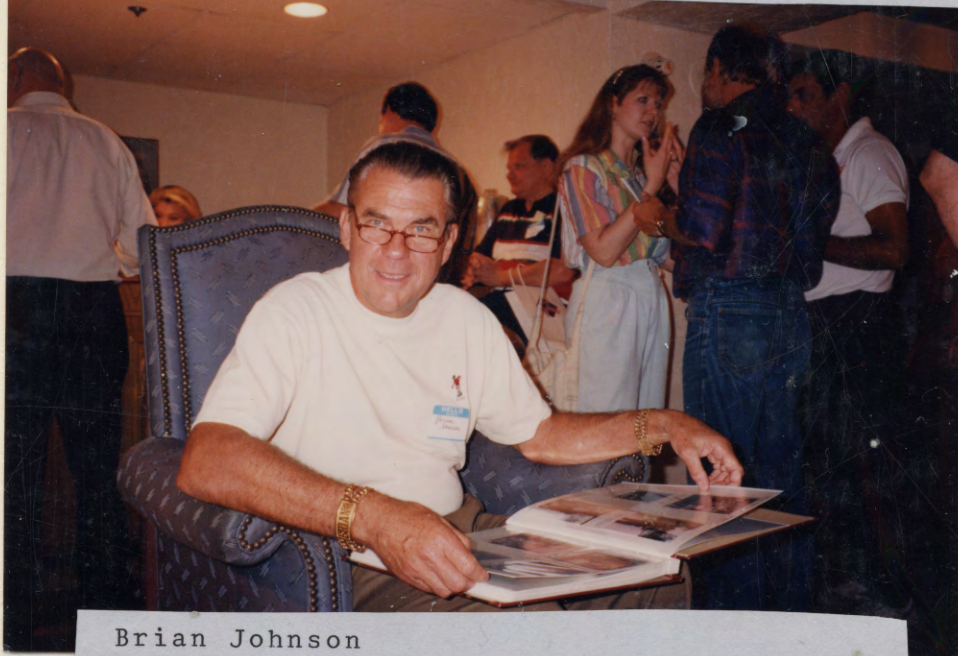
A few take time out from their heavy drinking schedule to look at the photo albums.



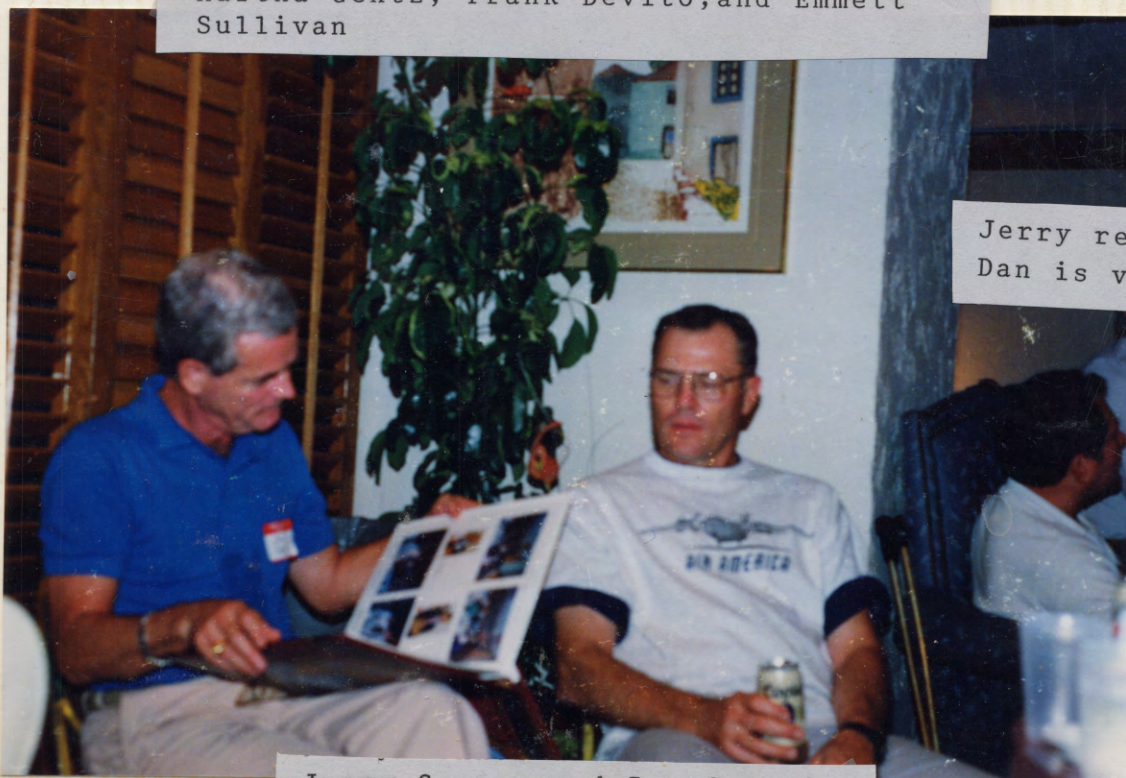
Scott Pirkle, Meri Fountain, Phyllis Burkhart, and Yvonda Slager



One unknown back, Scott Pirkle's back (foreground), June Crowell's back (background), Dave Crowell, Phyllis Burkhart, and Yvonda Slager



Brian Johnson
Martha Gentz, Frank Devito, and Emmett Sullivan



Jerry reads Dan the captions.
Dan is very amused!

Jerry Connor and Dan Gamelin



Dick Elder (background), Bert Opitz, and Stormy Glindeman



Walt Ranallo, Jerry Connor, and Scott Pirkle hiding behind Jerry's ear Lady unidentified



Herm Jackson Mike Seale, and Cliff Hamilton



Bob Murray, Connie Seigris, Bob Mitchell, Bert Opitz, Vince Clark, and Frank Hines



Chris Mulqueen, Lucky Mulqueen, Dan Gamelin,
and Kitty Jackson



Unknown, Chuck Taylor, Jack Knotts, Jim Rhyne,
and unknown



Dan Gamelin, Bob Watson, Jerry Connor
Stan Pelzynski, and Herm Jackson were
assembled to answer some flying questions.



Question: "How many hours must a pilot wait between
his last drink and taking the controls of an
aircraft?"
Bob and Stan immediately come up with an answer.
(For you Air America pilots, one is an incorrect
answer!)



Jack Degan and Frank Hines



Paul Montgomery, Glenn Riley's "soft glow", Jeff Jeffery, John David and friend, Ava and Don Wharton.



Tony Byrne (background), Jenny Roberts, Stormy Glindeman, and Be Genz



Scott Pirkle, Vonnie Stergar, Hank Glindeman, HaiCollard, and unidentified redhead



Scott Pirkle (our bartender in training),
Larry Stadulis's back, and daughter of
Wayne Lannin with her escort.



Chris and Joe "Lucky" Mulqueen with
Kitty Jackson



Jerry Connor, Bob Watson, and Tom Butler



Brian Johnson with Wayne Lannin's daughter
and escort.

Saturday night traditionally has been banquet night. This year, being no exception, reunioneers gathered for Texas Bar-b-que.

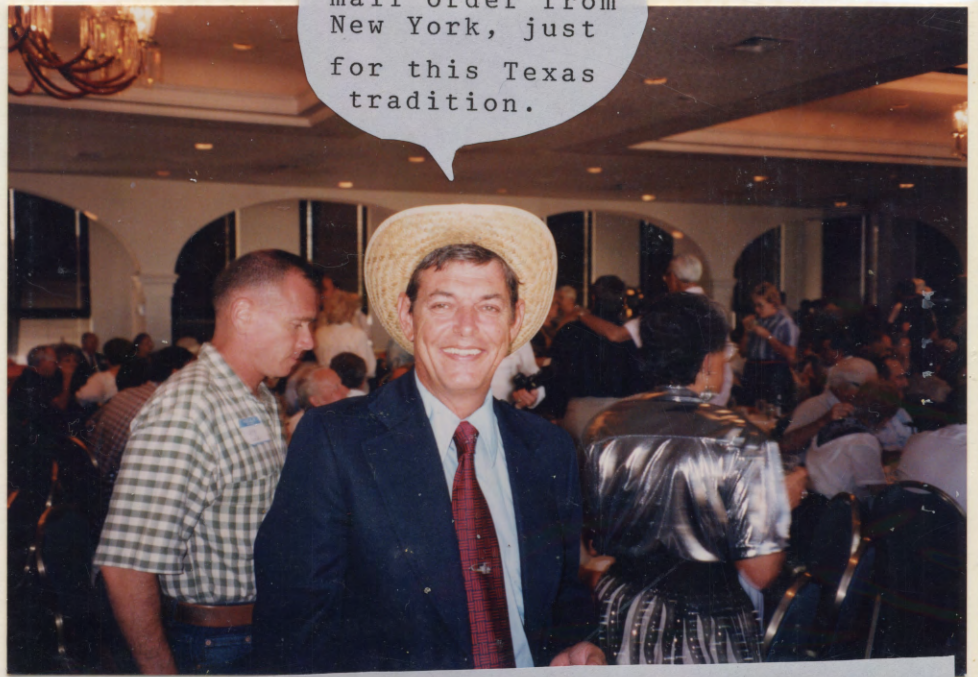
Three of the first to arrive, dressed for this Texas tradition, were Emmet Sullivan, Larry Stadulis, and Stan Pelzynski.

My hat? I got it mail order from Iowa, just for this Texas tradition.



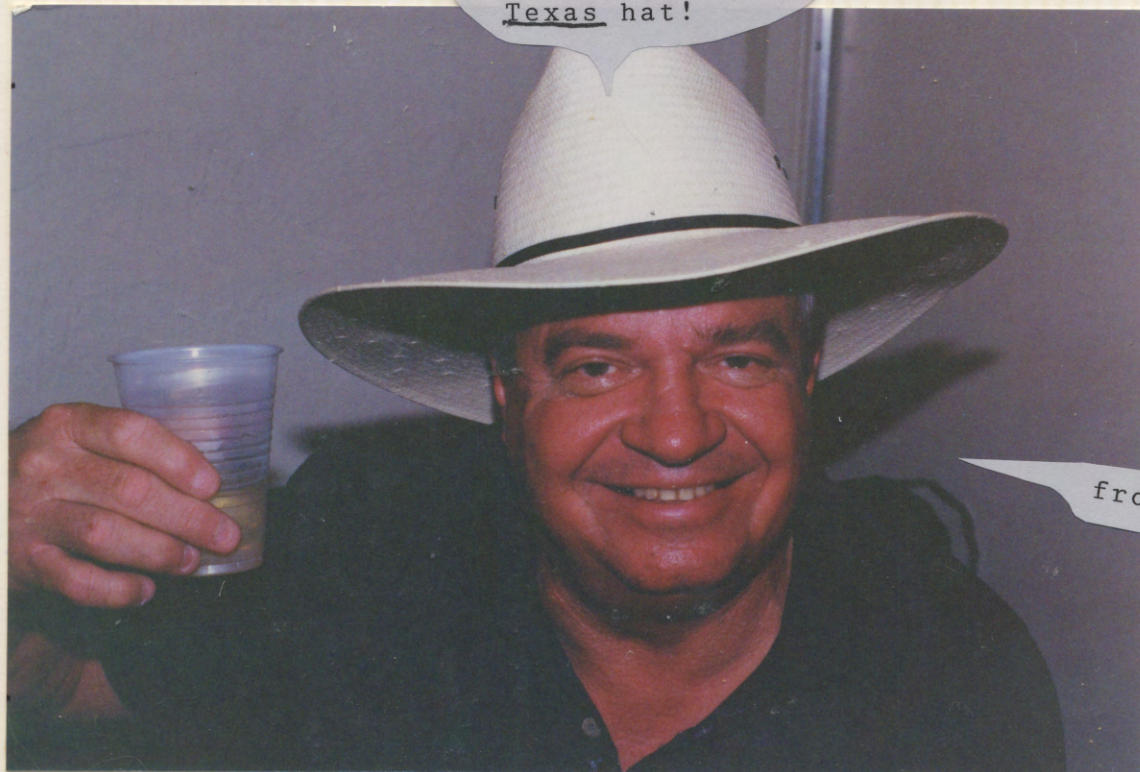
?, Larry Stadulis, and Dick Elder

My hat? I got it mail order from New York, just for this Texas tradition.



Larry Taylor, Emmet Sullivan, and Jane Mullins

Guys, this is a Texas hat!



from Arizona

Stan "The Man" Pelzynski

Then the more or less normal people began arriving.



Sorry, cannot identify the couple on the left with Russ and Betty Van Hellen.



Glenn Riley, Dick OConnor, Daisy Riley, and Ruth Stallman



Ben Van Etten Carol Toman, and Cecilia Ankerberg



Sean Byrne, Ruth Ann Theriault and friend, and Dick Ford in background



Ben Densley



Vern Shelton, Kippi Densley, and Roger Cook



Cecila and Dave Ankerberg



Linda and "Burma" Ben Van Etten

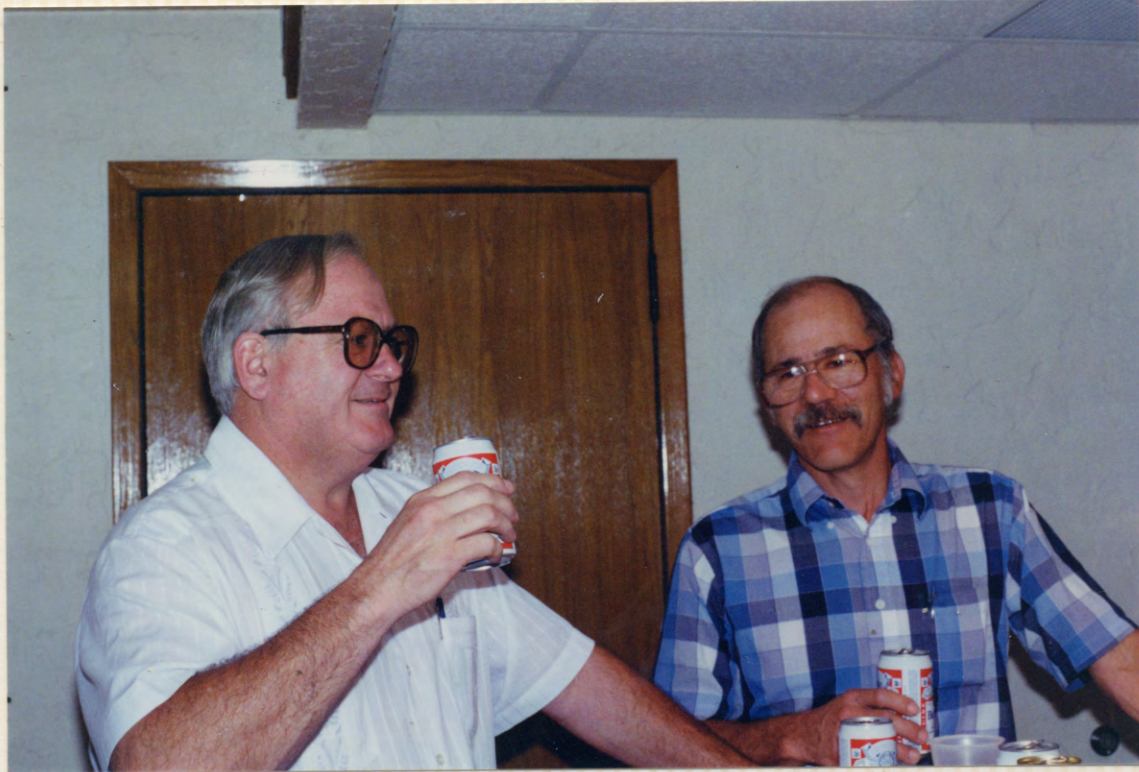


Stan Pelzynski, Chris Mulqueen, and Dan Gamelin



Stan again!

After the banquet, everyone immediately returned to their primary task of bending elbows and telling war stories.



Rob Roberts and Cliff Hamilton



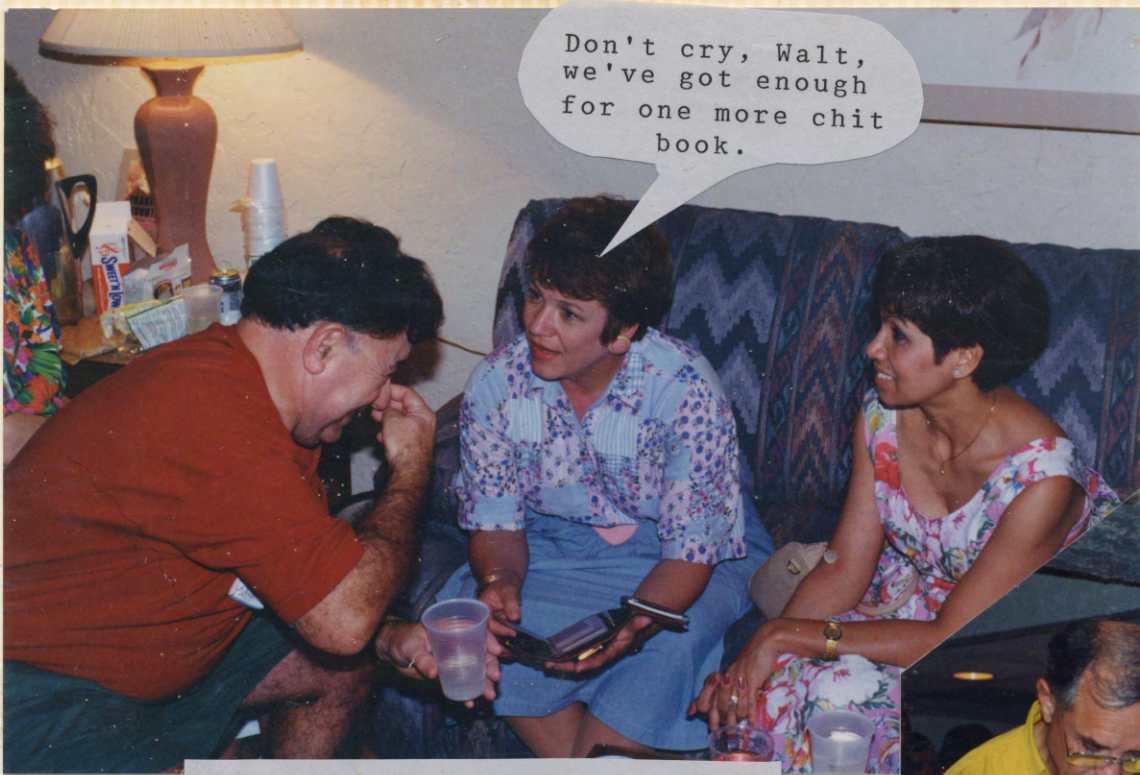
Connie Seigris and Jerry Connor



Lucky Mulqueen and Stan Pelzynski



Mike Kandt and daughters, Wayne, Ben and Kippi Densley (Background)



Walt and Kim Ranallo with ?



Bill Murphy, Bea Genz, Lee Genz, Jr., ???, Elmer Munsell, and Bert Opitz



Jim Rhyne, Stan Pelzynski, Don Whittaker, and Chuck Taylor



Bob Caron, ?, Paul Montgomery, Mick Moran, Herm Jackson, and Bob Murray



Link Lockett (background), Chuck Taylor, and Jim Rhyne



Chuck Taylor, Cliff Hamilton, and Bob Roberts



Barney Baxter



Boyd Mesecher and Connie Seigrist



?, Mr Nonametag, and Rob Roberts



Mr. Nonametag with Chuck Taylor, who has offered to loan him his tag except he's lost it!



Rob Roberts, Mr, NNT, ?, and Chuck Taylor



Those coeds at Texas A&M won't soon forget the name Ed Moreland!

Joe Mish and Ed Moreland



Bob Watson, Dick Elder, and ?



Wayne ?, and Emmet Sullivan



?, ?, and ! (aka Mick Moran)



Larrt Stadulis, Emmet Sullivan, Wayne ?,
Daughter of Wayne Lannin, and ?



Don Wright, John Stallman, Leon Lashomb, Frank Hines, Jack Degan, and John Melton



Paul Montgomery and Bob Watson



Cliff Hamilton, ?, Chris Mulqueen, Sylvia Boehme, and Rob Roberts



Scott Pirkle, Debbie Pirkle, and Frank Devito

This page has been included to prove that some of our members actually went outside the hospitality suite and toured old San Antonio. (But not a lot.)



Daisy and Glenn Riley dine at the "Mercado" with Frank Balsley (?)



Is this Ms. Mesecher with Boyd Mesecher? I was never introduced.



Sean Sebastian Collins Byrne (son of Tony)

Late Saturday night:

Strange things have happened at Air America reunions before, but I do not recall the bar ever running out of glasses. However, from the pictures I have received and the rumors I have heard, this may have happened late Saturday night.

The rumors have it that our resourceful bartender, Peggy Keele, obtained Lucky Mulqueen's prosthesis and filled it with the remaining bar liquor. Then she demonstrated the proper method of drinking from it. She says this is the method outlined in her nurses handbook.



Frank Hines manages the proper technique with the aid of Stan Pelzynski.



Jerry Connor manages to drink with a little coaching from the side lines from Herm Jackson,



Then its Lucky Mulqueen's turn.



Followed by Bob Watson



Stan Pelzynski



Then Dan Gamelin Showed his great form.

Then Stan started it around again. It went on into the wee hours, until a respectable (by Air America standards) amount of bottles were emptied.



AND THAT'S THE TRUTH!!!

Some people are disgusting!



Elmer munsell

Early Sunday morning:



HANGOVERS?

Stan Pelzynski, Bob Watson, and Tom Butler

For most of the "reunioneers", the arrival of Sunday morning meant time for saying farewells until next year.



Vonnie Stergar, Hai Collard, Be Genz, and R.J. Bond

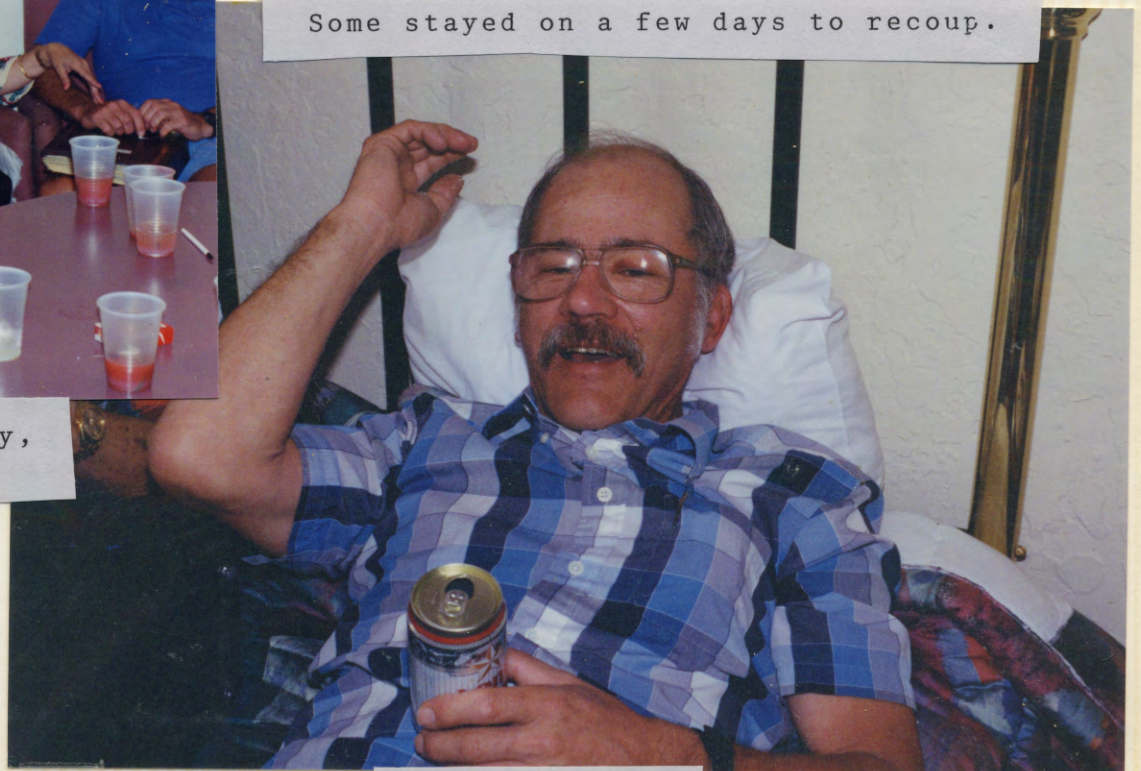


Jack Degan, Carol Toman, Jim and Kathy Alexander

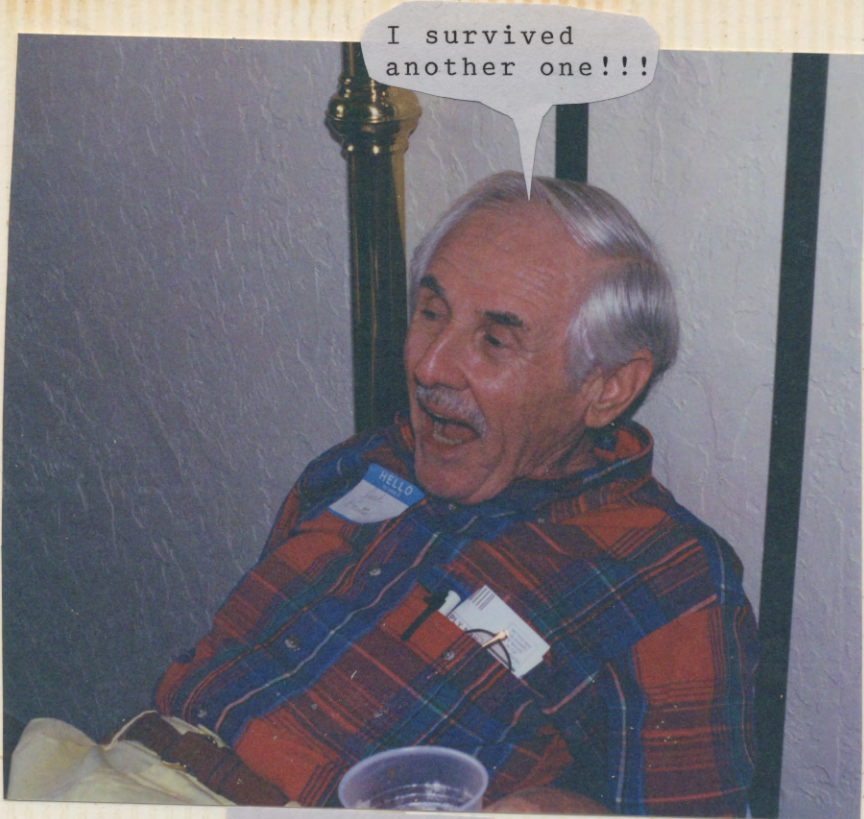


Carol Toman, Ruthann Theriault, Kippi Densley, and Russ Carpenter

Some stayed on a few days to recoup.



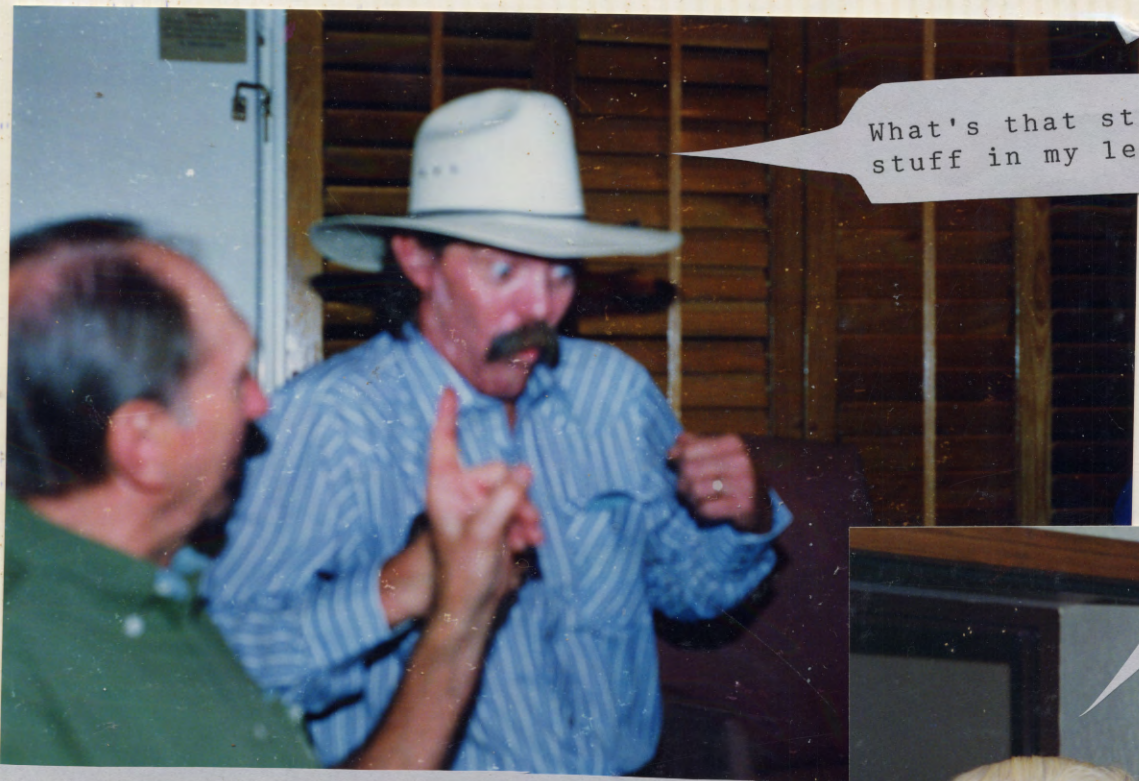
Cliff Hamilton



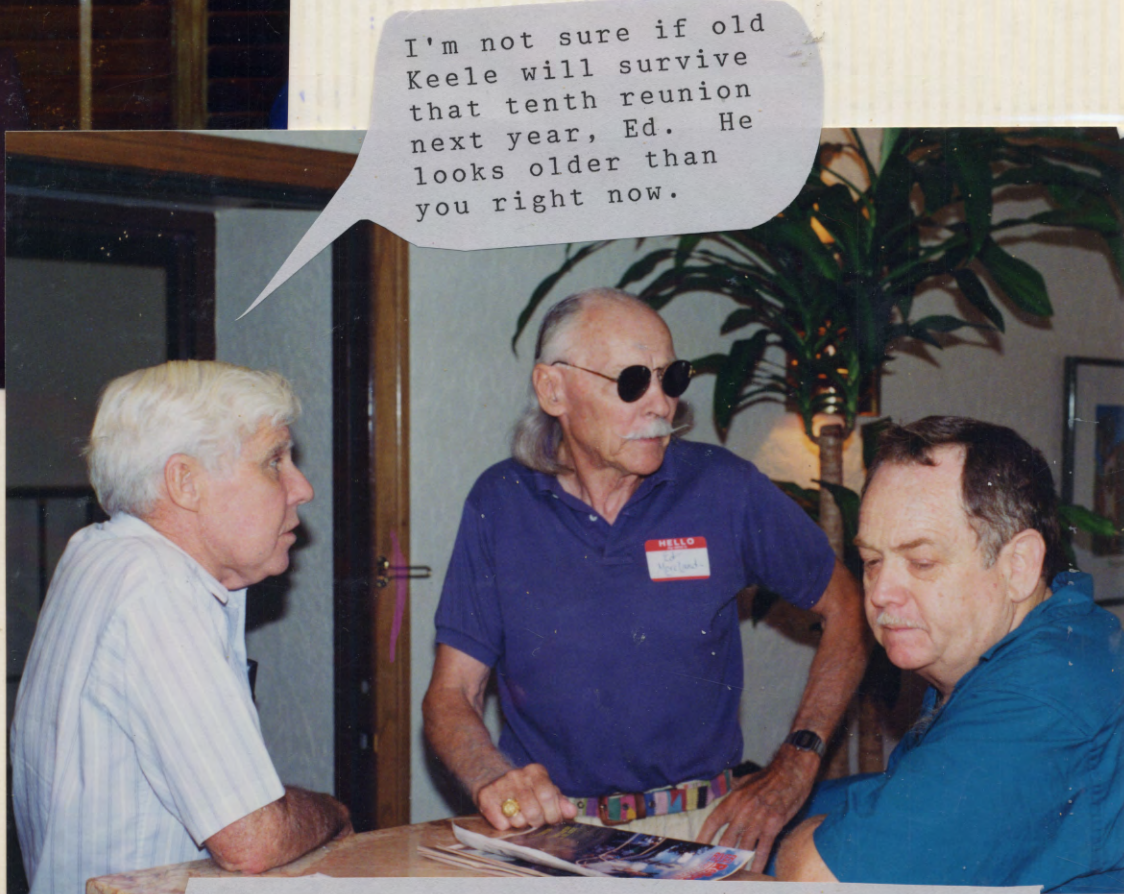
Jack Knotts



Frank Stergar and Chauncy Collard



Bob Watson starts to remind Lucky Mulqueen about last nights drinking spree.



Leon Lashomb, Ed Moreland, and Duane Keele

The last time Larry Stadulis was seen,
He was headed for the Texas Rattler.
He may still be there.



Larry gets his kicks in a
strange way for a man of
twenty nine.



Stan wanted to be in one more picture before
the album was over.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed pictures for our albums throughout the last nine years. without you there would be no visual reminders of the good times we have shared.

This year we are indebted to Tony Byrne, Dan Gamelin, and Lucky Mulqueen for most of the pictures. If I have omitted anyone please excuse me. Thank you all.

See you in Florida!



Must have made a wrong turn in Austin. Doesn't look like Florida to me, Peggy.

TO AIR AMERICA FAMILY

Merry Christmas
and best wishes for happiness
in the New Year

Dear.

MRS, Jane E MULLINS

Many Thank's '92 ReUNION - SANANTONIO

AIR AMERICA - For Ever
please send me again Newsletter, information of AA



'92
Dec

△ This photo in IRUMA - JASDF (Japan Self Defense
"C-46"
Now a day is all jet from '75
AIR Force Base)

good lucks!

MR, Leon Lashomb
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