

456th FIS – Newsletter # 7 – January 10, 2004
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Happy New Year to all 456ers, friends and supporters!
2003 was an exciting year for the 456th FIS. We accomplished all of our goals and have set some new ones for 2004-05. (see pictures attached)

Our goals have been achieved

Last May we dedicated F-106 # 57-2456 at our 2003 Reunion held at the Castle Air Museum. Former 456th pilot Tom Dwelle graciously paid off our final debts with whopping \$3000 donation. Tom's Brother, Steve Dwelle, also jumped in with a \$2000 donation to the F-4 Thunderbird fund at Castle. We are now fully in the black on the F-106 project and close to capping off a \$5000 future maintenance fund. Thanks to all 456ers and supporters who donated your dollars and your memorabilia to save a historic aircraft and keep the 456th alive for generations to come.

We have been blessed in many ways with generosity. In October 2003, the CAM F-106 fund received a beautiful 456th FIS / F-106 wooden clock hand built by former 27th FIS Crew Chief Jim Gier of Pine, AZ. Jim said he just wanted to do something to express his appreciation for all the folks who worked so hard to save this proud aircraft. Jim's Luther Clock features a three-ship F-106 formation and a Dart shoulder patch etched into the glass front. Luther is etched into the pendulum and the mirror and cherry wood were recycled from prior uses in Jim's USAF career. His clocks usually fetch \$500 or more and his expectation was that the museum could sell it or auction it to raise funds. Former 456er Ron "Slim" Kollas suggested that we get former sixers to donate funds to keep the Luther Clock at Castle in the 456th Collection for all to enjoy. Within days, CAM received \$175 towards keeping the clock (\$100 from John Marcotte). CAM sweetened the deal with a special F-106 print offering (details later).

It seems I am always talking to you about money and donations. But unfortunately, preserving history can sometimes be an expensive proposition. Fortunately, I get to take a tax deduction on part of the cost of publishing newsletters when one of the purposes is raising funds for the non-profit Castle Air Museum. Many of you have offered to send money for postage and copying. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness but I'd rather see you make donations to CAM. The Alumni Committee will keep the newsletters coming and the web site maintained.

Your Alumni Committee also helped other museums acquire F-106 aircraft, parts, information and funding. We have worked with Pima Air Museum, Peterson Air Museum, Pacific Coast Air Museum, McClellan Air Museum, Yank's Air Museum, Hill AFB Air Museum, and the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum. And we are still working with members of the 87th FIS Red Bulls at KI Sawyer Air Museum in Michigan. Former 456er and Red Bull Leland Nellist is one of the leaders of this effort. Check out their web site at <http://www.sawyersixproject.com/>. I know some of you were former [87th FIS](#) members and would probably like to send them a donation.

Finding lost 456ers

With the much needed and appreciated help of Paul Ketchum and Lou Pizzarello from the MA-1 shop we increased our found alumni to over 260 former 456ers. We are still looking for people so see the 456th FIS Wanted List below to see if you can help us find them.

Many of our members added memorabilia to the museum's 456th collection and provided pictures and stories to Bob Justus who expanded our web site at <http://www.456fis.org>. We still need more pictures and stories so please search your closets and attics and send us some history to record. We'll make sure it gets back to you or sent to the museum archives if you wish.

Our new goals

Our goals for 2004-05 are: (1) to help Castle raise donations to acquire a F-102 Delta Dagger, (2) continue to track down former 456ers, (3) add more pictures and stories to the 456th web site and (4) plan / conduct another 456th Reunion at Dayton Ohio in 2005. (5) We'll also continue helping other air museums acquire the last seven F-106s in the AMARC inventory.

That's right, CAM is going after a F-102A and if the 456th comes through with the bulk of the donations we stand a great chance of getting it painted in squadron colors. We'd love to have a picture of a 456th F-102 if anybody has one. CAM has a TF-102 currently sitting in the back yard but it's in terrible shape. Parts are almost non-existent for the TF models since there were so few of them built. CAM Executive Director, Jean Astorino has been in touch with the USAF Museum folks in Dayton to track down a Duece. They are very difficult to find these days and AMARC has none left.

2005 Reunion Update

Bob and Polly Justus have spent time at Wright-Patterson AFB and the USAF Museum in Dayton checking out details for the 2005 reunion. The Alumni Committee is going to meet there on May 1-2-3, 2004 to finalize the agenda and dates for 2005. The USAF Museum has recently expanded and there is much to see and do. The Aviation Trail is also a great way to review the birth of flight through visits to the key sites Wilbur and Orville Wright made famous. See the "Next Reunion" button on the web site at <http://www.456fis.org>. We need to have some indication of how many attendees we'll have so please e-mail or write me back and let me know if you plan to attend and how many will be in your party. I know it's difficult to be specific without a firm date but we will let you know as soon as we can select a weekend in the spring or fall of 2005 that assures us maximum hotel availability. We are estimating that our total group size will probably be about 100 - 120.

Special Offer

Castle Air Museum is making a special offer. For donations of \$25.00 or more they will send you a **free set of three F-106 prints**. See them at <http://www.elite.net/castle-air/> click on the Gift Shop button or go to <http://www.ebay.com/> and search on "F-106".

Mail checks to:

Castle Air Museum
"Special F-106 Print Offer"
5050 Santa Fe Drive
Atwater, CA 95301

Write any of the following on your check. If more than one is selected, indicate a percentage:

For the F-106 Fund
For the Save the Luther Clock Fund
For the F-102 Fund
For the general fund

456th FIS WANTED List

If you know the whereabouts of anyone on the following list, please contact any of the Alumni Committee members or go to our web site at <http://www.456fis.org> and leave a note in the Guest Book.

Contacts: Pat Perry popperry@comcast.net ; Bruce Gookin Profun41@aol.com ; Bob Justus bjustus2@earthlink.net ; Jim Arnold arnie@dpc.net ; John Marcotte JohnMarcotte@aol.com ; Paul Ketchum pketchum@twcny.rr.com ; Lou Pizzarello lpizzarello@trueposition.com

See Reunion Pictures at: <http://community.webshots.com/user/popperry>
Another newsletter will be sent in the second half of 2004.

God Bless you all!

456th FIS WANTED LIST

Last Name, First Name, Initial, AFSN, Job

Adams Gilbert F 16534549 engines
Aldridge Jerry C 18332054 AFCS
Alexander Richard S 19817069
Alexander Neal S 18448795 Integ Sys
Alvarado David ?
Anderson William M 13874025 det 1
Anderson Myrl D 17369716
Arnold Richard 34250
Atkinson Dennis M 19793262
Avila Juan R 18439962 32271
Avila Steve crew chief
Axness David P 19880855 32251
Baca Michael L 25637702
Bachand Joseph 58150
Bachman Donald L 19894110 42152
Bailey Jr Gerald C 13827357 Hyd Shop
Baker Dwight MA-1
Baldwin Gordon V 18694246
Beauchemin William F 11345467
Beaudet Armand J 14767862 32271
Beers Frederick 43470
Bell David
Benedict Del 32271
Benedict Earl W 17611934
Bertine Alph 42173
Bettone Donald J 18440161 AWCS
Biggins Thomas 12423286 Aero Sys
Bishop David J 19793001
Blankenship 32271
Boncer Robert F 16834829
Bone Ernie 40450
Bourque Kenneth J 18705653 Integ Sys
Boyer John D 32271
Bozeman Kenneth L 14841238
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Bray Michael T 13836904
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Brewstahl Thomas L 15462680
Brewton Alfred D 14896879
Brown David 43250
Buff Robert W 14870357
Burch Gerald S 12740795
Burley Charles 14932231
Burton Napol 70250
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Canady Robert J
Castles Chris 42231
Chambers James 42153
Chavez Marcello 19786960
Chole Virgil 32271
Chubaty Andrew R FR69943

Church Ross
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Colburn Jr Frederick HM 10114013 AC Tech
Cole Ralph T 18683814
Colebrook Jr Oringen G 14824295 det 1
Colley Thomas 42132
Couch Robert E 16867569 hyd shop
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Cowdrick William H 19826830
Coykendall Robert L 19781593
Culshaw Robert E
Currier Albert 70250
Dahl Herschell
Damron Jack L 17731512
Davis Arnold R 18206176
Davis John H 25579538 engines
Davis Walter
Dawson John
Degeare George E 15218870
Dellavecchio Mike crew chief
Derdziak George
Dixon Jr Frank N 15736289
Dockery John 43230
Dorsey James D 15690754
Dutton A J
Earl George 30151
Edwards William 43250
Elkins Robert P 16794059
Ellis Harold Dean
Enterline Robert MA-1
Epling Henry 30151
Eubank Jr Dudley P 19844454
Falconer Ernest W 13871843
Ferguson Theo 43250
Ferrell Eugene 14484738 acft tech
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Fisher Frederick H 17514158
Fisher Samuel D 19832999 32550
Force James S 16784918
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Foster Thomas 70230
Fujii Cliff K 18772674
Funk Dennis J 19852581
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Gains Roy 43191
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Gemmil Robert F FR40477
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Goodrich Phillip E 12746055
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Graves Ron` L

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Harper Thomas F 17675806
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Macintosh Robert 43250
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