

# The AEROGRAPH

## NAVAL WEATHER SERVICE ASSOCIATION



JANUARY 1980

President – Fritz Pahl  
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2nd VP - Rog Atchison

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### Announcing SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION 26-27-28 JUNE

Our reunion committee is well along with planning for this next major event in the life of our association. Have you got those dates logged on YOUR calendar?????

It's unbelievable that we have sufficient information at this early date to be able to publish the brochure you'll find attached to this issue of THE AEROGRAPH. But here it is, nevertheless....hopefully this early publication will further enhance the large turnout we expect at the JAX Reunion. It'll be our best yet!

And, speaking of JAX--it's appropriate to note that the actual location is just south of the county line and physically in ORANGE PARK. NOT TO WORRY! This is THE REUNION you were promised. . . none other!

Check out the attached poop sheet and start making YOUR plans to ensure YOUR accomodations are reserved according to YOUR itinerary. The SOUTHEAST CHAPTER, NWSA has assumed responsibility for organizing and carrying out this function--let's give them reason to be glad they expended so much energy by joining all those good shipmates and friends in O.P. in June...!

## **THIS YEAR!** **JACKSONVILLE**

Besides to info you'll read in the attached reunion brochure, tha committee offers these additional comments. The NWSA reunion will be preceded one week by the annual VW-4 reunion, a one-day affair. You may wish to attend both and spend the week in Jax. You can obtain details on the HURRICANE HUNTER REUNION from the NWSA reunion committee.

There is a possibility that a group will be going aboard one of the LANTFLT aircraft carriers home-ported at Mayport. Other visits to St. Augustine and Jacksonville Beach can be worthwhile (45-minute drive from O.P.). Dog racing is popular in the Jax area, for those who feel comfortable at the two-dollar window. Local dining and dinner theater spots will be pointed out to interested attendees.

For the mixed doubles tennis match listed in the pro-gram, you must sign up as a couple but only the first game will be played with that partner. More Fun!

Business Meeting agenda items should be mailed to NWSA Secretary-Treasurer--not to the reunion committee. However, that meeting agenda will be handed out along with other materials at the Reunion Registration Counters at the Best Western Motel.

Please be prompt with your requests for advertising in the Reunion Program, a booklet each registrant will receive. More details as well as advertising rates are noted in the attached reunion brochure . . . . Support this unique, new idea!

Plan early for your travel and accommodations. By all means let the reunion committee know your plans by mailing the attached registration form with your appropriate fees. . . the committee can do a better job when they know the numbers of people they'll be planning for. . . overall costs can be held down. . . some working capital always helps. . . last-minute crunches can be avoided. . . purchasing, printing, arranging can be done in advance, thus allowing the committee members to relax and enjoy the reunion along with you GRACIAS!! Y'all!!!

It's so much easier to suggest solutions when you don't know too much about the problem.  
Malcolm Forbes

**HONORED SPEAKER JUNE 28th**

**BILL CHAPPELL**, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, represents the Fourth Congressional District of the State of Florida. A naval aviator during WWII, CHAPPELL has continued to serve in the Naval Reserve and currently is a Captain.

A native of Marion County, Bill was born in Kendrick, a few miles north of Ocala, in 1922. Nearly all of his adult life has been spent in the public service at community, state and national levels.

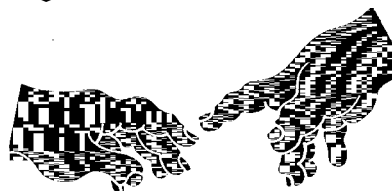
In 1968 Bill was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, the first Marion County resident to serve in that body. He has been re-elected to each consecutive Congress and is presently serving his sixth term. Initially assigned to the Committee on Banking and Currency, he was reassigned to the Appropriations Committee in 1973, on which he still serves in the 96th Congress. He has been a member of numerous Appropriations Subcommittees and currently holds seats on the Defense, Energy and Water Development, and District of Columbia panels.

CHAPPELL's deep concern for a strong national defense has influenced votes, Committee actions, and legislation he has introduced throughout his Congressional career. Reserve and Guard matters are among his priority interests, and it has been largely due to his efforts that the Naval Reserve has been maintained at an effective strength during recent years. He is also a charter member of the Coalition for Peace through Strength.

NWSA members, friends, and guests shall welcome Bill CHAPPELL to our banquet gathering. We look forward to his remarks knowing they will be pertinent and rewarding.

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**MOVING?**

**SHORT?**



**Keep in Touch**

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**ANNUAL MONTEREY REUNION PHOTO BROCHURE**

There was insufficient membership interest -to warrant production of the proposed brochure. Hence, this idea has been scrubbed., Greater attention and advance planning at future annual reunions should provide attendees with timely information on photo brochure costs and ordering procedures. Like AVIS, we'll keep trying harder!

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**NWSA**

# THE BEST GET BETTER

**NWSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
Contributions to the fund to date. . . \$210

DIDJA KNOW??

- Association of Naval Aviation has FIFTH CONVENTION/SYMPOSIUM scheduled for WashDC on 2-3-4 May. For info: PO Box 4124, Pensacola FL 32507 or telephone (904) 434-0575.
- USS BELKNAP (CG-26) is going back into commission after her rebuild/modernization.
- HURRICANE HUNTERS Reunion is in Jacksonville on June 21st. NWSA reunion committee has details.
- OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE, May 5-8, Houston Astrodome. The entire offshore industry focuses on dissemination and display of latest technology, equipment, services. An annual event.



NOAA WEATHER RADIO INTERFERENCE

Do you get frequent interference around 162.55 mh as you try to tune in the local broadcast near you? A common problem, but something National Weather Service can do nothing about just now. Here's why...

Approximately two years ago and for a period of six months to a year, the Federal Communications Commission licensed paging systems in frequencies very close to those of the NOAA WEATHER RADIO's. Receivers of exceptionally high quality are able to receive NWR only, but moderate and rather poor equip-merits receive interference.

National Weather Service complained to FCC and got agreement not to license paging systems close to NWR frequency in future. However, those that were licensed can continue to use their frequency for a period of five years. This means that interference will occur in some localities for approximately another three years.

CONGRATS TO YOU --

These are FY80 selectees for Lieutenant Commander in the Geophysics community (180x):

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| CLARK, Robert A.       | LANIER, Richard J.   |
| CORBIN, James H.       | LEROY, Richard D.    |
| DELANEY, Dennis M.     | LEY, Gary W.         |
| FAUQUET, Ronald L.     | LITTLE, William H.   |
| FOSTER, Michael S.     | MOSEY, David M.      |
| HOLLISTER, John E.     | PAULUS, Richard A.   |
| HOLT, Benjamin L. Jr.  | SALINAS, Manuel G.   |
| JOHNSON, W. F.         | SCARBRO, Kurt M.     |
| KARCH, George W.       | SCHROBO, Stephen M.  |
| KELLEY, Richard G. Jr. | SHERFESSEE, Louis 3d |
| KELLY, Patrick R.      | SHUTT, William L.    |
| KLEIN, Fred C.         | WAKEMAN, Mark        |

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PEOPLE DOING TOGETHER WHAT  
THEY CAN NOT DO ALONE.

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WBZ WEATHERMAN TO PUBLISH

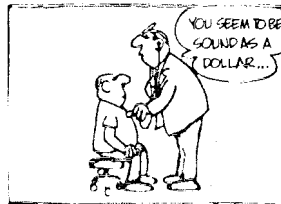
Bruce SCHWOEGLER, WBZ Boston radio and television meteorologist, has signed to co-author a book relating weather phenomena to alternative energy.. He will be assisted by Michael McClintock, a noted re-search scientist and physicist.

The book will be published in 1980 by McGraw Hill Publishing C. of New York. It will be the first definitive study of the effects of weather on the use, storage and development of alternative energy resources.

SCHWOEGLER, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, was a naval meteorologist prior to joining WBZ in 1969.

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## The bad news



## Quotes

*My friend Spackelmeir was complaining again: "Rain, snow, cold, rotten weather. It's all because of those darn meteorologists — always hanging around those isobars."* —Paul Swann

### GUEST EDITORIAL

NWSA Vice President

Frank Ivie

As I look back on these past months, it is gratifying to see our association grow and reassure our friendships. I am sorry that many of you could not attend our Monterey reunion, but hope that the attendees had as much enjoyment and satisfaction as came my way. I cannot describe the deep sense of camaraderie in groups--large and small--at different activities--you just had to be there!

We in Monterey thank all of the attendees who made our FIFTH ANNUAL NWSA REUNION a success.

Next year we go to JAX for our SIXTH. A few remarks on our Monterey reunion may allow members to help our JAX reunion committee to do a better job than we did.

First, make your reservation as soon as possible and send your check to cover the entire cost. All monies will be returned if you cancel--except the non-refundable Registration Fee. Should this not be possible, please make a firm reservation for activities desired: And if you cancel be sure to notify the reunion committee Sec/Treas as far in advance as is possible.

The reason for the above is that the Reunion committee has to establish a checking account and needs as much money in that account as possible--it prohibits service charges--he can pay advance charges that are demanded by some vendors.

Paid reservations give assurance as to numbers of attendees, thus eliminating guesswork about how many people may attend the banquet, picnic, golf. The committee generally has twenty-four hours to state firm attendance at the banquet and are charge for "No Shows" after that time.

The picnic is even more critical. Food must be ordered for a given number. A poor estimate can mean disaster.

Motel reservations will be handled differently at Jax, thus avoiding many of the problems we encountered at Norfolk and at Monterey. Each individual will be fully responsible for his own reservations.

If you plan to play golf, make a firm reservation for the number of persons in your party. Again, by sending your full fees you permit the committee to make up the schedule prior to golfing morning. Advance notice can be given to the golf course. Again, "No Shows" must pay.

As many attendees as possible should register in advance, if only to avoid the confusion of paying at the registration counters. This is also appreciated by the people staffing the counters, who are normally swamped with local attendees just walking in.

I would like to tip my hat to TED FOOTE for his humorous rendition at our business meeting....we know who we are and we know too that many of us DO need big name tags and large print on direction signs! I'm s-ure-thee TAX committee will have this--oversight remedied.

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not pass along from members, from Fritz and from myself our deep appreciation for the outstanding job Don CRUSE has done since taking over the NWSA SEC/TREAS duties. I'm sure Ski is happy that he passed these duties into good hands--and also sure that Don will have no qualms in passing these same duties along to Moon MULLEN at the JAX reunion.

NWSA as an organization can only improve as we go forward. How much and in which ways we improve depends directly upon Regional units that are beginning to form. I ask each member to search for possible members and communicate with them. Take the time to enjoy each other's experiences and friendship on a few social occasions when possible. See You In Jax!

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HUSBAND-WIFE AEROGRAPHERS What appeared to have positive potential for an interesting sidelight on current personnel assignment policies in Uncle Sam's Nyvee has sort a fizzled--policies are fairly fluid and expected to remain so. Suffice to say that there are a considerable number of these teams. They are assigned primarily to locations such as Guam, although there are slightly more rigorous locales also. No, we don't have them at sea; but don't take any large bets against it either.

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#### CAREER PROFILE, CAPT McDONIELL

*Captain John R. McDonnell was born in Kansas in 1933. From 1938 thru 1951 he was a resident of Kansas City, MO., where he attended Rockhurst High School and College.*

*In 1955, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and reported to the amphibious force in which he served in USS FREMONT (APA-44) and USS KLEINSMITH (APD-134). In 1958 he reported to submarine school, followed by tours in the USS BARBERO (SSG-317), USS GROWLER (SSG-477), USS GREENFISH (SS-351), USS BLUEBACK (SS-581), and USS DOLPHIN (AGSS-555).*

*As Missile Officer in BARBERO, he launched two historic missiles: the world's first official missile mail and the thousandth Regulus. As CO of DOLPHIN, he established five world records associated with operating at deep submergence.*

*Shore duty tours were as Ocean Survey Program Manager at U. S. Naval Oceanographic Office, Executive Officer to Director and CofS, Defense Mapping Agency, CO of the Naval Oceanographic Office.*

*Captain McDonnell's advanced education tours consisted of Post Graduate School at Monterey, where he was top man in his class while obtaining a Masters Degree in Oceanography and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces from which he was designated a distinguished graduate.*

*His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Award, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy Unit Commendation.*

*Captain McDonnell is married to the former Mary Edson of Chevy Chase, Md. They have four children.*

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## LAKEHURST--END OF AN ERA

On October 1, 1979, the weather forecasting responsibilities for Lakehurst were transferred from the station to NEOC NORFOLK, ending a half-century of local forecasting and flight support.

In the early 1900s NAS Lakehurst played a unique role in developing an awareness of weather-related operations among naval personnel and the local civilian populace. Files located in the weather office dating back as far as 1915 provide an account which partially explains the long-standing association of NAS and the Naval Weather Service. And, of course, between 1927 and 1977, Navy aerographer's mates received their basic and advanced aerology training at the various schools located here.

Records in the detachment files disclose the circumstances under which Colonel Charles Lindburgh used the NAS Aerology Office while planning his cross-country flight in Dec 1929. Not only did he receive planning information, but copies of telegrams indicate he received forecasts from this station enroute, in the spring of 1930. Weather and logistics support were also provided to numerous airships.

Among the many wind studies, research abstracts and office correspondence are papers and letters from many well-known personalities in meteorological circles. Dr. Charles Brooks, at the time associated with Harvard's Blue Hill Observatory and profession-ally known as "Mr. Meteorology," contributed studies regarding wind movements and cloud triangulations.

The man who worked closely with Lindburgh was Lt. Reichelderfer, who later served as chief of the U.S.

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Weather Bureau. Other names on correspondence indicating they served as Aerological Officers are Howard Orville, Robert O. Minter, Ross Kellerman, and Robert J. Williams.

Prior to 1966 there was an Aerology Division in the NAS Air Operations Department. In '66 the CNO established the Naval Weather Service and personnel and functions were transferred from NAVAIR to the new command. The Aerology Division of NAS Lakehurst be-came the Naval Weather Service Environmental Detachment, Lakehurst, placed under command of FLEWEAFAC Quonset Point. When FLEWEAFAC Quonset Point was disestablished, command shifted to NWSF Jacksonville.

Now known as Naval Oceanography Command Detachment, Lakehurst, the primary mission is the recording of surface weather observations. Authorized strength will now be one AG1, two AG3, and two civilian meteorological technicians.

Lakehurst AIR SCOOP, Oct 12, 1979

(Betty Wintersteen comments on similarities between the foregoing writeup and the Foreword to the NEL Forecasters' Handbook. - Ed.)

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**NAVY**

**IT'S NOT JUST A JOB.**

**IT'S AN ADVENTURE.**

BITS 'n PIECES

This also known as the world's gredtest collection of bum dope - scuttlebutt - unverified rumor - you name it. . . but it's one of our contributions to the general confusion rampant in the local area . . can always fall back on the non-attribution gimmick!

Had a great time the other afternoon with the SIC Inc. bunch . . Bill DEHN hosting SKI while he was on a recon venture to this northland . . . north compared to Pncla, anyway . . Larry HESTER, Dick PRITCHARD, Phil CASE, all folk from the Sea Ice shop. . . then Jim ROMANO joined us, breaking away from his Waldorf Maryland enterprise, Somethin' Special, for a brief interlude. Oops! Add Don FRYNER to that group..

Needless to say, that group did not succeed in re-solving all the problems of the world. . . but we did talk about most of 'em! Interesting that Bill DEHN has reassumed ownership of the firm after a one-year stint with ODSI's arrangements. Good luck to ya...

Bob NICHOLAS phoned from Jax to make sure we're all glued together when it comes to promising new members chunks of literature on NWSA. . . those folk are digging out more and more retirees from the local weeds. . . membership is thriving as a result. . and so is our SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CHAPTER!

Tom BEASLEY confirmed what we read in NAVY TIMES, that Dick KELLEY will be coming off BELLEAU WOOD to relieve Ken SMITH. . . Ken is soon to retire from this ole canoe club. . and his job at Ft Meade where he's been sub-specializin for some years now. We wish both Ken and Dick fair seas in their new jobs.

Jane and 'PL' BRUCE are among those fortunates who have a new grandchild around the house once in a while . . . over in Chilhowie, that is.

Hazel & Charley HUDOCK have got the seed catalogues thumb-worn already as they plan another 'super garden' for the coming springtime on the WV farm. .  
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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAVAL WEATHER SERVICE

ASSOCIATION

_____	Rate/Rank/Civ _____	Other
Name	Status (Ret?) _____	Personal
_____	Spouse's Name _____	or
Mailing Address	Telephone ( ) _____	career
ZIP		detail
		welcomed

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- \$5 Annual membership dues (1 Jul – 30 Jun)      Mail to:      Donald A. Cruse, Sec-Treas  
567 N. Livingston St.
- \$5 One-time Registration Fee (new member)      Arlington, VA 22203
- \$5 Reinstatement requested (if dues have      Telephone ( ) 524-9067 for more information  
lapsed more than one year)      if needed.

====Make check payable to: NAVAL WEATHER SERVICE ASSOCIATION====

WELCOME ABOARD!

## I WAS THERE!

More on the BIKINI A Bomb Tests--a subject broached in this organ via our write-up on Shorty ORVILLE. It seems the info taken from a WASH POST clipping was too general and therefore misleading when it identified Shorty as the Honcho Forecaster for that test series. While true enough that Shorty was blessed with "overall responsibility" as Director NWS at the time, the on-scene chief forecaster was CAPT Art CUMBERLEDGE in USS MT.McKINLEY. It was Art who absorbed mucho flak from Admiral BLANDY, Commander JTF-1. (A fact passed along by Glen DRUMMOND and confirmed by Art...Ed.)

Art's deputy was COL Ben HOLZMAN, USAF--later to become COMDR AIR WEATHER SERVICE. Others aboard the MT. McKINLEY working in the weather shop: LT Paul HUMPHREY, USN; AGC George WALL, Leading Chief; AGC Joe LEAHY; AerM1/c Glen DRUMMOND.

Captain CUMBERLEDGE further adds that the USAF Unit at KWAJ ran the air recon; and we were further assisted by FLEWEACEN GUAM.

For the record, Art was also chief forecaster for General DOOLITTLE's raid on Japan--attached to USS HORNET (CV-8) at the time--launch ship for the B-25s. And chief forecaster for the North African invasion was CAPT Richard STEERE, now USN (Retired).

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## LIFE ABOARD THE PELICAN (AVP-6)

Chuck HEROLD

In 1934 I was a deck ape in USS PELICAN, planeguard for the first Patrol Squadron flying from West Coast to Hawaii. PELICAN was 800 miles NE of the islands.

In 1935 I sent 15-minute wx reports as Aerog striker at FAB Pearl Harbor to the first PANAM survey flight from Calif to Hawaii--an all-night job. It was funny but PANAM Pres Van Zandt paid radiomen to send reports and shook my hand..!

1935--still Aerog striker--advance-base ops in USS PELICAN. Sent first balloon soundings and wx reports from Johnson Island. PELICAN was first Navy ship to penetrate inside the island reef, using channel USCGS ITASCA had blasted through the preceeding year . . . . fantastic fishing...no swimming....sharks everywhere.

After 35 months at Pearl, I managed to get out of there to attend Primary Aerog Class 12. No one could make Third Class then unless he was a Class A School grad. That was Jan-to-July, 1936.

(PELICAN was one of nine "Bird Class" ex-minesweepers. She was first commissioned in 1918...Ed.)

We landed the HINDENBURG on its maiden flight to Lakehurst, and Warren PRICE stole the gold-embossed log from the cabin. We made him take it back.

Incidentally, KAZMARSKI, VON STEIN, SCHNEIDER, Tweedy OLIVER and I were making aerograph flights out of FAB Pearl in 1934-35. As the striker, I had the nice job of catching up about five months worth of old tephigrams--the forerunner of our adiabatic chart--nearly went blind. The adiabatic chart was much more informative and useful. I got a lot of good practice, though.

Class 12 spent much time proofreading and assembling our AEROGRAPHER'S MANUAL. Sure wish I had one for NWSA's Historical Section. By the way, BARBER's BOOK was nothing more than a condensed version of that old Manual plus a little on General Meteorology.

The reward for a thing well done is to have done it. Emerson
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## BITS 'n PIECES (Cont'd)

Betty & Ken FAIRBROTHER had a super trip with their trailer to Seattle and Puget Sound area in late Nov, in company with another couple and trailer. . . right now they're standing by to stand by when it comes to another trip eastward from home base in Sacramento. . .there are some of us over this away who hope plans work out favorably for such a trip. . got the hammock hooks all screwed in the wall--we're READY!



Got Jerry DELANEY's dues and a brand new address in Chesapeake Beach, Md. . sounds like a decent comet ate to NPOC Suitland to me. . . but what do I know? Still shift into severe shock when I recall the commute from Arlington to Ft Meade. . 72-mi round trip before they invented the Beltway! Glad to hear from ya, Jerry..

Fred & Jini BERG got all hung up on their Maryland home sale, just about the time they had everything set to move to Vermont. . now they're both back at former jobs as they regroup t. try again. . .

Had some info that Charlie JG D` ; was in Bethesda NNMC for a checkup. . must have turned out okay since when I phoned he had departed for home in Jan. . and headed for Fleet Reserve too. . that's good news.

Caloway WEST says he's not doing much at the moment but has his degree in Accounting and may return to work when the mood is right . . reminisced a bit about his days as a striker at NAF Annapolis along with such other eminent personalities as Al ATWELL, RILEY, Paul STEVENS, STERRETT. . . our boss was Pappy GREEN then..

Sorry to hear Joann KALLES had a slight stroke in December, but relieved that she's okay again now. Sam HOUSTON was bak in DC on business and asked if we ever got responsne from Cal HORTON. . negatory on that--but us record keepers are perennial optimists--we have to be!

Just to prove it works, thanks to Brace DE WALD at Miramar we are in the process of reestablishing contact with another USS LISCOM BAY (CVE-56) survivor from the Aerology Shack on that bucket. . know we know where the entire gang went, since AGCM Bill PINDER USNR is a drilling reserve at Miramar . . . ! Could add this bit to our "small world" dossier, also . . Hope PL BRUCE & Russ MAHOOD are tuned in to this bit of news also. . . no use in asking Lyle BLAKLEY if he's interested. . he never is. But that makes the whole gang.

Speaking of BLAKLEY reminds me of a photo of George KOSCO eyeballed t'other day in the TRGA monthly mag... ..George in his Santa suit at a Christmas party near his Pennsy home. . . looks little different from his days as LT KOSCO in USS RANGER (CV-4) when he was Aero Officer. . . in those days Aerogl/c BLAKLEY was large honcho office super. . one could always tell he had exalted status cuz when we wanted him he was always deeply embedded in that comfy leather sofa in AIR PLOT  
. . ah, memories. . right, Ken?

Sure was happy to hear Charlie JENKINS got NWSA a mention in NOAA NEWS. . helping put a tracer on some of the many ex-Navy wx folk now working with NOAA. . . . Charlie reeled off a few names such as John GRAFF, Stu BIGLEY, Jerry PETERSON. Was news to me that friend Charlie pulled a tour as Station Science Leader at South Pole Station (and MIC) 1973-74. . Looks like help is on the way for NWSA recruiting. . . Gracias!

Glen DRUMMOND and I were trying to come up with a complete listing of AG DETAILERS. . . kinda hard to fill in some of the chronology, so we can use some he'p. . Brig and Yag can fill in a few blanks back in their era. . then we'll crank it into this sheet.  
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#### I REMEMBER WHEN....

Tom O'Neill

. . . . when my name made NAVY TIMES four times in one year! In the 1955 era of reserve officer phase-down those USNRs on active duty were given the opportunity to go regular NAVY with an alternative choice of re-turning home via the inactive route. One penalty for many--including myself--was to accept a reduction in rank from LCDR to LT, along with the USN commission. Quite a low blow!

Anyhow, as a result of all this career shuffling about, just around the time I was being ordered to NPGS from USS MIDWAY (CV-41), NAVY TIMES published my name as a CDR USNR selectee....a LT USN augmentee.... ..NPGS selectee....and less than a year later, LCDR USN selectee! Can anyone top this?

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#### FORMER POWs OF WWII--AN UPDATE

Using information gleaned from our NWSA AEROGRAPH of July 79 and U. S. Navy archives, Bruce DE WALD comes up with this composite listing--published here in the interest of filling a few of the remaining blanks:

#### SURVIVORS

BIRCHER, Norman D.  
•COOK, Walter J.  
DIXON, Floyd A.

Aerog2/c  
CAerog(AA)

Wake Island  
Wake Island

•HOUSE, William C	Aerog/c	Kiska
JONES, Robert W.	Aerog2/c	
•McCONN, Donald W.	Aerog2/c	Corregidor
MENNA, William A.	Aerog3/c	
MILLER, Howard D.	Aerog3/c	Wake Island
MULLEN, "Moon"		
PINSON, Barton F.	Aerog2/c	Corregidor
•RHINE, Lloyd R.	Aerog	Corregidor
SAGER, William H.	Aerog/c	Guam
SUOMI, Sulo W.	Aerog3/c	USS HOUSTON
•TARNOWSKI, Zemo C.	Aerog/c	Corregidor
TURNER, James L.	Aerog2/c	Kiska
•WINFREY, Walter M.	Aerog2/c	Kiska

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DIED WHILE POW

COOK, Harry	Corregidor	Executed Mindanao
JONES,	Aerog/c Guam	Executed on Guam
PAYNE, Harold K.	Aerog3/c	Died while interned

KIA/MIA (Not POW)

SKYRM, Willie	CAerog	Lost with a PBY that disappeared between MidPac islands
LEE, Walter G.	Aerog/c	Believed drowned after sinking of USS HOUSTON
LENTZ, Gustave	LCDR	Lost with USS WASP (CV-7) off Solomon Islands, 15 Sept 42

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## The Navy's NROTC Program

Know anyone who would be interested in a four-year scholarship at a leading college or university of his/her choice? That includes tuition, fees and books...plus \$100/month! If you do, tell 'em to phone toll-free 800-841-8000. LEND A HAND!!!

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### NEW NATIONAL CEMETERY SITES

Two new national cemetery sites have been chosen by the Veterans Administration: Fort Gillem, GA and Fort! Custer, MI. Both expected to open late 1983. 'Built on Federally owned land.

The Ft Gillem cemetery will be in Forest Park, ten miles south of Atlanta. It will serve as regional national cemetery for KY, TN, MS, AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, an area with about 4.5 million vets.

The Ft Custer site is an unused portion of an Army Reserve training center located near Battle Creek, midway between Detroit and Chicago. This site will also serve as a regional national cemetery for the Lakes area--IL, MI, MN, OH, WI--with a vet population of more than six million.

Other new VA cemeteries to come: Riverside, CA; Bourne, MA; Calverton, LI, NY; Indiantown Gap, PA; and Quantico, VA. (ARNews)

### MORE BITS 'n PIECES

Had a call from LT Jim KALE, now assigned to PM-1 in NAVSHIPSYSKOM HQ--used to be our Admin guy in NWS HQ in Wash Navy Yard back in the days when Bill KOTSCH was boss man there. Jim sends his regards to all of you who remember him. . .

Congrats to Dave CANAWAY and his bride. . married on 15 Nov . . all good wishes from us all! New member Gil WAGI says we'll have to amend our distribution gouge. . we now have a member in New Hampshire. . noticed where Vice Pres of Science Application Inc., Dr. Peter R. TATRO, has been appointed head of the company's newly formed Ocean Science Operation..

Am sure KLF and others noted the planned reunion of USS HANCOCK (CV-19) - July in Boston. . . Thinking reunions again, see where USS PORTLAND (CA-33) plans June 27-29 reunion in LA. . . wonder if "LR" ROGERS is taking notes. . . he came to Primary Aerog School Class 20 from that ole bucket. .

Mary Ann CASSIDY sent XMAS greetings, as did many others. . . Ye Ed. sez Many Thanks. . scuttlebutt is persistent that Mary Ann is still planning to escape from South Carolina. . Florida maybe? Neal OPSTAD plans a trip back to USA from his British retirement spot. . perhaps in September . . Hazel & Ken CHESMORE I are much more secure now--had a break-in that caused them some anxiety, closely followed by physical mods around the rancho. . . can't say I blame ya!

Heard Al ATWELL was hoping to make Hong Kong for XMAS--then he and Helen were hoping for a March trip i to Bangkok. . . John & Fujii RODRIGUEZ were heading for Japan with the daughters for XMAS--then not expecting to repeat the trip for several years. . Dan STORY is one of those select persons who has a son in the N\*A\*V\*Y now that Drew has shipped in..

Similar news from Bob FREEMAN, who has a son now headed for OCS in Newport. . . but John & Gail MALONEY have daughter Sandy in her 2nd year at Air Force Academy. . . once again Ninette & Ray TENNISON were visiting their scattered chillun - also made a swing to Bermuda, St.Croix, San Juan - saw MORRISes and Yag CRAWFORDS in Florida. . . hope you've got a June trip to JAX cranked into that calendar!!

Tex & Pris MYERS added another grandchild and son Rick graduated high school. . sorta like Cinny & Tom DEAGAN's comment about their last young'un getting ready to depart for college. . allowing them to slow down for a third career after working 8 days a week in real estate for years. . . from England 'Jesse' OWEN writes that Lou & Rusty FRANCO eased in for a visit with Sue and him . . they hoisted a few for old times' sake--but of course..

Ron & Mary BLOOMFIELD migrated back to warmer climes after getting their Michigan summer home en-closed. . when the snow started falling, Ron ceased nailing down roofing shakes and they headed south!

Mickey & Fred OLSON are hoping to make it to Jax in June--some trouble with that being the best time for salmon fishing in their home grounds, however. We sure enjoyed Fred's visit down thisaway.. . , popped in for a short visit with Tom O'NEILL to make sure the keeps shaping up properly.... he is..

Those FASTOWs are still hanging in there 'way up in ,Dakota. . never know when they'll not only have a white XMAS but a white EASTER as well. . Mike became a Sr.Met.Tech. now with Nat'l Wx Svc. Not nearly that cold in Connecticut, where Lorraine d'ENTREMONT reports things going quite smoothly these days. . . knew there was somebody else with a son now in THE N\*A\*V\*Y. . . Connie & Bob SIMS have young Rob thru boots in Orlando and at Aviation Electronics "A" Scol NAS Memphis right now. . almost fergot..

Jim & Ann BLACK up in Seattle married off daughter Jane to a 'converted' Nebraska boy. . and Jim worked in a late Oct 79 trip back to Pensacola. . ran into Mary Ellen THOMAS and they talked about both missing the NWSA Monterey reunion. . Hey, you've got a grand chance to recoup--at Jax! In June!

John & Kayo BEACH report that Kayo opened a ladies apparel shop in San Marcos. . upgrading from her previous small shop. . John still enjoying flying--got a Navion Rangemaster now--that's classy!

## **MAKE IT SPECIAL JACKSONVILLE      FLORIDA FOR A DIFFERENT VACATION**

### NECROLOGY

The Naval Weather Service Association extends the sincere sympathies of its membership to the families and friends of these departed shipmates, dear friends, and fellow Weather people:

ALLIN, Ellery E. CWO USN (Ret)	Apr 77	San Diego
BLISS, T. Jay AGC USN (Ret)		Litchfield, IL
HEILMAN, John J. AGI USN (Ret)	28 Nov 79	Mission Viejo, CA
MAY, Walter H. AGC USN (Ret)	Dec 79	Forked River, NJ

SHIRLEY, John A. "Jack" LT USN (Ret)	17 Oct 79	Virginia Beach, VA
THOMAS, Bobby R. AGC USN	NOCD Pensacola	24 Jan 80 Brooke Army Med Center
TRUE, Arnold E. RADM USN (Ret)	11 Dec 79	
WILLINGHAM, Rosann	23 Nov 79	Wrens, GA
ZUEHLS, Robert O. AGC USN (Ret)	6 Feb 80	Seekonk, MA

### SEA FEVER

John Masefield

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea  
and the sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by,  
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the  
white sail's shaking,  
And a gray mist on the sea's face, and a gray dawn  
breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the  
running tide  
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;  
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds  
Flying.  
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the  
sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant  
gypsy life,  
To the gull's way and the whale's way, where the  
wind's like a whetted knife;  
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing  
fellow-rover.  
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long  
trick's over.

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#### PENSACOLA--A LOOK BACK (Conclusion)

Excerpts by Bob Lloyd from material provided by Charlie Hudock. . .

On 19 December 1918 a booklet on "Aviation Meteorology" was submitted to the Superintendent of Aeronautics. This booklet was prepared by Lt W.F.REED, Jr.. USNRF after suggestions from Lt H.F.FARR, Naval Instructor, R.N. and other British officers, together with information as to the needs of the service from the U.S. Flight Officers under the direction of the Superintendent of Aeronautics.

On 20 January 1919, the Aerographic Office started taking winds aloft observations utilizing the present method of determining winds aloft. This system, now in universal use, was first developed at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, during the period 28 Nov to 17 Dec 1917, and consisted of plotting pilot balloon positions as recorded by the use of theodolite, assuming a given rate of ascent of a balloon of a given free lift. Prior to this time, the only methods of determining winds aloft was by ascertaining the movements of various cloud formations by using a nephoscope, or else by obtaining actual wind velocity records with an anemometer attached to a kite or balloon.

Even with the seemingly crude methods and lack of personnel (one officer, two rated men and one sea-man) the value of the unit can be readily seen from the Questionnaire Pensacola WFR:AR:AB, Director of Naval Aviation dated 13 June 1919 which is quoted:

"The Aerographic personnel is of inestimable value to this station in its warnings of approaching squalls and general storms for use in the protection of aircraft and floating property. The early preparation at this station, each day, of charts showing the general condition of the weather over the country, the Gulf of Mexico, and

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The three most beautiful sights: a potato garden in bloom, a ship in sail, a woman after the birth of her child.

Irish Proverb

## MORE BITS'n PIECES

In the realm of 'blood, sweat & tears,' we find that Dick HUSTED has built a 17' cuddy cabin fishing boat--that equates to three years of b-s-t. . . she's now in the water (proves she floats!) and the next task is to get her outfitted. . . Dick, I think Marge and I will now stick to a ski boat down on Aquia Crik, thanks....

Dick adds that recent news from Wally CREWSE is that he's enjoying some jug fishin' on the Mighty Mississippi ....doing commercially what they used to do fer fun... Jerry STRUCK returned to full-time college with plans for a degree in Computer Science from Univ of North Florida...got some competition with Sec-Treas job as the SOUTHEAST CHAPTER, NWSA gets rolling....an understandable conflict with which I'm familiar, Jerry--but not usually fatal, my Doc tells me. . .

A few words on some of the people listed in our Necrology. . . Bob ZUEHLS died on 6 Feb from injuries received in a 26 Jan automobile accident. . hit a parked car (info from Carl BAILEY and Ron ELLIOTT). Chief THOMAS died in Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio (burn center) after being air-evac'd from Pncla. A fire destroyed his mobile home at NAS Pncla (info from Ski BRYKCZYNSKI and Bob LLOYD). John HEILMAN died at home (info from Jim STONE). Mail was returned to Walt WINFREY from T. Jay BLISS's address. Walt MAY be-came ill while traveling, but understand he was at home when he died (info from Ron ELLIOTT).

Got a new address on Jim MAXWELL, who has had two PCS moves in six months. . . ended up at Glenview where the snows get deep and wind blows mighty hard. . but we do wish you a pleasant tour there, Jim. Paul BELLINO got in touch to say he just returned to NJ from a Florida trip during which he saw Jerry STRUCK and others in the Orange Park-Jax area. Ed VAN BRUNT mentions having a son in USS FORRESTAL as V-2 Div Off. . also Catapult & Arresting Gear Off. . we just welcomed Ed as a new member of NWSA. Pete KESEL, too. . . sez he's been in th Spokane area for a year now...people have to like WX to enjoy Spokane; however. .

Someone who is enjoying the 'right kind' of winter WX is Dick ACKERMAN--postcard from GUAM sez he's still searching for FWC (probably one reason he couldn't find it is the new name of NavOceanComCen)--after 32-year absence the island is much changed. . while in Hawaii Dick called Dallas ROULEAD to shoot the breeze. Pete PEDERSEN joined NWSA and as soon as he did the B LIST told him Pete KESEL was nearby. . by now I'm sure they must be back in touch. . as is proper since Pete stood up with Pete (confoozed?) KESEL at his wedding while in AG(B) School, Lakehurst, 1953

Zemo TARNOWSKI finds that listening to all the sea stories at the reunions leaves him with a very sore throat! Well, I won't say too much 'bout that, but it was noticeable at Monterey that Lois & Zemo were some kind of enjoying themselves! Way to go, I say. . .

With all this intense chatter back and forth about WWII 1"41N, about which Bruce DEWALD is writing his book and still doing research. . plus Paul CARRIGAN's effort toward a book about WWII Aerographers in the Aleutians . . I've been enjoying my education in these matters. It now appears that many, many people are in touch and exchanging info . . NWSA is gratified to have helped. We stand to gain as well, of course. . as an example, the contact regained with Willy SAGER of Hemet, CA. Still a lot of loose ends flappin in the breeze; so if you can help these two gents reconstruct some of those past events they're interested in, hope you'll do it..

Appreciated the letter full of local 'people' info from Pappy FAIRLESS. . Dob FRAZIER felt sorta left-out when his AEROGRAPH and B LIST didn't arrive aboard his big hummmmer EISENHOWER until 19 Dec . . that stuff spent a long time in somebody's mail pouch! Bob has a Command Master Chief job in addition to working his normal billet, by the way. . . pretty prestigious, I'd say! Does that CMC job come with a secretary, Bob?

Willie Ray SANDERS reports that there are enough ole chiefs at the NatWeaSvc shop in Concordia, Kansas to keep the place squared away--old Air Force types seem to be the only real problem there. . Wally MOORE and George PHILLIPS are the other two retired AGC types . . . Dick GILMORE has requested transfer to the USN (Ret) list along about Aug 1<sup>st</sup> -then back to Oak Harbor from the island paradise of GUAM . . . he's XO at NOCC now . . . looking forward to being neighbors of the HUSTEDs and

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## PENSACOLA (Cont'd)

the Western Caribbean Sea, and issuance of special bulletins on expected weather and winds has an important bearing on the general flight work of the station. The forces of wind with direction obtained for altitudes up to 5,000 feet during the flight hours for seaplane and airship school by the Aerographic Officer when long flights are used."

On 24 June 1919, Ens L. H. Lovelace reported for duty as assistant to Lt Reed pending detachment of Lt Reed. The first known aerograph flights in naval meteorology were conducted in July 1919. Log entries dated 17, 22, 23 and 28 July are as follows:

Thursday, 17 July - Received 1 Aerograph #74 made by Schneider Bros. Inst.Co. and shipped from the Naval Observatory. Only 5 blanks were received with the instrument.

Tuesday, 22 July - Aerograph case swung between right wings on an N10 flight made without the re-cording device but with weight equalling the recording device in order to test the method of suspension with screen door pull springs. The test was satisfactory.

Wednesday, 23 July - First aerograph flight was made between 1:58 p.m. and 2:28 p.m. in an N9 #2474, Lt(jg) Mason, Pilot, Lt W.F.Reed Jr, Observer. A very satisfactory record was made by the aerograph only a slight broadening of trace vibration. The instrument was calibrated for temperature by taing it into the Power House where temperature was 90 and into the cold storage where the temperature was 38<sup>0</sup>. The altimeter was read frequently during the flight.

Monday, 28 July - Ens Lovelace made flight with aerograph from 12:15 to 1:57 reaching an altitude of 7,300 feet.

On 8 Nov 1919, the first use of the term Aerology and Aerologist was noted. The terms Aerographic, Aerography, and Aerographer (for naval officers) were in exclusive use until this time.

During this period, several notations were made in the log about officer students in training as aerographers. On 1 Dec 1919, the first log entry was made concerning officer students and Naval and Marine en-listed students reporting aboard for instruction in Meteorology. It is significant that Army enlisted students were enrolled in the Aerographer School during this period. Spceific entries mention Army officers being briefed on methods and instruments in the meteorological observatory.

The aerology training program continued with the indoctrination and training of both Enlisted Men and Officers alike throughout the 1920s. As the Aerological facilities in the United States Navy continued to expand Aerological Officers began to be trained in Postgraduate courses at several universities in the country. On 15 May 1924, the Aerological School was closed and moved from NAS Pensacola to NAS Anacostia.

On 27 June 1924, the first entry mentioning the Aerographer rating was made in the log: "John Dungan, Rating changed from CSM to CAEROG."

The first meteorological office, the first aerographic school for officers and men, the first weather reconnaissance flight, the first aerograph flight, and the first text on aviation meteorology can be attributed to NAS Pensacola.

(NWSA Historian Note: Primary source materials for the above are at Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola)

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## BITS'n PIECES

can harken back to an earlier time when Dick HUSTED was AGC in USS MONTEREY (CVL-26) as he reported aboard as AGAA, freshly graduated from AG(A) School, 1953...

Then Mike CASEY stopped to visit the troops in Bill DEHN's shop and became a member of NWSA. . enroute to Alameda from Keflavik. . . Charlie THOMPSON still in Mpls. . account exec with Craig-Hallum, Inc there. . . .Got a comment from George WEST regarding Jesse GROW and it seems Jesse just receives his mail at the NJ address. .

some folk think he's actually in Idaho..? George is now doing a good job of stirring up the Fla folk now that he's relocated and back in battery. . . people like Boyd O'MANG and George NEHILEY had best stand by....was interesting to hear that NEHILEY is on NAVY MARS on CW a good bit of the time.

Harry HAMLIN has returned to Muskegon, according to his change of address card. . guess the Fla vacation trip went okay. . hope so. Must issue congratulations to Ski BRYKCZYNSKI for sticking with the job until he got his degree from Univ of West Florida.: Are you really gonna sit on the patio and contemplate your navel, Ski? I'd rather be shrimping

Haven't heard a peep out of Dale GRAGES since he hit the trail westward to Las Vegas. . Fred BERG has spoken with a Bob RYAN who also works in METSATLAB in the nearby World Weather Bldg. . . Bob was aboard a seaplane tender swinging on a buoy in Argentia on Dec 7th, 1941. . later had his ship sunk in North African invasion. . sounds like somebody we should B LIST...

Frank IVIE was having a great time marshaling for the Spalding Pro-Am Golf Tournament in Monterey...or should I say Pebble Beach? Either way it sounds great fun. What was that you said about Prof DUTHIE putting out a newsletter, Frank? Shucks, it must mean that everyone is doing it. . .

Jesse VOWELL has a new job with State Technical Institute at Memphis. . . Asst Prof, Vo-Tech. Perhaps more interesting is his hobby/business sideline: Manufacturing custom-made Indian Tipis. . . am still a bit !puzzled over a DANFORTH, USN(Ret) mentioned by Jesse. B LIST records are no help on that gent. . . Added new (member Bob PIERCE, another of several from Jax we welcome aboard. . Bob finished his BBA with some GI Bill and is now with Beneficial Finance Co. . . Gil WAGI is a Senior Fcstr with Weather Services Corp in Bedford, Mass. . would like to hear from you, Hal WILLS and Charlie JENKINS.. .. Gil lives in Nashua, NH.

Moon MULLEN still looking for ways to fill out our !NWSA Scholarship Committee...something essential to this program. . he's also one of our most prolific recruiters. John LINCOLN asked for info on joining our Assoc. . . thinks the tour at NEOC NORVA is going to be a good one. Phil HUMBLE sends a retirement ad-!dress from Kaneohe and adds that wife, Jeanne HAMADYK, is completing her unaccompanied tour at Futenma and is soon to report to MCAS Kaneohe Bay. . sounds like you have some good days ahead, Phil & Jeanne. . . now, who replaced y'all back at Chanute?

With help from Beetle BAILEY, we regained contact with Bill STRAWN. . he retired and attended Seminole Community College for some vocational training...now works as Service Mgr for an ice machine leasing company in Longwood, Fla. Dick WARD is trekking back to west country. . Carmel Valley, that is. . from Louisville. Gonna be General Mgr of Scientific Services Division with ODSI/GWDI in Monterey. . and hopefully a member of MONTEREY REGIONAL CHAPTER, NWSA..!

Rex ALWIN finally succumbed to Ski's encouragement and joined NWSA. . he's a mechanical engineer in that chilly northland called Minnesota. . certainly a far cry from duty years ago as an AG in Coco Solo..!

JANUARY 22nd Remember on Saint Vincent's Day, If that the sun his beams display, Be sure to mark his transient beam, Which through the casement sheds a gleam; For 'tis a token bright and clear Of prosperous weather all the year.
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From John SHAY down in PeeCola...."Remember when, in those 'good of days,' you had dry bulb/wet bulb, max/min, and you had to go outside to do an ob? Now, with LED and electronic devices, just a quickie look at the clouds is it! Maybe that's why our modern-day AG doesn't get as many colds as the ol'timey type did!

Speaking editorially (and it is difficult, John), my major problem with obs was always those \*\$@%\*\$ aircraft tiedowns . . . as I was really trying in the middle of the night to see if there really were any clouds up there. Either that or wandering off into a catwalk. . . (Still more . . . )

## NEWS OF REGIONAL CHAPTERS

#1 MONTEREY-- No change from status described in last newsletter.

Contact: Frank IVIE, Sec-Treas  
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#2 SOUTHEAST--

Officers are:  
President Roger ATCHISON  
Vice Pres Gene BARNETTE  
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Members: 14  
Status: Chapter formed 6 Dec 79.

Initial concentration on planning for SIXTH ANNUAL NWSA REUNION, sked 26-28 June. Charter Membership is available to interested persons thru 28 June, 1980.

#3 POTOMAC--- No change from status described in last newsletter.

Contact: Don CRUSE, Sec-Treas  
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Arlington, VA 22203  
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--Other potential regions with tentative planning underway are requested to keep NWSA Sec-Treas advised of progress and status for publication in our April newsletter. These regions include Lakehurst, Tide-water, Pensacola, Ponchartrain, Corpus Christi, Memphis, Chanute, San Diego, Ventura, Puget Sound, Bay Area, Pearl Harbor, Guam, and Rota.

--The reunion sponsorship pattern has been established, thanks to our Monterey and Jacksonville experiences; that is, demonstrated effectiveness. It definitely looks like the future way to go--with region-al chapters setting the pace. So please talk it up and see if your region can be the next to charter.

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The true energy conservationist is known U by the length  
of the cobwebs on the car  
sitting in his driveway.  
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW??

How did we do on the names listed in July & Oct 79 newsletters? Like this, thus far: Ellery ALLIN is deceased (Apr 77); Curtis GILBERT is now listed in our B LIST supplement at his new address; Henry COOPER just dropped by NOCD NAS MIRAMAR and heard about NWSA for the first time--we're about to sign him on; and Henry ROBINSON has relocated to Pensacola but doesn't sound overly eager to rejoin us.

These others remain unlocated as of now:

- AGC Daryl PRUITT, USN (Ret) . . . . . name from Vern ROCKWELL
- CDR Louis W. TAMANY . . . . . name from Yag CRAWFORD
- LCOR Jack BALDWIN . . . . . AGC Harry CAMPBELL
- AGC Gerry BARTLETT . . . . . AGC Richard CADIGAN
- AGC Sam CHAFFIN . . . . . AGC Richard CORBY
- AGC George CROOM . . . . . Dan DAUGHERTY
- George DILLARD . . . . . AGC Harold FARMER
- AGC Jesse HAYES . . . . . AGC HOCKHOUSE
- AGC Roger "Skinny" LYONS . . . . . Harry J. MATTHEWS
- Louis MATTESON . . . . . AGCM NEWMAN
- SGT PREDARIS . . . . . Byron SARGENT
- CDR Jim SHOEMAKER . . . . . AGC SOURBEER
- CW02 Harrison SOLIBAKKE . . . . . AGC Ed TARPLEY
- AGC Adolph WHITE . . . . . AGC Jack R. TANNER
- William EVANS, Jr. . . . . AGC Devoyd EZELL
- ex-AGC Elizabeth M.BALDWIN (nee MILLER)
- ex-PATWING FOUR Aerographers: (for Paul Corrigan)
- Emmett SMITH from LaVeta, Colo.
- Bob "High Pockets" CAREY El Centro?
- Lester "Porky" ROBERTS from Shreveport



Or how about Captains (Ret) Bill KING and Jim JOHNSTON and "Curly" BUCKMASTER?

#### WEATHER LORE

According to ancient Saxon lore the general trend of a year's weather was influenced as follows by the day of the week on which 1st January fell. . . Monday: a severe and con-fused winter, a good spring, a windy summer; Tuesday: a dreary and severe winter, a windy spring, a rainy summer; Wednesday: a hard winter, a bad spring, a good summer; Thursday: a good winter, a windy spring, a good summer; Friday: a variable winter, a good spring and summer; Saturday: a snowy winter, a blowing spring, a rainy summer; Sunday: a good winter, a windy spring, a dry summer.

#### BITS'n PIECES (Cont.)

Don WHITE notes that the book "The Thousand Mile War" by Brian Garfield, which he has in paperback, mentions the ten-man weather team on Kiska. . . and, like several of us, Don enjoyed reading Charlie HOUSE two-pager on "my return to Adak." Don may try to get back in closer touch with Jesse GROW also. . they had some good Lakehurst duty together back a ways...

Ski says that no one around Pncla seems to know for sure where Bill KING disappeared to. . we had thought Bill to be bound for the Smoky Mountains but mail came bouncing back from the address up there. Ace TRASK is back on the B LIST, thanks to Ski. . kinda looks as though Ace is a COMTHIRTEEN staffer at present. From a Boston news clip we read that Dr. Fred WARD is about to get canned from his TV Channel 7 job as weekend weather guy. . WARD is fighting it, claiming they're only firing him because of his age. . . now why did you send an item like that to me, Dan HEWINS? (Most likely because of the old age bit..!)

Dan adds that his Assoc Degree in Criminal Justice from U of Maine, Augusta, will be awarded at 17 May commencement. . our Congrats on that, Dan. . and also enjoyed reading the log of your five-weeker across the USA. . when we saw you and Cece in Monterey we didn't realize your itinerary was that extensive. Your preference for Greyhound to an NAS Brunswick P3 for the trip to Jax in June 80 gets a big Ten-Four. . Marge & self done got booked on EAL super-saver-saver--most likely that's the one the passengers turn cranks to make 'er go! We shall see. . .

One problem we find in getting together for travel to distant reunions is the variety of itineraries we all seem to have. . this was one area where we'd hoped our Regional Chapters could effectively work--and we still may--group charter can save a bundle under certain conditions. . what say, some of you smarter minds than mine? Bob CASE's suggestion that we schedule our 1985 and <sup>1995</sup> reunions in Hawaii still sounds great!

In our continuing efforts to get in touch with Jim TURNER (he's one of those names on the WWII POW list) we hear that Paul CARRIGAN was still being stone-walled by Jim's wife. . . Oh Oh! Problem there of some kind. Another possibility being checked out by Fred OLSON is that Jim is working over in Bremerton. . . . was nice to hear from Paul that Chuck & Danny HEROLD paid them a visit last Sept. . while on a trip to visit sons in Boise and near LAX. . and I imagine there was really S O M E rehashing of days in those Aleutians during that sojourn. . . great fun..

Mighty glad to hear from Jack AGEE that/can return to work "on the best Police force in Western Kentucky" . . that's after having a heart attack. . Jack says he felt like a yo-yo for a while, being in and out of hospital so much. With some help from Joe MEEKS at PAXRIV we got a fresh line on Clyde MARGESON (now in Florida) and Faye CROSSLEY. . still at P River when I thought he'd gone to sea in USS NASSAU. . looks like he's twilite touring at Pax. Speaking of going to sea . . Marty BONK plans to tell Bob FRAZIER "It's about time you got a ship's company tour..." Only good friends can say things like that. . usually..

Good to hear that both Brig & Batty BRRGMAM are in good health again and are planning to steer that HONDA toward Jax in a few months. . we'll look for you. In NJ Arno HEINTZ sends a new address. . moving farther out into the pineys. . now, why would anybody name a road "Sooy?" Beats me! Bob & Pat MOTTERN enjoyed a visit from Pat CHAMPION, who still lives up in Georgia It the address logged in our B LIST. . if Bob doesn't show up in Jax in June we'll get some carpools together and come down <sup>his</sup> way. . . Satellite Beach isn't very far from Jax, Bob writes. . .

The most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness.

Montaigne

Art NESBIT has migrated northward to Mass. - working for G. E. Ordnance in Pittsfield - living in an old farm louse in the boonies. . writes Beetle BAILEY. . adding this bit to the legend of NAVWEASERV and its idiosyncracies: .."can't expand on the unusual duty bits, but I can give you some dope on an unusual "qualified for membership guy--Al "Smokey" NAPIER, ACC(SS), USN (Ret). Smokey was a Radarman in subs during WWII and, after a few years hiatus, re-upped and became an AC. A few years pass and ol' Smoke can't pass his flight physical; so they run him through AG(A) and AG (B) Schools and transfer him to FLEWEACEN PEARL. But he never changed his rate...could whip out upper-air anals & Progs with the best...used to blow Ron HUGHES' mind...especially when Smokey teamed up with our ex-barber, Larry MILLER..

Al got his nickname from his cigars, more than likely. Before the days of the Italian-American Anti-Defamation League, those things were called Guinea Stinkers. Smokey would grab his grease pencils, cut a cigar in half, light up, and be guaranteed privacy while he drew his charts!!

He retired in the late 60s and joined Customs & Immigration...after a tour at Hono Int'l Arpt he was transferred to Border Patrol in Arizona.."

Betty WINTERSTEEN is looking forward to the reunion in Jax. . like many members, she can recall pleasant duty there--in Betty's case, Late '46 thru Dec 49... ..And a quick acknowledgement that Bob BUTTRICK is now one of TWO NWSA members in New Hampshire... Gil WAGI being the other...guess we really will have to revamp our Geographical Member Distribution Table...

Well, amigos, this is the bum dope until late April, so adios until then.

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## **MEMO:JAX IS A GREAT PLACE**

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### FORMER DIRECTORS, NAVWEASERV

Captain Paul R. Drouilhet, USN (Ret)

Born in Galveston in January, 1906, Captain Drouilhet spent two years at Rice Institute in Houston before reporting to the U. S. Naval Academy in the summer of 1923. He was graduated in June, 1927 and went aboard USS TENNESSEE (BB-43) for his first duty tour.

In 1934 he reported to Post Graduate School, then located at U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, for instruction in Meteorological Engineering. After two years at NPGS he completed his studies at MIT and was graduated with the degree of Master of Science in Meteorological Engineering.

Destroyer tender USS BLACKHAWK (AD-9) on the China Station was his first tour as Naval Meteorologist (or Aerologist); and from her to USS AUGUSTA (CA-31) and the staff of CinC Asiatic Squadron. He served in that billet as Staff Aerologist until 1940, then was transferred to NAS Sand Point, Seattle. Early in 1941 Captain Drouilhet was transferred to Navy Weather Central, Washington, on temporary duty. Then, when ordered, he to the British Isles for duty as a Naval Observer in the field, of meteorology.

The outbreak of the war with Japan caused cancellation of those orders. As a Lieutenant Commander, he was then ordered to establish a Fleet Weather Central as part of FIFTEENTH Naval District, Balboa, C.Z. In 1943 orders took him to Dugway Proving Ground in Utah to commence certain studies in the field of Chemical Warfare as it pertained to Naval Forces--also to establish a school for the training of Naval Aerologists in chemical warfare.

Early in 1945 Captain D. was detached as CO, Naval Chemical Warfare Training Unit and reported to Staff, Commander SEVENTH Fleet, remaining in that billet until 1948. He then reported to Anchorage, Alaska for duty on the staff of CinC ALCOM. Shifted to the other weather extreme in 1950, he took over as OinC, Hurricane Weather Central at Opa Locka, Florida; and two years later to staff, CINCPACFLT for a four-year tour lasting until 1956.

From Pearl Harbor Captain Drouilhet moved to Washington and assumed duties as Director, Naval Weather Service. Then, in August 1958, he was retired from the U. S. Naval Service having served for 31 years.

What you have inherited from your fathers,  
earn over again for yourselves, or it will not  
be yours.            Goethe

CONCERNING REUNIONS--

Les From

I am always amused at the standard remarks made by the host that go something like this:

WE'LL DO EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN TO MAKE YOUR  
STAY HERE ENJOYABLE. . . Hell, State laws preclude this possibility!

HOPE THAT YOU'LL LEAVE HERE RESTED AND RELAXED. .  
. . Knowing that everyone will be happy but dog tired!

HOPE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE MEETING WILL BE  
FRUITFUL & REWARDING. . . Knowing full well that 90% of the work had  
to be completed prior to the meeting.

IT IS        THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION WILL RETURN  
HERE REAL SOON. . . Again knowing that five or six years is bound to  
elapse!

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## Coming in April

- AG DETAILERS, PAST & PRESENT
- WELCOME TO JAX – Rog Atchison, Chmn Reunion
- FORMER DIRECTORS, NAVWEASERV

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### THE SECRETARY'S NICKEL

We come to the end of another issue of our newsletter along about here, and I have the usual curiosity - - - of wondering if anything herein makes sense. Keep on trying, and y'all keep on reading . . . . hope you enjoy it as much as I do . . . . no question but that this medium is extremely important to NWSA's success. In looking further into our LIFE MEMBER- SHIP rule, and changes to be proposed to that rule at next business meeting, it's interesting to compare similar rules in effect with other associations. The example here is from TROA, based on age at nearest birthday. Of course a larger organization like TROA has a broad program with heavy overhead expenses--and dues double NWSA's! Hope you're thinking on this subject.

Age 76 and over \$50
Age 71 thru 75 \$ 80
Age 66 thru 70 \$100
Age 61 thru 65 \$125
Age 56 thru 60 \$150
Age 51 thru 55 \$180
Age 50 or less \$210

Attachment B to this issue contains a large number of additions and changes to BELLINGER LIST, 1979. The membership deserves congratulations on the high degree of interest shown in not only maintaining but also in improving this very important listing. I personally feel gratified when someone writes after first seeing our B LIST to say what a really great memory enhancer the list is.

# ANOTHER BREAKTHROUGH !

!! MEMBERSHIP STATUS: 5 0 0 !!

NOTE PLEASE that this figure still includes the 106 (members currently delinquent in 1979-80 annual dues!

Distribution of this issue of THE AEROGRAPH is to hour membership in first P<sup>r</sup>iority. Then an additional X540 copies will go to non-members who live in eastern or southern states, including those ships and stations without NWSA members on board to spread the good word. Hope you'll check with your friends to make sure they are aware of our reunion plans--don't rely on automatic dissemination!! Emphasize to them that everyone is welcome at NWSA's SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION. . not just members. Attachment "A" can be readily photocopied...!

No, Atch "B" does NOT go to non-members--that's the Jan 80 Supplement to BELLINGER LIST, 1979...

A word about delinquent dues--fully realizing this horse (dead?) has been thoroughly beaten before in this column. I have begun purging our membership list of those members who have become delinquent, giving precedence to the few who have paid nothing since their initial \$10 back in 1977...Yep, there are several of those, but you must remember that 1978 was declared a "Dues Free Year" for many of us. Next to go will be those who still owe 1979-80 dues--that \$5 was due July 1st, 1979...and if you are in that category I've penned an appropriate advisory on your copy of this, your last tissue of THE AEROGRAPH....

So Marge and I will see y'all in Jax or Orange Park in late June. . . Rog and his gang are doing a super job getting plans made and goodies ordered up. . the least we can do is show up and show those folks how much we appreciate all that special effort.

See you then,

*Don Cruse*

D. A. CRUSE  
Secretary-Treasurer

The only thing most people do better than anyone else is read their own handwriting.

## **SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION, NAVAL WEATHER SERVICE ASSOCIATION, JUNE 26-27-28, 1980, ORANGE PARK, FL**

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

	June 25 WEDNESDAY	June 26 THURSDAY	June 27 FRIDAY	June 28 SATURDAY
MORNING		0800-Registration begins Best Western Motel  { \$7.50 single; \$10 per couple }	0800-Registration begins - Golf Tourney at NAS Cecil Field  - Tennis (mixed doubles) match  - Self-guided tours of beaches and other local attractions	0800-Registration begins  1000-Business meeting continuation to conclusion, Best W'rn Motel
AFTERNOON	1500-Executive Board meets	1500-Annual NWSA Business meeting, Best Western Motel	Noon-Picnic begins at NAS Cecil Field	1500-Executive Board meets
EVENING		1700-Cocktail Party, Best Western Motel		2000-Banquet, with honored speaker Florida Congressman Bill Chappel

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

There will be a commercially printed program given to each reunion attendee. Included will be maps and our program of events. Now Hear This! Advertising is now available upon request to SOUTHEAST REGION, NWSA for space in this reunion booklet. Rates: 8x10 page \$50, half page \$25, quarter page \$15. Proceeds go toward the financing of our Cocktail Party. Why not send your order for your ad today?!? Or use this medium to greet your friends if you're not a business person. More info if needed from Publicity Chairmen Bob Spurrell (771-5285) or Tom McNeal (254-3732). Checks: SOUTHEAST REGION, NWSA.

**MAIL YOUR AD TO US**

MAIL FORM & PAYMENT  
NOT LATER THAN JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> TO:

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER, NWSA  
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ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM  
6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REUNION, NAVAL WEATHER SERVICE ASSOCIATION, JUNE 26-27-28, 1980

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Name ( AC Telephone No.

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Spouse or Guest(s) Staying at  Best W'rn  Holiday Inn  
 Days Inn  Other  
Planned Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_

We/I plan participation in there events:	Price Each	Total Amount
Advance Registration . . . . . fee . . . . . Each-Cople-	\$5.00 7.50	
Cocktail Party . . . . . June 26 . . . . .		
Golf Tourney . . . . . June 27 . . . . . Trophy fee . . . . .	5.00	
Tennis Match . . . . . June 27 . . . . . fee . . . . .	2.00	
Picnic . . . . . June 27 . . . . . Admission . . . . . Adult Kids-	5.00 2.50	
Banquet . . . . . June 28 . . . . . Admission . . . . .	15.00	
TOTAL DUE \$		

**REMINDERS FOR ADVANCE REGISTRANTS**

- Registration daily at the door (Best W'rn Motel) will cost \$7.50 single, \$10 couple. ADVANCE Registration is heartily recommended.
- Advance registration must be accompanied by correct fee and is NOT refundable. Other fees you send are refundable if you cancel.
- An information packet will be mailed to you upon receipt of your advance registration form and fee.
- Pick up your advance registration materials (badges, tickets, pins, joe cups, programs) at the Reunion Registration counters at Best Western.

- Banquet costs are still being negotiated; hence, some final adjustment may be required. The Reunion Committee will let you know.
- MOTEL accomodations must be arranged by YOU. Be smart--work thru your local travel agent--his services are free to customers. Or use the toll-free phone numbers listed on reverse of Program Schedule.
- Make checks payable to "SOUTHEAST REGION, NWSA."

**SEE YOU  
IN JAX !!**

MOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

The Reunion Committee has selected three primary motels that are conveniently grouped near the intersection of Interstate 295 and US 17. Each is within walking distance of the others. See map above for orientation.

The majority of our SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION activities will be conducted in the BEST WESTERN FIRST NATIONAL motel, a facility with convention facilities such as meeting rooms, banquet service, and 130 rental units. Information is provided below to help you make reservations at the motel of your choice. Remember to take advantage of convention rates by mentioning your NWSA affiliation. You can use the services of your local travel agent--they're free to customers. But we have ensured that each of the listed motels can be reserved by you, by phone, from your local area.

<u>FOR TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS</u>			<u>CONVENTION ROOM RATES</u>		
			<u>Double</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Extra</u>
Best Western	(800) 528-1234 or call one near you	Local (904) 264-1211	\$26.00	\$22.00	\$3.00
Holiday Inn	Call your nearby Inn	Local (904) 264-9513	30.00	25.00	3.00
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RECREATION VEHICLES

NAS Cecil Field (Lake Fretwel) has four concrete pads and can provide electrical and water hookups to other nearby parking sites if needed. There is a small fee.

NAVY LODGES

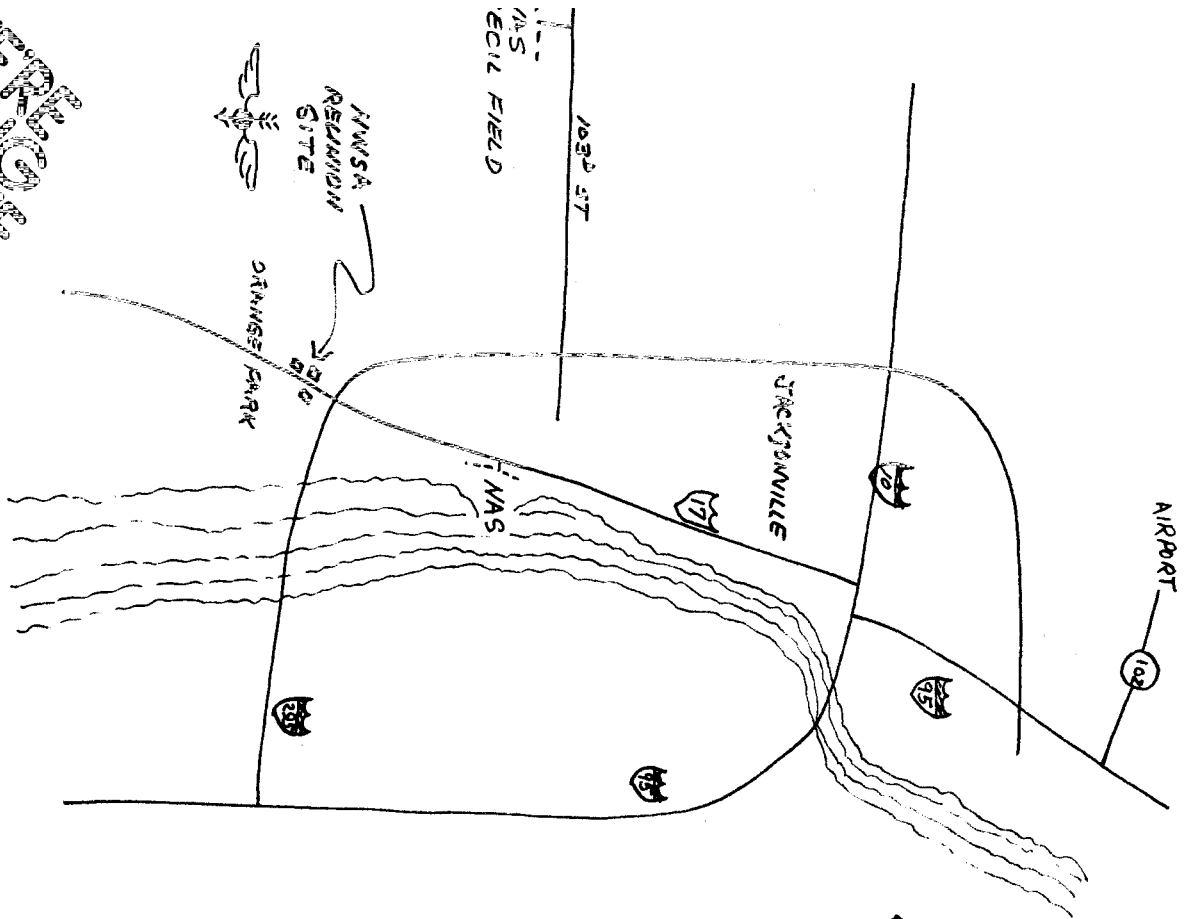
Reservations can be made by active-duty personnel under PCS orders only. Other transients can sometimes be accomodated on a space available basis.

The Southeast Regional Chapter, NWSA has assumed responsibility for organizing and carrying out this SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION. Our reunion committee wants to assist you in any way that will enhance your enjoyment of this gathering. Let us know if we can help you. Address all correspondence to:

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Tel (904) 269-3840 Sec/Treasurer

**NOW HEAR THIS. . . . NOW HEAR THIS....** *Reserve Early*

YOUR OWN  
DANGER



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