

FIGURE 107 FLIGHT-DECEMBER 26, 1959

Background by Pat McGee Webmaster  
<http://www.f-106deltadart.com/home.htm>

CONVAIR F-106A  
*Delta Dart*

WING AREA - 3445 SQUARE FEET  
LENGTH WITHIN - 49,198 INCHES  
EMPTY WEIGHT - 24,038 LBS.  
MAX. SPEED - 1,325 MPH



POWERPLANT: TWO BY WHIZKEY JET-10 WITH IN-BOARD STATIC THRUST, AND  
WITH APPROXIMATE 24,000 POUNDS STATIC THRUST

FIGURE 108 FLIGHT-APRIL 1958

F-106B

# 456<sup>th</sup> FIS Newsletter # 14

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Next reunion: June 3-4-5-6, 2010 at Peterson Air Museum Colorado Springs, CO

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Challenge Coin earned by USAF recruits who graduate from Basic Training



456<sup>th</sup> FIS Challenge Coin (both sides) are available from CAM Gift Shop 209-723-2182

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# First 456th FIS Mini-Reunion held at CAM May 24, 2009



Bruce Gookin



John Marcotte

Mike Woloszyn & Bob Rains



B.A. Hansen & John Marcotte



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Hugh McMullin & Al Mueller



#1 Robledo son & Dean Rager



Steve Gulko



Gene Kazensky

# First 456th FIS Mini-Reunion held at CAM May 24, 2009



Roger Wissinger & Al Mueller



Tom Holland

Mike Woloszyn, Bob Rains, Bruce Gookin, Dean Rager



Dean Rager, B.A. Hansen, John Marcotte



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Wolfgang Freihofner



Ralph Robledo & Jim Cox

Bob Rains, Ted Feasel, John Marcotte, Denver Tate



B.A. Hansen & Larry Rinek?



# First 456th FIS Mini-Reunion held at CAM May 24, 2009



Daryl Young

Hugh McMullin, ???, ???



"Wiss", Bill Carper, Ralph Robledo, & Steve Gulko

Daryl Young & Bruce Gookin



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Ann & Rich Boutelle



Ted Feasel, John Marcotte & Larry Rinek?

Bruce, Dean & Mike

Robert McNew





# First 456th FIS Mini-Reunion held at CAM May 24, 2009



John Marcotte

Robert McNew & Gene Kazensky



Rich Boutelle & Tom Chittenden

Harry Thompson, Dean Rager & Jim Cox



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Ralph Robledo took a few of us on a tour of the Restoration Hangar where the next projects are awaiting. This one is the TF-102 that will eventually sit in the middle of Century Series Row



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John Marcotte & Gene Kazensky



Dean Rager & Mike Woloszyn

Roy Luallin, Bruce Gookin & Daryl Young

George Gricewich, LM Duddy, John Marcotte & Ralph Robledo



# A review of what we have accomplished



456<sup>th</sup> Members have donated to...

Left:  
F-106 restorations at Hill Air Museum



and Pima Air Museum



and KI Sawyer Air Museum  
F-101 and F-106 restorations

Right:  
Castle Air Museum F-106 and F-102 restorations and many other aircraft restoration projects at many other air museums across the US.



## 456<sup>th</sup> Reunions Conducted

- 1998 – First 456<sup>th</sup> Reunion conducted by Ken Bell \*
- 2001 – Castle Air Museum
- 2003 – Castle Air Museum
- 2005 – Museum of the Air Force Dayton, OH
- 2006 – Castle Air Museum
- 2008 – Dulles, VA
- 2009 – Castle Air Museum Mini-Reunion
- 2010 – Peterson Air Museum Colorado Springs, CO (scheduled)

\* Note: One of the reasons we chose Colorado Springs for our next reunion was to honor Ken Bell who lived in Monument, CO. I'm sad to report that we lost Ken in Sep 2009. He was laid to rest at the USAF Academy and this reunion is dedicated to his memory.

# Colorado Springs Reunion June 3-6, 2010

Hi 456ers,

It's time to do a preliminary headcount for our 2010 456th FIS Reunion. Please reply with your and your guest(s) names if you plan to attend so we'll know how many to plan for dinner and hotel room blocking and name tags.

June 3 Thu	Arrive, register, visit with 456th friends, sight see and rest
June 4 Fri	More sightseeing, visiting with friends, evening cocktails & snacks at the hotel
June 5 Sat	Sightseeing, Peterson Museum Tour, 456th Reunion banquet at the museum.
June 6 Sun	Dutch treat breakfast with friends before departure, sightseeing, other Colorado destinations

Please let me hear from you ASAP or not later than January 31, 2010.

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Important information links:

Peterson Air Museum <http://www.petemuseum.org/CityHangarCeremonyArea.html>

Colorado Springs information <http://www.visitcos.com>

The hotel where we'll stay <http://www.theacademyhotel.com>

USAF Academy information <http://www.usafa.af.mil>

Destination Guide for Colorado <https://www.colorado.com/ColoradoGuide.aspx>

# What's happening at CAM



The F-15 Eagle above is ready for display and the smaller F-15 model is ready to go on a post at the entrance to the Castle Air Museum



# What's happening at CAM



Here's a quick review of aircraft located at the new Century Series Row

The RB-36 is undergoing a lot of skin replacement thanks to donated aluminum sheets



Century Series shown here are:

Left: F-100 Soper Sabre  
Right: F-101 VooDoo



Left: F-102 Delta Dagger  
Right: F-104 Starfighter



Left: F-105 Thunderchief  
Right: F-106 Delta dart





# What's happening at CAM



Ralph Robledo adds the "A" Award decal to the F-106.

On the right, is the rare F-106 Gatling Gun Pod that was added to part of the Dart fleet



Ralph and his sons have worked hard to keep the F-106 looking new. Can you believe this paint job has been sitting in the sun for 6 years!

He has also covered the canopy with radiant barrier to keep the sun's damage away from the cockpit.



# What's happening at CAM

Here's a look through Pat's "spy cam", an effect created by using a telephoto-extender out of adjustment



# What's happening at CAM



When the CAM Restoration Team needs missiles, they make them using stuff from Home Depot... pretty creative, huh?



Q: And how many of you can identify this "rodent" that Ralph added to the F-106

A: It's a Ram Air Turbine or RAT that supplies emergency hydraulic pressure



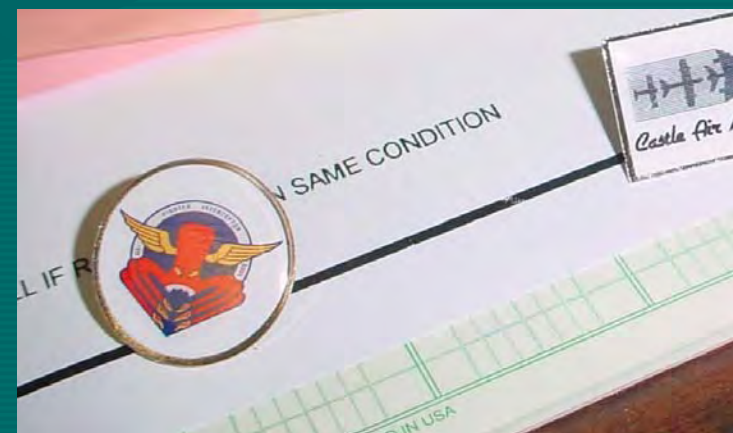
## What's happening at CAM



Above: Bruce Gookin & Mike Woloszyn discuss the finer aspects of “Crew Chiefing” the F-106.

The 2009 456<sup>th</sup> FIS Mini-Reunion at CAM was a fun with 36 former sixers attending. Joe Pruzzo reported afterward that the Open Cockpit Day was the most heavily attended such event ever (over 3500) which helped with revenues from admission, food services and gift shop sales.

Our group made a “huge dent” in the gift shop inventory. One new 456<sup>th</sup> item that showed up after the event was 29 of the new one inch Luther lapel/hat pins (right). Amy Williams tells me she also has 19 Challenge Coins and 19 of the new style T-shirts left. Contact her or Sandi Weathers at 209-723-2182.



# What's happening at CAM



What's next for CAM?

A-3 US Navy Sky Warrior

F-16 Falcon (a former 144<sup>th</sup> Fresno Air Guard aircraft)

T-39 Sabreliner in the paint shop now

RF-8 Crusader under restoration now

TF-102 Delta dagger continuing multi-year restoration

Joe Pruzzo says all donations are welcomed

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# Our Favorite web sites

<http://convairf106deltadart.homestead.com/index.html> Webmaster Erv Smalley (host for our 2010 Reunion)

<http://www.petemuseum.org> Peterson Air Museum (site for our 2010 Reunion)

<http://www.456fis.org> Webmaster Bob Justus – all future Newsletters and Reunion info will be posted on Bob's & Pat McGee's sites

<http://www.f-106deltadart.com/home.htm> Webmaster Pat McGee (served at Castle AFB & Museum)

<http://www.f-106deltadart.com/456fis.htm> Pat McGee's 456<sup>th</sup> FIS page (all past 456th newsletters found here)

<http://forum.f-106deltadart.com> Webmaster Pat McGee (has 866 former F-106 members – drop by and chat)

<http://www.castleairmuseum.org> Executive Director Joe Pruzzo (CAM is our mini-reunion site every year)

<http://community.webshots.com/user/popperry> (Pat Perry's photo albums)

## Then and Now



Ginnie and John Marcotte are two extraordinary people. Whenever Bruce Gookin and I show up in Merced, they always insist that we come by for a visit. Of course we always try to deplete John's supply of Crown Royal but this ole' fighter pilot must own stock in the company because he always has another big bottle in the cabinet.

I really hope some of the other guys in this photo can make the 2010 Reunion, particularly Moose Donnelly since he lives pretty close to Colorado Springs.



Ted & Frankie Feasel live in Fresno. Ted was at the Mini this year looking like he could still fit in that Mess Dress.



# Passing the baton... a new journey begins

The background of this Power Point document is called Passing the Baton. I have been privileged to be a member of the 456<sup>th</sup> Alumni Committee for 10 years and for me a new journey is beginning.

On the last page is a picture of the development in East Tennessee where Judy & I plan to build a home in 2012-13. We bought a lot here after the last reunion at Dulles, VA. Three months later the developer filed bankruptcy and I joined a group of 10 other owners to salvage our \$30M community.

The past 16 months have been challenging but we have partnered with a new developer are making progress. I am Secretary of the property owners association and that keeps me plenty busy. I have processed over 12,000 pages of emails and court documents and we still have a long way to go before the we can start building our home.

The amount of time this recovery consumes has left me less time to devote to the activities I really enjoy such as 456<sup>th</sup> newsletters and reunions, church projects, home maintenance, hobbies, etc. I will still do these things but not nearly as much as I'd like.

If any 456<sup>th</sup> member would like to assume 456<sup>th</sup> address book maintenance, reunion coordination, and newsletter preparation I will be glad to transition the info I have to you. Bob Justus has planned to put all future Newsletters and reunion info on the 456<sup>th</sup> web site, so that will almost eliminate the need to send out emails or US mail pieces. The planning of reunions at locations other than CAM is the most time consuming project. It takes about six months of planning and coordination compared to only 2 weeks for a mini-reunion at CAM.

We had our first mini-reunion at CAM in 2009 in conjunction with the Open Cockpit Day on Memorial Day weekend. We had a great turn out but we probably won't have one in 2010 since Colorado Springs is already scheduled and the dates are too close together. Perhaps a few alumni will show up at CAM in 2010 if they can't attend in Colorado Springs.

I have always enjoyed reunions at CAM and other locations and will always attend them no matter where they are held. I have been through Colorado Springs, Dulles, VA and Dayton, OH before, but having the time to spend with friends and tour the air museums have been memories I will always cherish.

I really appreciate my pals on the Alumni Committee. Had it not been for their hosting reunions in all the locations we've been, there would not have been any 456<sup>th</sup> reunions!

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# In Memoriam

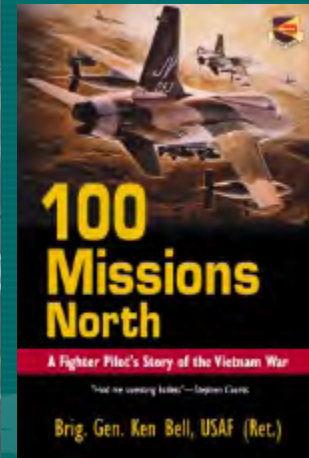


Major Ken Bell F-105 Pilot Takhli Thailand

BGen Kenneth Bell Bio  
<http://www.af.mil/information/bios/bio.asp?bioID=4655>



Ken Bell Feb 1956



456<sup>th</sup> FIS Officers Feb 1956

In Memoriam 2009

The 456th Fighter Interceptor Squadron proudly salutes and honors the memory of...

Sammy D. Jones Jan 2009

Glen J. Kaser Mar 2009

Larry Lee Mar 2009

James Rymer July 2009

Doral "Sandy" Sandlin Aug 2009

Stan Harvill Aug 2009

Kenneth Bell Sep 2009

Charles E. Anonsen Oct 2009

Roy L. Tweedie Nov 2009

...for their years of dedicated service to the 456th FIS, the US Air Force and the United States of America. Our deepest condolences to their family and friends.



High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air. . . .

Up, up the long, delirious burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew —  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

By John Gillespie Magee, Jr



*These Colors do not Run, and this Light will never Fade!*



The Villages at Norris Lake North Of Knoxville, TN