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January 1992

Well Gang, you're stuck with me this month. Spike is taking his annual vacation at Fitz, pneumonia again. The strange part is last spring he had his Lifetime Pueumonia shot!!! So much for modern medicine. After we left Buckley we had a meeting at the Home with his MOthers caregivers. Then it was on the the Commissary for groceries and in the Com Spike had severe chills. By nightfall his temp was soaring so off we went to ER. That visit was disaster and he came home with some cough medicine period. On Saturday he spent the whole day in ER. Now he had severe bronchitus and was loaded with pills. Only it got worse and on Tuesday the x-rays screamed pneumonia..even the Doctors were surprised but settled him in to receive excellent care. He'll be out by Monday.

If I goof up on the report of the meeting, please forgive me as I am taking it from the tape recorder. So here goes......

Attendance was 64 and that friends was very good considering our one week storm delay. Henry Martin and Ruth Krumpelmann got the free lunches. Lots of birthdays...Marie Boyle, Jan Axton, Walt Williams, Karl Lawrence, Bob Huffman, Sue Andrews and Jeanne Gill. The Song Leader was Donnie Yancy. Letters and Postage donations came from Col Morrisey, Gene Schroeder and Jim Matiska.

Perry Jefferson's daughter would like to know about her fathers days in Viet Nam. If you have anything you think would be of interest to her please contact Spike or Tom Schultz. Jot down any memories you have of that time frame and send it on, it may help

One final meeting note was that a work party was formed of all volunteers to get Joe's car out of a snowbank...he says he was pushed into it by a little red car.

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The day after the meeting I attended a meeting on our BankWestern Group account..Spike was so sick there was no way he could go. Interest rates as we all know have crashed. Right now the best interest you can get is US Savings Bonds held for 5 years they pay 6%minimum. However BankWestern does have some interesting things for us. Our High Liquidity accounts will continue to compete in interest. Those who need mortgage, Home Equity or Auto Loans will receive a \$50.00 discount on loan fees. If you purchase a 2 Or 3 year certificate of deposit 1/2% interest bonus will be added. We discussed the 5 year Wait and See Certificates as getting that bonus as well but I have nothing in writing on that. These Bonuses will be good on purchases prior to 30 June 1992.

One thing I have done is to open a checking account (interest paying) that I use for BX and Commissary. I hate writing all the info of rank, branch and social security number so I have it printed on the checks. We put in so much a month and since the checks are only used in those two places I don't need the cancelled checks returned, saving more money. Besides, any money left at the end on the month is MINE!!!!! Most of our Christmas shopping was done on our leftovers.

I have new brochures for any of you who want them. I will have them at the meeting or can send you one by mail. If you want to look into this Group Plan we have ID cards to take to your nearest branch. Feb meeting on the

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February 1992

On our February 4 meeting we had 102 attending who signed in!!! Gets better and better.

Due to my recent bout at Fitzsimmons Gordon Truax took over my duties as the up-front quy. Gordon I am in your debt. I also owe Marie a big thanks for she wrote and published the newsletter for us all.

The free lunch winners were Jim Burkhart and Tuck Mestepey. Due to Tuck's diet he had a redrawand Dick Wentz was the lucky substitute.

Birthdays werePaul Moya, gordon Truax and two with 29 Feb birthdays, Jane our lovely Club manager and Jim Henson. Jim had a very interesting newspaper clipping showing him and his sister who have the same date a few years apart, he sure was a cute kid, wonder what happened?

First-timers were Glen D Nickles (First joined the Guard in 1929!!!), Earl Smith, John Young, Dr Dennis Nelson and Al Barnes brought a quest Ken Gardner.

Sick Call. First I want to thank all of you for the crazy cards and all those who visited me while I was in Fitz in January. I cannot Tell you what a boost that was to my sagging spirits. Boo Myler has had a recurrance of his lung cancer. Mary Edwards had amild heart attack mid-Jan. Clifford Goldsmith is now permanently house bound. Col Schreiber was in St Joe's for knee replacement, hope he does as well as Iorene Reposa did with hers!! Vee Reid had hip replacement 27 Feb at Fitz, Joe Moffitt eye surgery Fitz on the 24th. Guerney Ulrich was in the hospital with severe throat problems and I am writing this from 5 W at Fitz. Came back for a repeat of last month.

Notes of interest---Toby Tobias retired, he's such a kid to us. Fishing permits for Buckley Rec area go on sale 3 Mar. April UTA (Sat 2 April, will be the offical dedication of the F-16 Falcon. The ceremony will be at 1300 hours. It is not an open house but we all are invited to attend. Should be lots of dignitaries there. The 138th in Greeley is planning a reunion on the 18th of July. and present members are asked to contact Jim Vitale 1626 26th AV CT, Greeley CO 80631.

Check your Base bumper sticker to see that it is current and in good shape, if not visit Pass & ID at the end of the strret east of the Club.

Next meeting 3 March, same time, same place, maybe some new, old faces.

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Enclosed Letter sent us by Maj Schultz to send oil to you.

Jan & Bil: Axton are in Arizona getting an early start on spoiling their brand new Grand-daughter.

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March 1992

In March we had 90 people come out for our meeting.

the free lunch bunch was Dick Burch and Mel Eiszman. Mel was also a First-timer as was Maurice Smiley. Jim Alford has been on the roster for some time and finally got out.

The March Birthdays were Evelyn Thompson, Les Waggoner, Diana Thebado and Joe Moffett who was not present. They gat the usual card, cake and birthday song led by Jim Alford.

Sick Call --- Harry D Scott was in the hospital in Colorado Springs with pneumonia. Harry, is this the same as the Lumtuckaru you used to call in sick with to Sam McGrew? Pat Mc Cabe spent some time in Fitz for a false alarm. first indications were appendix. Vee Reid is still in Fitz as I write this, she had complications with her hip replacement. Barbara Ball is up but not yet dancing after toe surgery.

Remember 4 April is the F-16 Dedication at the base Flight Line and Hanger.

Mail this month for the poor basket had checks from Ron & Kay Silvrants who have a new Grandson born 18 Jan. This adds with the three year old granddaughter by Randy. We heard from Elizabeth & Jon Mac Millan, Stan & Joyce Woods, Walt & Jeanne Schreiber, Hank Meis, Vinc Hill and Walt and Joyce DeGurse. Thanks for the checks. Don Bowman sent a pic of himself in shorts watching his cactus grow. Just to rub it in on his nice weather.

April is elections month. Please contact Les Waggoner for your choice of Front Man. Letters must be received by 7 April.

On the 28th of March Moe and Jeannine Etter were given an Anniversary party for 40 years. It was quite a party with lots of 50's music and a lot of faces we see too seldom.

We had one complaint this month. Bill Glenn says we never put in the newsletter when he and Suzie came back from California last year. What can I say? We still haven't seen him at our luncheons!!!!

Important

Our meeting will be & April as usual however the Camana Club will be closed for a big remodeling, (how can we manage without our dishpan catchers for the leaks in the roof!). So PLEASE the cooks, the bartender and all of us are to go to the ANG Mess Hall! Jane will post a sign on the Club door but just drive over there and save some walking. See you then, OK?

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April 1992

The April 7,1992 meeting had 81 people sign in - a good bunch.

Moe Etter and Lea Bruce were awarded the free lunches.

Birthdays were Pat & Helen McCabe, Bob Herbst, Bob Polski, Jack Speer, Henry Martin, John Candelaria, Paul Deadrick and Mel Spurlin. The melodious voice of Alex Franz led the birthday song.

Ernie Nold had anuersysm surgery with blood replacement by the Air Guard Blood Bank. He is home now and doing well. Vee Reid finally got home after that hip surgery..it was rough going but last report is she is doing well

Flo Wilhelm had a bad case of the shingles, with time in the hospital as well as recovering at home. Nasty stuff. Sy Harjes had surgery on his right hand from an accident(not auto).

Charley Kent had heart surgeryaround the 10th. He is home in Kansas but has a slight infection.
Rev Harold Stansell passed away 5 April - he will be missed.

Mail came from Tom Barfoot, Walt Schreiber, Vee Reid, Gen William WEller, Mike Valiant, and all donated to the PoorBasket.

Col Mason Whitney the 140th Wing Commander has been promoted to B/Gen--congrates from all of us and Marie wants to know if you can take off your training wheels now? Aug 4 will be the Third Annual Bar-be-que. Be sure to sign up with Jim Deyo so he and the cooks can make the plans. The club will offer burgers & fries etc, if you don't want steak.

NOTE --please let us know of changes in address and or phone.

Our meeting will be 5 May at the Club if all goes well. It may require a bit of finishing up but they hope to be there.

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The May 1992 meeting had 79 people attending. Not bad for a bunch of restarted folks. First timers in attendance were Eldon Klusman, Felipe Carrasco, Dale Hurst, Joy Thigpen and Jim and Lori Fisher.

Warren Hohnstein & Don Carlise were the free lunch winners.

The Birthdays were Mat Flick, Lorene and Robert Reposa, And Jim Deyo. Clarence Douglas was the Birthday Song leader. Good Job.

Sick Call——Bob Frecka was laid up with recurring leg problems. Joe Moffit and Bill Hagerty had adjoining rooms at Fitz --- Can you imagine what those poor nurses went through?

Taps---Robert Myler passed away 16 May in Nebraska.

Bob Modesitt of Wyoming was the Maintance Officer for Korea. He went on mid-May as well.

Ray F Harmyer died prior to our May meeting.

We will remember them and miss them.

As noted Jim & Lori Fisher were visiting from Wisconsin and came to lunch with us. I for one was very pleased to see them and hope you plan your next trip to include the Gang lunch again.

Remember the Bar-be-gue is on for JULY now. The cooks Found out they will be in town then instead of Aug as previously stated. You have to sign up with Jim Deyo ASAP so we can have your steak and cooked to your request.

The only mail this month was from Chris Chaney who sends his regards to all.

As some of you know I went to California (Northern) for Earthquake relief. I was there 13 days so out of touch for a while.

Whenever you have anything for the news letter call me or Marie so we can put it in.

See you all 2 June for our next meeting, same time (11:00 or so) same place. Come one come all and enjoy.

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JUNE 1992

94 people joined together for our June luncheon.

First-timers were Ray Rendon, Andy Andrews and Len Joy. Also attending was Maj. Gary Brown, Fresident of the Colorado National Guard Association. We welcome you all and do return often.

Free Lunches went to Tom Oliver and someone else, can't find the name in my notes!

Birthdays this month were Steve pahs, Red Knutter, Buforć Guinn, Stan Morris and Bill Knipprath. The fearless song leader was Andy Andrews.

Our sick call for the month is Helen Nold, surgery for Gall stones, Dorothy Hoffman had hip replacement in Calif and is doing well using a walker, and Vee Reid's husband Fred is in Fitz with a bleeding ulcer.

We were pleased to have Clem Hoffman back for a visit from California. Clem is one of the founders of the Gang. We just wish he could come more often.

Taps, always a sad report. Jerry Klundt who would have joined us in a few brief months, and was still a Tech in the Motor Pool. Brig/Gen Harry A Serra left us 3 June 1992. We shall miss them, tho their memory will be with us always.

Mail Call- Harold De Mooy wrote that Jane is recovering quite well from a stroke and as long as he thes his "chemicals" and stays on oxygen 24 hours a day, he too does fine. cards can be sent to them at 1408 Bristol Dr, Montrose CO 81401.

Walt and Joyce De Gurse were able to visit us as well from Albequerque. Nice to see ya.

Remember, the August meeting is the Barbeque---we have to know if you plan to attend and eat steak. The sign up sheet will be available and if you do not attend you must call 364-1373 (me) or Jim Deyo at 798 0838. That is for those not attending the July meeting I mean.

Donations came from Chris Chaney, Paul Grant, Harold De Mooy, Bob Stanek.

July is sort of special, we will celebrate the Axton's Anniversary, and Everyone has to wish Bill Haggerty Happy Birthday----that's standard procedure, isn't it?

Come one, come all to our meeting on 7 July, OK? Same time, same place, some old and maybe some new faces as well.

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July 1992

75 People signed in for the July lunch. A bit down but it's travel time.

First timers were Lloyd Greenwood and Orlando White. Glad to see newcomers.

Ralph Evans and Chuck Johnson got the Freebie lunch tickets.

Birthdays for this month were Al Barnes, Don Woods, Bill Williams, Duke Holdorf, Henry Martin and Yours Truly. The song was led by none other than the tall and sometimes handsome Steve Pahs who did sound a little like a T-6 with full pitch prop, but it was good.

Steve Lovison of the weather flight was a special guest we presented with a genuine home study weather course. In return he has promised to have good weather for our 4 Aug cook-out lunch. Note: Sgt Steve Lovison is the son of Col Don Lovison, Aircraft Maintenance. Nice.

Sick Call- Ed O'Connor is in Aurora Pres.-major surgery intestine, and will be there a couple more weeks. If you visit Ed call to see how he is first. Ruth and Walt Moeller are presently at home but will be moving to Cherry Creek Care Center soon.

Final Taps- JohnBallard, 10 July in Phoenix, no more information on him. Richard L "Bo" Boferkamp, also 10 July- worked day shift Air Police. Fine men who will be missed.

Good news- Gurney Ulrich is back at work in the sky cop house...drop in and say Hello if you get a chance.

Note from Marie; Spike finally had his surgery in July, you know the one scheduled for March, twice in June and cancelled after in the Hospital!! Actually he fared out better tahn I did!!!! I was a wreck!

In the mail we had Thank you cards from both Helen and Ernie Nold, they too are doing well. Also had notes from Lowell Leigh, Don Allen, and Charlie and Barbara Ball wrote they have moved to a new home in Greeley!

Come see the Club now that Jan, Frank and the talented group of volunteers have done a fine job. A Complete face-lift. best ever, new paint, new walls, new electrical system...new everything. Hats off to them on a jobb well done.

Now it's time for our big cook-out! Jim Deyo and his group of special cooks will treat you to the best treat of the year...the BAR_B_Que!! Don't miss this meeting on 4 August, smae time, same place and some new faces as always.

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August 1992

Our August meeting, our Bar-b-que, had 99 people present. Not bad with all the changes!!!

We had two first-timers, George Durkopf and Wess Kincaid...welcome & hope to see you each month.

There was no free lunch becaiuse of the nature of the meal. back in Sept on that.

There were many August birthdays but I forgot to write all of them down...sorry. Those I do know of were Maxine Pilcher, Henry Matiska, Joe Bahmier, Tom Linam, Al Schlager, Bob Snyder and Myrt Herbst. Marie took the month off and I forgot to stop at a store, so there were no birthday cakes, sorry.

We had visitors form Orlando FL, Ray & Mary Wallenthin and our forever tourist, Jim Prentis was with us and plans to be back for Sept.

Sick Call - Rio Lucas was in the hospital for lower Gland Bob Minnehan was back in Fitz again.

Received a note from recruiting - "Recruiting has purchased a new F-16 model and Trailer in hopes of building a new float to reflect our F-16 image. I would like very much for the Other Side of The Mountain Gang to design and build this float. All material and expenses will be provided by recruiting.

Sig. Carl C Ruth SMSGT
140 MSS/RSO Stop 30
Buckley ANG Base
Aurora CO 80011 9599
Ph 340 9448 "

If any of you folks can help out either call Carl or me. I think Wess Kincaid and Ernie Nold plan to help out and need more support.

Clyde Neuman CWO RET brought out his trailer containing a history of the Colorado Army & Air Guard, thank you Clyde it was great to see.

Our thanks go to Jim Deyo and his crew who did such a fine job cooking those steaks. Another fine Bar-be-que.

In typing this Marie noticed 2 more newcomer names I forgot to include...Bill Miller and Jim Hughes, so here are the names, better late than never.

Our Sep meeting is on the First!!!! Same time, same place, 1 Sept 1992. See ya all

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September 1992

The September meeting had 95 people attending who expected to see Spike up front only he was in Florida with FEMA and they got stuck with me. Oh well, at least I gave it a shot and did ok sort of.

For the free luch drawings Bill Koger won the first one but couldn't stay to eat so we had to draw againand Gurney Ulrich was the winner. Doug Gill got the second one.

We had 4 newcomers - Bruce Soule, William H Schneider, Arlo Sorheim and Wayne Davis. Wecome, and hope we see you all again in October.

Birthdays were - Elton Klusman, Herman Trivelle and Bea Van Deest. The song leader was Les Waggonner. There were no cards nor candles as they too were in Florida.

Sad notes for the month - This was a very bad month for the Gang. Labor Day weekend Bettye Barfoot, wife of Col Tom died. On the Tuesday after our meeting Win Moeller was buried, he was the Grandson of Walt and Ruth and on that day Walt Moeller passed on. Ruth is in the Cherry Creek Care Center and just hanging on.

Our normal procedure is not to have speakers as we are more a social gathering than anything else but I broke that 'rule' by having Edmee Hills speak on the drive going on that hopefully will get full funding for the new Fitzsimons Hospital. Thank you all for joining in by writing cards and letters to the key people on the Congressional Committee doing the review and making the wheels turn. The Group workin to save Fitz is having a Dinner Dance Nov 14 at the Sheraton Tech Center. It is a bit steep in price for most of us at \$30.00 a head but that includes \$10.00 for the work of the group. They can only handle 250 people in the space allotted to them but if you wish to go you may call Edmee at 693-4745. Rio Lucas might also have more info.

Before I forget, I want to thank Jeannie Gill who handed out the fat pills at the lunch and Cal Goachenhour who helped on Birthday Cakes and sign in.

Now some bad news from Hurricane Andrew. Don and Maryanne Zdunczyk were wiped out. House, boat, airplane, all went with the wind. Don was hospitalized at the time with a medication flare up on Diabetes. Spike talked by phone with Maryanne and gave her all the info on what help FEMA would provide etc. Don has to go to University of Miami Hospital soon to get medication squared off. Bill Neuens, Win Coomer and Walt Williams get together and have set up a Zdunczyk Family Fund at the Byers State Bank, Byers CO 80103 if you care to help.

Spike got back from Florida after 24 days of 16 to 18 hours each and will have pics and stories to tell you all at the October meeting.

October meeting is Tuesday the 6th, same time, same place, hope to see you all.

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October 1992

There was a very good turn-out this month, 87 people signed in.

Free chow was won by Jeannie Gill and Remedious Martin. How about that, the wives are comming through.

F A Bud Schiber was our First-timer, welcome and hope to see you each month.

This month visiting with Rio Lucas and present as guests were George and Betty Blair. Visiting with Bill Kniprath was Dorothy Hartman.

Sick Call---Stan Morrison had a heart blockage in Las Vegas then was air-lifted to Fitz. He's doing fine with a brand new pace-maker. General Joe had triple by-pass surgery 8 Oct and is doing very well. Ed O'Connor was back to the hospital for follow-up treatment. Pete Triola was the victim of a drive-by shooting, a bullet came through the back of his seatand lodged in his head. Just one block from his home but he turned and drove himself to the hospital where he was treated and released, he and his still in place bullet are doing fine. Sid Webb was 4 days in the hospital with heart spasms, now at home doing well. Bob Frecka is still having problems, had some toes removed this month. Joe Hallock and Joe Bahmeier both are now on full time oxygen.

Rio Lucas gave a full briefing on the status of Lowry and Fitz. He is working with the local group trying to do what they can to save Fitz and help the Lowry closure/transition. Many good ideas and plans are in the works. Rio offered one year free membership in NAUS/SMW to help get up the numbers of local people behind this effort. Call Rio at 771 7383 for any information you need.

I would like to thank Marie for the great job she did taking charge last monthrunning our meeting and writing our newsletter. I know not what I would do without her. As I write this (early) I am on my way again to soggy Florida. This time to Jacksonville for floods. I hope to be back i n a week.

Note from Marie, Greg and Flo (Wilhelm) moved to Parachute last month. Anyone who needs her address please call and we will give it to you. I forgot that last month

Don't forget, get out and vote then come on to our meeting 3 Nov 1992!!!

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November 1992

The November meeting was held on Election Day and 58 people signed in...after voting.

We had two first-timers. Bill Spesshart and Wayne Seiger. Welcome and hope we see you soon again.

Two free lunches went to....would you believe I forgot to write the names down?

Birthdays were Bill Axton, Ben Bates. Phyliss Cherry and Wayne Carlton. Birthday cake was provided by Jesse Carlton in honor of Wayne's 80th birthday. The sheet cake was delicious and decorated with an airplane. The birthday song was led by Bill Spesshart, I think, another thing I forgot to write down.

Gen Joe had by-pass surgery and is doing fine at home under Marion's watchfull eye. Joe plans to be at our next meeting.

There were two deaths. Charles Edward Ball died unexpectedly 28 Oct 1992. Barbara sent a lovely note thanking the Gang for it,s cards and those who attended Charley's service. As I was writing this I received word that John Carlson was being buried at Ft Logan with graveside services 23 Nov 1992.

Our annual Thanksgiving gift certificate was won by Ron Carlson, congrats.

Please check with me to verify your phone numbers. A Roster up-date is in the works and we need to get it right!!!

Received mail from Flo Wilhelm asking that anyone going to Parachute/Battlement Mesa be sure to stop in and see them. If you go check with me for their address. Also Jack Speer is now settled in his new location, 5033-325 #65 A'P New Castle CO 81647. Sends his best to all.

The December luncheon is the special one. It is the one where all the gals bring a special Christmas treat and we all get to over eat on goodies!! Plus we also will have the Christmas gift certificate to help with the turkey.

The next meeting date is 1 December same time same place. Bring a Christmas card (signed) to put in the grab-bag for exchange just as we did last year.

Should we not see you at the meeting Marie and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

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December 1992

The December meeting had 102 signed in (no one used line 101). A very good turn out for all the wonderful Christmas goodies the ladies donated.

Bill Spesshart and Warren Hohnstein won the Free Lunch Tickets.

Many spouses attended and I was really pleased to see them all ---hope they all come back each month.

There were birthdays all over the place! Robert Reposa, Robert Minnehan, Maxine Merten, Duke Holdorph, Bob Knapp, Tom Oliver, Bob Frecka and Bill Smutz. Marie is really sorry she ran out of birthday cakes. Red Knuter with his operatic tones led the Birthday song..

Now for the sad stuff, sick call - Wayne Carlton was in Swedish Hospital, Lorraine Villano is recovering at home from blood clots in the leg as is Buck Easton after knee surgery.

Bob Frecka asked me to thank everyone for the cards and calls he received when he was ill.

Charlotte Snyder passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly. She was the wife of Bob Snyder.

Bob Neal (50's and 60's admin officer) died as did F 80 pilot John Carlson.

The New Year is upon us and time to reflect and count our blessings. The GANG has grown by about 75 people and our lunch attendance is now averaging 80 to 90 per meeting. With growth comes additional mailing expenses. Those attending meeting know I often have to pass the Poor Basket and those of you not able to attend often send donations. If you have not been able to send donations lately please try to do so ASAP. Please make checks payable to Wayland Boyle as we cannot cash checks made to the GANG etc. This past month I received letters form Wayland S Everhardt and Archie Fox.

The January meeting is on the 5th, same time and same place. Start the New Year out right by getting together with old friends by joining us. See ya!

Best wishes for the Happiest of New Years fom Marie and I.

Late note: John Candelaria retires 13 Jan. We wish you well.

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