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LET'S MAKE PLANS RIGHT NOW !!! RENO in '78

Our Convention Committee relates to me that they are planning this convention as if it were the launching pad for the first space ship to the moon. LET'S ALL GET ABOARD !!

The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen is moving forward, each meeting, each mail call, each phone call brings more evidence that the Ordies of the United States of America want to stand up and be counted. The Board of Directors and officers are proud to identify with the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and we want all of you to feel the same way.

The business meeting at the next convention is already promising to be an interesting one. Many issues will be addressed that are of interest to all members and prospective members. In order to vote or express your opinion you have to be there. The Association needs your support, not just by paying dues, but by attending this important meeting and voicing your valuable opinion.

Plans are still tentative, except for the location, RENO, Nevada and the date, June 16 - 18. The hotel site will be selected by Dec. 9 and final plans, reservation requests and agenda will be promulgated in January.

One thing to remember - The hotel will need confirmed (cash) reservations 30 days in advance. Also the Association will need a confirmation (cash) of attendance 30 days in advance. We will make every effort to keep the expenses at a minimum. Rest assured, we are not trying to fill the treasury with the regristration fees. So please keep this in mind when responding to the literature you will be receiving soon about the convention.

Let's do it right !! Start the third year of our life as an Association with a BANG ..... SEE YOU IN RENO ..... Kirk

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NEWSLETTER

We are looking for volunteers to help publish the Association Newsletter. An Editor is needed and reporters from all areas of the country are especially desired. Bill Meyer is assisting in the JAX area. Until we do have an Editor - please submit any article you desire published in our newsletter to Tom Robins, Sec/Tres. Classified ads are free until further notice .....

We also need a name for our Newsletter - Any Ideas ??? - Please submit all suggestions to the Sec./Tres/ .....

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

First, let me thank those people who have worked so hard in the past to make a "GO" of this association. I am in deep gratitude to those of you who have contributed to the success of our last convention.

While reading the minutes of the business meeting, it became apparent that there are many questions that need answers. Questions of policy, questions of by-law amendment, and questions of association objective realignment. I cannot guarantee that answers completely acceptable to 100% of the membership will be forthcoming. However, I will attempt to guide the Board of Directors to a positive and viable solution of these problem areas.

Communication among the members of the Board is difficult at best because of the physical distance between us. However, by using a system of voting by mail, resolving difficult problems with conference calls, I am sure that in the not too distant future, the newsletter will contain the Board's resolutions to the questions that came up in Jacksonville.

I urge all of you to communicate with the Board of Directors member nearest you. Establish this line of communication now. Let him know how you feel about how things are going, what would you like to see us accomplish ?. It is your association. We, the officers are only here to coordinate, consult and guide.

I am really sorry that I could not get to Jacksonville for the meeting. When I read the list of members in attendance, I recognized a lot of old and dear friends. I have fond memories of the Jax area and I am extremely confident that with the strong support of the Jax Weaponeers, the Association will benefit greatly from their participation.

We now number over 200 in membership, I know we will continue to increase and provide a viable organization for the ordnance community.

Kirk Nelson

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1977 CONVENTION

The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen held its second annual convention on June 18, 1977 in Jacksonville, Florida. Although the turn-out was rather small it was declared an outstanding success by all present. The general business meeting was chaired by Tom Robins Sec./Tres. in the absence of the President, Kirk Nelson.

O.D. "Buck"Hafer and B.D. "Bob" Hall were elected to the Board of Directors and are expected to add new zest to the organization.

L.H. Preston and J.H. Kilpatrick volunteered to serve on our Scholarship Committee with A.J. "Tony" Klissus acting as Chairman.

O.D. Hafer and R.A. Ashworth volunteered to serve on the Membership Committee with R.C. Carrington acting as Chairman.

Everyone at the general business meeting enthusiastically supported the idea of local chapters of the Association. Board of Directors take notice.

A cocktail party on the evening of the 17th brought out Fritz Meyne, Ray Barr, Al Jost, Joe Clements and Al Royce, so us younger folks enjoyed talking to some of the old timers. A good time was had by all.

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INTERNATIONAL B-24 LIBERATOR CLUB

Tom Robins, the Sec./Tres. has recently received correspondence from Bob McGuire, the Executive Secretary of the LIBERATOR CLUB. The LIBERATOR CLUB was formed in October 1968, sponsored by the San Diego Aero-Space Museum. It is an international organization for anyone who was associated with the Liberator airplane during WW II. Membership is also open to production personnel, historians, writers, modelers, WW II aviation enthusiasts and relatives of crewmen. Ground crews and support personnel of groups and squadrons are also welcomed. PURPOSE OF THE CLUB: To promote the significant role of the Liberator Airplane in WW II and to call attention to the outstanding achievements of the airplane and its crewmen, and to encourage the preservation of articles, photographs and documents connected with the history of this airplane. The LIBERATOR CLUB holds no reunions or regularly scheduled meetings. Membership dues support a newsletter, published twice a year, and the acquisition of photos, books and exhibit materials. Books, posters, photos, models and jewelery, identified with the Liberator are available upon request. --- For further information write to: LIBERATOR CLUB Box 841, San Diego, CA. 92112 .....

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WANTED - ORDI ORDWELL

I have a need for a good picture or sketch of ORDI ORDWELL. Does anyone have one ??? Please send to Tom Robins. I'll return it.

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MOVING ??? TRANSFERED ???

Don't forget to send your change of address to the Sec./Tres. when you move or get transferred.....

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER (Supplement)  
April 1977 to 1 Dec. 1977

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