



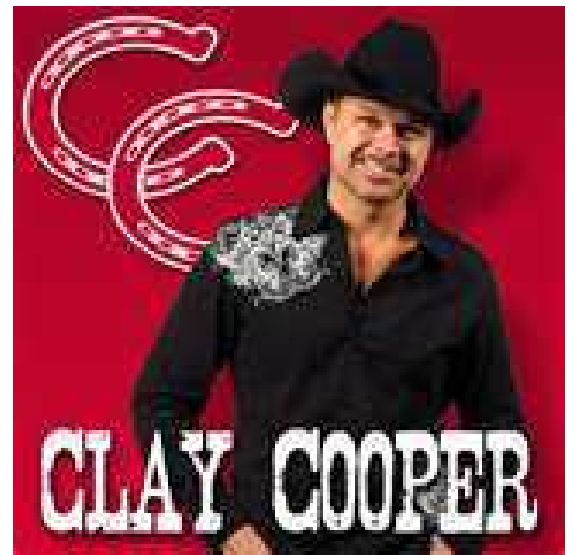
“Ready for contact”

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EVEN THOUGH BRANSON GOT HIT BY A TORNADO, PAM, OUR REUNION AGENT HAS ASSURED ME THAT ALL IS WELL. OUR HOTEL ONLY HAD MINOR WIND DAMAGE SO THE REUNION IS ON THE ROLL. THEREFORE, IT IS TIME TO GET YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE AND YOUR REGISTRATIONS SENT IN TO PAM. A REGISTRATION FORM IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



From the DeFacto Editor:

It has been a relatively mild winter here on the UP. Not much snow and it hasn't been that cold. Until this week though, we got two storms plus some lake effect over the last three days. About 27 inches of snow in the high country of Negaunee and about 17 here in the coastal plains of Marquette and Harvey.

I haven't got to enjoy the last month or so because I have been following my wife around the country as she plays in some bridge tournaments. It was very bad that I never followed up on bridge after LG Simmons, Bud Price and Charlie Cook taught me to play while on alert. I just had to suffer and play golf.

We met Bill and Bev Hagopian in Sacramento, CA for dinner and then I met up with Harold "Skip" Skipper in Bradenton, FL. Also saw Dick Stewart in Riverside, CA. I am going to try to make contact with you guys and gals as we travel. Memphis, Gatlinburg and Omaha are on the schedule in the upcoming months.

I talked to Pam, our reunion coordinator about the Branson tornado and as noted on the first page she said that the hotel only had minor wind damage and that several of the theaters had some damage but that everything should be fine for October. I urge you to get your registrations and hotel reservations made in the near future. Check on the websites (<http://46thars.tripod.com> and www.reunionproregistration.com/46thars.htm) for updated info as we go along.

We may be looking for a few donations for the checking account after this reunion. Costs keep going up with printing costs and mailing costs. The cost of the website is covered and minor mailing costs are covered. So think about giving a few bucks this year. We can still hold off on dues as that is a bother to keep track of and I

hate to keep after folks every year.

Something to think about: we have a cruise coming up next year and another reunion in 2014, where do you want to go on the cruise and where do you want to hold the reunion? I would like to have a reunion on the west coast for those out there who have not been to the other reunions. We need someone to take hold of the reins and volunteer to set up the reunion, any takers? As far as the cruise, cruisers contact Earl and Evelyn with your suggestions. We need to get started on that soon.

John Stevens



Yumans flew nonstop for nearly 47 days in 1949

When World War II ended, so did the military activity that had kept Yuma hopping. With the air base closed, local Jaycees came up with an idea to spotlight Yuma's perfect weather: set a record for nonstop flying. An Aeronca Sedan named the "City of Yuma" took off on August 24, 1949 and did not touch the ground again until October 10. Its 1,124 hours aloft was made possible by volunteers who passed food and fuel from the back of a Buick convertible. The record-setting plane was located and brought back to Yuma in 1997, where it was flown to mark the flight's 50th anniversary.

In Memory

Stephen P Coleman

Donald Mutchie

Donald Lueningberg

Robert Bennett

Itinerary

Wednesday, October 10

Check into The Grand Plaza Hotel

Noon:

Hospitality Room Open...Light Snacks and Beverages Provided

5:30 p.m.

"TOUCHDOWN and ROLLOUT" in Hospitality Room

Thursday, October 11

7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Hot Buffet Breakfast at Hotel

10:00 a.m.

THE CLAY COOPER MORNING SHOW

and

LUNCH

Hospitality Room Open

Afternoon and Evening Free

Dinner on your own

Friday, October 12

7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Hot Buffet Breakfast at Hotel

Morning Free

Hospitality Room Open

Lunch on your own

4:00 p.m.

THE SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE

Dinner, Show and Cruise

Saturday, October 13

7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Hot Buffet Breakfast at Hotel

9:00 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

Hospitality Room Open

Lunch on your own

Afternoon Free

6:00 p.m.

GROUP PHOTO

7:00 p.m.

FINAL EVENING BANQUET

at Hotel with Entertainment

Sunday, October 14

7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Hot Buffet Breakfast at Hotel

Depart

Activity Package Price: \$175.00 per person



How many from the 1999 Reunion in Pensacola will be in Branson?

46th ARS Registration Form

October 10-14, 2012

(to be printed and mailed in....not to register online)

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

HOST HOTEL: THE GRAND PLAZA

Room reservations can be made by calling the Grand Plaza at 417-336-6646. Be sure and mention you are with the 46th ARS to get the special group rate of \$85.00 per room per night plus tax. That rate will be good 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion, based on hotel availability. Rooms that are reserved in the group block will be dropped Sept. 10, so be sure and make your reservations prior to that date.

Please register me for the following:

Reunion Activity Package: \$175.00 per person

_____ # of activity packages x \$175.00 per person = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

A 50% deposit is requested by August 10 with final payment due by September 10. Refunds after October 4 will be on a case by case basis. This applies to the activity package.

Cancellations must be made by phone and authorized by a representative of Gatherings Plus. All refunds will be processed within 30 days of cancellation.

Questions?? Call us at 417-338-4048

Mail registration form and check payable to:

GATHERINGS PLUS

P. O. Box 1023, Branson West, Mo. 65737

417-338-4048

46th ARS Commanders

Donald Broaddus	Martin D. Klena	Dale R. Liesch
Winfred H. Meibohm	Frank Elliott	William G. Manire
C. Hunter Smith**	Alvin W. Langford	Richard W. Salsbury
Laurence Maher, Jr**	Donald D. Luenenberg	William E. Rutter
Ronald L. Brumbaugh**	Richard E. Ring	Brian W. Horst
Wilson W. Howard**	Donald S. Croston	Russell Deming
Samuel E. Dyke**	Richard L. Trail	James Nakauchi
Bertram G. Brunner**	Robert L. Hohman	** Deceased
Edward G. Palm**	Ronald B. Childers	

46th ARS Boom Section NCOICs

Florian Spiczka**	Duwayne Benson
Ed Caldwell**	Richard Stephens
Ken Courtright	Carl Criscillis
Bob Labo	Craig Blessing
Steve Lonergan	Dave McNeil**
Scott Harris	Kermit Gunther
Brad Arnsperger	Jim Hank
Edward Christopherson	

We are still looking for Frank Elliott, anyone know his whereabouts?

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

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