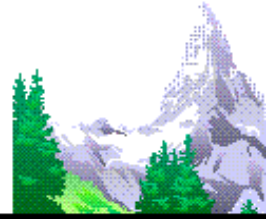




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REUNION XX – LAS VEGAS, NEVADA – OCTOBER 25-27, 2011

Our on-site coordinator and Vice President, Ray Lash (Scheyern 53-57), has finalized the contract with Hooters and following are the contact details for those of you attending our Twentieth Reunion. We don't know what the future holds - since we're all getting older - so you West Coasters should take advantage of this opportunity to attend one of our reunions.

Hooters Casino Hotel reservations **must be made by September 25, 2011**. This time around our reunion is schedule during the week, rather than a weekend, to take advantage of lower room rates. The reservation phone number is **1-800-522-7366** and mention you are with the **ASA Alpiners**. The agreed on room rate is \$35 per night plus Resort Fee and tax for a daily total of \$47.60.

There is nothing officially scheduled for Tuesday, our check-in day, but what better time to meet and greet your friends – old and new – in the Hospitality Room, or to check out Vegas on your own?

Wednesday evening is our traditional Bavarian Evening at the Las Vegas Hofbräuhaus. The cost is \$51 per person which includes a wide selection of German dinner specialties, musical entertainment, gratuity and taxes. A cash bar will be available. Trachten, Lederhosen and Dirndls, quite acceptable and appreciated.

Thursday evening will be our Annual Banquet which will be a buffet style with entrées of Prime Rib and Salmon or Chicken. The cost, which again includes gratuity and taxes, will be \$39.00 per person. Again, a cash bar will be available. During the cocktail hour we will hold our reunion group's business meeting.

One final cost will be to cover the expense of renting the Hospitality Room (\$125 per day) and shuttle bus transportation between Hooters and the Hofbräuhaus. This "Hospitality and Bus Fee" will be \$25 per person.

Last but not least, if you do not remember the details of the two dinners, which were published in the Interceptor emailed out June 1st, and want a copy, please send me an email and I will re-send you the June 1st edition.

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Because of your Editor's personal schedule, the next issue of The ASA Interceptor will be emailed out on Saturday, August 27th. This issue will include the reunion Reservation Request and will ask that those of you attending complete the form and return it **with payment** to our on site coordinator, Ray Lash. As always, to the extent possible, cancellations due to unexpected illness will be refunded.

WEBMASTER WANTED: For quite a while now our web site has not been up to the standards I wanted. Our St. Louis webmaster was not able to keep up with maintaining our site and her full time work obligations – besides becoming a mother for the first time. The last update I had done here in Cleveland turned out to be what I consider unacceptable. So – the hunt is on again for someone to update our web site on a monthly basis. We were paying our former webmaster \$75 per hour with about \$400 a year total. If you know of someone who would be interested in doing the job for us, have them contact me through this email address or by telephone to 4403167124.

Al Poland (Bad Aibling 54-56) wrote: "The "honey wagon" photo immediately took me back to 1955 when I heard the story of a Bad Aibling Sgt. who bought a brand new, black and white, Ford convertible. He was out for a drive one day and came upon one of these "honey wagons" and when he had a chance, started to pass it. Just as he was along side of the wagon, the thing blew up filling the convertible almost to the top of the doors! It was assumed that pressure had built up inside the honey wagon from the sun and the wooden tank could no longer hold the pressure.

The story went on that he and a few of his fellow NCOs worked for weeks trying to get the smell out of the car but they finally gave up and he sold it to a German used car salesman. I somewhat wrote the story off until one summer day in 1956 I drove by a German used car lot in Munich and there set the black and white Ford convertible!"

Our British friend Jim Jarman (116 Special Wireless Section attached to the 137th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, US 9th Army, 21st Army Group) wrote: "Noel Allard's picture of a 'Honey Wagon': What memories. In March 1945 on the bank of the Rhine whilst out on D/F with the 137th Radio Intercept Company, a German farmer with a similar barrel containing Manure Effluent sprayed the contents all around our D/F Shack"

Delois G. (Tex) Gober (Göppingen 53-55) wrote: "HOWDY! Thanks for the "write up" in the last ASA Interceptor. I do wonder, however, if you placed the "honey wagon" picture in there on purpose? Was that a subtle hint that you felt I am, or other Texans, are full of it?"

I am really looking forward to the reunion in Las Vegas and meeting you. I have already purchased my plane tickets. I will pass this last Interceptor along to a couple of my old buddies. Keep up the good work.

Editor: Heck no Tex, everyone knows what straight shooters all you Texans are.

And your Editor Ralph Thadeus' (Scheyern 53-56) own personal memory is watching the farmer, working the fields outside of our base, pulling one of those wagons along by a horse. Walking in back of the wagon with skirt hefted up to her crotch, wearing black boots up to her knees, was his wife - whose duty was to open the spigot.

Any wonder that no matter how much 4711 Cologne those B-Girls poured on, the 'memory' lingered on.

Cryptologic History Symposium: "Cryptology in War and Peace: Crisis Points in History"

October 6 & 7, 2011

Johns Hopkins University
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11100 John Hopkins Road
Laurel, Maryland

Historians from the Center for Cryptologic History, other parts of the Intelligence Community, and the Department of Defense will join distinguished scholars from American and foreign academic institutions, along with veterans of the profession and others interested in cryptology, for two days of reflection and debate on the cryptologic past.

The theme for the upcoming conference will be "Cryptology in War and Peace: Crisis Points in History." Please make plans to join us for either one or both days of this intellectually stimulating conference.

For more information, contact the Center for Cryptologic History at 301-688-2336 or via email at history@nsa.gov.

NEW CONTACTS

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