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PALM SPRING REUNION

I am told it was a great gathering. I could not go myself but the turn out was great and everyone had a good time. We owe it all to Angela and Gerry Shrawder. No reunion ours or anybody else's succeeds only because a lot of planning and work. From all of us "Many Thanks".

Our reunion in Palm Springs in October was attended by fifty and was enjoyed by all. Hoping to see you in San Francisco.

LAST ISSUE

I screwed up the mailing of the last issue. It came out about October. Many of our members were left out. If you did not receive a copy drop me a line. I will send you a copy. It was a good issue.

REUNION 1998

It has been determined the next Reunion will be in San Francisco in October. The hotel is near the airport.

It's getting late. Lets all come. There are a lot of reasons not to come but come anyway. Our service in India and China oriented most of us sentimentally toward China and the Chinese. Our Chinese members may look at those days differently. Those were different days, and so are these. I look forward to see Donald, Moon, Ced, Tommy and Al.

If you wonder why the same names keep coming up, do not be surprised. It is because they write something I can print. Your story would be in there even if it was not too exciting. The news letter is about all our members and for all our members. We did not know it then but they were the "good old days." Tell me more about them.



1998 CNAC REUNION IN SAN FRANCISCO

Our Mini Reunion in Palm Springs, attended by fifty members was enjoyed by all. Weather perfect, accommodations and food. Our Reunion in San Francisco will be September 18, 19, and 20th. at the beautiful Embassy Suites arranged by our Capt Arthur Kininmonth. Your suite will be \$119 and you make your reservations by calling 1-650-342-4600 or 1-800-Embassy. Tell them you are with the CNAC group and reserve now and no later than August 1st as we have a block of rooms reserved. After that date the rooms are \$245 on a space available basis. Transportation available from the Airport. PLEASE wear your name tags. A full

		No persons	Total
Registration fee	\$25 per person	_____	_____
Dinner 9/19	36 " "	_____	_____
Chinese dinner 9/20	41 " "	_____	_____
	Total	_____	_____

Please list names of all persons included in your reservation.

Should you find it necessary to cancel your trip, contact me and I will refund your deposit.

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The Embassy Suites has complimentary full breakfast and wine in the evening. The rooms are suites with refrigerator bar in all of the rooms.

You are encouraged to pay dues which are \$25.00 per year. Attendance at the reunion or mailing list of the Cannon Ball are not contingent on paying them.



Joe O'Dwyer



Wayne Snider

WINGS OVER CHINA

There is a new issue of these books in preparation. As far as we have been able to find there is no official list of former CNAC employees. Several years ago Pottschmidt listed everyone he knew, most of them were Americans. This is sad because there were many more Chinese. We have few of them in this list. I have no solution. Even some of the names in the present list are uncertain. This edition I believe will cost a few dollars. The others did I think. There will be further information on this as available. I hope the treasury will help to fund this. The manuscript is complete. This maybe the only surviving proof that you were there. Keep tuned for update. Publication is projected to be September 1998 in time for the San Francisco reunion.

Criticism

Should you disagree with what is reported here, please write a rebuttal. Note in an early issue the difference between Costello and DeSalvatore. Lately Sherwood's comment about Gifford Bull. Bull did not see Dracula, he was looking at me.

BACK ISSUES

I have put together a few of our back issues of Cannonball. If you would like a packet, drop me a line, no charge. If I can not give them away - recycle.

KUNMING

Howie Dean was Station Manager, Pappy Quinn was in charge of Commissary, Cliff Grogan was in charge of Radio Repair & I was Chief Mechanic. Several reunions ago I was giving Felix Smith a bad time for not telling the missionary story in his book. He said that he didn't because it did not happen to him. So we decided it must have happened to Indian Jim Moore in as much as Jim was the only other "Free Lance" pilot around.

At the end of the war the U.S. Air Force had a large surplus of C-47 airplanes. They gave them to everyone that had an excuse to have them, but there were no spare parts. The missionary group got two C-47's, St. Peter & St. Paul (Rob Peter to pay Paul). It was a rare day when both planes were able to be in the air at the same time.

Jim brought two of the missionaries to Kunming. The missionary was a scrawny little fellow and his wife was a big, heavy set woman. The CNAC Hostal at Kunming was the only place to stay so of course we gave them a room. The next morning there seemed to be a problem. The missionaries wife could not find her lower plate (teeth). I asked her if there was any gold teeth & she said no. So we eliminated the Room Boys. Finally we took each item from the room sheet by sheet, blanket by blanket, towel by towel until the room was bare. We also took each dresser drawer and table out and still no teeth. Finally they had to leave. They were going "up country" for 2-3 years and no teeth. Much sadness of course!

Jim flew them as far as as he could. The plane was full of bibles translated into chinese. The bibles were all off loaded & reloaded on ponies and coolies. All took off on a 2 - 3 day trip. Some weeks later I received a hand carried letter from the missionary. He stated that he knew we would want to know how it all ended. It was, he said, a bit personal but here is what happened.

Finally they arrived at their destination. They had not totally disrobed in Kunming due in part I'm sure because our Hostal was only inhabited by men so obviously it was a real bed of iniquity (Note: This is my statement, not the missionaries). They were then able to undress & bathe. At this time the woman found her teeth tucked between her breasts. There was much rejoicing. She would now be able to eat!

End of Story!

FRED PITTENGER