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KNIGHT'S NEWS



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Words From the Vice President

Dear Advocates and Friends of Edwards Air Force Base, Plant 42 and the US Air Force. I don't know what your Spring was like, but the Pete Knight Chapter (and my) schedule has been almost crazy. President Rex Moen has been on the road constantly dealing with both state and chapter business issues, as well as computer issues (which is why I'm doing the lead column this quarter.) In addition to our "normal" meetings, and airplane washes, we (CH-294 Board members) planned and executed a major function on base (reception at the AFFTC Commander's house), participated in two awards ceremonies at the California State Convention at Beale, and attended the area meeting at Vandenberg. (Makes me tired just to think about it.) On the

personal side, I changed jobs, moving from the private sector to a civil service position. Although that probably prompts you to ask "what does that have to do with the price of tea in China", it meant I no longer had access to my previous employer's conveniently located office in Rosamond where we held our monthly business meetings. We've since moved our meetings back to Club Muroc at Edwards AFB. While this is convenient for those of us that work on base—it is not as convenient for our retired and other "off base" members who don't have unescorted access to the base. If you don't have regular access to the base and want to attend the board meeting, you need to contact a board member so we can get you on the base visitor roster

for the day (or you have to get one of us to meet you at the gate to escort you in). We are looking at other options for meeting places, to include moving the meetings to various places around the valley so there's one close to where you live. (Our chapter roster has folks scattered from Tehachapi to China Lake to Wrightwood, to Canyon Country.) The rest of the year promises to be just as exciting (and chaotic) as we have at least two more large events planned, plus we change leadership in October when LtCol David "Jester" Smith replaces Rex, and Paul Vitale replaces me. In the mean time, you can keep tabs on the schedule at our website, www.antelopevalleyafa.org.

Randy Kelly

AFA Reception at AFFTC Commander's

The general William J. Pete Knight chapter members may not know it, but the AFFTC Commander, Maj Gen David "Ike" Eichhorn, is not only a Pete Knight member, but has also been one of the Chapter's biggest supporters. Earlier this year "Ike" suggested the Pete Knight chapter general members should have a chance to get together so he could meet and thank them for THEIR support of the Edwards AFB family personally. He even volunteered his own residence as a venue. After lots of schedule manipulations, menu planning, and other chaos, we all finally



Early arrivals—Pete Amaya, MajGen Eichhorn, Rex Moen and 3 other unidentified guests chillin early.



Mmm—isn't that a turkey you're fryin MSgt Flores?

decided on a date of June 27th. Unfortunately, we had an RSVP limit of 100 folks max, plus the scheduling problem prevented us from getting a date until only about 3 weeks before the party, which only

allowed us to send invitations electronically. (See why it's a good idea to give AFA an email address? ;-). MSgt Matt Flores, the Generals Aide began food prep 2 days before the event with help from Pete Knight members Virginia Hernandez and Leigh Kelly. "Ike" rented a circus tent (not really, but it was big enough to be ;-). (go to pg 3)



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Devonshire Inn and Motel, Rosamond CA.



PETE KNIGHT'S MONTHLY AIRPLANE WASH

Summer FINALLY arrived in the Antelope Valley—so we had nice sunny hot days for the 2nd quarter 2010 plane washes. Unfortunately, the Joe Davies airpark kept canceling and re-scheduling wash days. Fortunately, Plane captain Paul "The Don" Vitale kept us all in the loop with the changing times. Because of some upcoming holiday sessions, (and the number of other "plane owning organizations" who hadn't shown up in recent history) the Joe Davies folks asked us to clean up more than just the Pete Knight F-100 Super Sabre. We got to do some "Permanent Airplane Orderlee" duties on the Phantom, the Voodoo, the F-5 (and I think a little on the F-105). Here are some snaps of the "fun"!



^"Voodoo you think you are?" Paul and Conrad pretty up the F-101 so it can be on the other side of a camera for it's final career.



<Old "Rhinos" never die, they just collect bird poop until Komrade Conrad can hose them down, and clip safety wire from their wheels.



Capt Ryan Marcotte, WJPK Treasurer shows his youngest son how "the big boys" rake desert landscaping.

"Gray acres is the place to be—tumbleweed farmin is da life for me. Desert stretchin out so far and wide, keep your kitchen and gimme a nice plane side"
"Palm-Dale is where I'd rather stay. I get allergic smelling JP8. I just adore a patio view—Dahling I love you but give me P-Avenue."
— Paul and Ginnie showin off their farm implements while making Pete Knight's F-100 real pretty for visitors.



--Free Admission--

EAFB Museum Open Tuesday – Saturday 9 am. to 5 pm
Please contact EAFB Public Affairs prior to your visit, to arrange base access.
Phone: (661) 277-3510

Blackbird Airpark Open Friday – Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
2503 E. Ave P. Palmdale

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Most Weekdays -- 10:15 By Reservation

Contact NASA Public Affairs to make arrangements: (661) 276-3449

SPIDERMAN WANTED ALIVE by WJPK Chapter

Got talent taking pictures, writing story lines and spinning webs? Great!! We really really need a volunteer to feed us pictures and stories for our newsletter and website. Call or Email Randy Kelly if you're interested.

TIDBITS RETIREE INFORMATION?

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afretire

VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE ORGANIZATIONS GROW - BE ONE

If you're not a Pete Knight AFA Member, call Randy Kelly (hm: 661-256-1616) email: electricrow@pobox.com

2010 AFFTC Commanders AFA Reception



Here's da beef! Gen "Ike" looks on as Gabby Marcotte and Ginnie Hernandez strip the pork ribs so the rest of us don't get our fingers greasy:-)

so we could stay out of the sun, and the party kicked off with music, cold drinks, and hot hot weather. Thanks to MSgt Flores excellent cooking skills, we had lots of BBQ ribs falling off the bone, pork, deep fried turkey and all the trimmings. We were all stuffed!! The Pete Knight Chapter and some of the



Randy presents a bottle of "SAC Bomber Pilot" endorsed Canadian Whiskey to Gen Eichhorn as Anita Eichhorn is wondering what he'll do with it.

community partners presented small tokens of their appreciation for MG Eichhorn's and his lovely wife Anita's hospitality. The party went into overtime as there was plenty to eat yet, plus we all pitched in to clean up. We even



Pete Knight Chapter Pres Rex Moen watching from the side is also wondering what the General is gonna do with that bottle.

had food to send home. Even with the inevitable "no shows" we had over 75 members at the party, of which over a third were Pete Knight chapter members. (This was the most PK members we've managed to get together in years!!) The reception was a big success. Aren't all you other PK members who didn't RSVP wondering why you didn't go to this one? Despite the heat, you missed some really yummy home cooked BBQ. Keep your eyes open to our newsletters and the website calendar for future events. Hint—We're going to need all the help we can get for the 1 Oct flyin! :-)

CAFA 2010 State Convention

The California Air Force Association held it's 2010 State convention the 11th and 12th of June at the combined Club at Beale AFB California. Mr. Jim Lauducci, Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations attended from AFA National and spoke about the upcoming AFA convention in September, recent changes to the rules for payments to the state and chapter organizations, and membership issues. Jim also discussed the highly successful Cyber Patriot II competition. Cyber Patriot is the AFA scientific technical and engineering management (STEM) oriented program designed to attract and encourage young adults into a cyber security competition. (Cyber warfare is now a major mission area for the USAF.) Jim also noted that the Cyber Patriot program was now being expanded to invite all high schools as well as CAP and JROTC students, plus had a full time staff at AFA. (Expect to see more stories about Cyber Patriot in Air Force Magazine as well as in General Dunn's letters to AFA members.) Other issues Jim briefly discussed: AFA is still suffering from falling roll numbers as it loses older members from the WW-II, Korea, and Vietnam generations. AFA continues to modify the Chapter "payment" criteria and member recruiting is a significant part of that computation. The September AFA Aerospace Convention is supposed to be a big event. The biggest news from the CAFA business meeting was from the elections. Current



Paul Vitale receives a sustained superior service "loving cup" from CAFA Prez Martin Ledwitz and AFA Vice Chairman Jim Lauducci. (Lauducci and Vitale? Who's got the violin case? :-)

Pete Knight Chapter President, Rex Moen, and Chapter Vice President Randy Kelly, are going to be the new CAFA President, and Secretary respectively.. (OK, so who is doing the PK Newsletter now??)

On the awards front, Pete Knight Chapter members Paul Vitale, Ryan Marcotte, and Randy Kelly all received CAFA awards.



Rex Moen smiling and joking with voting members from another chapter. Look at that smile. (Maybe this was before Rex was elected CAFA Pres??)



Miss Piggy entertains the troops?? Uh, not sure which war this came from, but either Miss Piggy is older than any of us thought, or somebody used a little photo magic for this LIFE Magazine/CAFA Award.

