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“BUCKEYE BASH”

**September 24-28, '08
Dayton, OH**

**Holiday Inn I-675
Fairborn, OH**

Wednesday, Sep 24

Noon until 5:00 - Sign-in at the Lobby – receive name badges and packets
5:30 P.M. - Informal Get Together in Challenger Room where the Hutch will be.

Thursday, Sep 25

0900 Golf Outing – Registration starts at 0800 (\$60 per golfer)
1000 – 5:00 Tour National Aerospace Museum (free)
6:30 Reception at Hotel (Cost included with Reservation Fee)

Friday, Sep 26

8:45 Board buses at main (lobby) entrance of Holiday Inn for tours of Huffman Prairie Flying Center and Carillon Park. Noon lunch at Culp's Café in Carillon Park. 4:30 Return to Hotel.
(\$30 per person)
6:30 Barbeque at Gilbert's Party Barn (\$20 per person)

Saturday, Sep 27

0900 – 1000 Business Meeting
1000 – 5:00 Tour National Aerospace Museum (free)
6:30 Dinner at Wright-Patt Club (\$35 per person)

Sunday, Sep 28

Sign Out and Depart at your leisure.

Hotel rates are \$92.00 per night plus tax.
Make reservations at **1-937-426-7800 by August 31, 2008.**

From the DeFacto Editor:

The winter is upon us here in the UP. We had a "White Christmas" and are looking forward to the Dog Sled Races and the Noquemenon Ski Race in the next couple of months.

Our next reunion in Dayton promises to be a very nice one. Fred and John have been busy planning the events and arranging lodging and dining. I hope that everyone who can will attend this reunion. We have been having these for about 10 years now and have had a strong central group who attend most years. Hopefully we can get more of the group who were at KI in the 70's, 80's and 90's to attend this year and we want to urge the Boom Operators to come also. You guys were important parts of the crews and squadron so come out we would like to see you again. We also have a few names of members of the squadron who were Admin types, you are also very welcome to come. You kept us going with the paperwork and records. Come out and enjoy the get together.

Tentative plans are for another reunion in Marquette in '10. Nothing is firm yet but we will see what the desire of the group is for our next reunion.

We are still surviving on donations that have been made and the small remaining balances from the previous reunions so no dues again. We will see how we come out after this reunion but I do not anticipate any need for dues for the foreseeable future.

Please send me any changes of e-mail addresses and any US Postal address changes. I sent out an e-mail a couple of weeks ago and got quite a few bounces. Up dates would be appreciated.

John Stevens

Huffman Prairie Flying Field



Over this 84-acre patch of rough pasture outside Dayton, now known as Huffman Prairie Flying Field, the Wrights undertook the difficult and sometimes dangerous task of creating a dependable, fully controllable airplane and training themselves to be pilots. They made hundreds of flights here after developing the 1905 Wright Flyer III (the plane they considered to be the first practical airplane), testing the aircraft built by The Wright Company.

At the Wright School of Aviation, also located here, they trained more than a hundred pilots, including the flyers for the Wright Exhibition Team and the first military flyers.

The U.S. Army Signal Corps purchased the field in 1917 and renamed it, along with 2,000 adjacent acres, Wilbur Wright Field. In 1948 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base was established here. Today visitors can see where the Wrights developed the world's first practical airplane as well as replicas of their 1905 hangar and launching catapult.

U. S. Air Force Museum website

<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil>

U. S. Air Force Museum

The National Museum of the United States Air Force galleries present military aviation history, boasting more than 400 aerospace vehicles -- many rare and one-of-a-kind -- along with thousands of historical items and powerful sensory exhibits that bring history to life and connect the Wright brothers' legacy with today's stealth and precision technology. We invite you to take an online glimpse of our galleries. Click on a gallery name to see exhibits, including aircraft, engines, equipment and weapons of the USAF. The section also highlights special exhibits, current exhibits and restoration projects.

"Bob Hope: 50 Years of Hope"

A special exhibit honoring Bob Hope is on display in the museum's Kettering Hall. Constructed in 2002, this tribute to Bob Hope includes several artifacts given to the entertainer from members of the Armed Forces. As part of the celebrations for the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Air Force, the service paid Bob Hope the highest tribute it could bestow. On April 22, 1997, the Air Force named a Boeing C 17 Globemaster III the Spirit of Bob Hope. Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Widnall correctly stated: "After all, both span the globe in the best interests of America and its military." Her statement proved true when the Spirit of Bob Hope transported the aircrew of the downed US Navy EP 3 reconnaissance plane from Hainan Island, China, to Hawaii in 2001.

Registration

Submit registration information and payment to:
 46th ARS Association, 520 Cherry Creek Road, Marquette, MI 49855.

Register NLT 31 Aug 08.

Name _____

Spouse _____

Guest _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Registration Fee (\$20/person)	_____ X \$20 = \$ _____	Plan to attend: Yes _____	No _____
Reception at Hotel (Free):			
Thursday Golf (\$60/person)	_____ X \$60 = \$ _____	Need Ride: Yes _____	No _____
Friday Tour (\$30/person)	_____ X \$30 = \$ _____	Need Ride: Yes _____	No _____
Friday Pig Roast (\$20/person)	_____ X \$20 = \$ _____	Need Ride: Yes _____	No _____
Saturday Dinner (\$35/person)	_____ X \$35 = \$ _____	Need Ride: Yes _____	No _____

Total Amount Paid \$ _____

Presidents Corner:

We had a great 2007 with 21 of the 46 AREFS group joining together for a reunion on a Caribbean Cruise out of Ft. Lauderdale. A great time was had by all. Our next reunion will be an even better opportunity to get together here in the Dayton Area from 24-27 Sept 08. I know the SAC Reunion is also in Dayton in May 08 but we are trying to de conflict the events so people can attend both without duplicating activities. Look forward to seeing as many as possible in 2008.

Fred

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Summer Happenings in Marquette County

Sawyer Experience Air Show, June 28-29, '08
 K.I. Sawyer International Airport

Gwinn Centennial, July 3-12, '08
 Gwinn area www.gwinnmi.com

62nd and 87th Fighter Squadron Reunion,
 July 12, '08
 Little Lake,

Hiawatha Music Festival, July 18-20, '08
 Marquette

More information is available at
www.marquettecountry.org
 (note: it is marquettecountry)

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Edward Christopherson
Duwayne Benson

Richard Stephens
Carl Criscillis
Craig Blessing
Dave McNeil
Florian Spiczka
Kermit Gunther
Jim Hank

We need more names here. If you were a Senior Boomer or know of one we do not have on the list please send the info to: 46thars@sbcglobal.net

Links

Marquette County www.Marquettecountry.org
U-Tapao Alumni Asso. U-Tapao@yahoogroups.com
Aviation Cadet Museum www.aviationcadet.com
Navigator Observer Asso www.afnoa.org

46th ARS Website

<http://46thars.tripod.com/index.html>

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