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THE TIGER RAG

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Our reunion at Ojai this year was one of the best and most successful we have had. The turnout was much greater than anticipated, and a lot of "new" faces turned up.

With the buses picking up Thursday morning at the Thunderbird and Hollywood Roosevelt, the meeting began to get organized. It had gotten slightly disorganized Wednesday night at the Hungry Tiger. Since the All-Star game interrupted things, we had to skip our trip to the ballpark. We made it to the bar instead.

We had about 180 people registered at the Ojai Valley Inn, and about 200 at the bar. The first function Thursday evening was the hayride down to the barbecue area. Then a cocktail party, hosted by Bob Prescott and the Flying Tiger Line. This was followed by a steak fry, and accompanied by square dancing for the older members of the group, with the watusi, etc., for Doc Rich and the younger members and teenagers.

Friday's daytime activities included drinking, golf, horseback riding, tennis, swimming, an AVG business meeting, drinking, loafing, visiting and drinking. Rode will report the meeting. Here it will be noted that Tom Kelly was elected chaplain for the enlisted men. His prime qualification for the job was experience!

A cocktail party was followed by the CNAC banquet, for which we blame "Pappy" Quinn. At this dinner, Bob Prescott was presented with a beautiful clock (it's later than he thinks!) from members of the AVG/CNAC associations. It was to express our appreciation to Bob for all his efforts and contributions which are very instrumental in making these meetings successful. Wayne Snyder was chairman of the committee (of one) doing all the work on getting this ready. Shirley did the work.

After dinner we saw the film that Ozzie Glover took of our tour to Taipeh. It was very good. Then Ed Rector showed some film of his air operation in India. Those scenes sure

brought back many memories, particularly to the Hump flying group.

After this, there was very little to do but go to the bar and dance. Might mention here that R. T. Smith and Ronnie were on their honeymoon and Bob and Anne-Marie Prescott were celebrating their anniversary. So back to the bar and dance and a good time was had by all.

Besides the usual activities, there was a CNAC business meeting Saturday and a golf tournament. The first was lost by Bob Prescott (he was re-elected) and the second was won by John Williams. (Prescott claimed fraud on John's

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1965 FLYING TIGER PILOT AWARD - Mary Kelly, Miss Flying Tiger; Col. R. Stephens; Lt. D. Andre; Dick Rossi.

handicap.) Between activities there was a little action around the bar.

After another cocktail party, the AVG banquet was held. Jack Rourke did a fine job as M.C. A trophy was presented to Don Rodewald for Indian wrestling. He defeated Ed Rector in the finals. (I never did see any preliminaries.) John Williams was given the golf trophy. The Flying Tiger Pilot Award was presented jointly to Col. R. Stephens and Lt. Col. D. Andre in recognition of their accomplishments with the YF12, in which they set speed and altitude records. Tom Kelly's very attractive daughter, Mary, donned the tiger costume and became Miss Flying Tiger 1965 to assist in the presentation. Milt Machlin, editor of Argosy magazine, who had just returned from Viet Nam, gave a talk on what he had seen and some of his impressions. After this a fight broke out, sparked by questions from the floor, comments by Prescott and Al Mah. This one was won by one of guests of the evening, Gen. Johnny Allison. So back to the bar and dance. Time for a drink.

Sunday morning the gang arose, surveyed the world through bloodshot eyes, hoisted a few Bloody Marys, and decided to call it quits. So back to the hometown bars.....



GOLF TROPHY - In spite of Prescott's doubts, Rossi awarded trophy to John Williams for winning golf tournament.



AVG 1st SQDN - (standing) Schaper, Cross, Burgard, Uebele, Rodewald, Locke, Cornelius; (seated) Richards, Prescott, Rossi, Joan Petach, Kustay.

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Dear Dick and Members of the Flying Tigers:

I deeply regret for not being able to make the reunion this year. By the time your reunion is held, I will be traveling over South East Asia including Viet Nam.

I am going over to South East Asia to do some work for the Voice of America and gather some information for my lectures.

I have tried very hard to change my schedule hoping to make the convention, however, all arrangements for my tour were made ahead of time and no changes could be made.

I will miss all of you and I am sure you will have a successful meeting. My very best to each of you and also my congratulations to the A V G Trophy's winner.

My summer address from July 1st to September 1st will be C/O Civil Air Transport, Taipei, Taiwan.

After my trip to the South East Asia I will be going to Korea by invitation of the Korean President. However, my headquarters will be in Taiwan from July 1st to September 1st.

I hope to join you in your next convention.

As Always,

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