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SPECIAL NOTICE: 😊 IT'S DUES TIME!

It's called the honor system. Instead of mailing individual dues statements at various times throughout the year, we will merely announce that, with a few exceptions, it is 1996 annual dues time. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment (right now) to fill out a check for \$20.00 for your 1996 dues and promptly mail it to **Skyhawk Association, 770 "F" Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118-2130**. For your convenience, a mailing envelope is included with this newsletter.

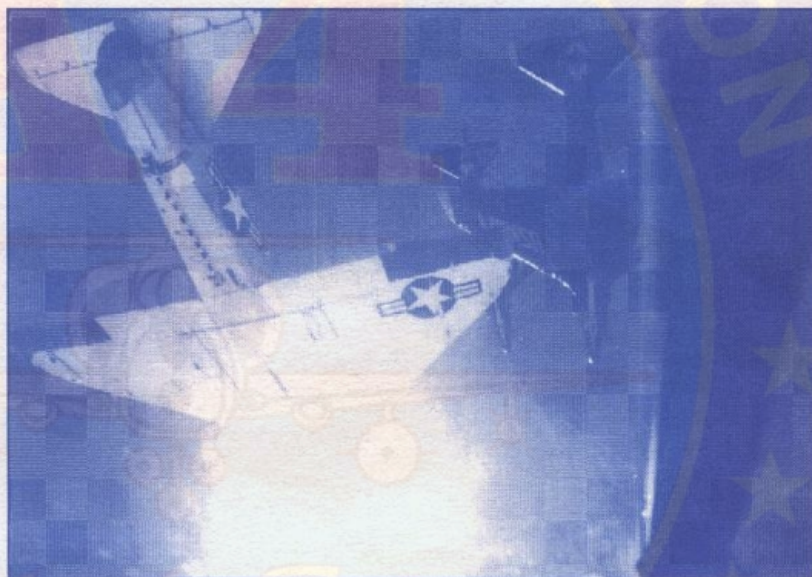
The exceptions? To get things on track we had to start somewhere, so the dues of those individuals who paid during the last quarter (October- December) of 1995 have been credited as paid for calendar 1996 (and beyond, in a couple of cases of intentional overpayment, because they "felt like it" — both were instantly promoted to strike leader!) All others please promptly press pen to paper and place your person in the "Check is in the mail" postal position. The next newsletter should be out in May-June. If you don't receive it, check your check stubs. Any questions about your dues status? Aim them at Captain Hook (address above).

BLUE ANGELS: WINTER TRAINING, '74

by Harry Gann

The Winter Training season for the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Team for 1974 was a crucial period for the *Blue Angels*. They had just experienced an abortive 1973 season that was fraught with difficulties — a tragic mid-air that took the life of three of the team members, a fuel shortage that almost paralyzed the country, and an aircraft, the fuel guzzling McDonnell F-4J *Phantom II*, that had proven difficult to maintain with the limited size of the *Blues* personnel team. Additionally, the continued existence of the team was under question. The 1973 season had been canceled after LCDR Skip Umstead, CAPT Mike Murphy, USMC, and Petty Officer Ron Thomas, Mike's crew chief, were killed in a two-plane mid-air during the arrival show maneuvers at Lakehurst. The Navy ordered a thorough look at the *Blues* operations and, if the team was to continue and meet its established goals, some changes were warranted.

One change proposed was to upgrade the team to squadron status to insure sufficient personnel staffing. LCDR Tony Less, former CO of VA-12, was selected and promoted to commander, and assigned as the new CO of the *Blues*. Also, a new chariot was in order. CAPT Ken Wallace, a former member and leader of the *Blues*, and LT Jerry Tucker, a holdover from the F-4



Blue Angels practice for their first (1974) season with the *Skyhawk*. Shot from the back seat of the TA-4F flying the slot position, the specially-configured A-4Fs are shown during the "change-over roll," in which they changed from echelon into diamond formation while executing a barrel roll. BuNo 154177 on the left, received from VX-5 at China Lake, had not yet been painted in the Blue Angel color scheme. (McDonnell-Douglas photo, courtesy Harry Gann)

team, were assigned the task of trying out available replacement aircraft. (During the same period, the USAF's *Thunderbirds* also decided to switch from their F-4Es to another aircraft because of the fuel requirements.) Wallace and Tucker flew the Vought A-7 *Corsair II* in *Blue Angel* profile maneuvers and judged it unsatisfactory for close formation work. They then looked at the Douglas A-4F *Skyhawk II*, ➡



which had been retrofitted with the P & W J-52P408 engine, increasing its power from 8500 to 11,200 pounds of thrust. The "Super Scooter" was a going machine, much more fuel efficient than the F-4J with its J-79 engine, and with a roll rate was unsurpassed by any other combat aircraft. Upon recommendation of Wallace and Tucker, eight Super A-4Fs were identified for assignment to the *Blues* and sent to the Douglas Aircraft factory at Long Beach for fitting with the special equipment need for the *Blues* mission. The action was a bold one since the 1974 season schedule had not been approved and it was still not certain if the *Blue Angels* would be allowed to continue in operation.

The designated A-4Fs started arriving at Douglas in late 1973. The first aircraft was rejected by the Navy inspectors because it had too many "battle wounds" and was replaced. Also, a new TA-4J was made available and delivered to NAF El Centro for provisional training. CDR Less was an able leader and was assisted by CAPT Wallace, who had been designated as the program manager. It was also fortunate that LT Mike Deeter, a tough but fair mustang, was assigned as the maintenance officer. The splendid effort of these and the other officers and enlisted personnel ultimately saved the team from extinction.

The new aircraft for the *Blues* arrived at El Centro still with their former unit markings, and the team began practice sessions with the birds in that state. Initially it was decided that the aircraft would not be painted until the return to home base at NAS Pensacola. I had been assigned by Douglas to assist with the transition efforts and was able to convince Skipper Less that it would be better to apply the distinctive *Blue Angel* markings while the aircraft were at El Centro. That would ensure immediate availability of publicity photographs when and if the continuation approval was granted. CAPT Wallace flew with each practice hop at El Centro, drawing on his six years of past experience as a *Blue Angel* to critique the formations. I was fortunate to be in the back seat of the TA-4J to photograph many of the flights and gained much experience, including learning how to load a 35 mm Nikon camera while flying upside down. Most of the photos were not suitable for PR purposes because of the mixed colors and markings of the aircraft before all sported the *Blues* colors. Luckily, when six birds were far enough along in the paint program, I was able to fly in the back seat of the TA-4J, piloted by LT John Patton, the show narrator, and to photograph a vertical shot of all six in the distinctive delta formation.

After the practice, the *Blue Angels* returned to Pensacola to await the decision as to their future. Approval was granted to start the 1974 season, the squadron was officially established, and the *Blues* flew their first show with the *Skyhawk* at Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska, on 18-19 May of that year. Thereafter, the A-4 *Skyhawk* served as the *Blue Angel* vehicle for thirteen years, longer than any previous aircraft. For the 1987 season, it was succeeded by another

McDonnell Douglas product, F/A-18A *Hornet*. Tony Less, now VADM, USN (Ret), and his squadron had done their job well.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

(M.D. "Whizzer" White)

In the last issue, I discussed our September Reno-Fallon get-together. In October, along with a bunch of others, I attended the Lemoore Vietnam Naval Aviators Reunion (LEVINAR for short?). During the '60s and early '70s, being home based at NLC represented a rite of passage for a generation of aviators who changed the face of carrier warfare. However, it wasn't until the Gulf War in '91 that we validated the '60s.

10 October 1995: Almost every West Coast-bound flight carried some passengers toward a three day journey back to youthful invincibility near a small Central California town named Lemoore. However, after 1964, "small" was never an appropriate description of the Lemoore-Hanford-Visalia triad.

The Convention Center in Visalia was reunion headquarters. Like old fashioned gunfighters we gathered near the registration desk, each with his own OK Corral memory to share — green ink logbook entries (like notches on a six shooter), recounting lonely BDA passes (Is it really my turn again, so soon?), safety-in-numbers Alpha Strikes (They're really aiming at another airplane, not mine.), "R&R" coastal recces, and tanker hops orbiting Cape Mui Ron. Each one counted toward the ten hops needed for another Air Medal. There was lots of staring and squinting (so as not to appear to be reading name tags) in attempt to associate vaguely familiar faces with different hairlines and waistlines — older old friends. But, every line and crease was a part of the legacy of someone who'd been there, done that, and returned. Legendary WESTPAC nicknames like *Beano*, *Animal*, *Godzilla*, *Teach*, *Scuz*, and *Whizzer* had given way to more appropriate latter day handles such as *Grandpa*, *Papaw* and *Gramps*. The long ago lightning-fast reflexes had been replaced by "better living through chemistry" and most of us admitted to being happy just to see the next sunrise. And we toasted missing comrades and squadrons no longer in existence.

We rendezvoused in Visalia but all weekend roads led to NLC. A lot of it looked the same, but a lot has changed since NLC was new and everybody thought the runways were 200 feet wide. And there were fewer squadrons. My old outfit, the *Mighty Shrikes* of VA-94, for example, is still in the active flying business, but our sister squadron, the *Ravens* of VA-93, is no more. The biggest surprise was the apparent lack of activity around Ops. All of us remembered the busy fuel pits looking like ye olde Sonic Drive-In on Hot Rod night, hangars and ramps full of *Scooters* in various stages of "up" or "down," and lots of airborne activity. Not so in late 1995. A couple of *Hornets* in the bounce pattern and three for takeoff on the opposite





runway was about as busy as it got while we were there. The squadrons at NLC are now something called VFA, flying the FA-18 *Hornet*. What an aircraft! It does not seem fair that the now-a-days "kids" have such neat toys to play with. The RAG (VFA-125) Skipper, CDR Pokorny, opened his doors to all. On Saturday one of his IPs put on an extended air show to show what the FA-18 is capable of doing. The RAG is basically the same, but smaller, including the ready room which was about one-third the size of the one that I remember. The pilots seemed somewhat taken aback at my asking, "Where are the A-4s?" Their unappreciated retort was a dry "Those were hauled away long time ago."

But, the '60s were appropriately remembered. An A-4 on permanent static display at NLC bears the name of Mike Estocin, and an adjacent plaque details how Mike and his *Skyhawk* earned a posthumous *Medal of Honor*.

I think we needn't be concerned about the future of the tailhook end of naval air. In spite of the '90's political correctness, the "kids" in the cockpits are in good shape. They may not exhibit the 24-hour bravado and swagger we did (remember, we had numbers and a war), but each one is cut from the same cloth as the Mike Estocins, the Jim Stockdales, the Harry Jenkins, the By Fullers, the Wynn Fosters, and the Stan Arthurs. If the balloon goes up again, the "kids" we met in Lemoore will take in any slack we may have left during our time of manning the blue & gold line.

A-4s FOREVER! See you in Pensacola.

MORE "WHERE ARE THEY NOW?" AND SKYHAWK TRIVIA

From Ray Zaragosa of Yucca Valley, CA: By visual sighting, the A-4C/L at the USMC base at 29 Palms, CA is BuNo 145133, not 145113 as earlier reported. And from John B. Patterson of California, MD, a report that A-4F BuNo 155049 finished its career at NATC, Patuxent River, and is now parked outside the NAS PaxRiver Naval Aviation Test and Evaluation Museum, displayed as an A-4M. He also notes that there were four EA-4Fs (top photo), and that the TA-4S ("S" for



LIMITED EDITION. Four TA-4Fs, specially configured to carry external stores for airborne electronic warfare training (enemy aircraft and missile simulation), were redesignated as EA-4Fs. Pictured is BuNo 152852, one of the four T-birds so modified. The other three were 152869, 153481, and 154655. All were assigned to VAQ-33 at NAS Norfolk in 1975. The squadron later moved to NAS Key West. One of the "E" birds is believed to have crashed in Colorado about 1980. (Douglas Aircraft photo, courtesy Harry Gann)



CREATIVE CANOPY. The TA-4S version of the *Skyhawk*, modified under a Lockheed Air Service contract for sale to Singapore, had an obvious difference from other "stretch" Skyhawks. In contrast to the more familiar long, single canopy, the TA-4S had two single cockpit canopies. (Photo by Gerry Markgraf, courtesy Harry Gann)

Singapore) version was uniquely configured and noticeably different from the other more familiar "T" models (bottom photo).

Other *Skyhawk* trivia: For a brief period during the Vietnam War the Navy had TA-4As and TA-4Bs, but they weren't what you might think. For political





reasons, to reduce the apparent "combat ready" inventory and make a case for procurement of more later model *Skyhawks*, the "T" prefix was added to several A-4As and A-4Bs, which were later transferred to the Reserves. It was a paper change only. The aircraft were unmodified.

There was a "Q" version of the A-4. Along with the A-4Ps, the Qs went south to the Argentine, the Ps to their Air Force and the Qs to their Navy. In addition to A-4H and A-4M models, the Israelis received several A-4Es. (Some of the Israeli E and H models later went to Indonesia.); and the A-4O ("Oh"), R, S, and T designations, missing from most reference books, were used in house by Douglas for unsuccessful proposals to sell *Skyhawks* to foreign countries.

NAM DINH

(by F. Hugh "Busy Bee" Magee)

The morning of 28 June 1967 broke in full sunshine at sea, with just a few scattered clouds. Otherwise, USS *Constellation's* schedule was the same as it had been for several weeks -- three Alpha strike per day. VA-146 had only 19 pilots and we averaged three Alpha strikes every two days. The strikes themselves were demanding enough, but adding the three hour pre-flight planning/briefing and one-hour post-strike debrief, made for long, exhausting days.

Scheduled for a noon launch, the strike was to be against a "trans-shipment point" located at Cong My, two miles west of the port city of Haiphong. The weather was predicted as "questionable" for that area, so the railroad marshaling yard at Nam Dinh, 38 miles southwest of Hai-phong, was assigned as the alternate target. Cong My was no piece of cake, mind you, but being only about 10 miles from "feet dry," it sure looked better to me than the alternate. Nam Dinh had a reputation as the most heavily defended target south of Hanoi.

The Alfa strike group consisted of eight A-4C *Skyhawks* (VA-55, VA-146) and four A-6A *Intruders* (VA-196) as bombers, eight F-4B *Phantoms* (VF-142, VF-143) for Tar/BarCAP and flak suppression, two KA-3B *Skywarriors* (VAH-8) as tanker support, two RA-5C *Vigilantes* (RVAH-12) for pre- and post-strike photography, and an E-2A *Hawkeye* for strike support radar coverage. The leader was CDR Gene Tissot, CAG-14, flying one of the VA-146 birds. I led the second section of CAG's division.

After rendezvous, with the strike group about halfway to the target, the weather recon aircraft reported heavy low cloud cover and rain in the Haiphong area. CAG wheeled the strike group to port and set course for Nam Dinh. Normally, a weather divert of an Alfa strike to an alternate target was coupled with a sigh of relief, a lessening of heart rate, and a grin beneath the old oxygen mask. Not that time. I had been involved in

two major strikes at Nam Dinh in the previous month and both were vigorously opposed. And, sure enough, black clouds of flak began dotting the sky when we were still two minutes away from target.

Taproom flight, the flak suppressors, were already on their way "downhill" when we bombers approached our roll-in point. I armed the bomb switches, rolled inverted, and pulled my nose down to place my bomb-sight on the center of the rail yard. As I screamed down toward the target, a piercing "beep beep beep" emergency signal resonated in my headset. "Oh, oh," I thought, "someone is down." I continued my dive, wiggling my way through the broken cloud layer, and pickled my bomb load at 4,600 feet. As I pulled off target, I saw two parachutes drifting below me. I figured they were flak suppressors. "Good luck guys," I spoke silently. One of the things I dreaded most was the thought of being shot down and parachuting smack into the middle of the area I'd just bombed. And those two chutes over Nam Dinh were headed directly for "downtown".

Upon return to the ship, I learned that CDR Bill Lawrence, CO of VF-143, and his RIO LTJG Jim Bailey, in one of the flak suppressor birds, were missing. Luckily, all other strike group aircraft returned safely to Connie that day and, all in all, it was just another 'normal' day on the line at Yankee Station.

Lawrence and Bailey spent nearly six years as POWs in North Vietnam and came home in 1973. It was seven years after that Alfa strike, almost to the day, when I again saw Bill Lawrence. I was assigned to the staff of COMLATWINGPAC (Commander, Light Attack Wing, Pacific) when he, then a Rear Admiral, checked aboard to take command of the Wing. We met and shook hands, then I saluted and was pleased and privileged to utter a hearty "Welcome home, Admiral!"

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The *Skyhawk Association* Board of Directors met at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the DFW airport on 13 January 1996. Among other business, the Board: (1) Adopted amended bylaws (a copy of which is included with this newsletter), (2) Voted to co-locate the 1997 *Skyhawk Association* annual meeting with Tailhook '97 and thereafter, if feasible, to alternate east and west locations for annual meetings, (3) Voted to increase the size of the Board of Directors from five to seven members (A slate of nominees for election as directors for terms of office beginning in 1997 will be presented at the May 1996 annual meeting in Pensacola), and (4) Adopted an Association logo for use in patches, decals, and other *Skyhawk Association* paraphernalia. The logo will be registered as a trademark and will be published in the next newsletter.

**BYLAWS
OF
THE Skyhawk Association, INC.
A NEVADA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

**ARTICLE I
OFFICES**

Section 1. The registered office shall be in Reno, Nevada.

Section 2. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places both within and without the State of Nevada as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the business of the Corporation may require.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

Section 1. The purpose of this Association is to provide an on-going fraternal-social affiliation of individuals who have flown or foster, encourage, and support the "Skyhawk" aircraft and who are dedicated to the perpetuation of the legend, history, traditions, and camaraderie associated with the "Skyhawk".

Section 2. The Association is a social organization within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code. The Association will not carry on or engage in activities that are not in furtherance of the stated purpose. All revenue or other income of the Association shall be applied to the purposes of the Association and no pecuniary gain or profit shall inure to any director or member. No member or director of the Association shall have any personal, proprietary, or beneficial interest in the property or revenue of the Association, either during its existence or upon its dissolution.

Section 3. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, intervene in, or publish or distribute statements in connection with any political campaign on behalf of any candidate or public office.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Regular membership of the Association shall be open to any individual who supports the purposes of the Association and who pays, in advance, such membership fees and/or annual dues as are from time to time prescribed by the Board.

Section 2. Any regular member who has paid, in advance, a lump sum membership fee in the amount specified by the Board, shall be carried on the Association rolls as a life member and shall be exempt from payment of annual dues.

Section 3. Honorary membership may be accorded to any individual, not a regular member, who in the discretion of the Board is deserving of special recognition by the Association.

Section 4. Only regular members and life members in good standing shall have the right to hold office in the Association, the right to vote in Association matters, or the rights and benefits afforded "members" as defined in the laws of the State of Nevada. "Good standing" is defined as having paid the required dues in accordance with the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IV
DUES AND FEES**

Section 1. Annual dues for members of the Association shall be in the amount prescribed by the Board, except that any person carried on Association rolls as a life or honorary member shall be exempt from payment of dues.

Section 2. Membership fees, or other assessments, in reasonable and necessary amounts, for funding of special Association projects and activities, may be assessed by 2/3 vote of the Board, or by a majority vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting of the Association.

**ARTICLE V
MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the membership of the Association shall be held at a time and place specified by the Board and for the purpose of electing directors and the conduct of such other Association business as may be appropriate.

Section 2. Written notice of the Annual Meeting of members, specifying the place, date, and time of the Annual Meeting shall be mailed to each member, at that members last known address, at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. The notice shall specify the names of candidates for election as directors and shall set forth any other business that the Board intends to present for action by the members and/or such other business as may come before the meeting.

Section 3. A quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting of the members shall consist of that number of members who are present at the meeting or who appear by written proxies, and a majority of those members present or appearing by written proxy shall decide any question brought before the meeting, unless the question is one upon which by express provision by the Statutes or the Articles of Incorporation a different vote is required in which case such express provision shall govern and control the decision of such question.

Section 4. At any meeting of members, any member may be represented and vote by a proxy or proxies appointed by an instrument in writing. In the event that any such instrument in writing shall designate any two or more persons to act as proxies, a majority of such persons present at the meeting, or, if only one shall be present, then that one shall have and may exercise all the powers conferred by such written instruments upon all the persons so designated unless the instrument shall otherwise provide. No such proxy shall be valid after the expiration of six months from the date of its execution, unless coupled with an interest, or unless the person executing it specifies therein the length of time for which it is to continue enforce, which in no case shall exceed seven years from the date of its execution. If any member who has executed a proxy appears in person at any meeting in lieu of the proxy, the proxy shall be canceled and the vote of the member appearing shall be counted.

Section 5. A majority of the Board of Directors may call a Special Meeting of the members, provided written notice, specifying the place, date and time of the Special Meeting shall be mailed to each member, at the members last known address, at least 30 days in advance of that meeting. The notice shall specify the purpose of the Special Meeting and the reasons that a Special Meeting is required prior to the holding of the next Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE VI
DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The number of directors shall be no less than five, and if more, always an odd number of directors. The directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the members by a majority of those members present or represented by proxy.

Section 2. Vacancies, including those caused by an increase in the number of directors, may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors. When one or more of the directors gives notice to the Board of intended resignation, effective at a future date, the Board shall have the power to fill such vacancy to take effect when such resignation shall become effective.

Section 3. Annually, at least 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least five members, no more than two of which may be members of the Board, and designate one of the committee members as chairman. The President may not serve as a member of a nominating committee. The nominating committee shall meet at the call of its chairman and select a qualified nominee for each expiring directorship no later than 60 days before the Annual Meeting and report the nominees to the Secretary. Candidates for election as directors may be nominated by petition signed by at least 100 members in good standing provided the petition is received by the Secretary at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Candidates for election as directors may also be nominated and seconded from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. The business of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors which may exercise all such powers of the Association and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by Statute or by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws directed or required to be exercised or done by the members.

**ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the Association may hold meetings, both regular and special, either within or without the State of Nevada.

Section 2. The first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors shall be held within 24 hours after the Annual Meeting of the Association. In the event of the failure of the newly elected Board of Directors to hold its first meeting within the aforesaid time period, the meeting may be held at such time and place as shall be specified in a notice given as hereinafter provided for special meetings of the Board of Directors, or as shall be specified in a written waiver signed by all of the Directors.

Section 3. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such time and place as shall from time to time be determined by the Board.

Section 4. Special Meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or the Secretary, or upon the written request of two Directors. Written notice of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each Director at least 14 days before the date of the meeting.

Section 5. A majority of the Board of Directors, at a meeting properly called, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of a majority of the Directors present at any such meeting shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except as maybe otherwise specifically provided by Statute or by the Articles of Incorporation. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Directors may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all the Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

Section 6. The Board of Directors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the Board, designate one or more Committees of the Board, each such committee to consist of one or more of the Directors of the Association. Such committee or committees shall have such powers and authorities as may be determined from time to time by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Committees of the Board shall keep regular Minutes of their proceedings and report the same to the Board when required.

Section 8. Directors shall serve three year terms or until their successors are duly qualified and elected or appointed. The terms of directors shall be stag-

gered so that at least one or more new directors shall be elected each year. Initially, one Director will be elected for a one year term, two Directors elected for two year terms, and two Directors elected for three year terms.

Section 9. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation, except the Board members may be reimbursed for just and reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection with the discharge of their duties in their conduct of the affairs of the Association, in such amounts and under such conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Any person may hold two or more offices, except as prescribed elsewhere in these Bylaws.

Section 2. Association officers, none of whom need be members of the Board, shall be appointed at the first meeting of the Board after the Annual Meeting of members.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may appoint such additional Vice Presidents, and Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, and such other officers and agents as it shall deem necessary. Such additional officers shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board.

Section 4. The officers of the Association shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board, and any officer may be removed at any time, for cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors. Any vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors, shall have general and administrative management of the business of the Association, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. The President shall execute any and all documents, under the seal of the Association, required or permitted by law except when the signing and execution shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors, or by law, to some other officer or agent of the Association. The President shall supervise the performance of duty by the several officers of the Association.

Section 6. The Vice President(s) shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the President or the Board. The Board shall designate the order of Vice Presidential succession.

Section 7. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of members and record all the proceedings of the meetings of the Association members and of the Board of Directors, in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall perform like duties for standing committees when required. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, a notice of all Regular and Special meetings of the members, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President. The Secretary will keep in safe custody the seal of the Association and, when required, will affix the seal to any document and, when so affixed, shall attest to it by signature. In the absence of the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, if one has been appointed, may affix the seal and sign documents.

Section 8. The Treasurer or, in the absence of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, shall have the custody of the Association's funds and securities; shall keep full and accurate records of receipts and disbursement of Association funds; shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements; and shall render to the President and the Board of Directors, at regular meetings of the Board, or when the Board of Directors so requires, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association.

ARTICLE IX ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees.

a. There shall be an Annual Meeting Committee consisting of at least five members, two of whom will reside in the general geographical area of the site selected for the next scheduled Annual Meeting. The committee shall be responsible for planning, arrangement, and coordination of requirements and logistic considerations for the Annual Meeting. The committee shall plan in advance as many Annual Meetings as the Board may direct and shall solicit from the general membership suggestions as to the appropriate locations and activities for those meetings.

b. There shall be a Historical Committee consisting of at least three members. The committee shall be responsible for seeking out, compiling, and maintaining facts, photographs, videos, anecdotes, and other material pertinent to the A-4 Aircraft, the Association and its members; for compiling member biographies; and for maintaining written critiques of Annual Meetings and activities. Data and archival materials collected and maintained by the Historical Committee shall be available for examination and or use by Association members under such guidelines and at such times and places as are established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The President may create and appoint the membership of such other advisory committees as are deemed advisable to assist the purposes of the Association.

Section 4. Unless specifically authorized in writing by the Board of Directors, no committee or committee member is empowered to authorize expenditure of Association funds or to bind the Association for the commitment of any funds.

ARTICLE X REVENUE AND FINANCE

Section 1. The Board may authorize the raising or accumulation of revenue, and may acquire real or personal property and other valuable assets, provided such actions are consistent with the purposes of the Association and are otherwise lawful.

Section 2. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year from January 1st of each year until December 31st of that year.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may require such bonding or "crime insurance" as in its judgment may be required for the handling of the Association's funds.

ARTICLE XI NEWSLETTER

Section 1. Under such guidelines as may be established by the Board, the Association shall regularly communicate to its members information and material relating to the furtherance of the purposes of the Association by the publication and distribution of a newsletter or similar type journal.

ARTICLE XII INSURANCE

Section 1. The Association shall obtain and maintain appropriate insurance to protect its officers, directors, employees, and agents against any liability asserted against or incurred by such persons while acting in their authorized capacity or arising from the status of such person.

Section 2. It shall be the policy of the Association to indemnify and hold harmless its officers, directors, employees, and agents, from liability arising out of their activities in the capacity specified, such indemnification to include but not be limited to the defense of any legal actions brought against the Association or such persons; provided, however, that in such case, the Board shall determine that such person acted in good faith and in a manner said person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Regular members of the Association shall have the right of access to and the inspection of Association membership records, accounting records, minutes of meetings, and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, under such guidelines as are established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Each member of the Board shall have an absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect, make copies of, or extract information from any Association books, records, documents, or physical properties, either in person or through an agent or attorney.

Section 3. Within 120 days after the end of the Association fiscal year, the Treasurer shall prepare or cause to be prepared an Annual Report containing in appropriate detail (1) a balance sheet as of the end of the accounting year, (2) an income statement and statement of changes in financial position for the fiscal year, (3) a statement of the location of the names and address of current members, and (4) any additional information required by the Board or by the laws of the State of Nevada.

Section 4. Within a reasonable time after the creation of the Annual Report, the Secretary shall mail a copy thereof to each member of the Board. Each regular member of the Association shall have the right, upon written request, to receive a copy of the Association Annual Report.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENT

Section 1. The Board of Directors may adopt, amend, or repeal these Bylaws, provided that no such change of the Bylaws shall be inconsistent with the provisions of the laws of the State of Nevada or materially and adversely affect the voting rights of the members.

Section 2. Provided such action is consistent with the laws of the State of Nevada, these Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the vote of the members in attendance at any Annual Meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment is mailed to the general membership at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting to amend.

Section 3. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be effective immediately upon adoption. The Secretary shall insure timely announcement of Bylaws Amendment is made to the membership.

[End of Bylaws]

**WELCOME ABOARD!** (Roster additions since 09/06/95 update)

J. K. Ashmore (Jack)	44 Encino Loma	Beeville	TX	78102-9748
William P. Atkinson (Willie P)	20 Harbor Heights Dr.	Centerport	NY	11721
Michael R. Boston (Slick)	1702 S. 23rd St.	El Centro	CA	92243
Stanley H. Carpenter (Stan)	8404 Bound Brook Ln.	Alexandria	VA	22309-2136
Peter M. Caulk (Horse)	4107 Beacon Hill Ct.	Grapevine	TX	76051
Charles T. Coffman (Charlie 1)	17755 County Road 291	Nathrop	CO	81236
Lacey A. Collier (Lacey)	3885 Durango Drive	Pensacola	FL	32504
Joseph T. Cook (Tim)	508 Carnation Ave.	Corona del Mar	CA	92625
Bert H. Creighton, Jr (Bert)	730 Balboa Ave.	Coronado	CA	92118
Edwin M. Crow (Raven One)	1300 Seventh St.	Coronado	CA	92118
Michael V. Eckels (Mike)	1806 Dee Avenue	Springdale	AR	72762
John F. Farnsworth (Farny)	235 Quince St. #302	San Diego	CA	92103
Leonard E. Giuliani (Len)	1317 N. Douty	Hanford	CA	93230
Richard L. Grant (Dick)	17007 Alderwood Ln.	Poway	CA	92064
Gary Hagstrom (Sluggo)	16785 SE Bel Air Dr.	Clackamas	OR	97015
James M. Haley (Comet)	100 N. Whisman Ave, #197	Mountain View	CA	94043
Peter L. Hammes (Pete)	2504 Laguna Vista	Novato	CA	94945
Jack G. Hindes (Jack)	11652 Magnolia St.	Garden Grove	CA	92641
John Kane (Bucket)	2 Mary Hill	St. Louis	MO	63124
Donald G. Keast (Silver Fox)	507 Del Verdor	San Clemente	CA	92672
Robert L. Kiem (Kiemo)	2836 River Oak Road	Orange Park	FL	32073-6535
Kennerth P. Kreutzmann (K-10)	450 Reflection Rd.	Apple Valley	MN	55124
Robert Lewis (Rook)	5707 Ridge Vista Dr.	Kingwood	TX	77345
F. Hugh Magee (Busy Bee)	6042 E. Nance St.	Mesa	AZ	85205-1535
Roger L. Maino (Roger)	1901 S. Bascom Av. #1050	Campbell	CA	95008
Glenn E. Miller (Ugly)	21005 Woodlake Dr.	Edmonds	WA	98026
Theodore W. Miller	133 Atwood Drive	Mankato	MN	56001
R. Charlie Paine (Tuna)	3790 Green Valley Rd.	Rescue	CA	95672-9631
Edward Phillips (PhilL)	21829 Marylee Street, #222	Woodland Hills	CA	91367-4820
James G. Pirie (Jim)	22 Catalpa Court	Marrero	LA	70072-5035
Robt. W. Powelson (Big Train)	5077 Sabre Ln, Hgr#1	Denton	TX	76207
George Proudfoot (George)	1810 Embarcadero Rd.	Palo Alto	CA	94303
John M. Rochford (John)	1926 E. Bancroft	Camarillo	CA	93010
Joseph A. Schaedel (Fang)	1309 Dartmouth Circle	Virginia Beach	VA	23464
Arnold C. Schmidt (A C)	626 Huntley Heights	Manchester	MO	63021
Ralph G. Scott (Ralph)	228 W. Roosevelt Ave.	New Castle	DE	19720-2137
Philip M. Shannon (Silver Fox)	894 High Street	Bath	ME	04530
Dan M. Snavelly (Snaves)	243 Boat Club Way	Hamilton	GA	31811
Wayne A. Soliday (Wayne)	603 Coniston Ct.	Peachtree City	GA	30269
Barrett Tillman (Shooter)	3536 E. Camino Cir.	Mesa	AZ	85213
Ernest E. Tissot (Gene/Tiger)	13365 Via del Sol	Auburn	CA	95602
Charles G. Wack (C Wack)	1240 Browns Pt. Blvd.	Tacoma	WA	98422
M.J. Wallace (Mike)	P.O. Box 98	Atwood	CO	80722
John F. Wellings (Jeff)	869 Grove Bluff Cir. N.	Jacksonville	FL	32259

Total membership to date: 412. The Skyhawk Association roster is published annually, with periodic updates as required, and copies thereof are mailed to each dues-paid member. Extra copies of the roster are available to members at \$4.00 each to cover the cost of postage and handling. Extra roster requests and payment should be sent to the below address. The Skyhawk Association does not provide its roster for commercial solicitation and Association members are requested not to use the roster for that purpose. If you know the whereabouts of any current or former Skyhawk drivers who should be on our roster, please send their names and addresses to Skyhawk Association, 770 F Avenue, Coronado, CA 92119-2130, and appropriate recruiting propaganda will be promptly mailed.

Last Trap, 1995

Chris Brix, Mt. Prospect, IL
 Harry T. Jenkins, Coronado, CA
 Kenneth V. McArthur, Coronado, CA



1996 ANNUAL MEETING IN PENSACOLA

The 1996 annual meeting-luncheon of the *Skyhawk Association* will take place at the PENSACOLA GRAND HOTEL, Pensacola, Florida, on Saturday, 11 May 1996. The meeting will be held during the tenth annual National Museum of Naval Aviation (NMNA) symposium and Association of Naval Aviation (ANA) convention, 8-12 May. The *Skyhawk Association* meeting will provide an opportunity to rendezvous with ol' *Skyhawk* buds, to take in the wonders of the world's premier Naval Aviation museum, and to attend NMNA-ANA activities, if desired.

Advance reservations for the *Skyhawk Association* annual meeting luncheon are required. Reservation checks (\$16.00 per person), payable to ***Skyhawk Association***, should be mailed to reach R.R. "Boom" Powell, ***Skyhawk Association Treasurer***, 5344 Reason Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23464, not later than 4 May 1996. At its 13 January meeting, the *Skyhawk Association* Board of Directors voted to increase the size of the Board of Directors (see page 4), and a principal item of business of the 11 May annual meeting will be the election of three directors who will take office in 1997.

The *Skyhawk Association* headquarters/ host suite will be located in the GRAND HOTEL and accommodations there are available at \$75.00 per night. Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel, along with a check or credit card guarantee for first night. The hotel address is 200 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, FL 32501, telephone (904) 433-3336. Because of the NMNA-ANA convention, there will be a lot of people in town and prompt action is recommended to ensure accommodations. Other accommodations nearby the Grand, are Civic Inn Downtown, (904) 432-3441; Days Inn, (800) 325-2525; New World Landing, (800) 348-3336; and Seville Inn, (800) 277-7275. For information on other accommodations, call the Pensacola Consolidated Visitor Information Center (CVIC), 800-874-1234, or consult the AAA Tour Book or similar source.

Detailed schedules of events for the 8-11 May NMNA-ANA activities are published separately and arrangements to participate therein must be made directly with those organizations. There will be a lot going on. Among other activities the museum will enshrine six notable Naval Aviators on Thursday afternoon, 9 May, followed by a panel presentation by former Blue Angels moderated by actor Cliff Robertson, and an evening reception honoring the Blues and former POWs. Friday 10 May will be a full day of activity, including Naval Aviation Issues and Answers, POW, and Captains of Industry panels, and an evening banquet. Further information and/or registration details may be obtained from the museum, telephone (800) 327-5002.

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