

**456th FIS
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This newsletter is a publication of the 456th FIS Alumni Committee. The Committee consists of seven former 456ers from the mid-sixties who decided to record some history of the 456th 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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1956 456th FIS Pilots: This is part of a group picture of the newly assigned 456th FIS Pilots taken in 1956 at Castle AFB. This was just before the F-86's were delivered and everyone was training in a couple of T-33 aircraft. Ken Bell (General USAF retired) is front row third from the left. He is scheduled to be our guest speaker at the reunion but is currently recovering from an October 2004 motorcycle accident. Our best wishes go out to Ken and wife Rosemary for a speedy recovery.

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Update - 2005 Reunion at Dayton, OH on June 9-12, 2005

As of Jan 2005 we have 114 total attendees signed up for the reunion and we are expecting about 20-25 more (see listing below). We have rooms blocked at the Holiday Inn Fairborn, OH that is only two miles from the USAF Museum. Reservations for blocked rooms must be made by **March 15, 2005** in order to get the \$89 rate.

See their web site at <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hd/fbnpd?irs=y> or call 937-426-7800 for reservations. Be sure and tell them you are with the 456th Reunion so you will receive the discounted room price.

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We have planned the dinner to be the only organized event so that you can have maximum time to visit with friends and select the schedule you want for seeing the sights of Dayton. The cost of the dinner deposit will be \$70.00 per person which is payable between April 15 and May 15 (we will send a dinner deposit notice in early April). This deposit will cover the cost of dinner, snacks and beverages for the hospitality suite, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing cash prize. Please make your own travel and hotel reservations.

For those with RV's, there are several RV Parks in the area and our own Bob Oberst OberstR@webtv.net or 715-341-1037 is our resident expert on RV's if you want to contact him. Bob is staying at the Wright Patterson Family campground. The web site is <http://www.wpodr.com/famcamp/> or contact Anne Lynch, Bass Lake Recreation Family Camp 937-257-2924 Reservations 937-257-2579.

The Reunion Dinner menu will be the **“Up-The Coast Buffet”** which includes: Boston Clam Chowder, Florida Field Greens with Assorted Dressings, Jersey Tomato & Cucumber Salad, Carolina Mustard Greens with BBQ Shrimp, Gulf Coast Grouper with Citrus Relish, Roasted Chicken with Vermont Maple Syrup and Honey, Grilled Fillet Topped with Maryland Crabmeat, Vermont White Cheddar Potatoes Gratin, Market Vegetables, Key Lime Pie, New York Cheese Cake.

The \$70 per person Dinner deposits will be sent to Jim “Arnie” Arnold, 313 North Drive, Morton, IL 61550-2354. His phone is 309-263-0492. Arnie will acknowledge receipt of your deposit and will send a 456th FIS Luther patch to all who submit deposits before May 15, 2005. Deposits paid at the door will be \$85 per person.

For those who have not yet signed up to attend, **please fill out the enclosed survey and return it to Pat Perry as soon as possible.**

We are also talking about a 2006 reunion at Castle. The weekend following Memorial Day seems to be a good time for weather and crowd size. We may just make this a set event every year and let folks sign up to attend on the web site so that everyone can see who's planning to be there. For folks who enjoy or prefer the Dayton venue there could be one there too. We'll certainly talk more about it at Dayton in 2005. Meanwhile, **RETURN THAT SURVEY TO US ASAP if you plan to attend!**

The USAF Museum web site has lots of info on the Museum and the Dayton Area. See their web site at <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/>



More aircraft displays planned for Castle Air Museum

CAM Executive Director Jean Astorino has announced that the museum is restoring the old TF-102 that has been sitting in their back yard for years. It's in pretty rugged shape but well worth the time and effort to save this piece of history. Visit the web site to see what kinds of parts they need. <http://www.elite.net/castle-air>

TF-102 at Castle is set for restoration



The F-102A has arrived at CAM and restoration is set to begin on it and the TF-102 at the same time. This presents the 456th with another opportunity to lead the donations and earn squadron markings (Luther). The Alumni Committee has already donated \$1000.



CAM has obtained an F-100 to round out its collection of Century Series Fighters (\$10,000 is needed to pay off costs to transport and display).

The F-100 is ready to paint when the weather gets better at CAM Restoration Hangar



Also planned is an F-15 Strike Eagle from Sheppard AFB training squadron. All CAM needs is enough money (about \$15,000) to pay for disassembly and shipment and our friends Carl Jameson and his sons have agreed to go retrieve the bird for the cost of fuel, food, motel and hauling permits. The alumni committee has donated \$200 to the F-15 project.

An F-15 Strike Eagle like this one is ready for CAM to pick up at Sheppard AFB



Also coming to CAM is an F-14 Tomcat. The Navy has agreed to fly it in and that will save a lot of transport costs (however \$25,000 is needed to de-mil and prep it for display).

A F-14 Tomcat may soon fly in to Castle on her last voyage to permanent display



CAM Special Offer is still in effect

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

Remember to specify a project(s) or general fund on your check

Here's an example of the CAM three print set offer



Meanwhile, former 456er **Lee Nellist** is leading the fundraising efforts to acquire an F-106 at KI Sawyer Air Museum in Gwinn, Michigan. They have already raised half of the \$30,000 needed and invite all donations of money and 87th FIS memorabilia. The alumni committee has donated \$100 to this project. See the web site at <http://www.sawyersixproject.com/>

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:

Adopt-A-Six
P.O. Box 1210
Gwinn, MI 49841-1210

F-106 # 56-0461 at AMARC is on hold for KI Sawyer Air Museum to raise money



Former 456th pilot **Dick Stultz** is a board member at McClellan Air Museum in Sacramento, CA and is leading the fund raising to acquire F-106 #59-0010 for the museum. The bird has been allocated to the museum by AMARC so all they need is plenty of cash. The Jameson clan will probably be involved in transporting this one too. See the museum web site at

<http://www.mcclellanaviationmuseum.org>

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:

McClellan Aviation Museum Foundation
F-106 Project
PO Box 553
North Highlands, CA 95652

F-106 # 59-0010 at AMARC is on hold for McClellan Aviation Museum to raise money



Our pals at Pacific Coast Air Museum in Santa Rosa, CA have retrieved their F-106 #59-0086 from AMARC and are looking for donations to cover restoration. And you guessed it, the Jameson's transported this one too! What would the world do without the generosity of this wonderful family?! See the museum web site at: <http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org>

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:

Pacific Coast Air Museum
F-106 Restoration Project
2330 Airport Blvd.
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

F-106 # 59-0086 is now on display at Pacific Coast Air Museum in Santa Rosa, CA



In May, the Hill AFB Aerospace Museum rolled out their restored F-106 # 58-0774. This aircraft was assigned right out of the Convair factory to the 456th FIS in 1959 – 1961. Hill wanted to use 456th markings on this aircraft and asked the alumni committee if we wanted to sponsor the paint and decals. We said yes and donated \$500 to the cause. This is the second six on display in the US with 456th markings and will eventually contain a full set of missiles in the open bay when completed. They are looking for more donations to pay the restoration costs. See the museum web site at:

<http://www.hill.af.mil/museum>

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:

Aerospace Heritage Foundation of Utah
F-106 project
P.O. Box 612
Roy, UT 84067

F-106 # 58-0774 with 456th FIS markings is now on display at Hill Aerospace Museum



The Pima Air Museum has announced the beginning of their F-106 #59-0003 restoration in 2004. The alumni committee has donated \$106 to this project. See the museum web site at:

<http://www.pimaair.org>

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:

Pima Air & Space Museum
F-106 Restoration Project
6000 East Valencia Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85706

F-106 # 59-0003 is scheduled in 2004 for restoration at Pima Air & Space Museum



When we say that the alumni committee made donations, that means that one or more of us made personal donations to a project. We do not collect any money from the 456th alumni for donations but **we do encourage everyone to donate to their favorite museums or projects**. Many of you have offered to send money for newsletter postage and copying. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness but would rather see you make donations to CAM or your favorite museum project. The Alumni Committee will keep the newsletters coming and the web site maintained.

456th Pictures and memorabilia still needed

Many of our members added memorabilia to the Castle 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 directly to the Castle museum archives if you wish.

We are making progress on our 2004-2005 goals

Our goals for 2004-05 are:

- (1) to help Castle raise donations to acquire an F-102 Delta Dagger an F-100, an F-16 and an F-14 (and restore the TF-102).
- (2) to continue to track down former 456ers,
- (3) to add more pictures and stories to the 456th web site and
- (4) to plan / conduct another 456th Reunion at Dayton Ohio in 2005.
- (5) To continue helping other air museums acquire the last six F-106s in the AMARC inventory.



F-106 # 57-2456 was dedicated by the 456th FIS at Castle Air Museum in Atwater, CA on May 31, 2003

456th FIS 2005 Reunion Survey
please respond AS SOON AS POSSIBLE whether you plan to attend or not

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

Address: _____ City/State/zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

My job in the 456th _____ Years I was there: _____

[] check here if you want your name removed from the mailing list

I plan to attend the Reunion in Dayton, OH June 9-12, 2005: Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

I can't / won't attend the reunion because _____

I would like to see a future reunion held at _____

I'd be willing to pay \$55 -\$70 per person for a dinner reservation at least 60 days prior to the reunion. Yes ___
No ___ (refundable if you do not attend)

I'd be willing to help conduct the reunion event. Yes ___ No ___

I need information on: _____

Write any statements or questions here: _____

THANKS for your input!

Note: At the 2003 reunion, people were responsible for making their own travel and hotel accommodation reservations. This worked out very well and allowed groups of close friends to make reservations at the same hotels. We will ask you to send dinner reservation money 60 days prior to the reunion. Our primary location will be The Holiday Inn at Fairborn. 2800 Presidential Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324. Tel: 1-937-4267800, Fax: 1-937-4261284 Email: hifbns4@one.net We suggest you make reservations before March 15, 2005!

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Pat Perry

3309 Devonshire Court
Flower Mound, TX 75022-2767

2005 Reunion Attendance List "Yes" and "Maybe"

Attend Y-M	First Name	Spouse / Guest	Last Name	456th Job
Y	Jim	Sheri	Arnold	Crew Chief 66-68
Y	Dale	Marion	Barton	Weapons 59-60
Y	Edward D.	Arlene	Barton	Avionics 67-68
Y	Kenneth H.	Rosemary	Bell	Pilot 55-58
Y	Marvin	Aiko	Bessinger	MA-1 65-68
Y	Nolan "Sam"	no	Blankenship	mock up 63-68
Y	Lavern E.	Signe	Bruhn	MA-1
Y	Gerard E. "Jerry"		Burns	Jet Engine
Y	Gary L.	yes	Campbell	AFCS
Y	Thomas D.	Julie +1	Chittenden	Jet Engine
Y	Glen R.	Martha	Connally	Pilot 63-68
Y	James W.	Barbara	Cox	MA-1
Y	Arnold Dave	Wendy	Davis	Avionics 63-70
Y	Virgil G.	Georgia	Deshong	Crew Chief 65-67
Y	Tom	Peggy	Dwelle	Pilot 66-67
Y	Jim	Phyllis	Edwards	Crew Chief 60-62
Y	Ted	Frankie	Feasel	Pilot 66-69
Y	Nelson	Elizabeth	Fernandez	Comm Nav 1 yr
Y	David M.	Judy +1	Golas	Docks & Alert 65-66
Y	Bruce	Gail	Gookin	Crew Chief 66-68
Y	Paul		Graveline	Crew Chief 59-62
Y	Harlee B.	Connie	Gurganious	Acft Mech 65-66
Y	Dallas Ralph	Lou	Hanna	Pilot 66-68
Y	Sammy D.	Barbara	Jones	Engines 66-68
Y	Robert L.	Polly	Justus	AGE
Y	Ken	Sandy	Kajiwara	Crew Chief 66-68
Y	Steve	Sandy Tom	Keeseey	Crew Chief 66-69
Y	Paul	Betty	Ketchum	MA-1 65-68
Y	Bill	Helen	King	Crew Chief 59-65
Y	Chuck	Britta	Kuhlman	Maint Cont 58-61
Y	Ted	no	Ledane	Hydraulics
Y	Larry G.	3 guests	Lee	T-33 C/C 67-68
Y	James	Kathy	Loan	FL Mech 60-62
Y	John C.	Ginnie	Marcotte	CO 456th 65-68
Y	Dean	Kay	Mehlberg	MA-1 66-68
Y	Robert L.	Judy	Metzger	Acft Mech
Y	Al	no	Mueller	MA-1 58-63
Y	Alan K.		Nakao	Electrician 66-68
Y	Donald	Michael K.	Nickoson	Acft Mech 54-55
Y	Robert A.	Germaine	Oberst	Com/Nav 66-68
Y	Miguel	Judy	Ondina	Perry's Guest
Y	Buel	Linda	Patton	chute shop 60-61
Y	Patrick H.	Judy	Perry	MARS 66-68
Y	William F.	Sandy	Pierce	Acft Mech 65-67
Y	Bill		Pinkard	MA-1
Y	Lou	no	Pizzarello	MA-1 65-68
Y	Dean	Irene	Rager	Crew Chief 67-68

Y	Jody M.F.	Betty	Roberts, Sr.	CC for U3-A 2 yrs
Y	Richard		Scorza	MA-1 67-69
Y	Phillip A.	Maylee +2	Sedberry	MA-1 62-64
Y	Robert "Bob"	Vicki	Smith	Crew Chief
Y	Donald D.	Linda	Snider	Weapons
Y	Donald W.	Susana	Tharp	Pilot
Y	Michael W.	no guest	Trefethen	MA-1 63-67
Y	Henry L.	Frances	Tucker	Pilot 68
Y	Keith	Margaret	Young	Pilot

M	Don	Bonni	Carr	Chutes
M	Jim	Donna	Chambers	AGE 66-68
M	Richard S.		Cotton	
M	Jeanette T.		Daniel	Lee's Wife
M	Everett	Betty	Dencklau	Pilot 58-63
M	Robert	Linda	Fie	Flt Sim 1+yrs
M	Paul L.	Mary	Gray	MA-1 63-67
M	Vince	Linda	Hughes	Crew Chief
M	Tom		Kline	AGE
M	George W.		Lawson	Weapons
M	Bob	Billie	Leverette	Pilot 59-62
M	Charles	Sharon	Matlock	MA-1 7 years
M	Jim		Mims	Life Supp
M	Tim	Susan	Mottshaw	MA-1 65-68
M	Leland	June	Nellist	Electrician 57-62
M	Bill	Arnette	Nunnelee	Computers 3 yrs
M	Don	Diane Beccue	Parks	MA-1 Avionics 65-68
M	James V.	Judith	Rees	AWCS 57-59
M	Dennis	Ann	Reiling	Com/Nav 67-68
M	Mike	Judy	Woloszyn	Crew Chief 67-68