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The year of the Boar in the calander of the 12 beasts is upon us. It should be a good year for most of us. Last year's reunion brought together many who had only come to 1 or so reunions or none. Over the years many have maintained friendships made long ago or cemented new ones. We are all disappointed that guys like Bussart, Allen, Hauptman et al who we knew so well have not attended.

Last October there were 2 celebrations in Las Vegas and one in Hogy Taw. Unhappily, the latter is increasing in size. Fortunately the one in Vegas was sizeable also. I know we will all meet again on that Burmese Mountain top but before we take that last trip west lets meet here from time to time. Look through the list of those who came in October - your friends were there.

The next scheduled Reunion is in October 1996 again in San Francisco. This is not because we love San Francisco much as as there are so many local members there as well as in California. I don't know why so many settled there in as much as if it doesn't wash out to sea, its going to fall into the ocean anyway.

Note: Your address changes should let us know where you are and don't make me go looking in Hogy Taw for you. I'll be there soon enough.

Note: As you age, memory of recent events fades but those of long ago remain. Write them down and send them in. Robby wrote one in his own inimitable style. It was wonderful. Roy Farrell has something new all the time. Now its your turn.

Note: From time to time we have a request for information. If you even heard of anything send it in.

The Reunion in Las Vegas was one of the best attended so far. There were 5 or 6 who had never attended before. Dr. Laube, Pete Goutiere, Chuck Urban, Angela Belske, a niece. There were dinners and a business meeting.

Next year the Chinese are dedicating a memorial to those who were killed on the Hump in Nanking. As we well know many of our comrades were among them. A list is being prepared and will get sent over there. A trip to China can be arranged including the dedication and several other cities if we can guarantee 16 people to go. It was the opinion that this was possible among those at the meeting. Details will follow when they are worked out.

The next meeting will be held in San Francisco in 2 years, probably in October at one of the 2 hotels we visited before. The following members, associates and friends were present. Several tapes of China and the CNA were shown.

It was previously mentioned Jim Dalby is now the Director of the San Diego Aeronautical Museum. They have the most completion collection next to the Smithsonian. Our treasury is now liquid enough to make a contribution to it over the next few years. Jim is helping to expand the CNAC exhibit. Robins Air Force Base also has a museum. Thanks to Robby Roberts we are well presented. There is a DC3 there with our markings. We voted to make a donation to this museum also.

Our company (pilots and ground crews) made important contributions to the war effort in China and to aviation in the Orient. We are at last beginning to receive recognition for it. Our contributions