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**USAF HELICOPTER PILOT REUNION**  
**19 87**



**RENO, NEVADA**

The other understandings were  
in French signs & were instructions  
at the same time; I knew most  
of them - when we were allowed  
to Row -

## HEY, IT WAS A GREAT PARTY !!!

Thanks to all of you that were able to make it. We registered 370 people, had 314 for the luau, 312 for the banquet, 90 for the Stead/Virginia City tour, 120 took the M. S. Dixie Sternwheeler Boat Tour and 40 beat the earth chasing the little white ball at the Hidden Valley Country Club.

The best part of course was seeing all of our old friends from long ago. We of the Reno Gang really enjoyed having you all come. There were helicopter pilots from as far back as 1944, including John Sanduski, the same Major Sanduski who was given the assignment to organize and establish the first helicopter school for the U. S. Army. John spoke to us at the banquet and described his experiences with cranking up the school, from flying the R-4's from the factory to training the first students.

Old friends started arriving even before we had the hospitality suite set up and stocked on Wednesday. Nick was able to find them a few drinks to warm things up however. Bob Greer and Bob Brubaker set up a very interesting display of the Bell/Boeing V-22 Osprey. The display included a continuous run video showing the development and capabilities of this new high tech tilt-rotor aircraft.

By Wednesday night, things were going great. Thursday brought most of the revelers in, and the crew had a hard time keeping up with registration all day long. About 150 of us enjoyed the hotel show that evening. ( Where does all that water go? Did you see the couple enjoying the quaking on the right hand stage during the great San Francisco Earthquake?)

On Friday, two bus loads toured the housing area at Stead where many had a chance to see the house they lived in while stationed at Stead many years ago. Then we went over to the flight line and looked over some MIG-15's that are being refurbished for sale. From there the bus drove on down to Virginia City where the group was entertained by the Bucket of Blood Saloon. The golfers had a great time over at the Hidden Valley Country Club. The luau gave us a chance to see who all was there and to renew old acquaintances. The food was good, but the weather did not cooperate too well as it got a little windy and chilly when the sun went down. (Told you to bring a sweater.) George Kekuna honored us with a few Hawaiian melodies. Most people adjourned back to the hospitality suite or one of the rooms to continue the party.

Saturday brought the trip to Lake Tahoe and the boat ride on the M. S. Dixie. It was a beautiful day on the lake and everyone enjoyed the trip. On Saturday night we dressed up for the banquet at Bally's. The photographer took portraits to put in the memory book. Jimmy Hamill, Bob Hamel and Blackie Carney spoke to us briefly. George Gaffney read us part of a letter from the daughter of Walter Morris, our old friend from helicopter academics who had passed away several years ago. John Sanduski told us what it was like back in 1944 when the most common question asked was: What is a helicopter?

We cannot express our appreciation enough for the many friends that made the trip to Reno to make the reunion a success. Ginger Silver and son Kevin came all the way from Anchorage, Alaska. Skip and Rita Cowell brought us Kona Coffee from the islands and George and Helen Kekuna flew in to provide more atmosphere for the luau. Florida and Texas sent many friends from long ago, California provided a large representation, and rest of the states filled it in. We all had a ball, and hope you did too.

SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO

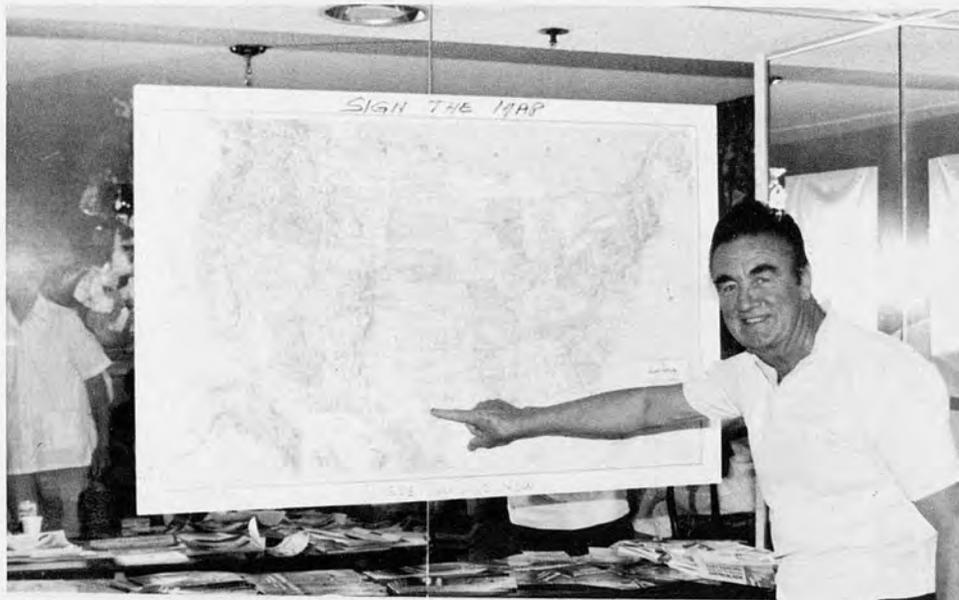
The Reno Gang

*THE RENO GANG*



Dave and Marilyn Gish, Keith and Anita Droegemeier,  
Mary Lou and Don Damoth, Helen and Nick Conti.

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BLACKIE CARNEY SAYS, " THE NEXT REUNION IS GOING TO BE IN  
SAN ANTONIO. IT'S GOING TO BE EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER."

*!!! BE THERE !!!*



Don & Faye Aamodt

Aharon & Joreen Aharonian

Bob & Sheryl Allen



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Bob & Denise Brubaker

Dick & Earlene Brubaker



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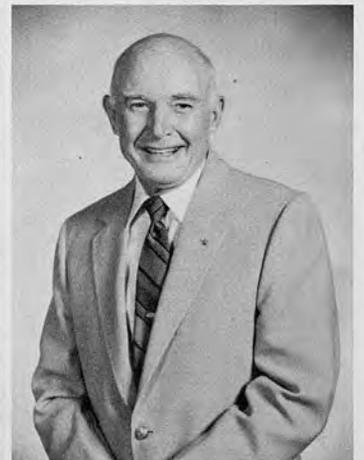
Blackie & Eleanor Carney



Mr. & Mrs. Russ Cayler



Frank & Lucille Christy





Nick & Helen Conti

Marc & Nadia Coody

Tom & Janie Courtney



Skip & Rita Cowell

Bob & Helen Cummings

Don & Mary Lou Damoth



Marv & Loretta De Long

Dick & Betty Devine

Al & Nancy Deviney



Mr. & Mrs. Marty Donohue

Keith & Anita Droegemeier

Bob & Dorothy Dunlap

Bill & Dodie Emrie

Greg & Roni Etzel

Bob & Margaret Ferry



Charles Field

Jerry & La Juan Fleming

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Mr. & Mrs. Royal Foster

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Funk

George Gaffney



Harry & Emily Gibson

Ed & Alice Gilliam

David & Marilyn Gish





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Homer & Lena Hite

Hoppy & Alice Hopkins



Art Hughes

Bill & Denny Hughes

Sheryl Hughes & Jimmy Hamill





Frank & Sally Jochimson

Bill & Barbara Johnson

Jerry & Donna Jones



L. D. & Muriel Jones

Barry & Jo Kamhoot

George & Helen Kekuna



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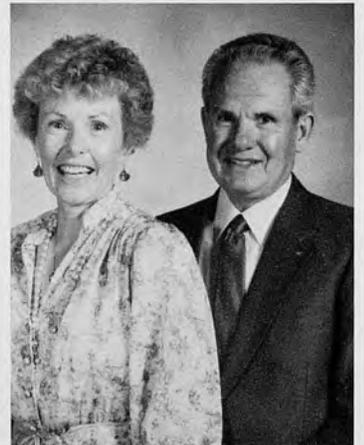
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Burt Schube & Kathy Hughes

Bob & Venice Schuppe



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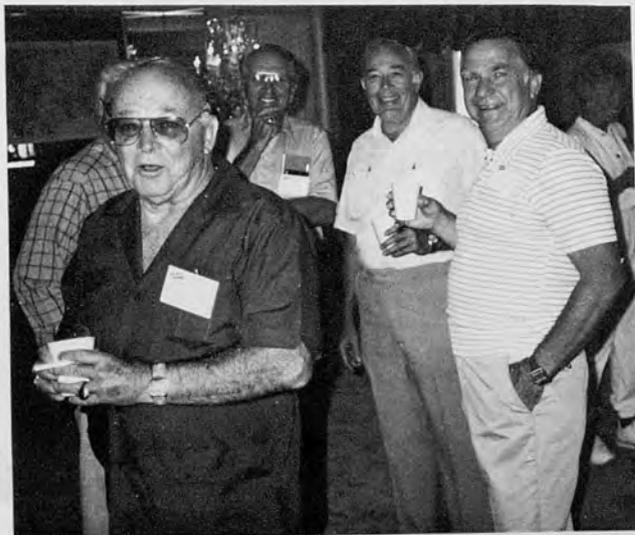
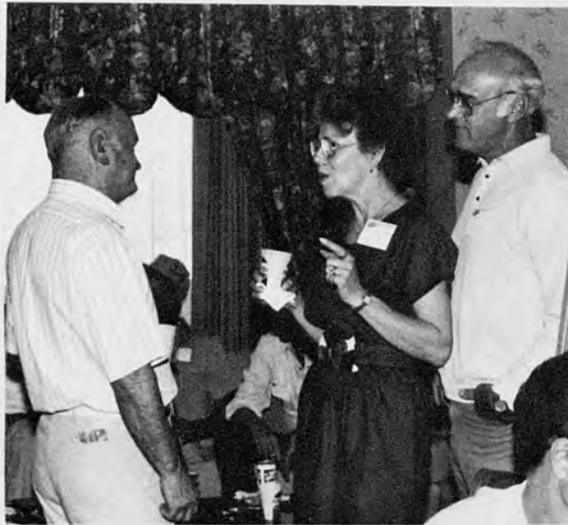
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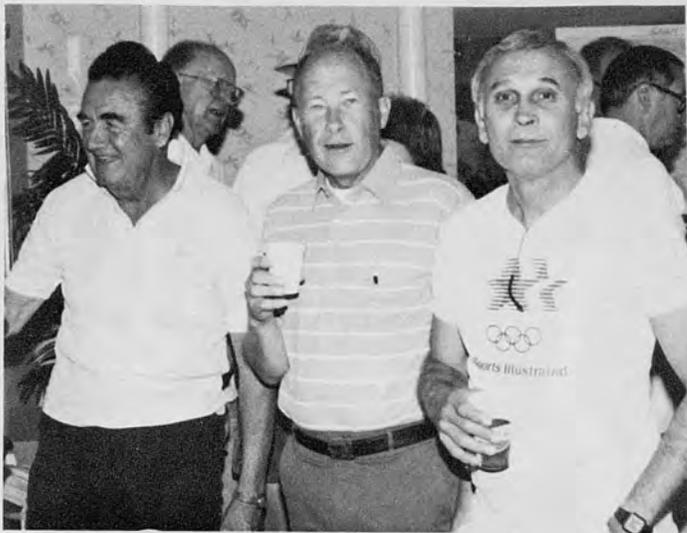


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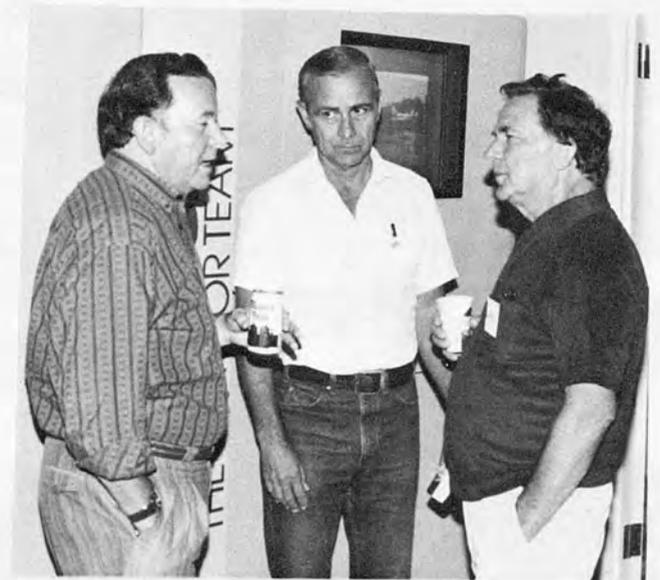
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Zehnder













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**Special Operations**

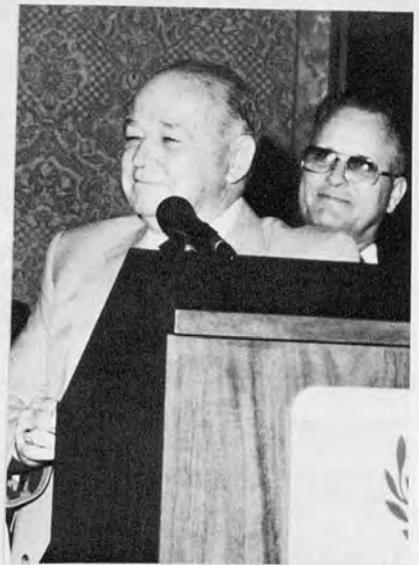
- 700 nm radius
- 12-man "A" team
- Low level (less than 500 ft. AGL)
- Midpoint HOGF (4,000 ft. 95 ft)

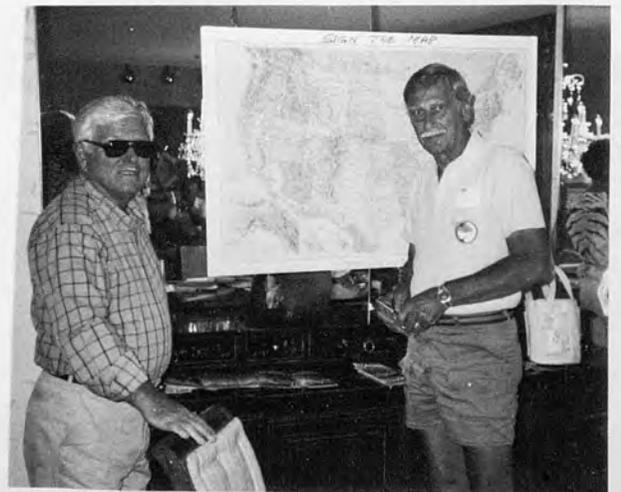
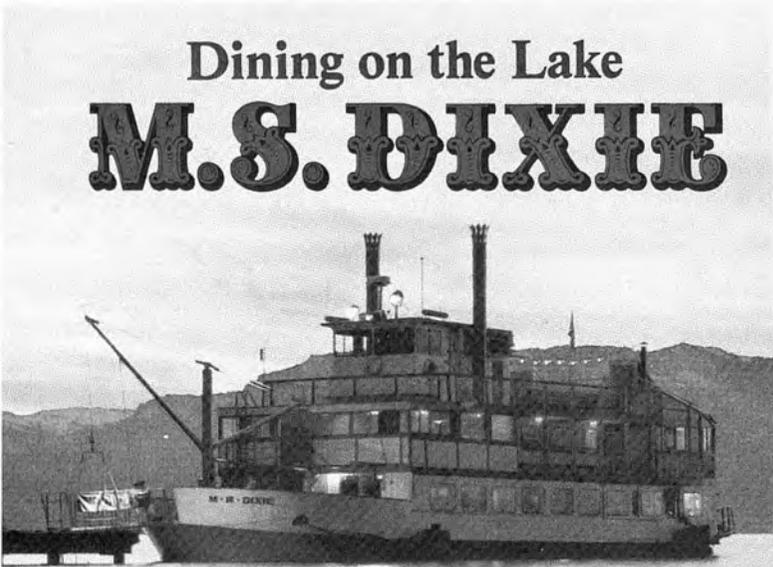


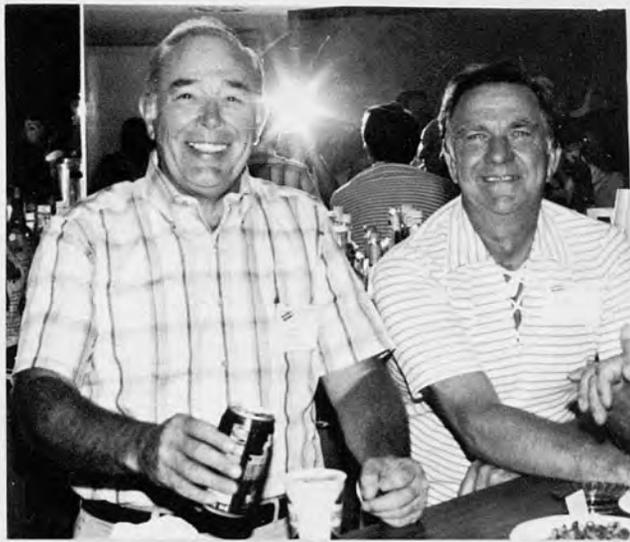
**Combat Search and Rescue**

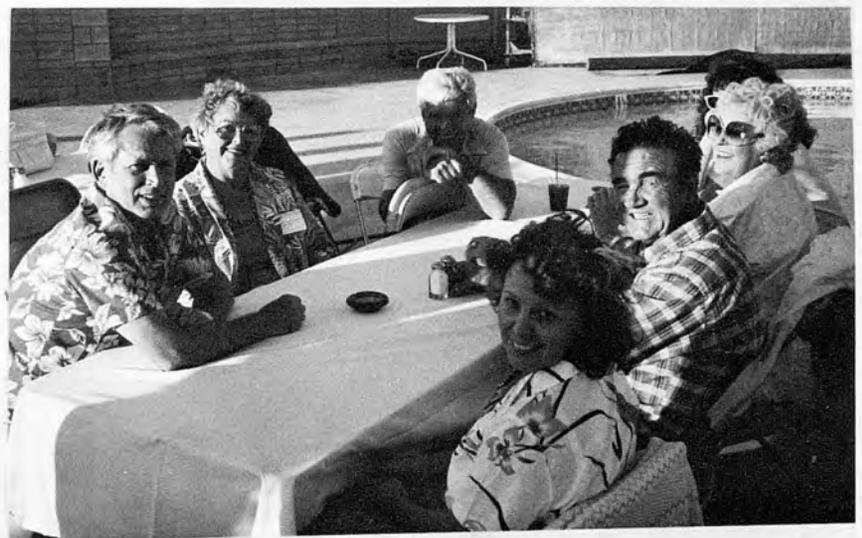
- 460 nm radius
- 4 rescuees
- Crew of 5
- 15-minute midpoint HOGF

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