

# The Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation Newsletter

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## Post Reunion Report



What can I say? Pop A Smoke 2010 is history and the Angels, Ugly and otherwise have, have chalked up another very successful reunion. By my count this was our eighth reunion since organizing 1995, and once again we led the pack with sixty-eight Angels attending. Overall PAS 2010 attendance was about half of what it was when we last got together in Reno. While there is no definitive explanation for the fall off, the consensus is that the economy and attrition have both taken their toll. The latter suggests that if you want to see any of your buddies, best sign up for the 2012 in Orlando. We seem to be disappearing fast.

#### The following is list of Angel attendees:

Len & Anna Alteno Lew Barnes Rich & Susan Bartlett Ding Bell & Anne Bob Bosler Smeds Butler Ben & Ailene Cascio Rich Castelano & son Rich Chris & Judi Christensen Calvin & Wanda Cormier Bill Cowperthwait & Lady Dan & Joan Dain Ken & Dee Davis Joe Eke & Joe III Bob Feeney Don & Dee Ferguson Don & Lois Funk & Friend Ron & Anna Gall John & Suzanne Gonneville Bill Greenman Tom & Jan Hammack Ernest Herrera & Francello Tom Hewes

Dan Houglum Ron Ice Ron Johnson Denny Kawalek Noel Keller Ed & Ethel Langley D. J. Leighton Chuck & Linda Linn Don & Gavlene Martin Hank Mattia Frank & Holly Matucheski Phil Marnin & Lady Bill McCluskey John McMenamin Billy Ray McNair Billy Jack & Nita McNair Dick & Donna Moser Romy Myszka Roy & Hazel Newman John P. Nose Jim Perryman & Lady Lyman Phillips & Kathy Lloyd Chuck Robinson

Jerry & Marlene Scanlan Tom & Dottie Schaney Bob & Janice Sheehan Jim & Marsha Shelton Chuck & Fatina Smith Walt Smith Early Spiars Willie Sproule & Family Jim & June Street Ed & Pat Tatman Al Thomas Tom & Anita Thurber Wally & Eva Waldridge Bill & Beth Waters Bob & LaWana Whaley Tim & Loretta Wilson Wimpy Wimmler Del & Debby York Carl & Adele Yung Mike Zacker George Zamora

Hugh Rothweiler & Lady

The Ugly Angel dinner on Friday turned out to be a huge success. We ended up with eighty-six attendees on the deck of the Silver Peak Restaurant and Brewery, four more than were expected. The cocktail beer hour got everybody whooping and hollering, much to the astonishment of the staff and civilian onlookers all of whom were greatly impressed. Apparently they are not used to Marines having fun. The buffet dinner was also "first class" to quote Janice Sheehan who knows a thing or two about running a restaurant and is a recognized authority in the field. We were honored to have with us a Iwo Jima veteran, Chuck Convis, a prominent attorney from Carson City, who was a guest of Carl and Adele Yung.

As your reunion coordinator I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation, i.e. responding to requests and paying for their dinners in advance. It certainly made my job easier. Thanks also to Prez Romy and Linda Myszka who labored mightily to keep the Ready Room running smoothly while living out of their car. They have been on the move since Romy retired in June, stopping in Reno on their way to California to find a house. Also thanks to Jim and June Street for laying in the initial bar supplies.

What say we all meet at The Marriott in Orlando and do it all over again!

#### Election of Board of Directors

Whilst we were quaffing down a few cool ones at the Silver Peak, Romy conducted a somewhat informal election of a legal Board of Directors for the Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation. (It seems that in the past we have operated more than somewhat informally - go figure) Anyway, our now legal BOD comprises Dick Moser 66-67, K. D. Logue 68-69, and Walt Smith 65-66, all of whom were elected by acclamation. The three represent a great mix of Vietnam year groups and we wish them every success. I'll forward the manual for herding cats under separate cover.

According to Prez Romy, the new Board will have its work cut out for it. Among the issues that require resolution are the following: 1) The addition of adding an active duty Ugly Angel to the BOD. 2) Staggered terms for BOD members to enhance continuity. 3) Selection of a new slate of Officers.

The BOD welcomes input from all Angels, Ugly and otherwise, and they may be contacted by email at the following addresses:

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## Tragedy Strikes the Turner Family

It is our sad duty to report the untimely death of Tim Turner and Tim McDonald, son and son-in-law of Larry and Judy Turner in an aircraft accident in Niceville, Fl on 2 July. We offer our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Turner family along with our sincere apology for taking so long to respond. Unfortunately the tragedy occurred while the principal officers of the UAMF were all on the road Reno.

Larry and Judy: please know that all the members of the Angel family share your pain and grief.

#### **Angel News**

We have also lost another Angel, this time one of Archies. Robbie Robertson reports from South Carolina that LtCol Pete Scaglione, USMC (Ret) passed away on Sunday 18 July. Details are sketchy at this time, but apparently Pete, who died in hospital, had been seriously ill for some time. Our sincere condolences to the Scaglione family on their loss.

The reason you didn't see Garret Hatcher, aka Fat Hatch, at the reunion is because he was involved in a serious motorcycle accident that cost him his spleen and nine broken ribs just before departing for Reno. We wish you a speedy recovery Hatch, and try not to laugh – it really hurts with busted ribs.

Also on the sick list are Chuck Travis who was scheduled to undergo surgery for pancreatic cancer just before reunion time. Judge, we hope and pray the surgery went well.

Dan Dain, who did make the reunion, also underwent cancer surgery prior to the reunion. Dan reports he is cancer free – for the fifth time. Congratulations!

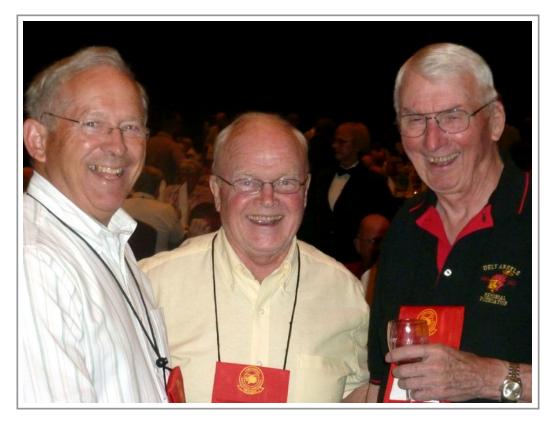
Prez Romy shared an email with me from Len Alteno that contained a brief report of his visit to Vietnam. Hopefully, we can talk Len into writing about his experience for a future newsletter.

B. J. And Mary Sigman also missed Reno because their son, Jack, totaled his truck in an accident on I-81 in Radford, VA while en route to Camp Pendleton. Fortunately, he is okay and the Sigman household is returning to normal.

You will notice that we are using larger typeface for the newsletter. I was reminded that some of us don't see as well as we used to. I'm sure glad we don't have an audio version of this because then we would be in deep trouble.

#### Blurb From the Editor

Since our President Romy Myszka is in the process of moving to California and is still on the road, there will be no postal edition of this newsletter. Hence, it will not contain the usual five pages of print and pictures, and a mailer sixth page. Thus far I have received one picture from the reunion, courtesy of Dick Moser. Because of it's questionable content, I include it with my sincere apology!



Carl Yung, Bob Sheehan and Tom Hewes enjoying the Saturday night banquet.

Late entry: Bill McNair, who is so prepared he must have been a Boy Scout, has posted a series of eighty-two reunion pics on Photobucket. I've included some on page 5 though the resolution fades south when I try to expand them to viewable (as in the above) size. My apologies to Bill because they are great pics and you have got to see them. Dial up and enjoy: <a href="http://s290.photobucket.com/albums/ll268/yl3cc/RENO%202010%20TRIP/">http://s290.photobucket.com/albums/ll268/yl3cc/RENO%202010%20TRIP/</a>

## **Suspicions Confirmed**

One day a long, long time ago, there was this pilot who, surprisingly, was not full of bullshit...

It was just one pilot, and it was a long, long time ago...

It was just for that one day!

Thanks to Tom Thurber



Zamora, Nose, and McNair



Trouble



The Girls, Beauties All



Happy Diners



The Guys Who Did the Work



Lads Being Counseled by Willie

UAMF Financial Report		
Checking Account Ledyard National Bank		
Balance 12/31/09		\$3,151.51
Income: Donations	\$2.505.00	\$2.505.00
Expense: Newsletter Donation, Cavanaugh Flight Museum  Balance 6/30/10	\$ 146.58 3,005.00 \$3201.58	(\$3,201.58) <b>\$2,454.93</b>
Long Term Account Oppenheimer & Co		
Balance 12/31/09 Interest Income Balance 6/30/10		\$11,827.36 <u>3.63</u> <b>\$11,830.99</b>
Total Net Worth 6/30/10		\$14,285.92

## Late Financial Entry

Romy emailed while on the move that Ugly Angel Coin sales netted \$65.00 while the Ready Room made \$116.00. He says the check is in the mail. Tom reports the Silver Peak comped us the four dinners over the final count so he'll be send a check for \$112.00 to the treasurer when he gets around to it.

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