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### I WANT TO WATCH THE FOOTBALL GAME

By Gerald (Jerry) Stuart

I believe it was Thanksgiving Day though I could be in error. The Looking Glass crew and battle staff were by and large finished with their pre-flight checklists and awaited the arrival of the AEAO. There was a bit of a commotion when the General addressed the Communications Officer. "I want to watch the football game" was the declaration of the AEAO as he handed over a 19" television. The game he was referring to was the Nebraska - Oklahoma football game of 1971, know along with a number of other claims as "the game of the century." Several of us perked up at the prospect. We had be somewhat disappointed because the day shift was going to prevent us from seeing the first half although we knew we would be able to listen to the radio broadcast. However, the Communications Team, being more technical than the rest of us seemed to display some real concern in their faces. The game was scheduled to begin around 1300 hours.

Please take this opportunity to check the mailing label to ensure that your dues are current. Check the number in the parenthesis following your name, which indicates the year through which your dues are paid. It should be (05), or higher

Also, please use the membership/Annual Dues Application included with this newsletter.

### REUNION 2006 Tucson, Arizona April 2006

The following list is a distillation of the reunion events. It is a summary of the planned events and the anticipated times of execution.

#### Wed, 5th

10:00am— 6:00pm

Check In— Radisson Lobby and SAC ACCA Meeting room.

7:00pm—10:00pm

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Since I was an Operations type, I didn't understand the technical challenges of making this TV work on an airborne platform and to this day still don't know what prevented us from getting a picture. All I remember is that the Communications Team worked furiously to make the TV work from an hour before game time. By the time the game had started and we had the audio all punched up on our BC receiver buttons the General was becoming rather upset at the lack of results. Parts of his newspaper were seen to fly about the battle staff area. I'll not repeat verbatim the streams of rhetoric that came from the General at the expense of the Communications Officer.

As far as I know we flew close to TV transmission facilities, changed altitudes, and maybe even tried to stick a wire antenna outside the aircraft ... all, to no avail. It's entirely possible I suppose that the Television itself was faulty but all of us had to wait until we were relieved by the Swing Shift and got back to mother earth to watch the last quarter of a very exciting game. With less than 2 minutes to play, Jeff Kinney the running back bowled into the end zone to seal a Nebraska win, 35 to 31.

Editor's note: *Gerald (Jerry) Stuart is a retired CMSgt, Command and Control type. He was assigned to both Headquarters SAC and to the 2ACCS at Offutt from 1970 through 1973 as an Emergency Actions NCO and flew Looking Glass as part of the Operations Staff. He had previously flown an AUXCP out of Westover AFB, MA between 1966 and 1999.*

*As one of the in-flight and ground support Maintenance personnel, I find the above story particularly humorous (though I am sure those*

*who were actually aboard that day didn't see it as particularly humorous). I was asked that very same question by the AEAO of other Looking Glass flights.*

*Though I always attempted to explain the difficulties involved, I was never sure the AEAO Staff were buying it. Most General Officers tend to want results and not excuses no matter how valid. Fortunately I wasn't aboard the flight that had to perform the task.*

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Reception and Buffet in the Reddington Room.

Thu, 6th

9:00am- 4:00pm  
San Xavier Mission, Tubac, AZ, Nogales, Mexico. Lunch included.

6:00pm- 9:00pm  
Dinner at La Fuente paid for by the Association (your dues at work).  
Entertainment. included.

Fri, 7th

9:00am- 2:00pm  
Downtown Tucson tour and Sabino Canyon Tram tour. Lunch on your own at Sweet Tomatoes.

Fri, 7th (continued)

4:30pm- 9:30pm  
Hidden Valley Inn and Saloon "Sons of the Pioneers" Dinner show.

Sat 8th

8:00am- 9:00am  
Business meeting

10:00am- 2:00pm  
\*(1) Pima Air Museum, AMARC and Titan Missile Museum

— OR —

\*(2) Shopping Tour of Old Town Artisans

Note: Lunch is on your own for either of the above events. Tour #2 has a number of choices. Tour #1 will eat at the Davis Monthan AFB Officers Club.

6:00pm- 7:00pm- Cocktail hour in the

Reddington Room patio area.

7:00pm- 10:00pm- Banquet in the meeting room.

Sun 9th

9:00am- Memorial service in the meeting room.

**REMINDER**

- ♦ SAC ACCA has a block of thirty (30) rooms set aside for the reunion. If you haven't made your reservations, you may want to do so very soon or those 30 rooms will be gone. Reservations elsewhere may be difficult to obtain if you wait too long.
- ♦ There are two Radisson facilities in Tucson. Be sure you make your reservation at the **Radisson Suites Tucson, 6555 East Speedway Blvd**
- ♦ In April the temperatures in Tucson and the surrounding areas may be such that you will need a light jacket in the evening. A hat and some sunscreen is also advised.

*I recently received a copy of the following letter via Dick Doolittle. I thought it made interesting reading. I am wondering if any of our current members were flying the ABNCP during the time this additional temporary requirement came into being. If so, can you add any additional information? — steve*

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23 APR 1979

General Richard H. Ellis, USAF Commander  
in Chief  
Strategic Air Command  
Offutt AFB NE 68113

Dear General Ellis

When the disastrous tornado hit Wichita Falls on 10 April, the city suffered major damage. All electrical power was knocked out-which severely hampered attempts to communicate with people outside the area. The only communications available for Sheppard to support the post-tornado recovery actions was our MARS.

Even that would have been extremely limited had it not been for the people aboard your airborne command post. Upon contact, they created and maintained a vital link between Sheppard and the ATC command post and with other agencies which could provide support.

The professional actions of your people played an important role in getting the supplies needed to help preserve life and property. I suspect that too often people perceive the airborne command post to have only a wartime mission; it is situations like this which demonstrate the peacetime value of the aircraft and its

professional crews.

I sincerely appreciate all the efforts of the SAC people and ask that you thank them on my behalf.

Sincerely

B. L. Davis  
General, USAF  
Commander

### **FROM THE SECRETARY**

If you live in the Omaha/Bellevue area and get a copy of the Offutt newspaper, "Air Pulse" from time to time I would appreciate your help. I have some "Air Pulse" articles which Dick has provided to me that I think would be of interest to the members. So, what I need from you is the name and address of the publisher of Air Pulse. If you have a point of contact, that would be icing on the cake. I have previously attempted to obtain this information via letter and email with no success. My suspicion is that the copyright has long since been exceeded and we can legally include those articles. However, I am not a lawyer, so I do not know that to be fact. Therefore, I would feel much better about publishing them if I could get the normally required authorization to do so. So if any of you can provide that or serve as a point of contact to obtain that authorization, please let me know. You will find my address on page two along with my email address (Steve)

Don't forget that we need the stories of your personal experience in order to continue to produce this newsletter. The

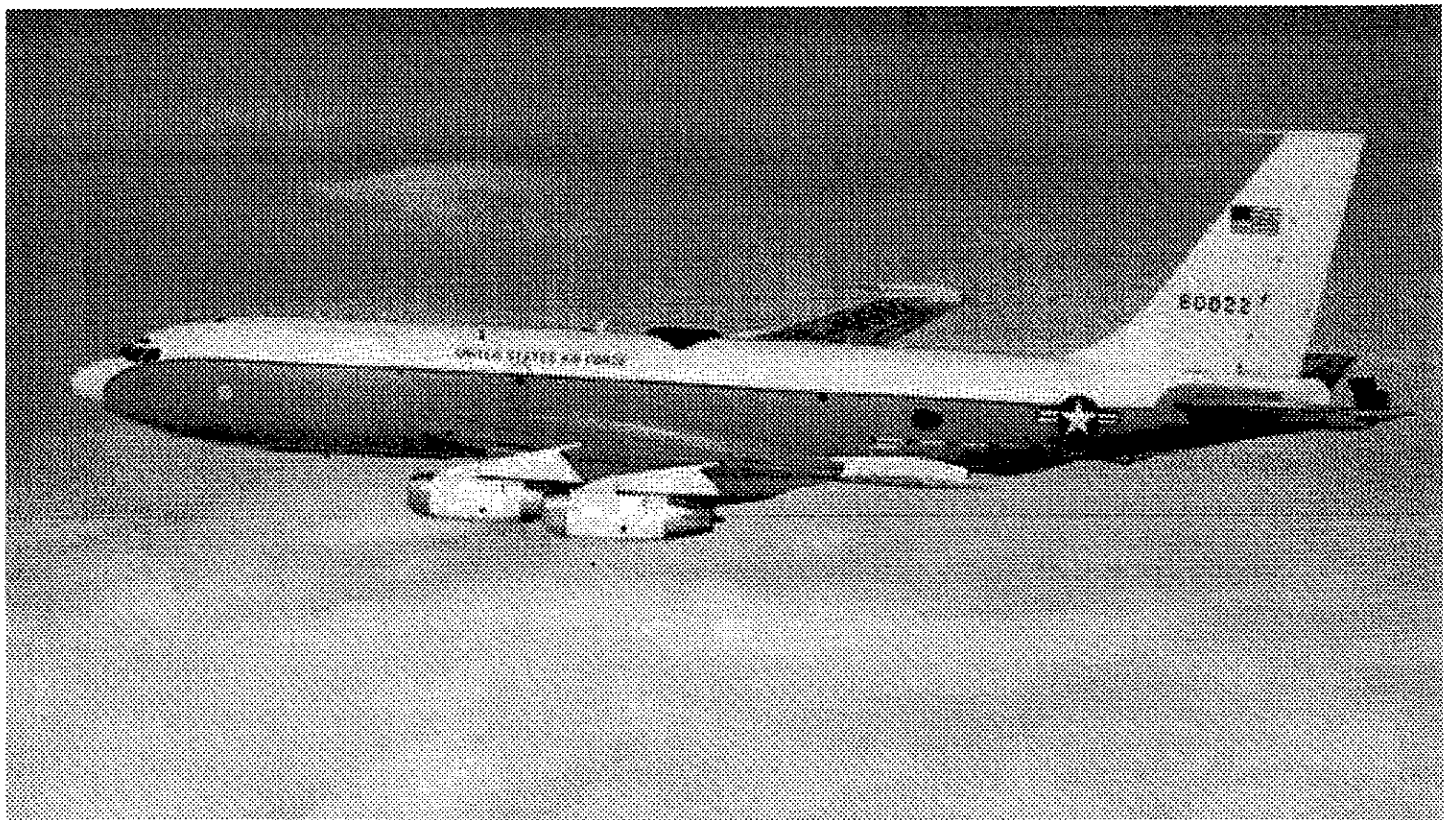
last two editions of this newsletter have included the writings of members and their experiences. Consider providing us with your contribution.

When you relocate, please take the time to send us a change of address. Each returned newsletter costs the Association \$0.70 — Steve

### Membership Dues and Renewals

Please, when you send payment to renew your dues; 1. Use the Membership Application/Dues Renewal form included in each newsletter. 2. Check the mailing label on your newsletter (the number between the parenthesis on the first line of the mailing label should be 05 {2005} or higher). 3. Fill in the correct dues payment year on the membership/Annual Dues form included in each newsletter.

*Search your memory banks... Do you remember this aircraft? It certainly is painted differently than I remember it. — steve*





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**Membership Application or Annual Dues**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Last, First, Middle)

Rank/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Status: \_\_\_\_\_

(Active, Retired, other)

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Amount Enclosed:

Initial Fee (\$10.00)  Annual Dues (\$15.00) Year \_\_\_\_\_  Reinstatement (\$10.00)

**If paying annual dues, please indicate for what year you are enclosing payment. (The current paid year for your dues will be found enclosed in parenthesis on the mailing label for you most current newsletter)**

Initial membership requires the payment of the initial fee and dues for the year (\$25.00). Dues are for the period 1 Jan through 31 Dec. Dues are due the first day of January (\$15.00) each year. A reinstatement fee, plus current dues is due for inactive members who wish to reactivate their membership after an absence of two years or more (\$25.00).

Please indicate your preferences regarding the publication of you name and address on membership rosters which may be provided to the membership of ACCA.

I authorize my;  Name and Address to be published on ACCA rosters to the general membership  
 Neither are to be published on ACCA rosters to the general membership.

Send to: SAC ACCA  
George Birch, Treasurer  
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# SAC Airborne Command Control Assn. REUNION 2006 Registration Form Tucson, Arizona: April 5 - 9, 2006

Attendee Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(List all attendees; member, spouse, guest)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration form to:  
 SAC ACCA  
 George Birch  
 2031 W. Placita de Enero  
 Green Valley, AZ 85614  
 Tel: (520) 399-2542

To obtain a reservation at the **Radisson Suites Tucson, 6555 East Speedway Blvd.**, telephone 1-800-333-3333 specify that you are with the SAC Airborne Command Control Association. The cost for a 2-room suite is \$89.00 per night. This rate is good for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion date. This registration **MUST** be booked no later than March 5, 2006 to assure you a room. Rooms booked after that date will be at the regular hotel rate of \$169.00 per night.

Due to the 2 different tours on Saturday, there will be two Reunion Package prices. They include the Buffet reception (Wed), complimentary dinner (Thurs), Banquet (Sat), all tours, shows and transportation.

Package 1 - Pima, AMARC, Titan tours \$270.00 per attendee

Package 2 - Old Town Artisans shopping tour \$228.00 per attendee

Registration must be received no later than March 5, 2006. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Note: You **DO NOT** have to select the package price, you may select individually those items priced out below. Enter the number that will be attending each event and multiply out the total.

Event Date	Event	No. Persons	Cost Each	Total
<b>April 2006</b>				
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Registration Fee (Member only)	1	X \$15.00	\$15.00
	Reception and Buffet		X \$39.00	
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	San Xavier de Bac Mission, Tubac, AZ & Nogales, Mexico. Lunch included		X \$42.000	
	Dinner at La Fuente with entertainment		SAC ACCA	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sabino Canyon Tram Tour & downtown Tucson tour. On your own lunch at Sweet Tomatoes		X \$36.00	
	Hidden Valley Inn Dinner and Western Show		X \$60.00	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	Old Town Artisans Shopping Trip (lunch on your own)		X \$14.00	
	Pima Air Museum, AMARC, & Titan Missile Museum. On your own lunch at the Officers Club		X \$56.00	
	Banquet (specify Chicken or Beef)		X \$37.00	
	<b>Package 1</b> Total Reunion Package (includes Wed through Friday events, plus Pima Air Museum, AMARC, & Titan Missile Museum. On your own lunch at the Officers Club and Banquet)		X \$270.00	
	<b>Package 2</b> Total Reunion Package (includes Wed through Friday events, plus Old Town Artisans Shopping Trip [lunch on your own] and Banquet)		X \$228.00	

Total amount for all events selected: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Dress code for the banquet is: Western casual or slacks and shirt, no shorts or tank tops.

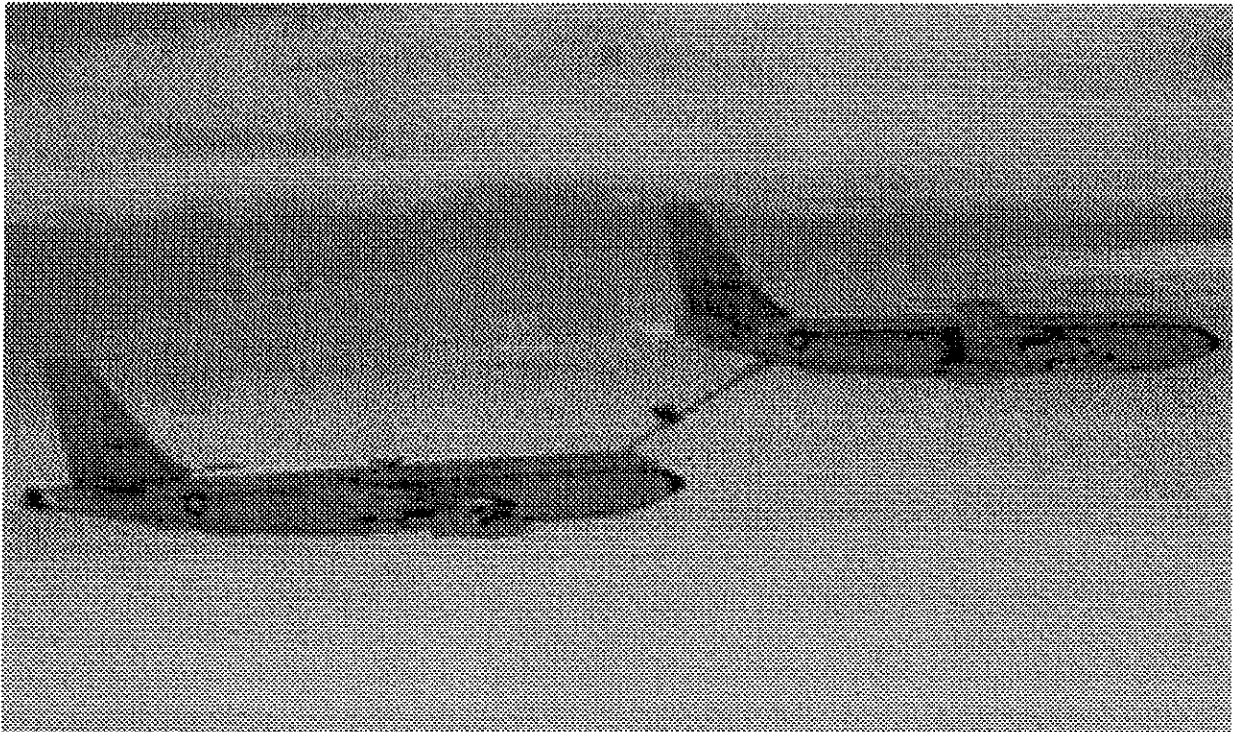
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