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*Air America Association*

*Reunion*

*Lafayette, Louisiana*

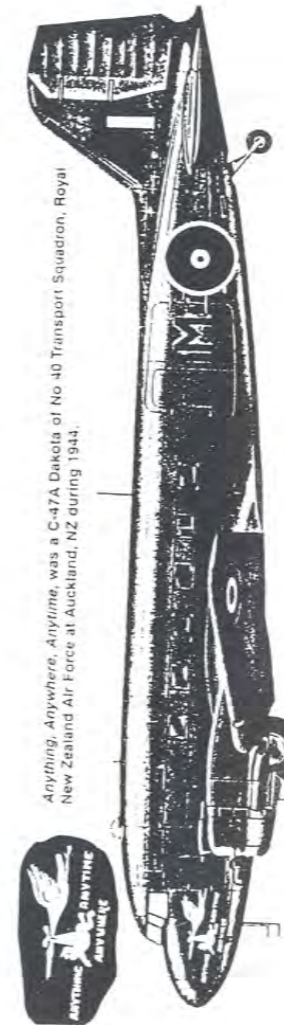
REUNION ATTENDEES 1999

Adams, Amy  
 Adams, Alexandria  
 Allen, Tank & Chris  
 Aderholt, Harry & Jessie  
 Andersen, Roland  
 Anderson, Lana  
 Andresevic, Bill  
 Augustine, Hal & Dang  
 Avey, Nita  
 Bair, Aubree  
 Balsley, Frank  
 Basdekian, Edward  
 Beardley, Janet  
 Bednekoff, Val & Irean  
 Bergman, Bill  
 Bernier, Harry  
 Boehme, Sylvia Green  
 Bond, J.C. & Janet-Lee  
 Bourque, Deborah  
 Boyce, Patricia  
 Brady, Yolanda  
 Broussard, L.J. & Brenda  
 Bruner, Terry & Kathy  
 Burch, Greg  
 Burn, Lancy & Emily  
 Calligeros, John & Coleen  
 Caron, Robert & Khana  
 Carter, John & Somerchi  
 Cates, Allen & Lucette  
 Chennault, Pat  
 Christiansen, Jim & Sandy  
 Clarke, Vincent & Hung  
 Coleman, Lilly & Am  
 Coleman, Stormy  
 Coleman, Tom & Danielle  
 Conde, Emily  
 Conde, Kenneth & Lek  
 Conley, David & Suong-Le  
 Cook, Roger  
 Crotty, Bart  
 Crowell, David & Trucilla  
 Cuprenski, Fred & Minako  
 Curry, Veronica  
 Daddio, Matt & Marilyn  
 Dailey, Henry  
 Dammon, Lee & Kathryn  
 Davis, Arden & Nitaya  
 Davis, Charlie & Susan  
 Davis, Robert  
 Davis, Lee  
 Dawson, Robert & Betty  
 Degan, Jack & Sam  
 Densley, Ben & Kippi  
 Domino, Virgil  
 Domino, Dale  
 Domino, Vickie  
 Dreith, Phil & Dek  
 Drinkard, Bud  
 Dulitz, Toni  
 Elder, Dick  
 Ellinger, Scott & Karil  
 Ellis, Mary  
 Fildrell, Jane  
 Fink, Jerry & Flordeliza  
 Fink, Ana Marie  
 Ford, Richard G.  
 Forrest Mick & Prapai  
 Fountain, Meri  
 Fraser, Larry & Glenna  
 Frieler, Sally  
 Gagnon, Amy  
 Gamelin, Dan & Sommay  
 Geland, Sally

Gentz, Gary  
 Gervin, Pat  
 Goddard, Phil & Guest  
 Goddard, Michael  
 Gram, Mary  
 Green, Chuck & Norma  
 Green, Rip  
 Green, Jim  
 Greenway, John & Audrey  
 Hamilton, Cliff  
 Harbeson, Rich & Justine  
 Hardin, John  
 Harris, A.L. & Barbara  
 Hartrick, Michael  
 Hellmers, Ted  
 Herald, Jason  
 Herald, Bob  
 Herd, Lindsey & Ruth  
 Hiller, Dan  
 Hines, Herman & Angela  
 Hines, Pamela  
 Hoehn, Don & Benna  
 Hogan, Chuck & Marilyn  
 Hope, James  
 Hopp, Don  
 Hoppe, Tom & Dinah  
 Hotujec, Jeff & Leigh  
 Howrigan, Pat & Mel  
 Hyder, James  
 Jachens, Bruce & Carolyn  
 Jackson, Herman  
 Jacobs, Rick  
 Jenny, Tom  
 Johnson, Brian & Juiliette  
 Johnson, Jeff  
 Johnson, Tiffany  
 Joseph, Dau-Mondia & Basilio Ciocci  
 Kaleta, Richard  
 Kandt, Michael & Phanh  
 Keele, Duane & Peggy  
 Kilcullen, Jim  
 Knight, Wayne & Lai  
 Knotts, Jack  
 Knotts, Christopher  
 Krohn, Tom  
 Kroll, Fred & Dao  
 Krull, Steve & Sharron  
 LaDue, Michael  
 Leonard, Edward  
 Lister, Dee  
 Locklear, William  
 Long, William & Vimol  
 Love, Terry  
 Luther, Terry  
 Marham, Monte & Klaire  
 Marshall, Mike & Katherine  
 Mauldin, Bee  
 Mauldin, Ted & Carolyn  
 McElroy, James (Tiny)  
 McEntee, Jerry  
 McGee, Ken  
 McRainey, John & Sandra  
 Melich, Henry & JoAnne  
 Melich, Cami  
 Melich, Rachel  
 Mesecher, Boyd & Claire  
 Mesecher, Ver Neil  
 Miller, J. Kenney  
 Milliken, Don  
 Mills, Jim & Manie  
 Milne, James  
 Minter, Dan & Beverly

Mixon, Dan & Vansy  
 Morehouse, Clyde & Katie  
 Moreland, Edward  
 Morrison, Gayle  
 Mulholland, Inez  
 Mulholland, Susan  
 Mulholland, Brianna  
 Mullen, James  
 Mullen, Michele  
 Mullins, Jane  
 Munoz, Rafael & Estela  
 Murray, Robert  
 Murtland, Dick  
 Myers, Joe  
 Myers, Pat  
 Neiman, Jack  
 Neiman, David  
 Neiman, Mark  
 Nell, Jerry & Linh  
 Newel, Joan  
 Newson, Rock  
 Noble, Robert  
 O'Conner, Rich & Judith  
 Olsen, Julie  
 Opper, Frank  
 Parker, Willie & Shirley  
 Parker, Happy  
 Parker, Dan  
 Parker, Sudith  
 Paulding, David  
 Pelszynski, Stan  
 Peters, Luke  
 Phimon, Joy Thao & Debbie  
 Pierce, Porter  
 Pirkle, Debbie  
 Pirkle, Scott  
 Platt, Fred  
 Porter, Judy  
 Ranallo, Walt & Kim  
 Ranallo, Christina  
 Ranallo, Brian  
 Rhyne, Jeeranai  
 Richmond, Earl  
 Ridyard, Pauline  
 Riley, Glenn & Daisy  
 Ritter, Phillippe  
 Roberts, Rob  
 Rowland, Nancy  
 Sall, Larry  
 Schlueter, Willam  
 Seale, Mike  
 Singleton, Billy J. & Jean  
 Stager, Jack & Uyvonda  
 Smith, Jack  
 Smith, Maggie  
 Smith, Pat  
 Stadulis, Larry  
 Stallman, John  
 Stanzel, Frank  
 Stensloff, Robert  
 Stevens, Steve & Michie  
 Stone, Dale  
 Sublett, Jessee  
 Sullivan, Thomas  
 Sullivan, Emmitt  
 Schwarz, A. P.  
 Sylvester, Carmen & Arlene  
 Sylvester, David & Sherry  
 Sylvester, Cody  
 Tarn, John  
 Taylor, Chuck  
 Theisen-Koty, Mabel

Thielen, Barbara  
 Thielen, John  
 Thierault, Ruth  
 Thompson, Stan & Chau  
 Thompson, Jack & Linda  
 Thompson, Tina  
 Tschetter, Karen  
 Tschetter, Karen  
 Vehrs, Evelyn  
 Violette, Marie-Josée  
 Von Brandt, Barbara  
 Wade, Ron  
 Waite, Stanley  
 Ward, Don  
 Watson, Bob & Yougpha  
 Watson, Cathlein  
 Wehrell, Jake & Barbara  
 Wight, Helen  
 Williams, James & Iva  
 Williams, Danny  
 Wilson, Earl & Carol  
 Wilcox, Jean  
 Young, Ann  
 Zimmerman, James



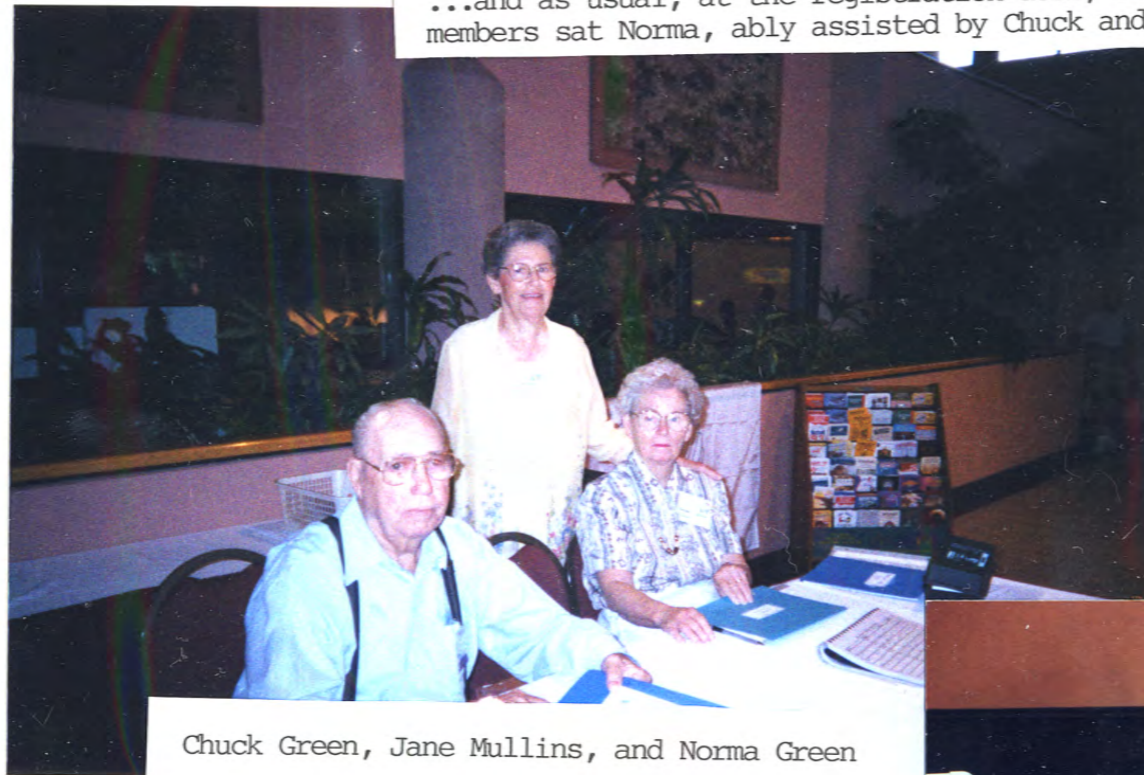
Anything, Anytime, Anywhere, was a C-47A Dakota of No 40 Transport Squadron, Royal New Zealand Air Force at Auckland, NZ during 1944.

Those that came to the reunion in Lafayette were overwhelmed by the beauty of the surrounding country side.

A Joke.



...and as usual, at the registration desk, awaiting the Air America members sat Norma, ably assisted by Chuck and Jane....



Chuck Green, Jane Mullins, and Norma Green

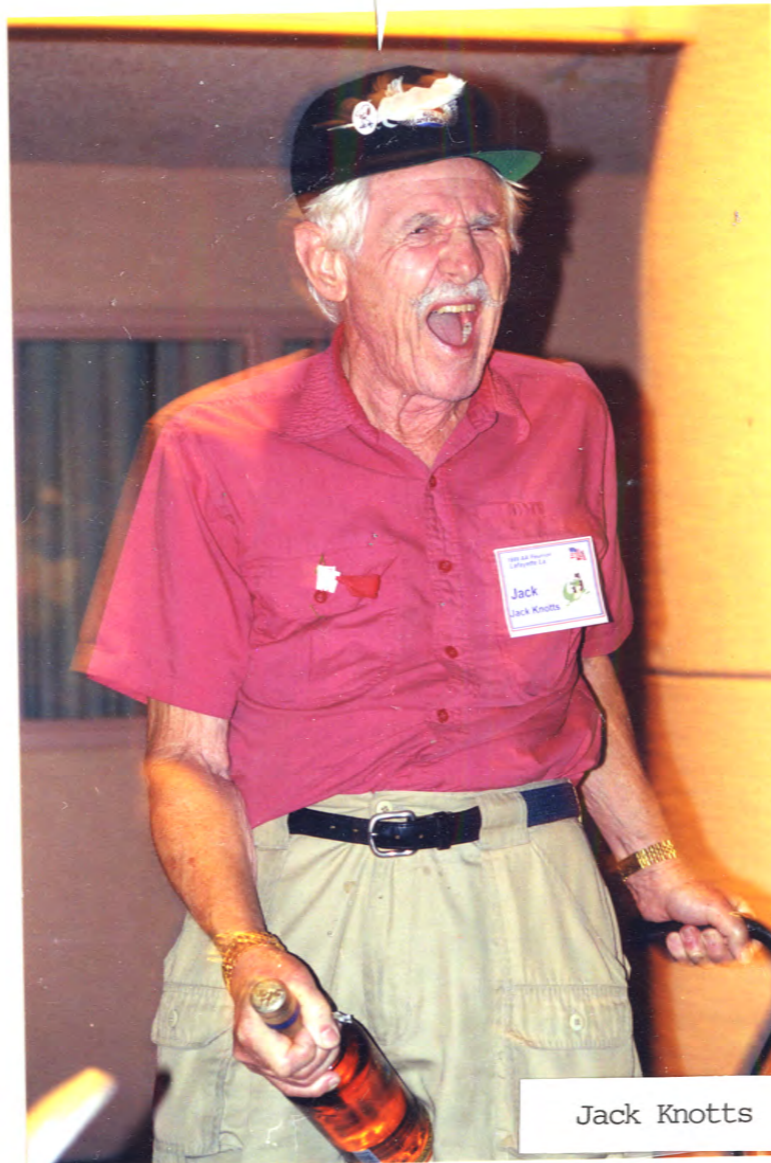
...and Jack?????



Norma Green and Jack Thompson

Jack made it passed the airport again this year!

I'm here to PARTY!!

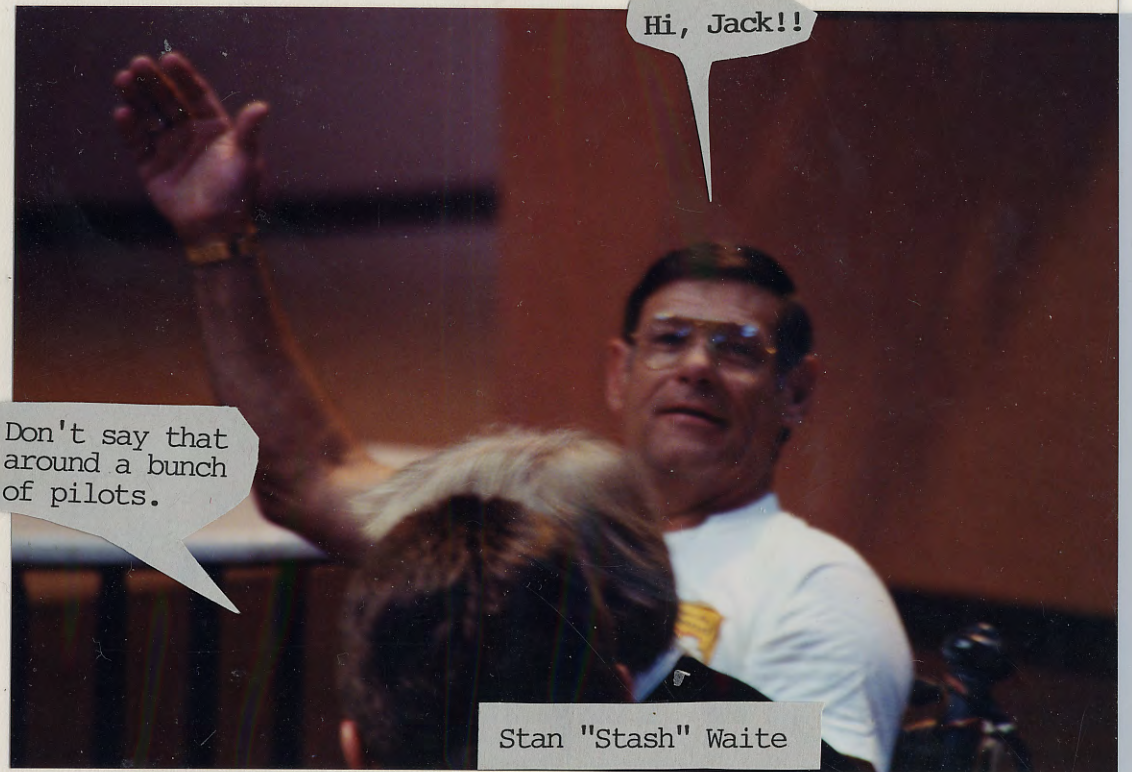


Jack Knotts

This years pictures were submitted by Aubree Bair (granddaughter of John McRainey), Emmet Sullivan, Jack Thompson, and Peggy Keele (all three of them). Thanks to Leigh Hotujec and Carolyn and Bruce Jschens for coming through with their pictures when it was discovered that Peggy's camera had decided to go on strike for this reunion.



Claire and Boyd Mesecher talk with Jeff Johnson while Norma Green registers three unidentified people



Hi, Jack!!

Don't say that around a bunch of pilots.

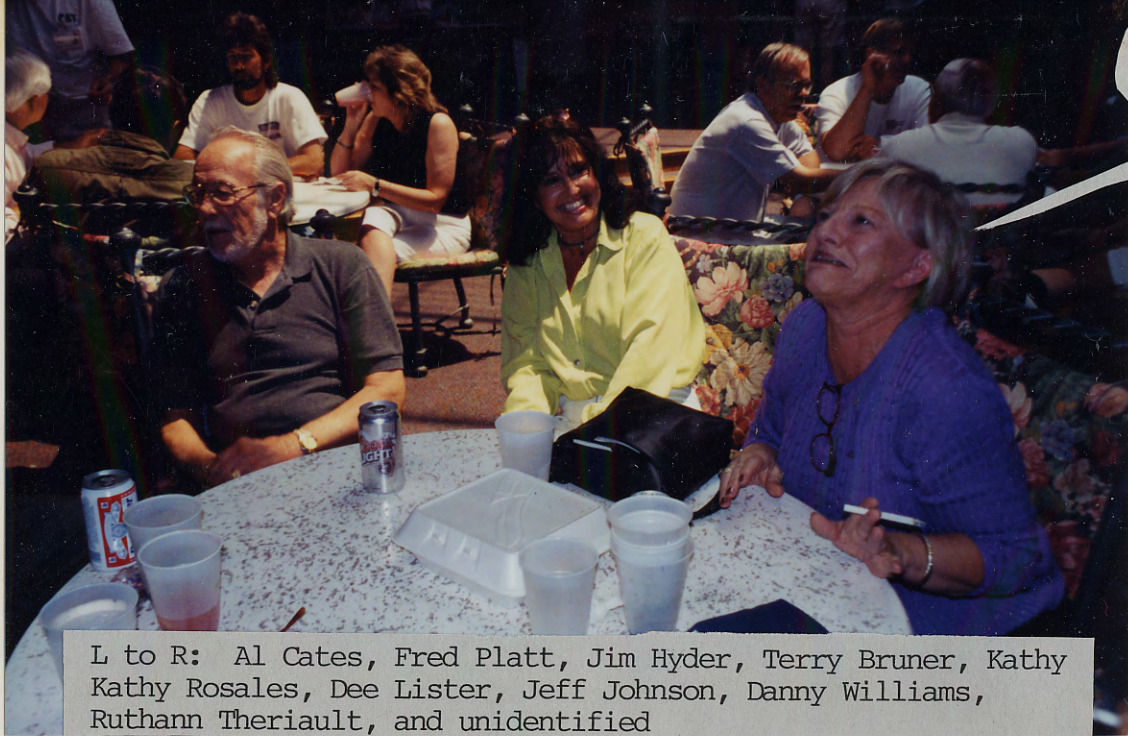
Stan "Stash" Waite



Jack's here

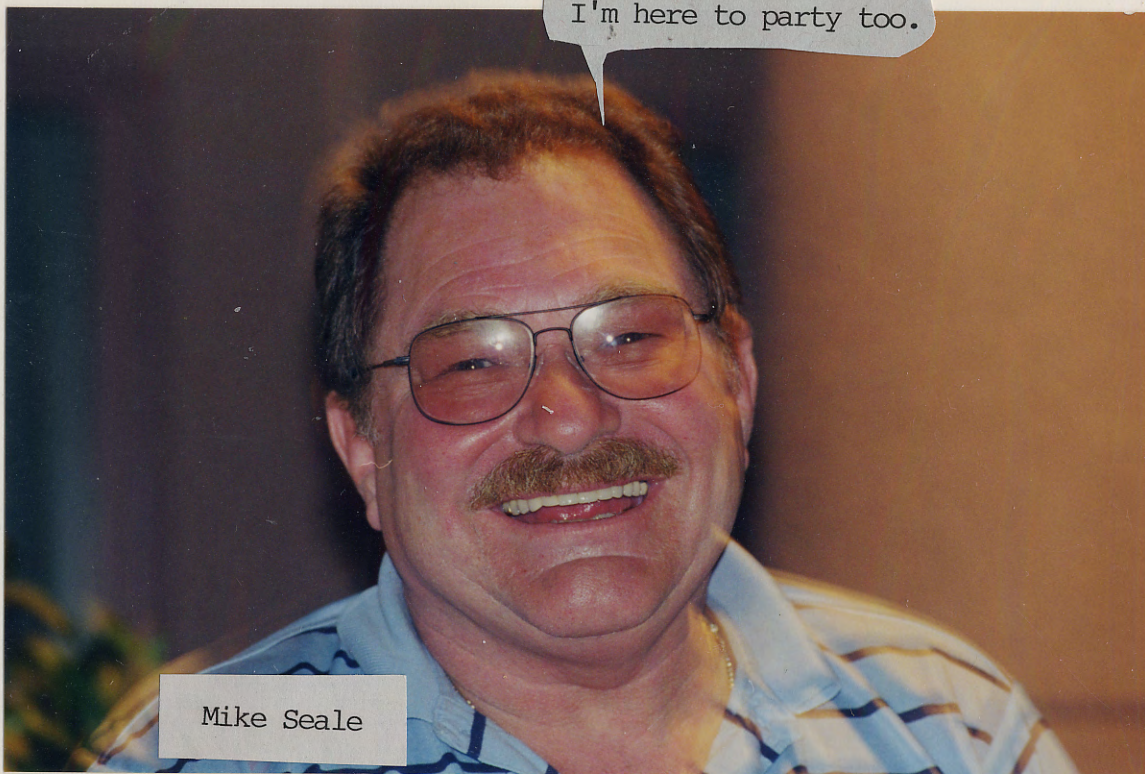
Oh, my God!

Larry Stadulis and Ruthann Theriault



That Mike Seale is such a gorgeous hunk. I hope he shows up.

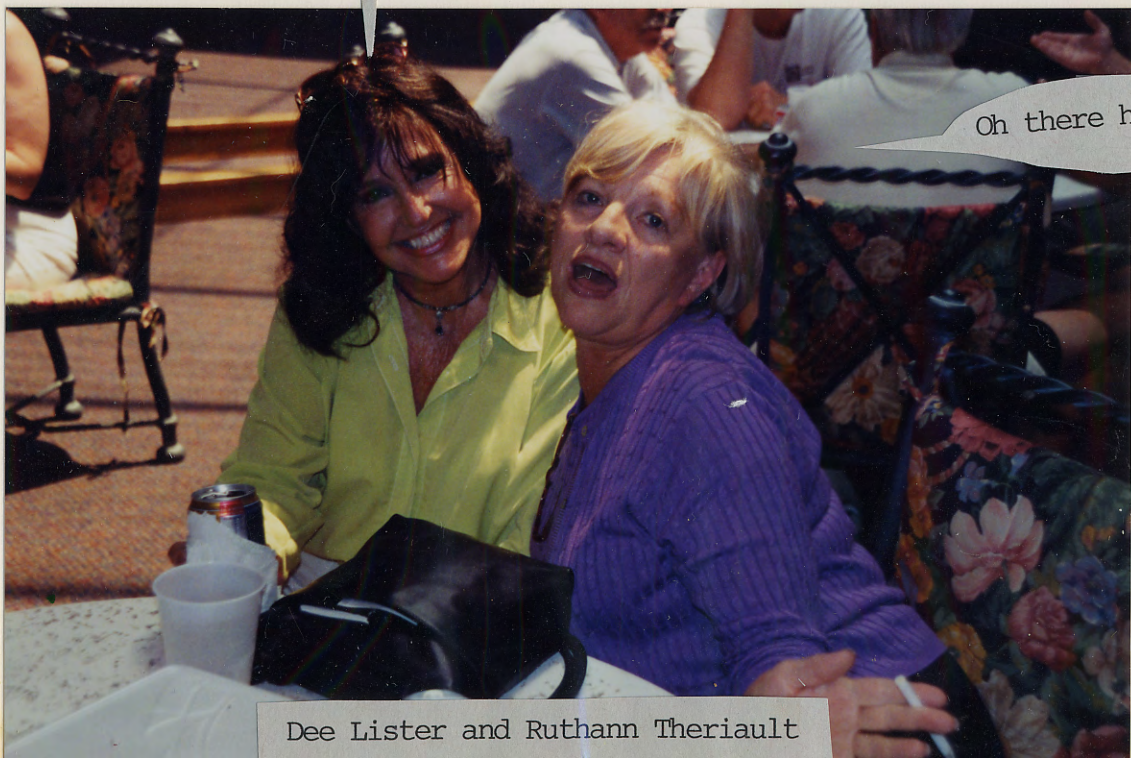
L to R: Al Cates, Fred Platt, Jim Hyder, Terry Bruner, Kathy Kathy Rosales, Dee Lister, Jeff Johnson, Danny Williams, Ruthann Theriault, and unidentified



I'm here to party too.

Mike Seale

Hi, handsome.



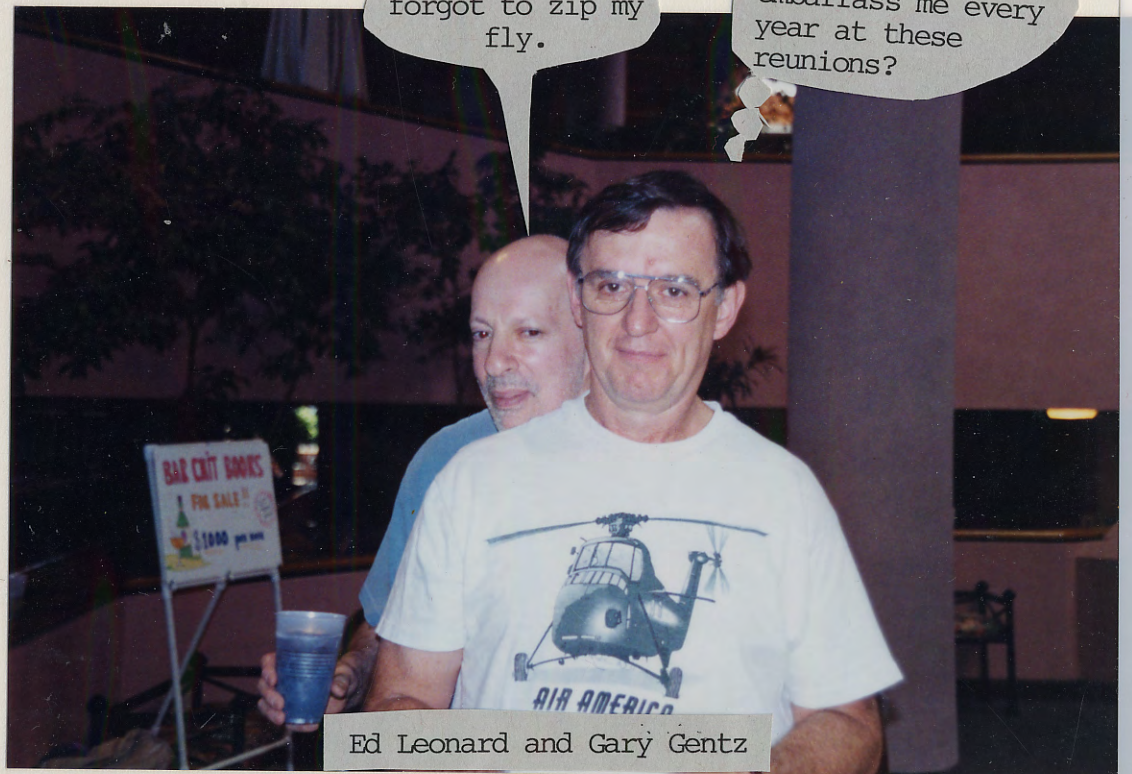
Oh there he is!!

Dee Lister and Ruthann Theriault



Don't move. I forgot to zip my fly.

Why must my friends embarrass me every year at these reunions?



Ed Leonard and Gary Gentz



Ed looks embarrassed.

He has to arrive with Gary.

Danny Williams, Cliff Hamilton, Claire Mesecher, three unidentified ladies, Jeff Johnson, Jeff Hotujec, Kathy Rosales, and Terry Bruner's head



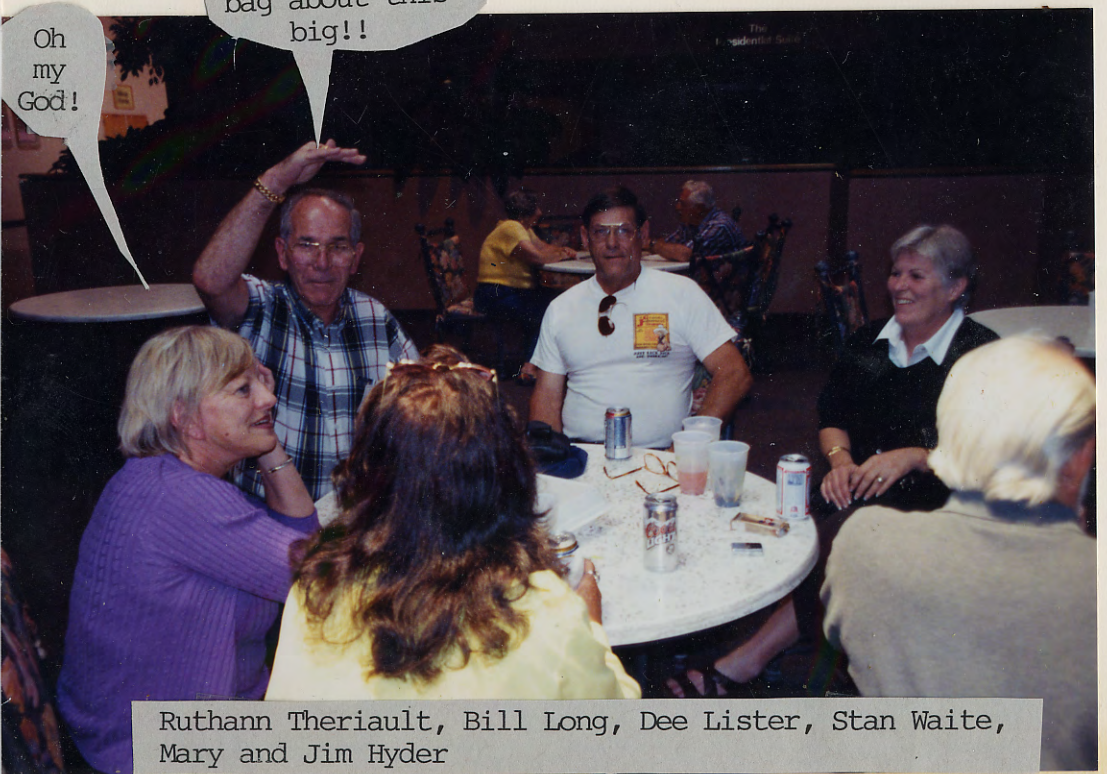
Emmet Sullivan and Tom Sullivan  
(No kin I presume)



Danny Williams, Jeff Hotujec, Ed Leonard, Brownie Coble,  
Tiny McElroy, Fred Platt's head, Meri Fountain, and Herm Jackson



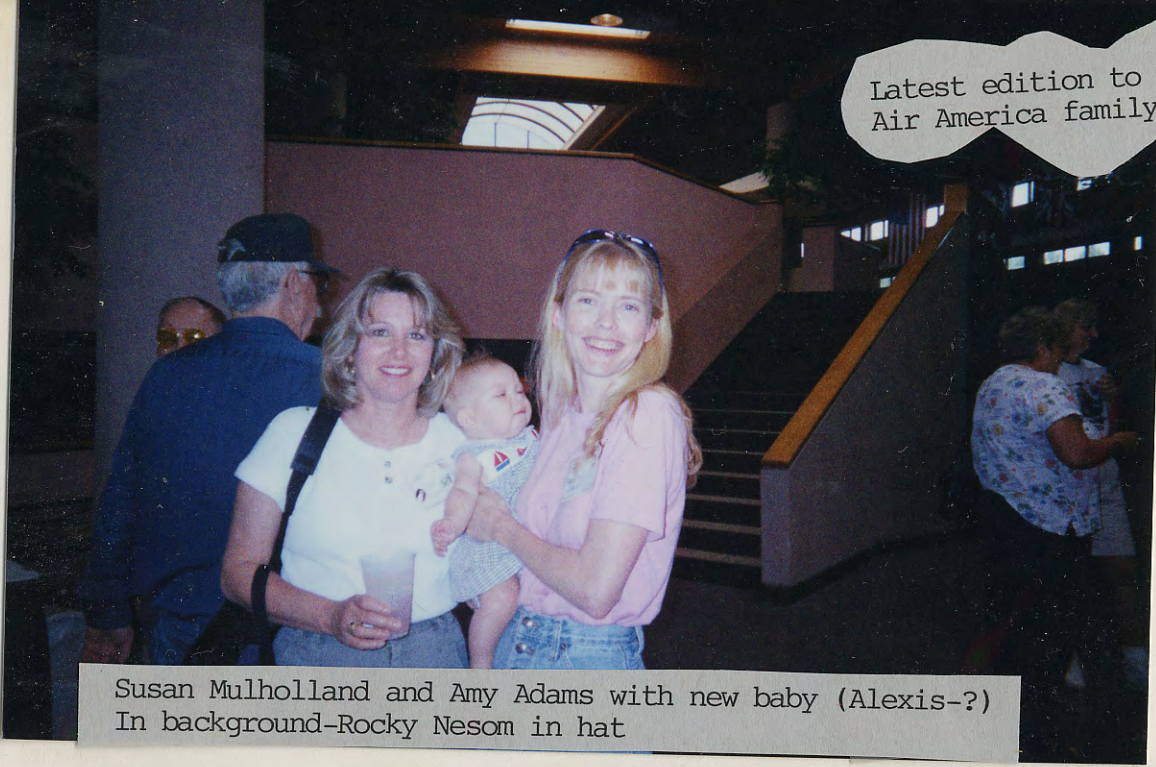
Bring me a barf  
bag about this  
big!!



Oh  
my  
God!

Ruthann Theriault, Bill Long, Dee Lister, Stan Waite,  
Mary and Jim Hyder

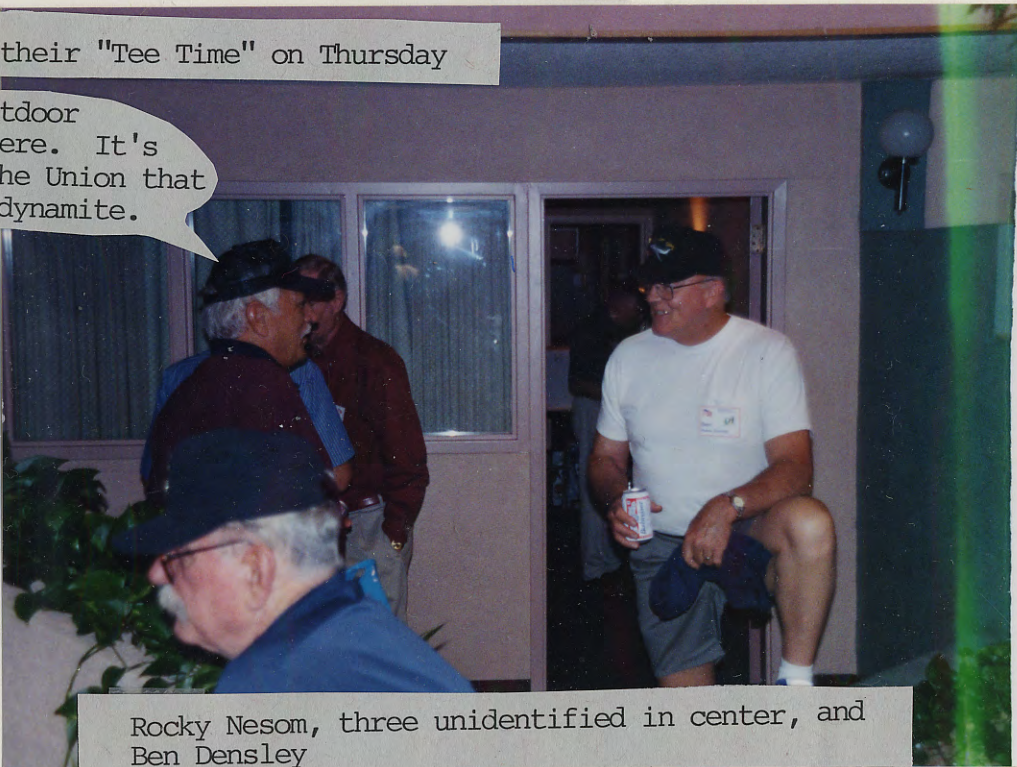
Latest edition to the  
Air America family is here.



Susan Mulholland and Amy Adams with new baby (Alexis-?)  
In background-Rocky Nesom in hat

The golfers had to make their "Tee Time" on Thursday

You'll love the outdoor  
activities around here. It's  
the only state in the Union that  
lets you fish with dynamite.

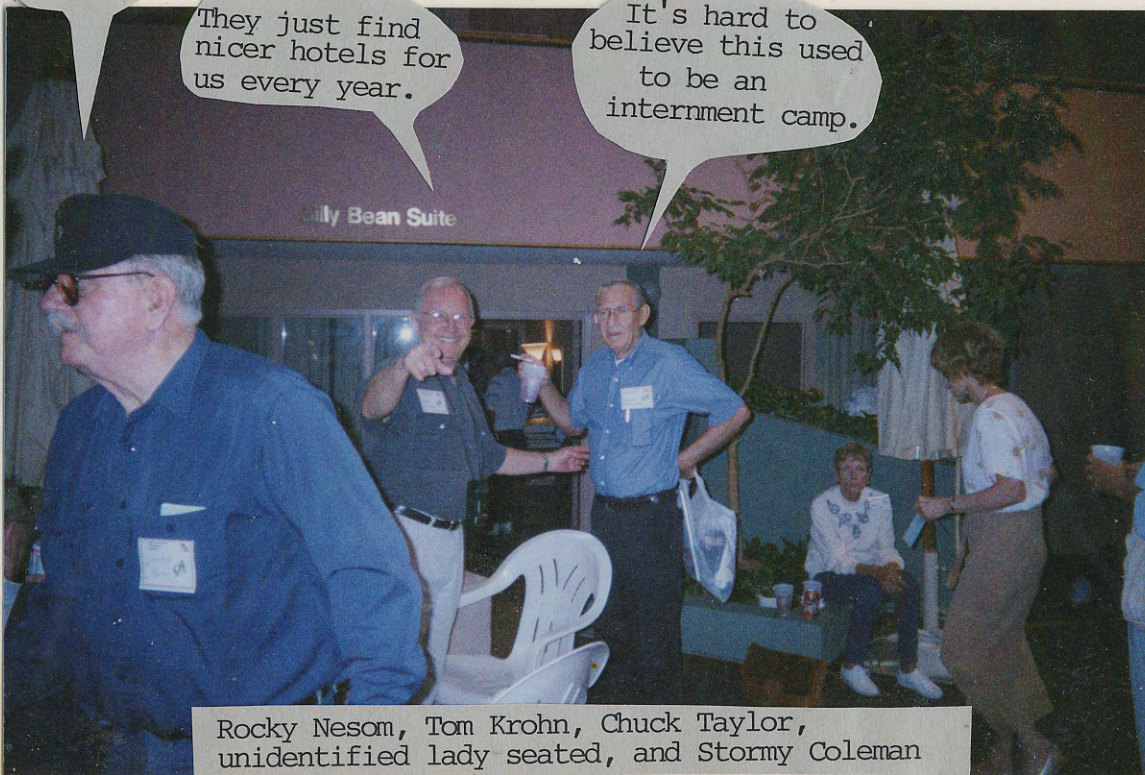


Rocky Nesom, three unidentified in center, and  
Ben Densley

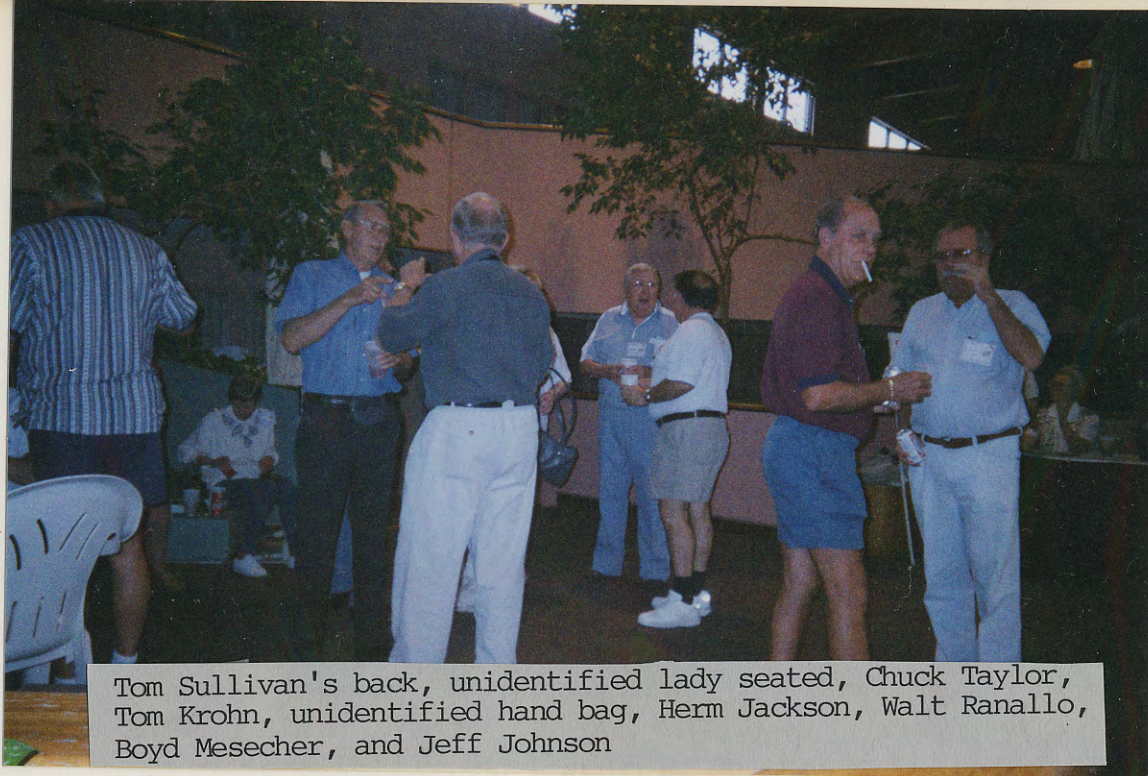
I'm off to  
to play  
golf.

They just find  
nicer hotels for  
us every year.

It's hard to  
believe this used  
to be an  
internment camp.



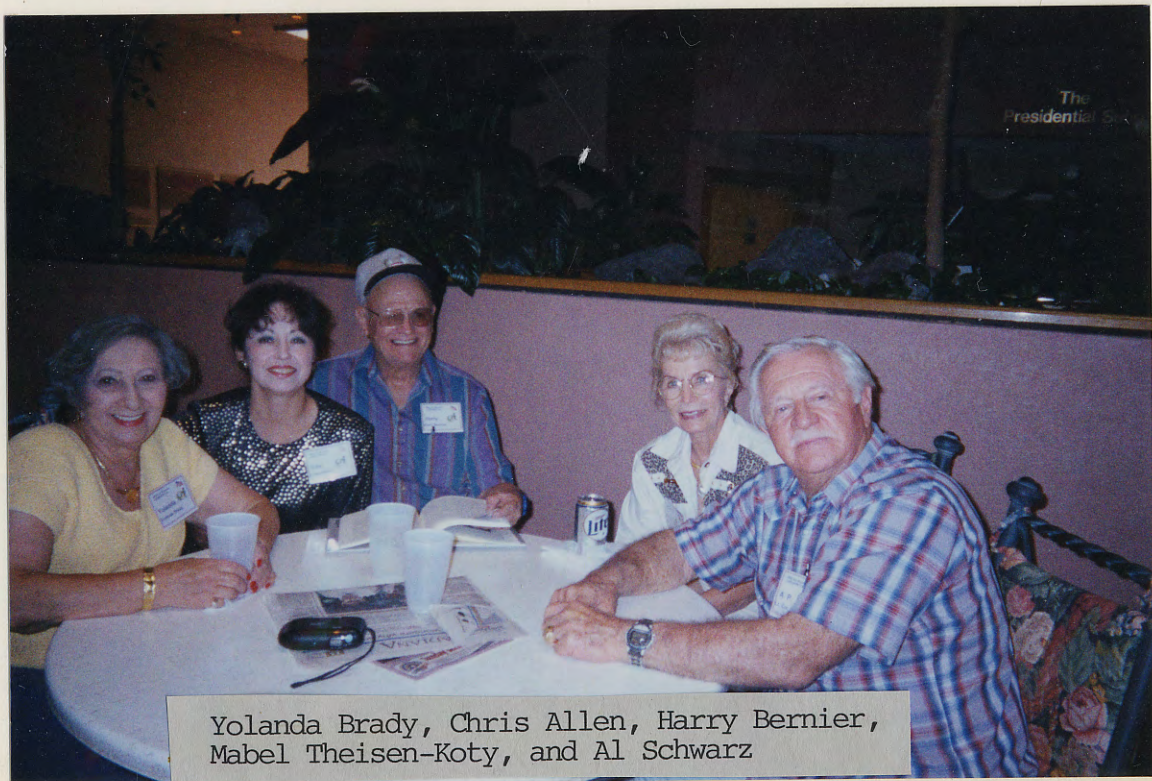
Rocky Nesom, Tom Krohn, Chuck Taylor,  
unidentified lady seated, and Stormy Coleman



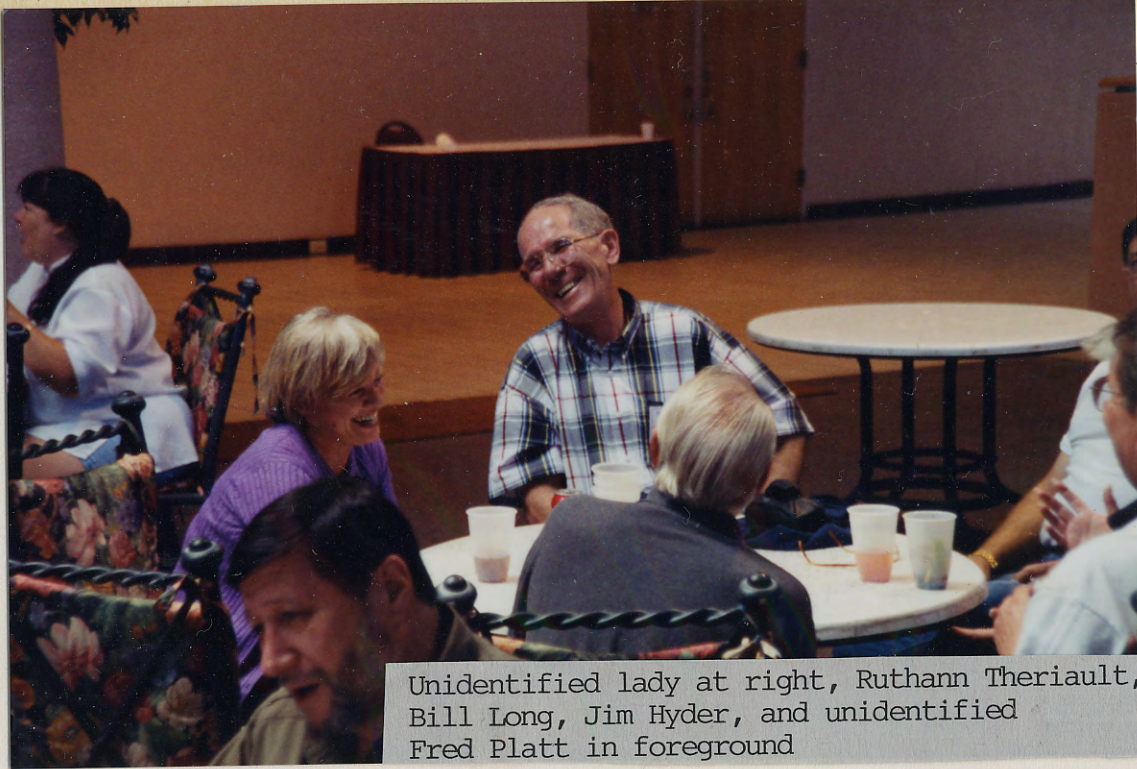
Tom Sullivan's back, unidentified lady seated, Chuck Taylor, Tom Krohn, unidentified hand bag, Herm Jackson, Walt Ranallo, Boyd Mesecher, and Jeff Johnson



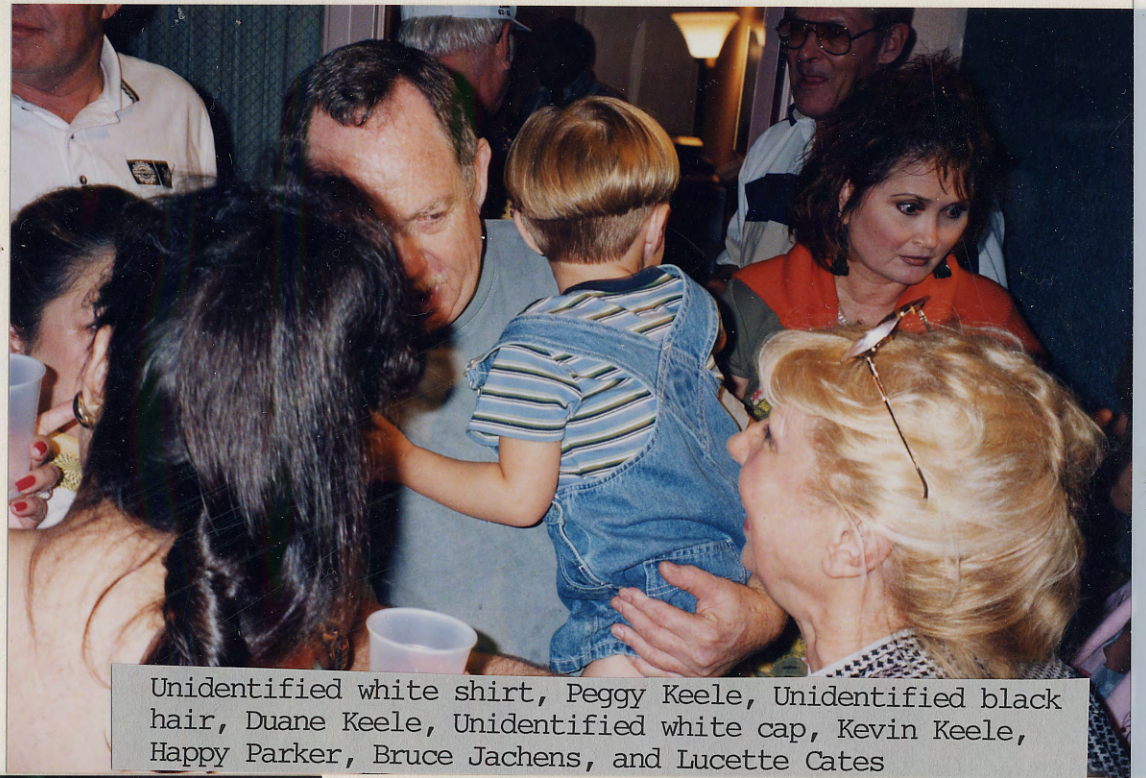
Brian Johnson and Toni Dulits (Morehouse)



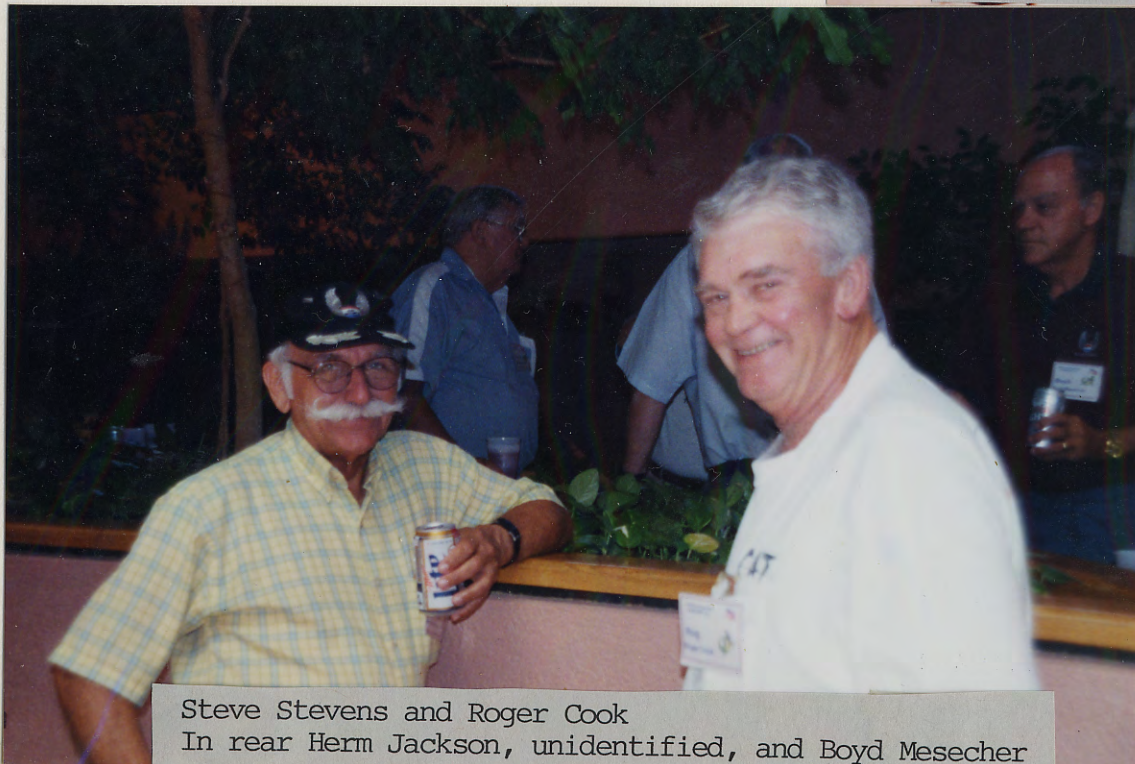
Yolanda Brady, Chris Allen, Harry Bernier, Mabel Theisen-Koty, and Al Schwarz



Unidentified lady at right, Ruthann Theriault, Bill Long, Jim Hyder, and unidentified Fred Platt in foreground



Unidentified white shirt, Peggy Keele, Unidentified black hair, Duane Keele, Unidentified white cap, Kevin Keele, Happy Parker, Bruce Jachens, and Lucette Cates

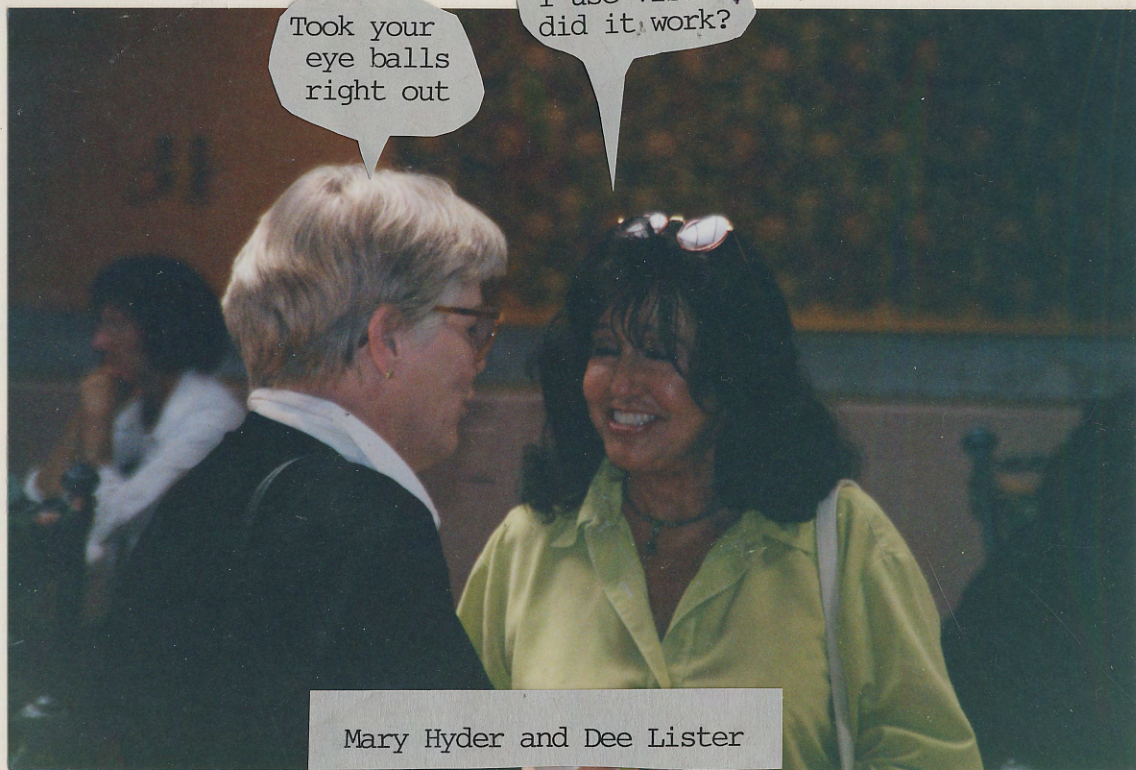


Steve Stevens and Roger Cook  
In rear Herm Jackson, unidentified, and Boyd Mesecher



Happy Parker and Toni Dulitz (Morehouse)

What's this?  
A commercial for  
Visene?



Took your  
eye balls  
right out

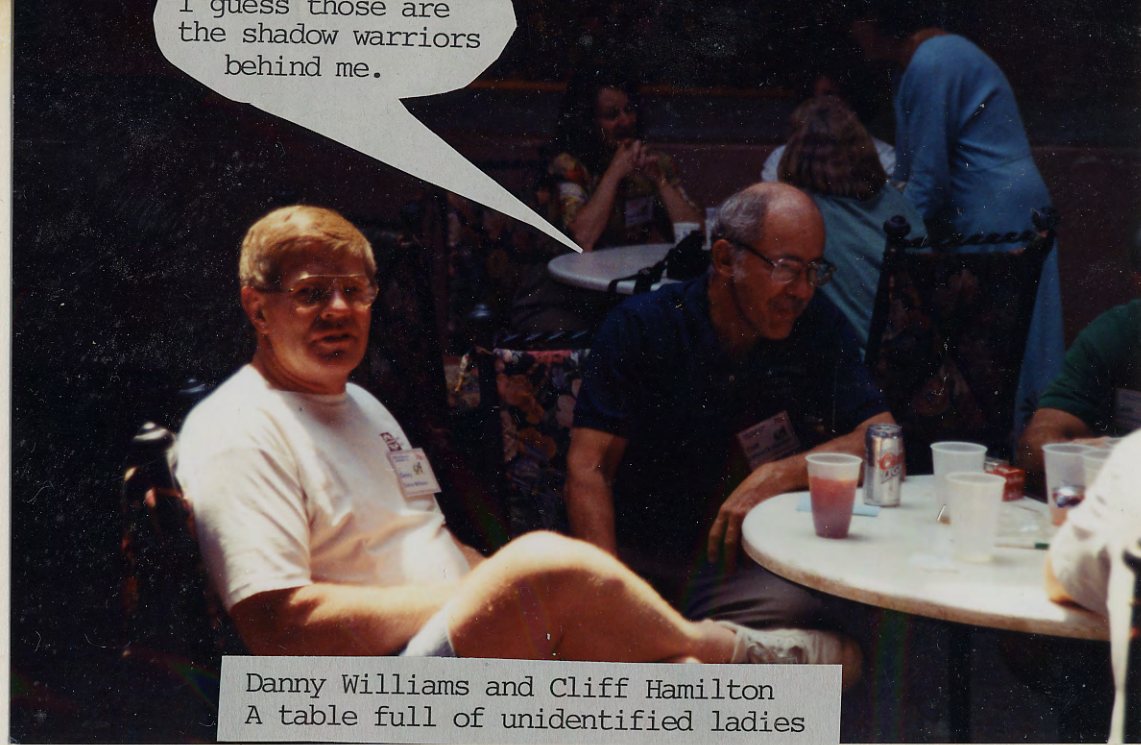
I use Visene,  
did it work?

Mary Hyder and Dee Lister



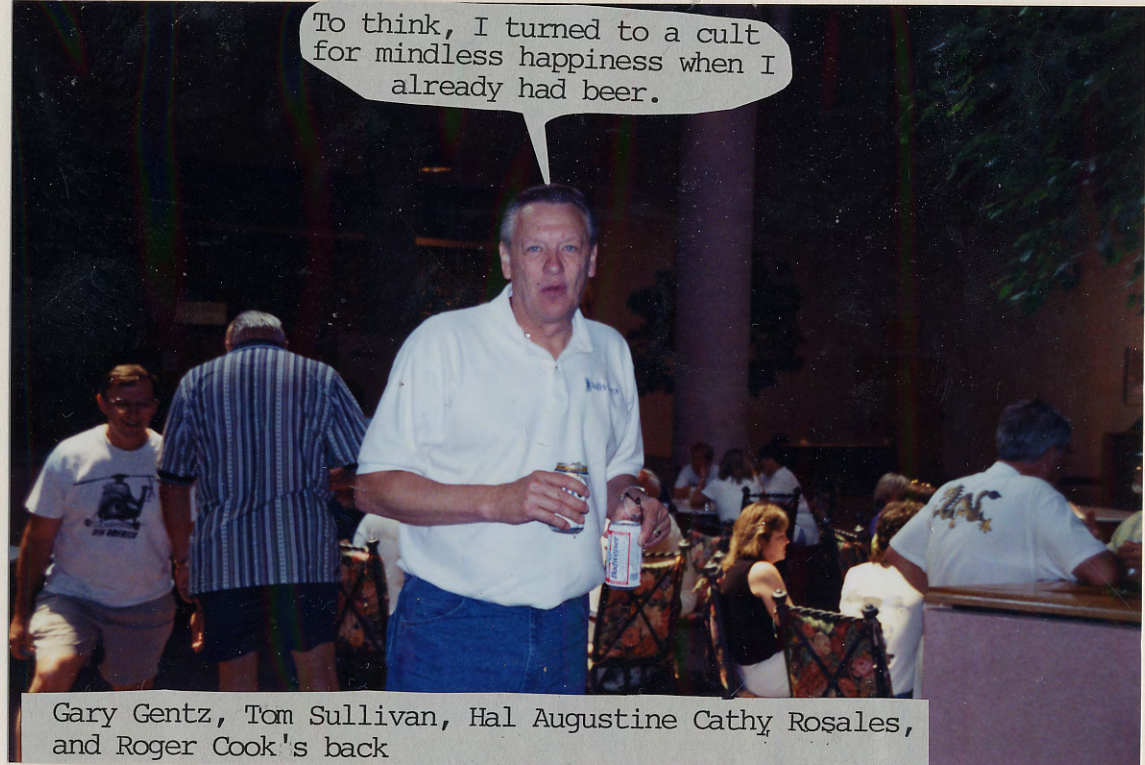
Peggy Keele and Joan Newell

I guess those are  
the shadow warriors  
behind me.



Danny Williams and Cliff Hamilton  
A table full of unidentified ladies

To think, I turned to a cult  
for mindless happiness when I  
already had beer.

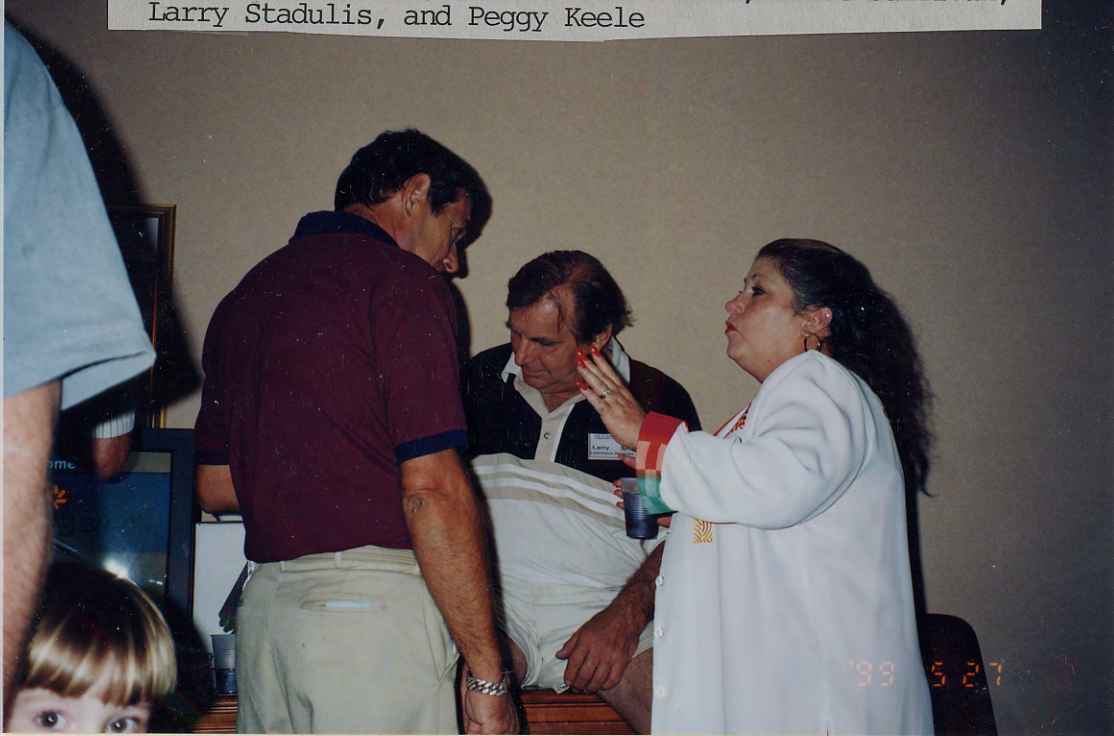


Gary Gentz, Tom Sullivan, Hal Augustine Cathy Rosales,  
and Roger Cook's back

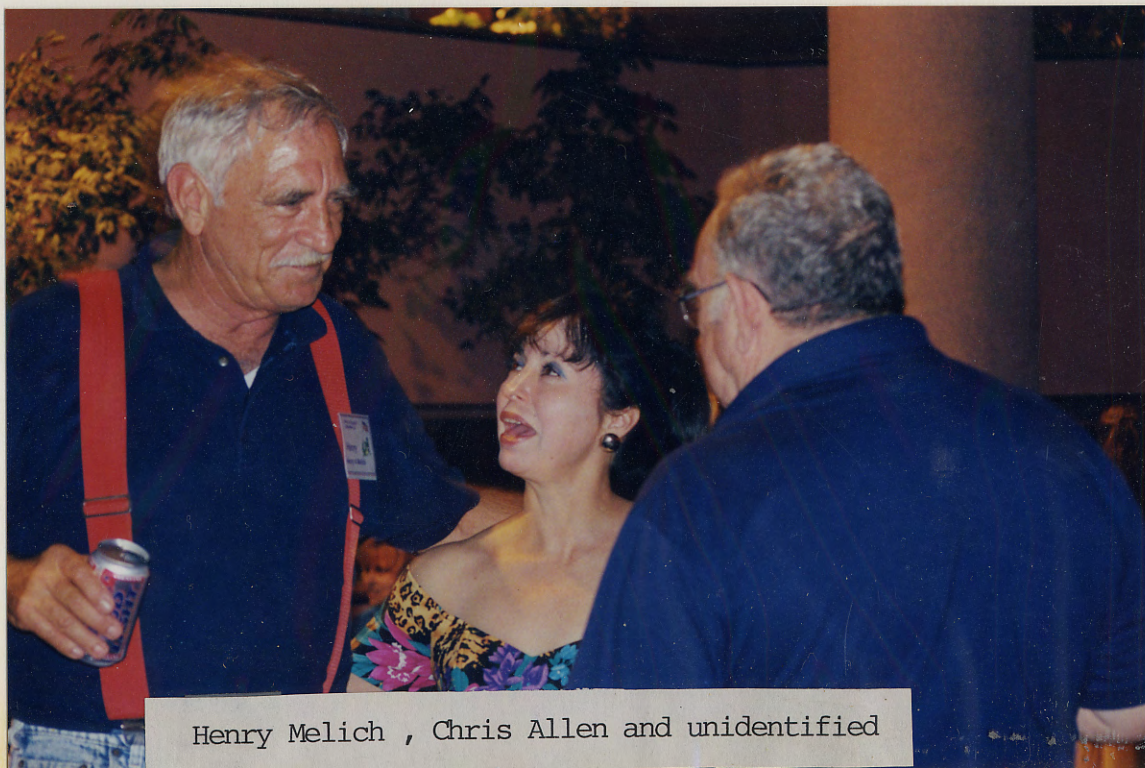


Scott Pirkle

Larry Stadulis, and Peggy Keele



Bruce Jachens, Mari Fountain, Harry Bernier, Herm Jackson, and Tiny McElroy



Henry Melich , Chris Allen and unidentified



Kippie Densley and Glenna Fraser  
Debbie Pirkle at right side of rear table



Unidentified, Debby Pirkle, Debby's sister,  
Al Cates, and unidentified



L to R: Jeff Hotujec, Kathy Roselas Terry Bruner,  
three unidentified at table, Ruthann Theriault,  
Fred Platt, Roger Cook, Jim Hyder, Bill Long,  
unidentified, Stan Waite, Mary Hyder, and Unidentified



Dee Lister, Mary Hyder, Glenna and Larry Fraser, and Stan Waite



Roger Cook and Steve Stevens  
across the back: three unidentified ladies, Jeff  
Hotujec, Tiny McElroy, three unidentified ladies  
at center table, Ruthann Theriault, Fred Platt,  
and Bill Long



Kathy Rosales, Roger Cook, and Fred Platt  
at rear table: Danny Williams, Ed Leonard, and  
unidentified



You might think I have an easy job,

But let's see how well you can identify the people in this picture.

Can you find:

Mike Marshall

Roger Cook

Dick Ford

Frank Balsley

Luke Peters

Tom Krohn

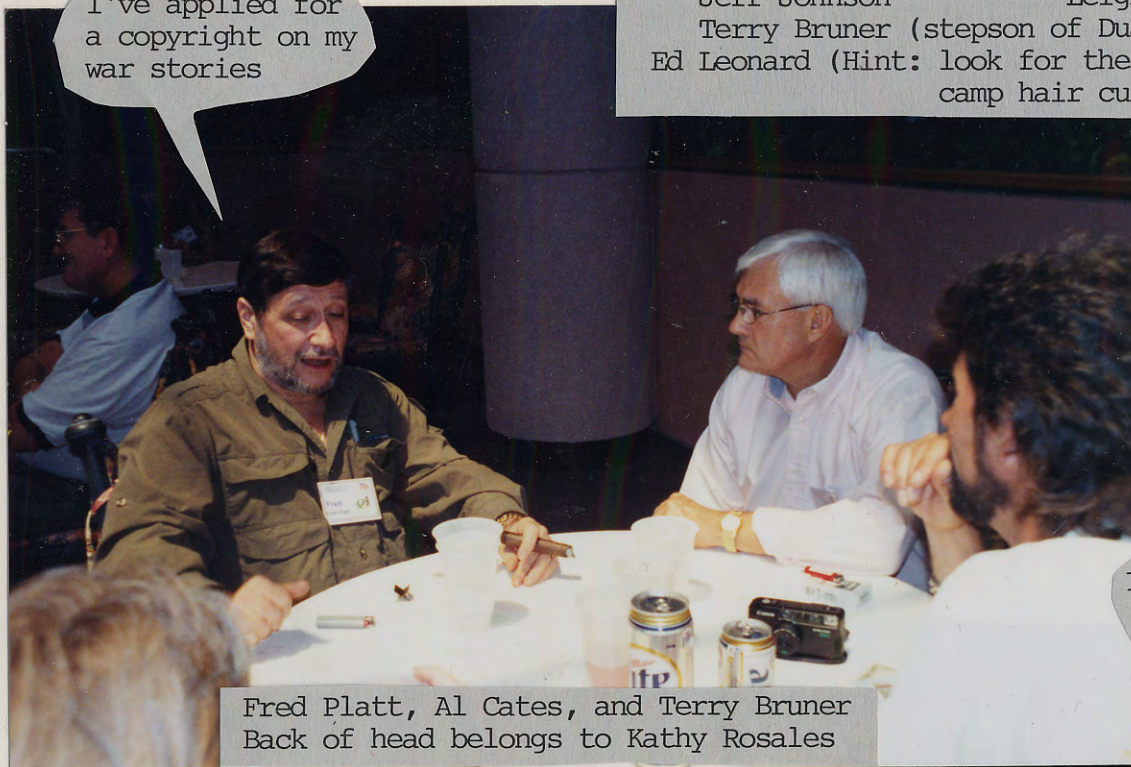
Jeff Johnson

Leigh Hotujec

Terry Bruner (stepson of Duane Keele)

Ed Leonard (Hint: look for the concentration camp hair cut)

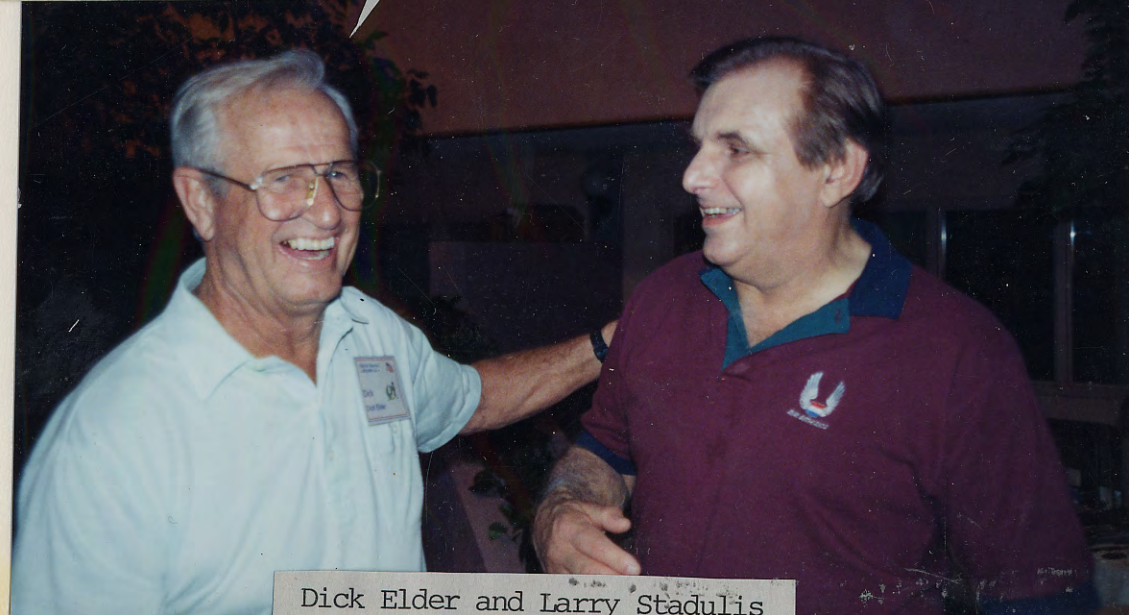
I've applied for a copyright on my war stories



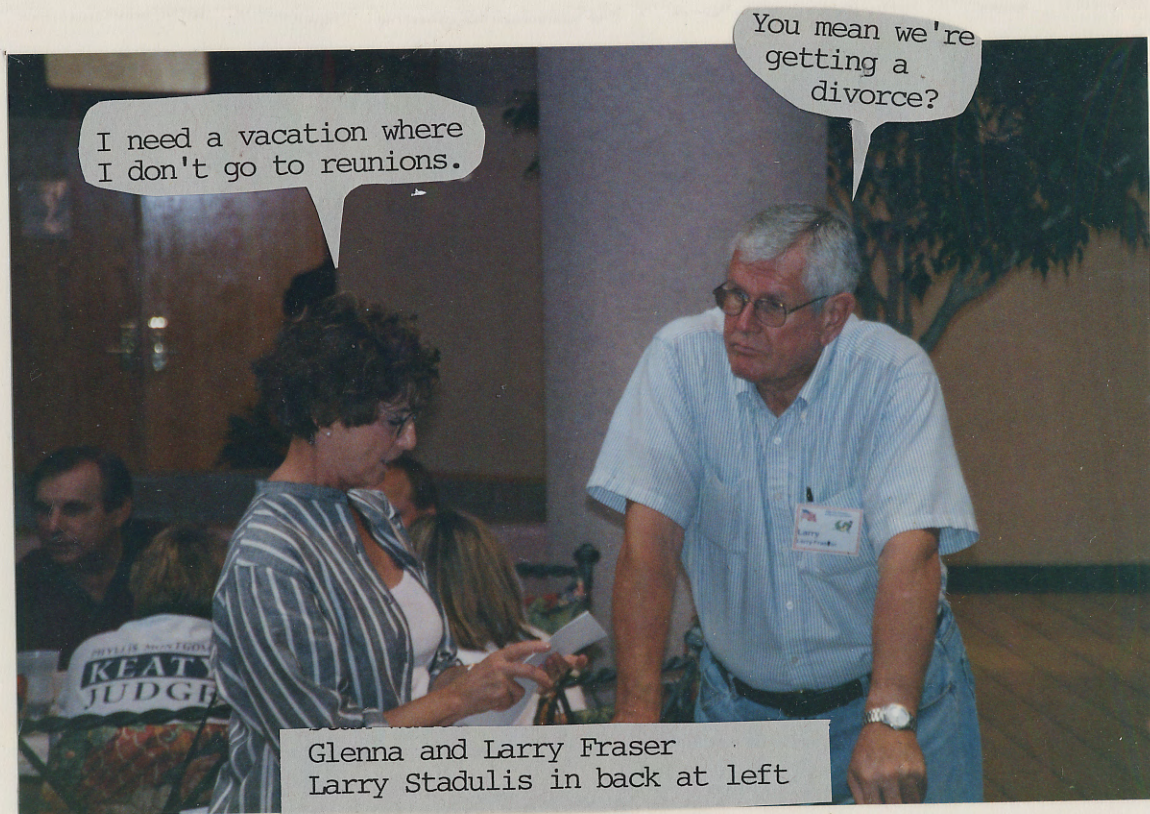
Fred Platt, Al Cates, and Terry Bruner  
Back of head belongs to Kathy Rosales

I've already got a copyright on all of Fred's stories.

You dog.



Dick Elder and Larry Stadulis

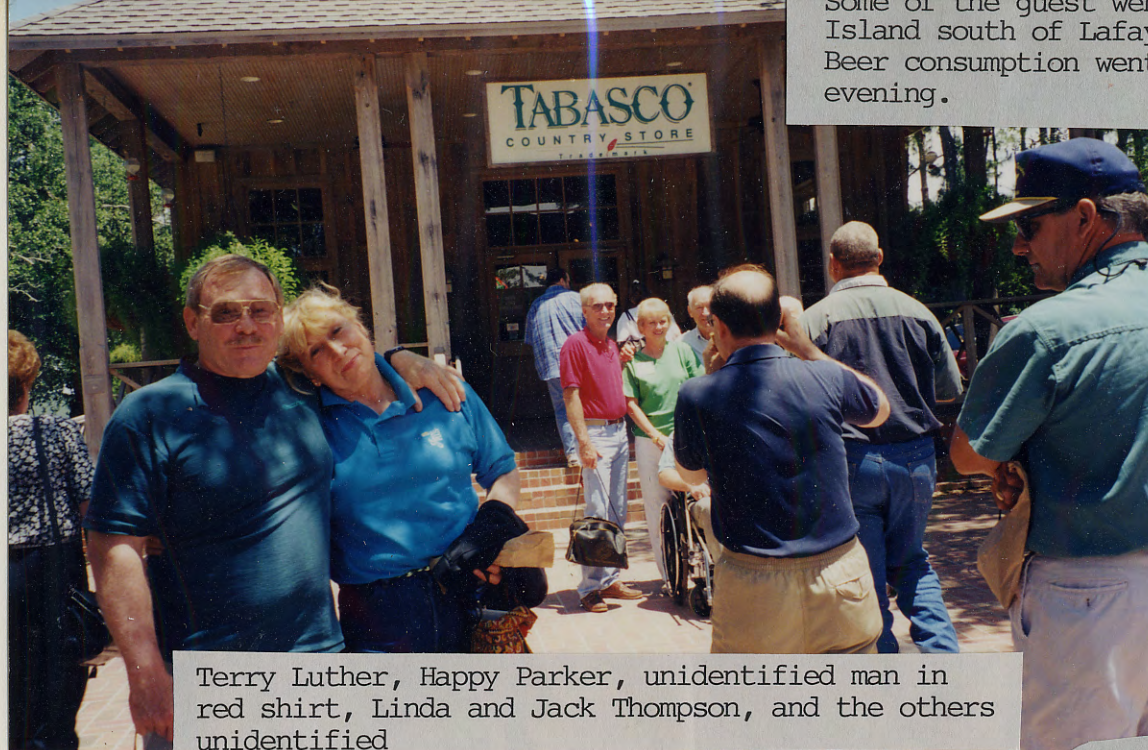


I need a vacation where  
I don't go to reunions.

You mean we're  
getting a  
divorce?

Glenna and Larry Fraser  
Larry Stadulis in back at left

Some of the guest went to the Tabasco Pepper Farms at Avery Island south of Lafayette for an afternoon of pepper tasting. Beer consumption went up dramatically upon their return that evening.



Terry Luther, Happy Parker, unidentified man in red shirt, Linda and Jack Thompson, and the others unidentified

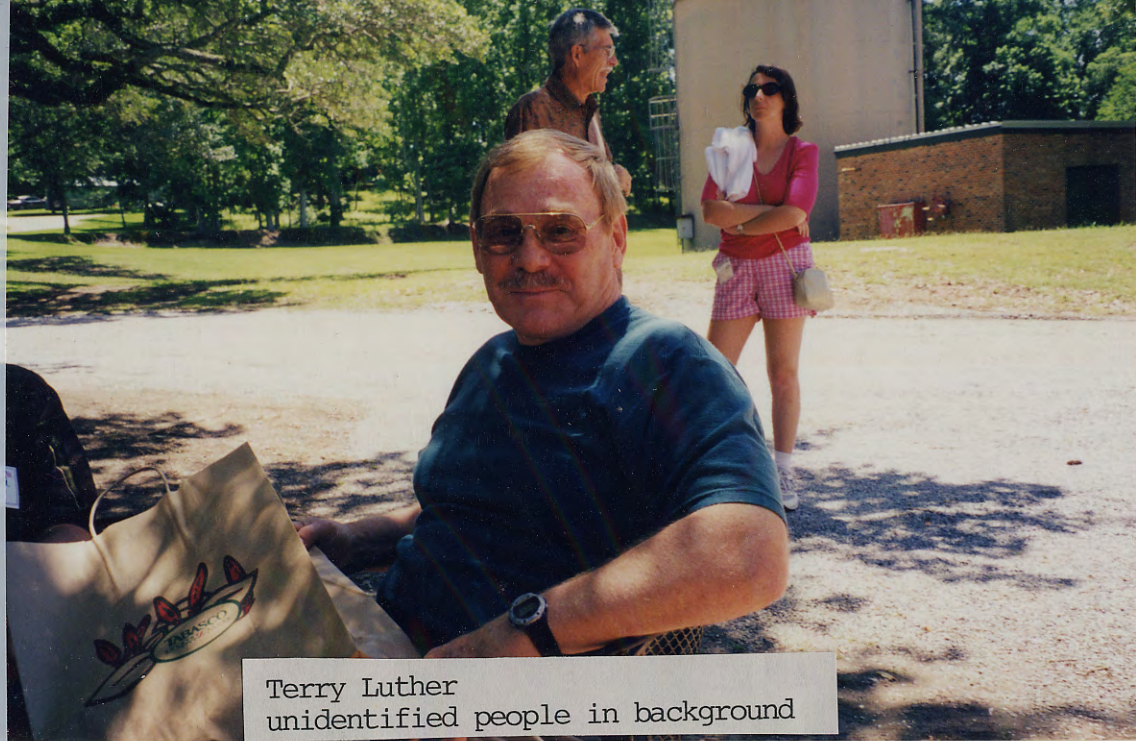
Great set of wheels!!



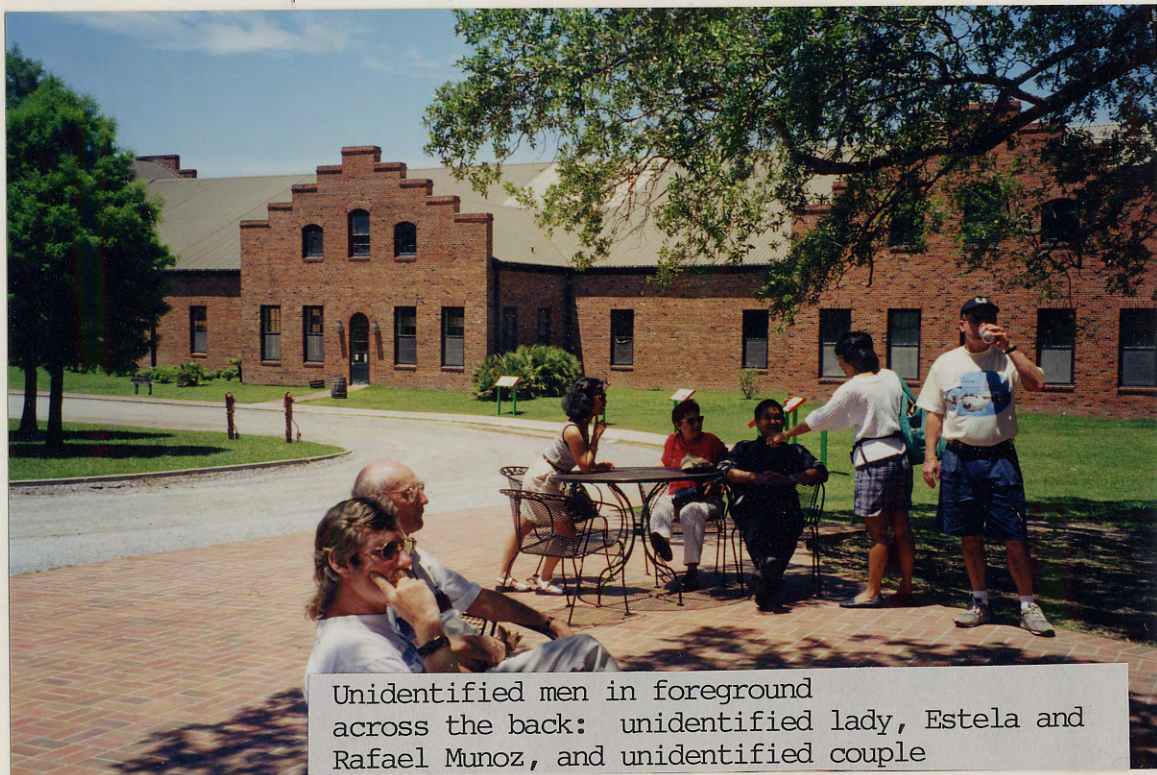
Mike Seale  
No one else identified



Unidentified man in red , Linda and Jack Thompson, Mike Seale, Gen. Harry and Jessie Aderholt  
Looks like Bob Caron far back-cannot identify photographers



Terry Luther  
unidentified people in background



Unidentified men in foreground  
across the back: unidentified lady, Estela and  
Rafael Munoz, and unidentified couple



Carolyn Mauldin, Daisy Riley, and Happy Parker  
Do not recognize anyone in the background except  
Linda Thompson (green shirt)



Stan Wilson and Helen Wight

IS NOT STAN  
WILSON



Carolyn Jachens  
At rear table Claire Mesecher at right



I wonder if he  
could get me  
in the  
movies?

I don't think  
real checks  
have  
exclamation  
points.

Norma and Chuck Green register Monte Markham



Mike Hartrick (guest of Jim Zimmerman) and Jim Zimmerman  
unidentified man at left, Stormy Coleman in white at  
center, and part of Ted Mauldin



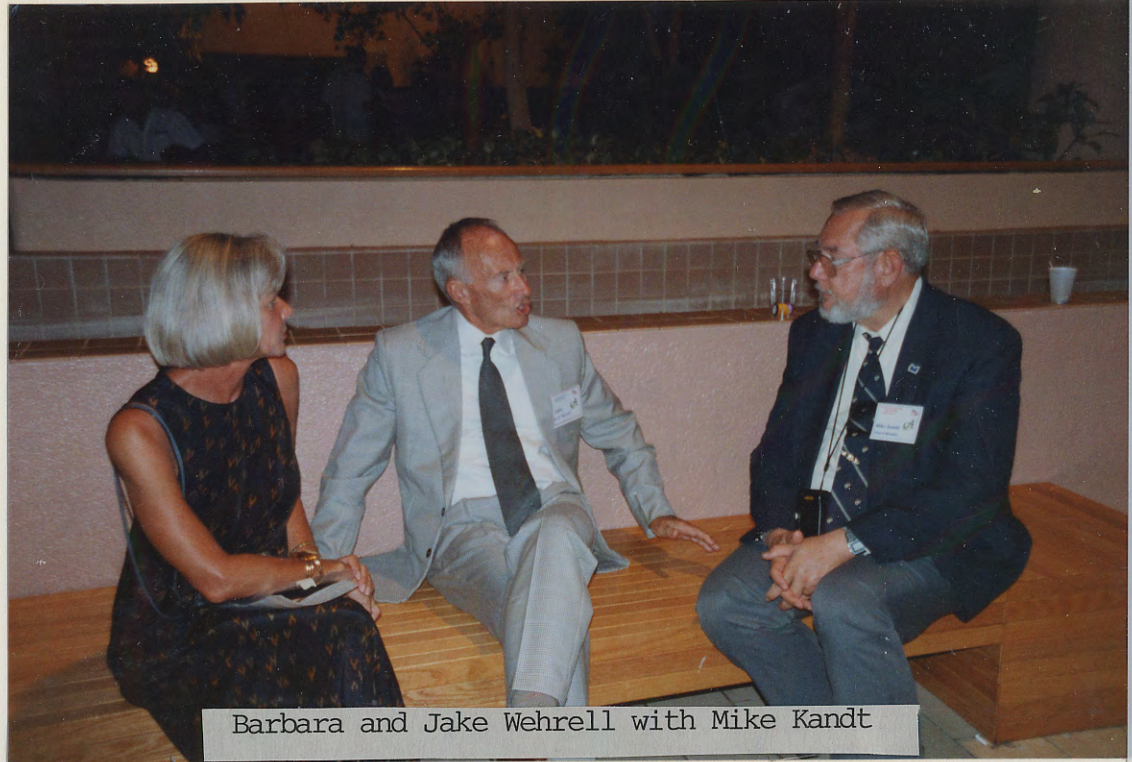
Unidentified couple  
Steve Stevens standing at left  
Kim Ranallo seated at right wit unidentified couple



No one identified in this photo



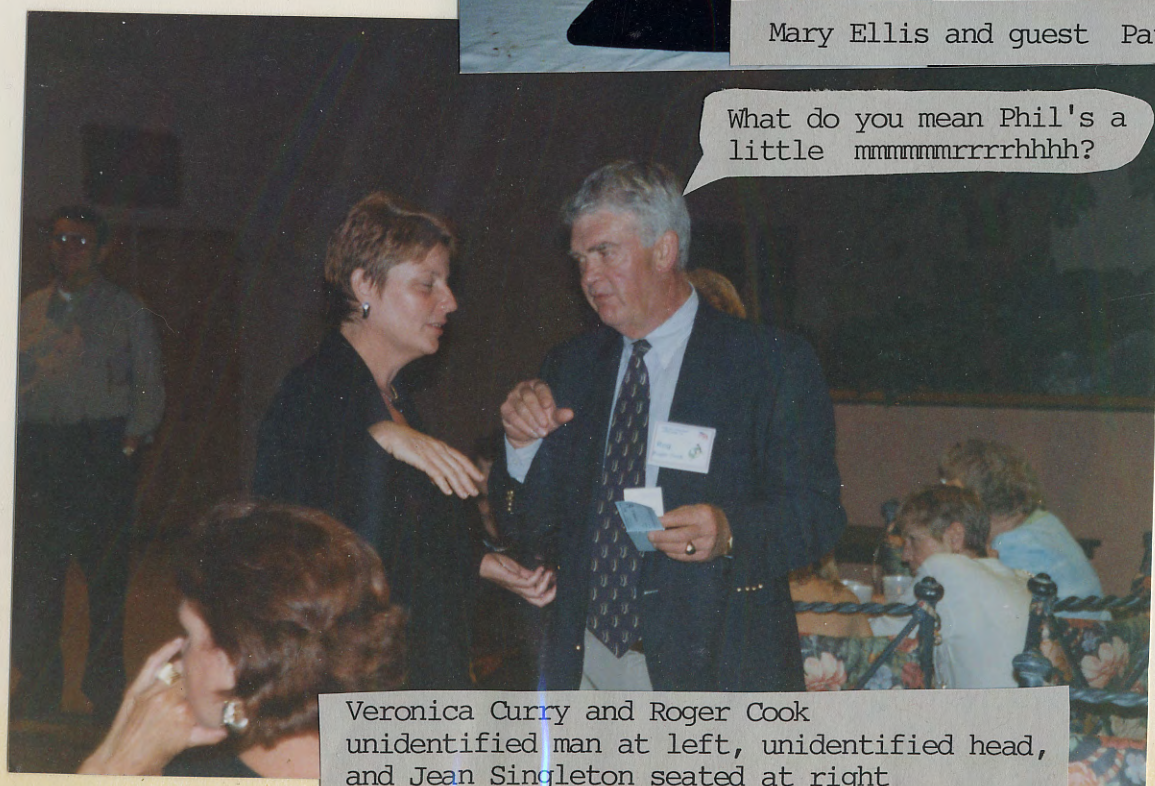
Larry Sall and Gayle Morrison  
left rear- Tiny McElroy



Barbara and Jake Wehrell with Mike Kandt



Mary Ellis and guest Pat Smith



What do you mean Phil's a little mmmmmrrrrrhhhh?

Veronica Curry and Roger Cook  
unidentified man at left, unidentified head,  
and Jean Singleton seated at right



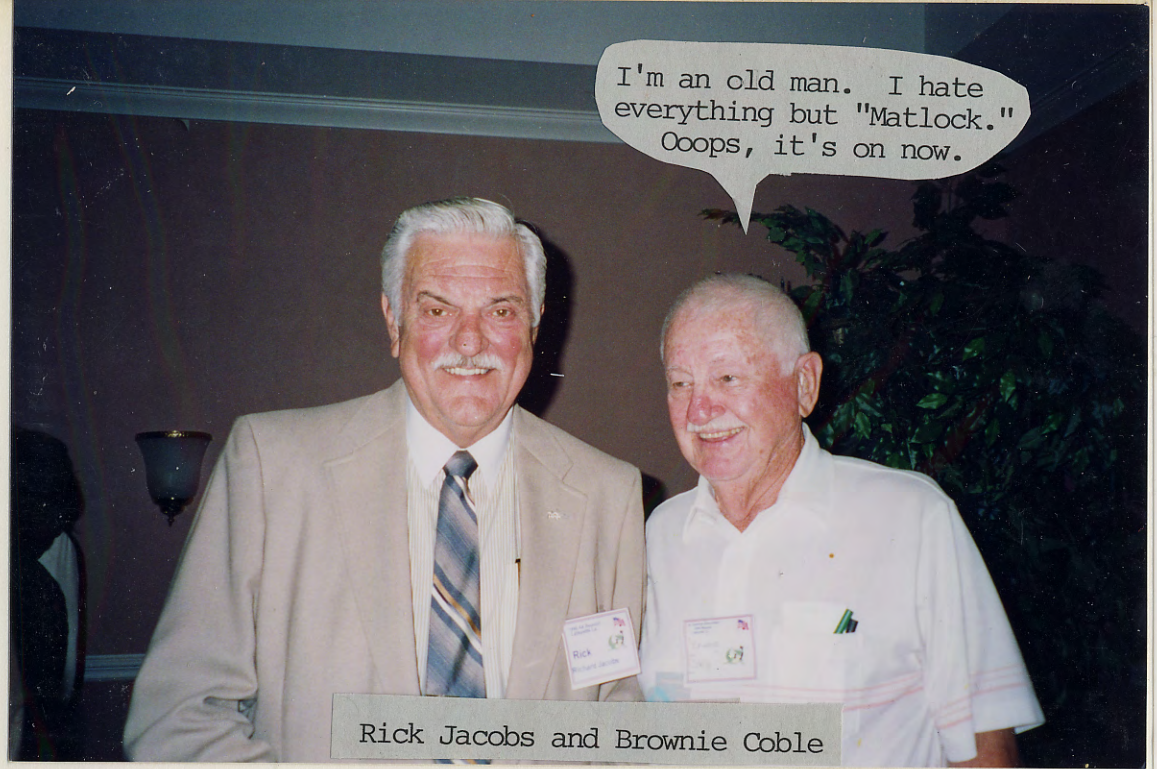
Sommay Gamelin, Judy Porter, and Tom Krohn



Jack Thompson, Evelyn Vehrs, and John Stallman



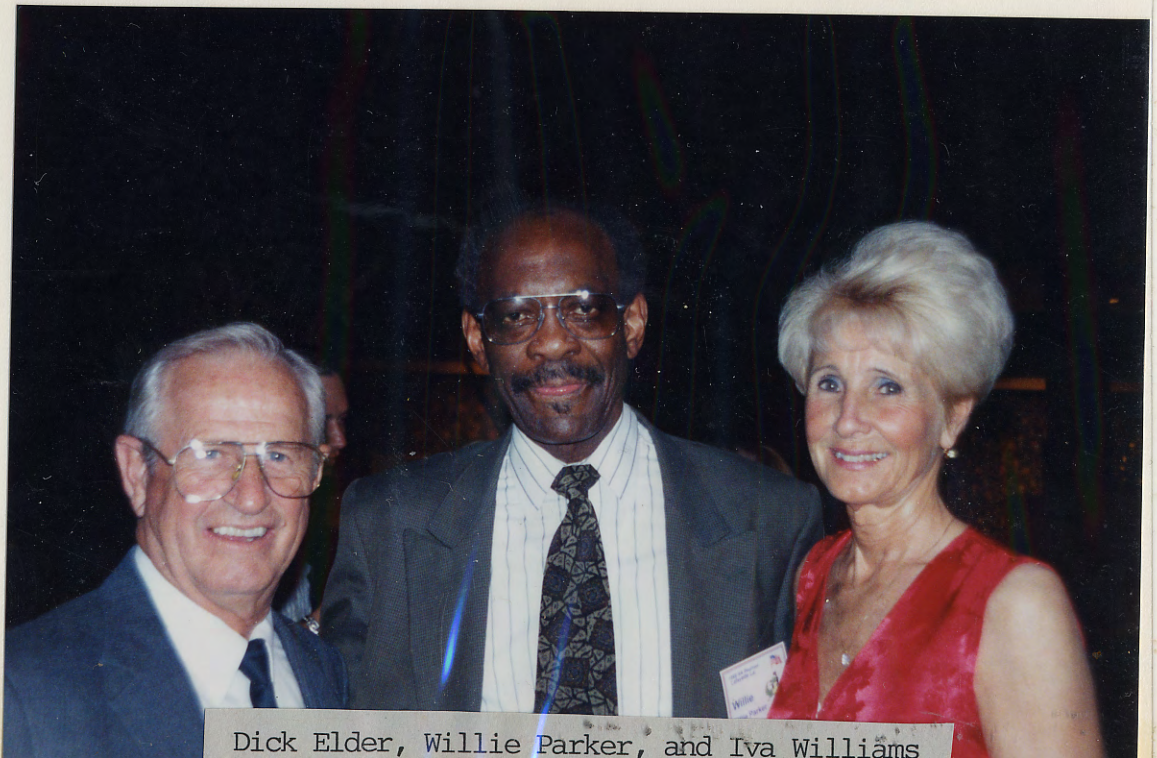
Youpha Watson and Sommay Gamelin



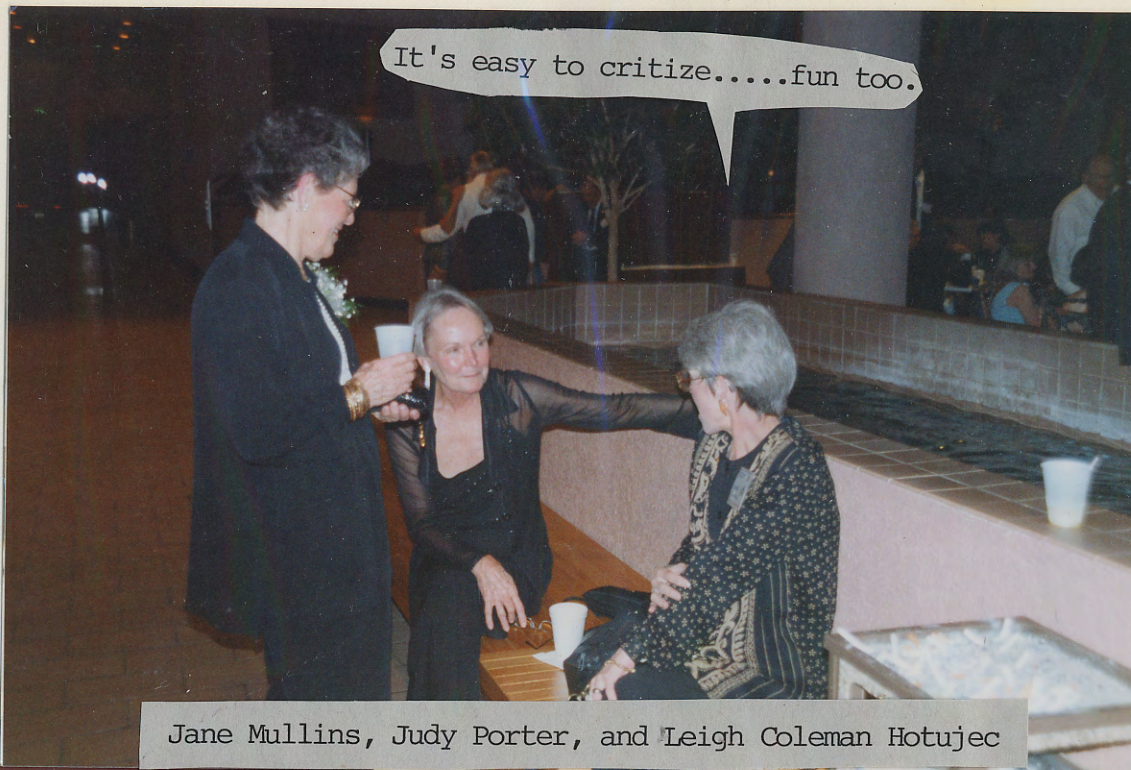
Rick Jacobs and Brownie Coble



Dee Lister and Larry Stadulis



Dick Elder, Willie Parker, and Iva Williams



Jane Mullins, Judy Porter, and Leigh Coleman Hotujec

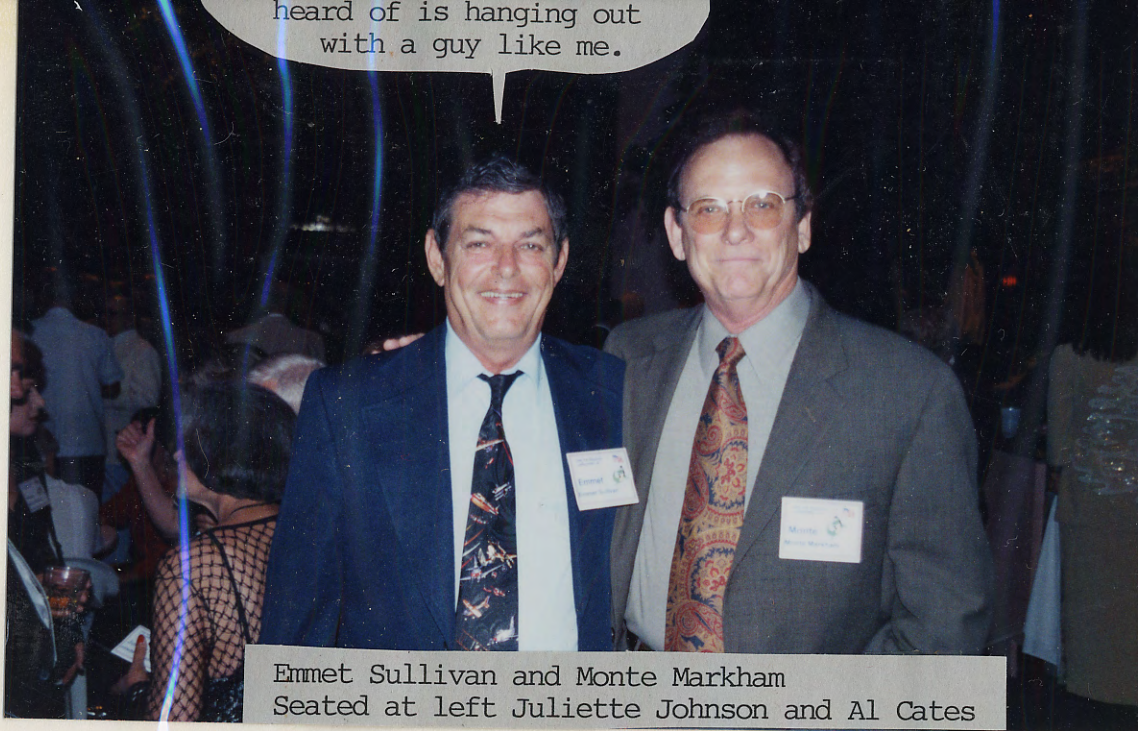


Jack and Linda Thompson with John Stallman



Jake Wehrell, Jack Degan, Sylvia Boehme (Green), John Greenway, and unknowns

heard of is hanging out  
with a guy like me.



Emmet Sullivan and Monte Markham  
Seated at left Juliette Johnson and Al Cates

You deserve the finest things in the  
world. I can give them to you, but...  
they will be repossessed.



Dick Elder and Dee Lister



Duane Keele and Glenn



Jerry McEntee, Veronica Curry, unidentified lady, Phil Goddard, and Wayne Knight standing: unidentified man and A.L. Harris

I don't want to alarm anyone, but I think there's a little al-key-hol in this.



Phil Goddard and guest Veronica Curry at right rear-Frank Balsley, Evelyn Vehrs, John Stallman, and unidentified lady

Jet Lag!!  
Heh! Heh! Heh!



Phil Goddard and Veronica Curry



Wayne Knight (all the way from Australia)



Irean Bednekoff, Katie Morehouse, Bob Stensloff, unidentified, and Ann Young (Bob Stensloff's guest)



Charlie and Susan Davis  
Bruce Jachens at left and appears to be  
Jack Thompson rearing around Susan



The only thing I was good at was driving a plane, and now "the man" says I need a piece of paper for that.

Glenn and Daisy Riley  
Al Swartz at right, do not know couple behind him



Barbara and Jake Wehrell with Mary Ellis



Phillipe Ritter, Toni Dulitz (Morehouse), and Debby Bourque  
(sister of Brenda Broussard)



Judy Porter and Leigh Hotujec



Where's the shrimp, Larry?

I'll act like I don't hear that.

Larry Stadulis and Larry Fraser

There seems to be a little problem with the shrimp, Al. ....there's not any.... but there's a lot of boudin.



Al Cates and Larry Stadulis  
Willie Parker behind the Tree

Lately, my dreams's all involve  
combing my hair.



Willie Parker, Larry Sall, and Shirley Parker

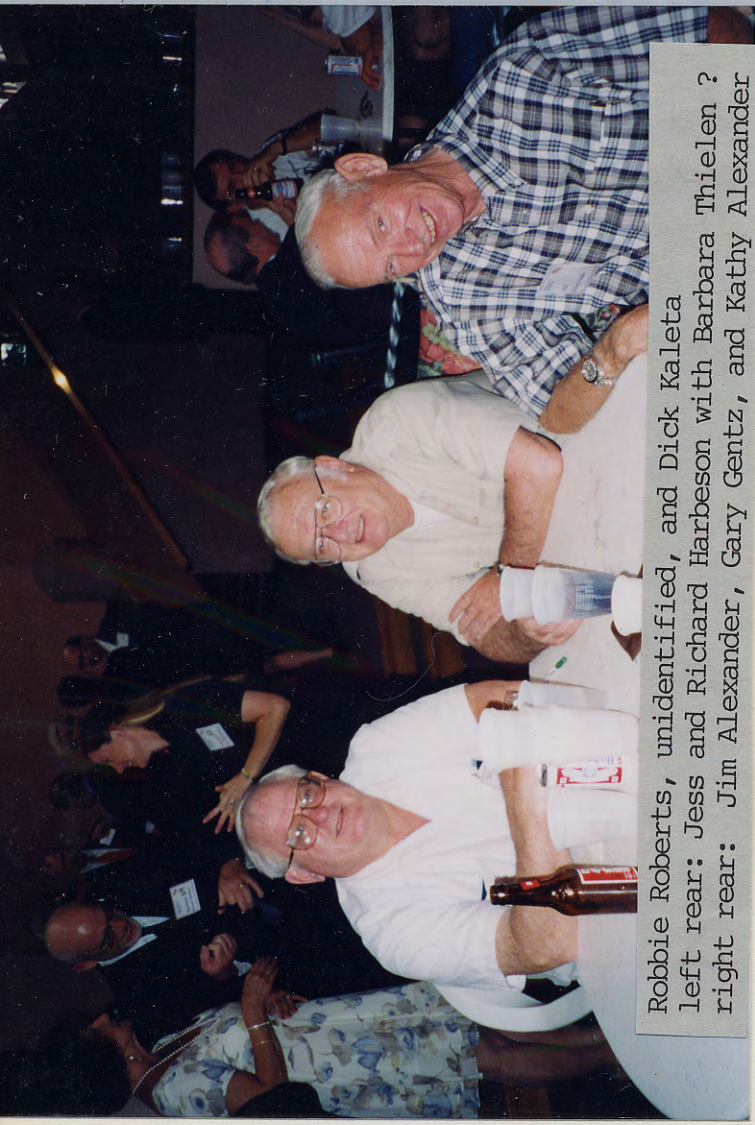
You got my \$ .50 donation  
with my dues, Larry. That's  
it this year.



Mike Seale and Larry Sall



Mei Howrigan and Benna Hoehm



Robbie Roberts, unidentified, and Dick Kaleta  
left rear: Jess and Richard Harbeson with Barbara Thielen ?  
right rear: Jim Alexander, Gary Gentz, and Kathy Alexander



Stan and Chau Thompsen with Duane Keele  
Mick Forrest standing at right, no one else identified



Inez Mulholland, Susan Mulholland, Jess Harbeson,  
unidentified man (in back), and Phillippe Ritter



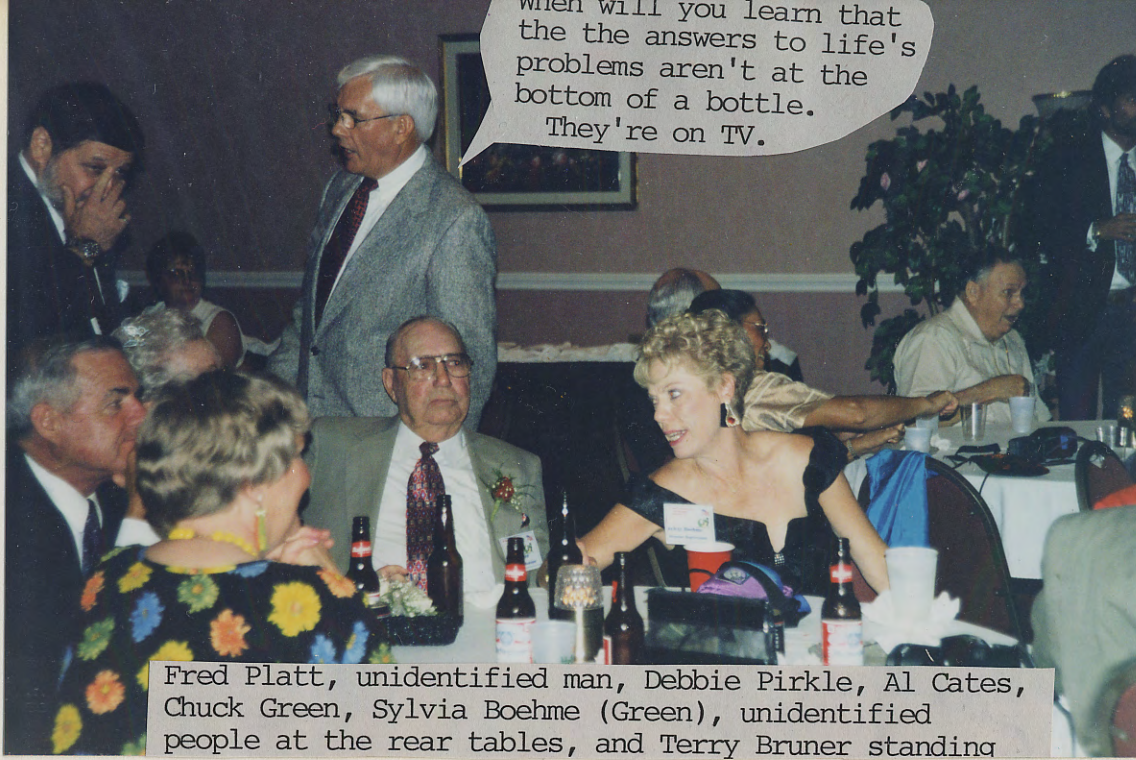
Milke and Katherine Marshall with Tom Jenny



Mary and Jim Hyder



Guest of Porter Pierce, Bruce and Carolyn Jachens



When will you learn that the the answers to life's problems aren't at the bottom of a bottle. They're on TV.

Fred Platt, unidentified man, Debbie Pirkle, Al Cates, Chuck Green, Sylvia Boehme (Green), unidentified people at the rear tables, and Terry Bruner standing



You can't go wrong with cocktail weenies. They look good. They taste good!

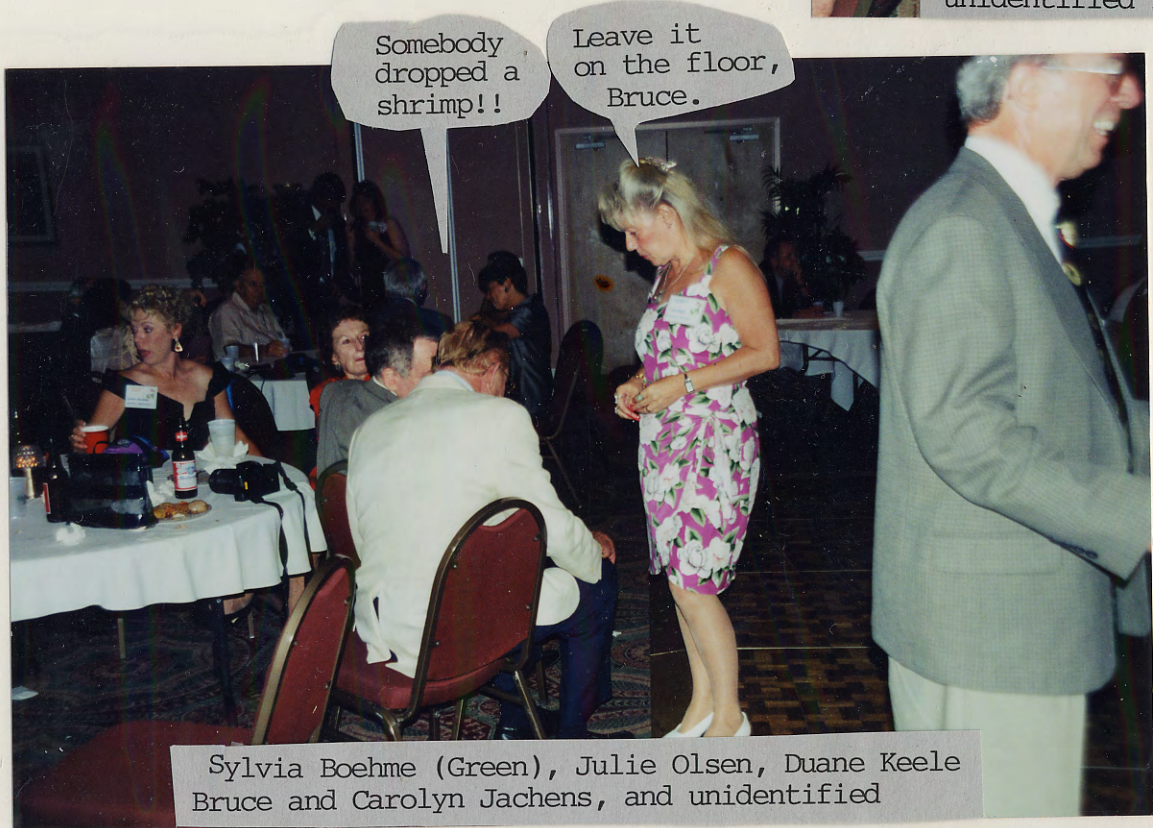
Helen Wight, Jim and Kathleen Alexander, and Emmet Sullivan  
 Standing in rear: several unidentified, Al Cates, Larry Stadulis, unidentified lady—all the guest at the tables unidentified



Helen Wight, Jim and Kathleen Alexander, and Stan Waite  
 Standing in rear: Al Cates, Larry Stadulis, Chris Knotts, and unidentified lady—guest at table unidentified



Bruce Jachens, Mike Seale, guest of Porter Pierce, Carolyn Jachens, Porter Pierce, Shirley and Willie Parker, and two unidentified ladies



Sylvia Boehme (Green), Julie Olsen, Duane Keele Bruce and Carolyn Jachens, and unidentified



Jim and Mamie Mills with Bob Watson across back: J.C. Bond, Kippie Densley, Porter Pierce, Bruce and Carolyn Jachens, Mike Seale and unidentified man

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Jim Zimmerman and Ted and Carolyn Mauldin



Ken Mackie and Emmet Sullivan



Unidentified and Janet-Rae Bond

NITA  
GUEST  
ANNE  
AL HARRIS



You name it.  
I haven't done it.

Unidentified and Bob Davis

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John McRainey and Lucette Cates



Phillippe (friend of the Johnsons) and Juliette Johnson



Larry Fraser and Jerry McEntee



Don and Benna Hoehm



Amy Adams with baby (Alexis-?)  
at right -John McRainey



Rocky Nesom



Susan Davis



Bob Charnock

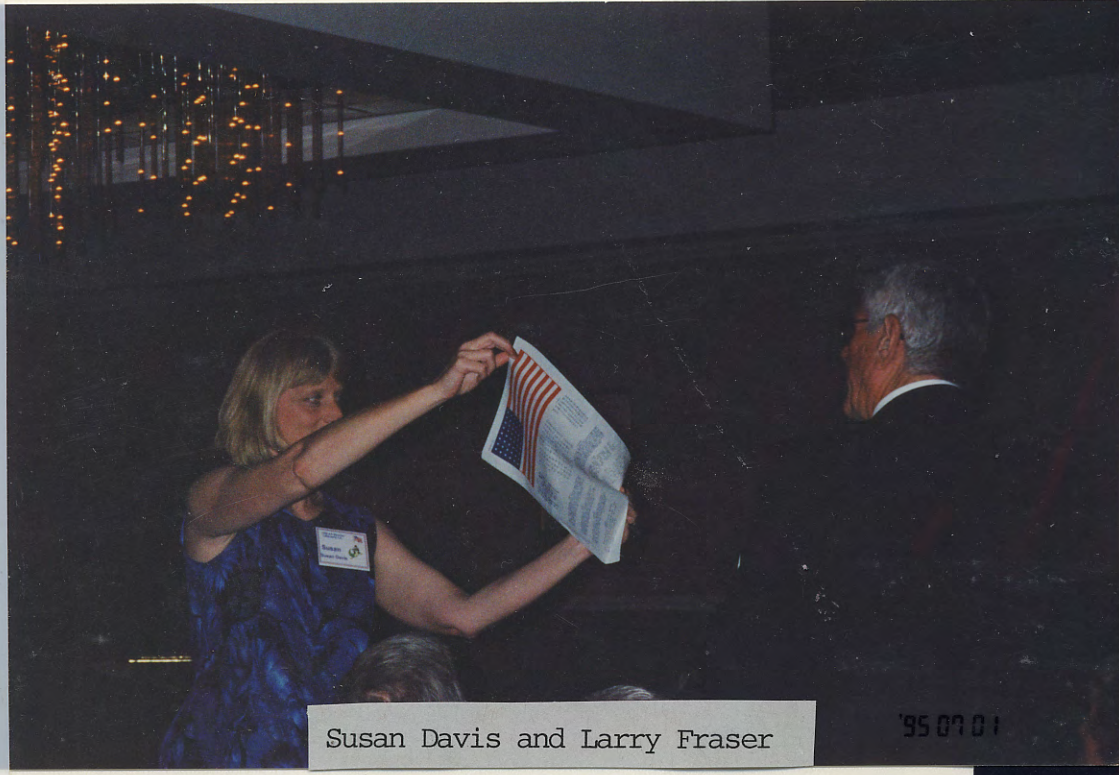
I was finally forced to stop going up country for health reasons. I could have been shot.



Unidentified boy, Marte Markham, and Jerry McEntee

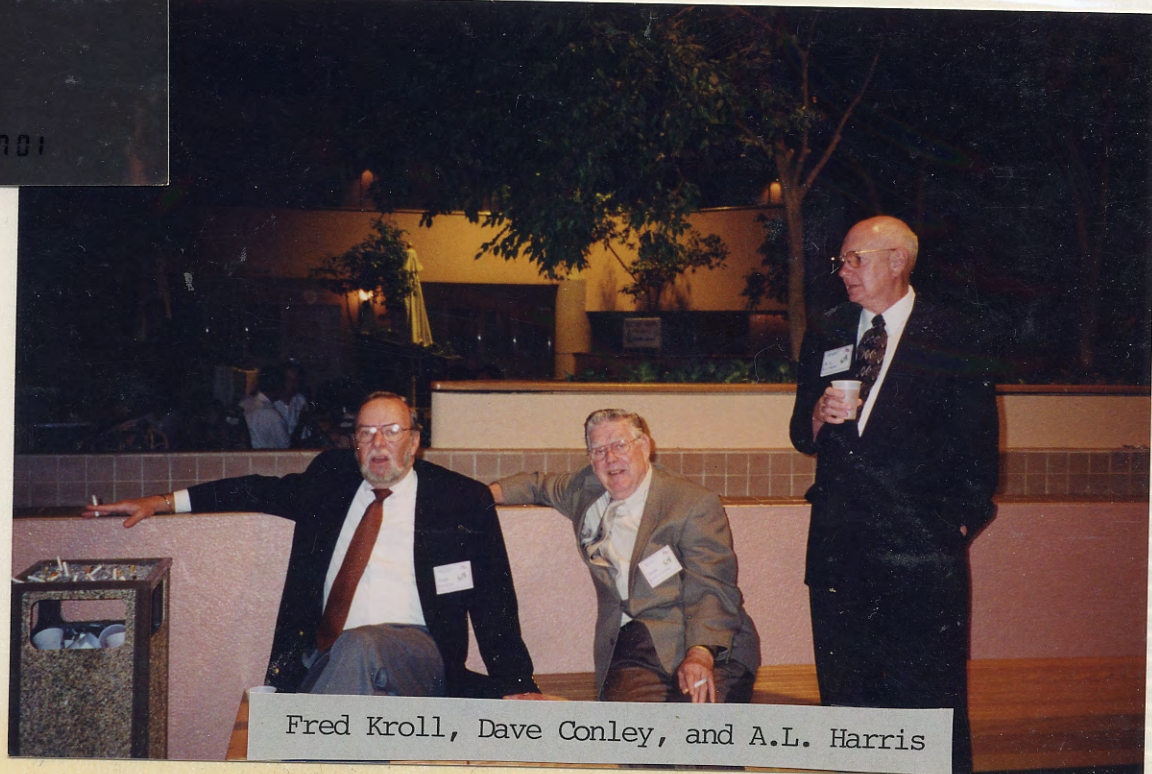


DAN MIXON  
Unidentified, Dan Gamelin, and Joan Newell



Susan Davis and Larry Fraser

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Fred Kroll, Dave Conley, and A.L. Harris



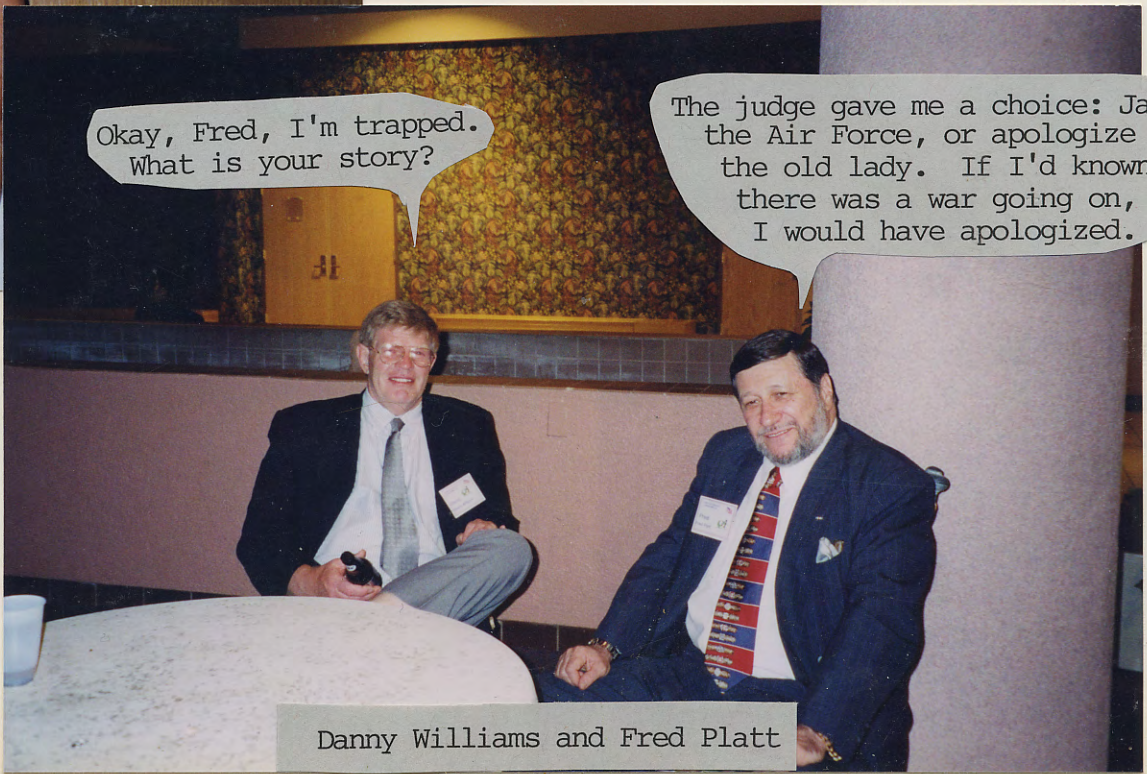
Rafael and Estela Munoz with Ariel Densley at rear table- unidentified lady talks to Khana and Bob Caron



Chuch Taylor, Jeff Hotujec, and Danny Williams



Mable Theisen-Koty and Dee Lister



Okay, Fred, I'm trapped. What is your story?

The judge gave me a choice: Jail, the Air Force, or apologize to the old lady. If I'd known there was a war going on, I would have apologized.

Danny Williams and Fred Platt



Bob Stensloff and Ann Young



Brownie Coble and Fred Kroll



Herman Hines with unidentified lady  
daughter Danielle Coleman



Fred and Mitch Cuprenski



OUR LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT



Our entertainment for the evening was provided by These young ladies from a nearby Laotian community. That's Larry Stadulis and unidentified man in rear



Jean Singleton, A.L. Harris, B.J. Singleton, Barbara Harris, unidentified lady, June and Dave Crowell, Pat ?, Janet and J.C. Bond, Jim Mills, Kippie Densley, Porter Pierce, and Mamie Mills



The Lao dancers perform for Jean and B.J. Singleton (heads) unidentified man, Brenda Broussard and unidentified man watch from stage area.

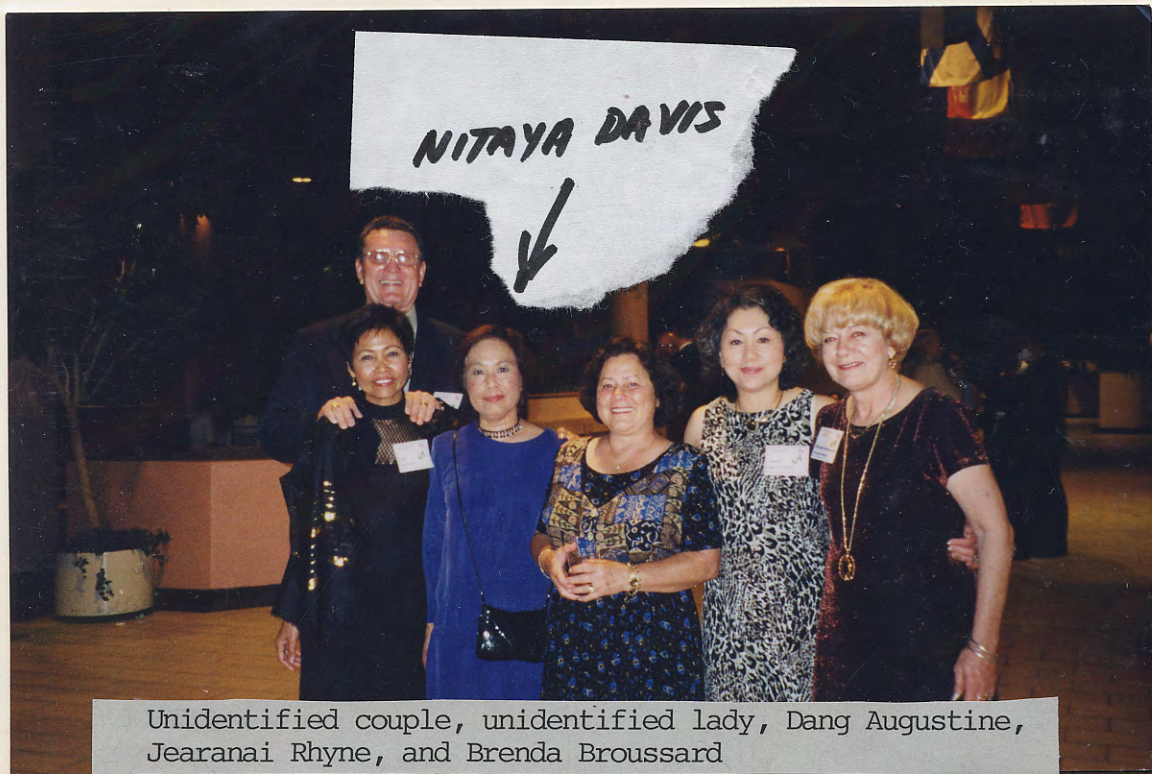




Benna Hoehm, unidentified, Happy Parker, Brenda Broussard, Kippie Densley, and Glenna Fraser in front of The Cajun Playboys Band



Richard and Jess Harbeson, Brian Johnson, Barbara Thielen (McRainey), and Sandra McRainey



Unidentified couple, unidentified lady, Dang Augustine, Jearanai Rhyne, and Brenda Broussard



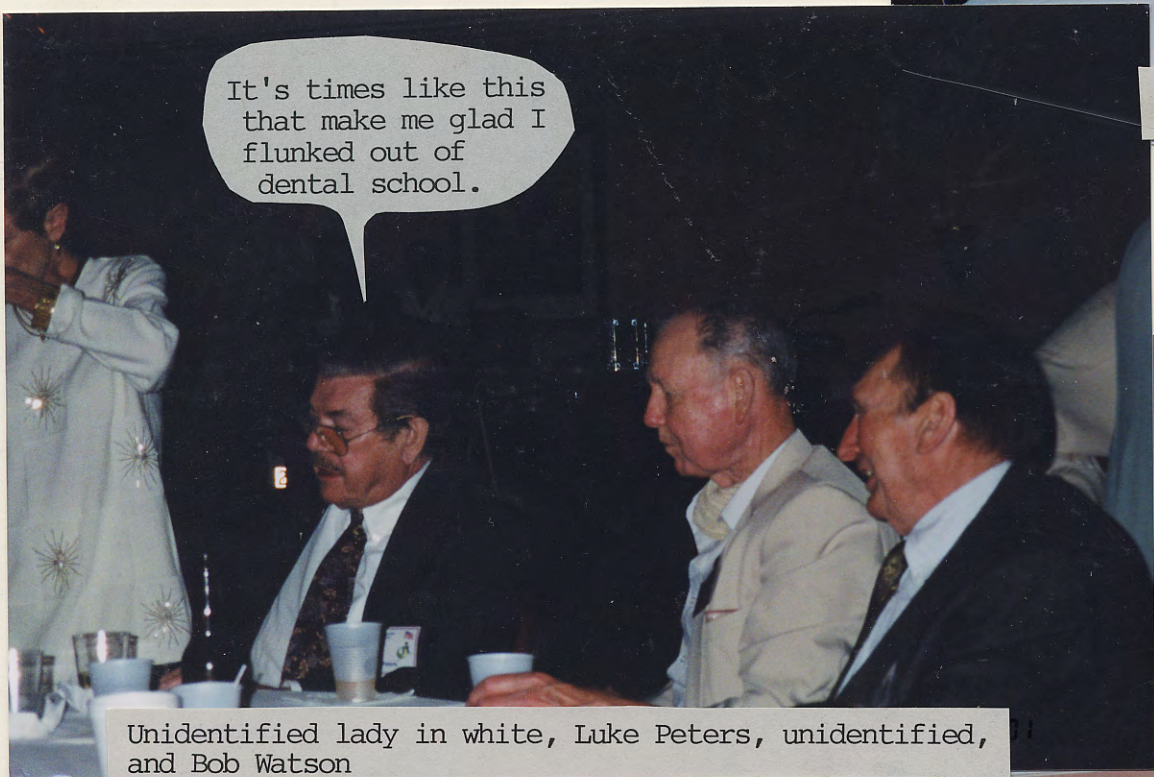
Unidentified young lady, Ariel Densley, and Brianna Mulholland



Kathleen Alexander, Larry and Glenna Fraser, and Ruthann Theriault  
Looks like Chris Knotts in background



Guest of Jake Wehrell with Barbara and Jake Wehrell



It's times like this  
that make me glad I  
flunked out of  
dental school.

Unidentified lady in white, Luke Peters, unidentified,  
and Bob Watson



Ann Young (guest of Bob Stensloff) and Don Hoehm



Luke Peters and other unidentified at the table enjoy the performance of the Laotian dancers.



We'll now do our own arrangement of that "White rose" favorite "Don't look up my dress unless you mean it".

I don't know the words to that.

Ad lib.

Benna Hoehn, unidentified man, unidentified lady, Happy Parker, Brenda Broussard, Kippie Densley, and Glenna Fraser

HERMAN  
HINES WIFE  
ANGELA



Unidentified man talking to the band, unidentified lady, Happy Parker, Brenda Broussard, Kippie Densley, and Glenna Fraser

ANGELA HINES



I feel the need to cut a rug.

Jack Knotts, Chris Knotts, June and Dave Crowell  
Do not know who lady at rear is



Janet and J.C. Bond, unidentified lady, Bruce and Carolyn Jachens, and Bea Mauldin



Gayle Morrison's ear, Larry Stadulis, Mike Seale, Jack Knotts, Mabel Theisen-Koty, Willie Parker, and Lao dancers



The Cajun Playboys, ~~unidentified lady~~, Happy Parker, Brenda Broussard, Jack Knotts, and Glenna Fraser

↓  
ANGELA  
HINES



Janet-Rae Bond, Jack Knotts, and Emmet Sullivan  
unidentified couple at right



The Cajun Playboys play for Bob Stensloff with  
unidentified young lady and Brianna Mulholland,  
Matt and Marilyn Daddio, and unidentified couple



Bob and Betty Dawson



Hey, Oldtimer, my Dad sells insurance.

The Cajun Playboys play for Bob Stensloff who Do-Si-Do's with two young ladies, an unidentified couple, and Marilyn and Matt Daddio



Jack Knotts, Janet Bond, and Emmet Sullivan



Ariel Densley and Jim Alexander  
In background- Briana Mulholland, Brownie Coble (in white shirt), Mabel Theisen-Koty and L.J. Broussard dance at right



L.J. Broussard, Jim Zimmerman, Matt Daddio, and Brends Broussard with the Lao dancers, and the Cajun Playboys



Mike Seale shows the Laotian girls how to do the wheel chair version of Lao dancing.  
at left: Gayle Morrison and Sylvia Boehme do a more Americanized version of Lao dancing with unidentified partners.



Gayle Morrison with unidentified partner, Mike Seale, unidentified man, Sylvia Boehme (Green), Jack Knotts, unidentified man, Willie Parker, and Janet Bond serve as background for these Lao dancers.



Pat Chennault, Julie Olsen, Debby Pirkle's sister, unidentified man with young girls, Debbie Pirkle, Stormy Coleman, Peggy Keele, Jack Knotts, and Luke Peters



Debbie Pirkle, Peggy Keele, Jack Knotts, Luke Peters, Unidentified lady, and unidentified head



Lao dancer, Sylvia Boehme (Green), Larry Stadulis, Jack Knotts and Janet Bond

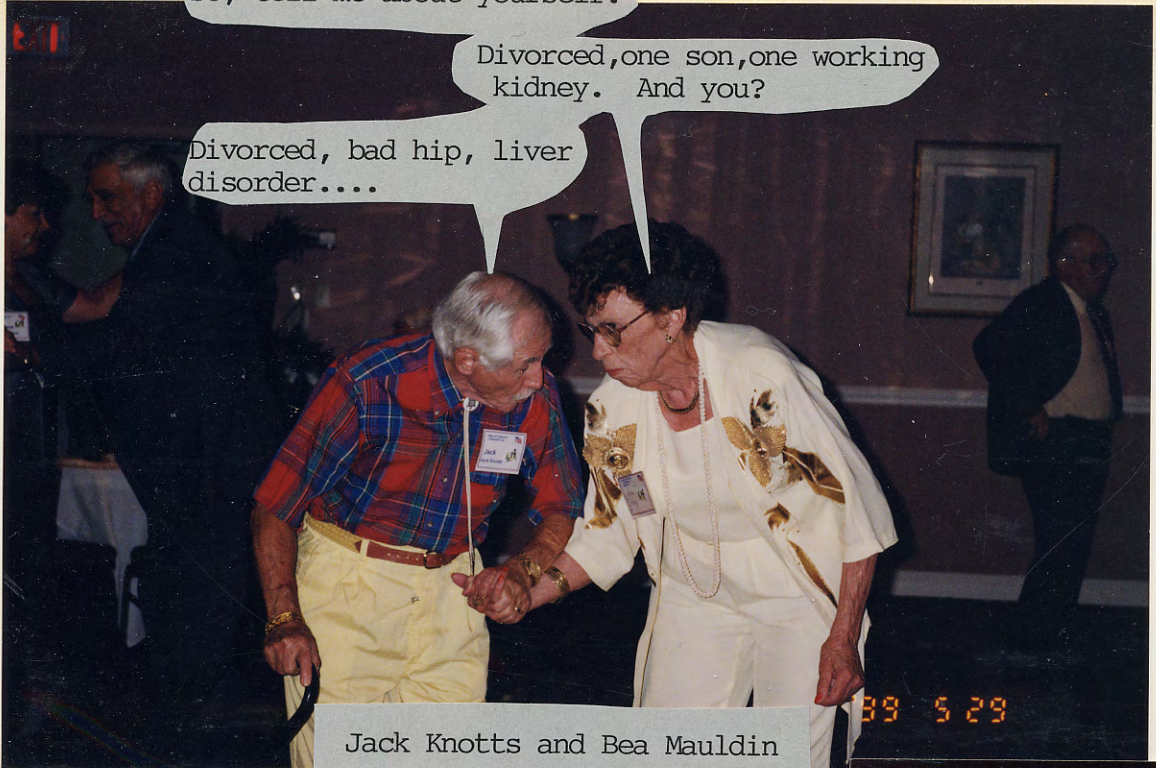


Young lady, Al Cates gray hair, Mable Theisen-Koty Matt and Marilyn Daddio, Jack Knotts, Fred Platt, unidentified lady, Willie Parker, Janet Bond, and unidentified couple crowd the dance floor

So, tell me about yourself.

Divorced, one son, one working kidney. And you?

Divorced, bad hip, liver disorder....



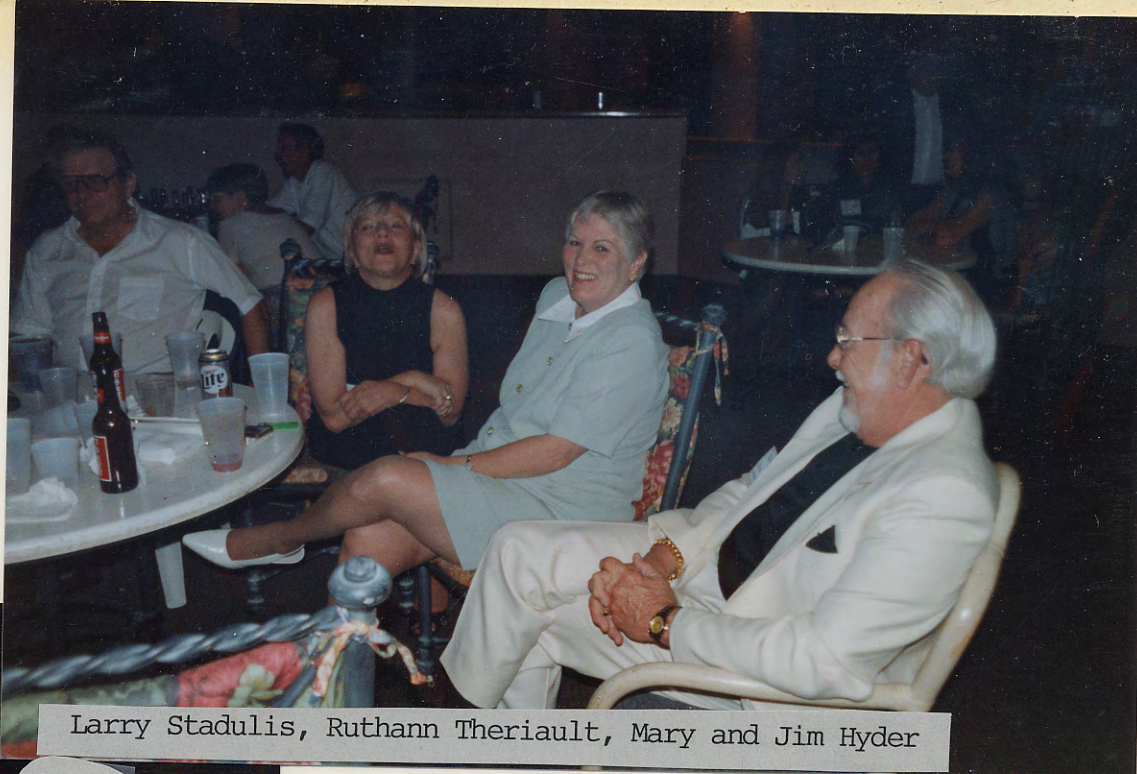
Jack Knotts and Bea Mauldin



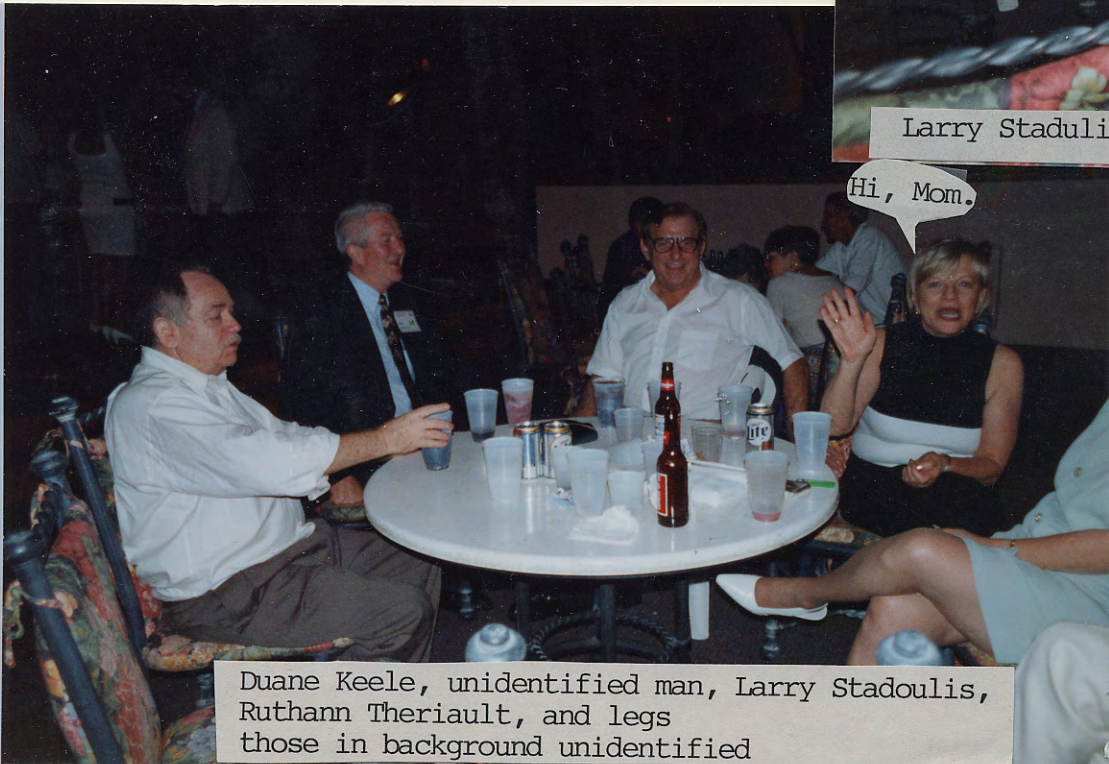
Henry Melich, Duane Keele, and Steve Stevens  
Looks like Roger Cook and Larry Fraser standing in rear



Unidentified cowboy, Mike Seale, Brian Johnson,  
Tiffany Johnson, Phillippe (guest of the Johnsons),  
and unidentified lady

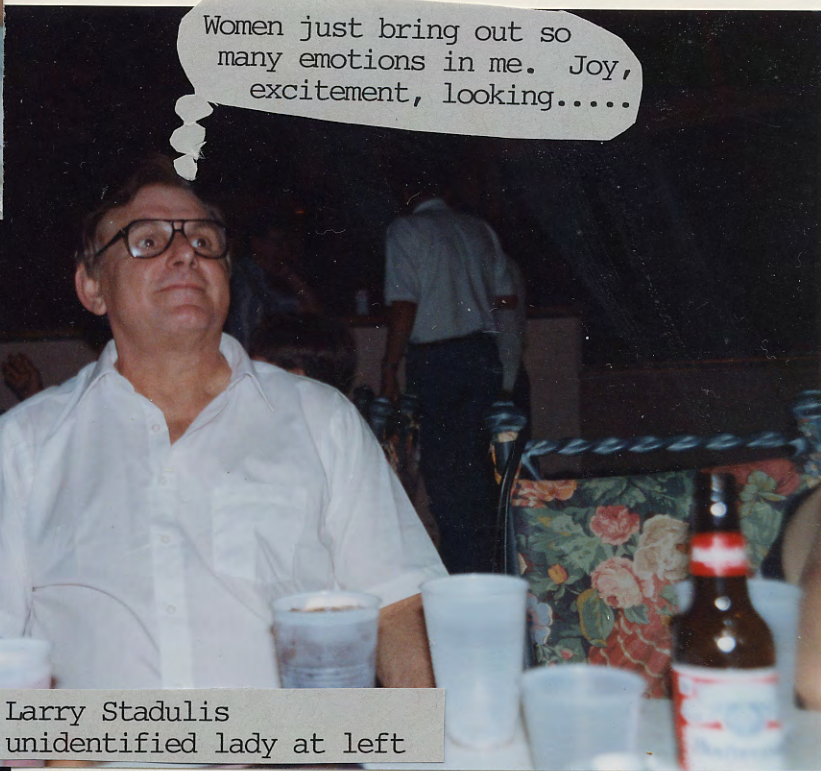


Larry Stadulis, Ruthann Theriault, Mary and Jim Hyder



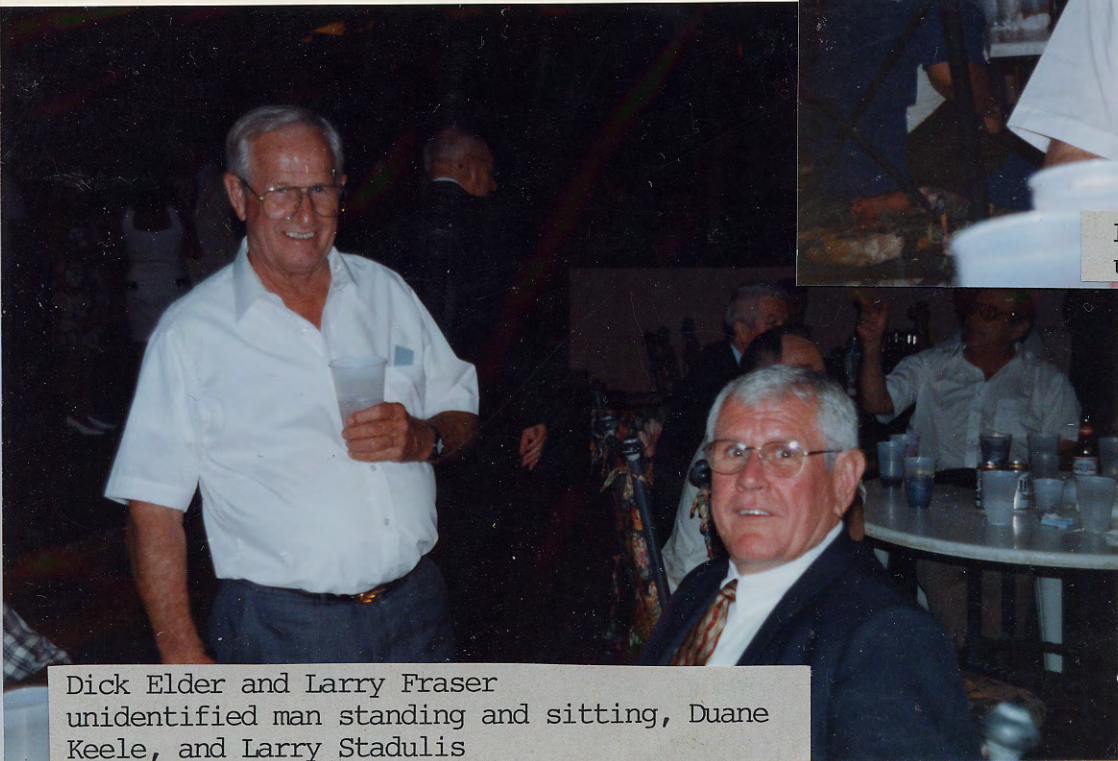
Hi, Mom.

Duane Keele, unidentified man, Larry Stadoulis, Ruthann Theriault, and legs those in background unidentified



Women just bring out so many emotions in me. Joy, excitement, looking.....

Larry Stadulis  
unidentified lady at left



Dick Elder and Larry Fraser  
unidentified man standing and sitting, Duane Keele, and Larry Stadulis

It's obvious the two of you have had no experience at causing a scene.

Look, just give me some inner peace, or I'll mop the floor with you.

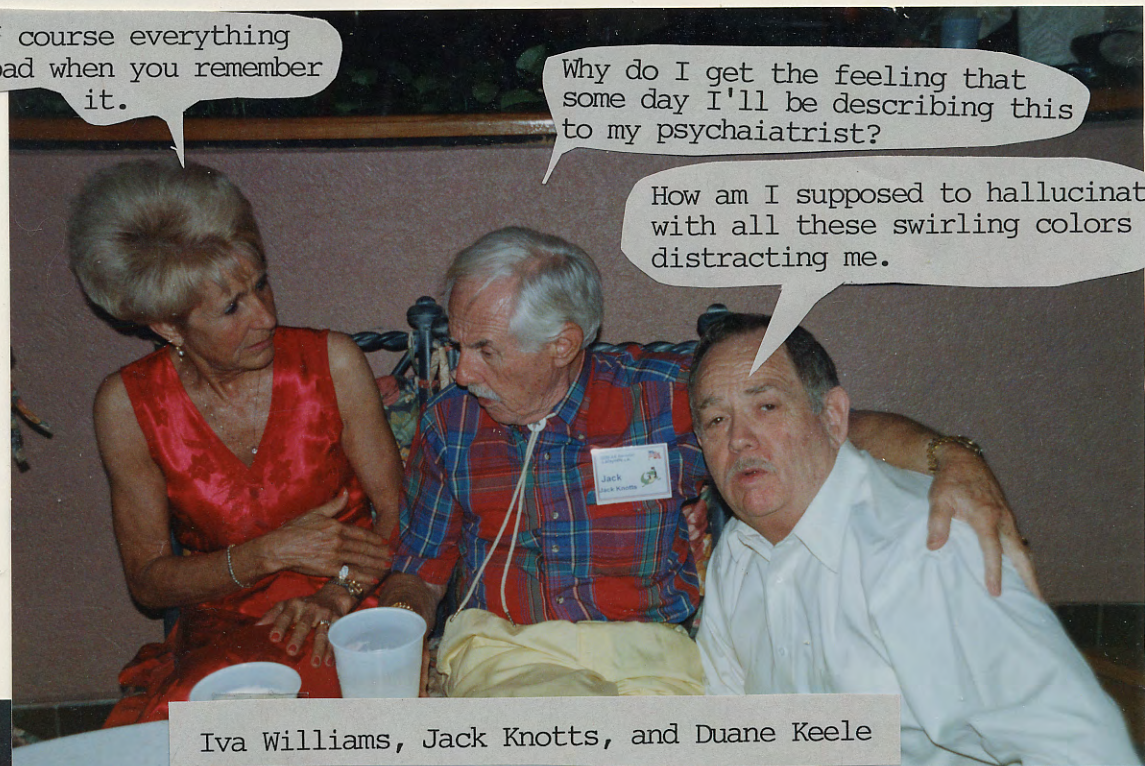


John Greenway, Cliff Hamilton, and Bruce Jachens

Well of course everything looks bad when you remember it.

Why do I get the feeling that some day I'll be describing this to my psychiatrist?

How am I supposed to hallucinate with all these swirling colors distracting me.



Iva Williams, Jack Knotts, and Duane Keele



How did you do on that last picture?  
Want to try again?  
In this photo can you find:  
Larry Stadulis                      Hal Augustine  
Mary Hyder                            Kathy Rosales (Guest)  
Greg Burch                             Glenna Fraser  
Danny Williams (Hint: he's near the center of the photograph)

Phillipe Ritter, Al Cates, Judy Porter, and Debbie Pirkle

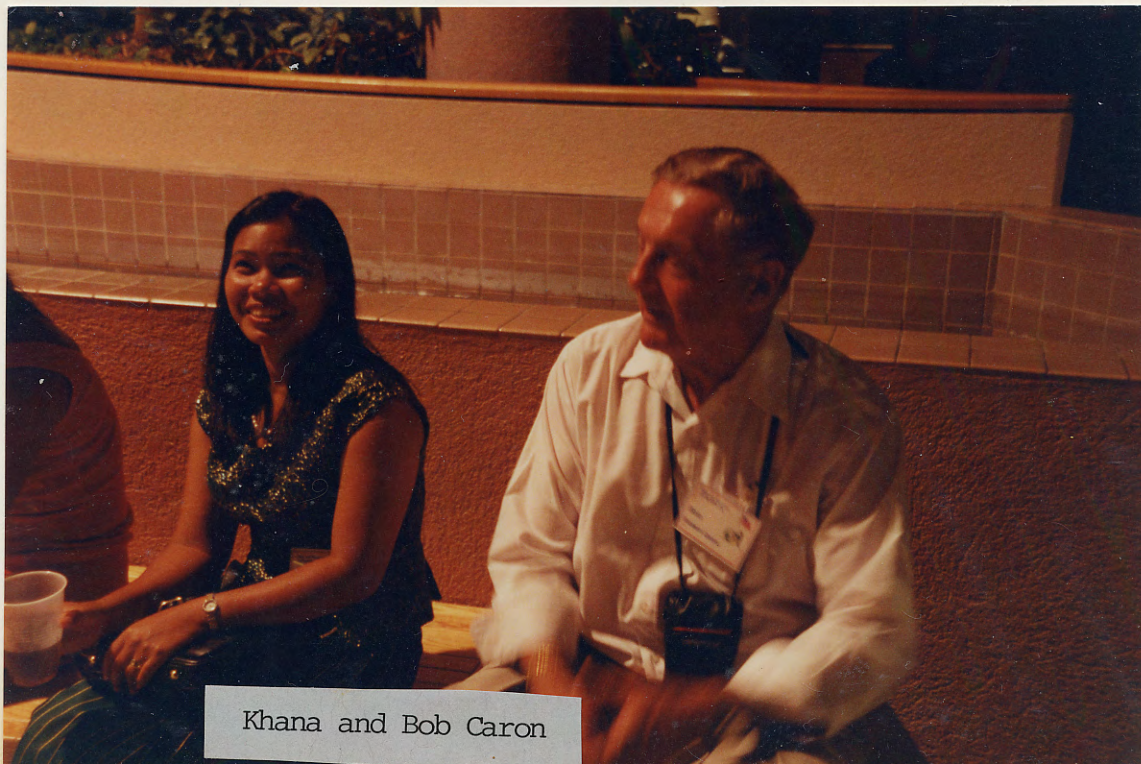


Fire drills?

Let's plan something the members might enjoy for this reunion.



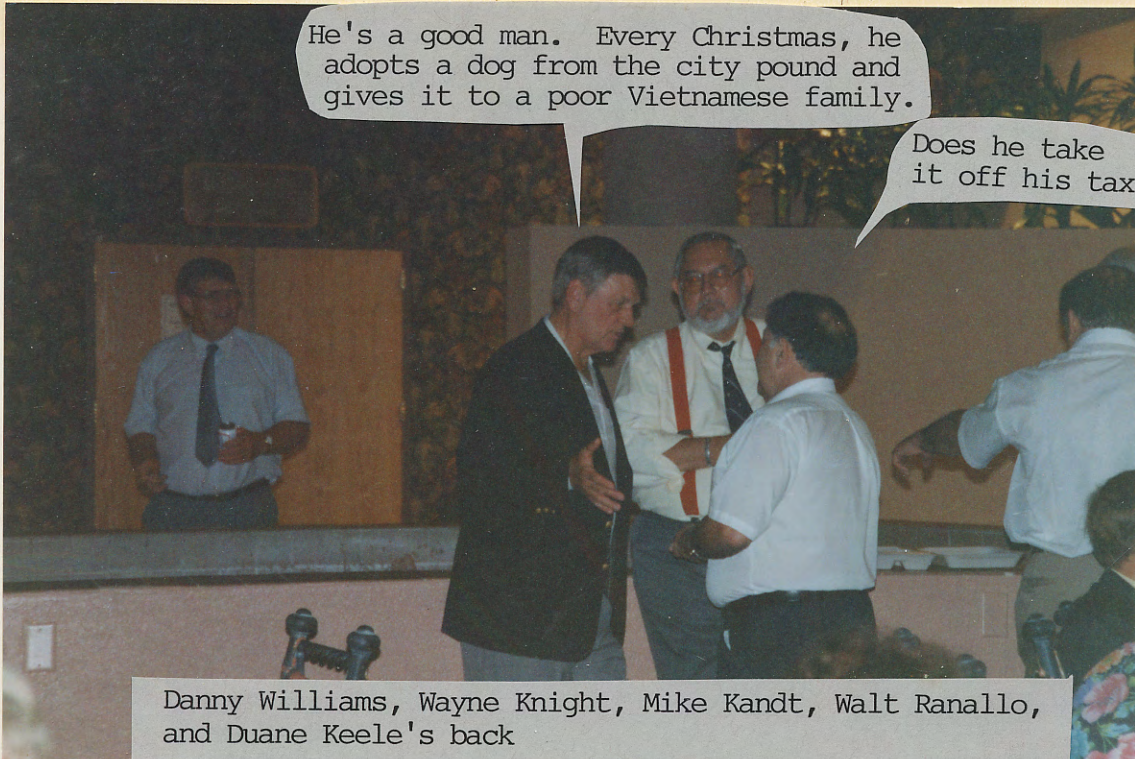
Unidentified threesome at left, Ben Densley, Dee Lister, Carolyn and Bruce Jachens



Khana and Bob Caron

He's a good man. Every Christmas, he adopts a dog from the city pound and gives it to a poor Vietnamese family.

Does he take it off his taxes?



Danny Williams, Wayne Knight, Mike Kandt, Walt Ranallo, and Duane Keele's back



Tiny McElroy and Dick Elder  
Hal Augustine at rear table with three unidentified guest at his right

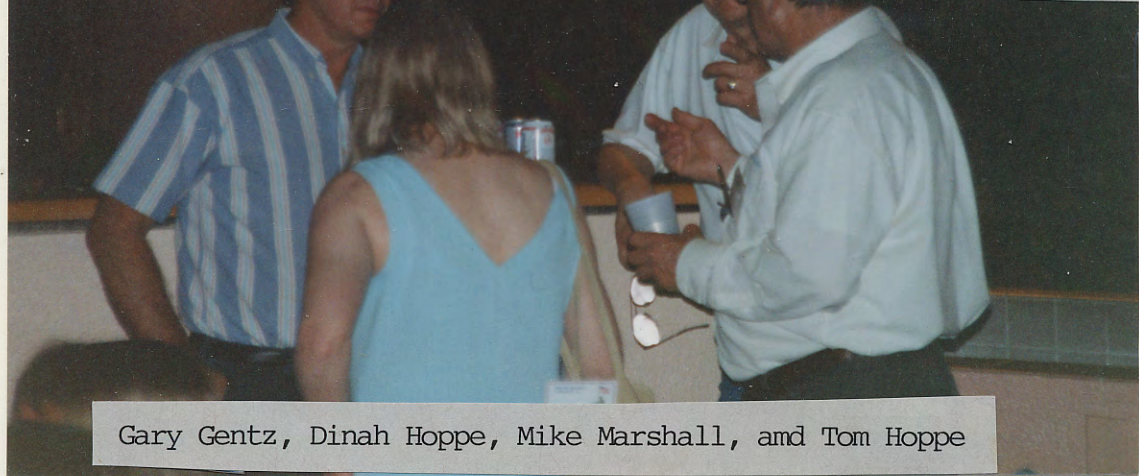
I must practice my affectations for tomorrow.



Veronica Curry (guest of Phil Goddard) and Phil Goddard in background -recognize Joan Newell in blue

Some people  
you just can't  
reason with.

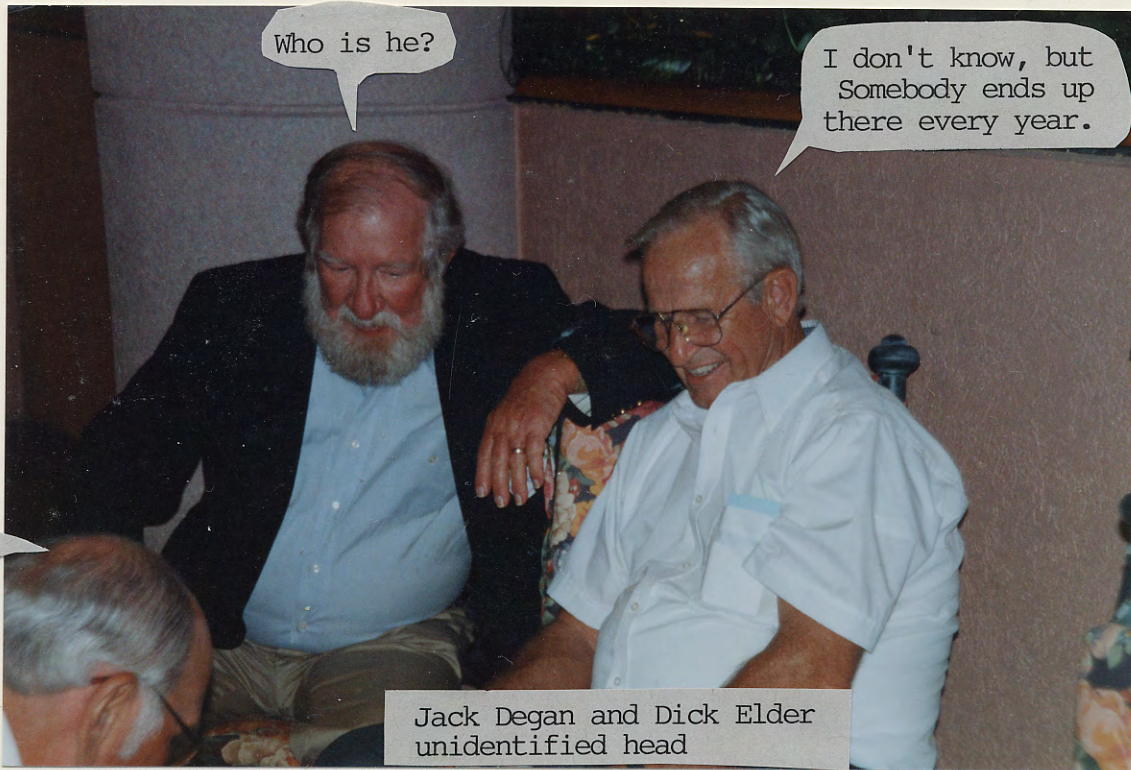
I used to be rich.  
I owned Mickey Mouse  
Massage Parlors in  
Bangkok, and those  
Disney sleaseballs  
shut me down.  
I said I'd put pants  
back on the mouse.



Gary Gentz, Dinah Hoppe, Mike Marshall, and Tom Hoppe

Who is he?

I don't know, but  
Somebody ends up  
there every year.



Oooh, that's gonna  
hurt in the  
morning.

Jack Degan and Dick Elder  
unidentified head



Bob Noble, Mari Fountain, Mike Seale, unidentified,  
and Willie Parker  
across the back: Marilyn Daddio, Brenda Broussard,  
and Dick Elder

Lana  
Anderson



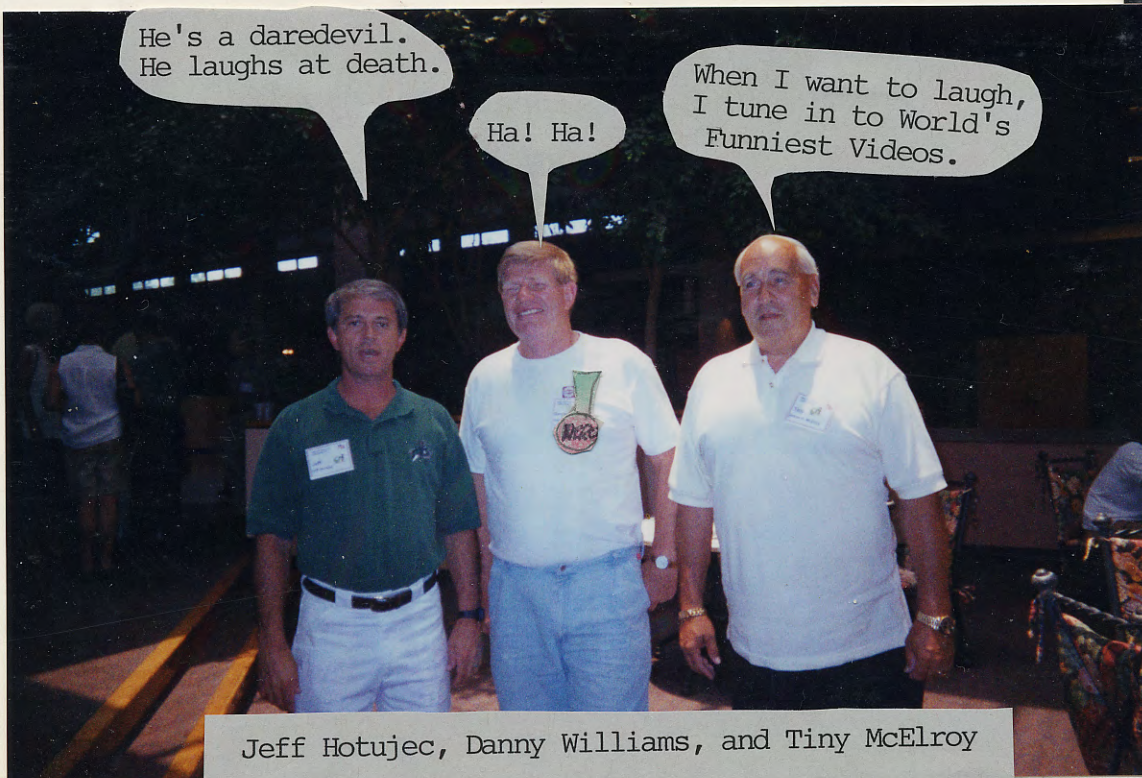
Debbie Phimon, Monte Markham, and Joy Thao Phimon

There is a story behind this picture.

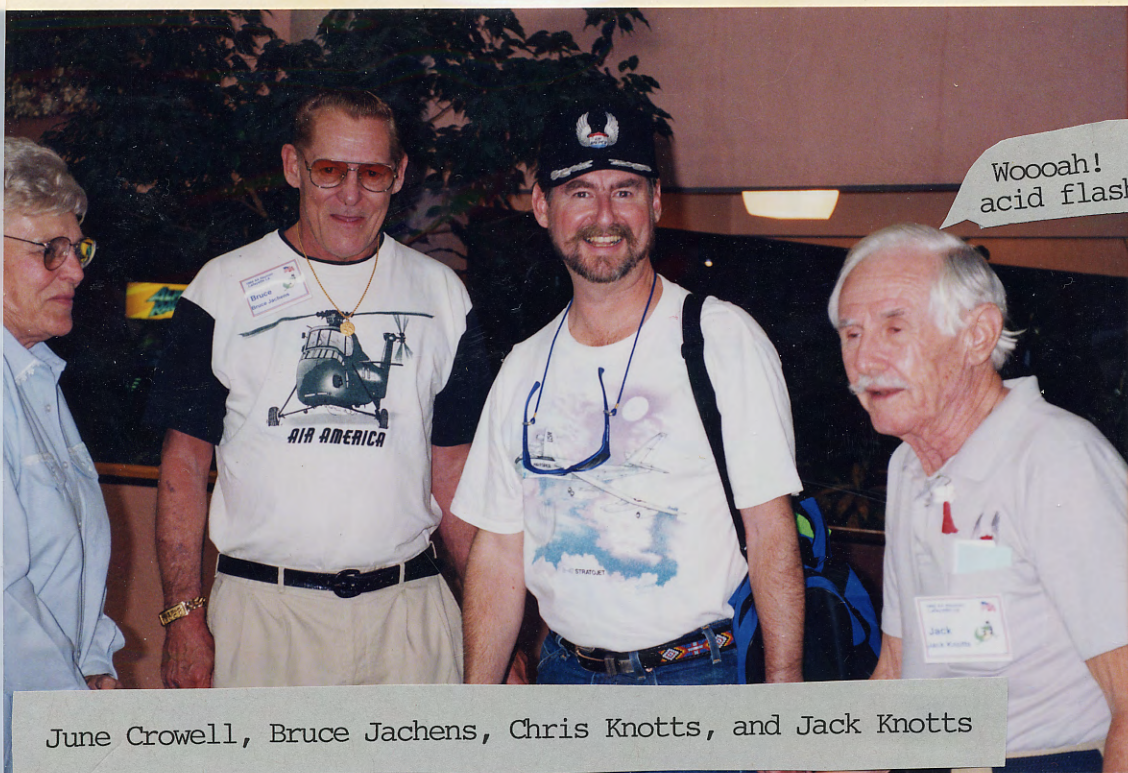
Joy Yhao worked for Air America in Vientiane. Debby worked for Jesse Markham in Vientiane. Jesse introduced them and they got married. They came to Florida and started a successful business. They meet Monte Markham at the reunion in Louisiana.



Joy Thao and Debbie Phimon



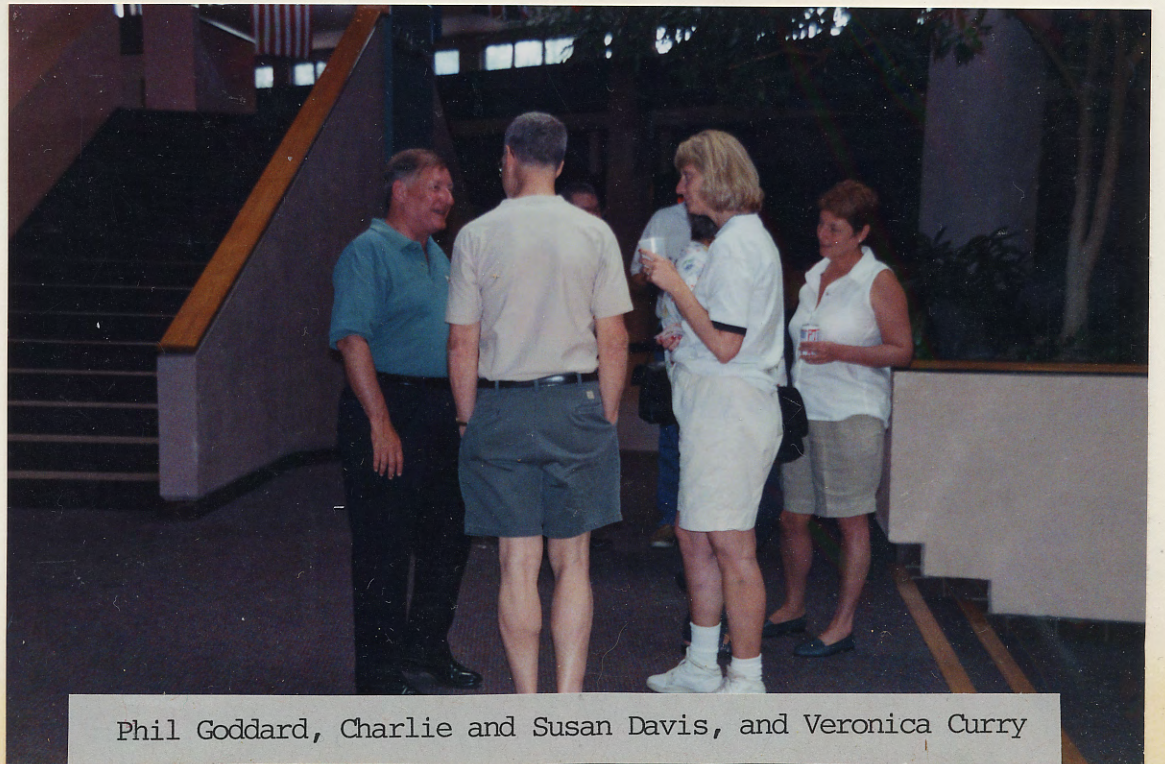
Jeff Hotujec, Danny Williams, and Tiny McElroy



June Crowell, Bruce Jachens, Chris Knotts, and Jack Knotts

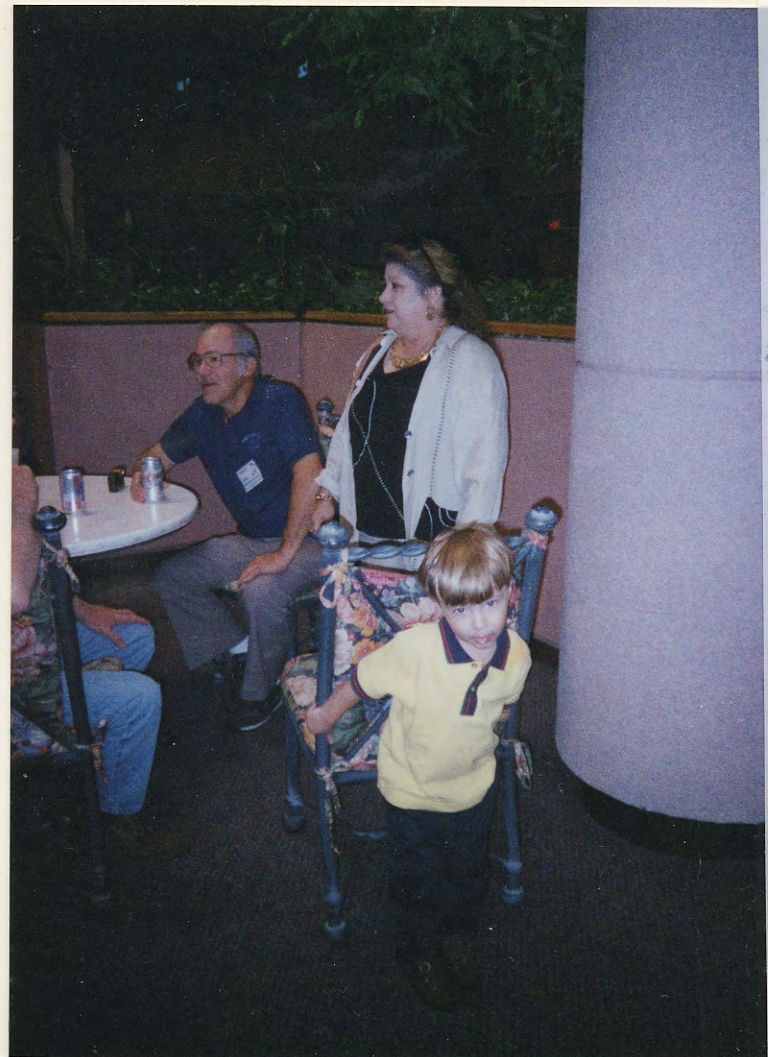
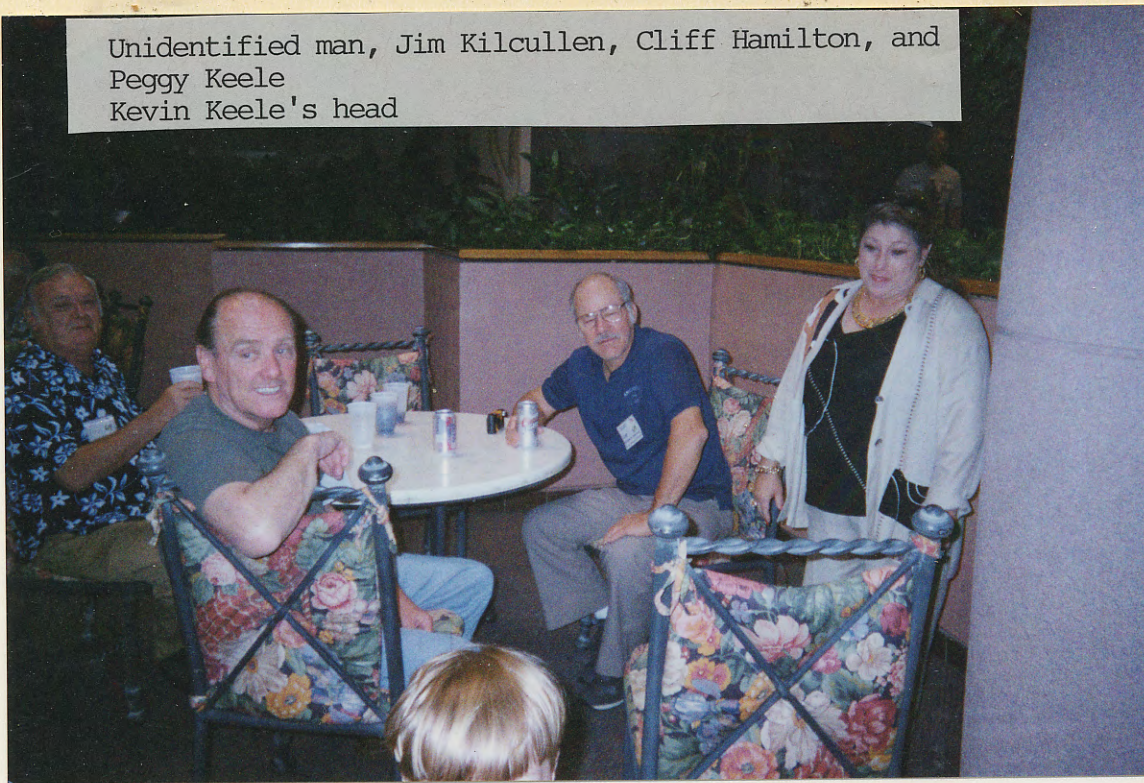


Sam Degan, Phil Goddard, Veronica Curry, Jack Degan, and unidentified threesome in background



Phil Goddard, Charlie and Susan Davis, and Veronica Curry

Unidentified man, Jim Kilcullen, Cliff Hamilton, and  
Peggy Keele  
Kevin Keele's head



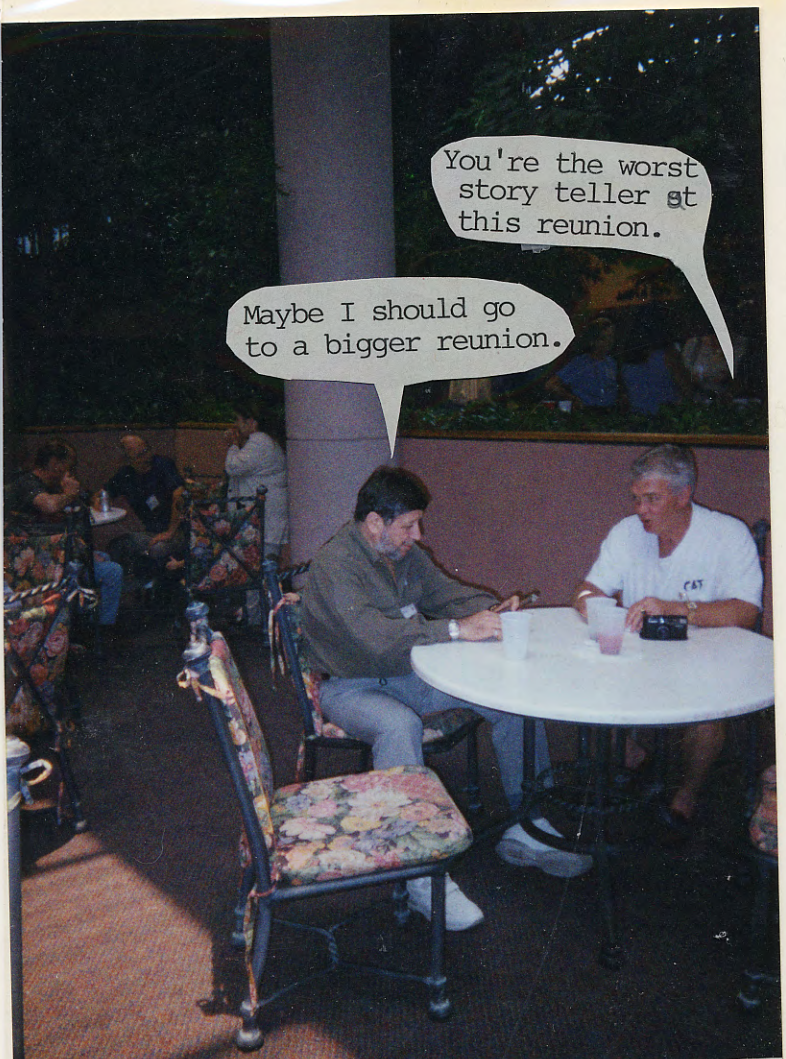
Cliff Hamilton, Peggy Keele, and Kevin Keele



Arden Davis with Mick and Prapai Forreast



Tiny McElroy and Danny Williams  
at right rear-Prapai and Mick Forreast with Arden Davis



You're the worst story teller at this reunion.

Maybe I should go to a bigger reunion.

Fred Platt and Roger Cook in background-Jim Kilcullen, Cliff Hamilton, and Peggy Keele



Bruce Jachens, Cliff Hamilton, Toni Dulitz, Peggy Keele, Katie Morehouse, Willie Parker, Dick Elder, unidentified, Pat Chennault, unidentified, John Greenway, Chris Knotts, and unidentified



What's the matter? Can't ya hold the camera straight?

Cliff Hamilton at left-Arden Davis

SUNDAY NIGHT

I understand Emmet Sullivan took everyone out for a seafood meal.  
His treat!

How come I'm just now hearing about it?

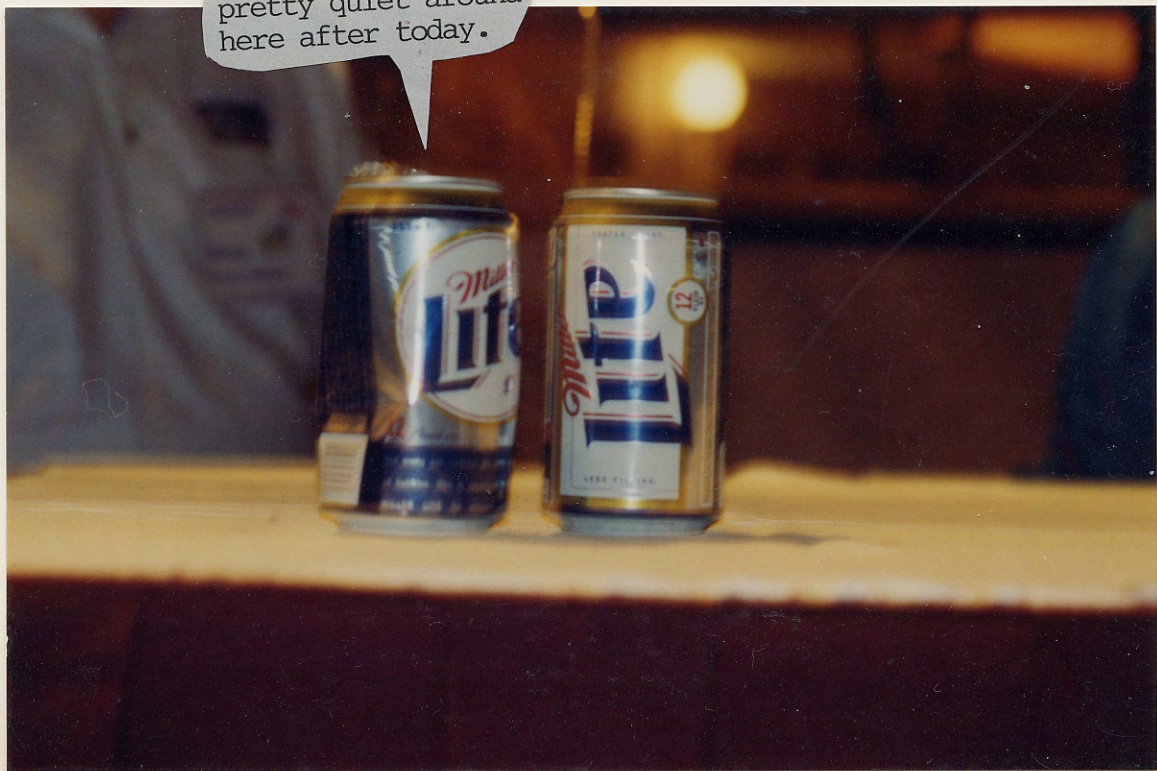


Larry Stadulis, Arden Davis, Phanh Kandt, Nitaya Davis  
Audrey and John Greenway



Emmet Sullivan, Bruce and Carolyn Jachend, Jeff and  
Leigh Hotujec, Nitaya Davis, Larry Stadulis,  
Arden Davis, Phanh Kandt, Audrey and John Greenway,  
Mike Kandt, Greg Burch, Stan Waite, and Dale Stone  
(leaning back)

It's gonna be  
pretty quiet around  
here after today.



This page is respectfully dedicated to our comrades who departed this life during the past year. Have a safe flight. Bon Voyage.

Ed Eckholdt sent his Hail & Farewell!

"To those of you whom I called friends. Thanks for the years of comradship and good memories. I treasure the good times, the flying experiences and my time on earth.

It's now my time to go, like so many of those near and dear to me have already. Lucky am I to have lasted so long and lived a varied and colorful life! Hoist a round of drinks - I'll be looking over your shoulder! We'll meet again."



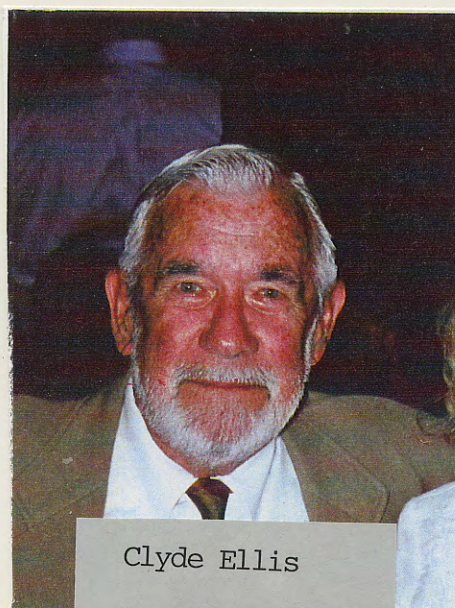
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Orlando 1993



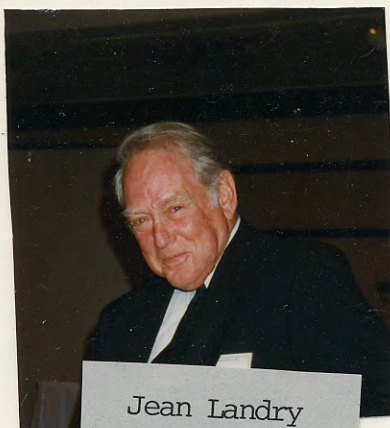
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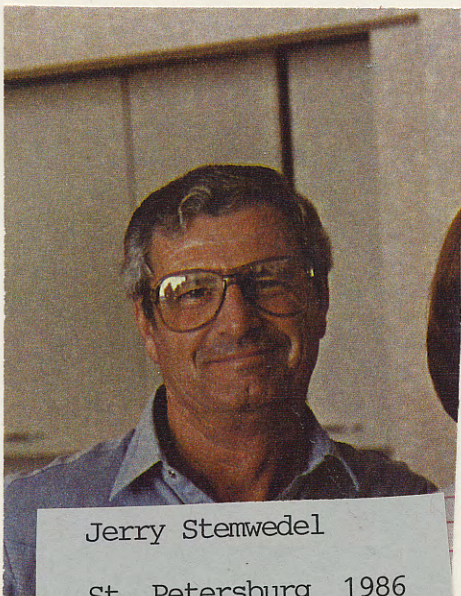
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Dallas 1996



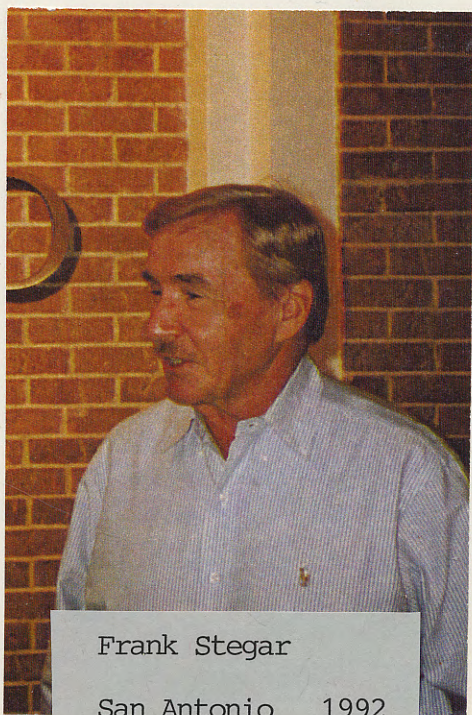
Foxie Foiles  
Orlando 1993



Jerry Stenwedel  
St. Petersburg 1986



Les Bays  
San Antonio 1992



Frank Stegar  
San Antonio 1992

.....and to all our other comrades who may have fallen without notice, we'll hoist that round of cheer.

8/18/99

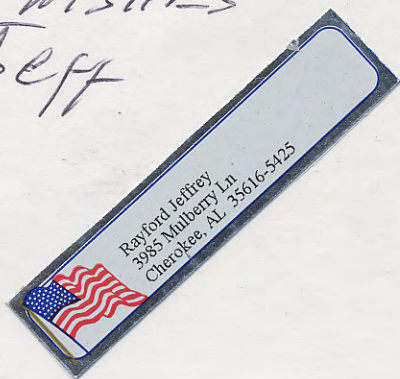
AL: USE ANY OF THESE YOU LIKE - KEEP IF YOU WANT THEM OR PASS ON TO DUANE KEEL FOR THE ALBUMS -

HAD A GREAT TIME - MET MANY NICE PEOPLE - THE TOWNS PEOPLE WHO WORKED ON THE PROJECT - FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

GIVE ME AN EMAIL IF YOU NEED ANY MORE INFO -

BEST WISHES

Jeff



Pop Buell's daughter and son Harriette and Howard

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Sompit and Rayford Jeffrey

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Pop Buell's sister, brother, daughter, and son

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A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE,  
A DAY OF RECOGNITION,  
A DAY TO HONOR AND CHERISH THE  
MEMORY  
OF

EDGAR "MR. POP" BUELL



1913 - 1980

HUMANITARIAN

WORKED WITH, LIVED WITH, LOVED THE  
HMONG & LAO REFUGEES IN LAOS  
1960-1980. HIS LIFE TRULY MADE  
A DIFFERENCE.

If you are ever in Arlington National Cemetery, you may want to look for this Marker placed there by the Hmong and Lao combat veterans. I feel we qualify as members of the U.S. Secret Army in the Kingdom of Laos.



**DEDICATED TO  
THE U.S. SECRET ARMY  
IN THE KINGDOM OF LAOS  
1961 - 1973**

**IN MEMORY OF THE HMONG AND LAO COMBAT  
VETERANS AND THEIR AMERICAN ADVISORS WHO  
SERVED FREEDOM'S CAUSE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.  
THEIR PATRIOTIC VALOR AND LOYALTY IN THE  
DEFENSE OF LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY WILL NEVER  
BE FORGOTTEN.**

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**LAO VETERANS OF AMERICA  
MAY 15, 1997**

Photo by Debbie Pirkle



Col. David "Tex" Hill

THE FLYING TIGERS.

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Debbie Pirkle



Duane Keele, Ross Cafaro, and Jack Knott's arm



Jack Knotts

We had a little birthday party for Jack Knotts in Clearwater, Florida. Jack said it was the first birthday party he had ever had. Those attending during the week were Larry Stadulis, Debbie Pirkle, Stormy Coleman, Ross Cafaro, Peggy and Duane Keele, Scott Pirkle, Robin Pirkle, Kelly Zervas (Johnson) and friend, and of course, Jack.

Happy 99th birthday, Jack!!

# HISTORY LESSON



Advocate staff photos by Travis Spradling

Mabel Theisen-Koty climbs into the cockpit of an AT-6 Texan with help from Norman DeRocher just before taking off Friday from Hammond Municipal Airport with pilot Jon Wood, left.

## World War II war bird allows BR woman to fly back in time

By **BOB ANDERSON**  
Florida parishes bureau

HAMMOND — Most people who took the stick of the AT-6 Texan last week did it to fulfill a fantasy.

But for a Baton Rouge grandmother, taking one more flight in a World War II trainer marked a step back in history — her own past as well as the nation's.

"It's been 50 years since I've been in one of those things," said Mabel Theisen-Koty as she walked across the tarmac at Hammond Municipal Airport to the plane. She waited for a 60-year-old New Orleans businessman to climb out of the cockpit after he'd paid \$190 to try his

hand at flying the 1940s-vintage aircraft with an experienced pilot backing him up with dual controls in the rear seat.

Theisen-Koty mounted the wing of the plane like a veteran, boosted herself into the front seat and donned the leather, World War II flying helmet.

She waved to several friends, including one with whom she spent five years in Vietnam, and headed down the runway.

Her deceased husband, a distinguished World War II pilot, wasn't with her this trip, except maybe in spirit. Col. Ty Theisen died 10 years ago Sunday.

It was with Theisen that she had flown

□ See **LESSON**, Page 2B



North American Top-Gun Inc. pilot Jon Wood and Mabel Theisen-Koty take off from the Hammond Municipal Airport on Friday in an AT-6 Texan, a World War II fighter trainer.