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From the President

This is the last issue before the reunion and the printing of the new roster. Both events need your attention. First of all, I hope that you have signed up to attend this year's reunion. It is going to be a BIG one. See you there.

As for the roster, the cut off date for additions or corrections is September 30th. It will be printed and mailed in October. I have noticed that some people are including their cell phone numbers in their recent updates. If you have a cell phone and want it listed, let us know. Same for e-mail addresses and fax phone numbers. Use the form in this issue to send information to Emily Povey.

I also found out recently that Jim Hamil died Sept 16, 2003. We share our sympathy with Lorna Hamil.

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2005 REUNION PLANS

We have changed the time frame for the 2005 Umbria/Tuscany Reunion to September. We have set the tentative dates for the reunion for September 5-11. Roberto and Patti are working on the hotel and other arrangements. At this year's reunion and in the next Afterburner, we will announce dates, details and start the reservations for the 2005 reunion.

Ben and Lynn have again arranged to have a beautiful cruise immediately following our Umbria reunion. Plans are tentative, but we will be sailing on the brand new Costa Magica, the newest and biggest ship in the Costa fleet. Our Western Mediterranean cruise is tentatively scheduled to depart Savona, Italy, on Monday, September 12. We will cruise for seven nights, stopping in Barcelona and Palma de Mallorca, Spain; Tunis, Tunisia; LaVelletta, Malta; Palermo, Sicily; Civitavecchia (Rome), Italy; and returning to Savona on September 19. This is a very unique itinerary, offering us the opportunity to visit some special places not accessible on a land tour.

The Catalinas will have all the details at our San Antonio reunion, and will be ready to book you on this fabulous cruise at that time.





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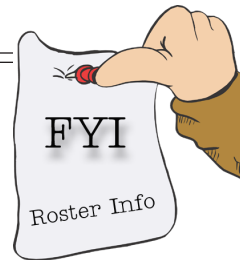
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 You may send the information using any of the above.

Name: _____

New address: _____

City / State / Zip+4 _____

New Phone number: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Anything you would like to have in the Roster or Afterburner

SAN ANTONIO 2004 REUNION SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 3-7 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Wednesday, Nov. 3:

Hotel check-in after 3:00 p.m.
Cocktails in hotel lobby
Welcome reception in hospitality room

Thursday, Nov. 4:

Breakfast in hotel lobby
Morning at leisure
Missions tour in the afternoon
Cocktails in hotel lobby
Mexican dinner barge trip on the San Antonio River

Friday, Nov. 5:

Breakfast in hotel lobby
Lackland BMTS graduation and tour of USAA
Evening free

Saturday, Nov. 6:

Breakfast in hotel lobby
Optional events such as Hill Country tour, golf, other sightseeing, shopping...
Evening dinner party catered by Texas Land & Cattle Restaurant

Sunday, Nov. 7:

Breakfast in hotel lobby or enjoy brunch on the river on your own
Check out by noon

REUNION HOSTS Ben & Lynn Catalina 888-522-7447;
bcatalina@satx.rr.com
\$135 per person.

Please make checks out to
Aviano Reunion Association
and mail to:
Ben & Lynn Catalina
8510 Aesop Lane
Universal City, TX 78148



REUNION SAN ANTONIO

By the time you read this, we will be less than three months from "Reunion San Antonio." We're glad to report that we now have 74 folks registered. The updated roster is published in this Afterburner, but note the new names on the list. A large contingent of new members from the 70's has joined the association, and we welcome them all.

As a matter of fact, because so many people have signed up for San Antonio, we've had to rent another dinner barge for our special dinner cruise down the San Antonio River. It's still not too late to join in the fun, however, so continue to encourage your ARA friends, as well as your own family members, to get their registrations in as soon as possible. Please make checks payable to Lynn Catalina, and mail them to the address on the registration form. And if you haven't made your hotel reservations yet, please don't delay. Our group rates are protected only until September 3, and this hotel will easily sell out for our November dates.

As a reminder, for those of you flying in to San Antonio, a rental car is not needed. You can take an inexpensive shuttle or taxi to and from the hotel. We will have chartered buses for the Missions tour and Lackland/USAA tours. The hotel is very convenient to all venues downtown. IF you would like to rent a car for a day of sightseeing on your own, the hotel has an excellent service agreement with Enterprise Rental Car, which will deliver the car to the hotel for you.

We've heard from some fellow Aviano-ites who are "on the fence" still trying to figure out the details of getting off work to attend the Aviano reunion in San Antonio. Those include:

Cam & JoAnn Campbell
George & Nancy Beckwith
Tom & Elaine Horton
Randy & Peggy Witt
Fred & Margaret Ayoub

Maybe by the time you read this, they will have sent in their deposits. If you have any other friends and fellow Avianoites, pass the word about our reunion. Nothing works as well as a personal invitation."

Call Ben or Lynn on any questions at 888-522-7447 or 210-658-8388 or email them at Bcatalina@satx.rr.com. See you in beautiful San Antonio!

ARA 2004 San Antonio Reunion Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

email _____

Name(s) as you want them on tags

Cost: \$135 per person (Make checks payable to
Lynn Catalina or Emily Povey)

Print and Mail Form with Payment To:

Ben & Lynn Catalina
8510 Aesop Lane
Universal City, TX 78148
888-522-7447

*Please remember to make hotel reservations
directly to:*

River Walk Drury Inn and Suites
800-378-7946.

Five Germans in an Audi Quattro arrive at the Italian border. The Italian customs officer stops them and tells them: "It's illegal to put five people in a Quattro!" "What do you mean, it's illegal?" asks the German driver. "Quattro means four!" replies the Italian official. "Quattro is just the name of the car, the car is designed to carry five people!" the Germans retort unbelievably. "Look at the damn papers: The car is designed to carry five people!" "You can't put five people in a Quattro!" replies the Italian customs officer. "Quattro means four. You have five people in your car and you are therefore breaking the law!" The German replies angrily "You idiot! Call the supervisor over! Schnell! I want to speak to someone with more intelligence!!!" "Sorry" responds the Italian, "He can't come ... He's busy with two guys in a Fiat Uno."

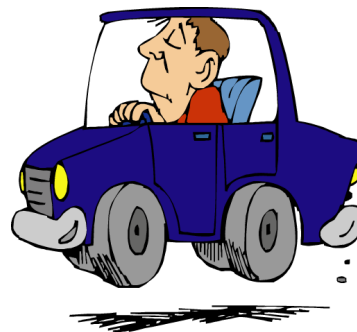


Lew & Dot Erhart:

Dot & I are planning on making the Tex reunion. Missed the last two. Dot just finished PT and walking better...using a walker. Hope it keeps improving...See you in San Antonio.

ARA 2004 Registrants (as of July 21, 2004)

Ben & Lynn Catalina	Melvin & Sandy Black
Jim & Connie Carino	Al & Lou Currie
Bill & Gloria Walker	Bob & Carolyn Watters
Phil Howerton	Lash & Norma Lasher
Jaime & Belinda Vazquez	Bill & Ellie Coote
Ray & Marilyn Walbridge	Leo & Pat McCarthy
Bill & Emily Povey	Paul & Donna Bolen
Gene & Martha Novikoff	Walt Geisinger
Nick & Margaret Leone	Dick & Lee Hudgins
Lew & Dottie Erhart	Anita Burnett
Jay & Jane Maust	Jesse & Joan Edmonds
Joanne Harnit	John & Marianna Fells
Gerald Smith	Bob & Karen Leone
Bea Jernigan	Rodger & Betty Gracey
Peter Ross	Michael Hansen & Linda Kazarian
Neil & Nancy Lewis	Guido Casari
Paul & Fran Mobley	Aristea Hollyfield
Bill & Dee Davis	J.P. Lagerloef
Joe & Franca Rutter	Joe & Dawn Kessler
Earl & Harriett Fairchild	Davy Crockett
Gene & Jean Ives	Jim Bowie
Bert & Maurine Prudhomme	
Gary & Tama Tillman	



LITTLE KNOWN TEXAS FACTS

1. The name Texas comes from the Hasini Indian word "tejas" meaning friends. Tejas is not Mexican for Texas.
2. Texas is the only state to enter the US by TREATY, (at the time Texas was The Republic of Texas) instead of by annexation.
(This allows the Texas flag to fly at the same height as the US flag.)
3. The Capitol Dome in Austin is the only dome in the US which is taller than the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. (by 7 feet).
4. Texas has had six capital cities: Washington-on-the-Brazos, Harrisburg Galveston, Velasco, West Columbia, Austin.
5. King Ranch is larger than Rhode Island.
6. Laredo is the world's largest inland port.

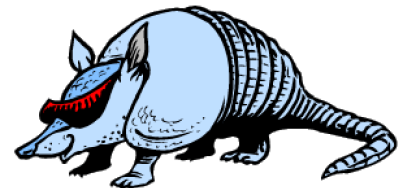


7. Beaumont to El Paso: 742 miles
8. Beaumont to Chicago: 770 miles
9. El Paso is closer to California than to Dallas.
10. World's first rodeo was in Pecos... July 4, 1883.
11. The first word spoken from the moon, July 20, 1969, was "Houston."
12. The Heisman Trophy was named after John William Heisman who was the first full time coach for Rice University, Houston.
13. The first domed stadium in the US was the Astrodome in Houston.
14. Brazoria County has more species of birds than any other area in North America.
15. Aransas Wildlife Refuge is the winter home of North America's only remaining flock of whooping cranes.

16. Jalapeno jelly originated in Lake Jackson in 1978.



17. The worst natural disaster in US history was in 1900 caused by a hurricane in which over 8000 lives were lost on Galveston Island.
18. Tyler Municipal Rose Garden is the world's largest rose garden with over 38,000 bushes with 500 varieties on 22 acres.
19. The State shell is Lightning Whelk.
20. Tropical Storm Claudette brought a US rainfall record of 43" in 24 hours in and around Alvin in July 1979.
21. A Live Oak tree near Fulton is estimated to be 1500 years old.
22. Caddo Lake is the only natural lake in the state. (located in Uncertain, Texas)
23. Dr Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. There is no period after Dr in Dr Pepper .
24. The Flagship Hotel in Galveston is the only hotel in North America built over water.
25. The State animal is the Armadillo.





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