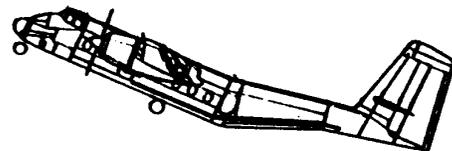
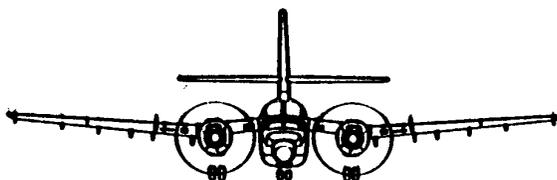
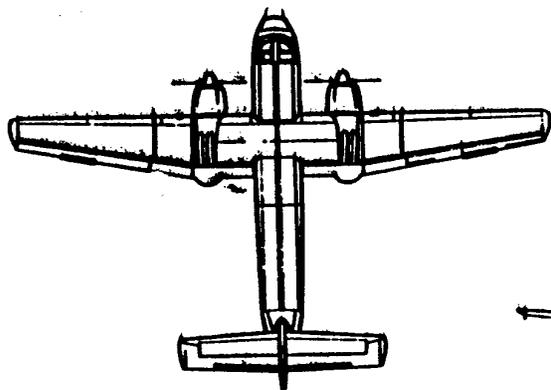


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NEXT REUNION: Dayton, OH (WP AFB) Fri. 2 Oct & Sat. 3 Oct 92
Hotel/motel to be announced.

Reunion #1 was held in July 91 at Nashville, (BNA). 7 457'66 Sq
members attended with a few wives.

Reunion #2 was held at Warner Robins AFB, GA during August 91. 105
members and wives attended. A good time was had by all. Both the
above events were orchestrated by (Capt) John Davis, Crossville TN and
former 457 Squadron pilot. (66-67)

Problem: Finding names and addresses:

We are looking for pilots, flight engineers and maintenance people.
Please do not delay in sending copies of orders, papers etc. that have
names of Caribou personnel. Include addresses of any of your buddies
or people that you know or remember. Leave no stone
unturned. We have some 1300 names and 900 addresses. I believe that
there will be about 3000 names when we find and write down the names of
people that were involved.

HELP WANTED: Need several volunteers to meet with me at Maxwell AFB
at the AF Historical Research Library for a couple days. We will
have to look up squadron histories and review the attached documentation
to confirm personnel manning rosters. I am coordinating with the
library at this time. Hopefully one of the 'volunteers' can bring
a small copy machine. Hopefully this can be completed by late Feb or
early early Mar. Wives or girlfriends have an extra pair of hands!!

Each of you can help by carefully filling out the membership format and
including all the details. Eventually, we can produce a directory but
for now it is too bulky. The 900 address stickers take up about 16 legal
size sheets of paper printed on both sides. This is too bulky to mail
and doesn't even have phone numbers. Let me know what the desires of
the membership are and we will work toward that goal.

HELP WANTED: COMPUTER HACKER: (Capt) Jan Gerstner 458'67 had about 400
names in his computer system. We joined with his system but still have
some gaps. I would like another computer genius to back up Jan and help
to keep the ever-changing list updated. Please check in with Jan to
confirm compatibility to talk to his machine then let me know the
results.

We are also looking for information on all the accidents to include the
names of the KIA's in country and those who have passed away. We want to
bring the families into the association as honorary members. Any
information anyone can provide on the above please include in your
application.

In my view there is only one serious obligation of this association and that is to find the names and the families of people we lost in the Caribou program. Then even at this late date, contact the families and invite their participation. I salute the will of the members in their vote to extend at no cost honored membership to family members as they are located.

NOW LETS HAVE FUN!

Please join me in thanking John Davis and his relentless volunteers for tireless effort in assembling the nuts and bolts of Reunion II at Warner Robins. Everytime I looked his way over the two days there was John making a contribution to the cause. To keep things solvent, John spent most of the two days collecting large sums of cash to float the lunch and dinner ... along with some advance Caribou Tax.

The WR Museum Staff went all out for us and rolled out a genuine Caribou for our amazement, inspection and review. Even opened it up so that the uninitiated could check the innards. The point being the staff there went all out to make this an enjoyable event and we give them our thanks. Warner Robins has a stunning array of airplanes so for the people that pass thru their area with any interest in airplanes WR is a great place to seem them.

DUES AND HIGH OFFICE: A \$ 10.00 yearly membership fee was voted and approved at WR. During the same ad hoc membership meeting I was appointed to the high office of president of this association. This I am sure was based on the fact that I had the only membership list. Anyhow, while basking at this administrative pinnacle my first official decree was to eliminate membership fee. Henceforth this association will be funded on CARIBOU TAX!!!...\$ 10.00 per year. Funny(?)...it seemed Caribou Tax was something extracted from the Army or the BX. We couldn't steal from US AID, all they ever shipped was that damm wheat. Let's get back to 1992.

Former Boo pilot Jan Gerstner is writing a serious history of the Caribou movement. He has collected some '300 or 400 names and we meshed his with our list. He is asking each of us to fill out the enclosed questionnaire for his endeavor. Please do it and return.

JOKE DE JURE PROGRAM: If everyone sends one or two, or a few, of the best unabridged jokes they can remember from the 'Nam Era I'll see if it looks promising and have it printed in a booklet. If it sells we may laff our way out of Caribou Tax. One or two may end up in the next Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES REQUESTED: Anybody with anything that needs to be included in coming newsletters please submit ready to print and your extensive Hqs Staff will review and submit for publication.

CARIBOU COURIER: I was surprised that some members asked what the Caribou Courier was. To satisfy the point I am including a page of the Wing Rag we were familar with. Of note was the introduction of the Charlie Seven cartoon series on the back page. Now if somebody asks me who Charlie Seven was, the Reunion may have to include a seminar on Caribou History. More on Charlie Seven in coming issues.

COPY MACHINE NEEDED: Your extensive headquarters staff (of one) really needs a minimal copy machine to filter information out to the displaced staff and the members. If you have a copy machine that is on its last legs but can produce a barely legible copy---even with streaking l', please consider donating it to the cause. The position of Lofty Grand Exalted Benefactor (LGEB) is established and waiting for your donation.

1.Damm! Remember when streaking was in vogue. We are getting old.

DEEP THROAT: My locating 900 or so mostly retired former Caribou was not without some intrigue. Read as Privacy Act. I found a volunteer in the local area that provided unusually valuable help locating people. I announced this selfless act at the Reunion and \$70.00 was collected. The individual was appointed a Caribou Captain with a certificate, given the large Thank You Note many signed at WR, I issued one or two official 457 Sq patches and included what was most appreciated (for a married GI) a crisp new \$50\$. Later, one of our members was trying to 'round out' his pilot class list and the same individual helped again. Our member dubbed this individual with the title of DEEP THROAT. He is on our mailing list and is now out of the service but plans to attend at Dayton. Hopefully everyone will shower him with the well earned & deserved appreciation of this association. At least the guy won't have to buy any drinks and that is a promise. Thanks again Deep.

ARMY OTTER-CARIBOU ASSOCIATION --- NEXT REUNION 6 - 9 Aug 1992
Holiday Inn Colosseum
Hampton, VA

I just talked with the president of A 0-C A, Bill Hooks, LC USA (Ret.) who at our invite attended our WR Reunion and carried the goodwill shared there back to the Army Association. He asked me to extend the invitation to all AF Caribou people to attend or stop by their reunion. Remember, quite a few of us initially trained (?) with the Army then served with them until, as the story goes, 'the AF guys took the Caribou from the Army'....the big change being 1 Jan 67. I was there and remember the takeoff from Soc Trang and the flight engineer hanging out scrubbing ARMY off the airframe. Then on final approach to Cam Ranh BAY a freshly painted USAF logo was drying in the breeze. Granted, the Army guys had some hostilities at the time but considering that most of them were reassigned to fly Army combat helicopters their distress is understandable. Bill is actively promoting cooperation and good will between the two (C-7) Associations. After all, we were all just a bunch of grunts doing our duty. If you can attend or just drop in their reunion at Hampton Bill tells me you will be welcomed and that flak jackets won't be necessary.

Incidentally I just noted both Bill Hooks and Jim Lybrand paid tax with our association. Thanks! Jim was the immediate past president of A 0-C A. As of today Jim is hospitalized and responding to therapy. All who met Jim will remember his ever smiling persona and join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. Get well quick Jim.. from all of us!

Will the gentleman from California that had a common interest with Bill Hooks please call him at 404 324 1596!

VHS MOVIE --A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CARIBOU PILOT--by KUGLER

The movie was written, directed, photographed on site in VNam by former 483rd TCW flight surgeon Capt.(Dr.) Morris Kugler, A.K.A. Band Aid One. The Doc edited his 8MM and had it transferred to VHS and showed his creation to the WA Reunion where it met with wide acclaim. Ever a perfectionist The Doc kept the tape to upgrade the music to his standards and add shots of the reunion. Doc, we are still waiting for the master copy! Guys are dying to show the stuff to their grandchildren! Orders are piling up.

Anyone who has had any dealings with the AFBCMR please let me know.

Nick

Bear with it I am trying to wind this up. The end is in sight.

We have tried to set up a minimum time and expense for the busy people so if they can just come Friday or even Saturday morning a rewarding time can be had.

HIGH ROLLERS:

For those that can I hope you will come early and stay late. Beyond the usual base tours there is an extended tour of the AF Museum that covers both reference areas and their maintenance restoration area. One takes a bus from the museum to get across the ramp to that hangar. I am told it should not be missed.

To have a couple more meaningful events for the early birds, former 4449th instructor squadron ops officer and 18 TATS commander L/C Fred Schaumburg has offered to host and manage both the SIXTH CARIBOU OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT and THE FIRST SCHAUMBURG TENNIS CHALLENGE CUP.

THE CARIBOU OPEN: (Shotgun Start?)

The First Caribou Open was played at Sewart AFB about 1967. The event was scheduled and played religiously (using sacramental vodka) for several following years thru Dyess AFB about 1971. Instructors and interested students would play and the game featured pitchers of screwdrivers served at each tee by thinly clad wives or girlfriends who hot rodded the golf carts. For those of us that went the 18, when we woke up the next day most of us conceded we had a good time. Afterall, we only played to humor Col Schaumburg.

Now) anyone interested in some more serious golf beyond just swatting the dirty little pill, please join us once again in humoring The Guy. Please note interest on membership application.

More competitive interest? Please read the following.

THE FIRST SCHAUMBURG TENNIS CHALLENGE CUP:***

To generate competition L/C Schaumburg is first on the players list. His challenge is, "I'll buy the cup and have it etched. If there are no challengers I'll declare myself the winner and award myself the trophy". With the progressive thinking displayed above, it is apparent why L/C Schamburg is classed as the executive thinker we all know and venerate. The question is, "can he still play tennis"? He is pushing 60 harder than most of us BUT the SCHAUMBURG CHALLENGE is on. Surely this august association can produce a group of formidable contenders! Again please note your response on the return form.

***Long title conjured to run up L/C S's engraving bill.

Still need good copies of Caribou Courier, Caribou Country paper etc.

Please complete and return the Membership Form so we can firm up the plans.

Thanks, and hope to see everybody at Dayton.

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