

**456<sup>th</sup> FIS  
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This newsletter is a publication of the 456<sup>th</sup> FIS Alumni Committee. The Committee consists of seven former 456ers from the mid-sixties who decided to record some history of the 456<sup>th</sup> FIS from its birth in the mid-forties to its final deactivation in 1968. Our home base is Castle Air Museum in Atwater, CA. We hold no offices and work as a team to do a little of everything to find former members and conduct events where they can reunite and have some fun. We do have some primary duties listed here so please email us if we can help you in any way.

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**In This Issue:**

Recap of the 2005 reunion at Dayton.  
Info on the next reunion.  
Status of Castle Air Museum restoration projects.

F-100 display at Castle Air Museum – July 2005



F-102 at CAM Restoration Hangar



**Announcement:** 1/48 scale model Decals for the F-106 displayed at CAM are now available from Squadron Models <http://www.squadron.com/ItemDetails.asp?item=MS481020>. They will soon be available at the CAM Gift Shop, too. Names Marcotte, Keesey and Koss are on the NW door!

**Your 456<sup>th</sup> Reunion Hosts – Justus', Arnolds, Perrys**



**Crew Chiefs**



**Hi all you 456ers and Friends!**

A great big **THANKS** to all attendees of the 456th FIS Reunion in Dayton. It was great to see everyone. Jim, Bob and Pat were very pleased to receive so many cards, calls, emails and verbal "thank you's" from attendees. This Reunion was probably the best one yet due to the location, relaxed pace for visiting, the great food and accommodations at the Holiday Inn, the weather and the spectacular displays at the USAF Museum. Our prayers continue to be with all the people who had to cancel their plans to attend the 2005 reunion and we hope to see them in 2006.

**Note: Donations to CAM should be made out to Castle Air Museum and mailed to 5050 Santa Fe Drive, Atwater, CA 95301. Be sure and write in your favorite project on the check memo or leave it blank to let them decide.**

Jim Arnold reported that, after all the bills were paid, the reunion netted a \$1000 donation to Castle Air Museum for the F-102A that is due out of restoration in 2006. So far, it looks like the 456th has been the biggest contributor to the project and hopefully ole' Luther will be proudly displayed on the left side tail. Looks like we may have another aircraft to dedicate. Last time I checked CAM still needed some more donations to finish the project.

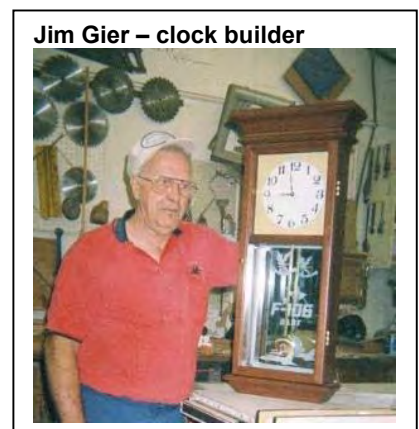
Bob Justus reports that many of the pictures from the table cameras and the portraits are on the 456th web site at [http://www.456fis.org/PAST\\_REUNIONS.htm](http://www.456fis.org/PAST_REUNIONS.htm) . Pictures can be downloaded from this site using your mouse right button and the "Save picture as" command.

Pat reports that USAF Museum photos and reunion pictures can also be found at <http://community.webshots.com/user/popperry> . Visitors to this site can order prints and memorabilia with prints on them (no proceeds from this site go to CAM). You can also use the right mouse button technique to download pictures free from this site.

Al Mueller [jagnal@inreach.com](mailto:jagnal@inreach.com) from Merced has offered his services to help set up the 2006 reunion at Castle. And since John Marcotte also lives in Merced I'm sure he'll be glad to help too. Jean Astorino, CAM Executive Director, says the week end after Memorial Day 2006 will feature an Antique Aircraft Fly-in. This makes it possible to attend the Open Cockpit Day and/or the Fly-in in conjunction with our **next reunion that is tentatively scheduled for June 1-4, 2006**. She also said that a major new hotel was being planned for downtown Merced but was not sure when it might be completed. Right now, the Ramada Inn is the only full service motel in Merced that could accommodate a group our size and also has an on-site restaurant. Dinner could be at the Branding Iron or the Italian-American Club or any other place that would hold 100-150 people.

For 2007, Lou Pizzarello is looking into Dulles and the National Air & Space Museum, Don Deroche is looking into New Orleans and the D-Day Museum and Dale Barton said he would help out too (he suggested Pima Museum at Tucson) although he lives in Coos Bay, OR. Dave Davis of Jacksonville FL., was also talking about looking into the possibility of Cape Kennedy as a reunion site.

Our honorary 456<sup>th</sup> FIS Member and clock builder Jim Gier has a photo album featuring many of the clocks he has built for F-106 Savers. <http://community.webshots.com/album/382041832hZhsMD> Jim plans to be at our next reunion and hopes to bring some more of his famous door prize and fund raising clocks.



### Castle Air Museum News:

The F-100 went on display Wednesday July 6, 2005 right next to the 456<sup>th</sup> FIS F-106.

The F-14 will be flown into Castle around August 30 and placed in the restoration hangar for de-mil maintenance.

The F-15 is in storage at Shepard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX until it can be transported next spring. Meanwhile CAM has to pay \$100 monthly for storage. This transport is going to be pretty costly so any donations for it will certainly be appreciated.

**CAM F-15 sits in storage at Shepard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX**



**CAM Open Cockpit Day May 2005**



Jean reports that when the F-102 is completed sometime in 2006 it will be displayed next to the F-106 and F-100. The eventual plan is to move all the Century Series jets up to the front of the Museum after the power substation is removed by PG&E.

While these aircraft acquisitions are underway the continuing goal is to raise funds for a new building to replace two old barracks buildings that currently house the inside museum collections. Larry Birks has replaced a retiring Dale Griffin as CAM Curator. Larry welcomes donations of 456<sup>th</sup> memorabilia.

Last but not least, Jean Astorino will be leaving as CAM Executive Director in mid-September, 2005. Jean has done an outstanding job in her tenure at CAM and will be missed by all of us. Jean and Loring will remain in the Merced area and will certainly be welcomed at all our future reunions.

#### **Other News:**

Visit Pat McGee's World of F-106 web site for the most comprehensive collection of F-106 information ever <http://www.f-106deltadart.com/index1.htm>

Also see Pat's F-106 Forum and sign up to become a member (it's free!)

<http://mcgeep.proboards7.com/index.cgi>

And if you're looking for your old aircraft by tail number there is no better place to research the F-106 fleet than Erv Smalley's web site (it's free too!)

<http://convairf106deltadart.homestead.com/index.html>

Our pals at the 87<sup>th</sup> FIS, K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum have brought their F-106 (56-0461) home to Gwinn, MI and are restoring it as we speak. Look for pictures and updates at

<http://www.kishamuseum.org>

And don't forget our CAM web site at

<http://www.elite.net/castle-air>

Thanks,  
456<sup>th</sup> FIS Alumni Committee

Jim Arnold,  
Bruce Gookin,  
Bob Justus,  
Paul Ketchum,  
John Marcotte,  
Pat Perry,  
Lou Pizzarello

**PS: If anyone has any pictures of 456<sup>th</sup> FIS F-102 aircraft please let Pat Perry know.**

**MA-1 Crew**



## 2005 456<sup>th</sup> FIS Reunion Attendees

First Name	Spouse / Guest	Last Name	Home Street Address	Home City	ST	Zip	456th Job
Jim	Sheri	Arnold	313 North Drive	Morton	IL	61550-2354	Crew Chief 66-68
Dale	Marion	Barton	888 S. Morrison St.	Coos Bay	OR	97420	Weapons 59-60
Edward D.	Arlene	Barton	856 East 26th Street	San Bernardino	CA	92404-4001	Avionics 67-68
Marvin	Aiko	Bessinger	305 Willow Ave	Warner Robins	GA	31093	MA-1 65-68
Nolan "Sam"	Garnet	Blankenship	567 E. Lassen Ave # 525	Chico	CA	95973	Mock up 63-68
Thomas D.	Julie +1	Chittenden	7152 E. Encampment Dr	Prescott Valley	AZ	86314-1944	Jet Engine
Glen R.	Martha Acton	Connally	4425 Baywood Drive	Lynn Haven	FL	32444-3401	Pilot 63-68
Arnold Dave	Wendy	Davis	4111 Westloop Ln	Jacksonville	FL	32277-1729	Avionics 63-70
Donald J.	Kathleen	Deroche	124 East 12th St.	Gramercy	LA	70052	AGE 66-67
Virgil G.	Georgia	Deshong	2917 W. Rogers Ave	Tampa	FL	33611-4032	Crew Chief 65-67
Nelson	Elizabeth	Fernandez	10655 Bunker Hill Ct.	Newburgh	IN	47630-9400	Comm Nav 1 yr
David M.	Judy +2	Golas	20301 Fredricktown Amity Rd.	Mount Vernon	OH	43050-9274	Docks & Alert 65-66
Paul L.	Mary	Gray	732 E. Mountain Ridge	Lake Almanor	CA	96137	MA-1 63-67
Dallas Ralph	Lou	Hanna	2408 Richard Bolling	Williamsburg	VA	23185-8050	Pilot 66-68
Sammy D.	Barbara	Jones	2080 Parker Rd.	Manchester	TN	37355-7138	Engines 66-68
Robert L.	Polly	Justus	2804 Elginfield Rd.	Columbus	OH	43220-4248	AGE
Ken	Sandy	Kajiwara	6128 Kings Rd	Los Angeles	CA	90056-1631	Crew Chief 66-68
Steve	Sandy Tom	Keesey	316 Town Mt. Rd.	Summersville	WV	26651	Crew Chief 66-69
Chuck	Britta	Kuhlman	875 Loggerhead Island Dr.	Satellite Beach	FL	32937	Maint Cont 58-61
Ron		Kuntz	1406 Logan Circle	Marietta	GA	30062	Crew chief 67-68
Larry G.	4 guests	Lee	812 North K St.	Muskogee	OK	74403-2264	T-33 C/C 67-68
Dean	Kay	Mehlberg	9937 W. Ridge Rd	Hales Corners	WI	53130	MA-1 66-68
Robert L.	Judy	Metzger	6432 18th St	Rio Linda	CA	95673	Acft Mech
Al	Jacqueline	Mueller	2923 Bedford Drive	Merced	CA	95340-2725	MA-1 58-63
Donald	Michael K.	Nicoson	5155 North 14th Street	Terre Haute	IN	47805-1627	Radar 54-57
Robert A.	Germaine	Oberst	3812 Cardinal Drive	Stevens Point	WI	54481-9709	Com/Nav 66-68
Miguel	Judy	Ondina	3308 Devonshire Ct	Flower Mound	TX	75022	Perry's Guest
Patrick H.	Judy	Perry	3309 Devonshire Court	Flower Mound	TX	75022-2767	MARS 66-68
William F.	Sandy	Pierce	5300 Winslow Dr.	Louisville	KY	40272-4344	Acft Mech 65-67
Bill		Pinkard	5090 Eubanks Rd	Woodstock	GA	30188-2315	MA-1
Lou		Pizzarello	1743 Whisperhill Drive	Reston	VA	20194	MA-1 65-68
Dean	Irene	Rager	2700 Pridmore Ave	Modesto	CA	95355-1944	Crew Chief 67-68
Jody M.F.	Betty	Roberts, Sr.	107 Red Cardinal Ln.	Hendersonville	NC	28739	CC for U3-A 2 yrs
Harry		Savoy	545 16th St # 5	Gulfport	MS	39507	OIC A&E
Richard		Scorza	4207 Underwood St.	University Park	MD	20782	MA-1 67-69
Phillip A.	Maylee +2	Sedberry	1417 SE 34th ST	Cape Coral	FL	33904	MA-1 62-64
Richard		Speisman	476 Maplewood Lane	Webster	NY	14580	MA-1
Jerry		Sullivan	1079 Bright Stream Way	Webster	NY	14580	MA-1
Denver C.	Nancy	Tate	280 Chestnut St.	Porterville	CA	93257-4314	AWCS
Michael W.		Trefethen	4512 West Lake Mead Blvd. #101	Las Vegas	NV	89108-6112	MA-1 63-67
Henry L.	Frances	Tucker	7918 Journey Lane	Springfield	VA	22153	Pilot 68
Ed		Heaton	47574 Comer Square	Sterling	VA	20165	Engines 66-68

**Could Not Attend (our prayers are with you):**

Bill & Helen King - family reunion  
 Paul & Betty Ketchum - returned to full time work  
 Ken & Rosemary Bell - Ken recovering from motorcycle accident  
 Jim & Phyllis Edwards - cancer surgery and chemo scheduled  
 John & Ginnie Marcotte - medical problem  
 Ted Ledane - work schedule change  
 James & Kathy Loan - medical problem  
 Bob & Vicki Smith - new job, no time off  
 Buel & Linda Patton - moving, no vacation time left  
 Bruce & Gail Gookin - medical problem  
 Jerry & Karen Burns - death in the family  
 Keith & Margaret Young - medical problems  
 James & Barbara Cox - age and travel considerations  
 Harlee & Connie Gurganious - Connie has major surgery  
 Paul Graveline - family schedule  
 Jim & Donna Chambers - cancer surgery for Jim  
 Laverne & Signe Bruhn - can't travel well  
 Gary Campbell & spouse - will be in Alaska  
 Donald & Linda Snider - schedule conflict  
 Ted & Frankie Feasel - Frankie had heart attack

**USAF Museum at Dayton, OH – 456<sup>th</sup> FIS 2005 Reunion**

