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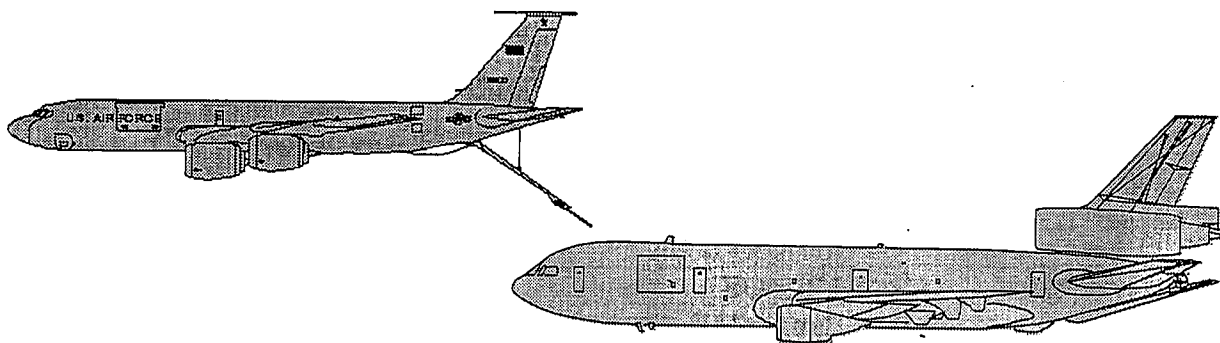


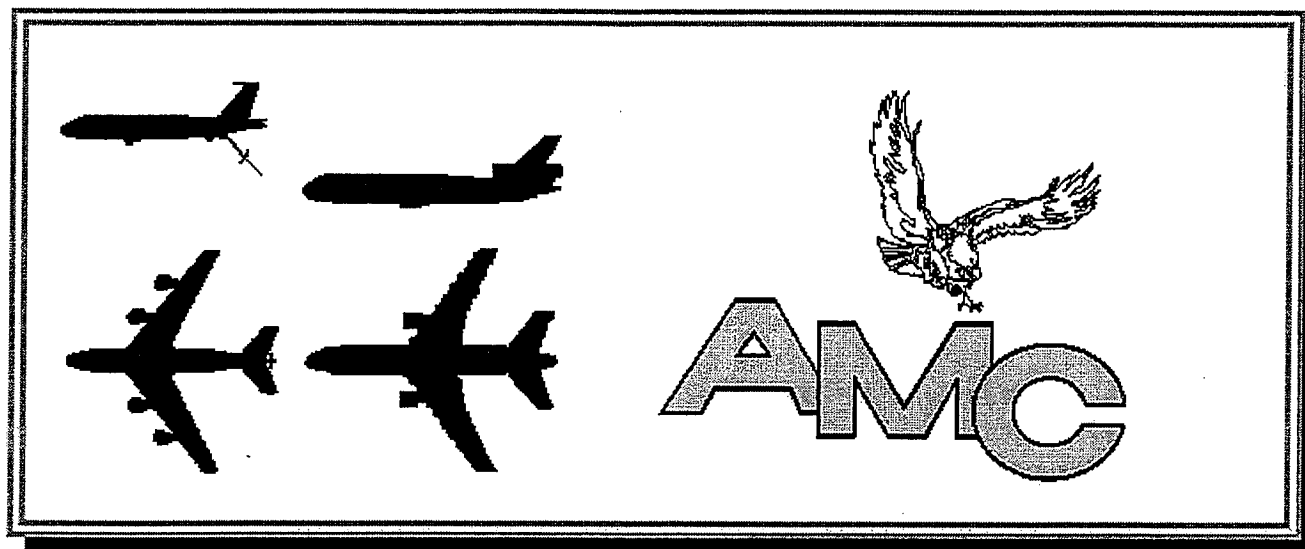
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## *Global Reach...Tanker Style      HQ AMC*

### GREETINGS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS

Well, another year has gone by, and like every other year, change seems to be the order of the day. As you may or may not know, changes have even hit our building. We have reorganized in the DO arena, merging DOV and DOT into a new Division called DOT. It's kind of like when we reorganized SAC and MAC and came up with MAC - I mean AMC. Actually, the changes for those of us now in DOT are pretty much transparent -- same job, same desk, and most importantly same phone numbers. As for the rest of the building, the organizational structure is pretty much the same, but we've had a fair amount of personnel changes. Here's who left over the last year; the roster on page 2 lists everyone else including their phone numbers and E-mail address.

CMSgt Ted Whorley left the building for Travis. Ted served both at SAC and here at AMC. He was on the IG team and was the KC-10 Functional Manager. He fought battles for boom operators -- won a lot of them. That's how Ted's tour up here should be remembered. Deals he worked behind the scenes to take care of boom operators were what he did best. Thanks Ted! Ted wanted his last mark to be at the unit level -- he earned it.

SMSgt Chris Sadler is now residing at Robins. Chris is another of the back to back headquarters guys -- about 7 years worth. He was drafted to come to AMC to stand up the TACC. The wing staff at Robins did a by name request for him. I think they were hoping his connections to the TACC could lighten their workload -- don't think it worked.

MSgt Chris Burkhart is leaving for Travis. Chris came to the building and spent his first year in the TACC then moved into the staff working functional control of the TALCE's. Yes, he is one

of the guys who came up with the concept of having 43 boom operators assigned to the TALCE's. If you're considering a tour at the Headquarters, Chris will be more than glad to give you the straight scoop; he really loved every minute up here.

MSgt Pat Wadsworth left the Air Force and the system support office for a high dollar computer geek job on the East coast. Pat's civilian education efforts combined with his Air Force experience really paid off. You other computer geeks can reach him at [pwadsworth@aol.com](mailto:pwadsworth@aol.com).

MSgt Bill Heineman - No, Bill did not leave the Headquarters, he actually came up here to join us. He did leave a job that impacted most boom operators. If you consider our past MPC reps, (Dick Sanders, Chuck Harrison and Dan Morgan) I'd be willing to bet Bill moved more people and influenced more lives than all of them combined. If I had the time, space, and memory to include all of his accomplishments, I certainly would. If I did, he'd probably end up in jail. Bill always tried to do what was best for the member; almost always within legal limits. If you'd like to call, he's at DSN 576-8943. Bill's replacement at MPC is MSgt Gary Warner. Before I came to AMC, I really didn't think it was possible for there to be 2 load masters of this caliber. We are very fortunate to have Gary come to us from the C-17 program.

Well, that brings you up to speed with the people here at Scott. Here's a little news about what's going on in the career field. As you probably know, we have been in the midst of a draw down over the last 3 years. It's finally over. School house production is back in full swing and, hopefully, our manning will improve over the next year. We ended up getting shorter than planned, but with our accessions we will be OK. If you know anybody interested in coming into the field; we are open for cross training. Target grades are Techs and Staffs, but a Senior Airman with less than 7 years can apply. They need to see the retraining office at the MPF. Encourage the good ones to apply.

The mass PCS moves as a result of BRAC are finally complete. The KC-10's and Altus guys have pretty much borne the brunt this year. The McDill rumor should happen this next fiscal year, however, the impact to the vast majority of people will be minimal. We will be looking for 15 people for the KC-10 during the year. The drawdown has really hurt our ability to recruit and cross flow people. As a result, we have ended up short, especially at McGuire. If you're interested in making a move, give us a call, or check the Equal Plus ad in your orderly room. The only other big requirement we will be looking for is volunteers for the Schoolhouse. Instructor duty is still the most important job you can volunteer for. When you're ready for some stability, want to work on your education, and most importantly train students, step up to the plate and give Altus a shot. The location isn't California, but you'd be working with some of the best booms the schoolhouse has ever seen. We will work with MPC for time on station waivers for either of these programs.

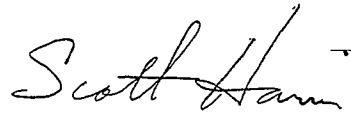
Finally, this has been an extremely busy year for everyone. The common theme you get from reading the inputs is nobody has been spared. We wish we could tell you it's going to get better, but we don't know if it will. Seems as soon as one fire gets put out, another one crops up. We can only tell you to keep pressing ahead, do the best you can, and be smart in your decisions. We know you guys in the trenches scratch your heads and wonder if anyone above the crew line

has a clue. Every time someone makes a decision that we get a cut on, the first thing we do is try to look at it from your perspective. It doesn't always float, but we continue to try.

Most of the inputs in this Signal end with something like "If you're ever in the area, stop by for a .....". We'll continue with that tradition and set out the welcome mat here at Scott. If you're in the area, either officially or unofficially, give us a call. We're confident in saying no one in this building is ever so busy they can't take time to meet up with a visiting boom operator. Just pick up the phone and let us know you're here. Fly Safe!



JACOB R. BENSCOTER, SMSgt, USAF  
KC-10, Functional Manager



RAYMOND S. HARRIS, CMSgt, USAF  
Command, Chief Boom Operator



MEMORANDUM TO: BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: HQ AETC

SUBJECT: 1995 BOOM SIGNAL

1. It's hard to believe that another year has gone by since our last input. Thanks up front to Scott Harris and Jake Benscoter for taking the lead on this document once again. Their diligence and patience gives us something that is both entertaining and informative.
2. AETC is still up and running! Several key issues have been worked by Ted Carrier and myself over the past year and we would like to give you an update. General McPeak's (Who) Year-of-Training initiatives proposed that all career fields have CDC's and a formal 7-level in-residence school. We (Altus Msgt Jeff Reuter) are in the process of writing the 5-level CDC's, but we will not have 7-level CDC's or a formal 7-level school. We somehow managed to convince the powers to be that enlisted aircrew received plenty of training and there was no need to develop a formal school for 7-level upgrade. Now for even better news, we have once again opened the career field to cross-trainees and basic trainees. You are probably all ready seeing some of the basic trainees arriving in your squadrons and can expect to see a few cross-trainees over the next year. The 96 PFT which started in June of 95 has approximately 90 basic trainees and 25 cross trainees scheduled to attend training. We are planning on full classes for the 97 and 98 PFT's also, so for those of you that are short on manning we are working hard to produce booms for you as fast as we can. We are also working on reducing the amount of time it takes to train a boom operator at CCTS. We have reduced the academic and simulator time and are planning to refollow the flight line portion for the 97 PFT. We need your help to make sure that the quality of training does not suffer. Please take the time to give good constructive feedback on your critique sheets of your CCTS students. If you don't or haven't received a feedback form please take the initiative to get one. We need your help to help us produce a product that is useful to you. If you have any comments about the quality of students please feel free to call Ted or myself (DSN 487-4463) any time, and we mean that sincerely. Another change to CCTS is the fact that we will be producing boom operators fully qualified in cargo loading operations around the first of 1997. We expect to have a full scale cargo loading trainer housed in a very nice building to conduct this training and you should start seeing these students arriving at your units around spring of 97. Once again, take the time to give us some feedback on your new



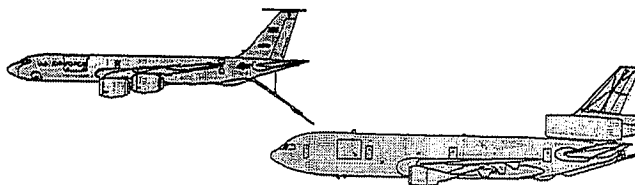
booms. On the international note: those of you that participate in operations in and around Turkish airspace may see some KC-135R's with some strange markings and speaking a strange language. We have trained 3 Turkish crews and expect approximately 4 more crews to go through initial qual at Altus within the next 2 years. AETC has provided mobile training teams to Incirlick and is conducting follow-on training for the Turkish crews.

3. Now for what's happening with the AETC Staff "Weenies", we have 2 positions here at Randolph AFB in San Antonio Texas, 1 position at the Headquarters (policy, programming, and weenie stuff) which I fill, and 1 position at 19AF (DOV, he really is there to help) which Ted fills. We are in the process of converting an officer position at the 619th training squadron, also here at Randolph. The 619th position will be responsible for syllabus oversight of all initial qualification training courses at Altus, I expect that position to be a Msgt slot, (it will be a flying slot). We have 1 slot at EAUC at Sheppard AFB Texas. That slot is responsible for screening our basic trainees before we spend big bucks to qualify them. I expect to get another position for a boom there by the time you read this letter. And then we have the men and women of Altus AFB OK. We are always looking for high quality people to fill any of these positions, especially at Altus. If any of you are interested we would be happy to talk to you about, and offer excellent educational opportunities, quality family time, and almost zero TDY.

4. Stop in and see us when you get to Texas. We have lots to drink and lots to do. My number is DSN 487-4463, and Ted's number is 487-6422.

TOM MINTON  
SMSgt, HQ AETC

TED CARRIER  
SMSgt, 19AF



## ***HQ AMC/TACC BOOM OPERATOR DIRECTORY***

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

29 August 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOOM SIGNAL

FROM: HQ AMC/DOO  
402 Scott Drive, Unit 3A1  
Scott AFB, IL 62225-5302

SUBJECT: 1995 Boom Signal

1. I wanted to write and say "**THANKS**" to all the people that made my tenure at AFMPC a successful one. There are so many people that helped me conduct the "Assignment Business" that it would fill the Boom Signal. I am afraid I would miss a name or two, but believe me, you will not be forgotten. Without **ALL** your help, it would have been impossible to take care of all the Boom Operators in the Air Force. You made my assignment there one I truly enjoyed, and one that I will never forget.
2. My vocabulary has broadened in the last three years. I learned some new terms like; BOPPT, Gucci, Three Holer, Animal in the Woods, and Boom Operators Symposium. You have a distinct and unique career field, I'm sure I would have enjoyed it.
3. As for me, I'm now assigned at Scott AFB, IL. I took the job as the Command Nuclear Airlift Loadmaster. For flying, (finally) I'll be attached to the 20 AS at Travis. I hope to see a lot of you when I get a fly break, or if you find your way to Scott.
4. I left the Boomer Book at AFMPC in good hands! MSgt Gary Warner took over in June, and I'm confident he will do a great job for you. Please give him as much support as you gave me. The job is not an easy one. It's hard to make everyone happy.
5. Thanks for three great years! I hope I served you well at AFMPC.

*Bill Heineman*

WILLIAM R. HEINEMAN, JR., MSgt, USAF  
Command Nuclear Airlift Loadmaster  
Directorate of Operations

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MEMORANDUM FOR BOOM SIGNAL

FROM: OL B HQ AMC/LGNB  
3001 Staff DR STE 1AG1107B  
Tinker AFB, OK 73145-3016

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL 95

1. HOWDY, from Tinker AFB 135 Maintenance Heaven, OH YES home for CLS (KC-10) systems. You might ask why in the world is there a boom operator assigned to an LG (maintenance) Liaison position. Well I asked the same question, and after one year the answer is simple. Reduced resources, an aging fleet, and still doing more with less. That's why, the Operations side of this TEAM must work hard with our partnership with maintenance to keep our 135's and KC-10's in the best condition possible.
2. Tech. Orders problems should be fixed this year. The SPD has hired a T.O. Manager (a retired Flight Engineer.). Lots of new mods coming down the road. Extended down time at PDM will continue.
3. Call if y'll have any question and if'n I can't answer'm I have ALL the assets to get you the right answer.

Msgt Bobby L. Skaggs, KC-135 and almost KC-10  
DSN 336-3347



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND (AMC)

8 Aug 95

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOVK (SMS Benscoter)

FROM: HQ AMC TACC/XOOT  
402 SCOTT DRIVE UNIT 2K1  
SCOTT AFB IL 62225-5363

SUBJECT: TACC Boom Signal Inputs

1. Another year at AMC Headquarters. It seems like I just sent an input to the signal only yesterday. We showed a few good friends the front door to greener pastures and welcomed new friends to our family of hard working Staff Boomers. Did I say hard working? I guess I should not use hard working and Boomer in the same sentence. Well anyway, here is the latest line up at the TACC:

a. SMS John Buckland (KC-135)- John came to us from HQ AMC. He was told this job was a step up on the corporate ladder and was assured he would make Chief and keep his flight pay. John just didn't understand why the ladder was headed down to the basement and his wallet felt a little light. John now is tackling CLT (not cargo load trainer), and airshows. Has anyone seen the GAO man??

b. MSgt Dave Harrison (KC-135)- Our expert with the monster horse blanket computer. Still working the bugs out and loving every minute. Dave wishes he would have been sent to Minot. I keep telling him that there are no more tankers there. He still walks the halls mumbling to himself.

c. MSgt Mike Trace (KC-10)- Pacific Express answer man. Everyone calls and asks for "The Man". The branch chief downgraded his EPR because no one wanted to talk to the Major. Contemplating Mr. Mom status, but his wife has other ideas for him.

d. MSgt Tina Wallace (KC-10)- Mrs. Mom! Always sugar coating taskings to units trying to make it easier to swallow (it never works). You'll find her signed out to the hospital most days-chicken pox, flu and worms (from her cooking). The flight surgeon's office has reserved signs posted for her family. She brings her boss bagels most days now. Thinks it will help her EPR for all her lost days of work. Maybe we should just change her AFSC to hospital orderly.

e. MSgt Jeff Boutwell (KC-135)- Only HQ boomer to vacation in the south of France and call it WORK.. Spends more time in the jet than at his desk. Likes working with HQ AFRES. I think he is trying to line up a ART position at Robins.

2. Well there you have it. The best the Boom Field has to offer Headquarters Air Mobility Command (God help us). Instructors beware, TACC Boomers will be arriving at your base sometime in the near future. Wasn't there a lesson plan on "Staff Flyers".

MICHAEL W. TRACE, MSGT, USAF  
NCOIC, Pacific Tanker Scheduling Branch



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE (AMC)

FROM: 15 AF/DOVK  
TO: HQ AMC/DO TV  
SUBJ: 1995 Boom Signal

16 Aug 95

Greetings again from your friendly Stan/Eval Booms here at Travis AFB, CA. It's been pretty busy for us here over the last year and many of you folks have seen us once or twice, (especially on the west coast). There has been no change in personnel in the last year, we still have Jim Eden (KC-135 active), Michael Wetzel (KC-135 ARC), and Mike Paynter (KC-10 active).

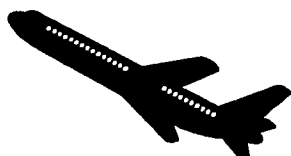
On the KC-135 side we have seen many changes taking place with many more on the horizon. We finally have a new -9 that has many new items of interest incorporated that will hopefully take some of the guess work out of the loading/unloading operation. Get to know your -9, remember you are the last line of defense for cargo that may not belong on the -135. Don't rely on that aerial port troop for insuring all restrictions are met. Keep in mind our aircraft restrictions are not the only ones they have to remember, they do make mistakes. Another area that is changing is the role booms are undertaking now the we are flying missions without navigators or third pilots. It's about time we got a table to put our box lunch on! Seriously though, booms are playing bigger roles during the mission and we here at 15th are concerned about this task saturation and watching it closely. Jim and myself are to fly the ARP aircraft here in the near future so we have a better understanding of boom operator duties in this new role. Jim has a bulletin board up and running (DSN 837-0373), a lot of our information for distribution is posted there. Just call Jim Eden if you need help getting registered.

On the KC-10 side, aircraft are still slowly moving their way up to Travis on a weekly basis with familiar faces are appearing all the time. Many of the new folks are realizing that with all the construction going on around Travis, you need a four-wheel vehicle just to get around base. The center line drogue problems are still being worked; a revised checklist has helped, but booms still need to notify maintenance when problems arise.

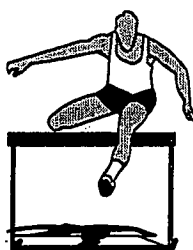
On the whole things are going pretty good, we've moved into our new office up here on the fifth floor of the old David Grant Medical Center. Our new address is as follows:

15 AF/DOVK  
540 Airlift Drive Bldg 381, C-500  
Travis AFB, CA 94535-2406

Finally, you booms on the active duty side will see more us on the road now that the advent of no-notice evaluations has arrived. The -135's have two ASEV's coming up. In October it will be off to Fairchild to visit the 141 ARW (ANG) and then in November it will be the 161 ARG (ANG) at Phoenix, AZ. We really do look forward to the visits, it allows us one on one interface with our fellow booms. One additional area concerning pyramid evals and I'm sure some of you will not like this. Cargo evals are now part of the pyramid eval for senior stan/eval booms, so we ask that when you schedule your pyramid eval, schedule a cargo load. This will save us from having to make double trips. That's about that happening around here. Jim has recovered from his knee operation, Jim and Mike Paynter are on leave studying Waps for the next go around of the chief's board. That just leaves me in charge and BY-GOD things are going to change around here! Drop us a line sometime.



Mike Paynter, SMSgt  
DSN: 837-0354



Michael Wetzel, SMSgt  
DSN: 837-0355



Jim Eden, SMSgt  
DSN: 837-0351



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIRST AIR FORCE

7 Aug 95

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 21 AF/DOVF  
1907 East Arnold Ave.  
McGuire AFB NJ 08641-5613

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

1. Hello to all from HQ 21AF/DOV. As some of you may know, Denny Brown has retired to the highways of upstate New York. So all of you planning to drive through New York, keep your eyes peeled for "Officer Brown". The new guys at 21 AF are:

**SMSgt Lee Winter** I was tired of wearing BDUs and visiting exotic places like Camp Lejune, Mombassa, and Roswell. Seriously, let me put a plug in for the AMOS..It was a good job with a lot of responsibility and I recommend it to anyone looking for new horizons. I arrived here in DOV one day before the Selfridge ASEV and have been in afterburner ever since. I'm assigned to the Flight Standards Branch (Phone - DSN440-2229).

**SMSgt Dave Hetrick** Dave is our Guard Guy. He arrived here from Phoenix in January, and has been TDY ever since. Yeah, it's colder here, but it's a dry cold. Dave is assigned to Flight Standards Branch (Phone - DSN440-3452).

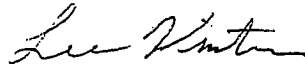
**SMSgt (Sel) Al Miller** Al, the KC-10 Boom on staff is alive and well. He expects to put SMSgt on about two months after all-remaining. He is assigned to Aircrew Standardization Branch (Phone - DSN440-6628).

2. Dave and I have been out on five ASEVs, and a few AMC Channel Missions, and are impressed by the strong boom operator force we have seen. This goes for Guard, Reserves, and Active Units. CRM is one of the strongest areas we have noticed . Keep it up. Two areas we noticed that need some attention are the cargo and loose equipment step of the checklist. Establish a logical and methodical pattern of looking for loose equipment and do it every time. The other area is checklist usage. Some of you are not carrying the checklist with you and referring to it as necessary. This is a poor practice and violates AFI 11-215. Also, we see a lot of deviations that are premeditated. By this I mean, you made a conscious decision to deviate because your way is better. First, this is still a deviation, and second, if you have found a better way, submit an 847 so you can share your idea with the rest of us.



3. What's new for the future? AMC has directed a NAF no-notice program, and 21 AF has implemented this directive. We plan to do our no-notices on AMC Channel Missions to the best of our ability. We do however, reserve the right to show up home station. Plan on seeing one of us on each Atlantic Express and Guard Mission to Lajas, and you'll do well.

4. If you have any questions or just want to shoot the bull, feel free to call us. We'll see you in the system, and during Pyramid Evaluations.



LEE WINTER., SMSGT  
Chief Evaluator Boom Operator

# BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

30 AUG 95

Greetings from DET 1, AMCAOS (KC-10 Contractor Training Oversight Office) Here in beautiful downtown Irving, Texas. We have quite a bit going on in the KC-10 training world.

The BOT from Barksdale AFB moved to McGuire last December, the Seymour Johnson BOT is sitting in the Link factory in Binghamton, NY, waiting for modification, and the March AFB BOT will be shutting down on Sep 15, and moving up to Travis. It will be ready for training 15 November.

A few months ago, CAE sold their Link Training Division to Hughes Training Inc. The KC-10 training program is now HTI-Link. The changeover was transparent to the Air Force, just the name on the wall changed, again. The current KC-10 contract is up in October, 1996, but Air Force contracting is attempting to get an extension to the contract to allow Link to finish some major projects they are working on.

The major projects include making all courseware Computer Based, and eliminating the sound-slide programs. During this, the initial qual courses are all being rewritten, to make them more comprehensive. This will trickle down to the Instructor and refresher courses as well. We should have a turn-on to modify the first BOT by this week. The BOT will have a brand new computer installed, a new control loading system for the flight control stick, a new instructor station, and, finally, a new, state of the art computer generated graphic visual. This will not be like the current KC-135 BOPTT visual. We will be getting a system that will generate dynamic boom and receiver aircraft with dynamic shadowing, moveable light patterns, (nozzle light) realistic boom flexing and oscillation, and realistic shading and texturing. The window will have a format of almost 3 million pixels, of which 2 million will be in an 11"X 15" high resolution inset. The resolution in the inset will be better than 3.7 arc minutes per optical line pair. This means we will be able to identify the octagonal head of a 3/4" bolt at 60 feet. Additionally, we will have a head tracker installed, so when you move your head around, the overall scene and perspective and motion parallax will be correct. This will allow you, for instance, to move your head and see what's behind the boom. This will give the boom operator a realistic multi-dimensional looking image for refueling.

The first BOT modified should be installed at Travis 14 months from now. The McGuire BOT should be finished six months later.

Another thing in progress is the KC-10 Boom Operator Passenger handling, emergency egress course contracted with AMR (American Airlines). The idea is to send 25 KC-10 boomers to this course, and use the information to rewrite our EEET course. For you "Sit down, shut up, and keep your feet off the seats," types, this

seems a waste of time, but, with the AMC emphasis on passenger hauling, a curriculum including: Passenger evacuation hands on drills, incident reviews, handling sabotage and hijacking situations, and an emergency medical workshop will give us much useful information, and possibly save a life someday.

That's all for now in the KC-10 training world. If you have any questions or comments, give me a call.

CMSgt Cary L. Hubbard  
DET 1, AMCAOS  
1-800-733-1275, ext 7195

30 August 95

From: Tom Williams  
Hughes Training, Inc  
KC-10 Program Office  
P.O. Box 619490  
DFW Airport TX 75261

To: All Boom Operators

Greetings from the KC-10 contractor instructors of Hughes, Training, Inc. Many of you remember us as CAE-Link, well we've changed again! I'll keep this short, here are the instructors and technical writers for the KC-10 program.

Dallas Main Support Center (800 733-1275)

Tom Williams  
Felicia Anderson  
Randy Rhodes

McGUIRE AFB (609 723-1464)

Frank Junge, Flight Check Airman  
Andy Miller  
John Synove  
Steve Fromm  
Leroy Sweeney  
Chuck Gurkin  
Joel Montgomery  
Greg Heffron  
Lynn Stoddard

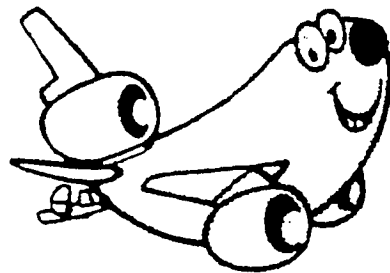
TRAVIS AFB (as of 15 Nov) (Phone TBD)

Cory Miller, Flight Check Airman  
Lee Evans  
Jimmie Gaddy  
George Hawkins  
Ralph Rogers  
Steve Oothoudt  
Tim Holt  
John Bond

FROM: 2 ARS

SUBJECT: 1995 Boom Signal

TO: All Stations



Greetings to All!

What a difference a year makes. Last year there were three KC-10 MOBs. This year there are two, neither existing as of the last Signal input. Our home is now McGuire AFB, NJ and once all is said and done, I think this place will work just fine. Like so many people in today's Air Force we've experienced enough change to last us well into the 21st century, and it isn't over yet. This KC-10 squadron is in an interim location inside the big hangar while the permanent squadron building is under construction (ETC late 1997). Ops Group, Base Ops, Control Tower, a new KC-10 Hangar, the list of work sites here goes on and on.

The biggest obstacle to overcome has been the Quagmire McGuire attitude. The arrival of new aircraft (us) to the base has had a positive effect in that lots of money is being spent to put McGuire back on line after having been seen for too many years as a BRAC target. We're here, folks, and we're not going away. The majority of personnel are in place and we're doing business, so let me fill you in on the 2nd.

Right after we arrived here we were tasked to get the Joint Task Force Command and Control Module (JTF/CCM or "Silver Bullet") bedded down and ready for use. This is a thirty-six foot Airstream trailer cut into three twelve-foot sections on airdrop pallets. The concept of the module is to get key personnel to hot spots in the world quickly and have them ready to go when they get there, and this is just the thing to do it. Once at the operating location, the module can be taken from the aircraft and set up in an austere location and serve as a command center. We took the module out on an operational test last fall and had just gotten it home when we were tasked to move our senior theater commanders to the desert as things looked like they might get serious again. The module is centerline loaded on the jet and it is a *beautiful* thing. Living/sleeping quarters, conference room, comm suite, galley, complete shower/lav facilities: even Jake Benscoter looks special coming out of the module. And let me be clear about this...it is not a Gucci DV kit.

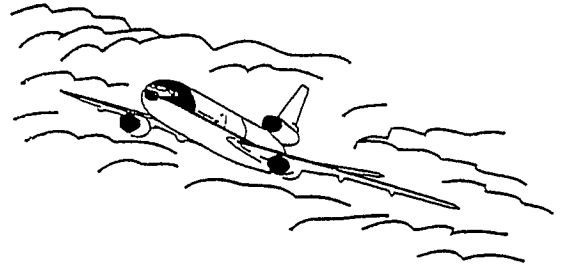
We have made our jets safer this winter by working with on-base resources and putting new JA/ATT boxes on board. These are functional and built smart. Smaller than the old, outdated boxes, all required pieces are stored inside so that accountability and access to equipment is much easier.

McGuire has been aggressively refurbishing our jets under the Glossy Eagle program. Kudos to our maintenance personnel for doing their homework and producing some of

the finest "fresh off the assembly line" looking aircraft I have ever seen. They very nearly match the ones we picked up at Long Beach.

Let me run down the list of key personnel in the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron. Note everyone is a key person here; we can't legislate high morale (can you imagine some didn't want to come here?) but each person is needed to make things happen. So here goes for the 1995 list. I'd like to tell you a little about each one but I'm so new here I don't know enough about my people to tell you more than where they are...just wait until next year.

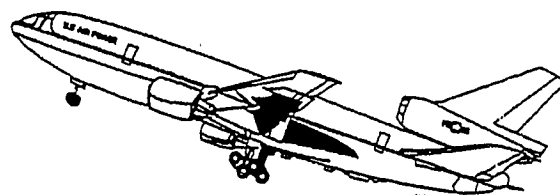
SMSgt J. R. Page - Chief Boom/Sheriff. Learned from the best at Seymour and March, and loving the chance to be back in the jet.  
MSgt Glenn Barclay - First Sergeant/Designated Hitter..  
SMSgt (select) Al Miller - 21st AF Stan/Eval. Road warrior for NAF.  
MSgt Terry Dover - "A Flight" Chief Boom.  
MSgt Derek Suficiencia - "B Flight" Chief Boom.  
MSgt Don Crouse - "C Flight" Chief Boom.  
MSgt (select) Jackie Hale - Stan/Eval chief.  
MSgt (select) Mike Barnes - Currently on loan to Wing Plans.  
TSgt Ric Kempfer - New guy doing cargo training as we speak. Very sharp.  
TSgt Scott Hicking - Schedules, instructs, thinks constantly of doing that Edwards thing.  
TSgt Tim McDermott - Current Ops Planner.  
TSgt Jon (Phil) Deal - Training.  
TSgt John Brannen - Line instructor, always ready to help.  
TSgt (select) Pete Abraldes - Almost mission ready like Ric Kempfer.  
SSgt Tom Ecker - Stan/Eval Ax.  
SSgt Doug Bloom - Newest addition to Stan Eval.  
SSgt Tim Fowler - Instructor with Training Flight.  
SSgt Shawn Lamb - Also nearly checked out at this time.  
SSgt Brian New - Finishing instructor upgrade now.  
SSgt Derek Cantre - Fully qualified, hard worker.  
SSgt Rich Anderson - Line instructor, always there for me.  
SSgt Mike Cahill - Just finished instructor school.  
SSgt Bob Culbertson - Pursuing Palace Chase for AFRES.  
SSgt Joseph "Tony" Taylor - Scheduler, one of my aces in the hole.  
SSgt Tom Campbell - Instructor. One of two. Computer friendly.  
SrA Bonnie Campbell - Almost checked out, two of two.  
SSgt (select) David "Stu" Decou - Instructor, helpful guy, nice Harley.  
SrA Chuck Fernandes - Line guy, in the desert at the moment.  
SrA Abraham "Abe" Bren - Line boomer, also computer friendly.



Let me have just a few more lines here, Jake. The attached personnel are as follows:

MSgt Steve "Slobo" Slobodnjak - Dutch KDC-10 program.  
MSgt Mike Trace - AMC/TACC. He controls your movements.

MSgt Mark Esty - TALCE.  
TSgt C. D. Franklin - OSS.  
TSgt (select) Ken Strother - TALCE.  
SSgt Jeff Sidles - TALCE.  
SSgt Don Simmons - TALCE.  
SSgt Dave Francey - CCTS.  
SSgt Tony Ceraolo - TALCE in Germany.



Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of Danny Turberville. We share the sorrow his family feels at Danny's death. It's tough to lose family and Danny will be missed.

That does it for now. Call us at DSN 440-5879 or 5883. We're anxious to hear from you. We send you our warmest regards.

JOHN R. PAGE, SMSGT, USAF  
2 ARS CHIEF BOOM

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
32D AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (AMC)  
MCGUIRE AFB, NEW JERSEY 08641-5216**

10 Aug 95

**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS**

**FROM:** 32 ARS/DOP (SMSgt Hodge)

**SUBJECT:** Boom Signal Input

1. Greetings from the Garden State. Believe it or not, that description kind of fits for the area around McGuire. However, you could also call it the Middle Finger State or maybe the Road Kill State. If you are unfamiliar with this area you would be surprised by the amount of farmland and wild animals we have around here. It's kind like North Carolina with an attitude. You are probably more familiar with McGuire's close proximity to the major urban areas of the northeast (Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Washington, etc.). There is also "the shore" (not the seashore, the beach or the coast, just "the shore") and Atlantic City. Yes, the casinos there take your money just as fast as the ones do in Las Vegas.
2. Besides the preceding Chamber of Commerce description of the surrounding area, we are still in the process of moving from one temporary office to another. Both active duty squadrons are in "big beige", a hangar with aircraft bays and office tiers. Things are crowded and makeshift for now, but we hope to move into our new facilities around September of '96. We will all hold our breath until then.
3. All of the boom operators who made the move up here seem to have adjusted reasonably well, and we have been able to merge people, planes, and programs together. With any luck we will be at full strength (manning wise) by December. Our current line up is as follows:

SMSgt Paul Hodge	Program Manager
MSgt G.W. Loftin	Flight Supervisor
MSgt Rick Taylor	Asst. Flight Supervisor
MSgt (sel) Van "Doc" Gibbs	Stan/Eval
TSgt Eric "E.T." Thomas	Stan/Eval
TSgt (sel) John Reigelsberger	Stan/Eval
SSgt Tim Pates	Squadron Training Manager
SSgt Dave Foster	Flight Trainer
SSgt Jose' Martinez	Flight Scheduler/Instructor



SSgt Carl Davenport	Flight Instructor
SSgt Dan Jorgensen	IB upgrade candidate
SSgt Dave Monk	Flight Scheduler
SSgt Chris Sidoli	Finishes KC-10 initial qual this week (I hope)
SSgt Dana Hutchinson	Flight Instructor
SSgt Jeff Heiby	Flight Scheduler/Amway man
SSgt Devan Debarr	IB upgrade candidate
SSgt Dennis Pratt	Recent initial qual completion and on the road again
SSgt Dennis Jewell	Flight Scheduler/CINCSNACK
SSgt Eric Moyer	Flight Scheduler/Trainer
SSgt Scott Anderson	IB upgrade candidate/Flight Scheduler
SrA Marvin Pearson	Recent initial qual completion despite my help on his check
SrA Jimmy Rush	Quality/Silver Bullet Man
SrA Jim Webb	Flight manuals/publications

**Attached:**

MSgt Steve Roche	AMOS
MSgt Mike Cardina	CCTS Chief/Instructor
TSgt Paul "Big Dog" Adkins	CCTS Instructor
TSgt Will Rappaport	AMOS
TSgt Ralph Snyder	AMOG (TALCE)
SSgt Carl Slusher	AMOG (TALCE)
SSgt Scott Dawe	Current Ops
SSgt Mark Schumann	CCTS Instructor
SSgt Mark Weddleton	Group Quality

4. Well, best of luck to all you boom operators out there. Fly safe, and maybe I'll see you on the road somewhere. Otherwise, feel free to give us a call at DSN 440-3613/2248.



PAUL F. HODGE, SMSgt, USAF  
Inflight Refueling Superintendent

9 Aug 95

MEMORANDUM TO HQ AMC/DOVK (ATTN: CMSgt HARRIS)

FROM: 76 ARS/DOB

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

Greetings from the Garden State! I would like to clear up the rumor that was passed around Barksdale, claiming "McGuire SUKS ". I'm here to tell you; it's true. New Jersey on the other hand is a beautiful state. I had forgotten what four distinct seasons were like.

The 76th ARS is the new kid on the block. We stood up on 1 Oct 94 and have grown in leaps and bounds ever since. We had to grow, as our numbers were decimated upon departing Barksdale. Fortunately for us there was plenty of talent hiding out up here, and have joined the 76th with a very positive outlook, and seem to genuinely enjoy their new role in the Reserves. Can't imagine why?!

Another plus for the 76th is that LTC Buddy Reed has taken the reins as our commander and LTC Bill Ames accepted the Operations Officer challenge. As a side bar, (shades of ITO) our sister squadron, the 78th ARS will be commanded by LTC Larry Cremo, as Col John Thomas elects to exit into retirement. CMSgt Steve Reef still leads the 78th boomers on their decadent journey through time.

Now, I would like to present to youse guys, the 76th Boom Section:

ARTS

SEYMOUR JOHNSON

SMSgt Charles Younce

MSgt Dave Brock

MSgt Donna Dobbins

TSgt Tony "Taco" Cleaver

Yours Truly

TSgt Scott Roberts

JERSEYITES

SSgt Garry Towles

SSgt John Mercer

TSgt Dan Ciambrone

BARKSDALE

TSgt Bruce Hewlett

TSgt Greg Jones

SMSgt Joel Montgomery

TSgt Gene Lorandean

TSgt Steve Weigert

TSgt Dwayne Ruffin

SSgt Duhamel Cassell

SSgt Glenn Kotch

SSgt Tony Pierce

SSgt Martin Vinson

TSgt Paul Mozur (514 ART)

TSgt Luis Perez

TSgt Dan Ursettie

RONALD T. JACKSON, CMSgt, USAFR  
Inflt Refueling Program Manager

15 AUGUST 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ/DOVK  
ATTENTION: CMSGT HARRIS

FROM: 78 ARS/DOB  
3542 LANCASTER AVE  
MCGUIRE AFB, NJ

SUBJECT: 1995 BOOM SIGNAL

GREETINGS FROM FORT DIX AAF

1. They said it would never happen. The 10's would not fit the ramp, the airspace was rude to tanker cell work and McGuire had been on closure lists for ten years. I remember hearing the one how Desert Shield would ONLY last two weeks from the same folks.
2. We all miss the South, but have found much in Jersey to relieve our pain.
  - A. The water coming out of the faucet up here is the same color as in most of the lakes in North Carolina and Louisiana. The Doobies said it best, "O Black Water."
  - B. Friendly motorists constantly blowing their horns remind us of the gentle duck calls on the Louisian bayou.
  - C. The unemployment rate among the -141 squadrons remind of us of the good ole days in Shreveport before the gambling boats. Gee, ain't it great to be flying, uh, working?

ARTS

CMSGT Steve "da Cook" Reeffer - Chief Reeffer has found out that American Airlines WILL not give frequent flyer miles on UTA shuttles to Barksdale. He keeps saying over and over "it'll be better when we get to Charleston."

SMSGT Dirk "2 for 2" Olsen - Dirk just received his Ninja go-cart and intends to take on the state of Jersey soon. Some of the loadmaster cross trainees have been asking how the brakes work, after their initial checkrides. They just don't want to be "3 for 3".

MSGT Mike "Red Pen" Kibler - Another righteous dude from March, he decided to return home rather than pay those outrageous prices in California. So he moved to Jersey where everything is so reasonable. Hey buddy can you spare a fifty for a sandwich? Mike's got a brand new baby, just call him Junior. He thought he was getting gray hair before!!

TSGT John Paul "da Pope" Mozur - Paul found a great deal on a house. I rode home with him one day, PAUL YOU LIVE IN DELEWARE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

TSGT Robert Wolfe - Yea John, I found a way to make Tsgt, but bud, no one said anything about training REAL students. Geez, I gotta actually keep my pubs current, pay attention in ground training, they even make me teach the dang stuff. I go TDY and have to go to work the next day, what gives? Thanks Dan Mongeon for training me to be a REAL BOOM OPERATOR!

## RESERVISTS

SMSGT Bobby Drinnen - Our designated evaluator/instructor/scheduler, and has some of the most interesting magazines known in the medical world. Bobby has more annual tour days than Dan Quayle during Vietnam.

MSGT Rodney "I'll tell you one GOD@^&\* thing" Sanders - Rodney lives to fish, hunt, and antagonize Dennis. One of the few Instructors left, he once told one of the loadmasters to make sure he checks all the drogue interphone connections, not just the centerline drogue interphone.

TSGT Bobby "Ole 96'er" Duckworth - Bobby is still at the Firehouse in Little Rock waiting for the next BRAC to move all tankers in the USA to Little Rock. Bobby once had the gumbo in Puerto Rico that has people that flew back with him still talking.

MSGT Dennis "Different day same stuff" Smith - Dennis survived his recent Australia trip and reports that "them toilets do go round the other way down under." Dennis has never owned a television and has more common sense than the entire state of New Jersey.

TSGT Lynn "Did I eat that onion?" Stoddard - Lynn had to move to Pennsylvania so Joel would stop knocking his trashcans over. It worked until Fruge' came in for drill and got lost on the Tacony bridge. "Lynn, I'm sitting on this bridge and I don't think it's the Red River down there." If you have Lynn for a refresher don't forget to say "DUCK."

TSGT James "Mongo" Harris - Jim is now a 2Lt waiting to begin pilot training, if you see him on the road salute him when he's buying yet another round for regressing on the chain of life. Yes Virginia, it is named Mongo. Congrats Jim.

SSGT Marty "I knew that" Johnson - Marty gave up hauling med waste to become a professional Reservist. One of the guys that gets ladies underwear (formerly panties), thrown at him.

SSGT Al "Freddy the Fish" Alonso - More fertile than the Nile river, more effervescent than a Goodys' powder on a Monday morning. Al's a Postal worker who hates to fish.

TSGT Ken "NO" Maneely - Ken trained down at the Bayou with us but has returned to his beloved Northeast. If you're headed up the turnpike and see Ken stop and say hello.

SSGT Andy "Chowdahead" Sylvain - Andy still marvels at the beautiful billeting facilities here at McGuire. He claims the -141's have been bringing it piece by piece from Lajes for years, and they finally have all the parts here, but the air freight chick with the blueprint tattooed on her back went to Travis.

SSGT Anthony "Englebert" Bartolomeo - Tony is a lineman for the county down on the Shore. How many booms have been awarded parts of a F-16 by the fighter squadron commander?

SSGT Rick "The Badge" Boettinger - One of Philly's finest, Rick worked for the 108th here at McGuire where they say he had the sortie count of the Fiji Island Air Force.

SSGT Edwin "Whaddyawantfromme?" Colon - Eddie works a UPS route up in NYC and has more street stories than Miss Kitty off of Gunsmoke. Why the hell should I know when the bus is?

SSGT Ramon "The Can" Cruz III - Ray's almost A/R qualified and is just about ready to become an evaluator. Still wonders why those dang fighters come so close to the boom thing. Ray works for Emery hauling things in boxes that have these big red stickers with squealing sounds coming from within.

TSGT Charles "Breakwater" Watson - Charlie has been a flight engineer, a loadmaster and now a boom. Would somebody send us a stripe so we can make him a MSGT before he crosstrains to pararescue? Charlie loves to talk about that #6 car.

TSGT Felicia Anderson - A new Boom who came to us from Travis via March via Seymour Johnson. Felicias' been traded more than Gaylord Perry.

SSGT Lonnie Lisser - An ex-boomer about to go through Hughes training if we can get him to quit taking Doans pills.

SSGT Henry Grill - Another ex-loadmaster. Henry drives commuter trains over in Philly. DON'T ask if he's ever hit anybody.

SSGT David Glacken - Dave's new.

3. Well, thats how we all fit in up here at Fort Courage. We are all fitting in well with the -141 guys and trying to adjust. Its so bad up here yesterday Chief Jackson informed us that the flight kitchen has no more cups left on the entire base. BUT ITS ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY AT MCGUIRE!!! Learn by your experience, don't dwell on it.

Robert D Wolfe, TSGT, USAFR  
Inflight Refueling Technician (ART)

07 Aug 95

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 7 ACCS/DOFB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

Hello from the 7 ACCS. Well you don't have to be crazy to come here but it helps. Life has been very busy and full of changes. Alert is still alive and well here and manning is still low. So if your interested in a full time job with low TDY's and even lower pay sign up today for the 7 ACCS. You can even call us at AV. 271-2201.

Here is the 7 ACCS lineup:

SMSGt Sze Tom - Command Crew/NCOIC - If you can't find him at work, don't worry he is just TDY again.

MSGt Dave Ballard - Well Dave is on the way out to a better way of life. He's doing the PCS thing. (Permanent civilian status). He will be missed by all.

MSGt Terry Ross - Still doing the USSTRATCOM (Det 1/HQ ACC) MASMS thing. We even see him here once every blue moon or so.

MSGt Pete Hiracheta - Det 10/HQ ACC, 4444 OS - Ex-Gunner - We know Pete does something in his job that relates to boom operators we just have not found out what that is yet.

TSgt Tom Weirauch - Alert Facility Manager - Some things never change Tom can still be found at the alert Facility.

TSgt Tony Rhoden - Tony who? Birmingham FCF Boom, you can still see the rubber marks going out the gate.

TSgt Andy Lacasse - Still our full-time student, but is moving to Wing Stan Eval. Lost his marriage, his Harley, and is still searching for his virginity.

SSgt Brian Barthlow - Moved to Altus. Just wasn't enough tassels and G-stings in Nebraska.

SSgt Debbie Worth - Debbie is on the way out the door. She will be getting out of the service in SEPT.

Sgt John Knight - S-101 - Did training flight and has now moved on to Stan Eval. Why does he look and act like the Op's officers son?

SSgt Robert Jepson - Moved to Kadena AB. Gave his maximum effort to be minimally qualified, minimally motivated, always willing to forget the Air Force was his primary job.

Sgt Jerry Schmidt - R-110 - Well he decided he had had enough, so he got out of the Air Force. It seems that every time he went TDY we had to call 911. He really got out to stay alive.

SrA Doug Templeton - S-102 - Well Doug has moved to Stan Eval. He also has orders to Altus, lucky guy.

SrA Greg Wilson - Haven't seen him this year because he has been in Boot Strap. He actually thinks he is officer material. However we plan to abuse him like a red headed step child when he returns!

SrA Wayne Keiser - R-109 - Somebody said he is a boom here but we don't seen him very often. As hard as it is to track him down he should have joined the CIA.

New Arrivals to the 7 ACCS.

SSgt Jeff Magee - Stole him from CCTS. We just have to get him to learn that regulations are just a guide for us. (Non AMC units, take for information only.)

SSgt Salvatore Iannucci - Back in the Boom fringe again, from flight engineer school. Drives a Lincoln, Gives the appearance of a Mafia godfather.

SSgt Leroy Robinson - Got him from Plattsburg. It seems that where ever he goes the base ends up on the closure list. We can only hope his luck holds out!

Amn Ricky Horton - Brings his own sheets to the VC, what's up with that?

Amn Keith Morgan - Can often be found passing out candy at the local grade school." Hey you want a ride on my motorcycle?"

We refuse to put our names for fear of retribution!





DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 60TH OPERATIONS GROUP (AMC)

23 AUG 95

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

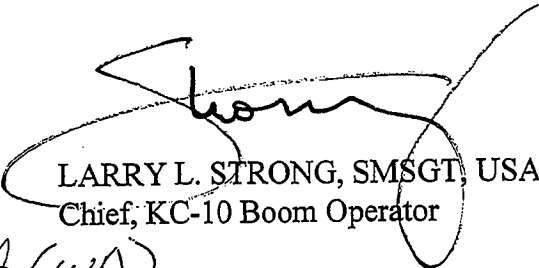
FROM: 60 OG/DOV  
611 E. St, Bldg 50  
Travis AFB CA 94535-5025

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

1. Greetings from Travis, "The Gateway to the Pacific". By the time this edition of the Signal gets out to the units, the 6th, 9th, 70th, and 79th should be up and running. All the Booms have been working their butts off getting the missions that TACC and AMC have directed, plus the local sorties. They are a great bunch of folks and all are a pleasure to work for. I say work for, because I'm always getting involved in trying to make the operation here better for them. I really feel that when the BIG CHANGE of 91 was implemented, there were 2 guys here at Travis that went to the front gate, rearranged the letters (MAC to AMC) then went to lunch! Everything else stayed the same. I'm sure that the folks at McGuire have the same feeling. We have been, on a daily basis, educating the T-Tail Mafia folks here that, yes, we are here, yes, we have a mission, and yes, we are staying! ATOC has finally stopped asking if we can have Phase II loading. There are a few things I like about this Airlift thing - No more picking up lunches!!!

2. For those of you who weren't around or possibly don't remember, the original Boom Signal was published and distributed in January 1979, over 16 years ago. The then 8th AF boom operator was CMSgt Bob Truelsen. Bob happened to be one of my mentors while we were stationed at Griffiss by the Sea. We had talked many times, over many beers, about the boom operators that we knew and would wonder what happened to who, who was where and what ever so and so was doing. We both agreed that the Booms needed a forum to get the word out. I took a one year sabbatical from the Air Force and Bob went to Barksdale to be the 8th AF Boom. Bob took, as his first task at 8th, on the challenge of putting together a "how goes it" newsletter from each unit. The first one read like a techniques and procedures guide from the Headquarters! But, from then on the Boom Signal has become an excellent source of information for all of us. When CMSgt Elzy Richardson retired, the tradition was transferred to the Headquarters guys. We all owe them a vote of thanks. They have continued to keep us all informed, even through the many, many changes that have occurred over last few years. To Scott and Jake, Thank you. And to all the units - Thanks for sending your inputs.

3. This year has been a great one! I am looking forward to the upcoming years as we get all our jets and start getting more mission taskings (the good as well as the bad). If any of you get the chance to transit through here, please give me or one the squadron guys a call. We would enjoy swapping stories (lies) over lunch or a beer. My number is: DSN 837-4724. Until next year, SAWADE!

  
LARRY L. STRONG, SMSGT, USAF  
Chief, KC-10 Boom Operator

28A (WD)



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
9TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (AMC)

10 Aug 95

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOVK

ATTN: SMS BENSCOTER AND ALL BOOMS OPERATORS

FROM: 9 ARS/DOB

473 BROADWAY ST BLDG 120-A

TRAVIS AFB CA 94535-2062

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

1. This time last year, a cry was heard on the east coast: "Go west!" The slow but steady trickle of crew dogs started the long trek to the Golden State. By October that same year, the flow had also started from the mid-south. By December, the 9th ARS (provisional) was well on it's way. Looking back, it was a unique opportunity: to build a brand-new squadron from the ground up. We had our growing pains--Seymour-isms versus the Barksdale-isms. But we've taken the best of each, and forged what we'd like to think is the best KC-10 squadron in the business. We'll never forget those friends we left behind, or those retired old-heads who left us our legacy. A special farewell to Danny Turberville--you'll be missed.

2. To those who make up the greatest specialty in the Air Force, I bid you greetings from Travis! Though we're not the first tankers to fly from the Vaca Valley, we are the BEST! The combined talents of all three former KC-10 bases are finally molded into one unit (the 60th Air Mobility Wing). And by the way, no "fruits and nuts" jokes, either, OK? You may not have heard, but the 60th was rated "Outstanding" during our Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). As usual, the T-Tails needed the KC-10 to boost up those reliability figures! As the chief boom in the 9th, my deepest appreciation goes to SMSgt Benscoter and MSgt Heineman for the privilege of managing the "Universal squadron"-- such a talented group of men and women are a privilege to work with. We've had a few folks leave us for the TALCE, but they're a wealth of information when it comes to AMC operations--we're glad to have them aboard! Here's our current line-up:

SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Pete Jackson: That's me! It has been great working and learning from all the booms formerly stationed at Barksdale, March and Seymour. My biggest problem is getting those darned crossflow pilots to stop calling us "LOADS!"-- we're "BOOMS" yesterday, today and tomorrow. Drop in and see us when you're in California!

## STAFF

MSgt William "Ed" Wright: It's believed that he works in "Special Missions," but I "DONO" where he really works!

TSgt Jon Hilyard: Special Missions kind of guy, too. Thought he was seeing stars out here in California, but it turns out it was too much weight-lifting! He's a new Master Sergeant (select), too!

TSgt Cody Crowder: Its remarkable how someone can go TDY and still be in the office. He's a super scheduler, but he's about ready to move out and start flying again!

SSgt Mark Yandell: Still for fighting for Texas' independence (he says he'll never surrender). Hey dude, they've been in the Union for years!

SSgt Mike Post: Started with us and then moved on to TALCE. I expect big things from this superstar--Good Luck, Mike!

MSgt Ron Combs: He's in CCTS after starting in DONO. They've moved over to OSS, but we still talk to them. Look out--he just figured out how to use E-Mail!

TSgt Charles Obanion: The Harley Dude. Started in CCTS and really got it up and going for us, Thanks Chuck! Good Luck with your TALCE move.

TSgt Steve Metts: Mr. Stan/Eval has done great getting the unit checked out, both in knowledge and Wing affiliation. My name for him is "Mr. Piano," I'll let you ask him why...

TSgt Robert "B. B." Wiggs: The real truth is, he was the initial chief boom here at Travis, and did a great job in getting the squadron off the ground. Working in Stan/Eval now. Is it December, or do I hear sleigh-bells? A Master selectee!

SSgt Jim Lockley: Working in Stan/Eval. He's the master of the Yokota SID, and says he'll set me up a checkride on the next SID if I want...who knows, maybe I'll finally get to go on one?!

TSgt Chris "DR" Hctor: Scheduling god. Keeps those great tunes playing, and somehow still manages to keep things going--hey Chris, can I go on a trip yet?

TSgt Jim McGuckin: Still trying to find a way to get paid on two trips on one aircraft, heading in two different directions. Y-SID master-in-training.

SSgt Mark Redden: Currently in instructor upgrade, and doing a fine job. Was freaking out earlier in the year, 'cause he couldn't put the ol' ragtop down (record rainfall)...He thought it was supposed to be SUNNY all the time!

SSgt Bill Taylor: Still walking around with his SrA nametags. Hey Bill, get some Staff Tags... you've been promoted!

SSgt John Felisky: The guy who makes things happen. Everything I know about the KC-10 John learned long ago. Recognized as an Outstanding Performer during the ORI. Future Stan/Eval boom. Ask him to explain pressure refueling...

## A FLIGHT

MSgt Donald "DK" Smith: Flight Superintendent. Very quickly becoming an expert in the KC-10, and should upgrade to instructor very soon. Probably will get my job if he keeps it up!

SrA Thomas McCoy: Good Boom, although I introduce myself every time I see him! "Hey, aren't you new to the squadron?"...

SSgt Eric Nimke: Still trying to tell me he needs a job. Hey Eric, you're an instructor now, you've got a job!

SSgt Jeff Russell: Assists in Squadron Training flight and likes to get those trips to Hickam for his tan. I hear his handicap has fallen about 5 strokes!

SSgt Chrissy Stone: The "Boom Chick." Future instructor and good boom. Good Luck! Hey, can I get a tandem bike for next year's aerobic fitness bike test?

SrA Gregory "Brian" Valadez: Somehow he thinks he's going to be a comic. Maybe another Sinbad! Beeps the Superintendent when he's in the John. Hey Brian, remember Sinbad got kicked out! YOU look MARVELOUS!!!

SSgt Harold Wenner: An input from the "Big Rock" of Okinawa from the KC-135Rs, he's currently at Hughes. Kind of quiet, but we're not finished with him yet!

## B FLIGHT

MSgt Herb Hughes: Flight Superintendent and future CCTS Instructor. His forte is bringing out the best in students. Look out Herb--your CFIC is showing! He likes those European vacations.

TSgt Jim Phelps: If there were O.P.s for checks this guy would've been a candidate on his cargo check, Great Job! Oh--by the way, when do I get that beer-- MSgt selectee!

SSgt Troy Keach: He's getting ready to be a fully qualified boom operator. Another one from Okinawa. B.B. Wiggs checked him out at Blytheville AFB in the KC-135A. I guess history DOES repeat itself!

SSgt Al Leaton: Signed up for any classes? Oh by the way your going TDY in the morning!

SSgt Leon Limon: Wants to go to Europe to learn a foreign language. Leon, try Japanese--they speak it in Hawaii now, too. Our squadron supply guy. Hey, what do you mean you can speak Spanish?

TSgt Chester Robbins: Just came out of Scheduling now wants to go on the road. Any SIDs?

TSgt Ruben Mendoza: Started with us and likes to be known that he is still a Cowboy fan to all the 49ers out in San Francisco. Good Luck in TALCE.

## C FLIGHT

TSgt William "Will, not Bill" Brown: Assistant Flight Chief and still trying to find a place to park his Harley.

SSgt John "D-MAC" Macmillan: A fine boom operator, finishing up his instructor check as I write this. This guy will be a Chief Boom when I'm telling old KC-10 stories, but right now he writes them for the base paper.

SSgt John Purdue: He's currently in the process of finishing his cargo check-- and until he's mission ready, he's not allowed to park with the other motorcycle riders. A Tech Selectee!

SSgt Randy Zaiontz: Need to ask him about installing home alarms. "Bad boys, bad boys, what 'cha gonna do?" Good boom and doing quite well for us.

SSgt Al McNamee: He knows all about the NRA, maintains guns for all of us. Hey Al, can I conceal my .50 Caliber machine gun in the trunk of my car? It's unloaded!

SrA Daniel Purdy: Likes to stay in the cargo compartment, but never fails to tie his shoelaces when going back to refuel.

SSgt Gary Hall: This boom would scare any Marine-- he's got his act together, and is also our computer guru. OO-RAA!

SSgt Alton Lundin: He is upgrading and doing a fine job! B.B. even gave him an "outstanding" rating on a check ride. Future training flight candidate, or Santa has reindeers.

I would like everyone to know that we are currently organizing an off-station sortie to the Boom Symposium in March of 1996. Does anyone know where it will be held? Who would like a ride with us? All units who would be interested in this--

please contact the 9th, our POC is SrA Brian Valadez, DSN 837-7112/7113/7117.  
"Boom stowed, leaving position!"

*P.E. JACKSON*  
PETER E. JACKSON, MSGT, USAF  
Inflight Refueler Superintendent



## 70th AIR REFUELING SQ

The 70th ARS stood up on 1 Sep 94 at Travis AFB and continues the proud tradition of extending excellence worldwide. The home of the "Orca" is an outstanding blend of experienced KC-10 and prior KC-135 boom operators mixed with the cream of the crop from the loadmaster career field. From the beginning, the 70th stepped in and had an immediate impact on air refueling and airlift missions worldwide. This time next year we should be in our brand new facility (not). As you are passing through stop in and see us, or give us a call, DSN 837-7013 or (707) 424-7013. Here is our current lineup:

- **SMSgt Rich Olshefski** - Mastered the "art" of passing gas and managing boom operators. Loves to instruct cross-trained loadmasters three at a time. Built a mansion in Winters, Ca and spends spare time commuting. Enjoys fishing and watching the weather channel and the OJ trial.
- **SMSgt Virgil (Andy) Anderson** - (Chico Adams, retired) Blew in with the wind from Seymour Johnson. Never can tell how many guns and knives he has on him. Bought a big motorhome and is pax qualified only. Cruises mountain roads looking for fresh road-kills.
- **SMSgt Mike Boozer** - (Greg LaMond imitator) Rode a bicycle from Seymour Johnson to Travis towing his 64' Corvette. Stan/Eval chief always looking for a no-notice on box lunches. Misses that Carolina BBQ and grits.
- **SMSgt Tim Holt** - (Screamer) NCOIC of the section reservist. Good thing about Tim is that he can chew you out and you don't even know it. Word is he still can't kill a deer with a bow and still has sex with a TSgt.
- **MSgt Bob Jensen** - (Uncle Bob) Been around the "system" forever. Claims he taught Orville and Wilbur how to pass gas. Continues to wear "1505's" from the brown shoe days. Claims to have served General Patton his first box lunch. Transferred from March and brings "there I was" stories with him.
- **MSgt Joe Lambertus** - (Roland Martin of the West Coast) Joe moved up from March because they ran out of fishing worms. Likes to catch Squaw fish (tells his new wife they're trout). Volunteers for all good deal JA/ATT missions. Lives in Winters, Ca, says there's plenty of worms.

- **MSgt Terry (Hue) Monges** - Real estate tycoon in Arnold, Ca. Terry has recently transferred from March and keeps a tight grip as Flight Leader and evaluator. Says real estate sales are down, taking donations and inflight meal leftovers.
- **MSgt Celeste Barcelo** - Celeste is a lifetime college student who is about to complete another Masters degree. Full time employment is her greatest fear. Celeste has a life that rotates around school, Flight leader, and commuting from Arizona.
- **MSgt Steve Cooper** - Steve operates heavy equipment for a minor league team that is affiliated with Cal Trans. He claims that good work, clean air, and low crime will keep him in the So. California area for some time.
- **TSgt Dave (Babs) Bablo** - Mr. Chem Warfare, makes frequent checks of personal flight gear. Unmarried, has lots of toys. Likes to go fast on rice rockets. Enjoys seeing crewdogs in aircrew ensemble.
- **TSgt Dave Donaldson** - (Mr. Contact) Ask Dave how many boom contacts he has logged, thinks it will land him an airline job someday. Dave came to us from our C-141 brothers. He enjoys his spare time by fronting off prisoners at the state loony toons facility. He claims that long eyebrows are a mark of intelligence.
- **TSgt Bret Sherlock** - (Mr. Law) Recently qualified as mission ready, Bret is a native Northern Californian who comes to us by way of the C-141. He spends all of his free time studying the OJ trial in an attempt to pass the California Bar.
- **TSgt Erik Sandvik** - (Splash) Jon Daly's twin brother. Plays golf and gives free lessons (even if you don't want them). Recently acquired C-141 load toad. Always looking for a good TDY (and gets them).
- **TSgt Keith Stephens** - (Clutch Cargo) Rare species, usually found in (or under) bars or brothels. Formerly a loadmaster on bent wing bugsuckers, recently lobotomized to become a boom operator. Only three antennas to go to make ace. Tolerated by his wife Teri, and 3 kids.
- **TSgt Chris (MBA) Youngblood** - Chris is a recent IBO addition and a welcomed one at that. With school almost over he looks forward to more time on the road and on the golf course.
- **TSgt Barry Green** - Barry has been delivered to us via a C-141 airdrop mission. Seldom seen without a cup of ice cream in hand, recently bought stock in Baskin Robbins. Enjoys a good war story, if you don't have one he will gladly loan you one.



- **TSgt Carlton Vaughn - (Boots)** Carlton is another dedicated commuter from So. Cal. Squadron is going broke providing boots for CJ. We just found out he is opening a new shoe store in So. Cal. and is doing rather well. A devoted family man who works for Southwest Airlines.
- **SSgt Todd (Baby) Ruth - Wanna-be Welborn's Warrior**, most common phrase; "I sure miss -135's". Pursuing basket weaving degree on man-days, occasionally flies with the unit.



## 79 ARS TRAVIS AFB, CA BOOM SIGNAL

August 15, 1995

Hello from the *new* home of the "Big Dogs" at Travis AFB. It has been a year of changes for the 79 ARS, in April we were transferred from the 452 AMW at March AFB to the 349 AMW at Travis AFB. The tuff part has been to fly out of both locations for the first six months, and keep the squadron fully manned, and current. We were given the old boom operator dorm rooms at Travis as our *temporary quarters* until our new squadron building is completed.

**SMS Russell Martin-** The Chief Boom, getting more gray hair and loving life at Travis.

**SMS Gerry Broussard-** NCOIC, and one of the Riverside Police Departments finest, pulling the tough and often dangerous duty at the mall of dodging Hagen-Daz bars and Victoria Secrets lingerie models.

**SMS Jeff "Sluggo" Spence-** Recently upgraded to IBO, still working for McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach and is personally responsible for keeping them financially afloat.

**MSG Gary Plain-** He is glue that holds the whole CCTS program at Travis together. He was the first ART to come up here and has been running training for both squadrons, as well as acting as body scheduler and program manger for the first few months.

**MSG Maggie Evans-** Came to the 79th last September from the 336 ARS, got fully qualified, ran body scheduling like a whiz. After seeing her daughter off to boom school, her mama boom instincts took over and she has decided to go back to the 336 ARS to take care of her.

**MSG Sam "donuts" Owens-** flight suits keep shrinking on him, but he is Mr. Supply Account Manager, upgraded to IBO this year, he has been the main man in charge of moving our squadron up north.

**MSG Mark Lager-** Working hard on learning Spanish so he can get his Mexican business license and CCAF degree to establish his Rogaine Clinic/Harley-Davidson club/Sushi Bar down in Ensenada.

**MSG Donna Horne-** Came to the 79th via the Alaska Guard, fell in love with "a member of the unit", went NARS, and is now into family planning.

**TSG Danny Able-** Cabbage Patch Boom, still working as a dog handler with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept.

**TSG Joe Cupido-** Still working as the world's leading aerial photographer.

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**TSG Lattie Robertson-** Doing a super job working in Mission Development, still winning the majority of the battles with his domestic adversarial unit.

**TSG Dave "Big Foot" Kielhorn-** Recently upgraded to IBO, recently married and they are expecting a little one very soon, they just don't know whether they are going to have a boom operator of a crew chief.

**TSG Tom "I'm too sexy for myself" Killian-** Recently upgraded to IBO, another big part of getting this squadron ready at Travis, he installed all our air-conditioning units. Other squadrons on base have been complaining about recent thefts of air-conditioning units, however I'm sure it's just a mistake.

**SSG Matt Willing-** former "Beale Bandit", doing a great job for the unit, recently graduated from the police academy, and got married in July.

**SSG Al Young-** former C-5 Loadmaster from here at Travis, he's now fully qualified and doing a super job, were still trying to convince him that on the KC-10 you have to get airborne to log a sortie. Recently married in July. We traded five masters and a tech to get him, so he must be good.

**SSG Doran Lietzell-** Came to us from the C-141 at March AFB, trying hard to get a pilot slot with the Reserve.

**SSG Dave Murray-** Still doing the Cal Dept. of Corrections thing in southern California, look for a transfer up here by us. Also, he recently tied the knot, and is living in martial bliss.

**SSG Steve Zasqueta-** Works like a well hit three iron in a porcelain bathtub, always ready and available to assist whenever needed. Recent graduate of the NCO Academy as a DG "done graduated".

**SrA Shawn McMahon-** We recently got him back from NARS after six months, got his AR requal and in now attending Airman Leadership School and going to SIU an the weekends.

**SrA Mike Llewellyn-** Came to us from the C-141's here at Travis, attending boom school at McGuire AFB at this moment.

**SrA Mike Bradley-** Former "Beale Bandit", working construction in the local area, chomping at the bit to get back in the aircraft, misses the flying, should be off to boom school at McGuire in October.





DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 19TH AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)

MEMORANDUM FOR 99/712 ARS/DO

28 August 1995

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK  
ATTN: CMSgt Scott Harris

1. **HELLO** from the men and women of the 19th Air Refueling Wing, the land of the Georgia Peach and 1996 Summer Olympics. During this past year, the 19th ARW responded to just about everything to include short notice deployments, channel missions, humanitarian relief efforts and our new home away from home, OPERATION DENY FLIGHT on the Adriatic Sea. Through all that happened this past year, the "**BLACK KNIGHT**" spirit kept on shinning. Once again, our young boom operators distinguished themselves as professionals and commended for another outstanding year. Here's the latest happening at Robins.

2. INBOUND: (ALTUS)

*A1C Hicks*

*A1C Arcara*

*A1C Christal*

3. OUTBOUND:

*SMSgt Larry Burrus (aka BT)* - Old grumpy is retiring in September and is currently looking for a job in the local area as head butt chewer. Other qualifications include hot temper, mediocre golfer and well renowned beer sampler. Good luck and Gods speed.

*Msgt Al Boothby* - Al is also retiring in September and plans on staying in the local area. He will probably make his living on playing darts and part time karaoke singer imitating ELVIS wooing the women singing I just want to be your Teddy Bear!

*Msgt Angel Rodriguez* - Angel is retiring this fall. Hopefully his next employer will get more work out of him than Uncle Sam did.... Where does he hide?

*Ssgt Leo Brown* - KC-10 bound this winter. Hope everything works out as a Gucci Boy, especially with the Women, since he is a swinging single man again.

*SRA Kevin Stevener (aka Tippi)* - Mr Personality is moving to Dothan AL. to suck up on girlfriends parents peanut business. Look out world possible Presidential candidate on our hands.

#### 4. RETIREES IN THE AREA.

*R.L. Anderson*

*Bibb Bailey*

*Marland Beck*

*Walter Bowes*

*Tex Brantley*

*Bill Brown*

*Rick Clark*

*Hubert Cooper*

*Gregg Counts*

*Hollis Dewberry*

*Royal Dixon*

*Albert Krueger*

*Ross Eaton*

*Bill Fink*

*Doug Forbis*

*Ed Gaines*

*Gene Gannon*

*Royce Gee*

*David Gibson*

*Bob Haag*

*Bob Matthews*

*Phil Hampton*

*Richard Turner*

*John Gallagher*

*Tony Compton*

*John Bodenhamer*

*Chuck Heath*

*Bobbie Hennings*

*Jim Hubbs*

*James Niswender*

*Bill Jackson*

*Eugene James*

*Wayne Stoliby*

*Jimmy Justice*

*Clearance King*

*George King*

*Jim Krienast*

*Billy Manders*

*Jorge Mangual*

*Sam Hunt*

*James Marshall*

*Phil McKee*

*Jim Miller*

*Jim Whitman*

*Ron Meadows*

*Marvin Miller*

*Edward Moncrie*

*Don Odom*

*Robert Wyatt*

*Mike Brannan*

*Nike Price*

*Dale Martin*

*Jack Parsons*

*Ron Pennington*

*Johnny Powell*

*Jim Simmons*

*Allen Powell*

*Ernie Pubanz*

*Jack Thomas*

*John Realmutto*

*Ron Rodgers*

*Charles Weatherford*

*Jack Scott*

*Bobbie Sikes*

*Gil Switzer*

*Jack Whisnant*

*Julian Thompson*

*Bill McDonald*

*Bob Wingate*

*David Gibson*

*Steve Miller*

*Houser White*

*Ed Mammett*

*Bob Matthews*

*Rick Newman*

*John Pike*

*John Pettis*

This is a list of known retirees in the local area. If anyone was missed, it was certainly not intentional.

#### 5. 19th Operations Group Senior Boom Operator

*CMSgt Ron Livingston* (Mr. ATSO) - Sure has been busy with all the Wings ORE'S and local generations hailing as Chief Supreme Allied Inspector Extraordinary. Booms beware he's coming for you armed with a pack of luckys and a Stanley tape measure.

6. Here's the current line up for the 99th Air Refueling Squadron (RAMRODS):

**SMSgt Chris Sadler** - Taking BT's spot as Flight Superintendent. Learning to be a boon operator again after a long stay at Headquarters. Should have a done Touch & Go at Altus for some refresher training prior to his Full Stop Here. DAH!

**MSgt Barnwell** (aka Uncle Milty) - Still in DONO, ask him what he does there and he will answer the same DO'NO. Counting the days until retirement.

**MSgt John Basso** (aka KNUCKLE HEAD) - Ground Scheduler/Grounded. John continues to create Cautions and Warnings, this time in Cargo Loading. Remember Hatches go in before Pallets. Will he every catch on?

**TSgt Mike Barnes** (aka MIKEY) - "B" Flight Sergeant. Our resident minister and Flinestones expert. YABBA DABBA DOO!

**TSgt Paul Giles** (aka BUNKEY) - "A" Flight Sergeant. Getting to be a real pro at whipping out EPR's and Decorations. Loves his job, Just ask him.

**TSgt Don Weller** - "USCENTCOM". Sure Glad to be out of cargo loading, but he proves to be an excellent bag boy for the Four Star CINCSTRAT.

**SSgt Gary Cook** (aka 'Cookie') - "Training Flight/ Cargo Load" - Hoping that he will run into his wife TDY somewhere, because they're never at home together anymore. Maybe O does come before E in the alphabet!

**SSgt Steve Johnson** (aka Speed Racer) - "Stan Eval" - Still hoping to win his first Go-Cart race. Don't mind his job title he is still clueless!

**SrA Eric Graham** - Still making friends everywhere he goes..... must be his personality.

**SrA Dicky Hunt** - "Stan Eval" - A recent newly wed. I guess all the looking and smooth talking finally paid off. Will there be a TDY baby soon?

**SrA Chris Meinken** - Newest member of USCENTCOM. Everyone's best friend.

**SrA John Reed** (aka Ghosts) - He's never at work unless he is scheduled for something and even that's not guaranteed

**SrA Derrick Grant** (aka D Rock) - He needs 160 days TDY (Min) to pay for all the Computer Software he wants. Derrick continues to baffle receiver pilots with his incredible ability to translate information in his own language.

**A1C Chris Huelsenbeck** (aka Huel) - Yes we know your dad's a Load Toad but your one of the NEW BABY BOOMS, that means you have lots to learn, and a C-141 is **NOT** the sound of Freedom.

*A1C Dorian Williams* (aka Chunks) - Insure you have plenty of yak sacks before entering the pattern with him.

*A1C James Hayes* (aka AWOL) - We should have included him on our outbound list too. Nuff Said.

*A1C Joel Jones* (aka Toothpick) - "WARNING" if winds exceed 45mph (35 knots) hold on to Joel or he'll be gone.

7. Here's the current lineup for the 712th Air Refueling Squadron:

*TSgt Scott Bradshaw* (aka Poker Man) - "A Flight sergeant". Plan on losing money when you join in on his game, he plays for keeps and doesn't issue refunds. Most likely replacement for Boothby's shoes when he leaves.

*SSgt Pat D'Augustino* (aka Mouth) - Don't ask Pat a question unless you have lots of time on your hands. Nuff Said unless you have all day.

*SSgt Tom Rice* (aka T-Bone) - "Stan Eval/ B Flight Sergeant" - The Party animal comes out only on TDY's now. Things sure have changed since the dorm days.

*SrA Randall Bishop* (aka Sir Randall) - "Scheduling" - Thinks he's on the way back to the Squadron but when that might happen is anyone's guess but his.

*SrA Daniel Hunter* (aka Dan Da Man) - Trying to 2-step his way into every woman's heart, but only Dan can mess up the 2- step. Best of hunting, she out there somewhere.

*SrA Bill Kaczor* (aka DUCK) - "Cargo Loading" - Thinks he's GOD of the Pod, just ask him!

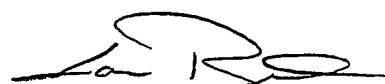
*SrA Chris Whatley* - "Training Flight" - Doing a great job for us. Chris is looking to go back home to Altus if the wing will let him go.

*A1C Hector Trinidad* - One of the new kids on the block doing a great job. Look out Women the Macho Man will be TDY soon!

*A1C Steve Spalding* - Another new kid on the block. (Remember Caddy Shack) Nuff said.

8. That's all for now. To all the boom operators in and out of the command "GOOD LUCK" in the coming year.

  
Gary Cook, SSGT. USAF  
99th ARS

  
Tom Rice, SSGT. USAF  
712th ARS



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
22ND AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (ACC)  
MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE IDAHO



Hello from the world of ACC. We are the 22 ARS, that little known unit at Mt. Home AFB, Id. We are part of the 366 WG, the Air Force's Air Intervention Composite Wing.

Out on the road I've been asked many times what it is like here. The base is geographically located in a high desert (tumble weeds, whistle pigs and dust storms). The mountains are about an hour and a half away by car. The summers are very arid (a dry heat, so I'm told) and the winters can be very cold (in the sub-zero's for weeks at a time).

If you like the "Big City" attitude in a small town, you would like it here. Mt. Home is approximately 10 miles from the base and it doesn't offer alot in the form of amenities. It has a couple of grocery stores, car dealerships and restaurants. The nearest city is Boise and it offers most everything you could want with a "Small Town" attitude. It is about 60 miles from the base.

The mission pace here is fast and furious. We have 7 tankers and 8 aircrews with 2500 flying hours. Scheduling, Training Flight, Stan/Eval and DONO make up 4 of the 8 crews. We find ourselves participating in every form of exercise imaginable; Sharp Shooters, Long Shots, CFT's and Flags. We're on the road any where from 30 to 90 days a year, most of those in conjunction with the fore mentioned exercises. In Addition, we find we have a large role as the "ACC Airliner" providing CDV transportation.



We resurrected the 22 ARS from a box that was brought in from March AFB, CA. The reigns of the Boom Mafia were first placed into the hands of MSgt Lew Timbrook. Lew did a great deal to help get things up and running. He made SMSgt and got tired of butting his head into the "Fighter Mentality" wall and retired to Texas, passing on the reigns to MSgt Brad Arnsparger.

Brad made great strides in quality of life improvements for us. He also ran into the wall many times, including issues such as Boom Operator BAS and details. I believe that the Wall finally got the best of Brad and he also opted for early retirement back to the north woods of Michigan.

Brad introduced us to our current Godfather, SMSgt Eddie Masten. Eddie has been here approximately 3 months and has already had first hand experience with the wall. I think Eddie will do a great job for us and help us install a little "Boom Operator Mentality" into the Wing.

SMSgt Eddie Masten: The only question Eddie has is "why do we wear a *Jack Ass* on our right shoulder?"

TSgt Rodney Derringer (Junk Yard Dog #1): Rodney is currently slaving away in scheduling. He is in the process of buying a ranch and has been on a couple of cattle round ups. Rumor has it he's not bad with the old Shooting Iron. Rodney is best known for his shenanigans at the Air Forces "Rodeo 94" where he earned his nickname by spending many nights howling at the moon with the other JYD.

TSgt Pat Stevens (Chip): Pat was one of the initial cadre and is currently at Wing Stan/Eval. We don't see him all too often, he says he's working on important "stuff". He is our Boom Operator computer guru and is currently working with the HP 200's.

SSgt Steve Myrick (Gunney): Steve is a new addition from Castle and is amazed everyday how things work around here. He has moved into squadron Stan/Eval and seems to make new friends everywhere he goes. Steve provides us with a fresh perspective.

SSgt Steven Flax (Opie): Opie was one of the initial cadre and is currently a scheduling slave as well. Opie is another one who makes friends everywhere he goes. He is engaged but there doesn't seem to be an official date established as far as I can tell. Many days people ask, "where's Opie?", well he's probably out fishing.

SSgt Shawn Hughes (Junk Yard Dog #2): Shawn was part of the initial cadre and is currently in Training Flight. If you can't find him in the squadron he's at the gym or polishing his boots. His antics at "Rodeo 94" with Derringer earned him status as JYD #2.

Sgt Tony Dettore: Tony was one of the initial cadre as well. He just finished ALS and is a walking Recruiter Poster Boy. Tony is our Cargo Loading Manager. He spends most of his time at his real profession, Pizza Hut night supervisor. If he's not around he's out riding his jet ski.

Sra Eric Ball: Eric was one of the first guys here. If you haven't kept up with Eric he has been married and divorced since he's been here. Eric is the squadron intramural team. He is leaving us for Sheppard AFB, TX to teach the Enlisted Aircrew Undergraduate Course.

Sra Kerry Montgomery: Kerry is another of the squadron builders. He has entered marriage number three and also has a Jr. in the oven (if you know what I mean). He is doing very well and is looking forward to life after the military.

Sra Chris Hargett: Chris helped build the squadron from the ground up. He is a new instructor and volunteered to work in DONO, specifically the deployments. Chris is recently married as well and his wife keeps him under wraps, except when he goes TDY.

Sra Doug Meyer (D-Money): Doug is our newest instructor. He also volunteered to take on DONO. If he's not flying you can find him at college or at the park playing roller hockey. He still talks about flying a F-16 for the Iowa Guard and has a real shot at it.

Those are the Boom Operators presently at Mt. Home, I would like to take a quick second to remember the Booms' who have come and gone.

SMSgt Lew Timbrook: Retired to Texas.

MSgt Brad Arnsparger: Early retirement to Michigan, a policeman again and patrols in a boat.

MSgt Mark Graham: Retired to Utah.

TSgt Chuck Miller: Early out lump sum, owns his own semi truck in Michigan.

TSgt Lenny Beck: Early retirement, has his own computer business here in Mt. Home.

SSgt Troy Doane: PCS'ed to Altus.

If anyone has any questions or comments they are more than welcome to call DSN 728-2104 or 4148.

In closing I would like to thank CMSgt Smith, for being our "ACC Dad" and giving us his guidance and support. I would also like to thank CMSgt Harris for helping take care of his "ACC Step-children". To the rest of the booms' past, present and future, fly safe.

**63 ARS**  
**SELFRIDGE ANGB MI.**  
**DSN 273 - 4587**

30 Aug 95

Hello from the 63 ARS "MOTOR CITY MADMEN". It's been a busy year as you all know, from Australia to Italy, CRM, TQM, and any thing else they could throw at us. Roller missions have been going great almost a perfect deal if we could stay in Mildenhall longer, right now all booms are qualified in the roller mission. Michigan weather has been great this year, everytime it's been nice we've been TDY. Upcoming events include a wonderful week at Volk Field, and the ORI next year, sounds like fun. Here's the boom's that make it all happen.

Technicians:   Msgt Reg Nolte  
                  SMSgt Bill Shaw  
                  Msgt Ray Lyon  
                  Msgt Niki Zachary  
                  Msgt Larry Wyland  
                  Tsgt Greg Ringel

Reservists:     SMSgt Maurice Marshall  
                  SMSgt Frank Labutte  
                  Msgt Jeff Rooding  
                  Msgt Fred Goettsche  
                  Tsgt Rick Morrow  
                  Tsgt Joe Bozzo  
                  Tsgt Ben Lance  
                  Ssgt Mike Weir

Msgt Brain Orourke missed California he went back to McClellan, Msgt Lou Demartino wanted to jump out of good airplanes he moved to Florida and pararescue. We wish them luck. For all of you that knew Errick Decker he was grounded and is now a full time student. Thanks go out to Phoenix, great job in Pisa. That's it see you all on the road.

*Reg Nolte*

Reg Nolte Msgt, USAFR  
Inflight Refueling Supervisor

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**

434 Air Refueling Wing  
Grissom Air Reserve Base, In 46971-5000

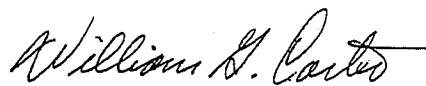
5 Jul 95

**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS**

**FROM:** 434 OSF/DOTB

**SUBJECT:** Boom Signal

1. For anyone interested Grissom is still just where the active duty folks left it, (in the middle of the corn fields). We now own this place lock, stock and barrel. Any units that have extra money please send it this way. Owning your own base is a lot more expensive than renting.
2. The 434th completed a real "fun" ORI deployment to Ft. Hood, Tx in May. Now we know why chemical warfare is to be avoided, especially in a hot environment. The Army doesn't believe in air conditioning.
3. We are still taking applications for reserve Boom Operators. Some of our folks are starting to talk about retirement in the next year or so. My applicant fold is getting pretty thin. If you are thinking about getting off active duty and are moving to Indiana please give me a call at DSN 928-3941. The Air Force Reserve is still a good part time job and you can still earn a military retirement.
4. Following this letter you will find a list of our Boom Operators. After reading the list and seeing what they said about each other I think they were being really nice. You should hear what they say about each other, but most of it should not be put in writing. I think the two Squadron Chief Booms probably used editorial rights.

  
WILLIAM G. CARTER, SMSgt, USAFR  
Inflight Refueling Program Manager

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
**72nd Air Refueling Squadron**  
**Grissom Air Reserve Base, Indiana 46971-5000**

**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOMS**

**FROM:** 72ND ARS/DOB (DSN: 928-3951)

**SUBJECT:** Boom Signal

Greetings from the flying squadron paintball champions of Indiana (we recently kicked the sh\*t out of the nancy boys in the 74th). Here's a list of the guys and girls we didn't send to the second string down the hall:

**CMSgt Mel Wiemer: Chief Boom.** (ART) Mel is still holding the reins (and himself). Working on building a new house. Mel has been spotted in Logansport a lot lately, all that driving must be hard on his truck.

**SMSgt Tony Fansler: (ART)** Stan/Eval Boom. Working hard on cargo checks, roller missions, restoring cars and of course busting people. Hey Tony, how many kids do you still have at home?

**SMSgt Larry Bartel:** Work, Work, School. Larry is studying to become a physician assistant. We feel that he is more than qualified already in checking prostrates!

**MSgt Jim Seidle: (ART)** The Hardest working boom in the shop. Jim always has a special project going. The Indiana auto excise tax commission recently recognized Jimmy for his many, many, many contributions each year. Anyone with a car to sell for less than \$500 needs to see Jimmy.

**MSgt Larry Page: (ART)** Boom Scheduler, (boy does he hate Hermon) works and plays well with some others. Recovering from foot surgery, he injured it while kickin A-- and taking names.

**MSgt Roger Drumm: (Reservist)** Our personal heating and air conditioning specialist. A good boom, but he does run hot and cold depending on the weather. Roger will probably be the first person in history to actually pass course eight the first time.

**MSgt Jeff Williams: (Reservist)** Our resident professional fireman for the city of Lawrence that managed to set his own car engine on fire. "Never pet a burning dog" is Jeff's favorite quote.

**MSgt Ron Johnston: (Reservist)** Ron recently got a big raise from the state police, which has greatly increased his taxable income although he still doesn't claim motorist bribes. He has since quit his job as a motivational speaker and no longer lives in his van down by the river.

**TSgt Scott Ward: (Reservist)** Scott is the local mobility man, This job has made him the most popular person (to abuse) in the shop. Thanks to Scott we survived our recent ORI and as a reward he gets to attend CFIC.

**TSgt Jeff Withrow: (ART)** Jeff does a great job keeping the alert facility going inspite of the crew dogs. Jeff has given up snake handling and has started breeding cats.

**TSgt Chris Hermon: (Reservist)** We think he may have graduated from school. He still cancels so much were not sure. Chris is interning as a Probation Officer when he isn't getting stitches in his head.

**TSgt Shad Culp: (ART)** Shad works current ops and has the inside track on all the good deals, problem is he never tells us. Shad spends his spare time doing his laundry at the alert facility.

**TSgt Lisa Polston: (Reservist)** Lisa comes from the 930th bomb dump, were glad she hasn't applied her old AFSC on any of us. Lisa is normally TDY, Alert or Flying.

**SSgt Doug Preece: (Reservist)** Doug comes to us from Plattsburg with an outstanding record! Still going to school, only has six more years on that four year degree.

**SRA Gloria Jones: (Reservist)** Gloria comes from transportation, she is currently at CCTS. We hope to have plenty of glad reports on her for next year.

  
MELVIN R. WIEMER, CMSgt, USAFR  
72 Inflight Refueling Manager



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
**74th Air Refueling Squadron (AFRES)**  
**Grissom Air Force Base, Indiana 46971-5000**

16 Jun 95

**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS**

**FROM:** 74 ARS (DSN 928-3886)

**SUBJECT:** Boom Signal

1. Greetings from the 74th ARS, the friendlier of the two squadrons at Grissom ARB. Like the rest of the force we've had a busy year since our last input. 2 ORE's and the ORI, Deny Flight, Pitch Black, Central Enterprise, Atlantic Express, 2 alert lines, air shows, and a long list of other involvements. Somehow we even managed to fit boom operator training in the schedule. Seems like there just isn't enough time or boom operators assigned to get it all done, but the guys and gals assigned to the 74th are always ready to pitch in.

2. Here is our current cast of zanies:

**SMSgt Kim Ayers (Chief Boom/IBO/ART):** With Kim becoming a new mom some booms feel her maternal instincts are spilling over into the squadron. (Can you spell ROMPER ROOM?)

**TSgt Jenny Carmichael:** Jenny is our resident DOD cop in her other life. Most booms just trade patches at airshows, however, inquiring minds want to know what she got in return for her leather flight jacket?

**SMSgt Billy "Jurassic Boom" Carter (Wing Program Manager/ IBO/ART) :** Bill maintains an office over in the "puzzle palace" (OPG Bldg). We aren't real sure what they do over there, but it must pay well, since Bill's been spotted driving a new pick-up truck. The big question lately is "what's the significance of padded underwear while riding a wave runner, Bill"?

**SSgt David "Prozac" French:** Dave is our other baby boom coming from the now defunct A10 unit here at Grissom. We don't have enough space here, but, Mama Ayers keeps asking what an aneurysm feels like. Dave is still a Comm/Nav geek at heart.

**MSgt Jeff "Buck" Henry (SQUADRON SCHEDULER/EB/ART):** After giving himself too many good deals in scheduling he got his choice of squadrons, naturally he chose the one that rocks; the 74th! Hopefully he won't go "postal" in his new fast-paced environment. By the way Buck, 2 doors or 4 doors they still look alike!

**TSgt Brian "New guy" Hettinghouse:** Brian is our newest baby boom, joining us from the exciting field of flight dispatch. Before leaving for Altus his only request was for a tight fitting "airshow" flight suit. Everyone wants to know if his request has anything to do with Clinton's new policy?

**MSgt Jerry Hostetler:** If anyone has seen Jerry lately, please contact the 74th boom shop. Thanks!

**MSgt Paul "Doogie" Houser (TACTICS/EB/ART):** With his new position as Tactics boom and a new office with a cypher lock, seems Doogie's comp time has finally reached the plus side.

**TSgt Chris "Barney" Hughes:** While looking for MSgt Hostetler keep your eyes open for Chris, she's out there somewhere.

**TSgt John "Coolio" Ley (IBO):** A recent grad from IUPUI, bing bang, lotta lotta studying. He will now attempt to find a real job. John is our newest IBO and spends his spare time with poopsie making heart shaped cookies.

**TSgt Jeff "Heffe" Maier:** Once Heffe figured out where to relieve himself the ORE was over. Sorry Vic. Also has been seen lurking around the Chrysler Plant in Kokomo.

**SMSgt Mike "Yes dear" Murphy (IBO):** By the time you read this Murph will undoubtedly be begging for more weekend alert and cross counties to escape his husbandly duties.

**MSgt Kym "Homenstein" Orange:** Homey is slated for our next CFIC slot. Altus in the summer, it doesn't get any better than that. When Homey isn't out perpetrating a plot against the man as our resident state police officer, he has taken an interest in collecting "snowfakes" for self study.

**TSgt Larry "Salt" Santine:** Salt unretired from the civilian life to be with us, said he missed the smell of JP-4 (its 8 now Larry). With his addition to the 74th boom shop, SMSgt Ayers has been able to get her house painted, weeds pulled, roof fixed and lawn mowed. Salt claims the many evenings spent at the Ayers' is only coincidental with an ART slot needing to be filled. (LATE NOTE: Larry is coming on board as an ART, 23 Jul 95)

**MSgt Jerry "Shoe" Schumacher (WING SCHEDULER/EB/ART):** Jerry still claims he is a bachelor, so why did he sell his beloved Harley and Camaro in exchange for a family mini van with two child seats?

**TSgt Tim "Stib" Stibbe (MOBILITY/IBO/ART):** Tim has rejoined the ranks of bachelorhood . Welcome back, Stib! We don't mean to imply that Tim has been out of the game for awhile but Saturday night is not when you go out to buy your brown phone and coat hangars.

**TSgt Don "Simpleton" Templeton (IBO):** Don recently graduated from Purdue and has already turned down more ART and civilian jobs than most people get in a lifetime.

3. Thanks to MSgt Orange and the cast of booms who spent the government's time and money to supply our input for the Boom Signal. If you are in the area, our door is always open and the beer is usually cold.



*Kim E. Ayers*  
KIM E. AYERS, SMSgt, USAFR  
Chief, Inflight Refueling Section





**77th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON**  
HOME OF THE "TOTIN" TIGERS  
**SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NC**



Greetings once again from Mayberry, NC. The 77th ARS "TOTIN" TIGERS" truly have been "DOUBLE LUCKY" this year because we've had the good fortune to be flying both tankers.... the "Gucci Jet" and the "Jurassic Jet"! As of this writing we have four Booms qualified in the "R" model; Brad Baxter, Rick Powell, Jerry Snyder, and Jamie Ward. With this initial cadre we plan to have a good running start when the conversion becomes official this October.

We've gained some experience through new Boom acquisitions and lost more experience than some units have in a lifetime. Change is not all its cracked up to be; we said way too many good-byes this year. It really takes its toll on the emotions (not to mention the Boom Fund). This time last year we had thirty-four Booms assigned, now we have fourteen. These days, that's "fighting weight" for an eight aircraft unit.

Since I know for a fact there isn't a Boom Operator out there that can read more than three paragraphs without falling asleep, I'll keep this real short and get on to who's here and who's not...

**SMSgt Virgil (Andy) Anderson:** Virgil left us this year to be the KC-10 Stan Eval Boom Operator at Travis. Now that North Carolina passed the concealed weapon law he wants to come back. Good luck Andy.

**SMSgt Don (Farmer) Askren:** Don's wish came true this year and is now Chief Boom at the first associate KC-135 unit at McConnell, KS. Way to go Don!

**SMSgt Brad Baxter:** Brad puts on "Senior" by the time you read this. We hear he felt like a fish out of water going through Boom Initial Qual at Altus for KC-135 requalification! He keeps a set of weights in each lower desk drawer to build up his arms to maintain his outstanding boom control. Brad is our Stan/Eval Boom.

**SMSgt Mike Boozer:** Mike also put on "Senior" this year. Mike has departed the fix at Seymour for the NDB (Next Duty Boom) at Travis. Good luck Mike. You're missed already.

**SSgt Barry (Weasel) Bradley:** Barry is our only KC-10 "trougher" left and we've been working his buns off. He covers everything from KC-135 Life Support issues to TDY/vacation house setting! Barry goes to Altus in October for his "difference" training.

**MSgt Dave Brock:** Dave went spelunking and obviously got lost, 'cause he didn't crawl out until he got to New Jersey! See McGuire for Dave's update.

**TSgt (2Lt?) Corey Brown:** Yes, Corey graduated and hopefully will be going to OTS and UPT soon! Super job Corey!!

TSgt Jon (Coyote) Calcote: Jon has become a true reservist now that he has a real full time job. Jon watches guys in striped suits making little rocks out of big rocks at the brand new Sheriff's lockup.

TSgt Anthony (Taco) Cleaver: Taco gave up jailing in South Carolina to try it in New Jersey. Was that as a worker or as a guest? See McGuire for Taco's update.

SSgt Steve Dolan: Steve is working hard towards his degree also. Don't know what happened to Steve though; here today....gone the same day! See McGuire for an update on Steve.

SMSgt Bobby (Crusty) Drinnen: Ole' Crusty had eye problems. Said he just couldn't see himself flying that old KC-135. See McGuire for an update on Bobby.

TSgt Jim Harris: Jim saw the writing on the wall and made a better life for himself. Worked hard, got his degree, and, congratulations Lieutenant! Look for Jim at the controls soon. See McGuire for Jim's update.

SMSgt Tim Holt: Tim is still with CEA Link/Hughes (who is it today?). By default they made him the Site Manager at Travis (the only one on station at the time). Sometimes it doesn't pay real well! See Travis for an update on Tim.

TSgt Sean Martin: This "Deadhead" has been so deep in mourning that he hasn't even had time to celebrate getting hired as a technician! Now that he has the money to spend on concert tickets, he has no concerts to see!

MSgt Betty (Boom) Matthews: We were all glad to see Betty pin on a stripe this year. Betty's really looking forward to KC-135 training and we can't wait to see her glow! She will be visiting Altus in October for her "difference" training also.

SRA John Mercer: John left some broken hearts in Goldsboro to break some more in New Jersey. See McGuire for an update on John's love life.

TSgt William (Bill) Norris: Bill is another true reservist, seldom seen and never heard from, but always there when you need him.

TSgt Tony Parris: Tony not only passed all his college courses, he passed something that put him in the hospital for awhile. If he asks if you want to see his scar....pass!

TSgt Rick Powell: Rick came to us as the resident KC-135 expert via McGuire. DO WHAT!?!? Yeah, he left the -10s at McGuire to come here and get a stripe and a full time job. With KC-135 Castle CCTS experience and KC-10 initial qualification exposure, Rick has the perfect blend to help us with our conversion.

**SMSgt Randy (Rino) Rinehart:** Rino has done something that not just everybody gets a chance to do. He's in a major's slot converted to a SMSgt Boom position at Headquarters 22nd AF. And everybody thought only Mike Wetzel and Norm Perry could work magic!!

**MSgt Rand (I can walk away from any crash) Sanders:** Reports of Rands departure are greatly exaggerated, although, I did see him at McConnell working for Don Askren as a reservist and Flight Safety as a Cessna simulator instructor.

**TSgt Carl (Commander) Sisco:** Carl didn't get the nickname "Commander Sisco" because he's a "Trekke". It's just that he's spaced out most of the time. Carl is still doing a good job for us and looking forward to flying his third (or fourth?) airframe. He's done it all!

**CMSgt Jerry (BTC-Big Tall Chief) Snyder:** Jerry was our first KC-135 convert and has led the way to a new and bright future in the "Jurassic Jet"! Everyone who knows Jerry knows that he's a big Vette fan. Ask how he did in his first road rally.

**SMSgt Kerry (van-odd-ball) Vanausdall:** Kerry doesn't know what to do now that he's the "Senior Reservist". That's Okay Kerry, Chief Snyder knows what to do with you.

**SSgt Gary Towles:** Gary did a road trip to McGuire and never returned. Was last seen in the company of other notorious "Shady J" Boom Operators. See McGuire for an update on Gary.

**SMSgt Ronnie Wade:** Ronnie beat the odds and made it back on flying status, and can't wait to fly the KC-135 again. He just doesn't know if he's strong enough to lift the stone tablets that his first checklist was inscribed on.

**MSgt James (Jamie) Ward:** Jamie's not the "new hire" anymore. He got promoted to Master and now lets Sean Martin and Rick Powell have the hot seat as "new hires". Jamie continues to do a good job as training manager and is also our most recent convert to the -135. Since Jamie has continued to boycott baseball, he and Jennifer have the future Babe Ruth II on the way. Congratulations!!

After having written this and seeing how many promotions we had this last year, (two commissions, three to Senior, two to Master, one to Tech) I think maybe change isn't that bad after all. A lot of our people have decided to pursue their dreams and follow the KC-10s, others have opted to stay. Those of us remaining here at the "Shady J" are looking forward to leading the way with a new unit equipped squadron. We see our future as being limitless and fully expect to be one of the units everyone looks to when they need a job done and done well!

The light is always on and the beer is always cold. Stop by and see us.

Brad Baxter  
LINE-OF-SIGHT BOOM SIGNAL AUTHOR

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**91st ARS Malmstrom AFB MT**

**"Big Sky Booms"**

Greetings from the last of the Big Sky Booms at Malmstrom AFB Montana. Florida here we come! The 91st is moving in the near future. We're still waiting to be told to hit the road. It's going to be a big change for us layed back, open county type folks. Sounds like the golfing's good and typhoon parties are hard to beat. Here's the latest line up for our ever decreasing boom force.

**SMsgt John Randall:** (43rd DOV) Going to make Chief this time! Has to because his daughter is going to college and needs that fishing and hunting money.

**Msgt Doug Jess:** (43rd Plans & Ops) Retirements coming fast and maybe wedding bells in the future.

**Msgt Doug Simmons:** (Ops Superintendent) Once a Msgt always a Msgt. Needs to invest in a sun tan lotion company to protect the top of his head.

**Msgt Jake Vogt III:** (Flt Superintendent) Florida here I come! Time to go bass fish'n.

**Msgt Ricky Geiger:** (Flt Superintendent) Count me in ... sept let me check with the wife first.

**Msgt (sel) Tim Sawyers:** (Flt Superintendent) Please any place except Florida. Grand Forks, Fairchild maybe?

**Msgt (sel) Terry Klementz:** (43rd Plans & Ops) Does the Missouri flow through Florida? No, send me to Fairchild.

**Tsgt Kevin Holmgren:** Still around retirement is coming soon.

**Tsgt Dan Wells:** (Chief Training Flt) Selling the farm and the chickens. Maybe he'll raise alligators.

**Ssgt Ryan Cermak:** (CLT Manager) If you need a good Rambo Knife he's the one to see.

**Ssgt Tom Unerfusser:** (Senior Stan Eval boom) Sold his big camper looking for a good bass boat.

**Ssgt Steve Hines:** (Stan Eval boom) Send me to Altus Please!

**Ssgt Scott Lane:** (CLT Assist) Home sick for England and good warm beer.

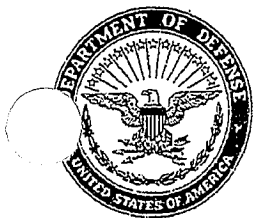
**Ssgt Phil (EDDY) Money:** Back on status after a long DNIF. If you have a problem with your computer he's the man to see.

**Ssgt Tim Arsenault:** (Training Flt) Learning the ropes. Expecting allot from him in the future.

**Sra Chris Ochoa:** Brand new instructor fresh from Altus. Where's my student?

**Sra Nicole Moats:** Heading for Altus to upgrade. It's tough being a flier with a new baby.

**Amn Jorge Gonzalez:** Fresh from boom school. Finding out what it's like to be at the bottom of the food chain.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 92D AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)  
FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE WASHINGTON

18 August 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF HARRIS

FROM: 92 ARS BOOMS

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

1. Greetings from the 92nd Boom Operators, the great Pacific Northwest, and the land of sky blue waters. As always we're as busy as a one legged man in a butt kicking contest, but then again that's nothing new to tanker folks.

Here's what's going on at Fairchild. We've started flying the Pacific Tanker Express missions again. These are not the good deals they used to be. No ABC in Anchorage, No B-C street in Okinawa, No Shorebird in Waikiki, and No Royal Bag in Osan. Oh well, all good things must end. Now it's Travis - Yokota - Travis - Fairchild. What a deal, huh? This is what we are getting: European TTFs, Turkey TTFs, SWA TTFs, Panama TTFs, way too many ATSO exercises and SIOP generations, and last but not least we've just completed Fairchild's ORI. If you want the skinny on the ORI just give us a ring (hint-those itty bitty bottles of hot sauce in the MREs just don't cut it). Just last week we began the latest craze, The Cockpit Relocation Avionics Program or ARP as it is known to AMC. My question is: without the nav, who'll get the boom's water?

Now it's time for our line up so kick back, catch some corn and grab a barley pop.

CMSGT JACK PATTON - The Chief the number one boom at Fairchild. Assigned to the 92nd for flying. When he's not flying, you'll find him driving his new pickup towing a horse trailer around the country.

SMSGT FRANK PERRY - The 92nd's newest skipper. He came to us via the 98th, became our chief boom, put on senior, gave a bunch of checkrides, deployed for the ORI, and left for the SNCO Academy all in about a month, whew!

MSGT DON RUNDLE - An ex 92nd chief boom. He's up at group DOV with Chief Patton. He came to us from the Great White North to thaw out. When he's not at work you'll find him working on his new place.

MSGT GEORGE MURMAN - Another ex 92nd chief boom. Now working down in the vault at DOX. Now that the ORI is over he'll have a little time to unwind before the next exercise and knowing Fairchild it'll be next week.

MSGT JOHN BEIN - B flt super, always TDY. Certifiable hockey nut. Plays, refs, and talks a good game. He knows what Bo don't know just ask him, he'll tell you.

MSGT ERIK HASS - A flt super, doesn't know whether to stay or go. Taking TAP classes at this time. Still loves those Volkswagens. Recently married, alright Erik.

TSGT GLEN FORWARD - C flt super. Just returned from Turkey, loved being TDY and out of the squadron for a little while. Does a little fishing when he can. MSGT select!!!

TSGT JIM HANDY - Assigned to the 92nd for flying. Works up at wing scheduling and gets us nothing but good deals ha, ha, ha. Does a great job. Better you than me, Jim.

TSGT COLON MILLER - Came to us via the Castle and the 96th. Put him right to work in training flt. Should do an excellent job.

SSGT SPUD MICKLICH - Stan Eval santa claus. Confirmed staff for another year. All these TDYs are cutting into his hunting and fishing time. Always ready to stop what he's doing and BS at a moments notice. Rocky Rollins partner in crime.

SSGT MARK REUTER - Newest Stan Eval guy, since there's already a santa, he's the new hammer. Another boom who came in from the Minot cold to thaw out.

SRA TINA HART - Proud parent of a new baby girl with gorgeous head of hair. Recent CFIC grad. Looking for a class in lawn mower servicing. Now where does the oil go again?

SRA DAN CAVANAUGH - Has anyone seen this guy lately? Bueller, Bueller? Recently married.

SRA BRIAN BRUMBAUGH - How about this guy, anyone seen him? Another member of the low profile club.

SRA ALLEN SMITH - What can we say about Allen? What can't we say about Allen? Had all the girls giggling about his tool belt in Turkey, or was that laughter!!! Will strip for \$26. Who will be the next to fall to Allen's charm? Fred Garvin male prostitute.

SRA BRYAN ADAMS - Bryan, why you so mean to me? Everytime someone mentions Eglin Bryan starts to shake and foams like a mad dog. Cut those purse strings and Bryan is a wild man.

SRA JAMES DICKSON - The resident golf pro. When it rains or he's not too busy, he finds time for a little booming. Recently married, went looking at a Winnebago but bought a little convertible instead. 220, 221 whatever it takes.

A1C PAT PFEIFER - The 92nd's brand new baby boom, he can't wait until we get in a younger boom. Will wrestle for food and beer. Rowdy went to Turkey and it will never be the same, and neither will he. Nice license plate Pat, what does MACH 24 stand for again? And where did you get \$240 worth of puddin'?

That pretty well covers our current line up. Here's a list of our nearly and not so nearly departed.

CMSGT PHIL ZAMAGNE - Retired and became the manager of a Circle K. Decided that wasn't for him and last we heard was trying to get a job with Flight Safety at Altus.

TSGT BRIAN BARKER - Retired, maintained a low profile until the very last. Working in the local area.

SSGT ROCKY PARRISH - Got out and was trying to get a Hazmat job the last we heard.

SSGT PAUL SWANSON - Paul just left Fairchild to be a CCTS instructor at Altus. Should turn out some fine booms. Good luck out there jerky boy! Don't cut that regulator hose!

SGT ERIC CRAIG - He's out, but to where and when nobody knows.

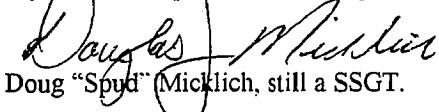
SRA CHRIS BROWN - Chris got out and went back to Oregon to go to school and do a little fishin' and huntin'.

SRA SHERI PAPLHAM - Sheri left active duty and got hired on with the Washington ANG, congrats!  
She hurt her knee and has been limping around for the past few months. Can't wait to get flying again and make some TDY money. Didn't make staff before she left so the guard gave her a little present.

SRA RANDY POLITTE - Left the Air Force and should be back in New Hampshire.

SRA LISA MILLER - Lisa just left Fairchild to be in the TALCE at McGuire. She was the 92nd cargo loading manager before she left, how ironic. Have fun out there Lisa. Coming soon to a C-5 near you.

If you're ever up at Fairchild drop on in there's always a cold beverage waiting.

  
Doug "Spud" Micklich, still a SSGT.

5 July 95

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOVK (CMSgt HARRIS)

FROM: 93 ARS INFLIGHT REFUELING SUPERINTENDENT (SMSgt ZARKOS)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input, 1995

1. **GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS** from the booms of the 93 ARS, the Flying Stallions (formerly the 43 ARS). As I write this we are preparing for a visit from the Inspector General team. They arrive in two weeks. If you don't think our lives haven't been hell for the last several months. Between the TDYs, START alert, and the endless exercises every three weeks, we've been working our tails off. I know, whine and snivel. This ORI will include several wings, including the TALCE from Travis. It is going to be interesting to see how we work together. We've practiced a few times with fair success. We can't wait to get this over with.

2. The 93d has had some losses of personnel in the last few months and it doesn't look to be getting any better in the near future. We hope to get some more baby booms to cover our losses. How about it Scott?! The following is a list of assigned and recently departed booms.

SMSgt Jim Zarkos - Still around. Biding my time. I'll miss the conference in September. I'll be in Montgomery at the SNCO Academy. Oh joy!

MSgt Mike Cooley - Like last summer, want to know where he is? Check the lake. He'll be stowing his boom for good in November. A BIG loss in experience.

MSgt Robin Hendrickson - We finally got him on a 45 day TDY. His wife has been fighting some medical problems. Glad to hear she's doing good now. Keeping Sugden in line in Stan/Eval.

TSgt Jim Sugden - Stan/Eval. Mr. Volleyball. Looking for an assignment to England. Wants to take his wife to some of the castles there. Any special plans for some dark hallway?

TSgt Eric Choker - Our retread gunner. Doing OK. If we can fit it into his schedule we will make him an instructor. A Flight supervisor.

SSgt Jeff Keeton - Snuck out the door in June. Heading for TALCE duty at Travis.

SSgt Rocky "Shoot from the hip" Rollins - Keeps my training flight in tact. Still trying to get him out of the barracks. Pretty soon the youngsters will be calling him daddy. Oh, by the way, how many shots does it take to kill a rattlesnake?



SSgt Bob Boettcher - Made Staff and is getting ready for upgrade. Does instructor training come in a video game?

Sgt Charles Mix - Charles has made the hard decision to separate. Looking at one of the openings in the new guard and reserve units. Good luck Charles. Hope we didn't make life too miserable for you.

SrA Sam "Eight foot" Blackwell - It's ok Sam, you know that s\_\_\_ happens. Sam tried to Palace Chase last January, but was turned down. Now he has to wait until next March. Hope he still has a slot waiting at Pease.

SrA Jeph Richardson - Getting ready to DOS also. Is this a trend? Is anybody out there listening or seeing what is happening? Jeph just about sliced his hand off while whittling. Keep the sharp objects away from him.

SrA Christy Kilmer - Just upgraded to instructor. Her evaluator, Chief Patton didn't have very much to critique. Solid check!

SrA Chris Wilkins - A single dad. How does he do it. I admire his principles for being willing to take on the responsibility. A new instructor this year.

SrA Mike Chan - TDY hound. But not for long. DOS in October with a job in the McGuire KC-10 Guard. Hate to lose him. My best wishes for success.

SrA Phil Dalrymple - Bouncing back well from some messy family matters. If we could only convince him that he's not in trouble whenever we look at him.

SrA Ricky Fried - Has decided that he is also going to get out at the end of his enlistment. Likes the job, but not the (expletive deleted).

SrA Charles Dalton - This is one crazy dude. Volunteered to E and E during a SAR exercise with the Army. He really got into it. Getting better at competitive water skiing. How many buoys?

SrA Travis West - Departed for Special Ops Helicopter Flight Engineer School in May.

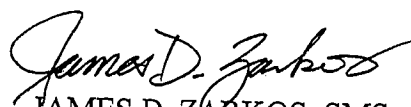
SrA Scott Smith - Got a non-volunteer assignment to McGuire TALCE. Left us in June. You should have seen the scratch marks in the concrete as he was leaving.

SrA Ben Davis - Got caught up in the trade wars. Moved over to the 96th ARS. No future draft choice though.

Amn Jesus Tarango - The latest addition to the 93. Came in while we were all gone away in Sandland. How about that, a Amn Chief Boom. Doing a great job. Wish I had five or six more just like him.

MSgt Jack "Face" Sprague - Now working in wing training, but attached to the 93d for flying. Just bought a new camper. Planning for retirement?

Well that's the 93 ARS. We are slowly getting smaller but I've been told relief is coming. If you are in the area give us a call. My local number is 247-4950 (DSN is 657-4950). If you are in the area around Christmas we are planning to have another of our parties. Like to have you join us. See you around the world. Fly Safe!



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**97th ARS**

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**Greetings** from the 97th ARS - the **GOLD** squadron (don't let our commander hear you call it the yellow squadron!).

We, along with everyone else at Fairchild, have been alive for a little over a year now and have managed to pack quite a lot into our first year. Starting in September we sent crews down south to support Operation Uphold Democracy. With those crews still deployed, we sent the remainder of the squadron to Moron AB, Spain to keep Mr. Hussein at bay. Then 2 weeks after getting everyone back in time for Thanksgiving, we again headed to the peninsula paradise of Southwest Asia and spent a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on a Ridydih ITUD. After our return in mid-January, we caught our breath and plunged into the preparation for this summer's ORI, with lots of ATSO exercises, chem gear training, and tent living. Additionally, in-between exercises, we sent 9 crews to ETTF duty - not quite as profitable since per diem dropped at Mildenhall. We hope to give leave to as many people as possible during the remainder of the summer and hope the world stays relatively calm in the meantime!

Our squadron is in the old bomber alert facility and has been going under extensive renovation for the past nine months, so we have no real Boom Pod right now, but have taken over the Program Manager/First Sergeant's office. We hope to have our own place and all the construction work done by the turn of the century.

Our all instructor Boom force lines up this way:

SMSGT Steve Bacon - **Program Manager/Chief Boom/First Sergeant** - Now that he's a First Sergeant, he's trying to figure out how to get organized - maybe by the turn of the century.

#### **A Flight**

TSgt Rich Kozak (Flight super) - new homeowner and broke - anybody want to buy a boat?  
SSgt Todd (yam boy) Cole - Flight scheduler; also can't wait to go back to Saudi and eat more yams.  
SrA Steve (Skippy) Moser (Ground scheduler)  
SrA Mark Villacis - new instructor, new attitude - coming off a strong checkride.  
SrA Matt Schaffer - (Cargo Load manager) - Wife won't let him out of the house since coming back from Mildenhall.

#### **B Flight**

MSGT Bob Battalia (Flight Super) - Battlestar was named Wing NCO Boom Operator of the year a couple of months back.  
SSgt Tim Clark - just back from CFIC and looking forward to his initial instructor check.  
SSgt Tim Gensheim - (Flight scheduler) - Anybody want to argue?  
SrA Rick Recaido (Ground scheduler)  
SrA Alecia Judd - (Ground scheduler) - again, one of our newest instructors.

#### **C Flight**

MSGT Mike (Hodgie) Hammond (Flight Super) - Loves Saudi drivers!  
SSgt John Curry - still looking for reverse; could also use a new body.  
SSgt Tim Ballentine - Mildenhall page 3 pinup boy  
SrA Eric Prince - Communicates well with others - over the fax that is.  
SrA Todd (McOmlette) Mcpeak - Computer boy, programs all our new HP 200s.

# ***FIGHTIN' WOODPECKERS BOOM SIGNAL 1995***



***Fairchild Air Force Base  
Spokane, Washington***

## **98th Air Refueling Squadron**

### **"FIGHTIN' WOODPECKERS"**

### **Fairchild AFB, WA**

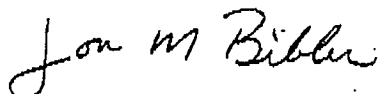
Hello from the beautiful Inland Empire. Yes the summer in Spokane is a wonderful time of year; however, there wasn't enough beach for us, so we spent July, August and a little of September in sunny Saudi Arabia! This was the first ITUD for the 98th and it was a roaring success...NOT ONE DUJ!

We are still a little short on boom manning but the squadron is shaping up nicely. The boom operators in the squadron are staying busy. Although we were not on station for the ORI, we did get to participate in the numerous exercises preparing for it. We did the normal Business Efforts Red Flag, Green Flag, Atlantic/Pacific Expresses, SR-71 training is upcoming, and a springtime return to sandland (SWA again) is already scheduled. We are attempting to give the Mainciacs a run for their money spreading the Woody stickers all over the world. Our conversion to the "T" model is nearing completion. It is a bittersweet event, we are relieved to be flying the big engined jets but we will miss the steam jets. Most of us started our careers in the water wagons. Heating/dumping water on alert, pressing the start switch on the APU and running to the cockpit door to avoid the explosion and "110 seconds of water" will be a fond part of our memories. It has sometimes been a curse to be stuck with the J-57's, we now consider it an honor to be the last brave souls to fly the "Q" model. Keeping all the pubs current is too much fun.

Should your travels bring you to the beautiful northwest and Fairchild, never forget you always have a friend and a cold beer waiting for you. You've got five squadrons to choose from but there is only one where the wood PECKERS hang out.

If you get the urge, or would like to bend an ear, we'd enjoy hearing from you! Our boom shop number is DSN 657-2200, Training Flight x2461, and Mission Planning x2484. Our address is 701 W. Kenney Road, Fairchild AFB, WA 99011.

BOOM STOWED, FLY SAFE .....



JON M. BIBLER, MSgt, USAF  
Program Manager

As you go through the list of WOODY booms, normally you'd expect to see a list of who's new and who's not but we're all new so here is our list of fine aviators.

WOODY 01-MSgt Jon Bibler (SENIOR BOOM)

Jon has a firm hand on the helm. So far he has crafted the booms into an exceptional corps of enlisted aviators! He is very open minded about most things; however, if he ever catches Geoff or Kevin leering at the pictures of his daughters.....DEAD MEAT! Jon came to us from Dyess and brought alot of his merry men & women with him.

WOODY 02-SMSgt Frank Perry (92nd Head Office)

Frank was a first round draft choice to go to the 92nd AREFS after making Senior, where he was thrown into the fray as senior boom for one of the lead units for the ORL. We hated to lose Frank but the 92nd needed a man with a vision for the future, they took Frank anyway. Frank came to Fairchild from the Beale Bandit Bad Lands.

WOODY 03-MSgt Select Vern Harvey (STAN/EVAL)

Vern is the resident training flight chief and keeps looking for the big chair. It was less than one day after Frank pulled up anchor that Vern occupied his desk. (It provided a window seat with a view) Vern made the move from Dyess to Fairchild. He said the Texas sun was ruining his creamy white skin.

WOODY 04-TSgt Mike Crews (STAN/EVAL)

This man has the disposition of a saint. Never gets mad or has a negative comment about anybody.....almost anybody. Mike seems to think jumping out of perfectly good airplanes is a good idea so he took up sky diving. I thought tequila and stair diving was gutsy. Mike is a Dyess transplant.

WOODY 00-SSgt/Lt Ricky Bateman (GONE)

Rick decided to find out if the "Os" put their pants on one leg at a time and OTS seemed to be the best place to do his research. Just think, he could be the next 3P on your crew. He came from Beale and who knows, perhaps Lt Bateman will go back.

WOODY 05-SSgt Randy Crittendon (IB in a KC)

Randy is just a little bit miffed. #1 on the list of guys who get to be Staff Sergeants for another year is a tough place to be .....Hang in there. There's two ITUDs and some time in grade before the next test cycle. Critter ended up at Fairchild as Griffiss went through its' death throws. He's another base closure refugee.

WOODY 06-SSgt Mike McPhee (SCHEDULING)

Mike is our scheduling guru. He has mastered the art of listening intently to an aircraft commander complaint about too little transition and then after carefully weighing the argument replies, "So, stop whining. Do I look like I give a [CENSORED]". Mike came from Beale in the "Rush of 94".....What a ride!

**WOODY 07-SSgt Geoffrey Potter (CLT)**

Geoff is the man with the plan....The LOAD plan that is. He's been doing a super job as CLT manager for the 98th and pretty much the whole wing. We'd like to find him a home back in the squadron but until some of the old heads retire, die, move on, etc.; He's stuck. Geoff used to hang his hat in Bandit land and chase California beach bunnies. Now he's learned to two step, pronounce Cour D' Alene and is looking for a good woman with a boat and motor!

**WOODY 08-SSgt Duane Reid (IB in a KC)**

Our newest instructor is asking every non instructor to fly with him, so he can marvel them with all that CFIC stuff and log some instructor time. Circumstances have been working against Duane. We expect great things from Duane. If Duane could log instructor hours from his fishing boat he'd have more hours than Vern. Duane has said the fishing in Washington is much better than around Beale because all he caught there was carp or crap or something like that.

**WOODY 09-SSgt Joe Riener (STAN/EVAL)**

The man works hard, but he's got to learn that we are not CCTS students. Joe's only disappointment is that he didn't get Franks desk, and now the only view he has is of Vern. He says it's not too bad though because Vern is rarely there! Joe was a first round draft pick out of CCTS when Castle closed. He's much closer to home now. I guess he missed his mommy.

**WOODY 10-SSgt Dan Whetzle (Wing Scheduling)**

Dan has made a name for himself in the wing. So much so that his schedules are known as Whetzle weeks. This can be anything from excellent to erratic, but you'll never be bored when working with Dan. Apparently he crawled out from under a rock at Dyess and found his way to Spokane.

**WOODY 11-Sgt Robin "Chili" Delorenzo (MB)**

Chili has handled a baby, ALS, an ITUD, finished her degree and did a stint in scheduling in a short space of time. The stress delivers a proportionate amount of complaining, but she is a much better NCO and boomer as a result of her efforts. Chili is one of the last of the Sgts that this Air Force will ever see. She used to be a Dyess Damsel but now she's a Woody Woman!

**WOODY 12-SrA Ted Buit (MB)**

Ted has elected to enter into the sacred and always blissful bond of matrimony.....Sure, and we have some ocean front property in Arizona to sell him. Seriously though, we wish Ted all the happiness and luck in the world. Ted learned real fast that chasing women in the northwest is different than it was at Griffiss. Here they slow down, to let you gain ground, until THEY CATCH YOU!

**WOODY 13-SrA Dave Padilla (JB in a KC)**

Papa Dave has added the pitter patter of a newborn baby boom. Currently though the baby isn't old enough to do primary boom duties but the commander said with a little less drooling he could be a third pilot. Dave is one of a kind, he does it all, without somebody asking him. Dave is another Texas transplant.

**WOODY 14-SrA Chris Sellars (MB)**

Chris is planning on a PCS (Permanent Civilian Status) in the latter part of the year. Something about the California wine country around Beale is dragging him back. We wish him all the best in the land of fruits and nuts or where ever his new life takes him.

**WOODY 15-A1C Lorenzo Herman (MB)**

Lorenzo came to us via the BMT fast track. He's learning the ropes in min time, and has already figured out the Fairchild creed. "Roses are red and violets are blue, if your an airman then ATSOs for you!" Lorenzo's first ITUD was an eye opener, he jumped in with both feet. His learning curve is about vertical but watch out when he's done. Attitude is every thing .

**WOODY 16-A1C Kevin Locascio(MB)**

Kevin is very experienced for a young boom operator. Just off hand, and from the stories he tells, I'd guess he has about 10,000 hours. I don't know how you get that much experience in 18 months, but he can't be making it up.....can he? He's a recent graduate from the Air Forces Happy Happy Joy Joy basic training club. The CCTS boys did a great job with Kevin, he's a keeper, we are glad we got him. He's got more BS than a stockyard.



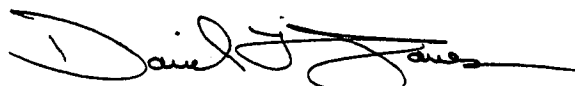
MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

18 Aug 95

FROM: 97 OG

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

1. Greetings to all Boom Operators past, present, and future. It's a genuine pleasure to have the opportunity to write this letter as the Functional Manager/Wing Boom Operator at Altus. Let me say that I am very excited to be at the school house. This place is full of enthusiasm, from the line instructors to all the staff Boom Operators in the Wing. I experienced a huge reception from all the Boom Operators in the Wing which got me off to a great start. The camaraderie and tradition is still alive and well. As I write this letter I'm still absorbing all the information that applies to a training wing. I must admit, however, that AETC is different from any command I have ever been in. Seems like they still have a lot to learn about training and operations in the KC-135. But, I see that as a challenge and look forward to stirring the pot.
2. Let me say to all of the Program Managers out there, this wing will give you a quality product. If you are not satisfied with the Boom Operator you get from us, let me know. We always welcome feedback. Don't forget to let us know how good your new Boom Operator is also...I'd like to pass that on to his or her CCTS instructor. Speaking of CCTS instructors, we are still accepting volunteer packages from highly qualified, highly motivated, and eager to excel instructors. If you want a stable environment with the opportunity to diversify your career, broaden your knowledge, and experience the job satisfaction of molding a person into a Boom Operator, consider this extremely satisfying special duty.
3. We are getting some interest from the higher echelons in the Wing concerning the Boom Symposium. While parking and billeting accommodations are limited, it's not unmanageable. There is a good chance that we may be able to bring the symposium back to CCTS in the future. We will have to finesse this, but I think we will get support from the folks who count. Thanks to CMSgt Tim Powers' superb leadership, Boom Operators are now a respected commodity in this Wing. They always do seem to stand-out and make things happen when others fail.
4. I look forward to hearing from the units on a regular basis. Please give me a call anytime at DSN 866-5897 or at home, 842-0135. See ya!



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17 Aug 95

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 55 ARS/DOB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

1. This letter contains Boom Signal inputs from the CCTS Schoolhouse--the 55th Air Refueling Squadron.
2. Greetings from your new CCTS squadron at Altus AFB, Oklahoma. What a year we have had. We stood the squadron up on 10 October 94 while we taught small classes at both Castle and Altus. By April, we were up and running full speed in Oklahoma and Castle didn't have an aircraft on the ramp. Bummer. But, the boom's here did a great job modifying the syllabus and procedures for Altus, developing local policies and guidelines and working together to teach one another.
3. Teaching each other was important. We took 40 percent of the instructors from Castle to Altus, kept 14 who were stationed at Altus in the operational squadrons, and recruited several from each AMC base. Then we took these different groups and made them into one--the new CCTS. We taught ground training courses, conducted field trips, updated the syllabus, conducted over-the-shoulder flights, and prepared for students. Then, barely 90 days after stand-up, the AETC IG arrived accompanied by Chief Dave Sharpe, Chief Roy Schufft, and SMSgt Mike Wetzel. "We're just here to help." The boom shop, as you would expect, captured every "commendable" rating in our squadron. In any case, by April we were on track, up to speed, and ready for students.
4. Today, boom classes are completely full of bright, hard-working student boom operators who keep everyone busy and make everyone happy. We've condensed the course to seven flights and a check and so far its worked out. We seem to have more flexibility to recover lost training at Altus than we had at Castle and are able to fly students two days in a row if necessary to recover or conduct additional training. We're pretty happy with the status of training at Altus and hope to hear your thoughts and ideas. We made some changes to our methods and have made over-the-shoulder flights by supervisors a normal part of life. Changes include:
  - a. Manual Form F's--Since some use the HP-41, some use the HP-200, and others use Sharp calculators, we worked with Chief Harris and determined the least common denominator to be manual calculations. So that's what students will know when they arrive. And boy can they do a manual Form F quickly!

b. Pubs Bags--We determined that putting pubs bags in the troop seats may be OK in the field but it didn't teach a student much. So we teach the students to tie down pubs bags on the floor and learn how to use straps in different conditions. Students learn it well.

c. Main Gear Down Locks - The Dash One says to put these in a down lock holder on the forward bulkhead or tie them to the floor. (1-244) That's what we teach. We don't allow them under the galley.

d. Disconnect--After disconnect, we teach the students to not raise the boom any more than 14 degrees or so (that's where you lose sight of it) except to avoid contacting the receiver. This gives them a target so they can see both the receiver and the boom simultaneously and keeps them from pulling up so hard they hit the bottom of the aircraft. (Yes, it happened.)

e. Retraction--When in manual retract or when a student misses on a contact attempt, we teach to retract the boom to the stops. This technique eliminates whipping action caused by an extended boom in any abnormal condition and reduces the chance of damage. (Happened.)

5. AETC is still paying 100% of the cost of getting CCAF degrees for CCTS instructors. Everything is paid for: books, fees, tuition, parking, everything. In fact, two of our booms are going to school full time to complete their degree. Good deal. We're about 90% CCAF complete thanks to SMSgt Greg Durand and SSgt Joe Reed.

6. We keep current in the mobility business by going on roller runs and participating in exercises. SSgt Steve Schlinkert and SSgt Red Paullet are currently in Turkey teaching Turks the KC-135 business. The Turkish students completed initial qualification here and then their instructors took them to Turkey for six months of CCTS continuation/local orientation. Red and Steve will be replaced in October by MSgt Dalton Pratt and SSgt Dean Pickering. It's a tough life.

7. CCTS instructors continue the tradition of Castle with a strong boom union. We retired Dean Bakken in a ceremony that stunned the airlifters. Then we began a Boom Operator Liberation Army (BOLA) no-notice program and hospitality check for Altus Boom Operators and their families. Several BOLA's have been completed and many EQ's have been awarded. Then we held the first ever Boom Operator Combat Dining-In, the results of which are highly classified. We did, however, dub the C-5 CCTS the "Dumbo Squadron" that evening. They like to say that Altus is Jumbo Country. We asked them to tell us when their Mission Capable rate is over 40 percent. Dumbo Country. We recently renewed the Baby Boom wing pin-on ceremony after academics and immerse the students in boom operator traditions from the very beginning.

8. We'd like to acknowledge and publicly congratulate all Altus booms who were promoted this year.

**SMSgt**

Dan Mongeon  
Greg Durand

**MSgt**

Steve Tuttle

**TSgt**

Lonny Hall  
Fred Malone

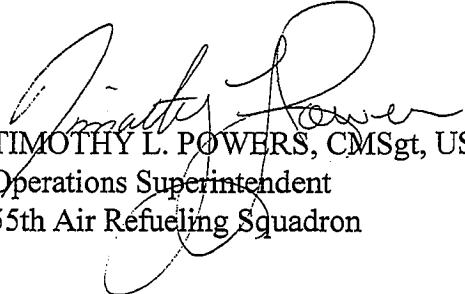
**SSgt**

Chris Reiger  
Frank Acosta  
Frank Antonson  
Tony Edwards  
Presley Lewis

CCTS is a stable environment and a great place to study for promotions. Plus, you teach all the testable data to students. For you senior NCOs, we made two Seniors out of five in our field.....

9. Thanks to Chief Bakken for his leadership in CCTS at Castle. Boy do we miss him. Thanks to Chief Harris and MSgt Heineman for their help during the move. Everyone got exactly what they wanted for assignments out of Castle. We really appreciate it.

10. Finally, our goal is to teach your students right EVERY TIME. If you see something you don't like, pick up the phone and call. We'll give you exactly what you want. Stop by and see your new CCTS if you are in the area. Our phone number in the Boom Shop is 866-7940 or 866-7712.



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55th Air Refueling Squadron

# Altus Boom Operators

97th Operations Group Ops Superintendent - Chief Jones

97th Operations Group OGV - MSgt Sletten

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## 55 ARS

Chief Boom - CMSgt Powers

A/R Program Manager - MSgt Hackett

### Training Flight

### Stan/Eval

### Scheduling

SSgt Schlinkert  
TSgt Hall

MSgt Pratt  
TSgt Cole  
SSgt F. Nicholson  
SSgt Routheau  
SSgt Crowe

TSgt Moore  
SSgt Blaisse  
SSgt Clauss  
SSgt Greene  
SSgt Paullet

### A Flight

### B Flight

### C Flight

### D Flight

TSgt Arthurton  
SrA Coleman  
SSgt Rieger  
SSgt Izumi  
SSgt Weaver  
SSgt Elliott

MSgt Surovy  
SSgt Swanson  
SrA Quenga  
SSgt Edwards  
SSgt Clark  
SSgt Eustis

TSgt Diaz  
SSgt Cox  
SSgt King  
SSgt Burney  
SSgt Kennedy  
SSgt Pickering  
SSgt Acosta

TSgt Adcock  
SSgt Barthlow  
SrA Keller  
SrA Smith, R.  
SSgt Anderson M.  
SSgt Burns  
SrA MacDonald  
SSgt Lewis

### E Flight

TSgt Salzman

SSgt Selvidge

SSgt Doane  
SSgt Antonson  
SSgt Wallace  
SSgt Brown-Davis

Outbound:

Inbound:

Swanson - Fairchild - Aug ('B' Flight)  
Cox - Grand Forks - 10 Sep  
Selvidge - Sheppard - 31 Oct  
Rice - Robins - 30 Nov  
Eyre - Kadena - 31 Dec  
Templeton - Offutt - 30 Jan

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## CFIC

Chief Boom - SMSgt Mongeon

A Flight

B Flight

C Flight

**TSgt Stern**

**TSgt Adams**

**TSgt Katus**

SSgt Hill

SSgt Ringler

SSgt Tobola - Stan/Eval

SSgt T. Nicholson

TSgt Recuero

SSgt Reed

SSgt Robinson

SSgt Chambers - Training Flight

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## 97 OSS

DOT

DOU

DOOS

SMSgt Durand

MSgt Reuter

MSgt Thomas

MSgt Tuttle

SSgt Strobach

TSgt Hamman

MSgt Repp\*

DOT = Course Mgt

(quotas, flow, students)

DOU = Course Mgt (content)

DOOS = Scheduling

\* MSgt Repp assigned to OSS and working in Wing/XP

## AMC DOU

Contract Administrators

TSgt Katus (15 Oct 95)

MSgt Ablay

MSgt John Harris

## GROUP/SQ STAFF

**CMSgt Dan Jones:** Chief Jones just arrived from Kadena, and had a wonderful time at the BOLA Combat Dining In that the booms here did for him. Ask him about the wet biscuits and the carrier landings.

**CMSgt Tim Powers--55 ARS Chief Boom/Ops Superintendent:** Chief Powers is the man responsible for maintaining the 55th Boom Program. His greatest pleasure is letting the local T-tail Mafia know who is boss.

**MSgt Rick (Hack Daddy) Hackett -- 55 ARS Program Manager:** Rick was recently moved from Stan/Eval to assist the Chief Boom. He is still learning the difference between technique and procedure.

**MSgt Bob (The Durbinator) Durbin -- TDY Hired Gun:** Bob just couldn't get enough of the CCTS life at Castle, so he came down here TDY to get a taste of the hot weather and fly a little more. Bob's first mission in life was to retrieve the Boom dart board from Stan/Eval and put it back into the Boom Shop where it belongs.

**MSgt Mark Sletten:** Marks been out at CEIC for most of his time here. He just got hired on as an OGV evaluator.

## A FLIGHT

**MSgt (SEL) Steve Tuttle-- A Flight Superintendent:** Tuttle finally made Master. He used to walk down the hall muttering, "Retire, don't retire, retire, don't retire."

**SSgt Nick (Stealth Boom) Burney:** When Nick moved to Altus, he promptly bought a house and proceeded to gut it. He spends much of his time there and every once in a while he puts a student through. All kidding aside, Nick's a good instructor and you can etch that in glass.

**SrA Dave Coleman:** Dave recently graduated from ALS. Dave, a Tiptonite, makes sure that all of his many vehicles run, that fishing is accomplished in a timely manner, and the TV is tuned to NASCAR racing.

**SSgt Gary Elliot:** Gary, "hey can you fly for me my wife's having a baby", is circling impatiently at the ARCP waiting for CINC-wife to offload the next boom operator trainee. Gary is now working on his third student and his bachelor's degree.

**SSgt Clay Izumi:** The quiet one. Clay's put through two students and is busy building his OTS package. I think after a year at CCTS, he's come to the realization that with the right amount of shock treatment and a scooby snack, anyone can fly! Good luck!!!

**SSgt (SEL) Chris Rieger:** Another member of the Tipton Army, Chris enjoys being a pappa, working with his third student, and keeping the local Barney Fife wanna be busy at his many parties.

**SSgt Charlie Weaver:** The Master Stealth Boom, when he is not working on someone's car, he is watching the Dallas Cowboys and wishing he could play.

### **B FLIGHT**

**MSgt Joe Surovy--Superintendent:** Joe came over from the Gucci KC-10 world back to the world of the working man. Joe became a flight superintendent and put through half a student. Joe is a Conan the Barbarian look alike and believes in the more weight the better.

**SSgt Brett (Shut-up) Clark:** Brett's mouth is as loud as ever. Brett is missing the little part in the brain that does not allow the mouth to open until it the brain has time to think. Brett is a top-notch instructor and proves it by getting his students out quicker than the rest of us.

**SSgt (SEL) Tony (Tex, Gumby) Edwards:** Congratulations also go out to Tony for making staff. He is our resident Kato Kaelin, always mooching a free dinner or something off of someone! Got himself a fiancée and plans to get married whenever he's got the time.

**SSgt James Eustis:** The other quiet guy. Comes to work, puts out good students, goes home. He definitely needs to get a job so we can rag on him about something.

**TSgt (SEL) Lonnie Hall:** Lonnie made Tech, and was immediately moved into training flight. Lonnie is currently working on his bachelor's degree, and has the dubious honor of keeping up with those who have not finished their associate's degree.

**SrA Lance (Laaaannnccee!) Quenga:** Part three of the Tiptonite Army. Lance is currently working on his third student and his degree.



## C FLIGHT

**TSgt Elmo Diaz—Superintendent:** Elmo came in from Minot and got himself promoted to flight superintendent. He's done just about everything the military has to offer. He too bought a house and then tore it down. He's started the Bob Villa club and can be looked upon to help out with just about any fixer upper.

**SSgt (SEL) Frank Acosta:** Frank's become one of the CCTS veterans and has put through a small army of students. He too has decided to improve his lot in life, and is trying to get a warrant officer position in the Army flying helicopters. Next time you talk to him beat on your chest, he loves that.

**SSgt Paul Greene:** Paul, an old CCTS Gunner, finally got a student and did a superb job with him. He did so good they moved him over to the wonderful world of scheduling. He loves that!

**SSgt Marvin (Roggy) Kennedy:** Roggy is the keeper of the HP 200s and the main violator of the 18 inch personal zone. Don't get him started on anything that you don't have 15 minutes to stand and listen to.

**SSgt Tim King:** Tim is one of the local NASCAR fans, so one can always expect a Dale Earnhardt conversation going on when he's in the room. Tim's busy putting through students, keeping up with our Cargo Loading program, and going to school at night.

**SSgt Dean (Oh God, the gear is gone) Pickering:** Dean was another who moved from the Gucci world back into our own. And, as you all know, heroically saved the airplane when it's left main truck fell off after a touch and go. He's put through a few studs, however, they're kind of scared when he says, "Don't touch that switch or the gear will fall off".

**SSgt Dave Robinson:** Dave got himself a job out at CFIC. Of course now there is no living with him. Believe it or not, he's mellowed out slightly. We think this has alot to do with his new love.

**SSgt Steve Schlinkert:** Steve just got finished with a Turkish student (and had lots of fun). This is the first time I've heard Steve use complete sentences and make any attempt to speak coherently. They liked him so much they sent him to Turkey to teach the rest of them.

## D FLIGHT

**TSgt Thomas (Rip) Adcock--Superintendent:** Hey, don't bother me, I'm retiring! Rip is currently having fun being a flight superintendent. He hopes to get a job over at Flight Safety when he gets out.

**SSgt Mark Anderson:** Mark finally got his first student and couldn't be happier. They say surgery will remove the smile.

**SSgt Brian Barthlow:** Brian's got time in just about every airframe in the Air Force inventory, or so he says. Brian's a good instructor who hasn't figured out what he wants to do when he grows up.

**SSgt Jerry Burns:** Jerry would like to finish his second student, but doesn't know how to keep him from going DNIF! Anyone wanting to know the definition of an "uncontrollable boom", see Jerry after two beers.

**SrA Dave (Don't call me DOOGIE) Keller:** Dave finally got to put through a student, and did a good job! When your student goes on his checkride, there's a certain amount of anxiety from the instructor. Doogie had to be sedated!! Please don't get him or Peeper started on the Braves.

**SrA Rod (Rowdy) Smith:** Rod is still waiting on his first student at Altus, and if it wasn't for all the FNGs, he would've had one. Rod likes the country life, he has a house in El Dorado and likes the hour drive into work. What people will do not to live in Hooterville.

## E FLIGHT

**TSgt Todd Salzman--Superintendent:** On his second tour as a super. Can be heard saying "why do I get all the voo doo children" while sacrificing chickens and goats in front of the aircraft in the hopes that his instructors will get a training sortie.

**SSgt (SEL) Frank (Sasquatch) Antonsen:** Frank is currently learning how to love life being married, an instructor, and a daddy. Anything you want to know about the jet, ask Frank; he knows everything! Now all I've got to do is get him out of the VFW.

**SSgt Pat Brown-Davis:** Pat had a challenge on her last student line. She was lucky enough to get Chief Dan Jones' son. Hey, no pressure. Pat's kind of got the reputation as a hard nose in the pod. Next time you hear a Gassr call sign, listen up for Pat, she'll probably yelling at her student to disconnect.

**SSgt Troy Doane:** Troy has finished with his first student and was working on his second. However, he didn't get to finish because of chronic airsickness. Troy's seen, smelled and cleaned up more puke than any boom in the field. I'd bet money.

**SSgt (SEL) Presley (Ray, Elvis) Lewis:** Once again, congratulations to another new staff. Ray's put through 3 students with the last getting an EQ (there Ray, I put it in). One of the E Flight Voo Doo Children, he's got more time on transition only sorties than anyone. He is also a NASCAR fanatic, he would have Jeff Gordon's baby if he could.

**SrA Butch MacDonald:** Butch is another recent ALS graduate. His wife recently had their second child. If you listen closely, you can hear him scream. "Oh God, Why me?!!?"

**SSgt Mike Routheau:** Mike barely missed Tech this time around. He can be seen scurrying down the hall with two (2) awards packages that were "lost" by our MPF brothers and sisters. He's our fix all instructor. Just when you think they're hopeless, give them to Mike.

**SSgt Paul Wallace:** Just completed his second student line and did a great job! Paul knows a little bit about everything. He's the guy you want on your team while playing "trivial" pursuit. Now if I can just get him to stop trying to teach his student the A/R schematic on S-1.

### SPARES

**MSgt Jeff Reuter:** Jeff has won more awards than Sergeant York. He was named the AETC Instructor of the Year. (Which makes the second year a CCTS boom has won it, and that really pisses off our T-tail brethren) Jeff's job now is to write the new Boom Operator CDC's. Remember the name J-e-f-f R-e-u-t-e-r.

### TRAINING FLIGHT

**SSgt (BIG) Joe Reed:** Joe will not be with us very much longer, he's got a new job (and a bigger head) with CFIC. Still wants to know where all the girls hang out here in Altus. Can I come over to your house for supper?

**SSgt David (Red) Pullet:** Red was another instructor for the Turkish students. He too went to Turkey to help setup their squadron. It was a tough assignment. He was stuck in Mildenhall for two weeks off base, living at the Bird-in-Hand. Oh, the things we do for our country. Headed for scheduling when he returns from Turkey

## STAN/EVAL

**MSgt Dalton (Gunner) Pratt:** Dalton was recently moved into Stan/Eval from being the C Flight Superintendent. As soon as he got there, he went on leave to go fishing and then TDY. You too can work at CCTS and suffer..

**TSgt Merv (Ernie D.) Artherton:** A new addition to Stan/Eval, moved from CFIC to join us. If you have a question about an associated directive, ask Merv. He's a walking AFI. Personally, I think he makes most of it up, but that's just because I can't find it.

**TSgt Eddie Cole:** Eddie thinks that he knows how to throw darts, but is humbled each day by the likes of Rieger and Coleman. Hey, Eddie, are you off DNIF yet?

**SSgt Fran Nicholson:** Fran was recently chosen to speak to a Woman's Group about unusual jobs in the Air Force. All the students want Santa for their evaluator, although Fran swears she's not it.

**SSgt Ken (Peeper) Crowe:** Stan/Eval's newest addition, he can't wait to give his first checkride. BEWARE! You wanna piss him off, tell him the Braves suck!

## DOT-SCHEDULING

**MSgt Fred Thomas:** Fred is leaving us for the relaxing world of retirement. Still tries to get on flights with students so that he doesn't have to work.

**TSgt W.T. Moore:** Carries his backpack to and fro. W.T. has everything in there, including the reg that states he can carry his backpack.

**TSgt Brad Hamann:** Master of all that is scheduling, including cellular phones?

**SSgt Phil Blaisse:** Phil bought a new truck when he arrived here, only to get a new paint job when he went to Animals in the Woods.

**SSgt John Clauss:** Johnny is enjoying single life again. He even has the proverbial "bachelor pad" right north of the runway.

## DOU

**SSgt Ron (Pit Bull) Strobach:** Ron is over at the OSS working student issues. Are you guys going to lunch, yet?



## DET 2, AMCAOS/DOUC

**MSgt Tim Ablay:** Tim is only attached to us for flying purposes only, his primary purpose in life is to make sure everybody's life is hell. He only comes over when he wants something.

**MSgt John Harris:** Here is another guy we never see unless we don't want to. John will call when there is some housework to be done, or he wants to go fishing...

## 97 WING XP

**MSgt Dan Repp:** Dan was recently moved from CFIC over to this job. We hear that he really misses us and wants to come home, even if he has to work scheduling.

## INBOUNDS

SSgt Dave Cox, Grand Forks  
SSgt Paul Swanson, Fairchild  
SSgt Ben Selvidge, EAUC  
SSgt Tom Rice, Robins  
SSgt Craig Eyre, Kadena  
SrA Doug Templeton, Offutt

Well, That is it for another year here at beautiful Altus by the sea! We have a great organization down here, a lot of outstanding boom functions, and the first ever Boom Operators Liberation Army (BOLA), so if you want to come...submit a package. Until then, we'll see 'ya on the radios! Take care, and call us if you have any questions @ DSN 866-7940.

  
DAVID M. KELLER, SrA, USAF  
CCTS Instructor Boom Operator

**BOLA RULES! SAC LIVES!**

Sep 95

MEMORANDUM FOR AMC/XOVK (CMSgt Harris)

FROM: 97 TRS (CFIC)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Inputs

1. Another year has passed and time for Signal inputs again. CFIC has had a plethora of personnel changes since last year, all to the benefit of the Air Force, the MAJCOMs and our career field. "Old Wood" that has departed include:

**Greg Conrad:** Greg left for the lofty airs of Scott AFB, he was the backbone of the program here, and his expertise in all areas of the job are sorely missed. "Fish On"

**Dan Repp:** Red Pen Repp is now working with the 97 AMW airlifters on wing plans. Dan, why didn't you sound the siren during the last tornado?

**John Harris:** Big Talk is one of the AMC contractor deputy dogs. He was last seen with his nose (and his stripes) pointing toward McConnell.

**Mark Sletten:** Mark is now the 97 OGV Stan/Eval boom. We often see him with his tail dragging, muttering something like "airlifters, airlifters, airlifters ..."

**Merv Arthurton:** Merv donned a red hat and a white beard for the 55th DOV.

**Quinn Janke:** What can anyone say about the Quinn? I understand that with some luck, he'll have Bud Naylor up to standards in about six months.

2. We had to replace all those guys and add a few more as expansion here at Altus continues. Our current crew force include old vets and "New Wood". The folks now training your instructor force include:

**Me:** I'm new "Old Wood" or old "New Wood" or ...whatever. I returned to the land of training and jumped at the chance to head CFIC. Glad there's good booms here to cover my ass, but Remember guys, It's not good to make the boss look dumb!

**Beve Katus:** Beve had a slot with the 10 guys...then the drugs wore off! Beve is part and parcel of the corporate knowledge around here, we couldn't operate without him.

**Mike Adams:** Our training Guru, the Indian has all the answers and will tell you if you ask.

**Scott Stern:** "HARDCHARGER" Scott too has all the answers, and will tell you whether you ask or not. Assistant First Squirt (AKA Barney Fife with one bullet).

**Jim Recuero:** One of our shining stars. Jim is now a flight super, and will have the hardest job in the squadron...writing Tebos EPR.

**Fred Malone:** One of our newest booms and our newest Tsgt. Maybe someday, since he flies with us, lives with us, and trains with us, he'll be assigned to us.

**Gordo Ringler:** Mr. Vice. The family legacy lives on.

**Bob Chambers:** Computers, computers, computers. What can you say about Bob but computers, computers, computers.

**George Tebola:** Tebo! Our man in Stan/Eval. The light is always burning at Georges' desk, night after night. Course Tebo isn't there, he just forgets to turn it off on his way out to the club.


**James Hill:** James is our head chef at all the boom outings, his cooking can't be beat. And he's always happy to roast a few candidates too!

**Tony Nicholson:** Tony is the proud owner of a new house. Or does it own him?

**Joe Reed:** Big Joe, our next to latest addition. Joe thought leaving the 55th training flight would reduce his workload... "and then reality set in"

**Dave Robinson:** Our latest and shiniest boom. The candidates will work that shine off him, and leave a crusty CFIC boom. The Mayor of Duke, Oklahoma.

3. We would like to remind all the unit folks involved with pre-CFIC training, from program managers on down, the better the preparation you give your candidate selections, the better the product we'll give you. If we can be of any assistance to anyone, or you are just passing through Altus, give us a call, DSN 866-7311.



Dan Mongeon SMSgt, USAF  
97 TRS Operations Superintendent

# FlightSafety

SERVICES CORPORATION

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TO: HQ AMC/XOVK

FROM: FlightSafety Services Corporation

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

DATE: August 10, 1995

Greetings from where it all STILL begins! This past year has been one of turmoil, excitement, leaving old friends, meeting new friends and adjusting to a very different part of the world. We have completed our move to Altus and believe me we were as surprised as anyone when the BOPTTs rolled into town completely disassembled on the back of a flat bed truck with little or no instructions on how to put them back into working order. Through the miracle of modern technology and a lot of *corporate knowledge* they were up and running in only one month. Speaking of the BOPTT, a trade study has been completed that recommends a complete refurbishing of the BOPTT to include an upgrade of visual and computer systems.

Many new changes have happened since our last input to the *BOOM SIGNAL*. The major change, which is most obvious, was the move from Castle to Altus. This not only involved a lot of effort and coordination, but also caused the loss of training for three entire classes. We still managed to put out 74 new Boomers since last August.

The Air Force was scheduled to break ground this summer on our new state-of-the-art building, but like most projects the money was not available and had to be postponed until next year. The new facility will include all training under one roof (including simulators and BOPTTs). It will be over 64,000 square feet (compare this to the 15,000 square feet that was available at the Castle school house) of the most up to date equipment and material available. We are eagerly looking forward to enhancing our training program.

While on the subject of new, let me take this opportunity to introduce our current staff of Boom Operator instructors including two new hires.

Mr Bill Baker

Former Active Duty



Mr Terry Daffern  
Mr George Dion  
Mr David "Chico" Gallegos  
Mr Roger Gossett  
Mr Jim Parrish  
Mr Rick Raprager  
Mr Jim Reese (New Guy)  
Mr Marty Sabourin  
Mr Gene Thomason  
Mr Greg Wheeler  
Mr Sam Wilson  
Mr Phil Zamagne (Real New Guy)  
Mr Harvey Price

Retired MSgt  
Retired MSgt  
Retired SSgt  
Retired MSgt  
Retired SMSgt  
Retired TSgt  
Retired CMSgt  
Retired MSgt  
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Retired SMSgt

These folks represent over 250 years of flying experience including 75,000 flying hours and 30,000 instructor hours.

The current proposal from our customer (the Air Force) is to conduct cargo loading training to the qualification level. This will include a complete course of academics and hands on training with a full size cargo loading trainer that is currently being procured from Davis Monthan AFB. In the interim the 97 AMW has agreed to provide us with an aircraft to conduct this training. We are excited about this new training and feel the Air Force will benefit greatly from a Boom Operator that is completely cargo qualified as he/she arrives at their new duty location.

Well, this is a little long and I've tried to keep it brief, but with all the new changes taking place I would like to keep everyone informed as much as possible. We may be in a new location but the tradition as always remains - stop by the school house "Boom Shop" and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee. We thoroughly enjoy being associated with the Air Force Team and sharing in the proud heritage of the Boom Operator.

  
Harvey Price

Chief Boom Operator  
FlightSafety Services Corporation



**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS**

**FROM: The MAINEiacs**

**SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL INPUT**

1. Greetings to all BOOM OPERATORS around the world from the MAINEiacs.
2. Here at Bangor our role in the Northeast Tanker Task Force is growing. We have become a 24 hour, 7 day a week operation. The Ops tempo as driven by the TTF, local air refueling requests, world wide air refueling and airlift tasking, ORI deployment, ATSO training deployments and a two week unit deployment to Mildenhall with five aircraft has us stretched very thin. We have two of Alaska's E- Models from their conversion to R-Models. This brings us up to 12 of our own tankers on the ramp. 48.6 % of our sorties flown between 1 Jan 95 and 31 May 95 required two booms. Coupled with seemingly endless new training requirements, the work load on our booms is tremendous. The traditional guardsman Booms have taken on a heavy schedule. We have no full time available tradition guardsman. 100% of them have full time civilian employment at this time. The technician/AGR force has the proverbial "full plate" plus they are stepping up to fill short notice taskings and cancellations. I am very fortunate to have a highly motivated boom shop which is still "covering the checks that the brave new AMC world is writing". I am immensely proud of the manner in which they have responded, but I can not expect them to maintain this level of participation long term. The Boom crew ratio problem simply has to be addressed and satisfactorily resolved .
3. Please stop by the Boom shop to say "Hi" when you are passing through or TDY at Bangor. We can fix most problems you may have (excluding financial and love life) . We can provide directions and transportation to a quick bite to eat if you're just passing through. We can provide local area maps with routes to your favorite activities highlighted for those who are TDY here. Ask me about Governors, huge amounts of food at enlisted per diem prices. (You will get the full per diem rate at Bangor but maybe can use the savings at the next stop if you are on base.) Occasionally we may be able to break free to help solve the world's problems over lunch.
4. We look forward to meeting those we haven't yet had the pleasure to meet and saying hello again to old friends both here at Bangor and on the road.
5. FLY SAFE!!

STAN HUNTER, CMSgt, MeANG  
Inflight Refueling Program Manager

**CMS STANTON W. HUNTER "STAN"** - The new Chief Boom Technician. 22 months to departure day for the circumnavigation. Maintains an air of professionalism, but is living proof that you can survive a checkered past. Visibly winces when crews TDY at Bangor see him and say "I remember you!"

**CMS GLENN M. PREWITT "GLENN"** - Retired as a technician for the green (\$\$\$). Pastures on full-time available non-technician status. Getting so many days that he can't use his sailboat. Says he's staying on because he can't bear the thought of giving up Chemical Defense Ensembles.

**SMS MYRON E. REYNOLDS "SONNY"** - Stan Eval Technician Boom. Still our computer whiz in Ops but with all our new computers we're able to challenge his ability to keep them all healthy. His Golf School and Training Center are very successful. Worth the loss when you golf with him just to watch his ball crushing drives (and he knows where they're going!)

**MSG ARTHUR M. STEVENS "ART"** - Still the only crewmember in the Squadron who won't fit through the pilots sliding window. With a running start he could probably make his own exit anywhere he wants. Our only boom who requires shoring to walk to the pod!

**MSG JOSEPH F. GIFFORD "JOE-FRED"** - Still not drinking firewater thus staying at 5'2". Boasts that he can reach the flow divider valve while standing flat footed on the crew chief's table. Owns and operates a Flight Instruction School.

**MSG CHARLES F. HALSTED "CHUCKLES"** - Our newest Technician Boom. Just left a very successful and respected career as a television producer to become a technician boom. Obviously a social climber! Will be started on small tasks to unlearn his talent of making a major production of things.

**MSG THOMAS M. JONES "BEACON"** - AGR Evaluator Boom. Northeast Tanker Task Force at Bangor NCOIC. Out eldest boom. One of two booms who can plan, produce all flight plans & charts, etc., brief and execute a Coronet move without supervision. We are very proud of Tom. We also don't let him forget a bad day during his initial qual training 18 years ago, as evidenced by his nickname.

**MSG PETER A. LERETTE "PETE"** - Marine and retired State Trooper. Keeps the rest of us from being called right wing. Volunteered to the Squadron Commander to administer cannings to wayward aircrews. If you need something done, tell Pete, and then stand back.

**MSG JAMES M. PURCELL "MIKE"** - AGR Boom working in Scheduling. Has worked up to building the weekly flight schedule. This has quieted his complaints about Scheduling. Another great management ploy.

**MSG EDWARD J. ST HEART "STREET HEART"** - Evaluator Boom. Runs his own electrical contracting business. Keeps us from short-circuiting our home projects and can get it for you wholesale. President of the Country Club which presents some interesting fraternization situations. Luckily we don't take that too seriously or the Wing Commander couldn't play golf with the club president.

**TSG ROBERT A. PHAIR "SLICK"** - Training Flight boom technician. AKA "Bullfighter Bob." Became the darling of young Azorean women when he demonstrated much manhood by lying on his back and letting the bull run over him 3 times in order to place well aimed kicks at the creatures breeding equipment. The rest of the crew jealously insists he fell down trying to escape. How could they know, since they had their backs to the action climbing anything vertical in the immediate area.

**TSG CARLA L. CYR "CARLA"** - Basketball star who went to college on a 4 year athletic scholarship. Has a new pick-up, boat, camp, and flies her own Cessna 140. A neat lady and great boom. Easily recognized as she will be the tallest female in a flight suit. Is capable of slam-dunking most anything. Our most (and only) eligible bachelorette.

**TSG BRUCE J. GEROUX "BRUCE"** - Technician Instructor Boom. Audits all aircrew pay paperwork before forwarding it to Mil Pay. A good job for him since pay ranks second only to food in his list of life's priorities. Another of our private pilots, he can often be found pursuing acrobatic flight in a Pitts Special. Our most eligible bachelor.

**TSG JAY E. ELLINGSEN "JAY"** - AGR Instructor Boom. Works in Current Operations/TTF. Like Tom Jones, he does everything on a Coronet except be the TTF Commander because the reg's say boom operators can't be Colonels. Jay just makes the decisions and the TTF Commander says OK.

**TSG SCOTT M. HESSELTINE "HYDRO"** - Still working for the local power company on high voltage transmissions systems. Hopes to become the first person to draw a retirement pension in the history of that division. They only boom who'd rather be grounded in his military job than in his civilian occupation.

**SSG MICHAEL A. STEVENS "MIKE"** - Son of Art, but can fit through the pilot's sliding window. This is good since he has just been selected to go to Pilot Training. Congratulations and good luck, Mike. (Any pay attention!!)

**SSG WAYNE T. VINCENT "BANJO"** - AGR Boom assigned to the TTF. Although space here is limited, Banjo's antics are not. Has his own chair in front of the Chief's desk. Suffers from medical, physical, mental and financial problems. All self induced. Makes Monday mornings interesting with the latest saga of his soap opera life. Would you have an affair with a woman possessing a black belt in some oriental art of hurting you, immediately after being severely pummeled by a rejected yesterday's "This is the woman for me"? (Who broke the door down to enter.)

**SSG JAMES A. SIMMONS "JIM"** - Newly arrived from the Boom Shop in Alaska. They threw in 2 E Models to sweeten the deal. Appears to be a computer whiz which will be very helpful. Can speak with first-hand experience about rail strikes and bus tickets from London to Mildenhall.

**SRA EDWARD J. SEYMOUR "ED"** - Our newest boom. Always smiling, always happy, always hard working. Makes the Chief smile. Hopefully, Banjo will adopt him as a role model. A former Crew Chief, he's the boom you'd want to divert with. Has impressed everyone with his low profile, work ethic and professionalism.

## TRANSITIONS

**CMS JAMES WINCHESTER "JIM"** - Retired military last December. Winters on the golf courses of Florida and summers at his camp back home in Maine.

**2LT RICHARD THOMPSON** - Rick is at Pilot Training. Congratulations. We wish you good luck Rick. We also hope luck has nothing to do with winning your new wings!



**MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOV**

**FROM:** 106 ARS/DOB  
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DSN: 778-2409/2552

**SUBJECT: 1995 Boom Signal**

Hello from the BAMA booms again at the 106 ARS, Birmingham, Alabama. Well we've had a year to become all we could be and have had growing pains like everybody else. We've gotten some Atlantic Express runs, Panama runs and some Deny Flight TDY's with a couple of trips to RAF Mildenhall for summer camp. If your in town sometime, give us a holler.

**THE BAMA BOOMS ARE:**

**TECHNICIANS:**

SMSgt Nate Wilds, IRPM. Nate's still worried about Raymond getting a hotel room so he doesn't have to spend the night on the plane again.

SMSgt Dickie Drake, Stan/Eval. Dang I would have stayed home if I knew I had 3 hours of transition today. So old he farts dust. Dickie your wife is on the phone, it doesn't matter if your taxiing out, get off the plane. First time he goes to France, he gets medivaced to RAF Lakenheath, Ramstein AB, and we finally picked him up at Charleston AFB to bring him home to Birmingham.

TSgt Caroline Bearden, Works in the Vault. We try to keep our Tazmanian Devil locked up in the vault, Look out when she goes TDY.

TSgt Paul Turner, Cargo Loading Manager. Pekinese Paul is still around butting heads with maintenance trying to get some cargo training done. Butch has a permanent medical waiver for passing gas.

TSgt Len Naugher, Scheduling. Len's thinking about getting some guns and bullets from John's gun store if he stay's in scheduling much longer.

TSgt Paul Hudson, Scheduling Slug, System milker, and King slacker. Paul get rid of that rice burning car, so we can get some work out of ya, Part time flight records clerk. Assigned to scheduling a while back but they never see or hear of him.

**OUR AGR MEMBERS:**

MSgt Herschel Young, Current OPS. Our squadron stealth boom, conveniently disappears at all hours of the day. Most widely heard comment around the squadron is, Does Herschel work around here?

TSgt Rick Dillard, Current OPS. Part-Time Sheriff's Deputy, Rick's given up trying to keep track Herschel, Has enough problems keeping the O's in line in current OP's. Rick taught Eric Clapton how to play the guitar.

SSgt Phil Lee, Training Flight. Just bought himself a new house, he's digging in like a Alabama tick. Call Phil if you want the plans to build a 40mm spudzoeka.

### THE GUARD BUMS:

SMSgt Mary Washburn, Training Flight. Dickie, I would have taken that 3 hour transition sortie if I wasn't the duty driver already. She's so cute we couldn't say anything bad about her.

TSgt Don Doyle, Line Boom. Ex C-130 loadmaster but could never figure out where they hid the boom. Last comment we heard from Don was am I getting per diem for this trip? Is he assigned to the squadron cause we never see him around.

TSgt Scott Naden, Line Slug #1. Scott's still running at slower or not at all, Just added a new boomer to the family and wants to start his own business.

TSgt Elizabeth Manning, Line Boom / Wanna be Pilot, Trying to get her brother's pilot slot. I'm not catching the crew bus until 5 o'clock this afternoon, Working on her pilot's license.

SSgt Steve Hay, Line Boom. You know when Steve's been in to work, just look for all the Hardee's wrappers laying around. Just got a new Z-28, doesn't have enough seats for all the women he knows. Should have gotten a bus.

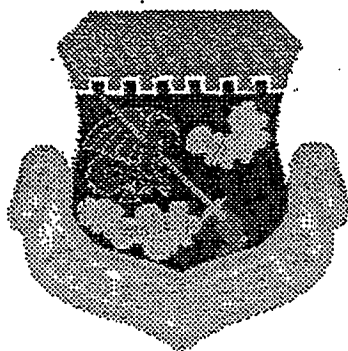
SSgt Aubrey A. J. Sharit, Line Boom / Shopper extrordinair, Where's the nearest pet shop? When can I go TDY? I think I left my car keys in the Azores on my last trip..

SSgt Ray "I'm a Rocket Scientist" Yoel, Line Slug #2, Usually goes by the name of SSgt Damnit. Instead of sleeping at a hotel, Sleeps on the plane during non-duty hours "Ray you need to make hotel reservations when the square dance convention is in town." Not only fly's them he builds them at Boeing up in Huntsville.

SSgt Jerry "I'm an Instructor Now" Davis. Bought himself a Guam bomb in Alabama to drive to Altus for CFIC. Doesn't have to drive to Topeka to get on a local sortie now. "I'm the man" is what we hear from Jerry all the time.

### RAFSOBS: (Regular Air Force Son of a \_\_\_\_\_.)

MSgt John Beringer, AF Technical Advisor. Brought his arsenal with him from Kansas to open a gun store or start WWII, John "We don't do things here like the active duty guys do"! Frequently heard muttering I'm not staying until 5:30 today.



Greetings from Niagara Falls! We have been in the tanker business less than a year now but you wouldn't know it from our track record. TDY has been our middle name here at Niagara. The 107th has deployed two planes and three crews to Istres, France in support of Deny Flight, two planes and three crews to Geilenkirchen, Germany for NATO support, and one plane with two crews to Keflavik, Iceland for alert. Currently we are flying four sorties a day for five days in support of Patriot Medstar, an Aero-Medavac exercise. In August we are looking forward to flying in Mighty Thunder a JCS exercise. Not bad for a group who has yet to attain a C-3 rating. With all these TDY'S were gone most of the time but if your in the Falls and someone is around, one of these guys will buy you a beer:

SMSgt Jack Tuchols - Air Technician - Our Chief Boom. His famous saying, "That's Stupid". Jack has the only spandex flight suit in the squadron, which by the way doubles as a car cover for his Ford Galaxy when not in use.

SMSgt Harold Clark - Air Technician - "Old Smoothy" Harold is our Stan-Eval Boom, and also Mr. Good Deal when it comes to the trip list.

MSgt Jim Cichocki - Air Technician - J.J. is our Cargo Load Manager, who finds himself repeating the statement, "This will never happen again". J.J. will someday go "back" to survival school.

MSgt Dave Hess - Guardsman - "Mr. 20-20" Dave has been grounded ever since his seeing eye dog couldn't pass the flight physical either. Waiver?

MSgt Dave Wohleben - AGR - Dave is a big Beavus and Butthead fan so you can imagine his personality level. He is also an avid weight lifter, but he confused hemrroids with steroids and instead turned into a big a--.



MSgt Jim Sievert - AGR - "The Worm" Jim is our resident scheduler, and has yet to be signed off on comb utilization, or hair care for that matter.

MSgt Jay Hopper - Air Technician - "Time Cop" Jay's famous line is "Hey where are you going". Jay is also the proud owner of a tacan collection, for those of you at home keeping score: Jay - 2 .vs. F-16's - 0.

TSgt Sam Davies - Air Technician - "Torch" Sam can flame-on on command, and is the only boom with a bigger appetite than Tony.

TSgt Bob Major - Air Technician - Bob is our Intel Boom, and doesn't quite know what his job entails. Can be seen wandering the squadron halls aimlessly.

TSgt Fuzzy Zoller - Air Force Advisor - "Fuzzy" has recently gone on a crash diet ever since he started blowing the tires off his truck, which by the way is for sale.

TSgt Ken Isgrigg - Guardsman - "Casper" Ken is the ghost boom of the squadron, rarely seen because of his real job at Calspan, where he works with F-16's unlike the current pilots at Niagara.

TSgt Tony Fiorilli - Guardsman - IBO - "Abundanza" Tony is Mr. Mandays and scammer at large. He is currently spending his summer camp washing the Chief Boom's car, mowing his lawn, and shining his boots.

TSgt Gary Henning - Air Technician - Gary is our resident training flight boom, who finally had his wife extradited from Panama, via a baggage bin.

TSgt Jim Pohle - Guardsman - "Baby Finster" Jim shows for work at 8:00, has a bagel from 8:00 to 9:00, Break, at the gym 10:30 to 13:00, Break, 14:00 Home, I guess he heard there was an available technician position.

SSgt Dale Franklin - Guardsman - Dale is our newest boom recently returned from Altus, he brought an E-3A windscreen back with him. When asked to reference something in the Dash one Dale replied "Is that the Big one?"

SSgt Terri Santoro - Guardsman - IBO - "Oompa Loompa" Terri is currently speaking with a prosthetics doctor about arm extensions, so she can complete the boom control check.

SSgt Lori "Raught", "Simonet", "Moss"? Lori is looking for a step promotion for finding the Chief Boom's glasses under his desk.

SSgt Tom Obrochta - Guardsman - "Melon Head" Tom is seeking a pilot slot to pay off his American Express card, for the Christmas shopping sabbatical on his one and only TDY.

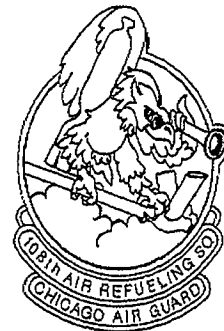
SSgt Jesus Cruz - Guardsman - IBO - J.C. is our resident war hero, he refueled a Fed Ex 727 carrying a letter from downed pilot Scott O'Grady, Film at eleven.

SRA Ray Fitzpatrick - Guardsman - IBO - "Bowser" When Ray refuels F-4's they take the gel from his hair to grease the boom down. Looking to join Sha Na Na for their up-in-coming reunion tour.



# ILLINOIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD

108TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON  
O'HARE IAP AIR RESERVE STATION, ILLINOIS



15 Aug 95

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF HARRIS

SUBJECT: 1995 BOOM SIGNAL

FROM: SMSGT KEN PHILLIPS

1. Greetings to all from the Windy City. Well our faces are changing here in Chicago but we're getting by just the same. We've said good-bye to some good friends and welcomed some new ones. 1995 has been filled with these and other possible changes.
2. As many of you have probably heard the City of Chicago namely Mayor Richy "Gump" Daley, that @%#!\*&er, he wants our federal land to provide "jobs" for city dwellers. Nobody has told this half-wit that HEY, WE WORK HERE NIMROD!!! But I digress. We should know more by July of 1996. That is the newest deadline given to the city by the BRAC. Our friends across the ramp, the 928th AFRES, have been decommissioned. They will stop flying in April and be gone by Oct 96. If more of you would get out and vote these GS rejects would have to get real jobs and quit messing with God fearing Americans such as ourselves. (HAVE someone hum the Battle Hymn of the Republic when you read that last part)
3. The next move for us may be Scott AFB, so we would appreciate it if the boys at AMC would clear some land and save us some parking.
4. As always if you are ever passing through Chi-town and need any sort of assistance give us a call. DSN 930-6971.

KEN PHILLIPS, SMSGT ILANG  
INFLIGHT REFUELING PROGRAM MANAGER

## 1995 CHICAGO BOOM LINE UP

Roy Balsamo- Roy is wearing Chief stripes and still works full time for Northwest.

Ken Phillips- SMSGT AGR; Ken is our program manager. He has his hands full reshaping the Chicago Boom force. It's hard to replace guys like Joe Garcher MAN!!!!

John Kurzeja- SMSGT; John just retired from the Guard and is about to retire from the Cook County Sheriff's police. John was one of our last KC-97 Booms. Rumor had it that he flew on the Question Mark.

Sammy Gerros- MSGT Technician; Sammy is getting ready for the birth of his second child and keeping things under control in the DOV shop. If anyone needs advice on a good stogie or back issues of the Limbaugh letter Sammy is the guy to see.

Pete Lagioia- MSGT AGR; Uncle Pete is keeping the boys in DOX under control and he has always got his eye out for cooley.

Jeff Groch- MSGT; Jeff is one of our newest masters. He's working hard turning wrenches at the friendly skies and flying over here.

James Miranda- TSGT; Rock is trying hard to get promoted but he can't master belly dancing. He is a glutton for punishment. What I meant to say was congratulations on his second marriage .

Keith Wagner- TSGT Technician; Keith is new to the technician force thanks to a layoff on the civilian side. Definitely top three material.

Joe Long- TSGT Technician; Joe runs training for the booms and his wife just had a baby boy! Now Joe has some competition in the fart game.

Pat Quaid- TSGT; Pat is also top three material and he says he is looking forward to the Democratic convention. He hopes he has as much fun as the last one. He doesn't mind the blood it's the little pieces of skull that get in your hair that bothers him.

John Weber- TSGT; John left the ruff and tumble world of AGRs to become a guard bum. He says it's a lot more work.

Dom Guerrieri- TSGT; Dom sells fine wine full time and if any one is interested he says it's cheaper by the gallon and the screw tops make it last for days.

Faruza Kalaba- TSGT; Faruza is still a part timer and working hard going on lots of trips and working on that Guard Bum tan.

Bob Rizzo- SSGT AGR; Rizz is our latest refugee from active duty. He's already our cargo loading manager.

Rick Spejewski- TSGT Technician; Spooge is a new TSGT and he is about to make the biggest mistake of his life. I mean congratulations on his upcoming wedding.

Susan Luciani- SSGT AGR; Susan couldn't stand being a guard bum so now she's an AGR, it's a lot less work which suits her.

Joe Kolb- SSGT; Joe is back after a short hiatus. He is glad to be back undt frau Kolb is glad too.

Scott Heim- SSGT; Scott is brand new out of Castle Ooops I mean Altus. He pings like a well hit three wood in a tile bathroom, but as soon as he realizes that they don't teach everything down there he'll be all right.

KANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
117TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON  
FORBES FIELD (ANG), TOPEKA, KANSAS



1 AUGUST 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 117th ARS

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

Greetings from the Land of Oz. All here is well as we enjoy our "Year of Fun" after completing our ORI this past year. As everyone else, we are very busy with the challenges from HQ AMC and ANGRC to fulfill the world's needs. This next year looks just as busy with Deny Flight and other major exec on the horizon. Here is the list of the players.

CMS Mike "Shogun" Pierson - IRPM (the boss!) Mike still watches us very close with good reason when he is not out riding his motorcycle.

SMS Ken "Griff" Griffin - Training and Tactics Guru, Griff's spare time is spent just enjoying life as a "Good Ole Boy" from Alabama should.

SMS Steve "Crash" Stucky - Stan/Eval Hammer, Steve is on more committees than the Commander but still manages checkrides and Cargo Evaluations in his spare time.

MSG Dave "Blaze" Bowen - AGR, Dave gave up residence at ANGRC, his new home is at the Pentagon.

MSG Keith "Revenuer" Fulton - Current Ops, Keith is our newest Master Sergeant, in his free time on his Green Acres tractor.

MSG Chuck "Kojak" Hanna - AGR, Master Scheduler, Chuck recently returned from a "Hell's Angel Bike Ride". He is their PR man.

MSG Ron "Boom from Hell" May - AGR, Publications and Mobility NCO, Ron new direction in life is as our CRM Instructor.

MSG Lee "Red" Perry - Cargo/Roller training, Lee's spare time is dedicated to the Boy Scouts.

MSG John "Sparky" Roth - Traditional Boom, John is retiring in the near future and traveling Europe trying to find all the lost weekends he spent there.

TSG Harvey "Silver Fox" DeWeese - Traditional Boom, Harvey's still talks about what a good deal Volk Field was for him. Harvey works for the Topeka Fire Dept.

TSG Marvin "Yo Dude" Hittle - Traditional Boom, Marvin is our professional student, says its the education, but we think its the scenery.

TSG Mark "Spuds" Mertel - AGR, Mark is our "Space A" expert when he isn't on the road.

TSG Jim "Chewy" Spurlock - CBITS/Ground Training, Jim is our newest Instructor returned from Altus. His luck must be holding because he recently bought a new house

TSG Mark "Casanova" Sweeney - Traditional Boom, Mark's answer to stress is to travel anywhere, anytime.

SSG Elizabeth "Lizard" Lincks - Traditional Boom, Liz is going to school, doesn't know what she will be if she grows up, but has her eyes toward Florida

SSG Mac "Who Me" Torrez - Traditional Boom, Mac works for the Highway Patrol, if you get a ticket he can show you where you can pay it.

SSG Tim "Mopar Man" Trienen - Traditional Boom, Tim is in the futures business, if you have one, he'll sell you some more.

SRA Darin Coash - Traditional Boom, Darin is new to the unit from Plattsburgh. He decided to return to school at KU.

SRA Jamy "Slipway" Dunbar - Traditional Boom, Jamy came to us from Life Support Section. He is ready to take on the world and it's women.

SRA Keith Larson - Traditional Boom, Keith came from the Flight Line. He is a civilian Instructor Pilot.

SRA Bryan Thomas - Traditional Boom, Bryan is currently at Altus CCTS and attends KU.

Here is a list of Non-Current Booms (Retirees) in the local area:

Joe Breedlove - works for the Post Office (looking for the double dip) and ride to the next Boom Symposium.

Ben Hollingsworth - enjoying the good life of retirement.

Gus Parsel - works for FEMA, just wants to help those less fortunate and play golf.

Lowell Seymour - got a real job with a time clock and everything.

John Young - works in Kansas City as a marketing advisor. John tries to explain to people that Benny Hill is still alive and well.

If you are in the area stop by and see us. FLY SAFE! BE SAFE!

LEE E. PERRY, MSG, KSANG  
117th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON





## OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD

121st AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)  
RICKENBACKER IAP, COLUMBUS OHIO

1 SEP 95

Hello to all from the Buckeye Boomers. The past year has been a busy one for us here, but that's true for any unit flying tankers in these post cold war days. Channel missions are getting to be routine now that we're doing them more often. The new rollers are great. The loading, securing, and unloading is much better than the previous system, but what's with those omni casters? Are any of you out there thinking they could be improved? If anybody has a good technique on getting the pallets out with out banging up the door we would like to hear it. Its a minor problem that we will live with so long as we don't have to go back to the previous system!

Chief Tom foster, MSgt Chris Neitzelt, and MSgt Lonnie McLaughlin all retired this past year. Their combined years of flying experience was nearly 100 years. That's a lot to lose all at once, they will be missed. Tom had 37 of those years and was the Program manager in the 145 ARS for many of those years. We wish them all well.

### 145 ARS

SMS Richard Grein, Program Manager

MSG Alan Berg  
SSG Kevin Black  
TSG Tab Bursk  
SSG Shawn Carr  
SSG Kevin Cartwright  
SRA Joe Contino  
TSG Paul Emler  
TSG Matt Foster  
MSG Mark Hamilton  
SSG Josh Hanna  
SSG Scott Keller  
CMS Terry Kerr  
SSG Delmar McGee  
MSG Bill McIver  
MSG Bob Reffit  
TSG Rex Robertson  
SSG Eric Shoemaker  
MSG Dan Thomas

### 166 ARS

CMS Jack Bishop, Program Manager

SSG Barry Anderson  
SRA Mike Bursk  
SSG Todd Devoe  
SSG Sam Givens  
SSG Tom Guard  
SRA Pat Helgerman  
SSG Jose Isern  
SSG Kris Kuck  
SSG Dave Luce  
MSG Mike McKinnon  
MSG Lib Malbon  
SSG Barb Newland  
TSG Rick Schontzler  
SSG Marq Thompson  
TSG Dan Toskin

Your brothers from Ohio  
The Buckeye Boomers



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HQ 128TH AIR REFUELING GROUP (ANG)  
MILWAUKEE, WI

26 August 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/XOVT  
ATTN: CMS HARRISFROM: 128 ARG/DOBO  
1919 East Grange Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-6199

SUBJECT: 1995 BOOM SIGNAL

1. Greetings and salutations from the land of "cheeseheads", good beer, and the future home of the International Bratwurst Hall of Fame. As host of this years Inflight Refueling Program Manager's Conference, we hope to show some of our fellow booms why Milwaukee is the place where the saying, "party 'til the cows come home", was made famous. all right, none of us knows what that really means, but many of us have gone home with some on occasion.

2. The 128 Air Refueling Group has experienced another year of non-stop flying activity. Like many of you, we've been kept busy with channel missions, business efforts, numerous pax/cargo hauls, and Deny Flight. The only difference this year is that our personnel seem to be handling it much better than our aircraft. The mighty KC-135, which some of the most "brilliant minds of our time" had once predicted to fly for at least 20 more years, is beginning to show its age. Currently, we are operating with only three "fully mission capable" aircraft. Those of you who think the Guard only flies one sortie one weekend every month may think this is not a problem. Unfortunately, as any unit in the Air Reserve Component can tell you (yes, I include our beloved brothers and sisters in the Air Force Reserve), our plate is overflowing. An average week here consists of 4-5 local sorties each day. At the same time, the unit will also have at least one, usually two, aircraft cross country on any given day. Simple math reveals that in a unit with only 9 assigned aircraft, this can be a mildly challenging schedule to maintain. As I write this today, our current status is: 3 aircraft in a PDM facility (those highly skilled technicians at McClellan and Birmingham have had these for about four months now), 1 aircraft in phase, 1 aircraft on constant alert status, and 2 aircraft cross country. Yes, that leaves only 2 aircraft available for local sorties! Needless to say, our maintenance personnel are working round-the-clock to keep it all together and allow us to meet our training requirements and operational commitments. Believe me, we're not whining because we know that other units are suffering under the same burdens. Although, now some "rocket scientist" General comes along with the brilliant idea that as an additional mission the Guard and Reserve KC-135s (only R models!) should take over the tanker task force at Mildenhall. Not just for a week or month at a time, but as a year round commitment. Ah, but that's another story as we'll all soon find out.

3. Here's a list of those daring men and women know as the "Badger Booms".

CMS Richard Harvey (Chief Boom/Air Tech) - Let's just say that Dick is a "quality" Chief who's ready to show those booms at the conference some of the "Gemutlichkeit" in Milwaukee.

SMS Roger Steckhan (Stan-Eval/Guardsman) - Roger has only two goals remaining in his boom operator career; make Chief and give an ASEV boom a checkride.

SMS John Famularo (Training/Air Tech) - John is our cockpit resource management (CRM) guru. Unfortunately, he has gone to far by insisting on group hugs after every flight. We just calm him down with "a good bowl of oatmeal".

MSG Ray Fassett (Guardsman) - One passenger airlift mission to Rio De Janeiro and the guy wants to extend his enlistment for another 20 years.

MSG Terry Sands (Base Operations, Instructor/Air Tech) - Legally appointed conscience of the 126 Air Refueling Squadron.

MSG Cliff Klingbeil (Stan-Eval/Guardsman) - Cliff wants to be the perfect evaluator, but tends to take it to extremes. His wife said that if he critiques her one more night, she'll "bust" him.

MSG Robert Derrick (Stan-Eval/Unknown) - Robert doesn't know which side of the fence has the greener grass. Should he remain a Federal Air Technician and rob the tax payers blind, or become an AGR and really work for a living?

TSG Steve Schweiss (Current Ops, Stan-Eval/AGR) - No longer holds the record in the unit for most time TDY (130 days a years just doesn't cut it anymore).

TSG George Snamiske ( Base Operations, Instructor/AGR) - After spending time in Istres, France, George now loves french wine, french food, french women, and french poodles (not necessarily in that order).

TSG Dean Dachenbach (Guardsman) - This guy really amazes us. As an airline pilot/boom operator, Dean makes more money than most of our other airline pilots, but unlike them he'll actually pay for his own lunch and still buy the rest of the crew a round of drinks.

TSG Dave Eddy (Guardsman) - Dave flirted with the idea of becoming a full-time boomer until he found out that they usually make about the same amount of money as a "salad bar technician".

TSG Don Harvey (Instructor/Guardsman) - Like many of you, Don got himself a dog. He thought real hard and came up with a truly original name for it, too. "Boomer".

TSG Jerry Schiessl (Instructor/Air Tech) - Jerry just changed full-time status from AGR to Air Tech. He finally realized that you can get paid lots of money and not have to go TDY as often.

TSG Mark Lipinski (Guardman) - Mark was going to take a leave of absence from the Guard until he found out that he wouldn't be able to go TDY as a civilian.

TSG Teckla Thorn (Guardman) - As a full-time state employee, Teckla works for the base fire department. She's usually very friendly, just don't mess with her when she gets behind the wheel of a huge fire truck.

SSG John "Foghorn Leghorn" Magnus (Scheduling, Instructor/Air Tech) - "Mag" is big, ugly, obnoxious, loud, mean, bullying, and ignorant. Just an all around regular nice guy.

SSG Brian Baltz (Guardman) - Resigned as a full-time air technician to make his fortune as a tycoon in the oil industry. No, he's not a service station attendant at Texaco.

SSG Dan Schmidt (Guardman) - Once again proving that even a highly educated college engineer can handle the complexities of being a boom operator.

SSG Mike Weimer (Guardman) - Tattoos and all, Mike has redefined the term Guardbum. Yes, he's surpassed all of us in time spent TDY and now wants a full-time position. We've told him he needs to develop a better "work ethic". SSG Jenny "Mommy" Wieland (Guardman) - Here is a truly extraordinary individual. Jenny was acquired on waivers (along with her husband who we optioned to the Reserve C-130 unit) from McClellan AFB reserve tankers. She arrived at the beginning of June and immediately began to challenge Mike Weimer for Guardbum bragging rights. In an extremely short period of time, she has impressed everyone including the base commander (o.k, offering to buy the guy lunch and do his laundry in Japan may have helped). Also, she has taken on the additional duty of squadron awards and decorations monitor and helped organize the Inflight Refueling Program Manager's Conference. She and her husband have just bought a new home and have begun to settle in. Finally, somehow, she's found the time in her hectic schedule to make a new baby boom.

4. We're looking forward to seeing all of you who attend the Program Managers Conference. For those of you unable to attend, stop in and visit if you're ever in the neighborhood or maybe we'll meet at some far-off location; like Mildenhall? Until then, good health and fly safe.

Steven J. Schweiss, TSG  
Current Ops, Boomer



HEADQUARTERS  
134TH AIR REFUELING GROUP  
MCGHEE TYSON ANG BASE TN

29 August 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOV (CMSgt Harris)

FROM: 134ARG/DOB  
102 Briscoe Drive  
McGhee Tyson ANGB, TN 37777-6203

SUBJECT: 1995 Boom Signal

1. Greetings from the Volunteer State. This year has been a busy one. Most of our boomers can fill out a travel voucher blindfolded. We're expecting to send three boom candidates to CCTS in the near future. This should lighten the load for the rest of us. Here is a rundown of the boomers at McGhee Tyson:

Robert "Bob" Brown, CMSgt, Chief Boom  
Joel Lewis, SMSgt, Weekender/Rocket Scientist  
Jim Quagliana, SMSgt, Technician/Stan/Eval  
Jeff Dyer, MSgt, Technician/Training  
Bill Witt, MSgt, Weekender/Gun Slinger  
Denny Buchanan, MSgt, Weekender/Fire Marshall  
J. J. Mehall, MSgt, Weekender/Cow Farmer  
Mark Allen, TSgt, Weekender/Produce Man  
Karen Bryson, TSgt, Weekender/Mail Lady  
Mike Buckner, TSgt, Technician/Current Ops  
Todd Derrick, TSgt, Weekender/Fireman  
Nancy Guilotte, TSgt, AGR/Current Ops  
Ed Hatton, TSgt, Weekender/Workin on the RR  
Randy Keener, TSgt, Technician/Scheduling  
Freddie "Bo" Sunderland, AGR/Stan/Eval (this week)  
Greg Waters, SSgt, Weekender/Self-employed stuntman  
Ron "Crash" Dixon, SSgt, Technician/Cargo loading

2. If you coming to town, give us a call. DSN 266-4387, comm. 615-985-4387.

ROBERT A. BROWN, CMSgt, TN ANG  
Chief Boom

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOMERS

FROM: 141 ARW  
WASHINGTON AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
FAIRCHILD AFB, WA 99011

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

Greetings from the booms in Washington! It has been a very busy year as I'm sure you all know. We have had some new additions as well as a few retirements.....

CMSgt Rich Weatherly Chief Boom - And Dad to all the new booms  
(someone has to keep us out of trouble)

CMSgt Gary Polser Old Chief Boom He retired.

SMSgt Glenn Nelson Stan Eval - Tech Physical fitness god of the squadron, he should work for Jenny Craig.

SMSgt Ray King Traditional Guardsman - Stan Eval Soon to be a grandpa, I don't know if he is old enough!

Msg Bruce Olson Scheduling - Tech If he ever asks you to watch his dog, don't do it!!!!

Msg Dan Moriarty Training - Tech If you ever need to see a man about a horse:.....

Msg Andrew "Ike" Isaacson Tactics - Tech.....Probably the most famous boom, recently had an article published in Airman magazine. Instrumental in the addition of the GPS and new paint job for the tanker.

Msg Jeff Dill Recently retired after making rank!

Msg Sam Via DOKT - Tech.....Did a lot of things recently, just became a technician, instructor, and Msg. Congratulations!

Tsgt Dane Porter Current Ops - Tech Dane was recently married, he has so many kids, he puts the Brady Bunch to shame.

Tsgt Don Roberson Traditional Guardsman

Tsgt Chris Nordlund Traditional Guardsman This guy was related to Bigfoot!

Tsgt Rich Visintainer Traditional Guardsman On the road all the time

Tsgt Tim Flock Scheduling - AGR One of the few, the proud, the AGRS. Another one that rates up there with the Brady Bunch.

Tsgt Richard Downing Traditional Guardsman Deputy Tim, pay your rent or he will evict you!

Ssgt Lance Dahl Traditional Guardsman Just got a job as a fireman and expecting a baby in April.....well not him but his wife!

Ssgt Molly Merwick DOKT - AGR Another few, proud, AGR. This girl is always on the road. One of the baby booms in the squadron.

Ssgt Monica King-Helman Traditional Guardsperson Monica is expecting a baby at any moment, is enrolled in nursing school and still has time to make-up drill! Another baby boom.

Ssgt Sheri Papiham Traditional Guardsperson Currently DNIF for a bum knee she says she single and available! Another baby boom.

We are searching for yet another new boom, the board will be in Sept. I'm sure we will bump into a few of you in our travels. If your ever passing through, stop in and say hello, maybe the Chief will buy a cold one.

PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
HEADQUARTERS 171ST AIR REFUELING WING  
PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
CORAOPOLIS PENNSYLVANIA

28 August, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR: SMS, Jake Benscoter

FROM: 146 ARS & 147 ARS/Boom Pod  
PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
107 Mustang Drive #4208  
CORAOPOLIS PA 15108-4208

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

The 171st Ops Group is made up of the 146 ARS & 147 ARS. The 146th has just completed it's third year of existence surviving the inactivation of the 112th ARG (formerly 112 FG). While the 147th ARS has been around since 1972, we also have our "Baby Booms". As one of three ANG dual squadron tanker bases with 20 or more tanks, the Current Ops shop keeps our TDY bags packed with 40% of our flying being off-station.

Like everyone else, we have our rollers (2) (without a K-loader) and scrounged the \$s for some pretty nifty bins from Caddilac Co. that are built on a 463L pallet with access doors and are pre-curved to fit the contour of the 135. Call us for more info.

In March '95 we welcomed the ASEV from 21st and survived ATSO training at Volk Field in May. JAN & JUN '96 are slated for an ORE & ORI, "all great challenges" but not as great as that last TDY to Souda Bay, Pisa, Sidney, Geilenkirchen, Kuwait, Spangdahlem, Malaysia, Riyadh, Bombay, Osan, Cairo, Yakota or even Hickam to name just a few.

Our flying is impressive, but our **BOOMS** make the Steel city tanker squadrons special:

**146 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON**

***FULL TIME TECHNICIANS:***

CMS Ted Inwood "Peddles"  
SMS Pat Plonski "me 'n my harley"  
MSG John Cima "Converted weapons loader"  
MSG Nick Lucyk "can't JUST SAY NO!"  
MSG Bob "Tug" McGraw "TACAN Tugger"  
TSG Larry Stockton "never guess he was ever AD"  
TSG Bill "Petie" Quillen "new house, new car, AGR"  
TSG Ken Teyssier "our groom to be"

***TRADITIONAL GUARDSMEN:***

MSG Jim Bloom "Bloomer the boomer"  
MSG Joe Gallik "The best seen to date"  
TSG John Fitzpatrick "Fire fighter John"  
TSG Jon Johnson "They said I could"  
TSG Randy Miller "You call, we haul"  
TSG Scott "Scooter" Trowbridge  
"anywhere, anytime"  
SSG Terry K-Davis "I'd rather be flying"  
SSG Mike Nagy "answer every question"  
SRA Ed Fitzgerald "a scholar & peddler"

Theodore A. Inwood, CMSgt, PaANG  
146 ARS/Chief Boom



### 147 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON

SMS Mike Strauch - Mike is the new chief boom for the squadron. I hope he takes care of us as well as he takes care of his grass.

SMS Tony Trenga - Tony's famous quotes 1. "oops, looks like we're in trouble", 2. "you owe me" 3. "Hey, ath ho". Tony along with Dan used to run the "space A" program. We're still trying to figure out which one was arrogant and which one was cavalier.

MSG Dan McGrath - Dan's looking good! His nickname is Missing Link. We've come to understand what the word "Missing" means but, what does "Link" stand for.

MSG Jim Sichi (The God Father) - Jim still has only five more years to retire.

MSG Don Hendrix - Don and Mary just broke ground on Mary's new house. Why did Don tell the contractors to leave a hole about 3 ft. wide, 5 ft. long and 6 ft. deep?

TSG Sandy Zenk - Sandy runs the unit's slush fund. It's probably just a coincidence but she drives a nice Bonneville, has a new home and a diamond ring the size of an ice cube.

TSG Keith Stephens - Keith is a ski instructor, a college student and works at a sporting goods store. When he's not doing any of those he's a full-time AGR.

G Jerry Levato - Fired from scheduling and training, now in stan eval. Why won't they let him unload his aboard box?

CMS Tom Williams - Tom is a former Postal employee and has since retired from his Technician position. He still maintains he's looking for a job where he can actually work a full 8 hours. When Tom retires from part-time boom'n it will be because of his eyes, he just can't see coming to work anymore.

MSG Skip Kubacki - (Computer Geek) Skip is a computer teacher at a local college. Skip will take any trip we offer him (as long as it's Air Tattoo).

MSG Jim Klein - Jim retired as an employee for a government contractor. Jim will do just about anything we ask of him (As long as there are mandays available). He is departing the fix in Aug. Good Luck, Jim!!!!

TSG Marc Barna - Coal Miner/College student. When they said it doesn't take a rocket scientist to do this job, we should have let Marc go. Some people are just too intelligent.

TSG Bruce Brandy - Looks like Bruce is done flying because of bad knees. We liked Bruce because he was never afraid to ask questions ie. "Are these F-16's boom or drogue refueling?"

TSG Paul Palaschak - Postal employee (disgruntled?) Paul can't understand why he is strip searched when entering the base.

SSG Casey O'Conner - (Ex-crew chief). In becoming a boom, Casey tried to apply allot of what he learned as a crew chief for example: "I'm not the regular boomer" or "It's well within limits by a pound or two".

G Mike Sabatasse - Mike goes to the prison everyday. It is unconfirmed as to whether he is employed there or is on the work release program.

**TSG Ron Gutowski** - He works for a moving company. Ron and his wife, Linda, play house all the time, she occasionally let's him wear the pants.

**SSG Chick Creely** - Chick is the squadron's most recent pilot selectee. If there's a good deal, he finds it. Chick figured out a way to do 96 FTP's in a year, but the Guard Bureau rejected his request to be a pilot and boom at the same time.

**SRAs Jim Perrott and Mike Worthington** - Mike and Jim are our new baby booms going to CCTS in DEC '95. Mike is a college student and Jim a prior crew chief.

MICHAEL J. STRAUCH, SMSgt, PaANG  
147 ARS/Chief Boom

# 150 ARS McGUIRE AFB NJ

## NJANG

HELLO FROM THE BIGGEST TANKER WING ON THE EAST COAST. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF CHANGES AROUND THE WING IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. WE ARE ALMOST COMPLETE WITH THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE 170 ARG AND THE 141 FS.. CONSTRUCTION IS EVERYWHERE AROUND THE BASE. OUR NEW MAINTENANCE HANGER IS ALMOST COMPLETE, THE FUEL FARM IS READY FOR PAINT, ONCE THE HANGER IS COMPLETE THEY WILL START CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PARKING RAMP. SQUADRON OPERATIONS SHOULD BE MOVED TO THE 108 TH SIDE OF THE BASE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE KC-10 UNIT IS ANXIOUS FOR US TO VACATE ALL THE OLD 170 TH BUILDINGS. THERE ARE A LOT OF PERSONNEL CHANGES COMING UP WITHIN THE BOOM SECTION OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. ONCE ALL OF THE MOVING IS COMPLETE WE WILL SEND OUT A NEW LISTING OF PHONE NUMBERS AND WHERE WE ARE ALL WORKING OUT OF. THE FOLLOWING IS THE MOST CURRENT LIST OF ASSIGNED PERSONNEL TO THE 150 ARS AND AS OF NOW WHERE THEY WORK. UNTIL THEN IF YOU ARE TRYING TO GET HOLD OF ANYONE FROM THE 150 ARS CALL THE PHONE NUMBERS LISTED FOR THE 141 ARS. WE SHOULD BE AROUND THEM SOMEWHERE.

MOST OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE GUARD FOR THE LAST 42 YEARS WILL BE SAD TO HERE THAT THE BIG KAHUNA, CMSGT GEORGE R. FUSCO HAS RETIRED FROM THE GUARD. GEORGE IS THE ONLY PERSON THAT CAN CLAIM THAT HE SERVED WITH EVERY PERSON EVER ASSIGNED TO THE 170 TH. HE WAS THERE FOR THE CONCEPTION OF THE UNIT ALL THE WAY TO THE FLAG FOLDING.

### FULL TIMERS

SMSGT MARVIN NICHOLS - TECHNICIAN - RECENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE 150th FROM STAN EVAL. TAKING OVER THE CMSGT POSITION IN THE SQUADRON.

MSGT COLIN HIBBERD - AGR - BOOM SCHEDULER, FUELS DOCUMENT CONTROLLER.

MSGT SCOTT BROWN - AGR - DETAILED TO STAN EVAL. HOPING FOR A FULL TIME BOOM POSITION TO OPEN SOON.

MSGT BRIAN OCONNELL - TECHNICIAN - RUTA/FTP MONITOR, IF YOU WANT TO GET PAID DON'T GET HIM MAD AT YOU.

TSGT GEORGE GRAND - TECHNICIAN - CARGO LOADING EXPERT, DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB FOR THE CHIEF'S RETIREMENT PARTY.

SGT ROBERT BAXTER - TECHNICIAN - WORKS OUT OF CURRENT OPERATIONS.

SSGT JAMES AMRICH - AGR - TRAINING BOOM, WAITING FOR AMC TO QUIT CHANGING THE REGS.

## **PART TIMERS**

TSGT GLENN HOUTHUYSEN - TAKES PEOPLE TO COURT FOR WORKMAN'S COMP FRAUD.

TSGT ROBERT EDELSCHIN - POST OFFICE EMPLOYEE

TSGT JOHN DONOHUE - WORKS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL WINES AND SPIRITS COMPANY AS A DISTRIBUTOR.

TSGT RAYMOND (OTTO) PETERSEN - CHANGED JOBS RECENTLY, WORKS AS A MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

TSGT JOSE RODRIGUEZ - STATE EMPLOYEE, I LOVE HIS JOB HE GETS 60 DAYS OF ML A YEAR, ON THE ROAD ALL OF THE TIME.

SSGT FRANK MCCARTHY - SAME JOB AS JOSE, ON THE ROAD JUST AS MUCH.

SSGT BRIAN MCBRIDE - COLLEGE STUDENT, WORKING TO GET HIS DEGREE SO HE CAN APPLY FOR A PILOT POSITION.

SGT DARRELL DELLA SITE - OUR ONE AND ONLY GUARD BUM, CARRIES AROUND A SIGN WILL WORK FOR PAY DAYS. HE'S FROM LONG ISLAND.

## **NEW COMER**

SSGT WILLIAM JONES - JUST ARRIVED BACK FROM ALTUS. WE RECRUITED HIM FROM SUPPLY. DOING GREAT.

## **RETIREEES**

CMSGT GEORGE FUSCO - MOVING TO NEW BERN N.C. ONCE HIS NEW HOUSE IS FINISH. HE IS GOING TO BE GREATLY MISSED AROUND HERE.

SMSGT DAVID BAUGHER - STILL WORKING FOR THE POWER COMPANY. WILL BE MOVING TO VIRGINIA IF HE CAN GET A JOB WITH THE LOCAL POWER COMPANY DOWN THERE.

**NEBRASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD**  
**155 AIR REFUELING GROUP**  
**LINCOLN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, NEBRASKA 68524-1888**  
**DSN 946-1249/1244**

**BOOM SIGNAL REPORT**  
**1995**

GREETING AND SALUTATIONS FROM THE NEBRASKA AIR GUARD BOOM SHOP! AS WE CONCLUDE THE SECOND YEAR OF OUR KC-135R TANKER LIVES WE ARE CONTINUING TO LEARN OUR CRAFT. THE NEANG BOOMS ARE EXPERIENCING THE JOYS OF LIVING OUT OF A SUITCASE, AND ARE HOPING AGAINST HOPE THAT THE BOOM TO AIRCRAFT RATIO IS INCREASED SOON!

HERE'S A BIT OF AN UPDATE ON EACH OF OUR "HUSKR" BOOMS:

**SMS GARY L. BORNEMEIER, CHIEF BOOM:** HUNTER, FISHERMAN, SOFTBALL PLAYER, AND BOWLER, SMS BORNEMEIER RECENTLY RETURNED FROM 17 GLORIOUS DAYS IN ICELAND WHERE HE FELL IN LOVE WITH HOT MUD BATHS. ASK HIM ABOUT HIS EXCITING EXPERIENCE IN FRANCE WHEN THE BEACH CHANGING ROOMS WERE ALL IN USE. HE ALSO RECENTLY COMPLETED BOOM INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL. SMS BORNEMEIER SPENT 15 YEARS AS A C-54 AND C-131 FLIGHT ENGINEER.

**SMS DWIGHT A. MOREHEAD, TRAINING SHOP NCOIC:** A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, AND A VIETNAM VETERAN, SMS MOREHEAD ASPIRES TO BECOME AN OLYMPIC SKIER WHEN HIS BOOM DAYS ARE OVER. HAVE HIM DEMONSTRATE HIS STEP-OVER FLYING BACK FLIP MOGUL SPLIT THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE HIM. HE SHOULD BE OUT OF THE HOSPITAL IN SEVERAL WEEKS. SMS MOREHEAD IS THE GENEROUS SPONSOR OF THE SELF-TITLED "BARES IN THE WOODS" ANNUAL BOOM CAMP OUT EACH JUNE AT HIS LAKE PROPERTY ON THE KANSAS BORDER.

**MSG MARK G. FORSTER, CARGO TRAINING NCOIC:** THIS MARTIAL ARTS DEVOTEE AND GRADUATE OF SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH A DEGREE IN ZEN MOTORCYCLE MAINTENANCE IS THE BOOM SHOP MYSTIC. WHEN HE'S NOT INSTRUCTING HIS FELLOW BOOMS IN THE ART OF SUCCESSFUL ROLLER MISSIONS, HE'S PREDICTING ARMAGEDDON AND THE SECOND COMING OF BRUCE LEE ALA NOSTRADAMUS. MSG FORSTER IS THE ONLY LINCOLN BOOM TO VOLUNTEER TO RETURN TO SURVIVAL SCHOOL FOR A REFRESHER COURSE. HE RECENTLY COMPLETED THE WALK-RUN IN SNOW SHOES.

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**MSG MELVIN D. KAUK, TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN:** A COMPUTER TECHNICIAN WITH NATIONAL CASH REGISTER CORPORATION, MSG KAUK SPENT 20 PLUS YEARS ON THE FLIGHT LINE AS AN RF-84/RF-4C CREW CHIEF BEFORE BECOMING A BOOM OPERATOR. DURING THAT TIME HE BECAME AN EXPERT ON THE WEAR OF THE GROUND CREW ENSEMBLE AND ACTUALLY DEVELOPED SOMETHING OF A FETISH FOR THE GARB. LAST MAY HE WON A \$10 BET BY WEARING HIS "CHEM GEAR" TO THE INDIANAPOLIS 500. NEXT MONTH HE'LL WIN ANOTHER \$10 IF HE WEARS IT TO HIS SON'S WEDDING.

**MSG CHRIS L. HATLEY, STAND EVAL NCOIC:** A FORMER RESIDENT OF GRAND FORKS, ND, MSG HATLEY CONTINUES TO EXHIBIT THE HABITS AND THE STARE OF THE SNOW BLIND. ON EVEN THE WARMEST DAYS HE WEARS HIS MUKLUKS TO WORK "JUST IN CASE OF A LATE SEASON BLIZZARD". LEANING AGAINST THE WALL IN HIS OFFICE IS A LARGE SNOW SHOVEL FOR "DIGGING OUT IF THE DOORS ARE BLOCKED". THIS GUY NEEDS HELP. ASK HIM ABOUT THE TIME HE HAD A FLAT TIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO'S CASTRO DISTRICT WHILE DRIVING HOME FROM THE NUDIST COLONY.

**MSG STEVEN E. MINNICK, SCHEDULING SHOP NCOIC:** PERHAPS THE MOST SEDATE AND SENSIBLE INDIVIDUAL IN THE BOOM SHOP, MSG MINNICK IS A GRADUATE OF THAT 60'S SENSATION EST AND A FORMER HARE KRISHNA AT KANSAS CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. IT WAS THERE THAT HE DEVELOPED AN INTEREST IN AVIATION WHILE BANGING A TAMBOURINE AND ASKING FOR "SPARE CHANGE". A DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE OF BOOM SCHOOL AT CASTLE AFB, AND AN IN RESIDENCE GRADUATE OF THE ANG NCO ACADEMY AT MCGHEE TYSON ANGB, TN, MSG MINNICK VOLUNTEERS HIS FREE TIME AS A CULT "DEPROGRAMMER". HIS MOST RECENT SUBJECT IS MSG FORSTER.

**TSG LANG W. ANDERSON III, CURRENT OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN:** HE IS A TWO-TOUR VIETNAM VETERAN, FORMER C-131 FLIGHT ENGINEER, AND THE BOOM SHOP POLITICAL LOONY. HE SUBSCRIBES TO EVERY RIGHT-WING PUBLICATION KNOW TO MAN AND SPENDS EVERY WAKING HOUR LISTENING TO RUSH LIMBAUGH. WHEN HE'S NOT BORING HIS FELLOW BOOMS WITH A POLITICAL DIATRIBE HE'S FORCING THEM TO LISTEN TO CLASSICAL MUSIC CDs AND LECTURES ON ART HISTORY. TSG ANDERSON HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY HIS FELLOW BOOMS AS THE INDIVIDUAL MOST IN NEED OF A PREFRONTAL LOBOTOMY.

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**TSG MICHAEL J. MINNICK, TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN:** A RESIDENT OF ASHLAND, NE, TSG MINNICK IS EMPLOYED AS THE ASSISTANT MANAGER OF THE FAMILY AUTOMOTIVE TIRE BUSINESS. HE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A PACIFIC EXPRESS TRIP TO YOKOTA AB, JAPAN, WHERE HE DEVELOPED AN AFFINITY FOR RAW FISH, SEAWEED, COMMUNAL BATHS, AND THE SHINTO RELIGION. HE KEEPS A PICTURE OF MOUNT FUJI ON HIS DESK AT WORK AND RESPONDS TO INQUIRIES ABOUT HIS MENTAL HEALTH BY SCREAMING "BANZAI"!

**TSG LEIGHTON C. MICHAELSON, COMBAT CREW COMM TECHNICIAN:** ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED BOOM GRADUATE AT CASTLE AFB, TSG MICHAELSON COACHES YOUTH SOCCER AND IS ACTIVE IN OTHER CIVIC ACTIVITIES IN HIS HOMETOWN OF RALSTON, NE. HE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM 16 DAYS OF NATO AWACS SUPPORT IN GEILENKIRCHEN, GERMANY, WHERE HE DISCOVERED RHINE WINE, BRATWURST, AND DRIVING AT BREAK-NECK SPEED ON THE AUTOBAHN. ALREADY A "GEAR HEAD", TSG MICHAELSON CAME TO GRIEF EARLY IN HIS TOUR WHEN HE DISCOVERED THAT IN GERMANY THE NO SPEED LIMITS RULE APPLIES ONLY TO THE SUPER HIGHWAY SYSTEM. THE POLIZEI WERE NICE ENOUGH TO RELEASE HIM WITH THE ADMONITION THAT HE LEAVE "THE FATHERLAND" AND NEVER COME BACK.

**TSG MARK L. HEITHOFF, TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN:** A LINCOLN FIREFIGHTER AND JACK OF ALL TRADES, TSG HEITHOFF HAS JUSTLY EARNED HIS RUGGED AND MANLY REPUTATION AS THE "SCANTILY CLAD" FIREFIGHTER WHILE EXTINGUISHING A ROARING BLAZE ON ONE OF LINCOLN'S MOST HEAVILY TRAVELED STREETS IN A STATE OF UNDRESS. SEEMS THAT HE WAS SO STARTLED BY THE ALARM THAT HE LEAPED ON THE HOOK-AND-LADDER TRUCK WITHOUT FIRST DONNING HIS "BUNKER GEAR". TSG HEITHOFF, OF NORTHERN GERMAN DESCENT, HAS ALWAYS BEEN FASCINATED WITH THE ANCIENT TEUTONIC PRACTICE OF THE BERSERKERS WHO THREW OFF THEIR CLOTHING AND RAN INTO BATTLE UNARMED. MUCH TO HIS DISMAY HE DISCOVERED THAT LINCOLN IS NOT HAMBURG.

**TSG MARK A. STOCKING, ORDERLY ROOM TECHNICIAN:** WHEN HE'S NOT BANGING ON A TYPEWRITER TSG STOCKING ASPIRES TO BE THE COACH OF THE OLD MILWAUKEE SWEDISH BIKINI TEAM, UNLESS THAT AVOCATION INTERFERES WITH HAULING IN BIG FISH IN ALASKA, THAT IS. HE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A THREE DAY TRIP TO EIELSON AFB,

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DURING WHICH HE AND SEVERAL OTHER BOOMS ATTEMPTED TO DEplete THE STATE POPULATION OF NORTHERN PIKE AND RAINBOW TROUT. TSG STOCKING IS OUR RESIDENT ORDERS AND FUND SITE EXPERT, WHICH BEGS THE QUESTION OF WHY NONE OF US EVER GETS PAID.

**TSG PATRICK D. "DAN" KIRWAN, TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN:** TSG KIRWAN, ALSO A CASTLE AFB DISTINGUISHED BOOM GRADUATE, IS PERHAPS THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUAL IN THE UNIT CONCERNING VINTAGE AIRCRAFT AND THEIR PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS. HE ALSO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM GEILENKIRCHEN, GERMANY, AND NATO AWACS SUPPORT. UNFORTUNATELY, DURING AN ILL-FATED TRIP TO AMSTERDAM HE RECEIVED A LIFETIME BAN FROM THE SO-CALLED "ADULT" SECTION OF TOWN. ASK HIM ABOUT HIS MISTAKEN ENCOUNTER WITH A CHIMPANZEE AND AN ELECTRIC MIXER.

**TSG SANDRA L. REYNOLDS, SPACE AVAILABLE TECHNICIAN:** SHE IS OUR RESIDENT "TREE HUGGER" AND NEW AGE DEVOTEE. TSG REYNOLDS CONTINUES HER RESEARCH INTO PAST LIVES, PARTICULARLY HER OWN. SO FAR SHE HAS DETERMINED THAT SHE WAS A ROMAN SOLDIER DURING ANCIENT TIMES AND A FERN OR TOADSTOOL DURING THE PLEISTOCENE ERA. PRIOR TO THAT SHE WAS A SLUG. HER CRYSTAL COLLECTION IS SO EXTENSIVE THAT IT IS SOMETIME S DIFFICULT TO TELL HOW MANY OF HER IS SITTING AT HER DESK. TO DATE SHE HAS HAD SO MANY OUT OF BODY EXPERIENCES THAT SHE CAN LEGITIMATELY LOG FLYING TIME WITHOUT SETTING FOOT IN AN AIRPLANE.

**SSG GORDON A. ANDERSON, TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN:** OUR LICENSED COMMERCIAL PILOT AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR IN CIVILIAN LIFE, SSG ANDERSON'S FRIENDS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIS DESIRE TO ROAST MARSHMALLOWS AND HOT DOGS AT 41,000 FEET OVER A KC-135R GALLEY, AND HIS ODD FETISH OF WEARING HALON AS AFTER SHAVE. HE IS ANOTHER RECENT GEILENKIRCHEN, GERMANY, RETURNEE. GERMAN AUTHORITIES WISH TO QUESTION HIM CONCERNING UNAUTHORIZED DAMAGE TO THE BERLIN WALL

**SSG RANDALL L. MILLWOOD, SCHEDULING SHOP TECHNICIAN:** OUR RESIDENT LOTHARIO AND ALL AROUND NICE GUY, NEVER TOO BUSY TO HELP A FRIEND IN NEED. SSG MILLWOOD'S CASTLE AFB FRIENDS WILL BE



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PLEASED TO KNOW THAT HE STILL ENJOYS "KICKIN' CHICKEN" AND THE BARROOM FISTICUFFS THAT FOLLOW. DURING A RECENT VACATION TRIP TO MYRTLE BEACH, SC, HE DISCOVERED THAT THE, "LEGAL AGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS 16," WHATEVER THAT MEANS. SSG MILLWOOD CONTINUES TO ENJOY HIS JET SKI AND HIS OUTDOOR HOT TUB, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE NEW CROP OF FRESHMAN UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA COEDS HAS HIT TOWN. AND YES, HIS NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR STILL ENJOYS THE VIEW.

**SSG RUSSELL J. SLADKY, TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN:** YET ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED BOOM GRADUATE FROM CASTLE AFB. WHILE HIS FRIENDS THOROUGHLY ENJOY HIS COMPANY AND RYE WIT, SSG SLADKY IS NONETHELESS REFERRED TO FONDLY AS "MR. FUMES IN THE COCKPIT", FOR REASONS OBVIOUS TO THOSE WHO HAVE FLOWN WITH HIM. A MASTER ELECTRICIAN IN CIVILIAN LIFE, HE USES THIS PLOY TO EXPLAIN HIS SOMETIMES SHOCKING BEHAVIOR.

**SSG RANDAL L. DOUGLAS, TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN:** A COLLEGE STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA IN CIVILIAN LIFE, SSG DOUGLAS PERSISTS IN WEARING A NAME TAG WITH THE INSCRIPTION "SNOWMAN". WE CAN ONLY SURMISE FROM HIS NICKNAME THAT THIS REFERS TO THE STORIES HE TELLS YOUNG LADIES AT ADULT DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS. OR IT COULD REFER TO HIS PERSISTENT DANDRUFF PROBLEM. SSG DOUGLAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM AN AIR SHOW AT NAS MIRAMAR, CA, THE HOME OF THE NAVY'S FABLED "TOP GUN" COMPETITION, WHERE HE CLAIMS TO HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME IN "THE CLUB" MAKING "PRECISION CONTACTS". WE TORE UP HIS MAR.

**SSG MARY A. BUNDY, TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN:** SHE IS A UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN GRADUATE AND ANOTHER BOOM WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM AN EXTENDED STAY IN GEILENKIRCHEN, GERMANY. DURING HER FREE TIME SHE TEACHES THE UNIT ADMINISTERED AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AT OFFUTT AFB, NE. SSG BUNDY'S TRIP TO GERMANY SEEMS TO HAVE HAD A PERVERSE EFFECT ON HER PERSONALITY. SHE COMES TO WORK IN A DENTED PAWN SHOP PURCHASED WAGNERIAN VIKING HELMET AND INSISTS ON BEING REFERRED TO AS "BRUNHILDE". IF THE BOOMS ARE FORCED TO SIT THROUGH ONE MORE RENDITION OF HER SINGING "RIDE OF THE VALKYRIE" THEY'RE GOING TO REVOLT.

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**MSG ROBERT K. BUCK, TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN:** ANOTHER GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION, MSG BUCK HAS DECIDED TO ABANDON THE BOOM CAREER FIELD TO RETURN TO HIS TRUE LOVE, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE. EVERYONE IN THE BOOM SHOP HAD TO FINALLY ACCEPT THE UNPLEASANT FACT THAT HE WAS JUST TOO SMART FOR US. THAT AND HIS CONTINUAL WEARING OF A TRENCH COAT, DARK GLASSES, AND FEDORA HAT PULLED LOW OVER HIS EYES ALONG WITH HIS AFFECTED ACCENTS MADE SEEING AND COMMUNICATING WITH RECEIVERS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.

**TSG KERRY G. GULZOW, AIR FORCE ADVISOR:** SINCE RECENTLY RETIRING AFTER 15 YEARS OF AIR FORCE SERVICE, (INCLUDING SEVERAL YEARS AS A CASTLE AFB BOOM INSTRUCTOR) TSGT GULZOW HAS VISITED THE 173RD BOOM POD SIX TIMES. THIS (*INCIDENTALLY*) TIES HIS BEST YEAR ATTENDANCE RECORD, (IN 1988 TSGT GULZOW SHOWED FOR WORK SIX TIMES INCLUDING ONCE WHEN HE SHOWED TWICE IN THE SAME MONTH.) HE IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A SALES REPRESENTATIVE WITH CELLULAR ONE TELEPHONE COMPANY. AFTER DRINKING WHAT HE CHARACTERIZES AS A GLASS OF "BAD WINE" ON A TRIP TO MORON, SPAIN, LAST SPRING, HE HAS EXPERIENCED A COMPLETE LIFE CHANGE. FOR EXAMPLE, HIS CASTLE AFB FRIENDS WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT HE HAS STOPPED SMOKING, GIVEN UP DRINKING, AND JOINED A FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCH....NOT!

**SSG WILLIAM D. SCHEELE, TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN:** A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN WITH A DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, SSG SCHEELE HAS BECOME KNOWN AS THE "HUGH GRANT" OF THE BOOM WORLD. HE DEPARTED THE BOOM CAREER FIELD AFTER A CONFUSING, CONVOLUTED "PRESS CONFERENCE" DURING WHICH THE TERM "POLITICAL CORRECTNESS" WAS MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES. HE IS CURRENTLY PRACTICING HIS ENGINEERING CRAFT IN BEATRICE, NE, MANUFACTURING LAWN MOWERS.

**ALL BOOMS: STOP IN FOR A CUP OF COFFEE WHEN YOU'RE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD! IT'S JACOB'S, ARGUABLY THE FINEST COFFEE ON EARTH.**



**New Hampshire Air National Guard  
157th Air Refueling Group  
Pease Air National Guard Base N.H. 03803-0157**

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Boom Operators

3 August, 1995

FROM: 157 ARG/DOTB ( TSG Tony Casella )

SUBJECT: 1995 Boom Signal

Hello from all the Booms in New Hampshire!

Here we are again tolerating the big heat up here in the Northeast, and carrying a heavy schedule. This year we have had lots to do!, First last August the ASEV team from 21st AF came to visit us and we are proud to say that everyone did an excellent job including Kelly Philbrick receiving an Outstanding Performance (Congratulations Kelly ).

Next we have been working hard getting all the booms qualified on the new rails,( we still have a few vagrants left ) and we have been going on quite a few channel missions including Pacific West and Atlantic Express.

Congratulations to Chief Ray Richardson who has past the 10,000 hr mark and is also now our Wing Senior Enlisted Advisor.

The TTF group is almost in full swing awaiting the completion of a Environmental Assessment but the Coronets have been coming right along.

It was another trip back to Volk Field this past April to have "Fun in the Sun" with our sister unit Niagara Falls. We look forward to next our ORI with Niagara.

This year we also took over the Deny Flight support at Istres France for the month of May with Niagara Falls, Everybody had a great time and boy there was a lot of flying and long work hours.

On a sad note - Phil Weiss past away on January 26th after a courageous battle with cancer. Phil was a Boom Operator for 29 years and over 4000+ hours with 11 of those years on active duty, He is remembered by his wife Monica, son Dwayne, daughter Lisa Ann and by all of us here at Pease. Phil was 47.

We would like to welcome three new Booms to our shop, SRA Michelle Mosley, SSG Mike George and SMS Carl Sneirson.

Michelle is from our own Supply Squadron and is presently at Survival School and Mike from our CE Squadron who is now at Boom School. Good luck to both of them. Carl Sneirson is not exactly new but has returned from his Ground Safety job to fly with us again and work in Training. Welcome back Carl!

Also we would like to welcome Aimee, daughter to Kelly and Lisa Philbrick born on April 10, 1995 and Emily Lynn, daughter to Marc and Marie StCyr born on May 27, 1995, Congratulations to both the Philbrick and StCyr families.

Here's are current list of Boomers, with more to come in the near future:

**Full Time Support:**

CMS Ray Richardson - Chief Boom & Wing SEA  
SMS Steve Morgan - Stan Eval  
SMS Carl Sneirson - Training  
MSG Mike Blandina - Training  
MSG Denis Boucher - CLT Manager  
MSG Kelly Philbrick - Scheduler  
TSG Tony Casella - (Temp) - Simulator PO/QAR  
TSG Elaina D'Orto - TTF  
TSG John Gibb - (Temp) - Crew Comm.  
TSG Dave Lajoie - Pubs ( Who also loves the Heat)

**Professional Guardsmen:**

MSG Dick Ellis - rent a boom  
MSG John Lennon - take your pick  
TSG Marc St. Cyr - machinist  
TSG Daryl Pettis - Ex - DEA  
TSG Glenn Senechal - postman  
SSG Jim Doyle - builder/ contractor/ and now club owner  
SSG Mike George - postman  
SSG Glenn Starkweather - landscaper  
SRA Michelle Mosley - insurance

Mark Giovonnetone has left us to continue full time with his coffee business. Mark has been with us since 1987, we wish him good luck.

This year 163rd Air Refueling Group has just passed our ORI in August with an excellent not bad for being C-3 just 8 months. From coming on line in only two years the accomplishments reflect tremendous hard work these young booms have achieved (read the ORI report). We like to be known as the grizzly guardians.

Our boomers are a combination of seasoned veterans, full timers and traditional guard members.

Chief Norm Perry is our Chief Boom. Neither time nor paper allow for an elaboration of Chief Perry's experience and exploits as a Boom Operator. Suffice it to say "he's been there and done that".

MSgt Michael "Uncle Mikey" Dunn is our new mil tech. Whatever Chief Perry doesn't have advice on, Uncle Mikey does! Like Chief Perry, MSgt Dunn has been there and done that -- Twice!!

MSgt David "El Coqui" Vasquez is one of our "old Timers". David is quickly catching up with the Chief on the "BEEN THERE", but, old Dave transferred to Phoenix Guard. Good luck Dos Huevos!

TSgt Julie "Jewels" Bellinger. Believing in the Guard philosophy of "see one, do one, teach one", Julie is in Stand/Eval trying to keep a day and a step ahead of the rest of us and is our new IBO.

SSGT Jamie "McFly" McMath is another full timer. Cross-trained from accounting and finance, Jamie works voodoomomics on all our travel vouchers. McFly broke his leg last year (grounded). We hope to see him back soon.

Sgt John "JP-4" Walund, nick name Waldo Pepper - TQM at its finest. Just make SMgt strong leader.

TSgt Jim "Jimbo" Blucher keeps looking for the eject handles on his chair. He is stuck in scheduling and also new IBO (Altus grad).

SSgt Gary "Duck" Howard, along with Jim, is lost in the abyss of the scheduling office. He used to be a nice guy. But he is now a proud Pop - Little Boy.

MSgt Tami "Indiana" James - full time student (Bioenvironmental).

MSgt David "Chip" Navarro, is with the California Highway Patrol. Air Refueling came naturally to Dave, as a CHIP he's used to being up-close and personal.

MSgt James "Psycho" West is our other cop. As an Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department, his nickname says it all. Don't piss him off! (New nick name might be "down Lock")

TSgt Keith "Lineman" Lequire work used to for one of the largest phone companies in the U.S. and he still gets his wires crossed. (New Art)

TSgt John "Cool Running" Bradbury is an engineer by training, an ex-Marine by choice, and a Jamaican by birth --Life just doesn't get better than that!

TSgt Wayne "Counselor" Kunz is a former C-130 crewmember, then he saw the light and is now doing it right.

MSgt Bruce "Riddler" Garcia, mil tech - keeps the rest of us in line (usually a parabola -  $y=x^2$ ). Cargo load training NCOIC.

TSgt Aaron "Bear" Scott is taking lessons from Bruce and is assistant Guard extraordinaire (They call him Mr. Brent).

Sgt Justin "Sammy Ciasullo is the real Guard Bum extraordinaire -  
- Sammy, Sammy, he's our man, if he can't do it no one can.

New Booms in School:

Steve C Barcza (ex-gunner - don't hold that against him)  
Graduates from Boom school September, 1995

John Haus (LAPD) Another one of LAPD Blue's finest awaiting CCTS date

Angel Gomez (trust me, no angel)

Lisa Picollo (crew Chief) school teacher (math) soon to be an ex-crew chief awaiting CCTS (CRUNCH)



# BOOM OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

168th Air Refueling Squadron  
Alaska Air National Guard  
Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska 99702-5000



Hello from the home of The Last Frontier Boom Operators!!

It's been a very busy year up here in the land of the midnight sun thanks in no small part to the recent R model conversion we've just completed. As if pulling three lines of alert wasn't enough, they still expect us to fly Cope Thunder right in the middle of our real world missions: Hunting, Fishing, Camping.... Fortunately the biggest dilemma our part-timers face is fitting 38 paydays into each month; they should handle the national budget. Hopefully, the addition of those two Hawaii tankers will provide much needed relief in our newest mission--Rollers.

On a more serious note, we are certainly glad to be so busy considering all the purse string tightening going on. Our part-timers do genuinely have difficulty fitting all their pay days in each month and for us full-timers we're just happy to see their max availability each month. Since the last signal we've been lucky enough to have hired a few new booms all of the highest caliber. You'll read about them later. It seems they all have DG's, OP's, and EQ's when they come back. What ever happened to the days of "Getting through by the skin of your teeth"? Is there no fun to be had at this place called Altus? Well, there is still plenty of fun to have up here in the Great (to often White) North. We hope all of you get a chance to come visit, wet a line, drink a cold one and let us show you the Hot (OK, Warm) Spot. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable coming year and here's our line up...

*The Last Frontier Boom Operators*

The 168th ARW line up...

**CMSGT Keith "Crusin' " Bromley** -- Our Chief Boomer! Recently married and happier than ever. Life at the top seems to be taking its toll, he has a tough time deciding between planning his next trip in the new RV, where to hunt moose this year, and looking at brochures of air boats. We are all betting that his next toy is gonna be an air boat. Don't tell his wife.

**SMSGT Ronald "Mr Ron" Merbach** -- When you're the scheduler you get called "Mr". And Ron deserves it, with all the activities going on he has become a master. He keeps all the part-timers happy by giving them all the pay days they can handle. He is also a regular J. C. Whitney kind of guy. His \$400.00 Datsun 240Z has about \$15,000 and counting into it. Hope the UPS man has a strong back.

**SMSGT Bob "Bo Bo" Hauer** -- You can't say anything bad about Bob. He's always smiling and has a kind word about everyone...he'll learn. He's our token dog mushier and we hope to see him in the Iditirod 2000. Don't ask for volunteers Bob, it's cold out there! If you aren't well versed in how torturous mushing is, it might help to tell you that Bob truly Loves Cargo Loading. Now that's scary.

**MSGT Richard "Skipper Dick" Hardy** -- He was a rich man looking forward to retirement in two years, that is until he bought THE BOAT. We all wonder when he had time to attend the Hazelwood school of boat buying. We also think we'll see Dick around here a little longer.

**MSGT Bob "First Mate" Edgett** -- "Hey Dick, what's one blown engine, we still have another don't we"? Yes, Bob was luck enough to book his passage on this fateful trip up the inside passage way in advance of the rest of us. All he says now is, "I thought it was a three hour tour, a three hour tour..." Bob has since given up the dream of skippering a halibut charter and has bought himself a good, solid, land hugging saw mill. Maybe we'll change his name to "Bob Bunyon".

**MSGT Mark "Yukon" McGrath** -- Mark recently canoed the mighty Yukon and not wanting to miss any of it we're told his special canoe was capable of doing a complete 360 every five minutes. He's been busy this year with the family visiting and a trip back to the ol' country- Ireland. Is there something we need to know about your not being able to land in the UK anymore Mark?

**TSGT Bridgett "Pad Mom" Tamburino** -- She only does alert laundry on Tuesday and that's the only day she can fly too. We think the alert folks are beginning to see a trend developing. "Tim" from "Home Improvement" has nothing

on Bridgett. She is currently building a garage and you should see her swing a hammer. We should have contracted her for the new Operations building.

**TSGT Lyle "Snowman" Kirgan** -- As Japan's leading Disco dancer, Lyle wowed the locals with his John Travolta imitation. He's thinking of fronting the making of Night Fever II. When he's not dancing he's out setting bear traps or snowmachining out to some remote radar site.

**TSGT Steve "Gotta Job" Forgue** -- Recently hired as our newest AGR, Steve spent the big bucks he earned in Germany on a dozen cases of Diet Coke. You can never pass up a good sale on Coke. Steve is also newly married and our congrats go to him and Karen.

**TSGT Todd "Scroglette" Cook** -- Todd has his hands full raising two little girls on his own..but he seems to be doing a good job and we hardly notice the gray hairs. We get the feeling he's been out looking for help though, so be forewarned ladies when you come to visit. He has a private 900 number if you're interested.

**TSGT Samantha "Barbie Dahl" Bromley** -- Her husband's a fool if he thinks she doesn't know about the air boat! Working as the Deputy Court Clerk for the State of Alaska, she is our inside scoop to all the dirt. We think she even knows the verdict to the OJ trial but we can't get it out of her. As for the back problem Keith developed on their honeymoon...she isn't talking about that either.

**TSGT Paul "Hot Buns" Nunemann** -- Paul is one of our most recent acquisitions, so far he has done a wonderful job. But, all the potential for new nicknames has us a bit concerned. "Min Effort" followed him home from Castle and there was no doubt how he got that one. Then rumors about "Hot Buns" from his civilian co-workers led to topics such as The blow-up doll, leather pants and the Whip...? We may have a live one here.

**SSGT Frederick "Butch/B-2" Stein** -- We're not sure if we did the right thing by taking Butch out of the CE business. Now, whenever someone is out front cutting the grass Butch goes out and sits him down for a lengthy debrief and TAPR. Whatever you do, don't call him FRED.

**SSGT Mario "Max - DJ" McGee** -- You gotta be quick when you talk to Max. He's da bizniz man. He's a shakin', bakin', movin', groovin', wheelin' and dealin' don't stop me now I gots to go...on the radioooo kind of guy. Max is another lucky guy recently married. How does he find time.

**SSGT Michael "Fuel Man" Carney** -- One of our newest and also best young Boomers, Mike is an even prouder father with a new boy...Congrats. Mike works at



the local fuel refinery and was able to give us some inside info during our recent JP-8 fuel problems. When you see Mike, ask him about his most recent pose for the camera.

**SSGT Dale "Who?" Forrey** -- Our resident sports guy. If it has a ball he'll play with it! Dale coaches and plays softball, volleyball and had some big moments at the recent Guard Softball Tourney. Try not to get him too excited though... not that you could tell if you did.

**BOOMER LOSSES...**

**MSGT Donna "The Cat" Horne**

-- KC10 (March)

**SSGT Jimmy "The Sleeper" Simmons**

-- KC-135 NGB

**SSGT Glenn "Travis" Clark**

-- Pilot Training

**SRA Mikell "FOY" VonDolteren**

-- Pilot Training



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
HEADQUARTERS, 186TH AIR REFUELING GROUP (AMC)  
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

27 July 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOVK

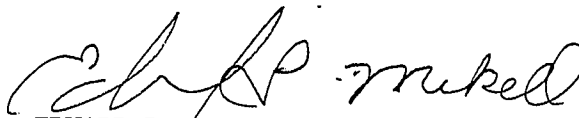
FROM: 186 ARG/DOB (778-9473)

SUBJECT: 1995 Boom Signal Input

1. Greetings fellow boomers from tanker town, Mississippi. We are still recovering from ASEV, TQM, QAFA, ITO, KATO and "the mother of all battles," THE ORI. We have now slowed down and reflected long enough to enjoy being one of the most absolutely OUTSTANDING tanker units in the AMC and Air Guard communities. A big thanks to all the units that have helped us with such a smooth and effective conversion.

2. Our doors are always open and you can't beat the catfish and good "ole" southern hospitality. The following is a line up:

Smsgt Lee Martin  
Smsgt Rick Robinson  
Msgt Gerald Harper  
Msgt Ned McCormick  
Msgt Tom Stamper  
Msgt Glen Hancock  
Tsgt Chuck Smith  
Tsgt Robbie Knight  
Tsgt Ronnie Blackwell  
Tsgt J.R. Benson  
Tsgt Lane Meadows  
Tsgt Sonny McCarra  
Tsgt Blake Stanley  
Tsgt Steve Lewis  
Ssgt Tony Boykin  
Ssgt Mike Powell  
Ssgt Al Rigdon  
Ssgt Jay Ziller  
Ssgt Ross Goodin  
Ssgt John Massey

  
EDWARD L. MIKELL, Msgt, MS ANG  
Inflight Refueling Program Manager



## HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD

203 Air Refueling Squadron

FROM: 203 ARS/DOTT  
290 Engine Test Road  
Hickam AFB, HI 96853-5109

30 Aug 95

SUBJECT: Boom Signal 95

TO: All Boom Operators

To all our brother and sister boom operators, we in Hawaii would like to extend our warmest **ALOHA**. We feel very lucky to live and serve in such a beautiful place. Where else can you be in the traffic pattern on final approach and look out to the left and see a rainbow, look to the right and see whales breaching the surface of the water, and look beneath you to see people in thong bikinis soaking up the warm sun from above. As a famous Hawaii T.V. private eye said.... "Just another day in paradise".

Like everyone out there, we're busy, busy, **busy**. Gone are the days of Coronet refuelings at Tanker Task Forces waiting around and sitting on your *okole* (rear end) for the next air refueling mission. Today the business is passenger carrying and moving pallets with little time for sightseeing or relaxing (when's the last time you took a bicycle TDY?). We've become like our cargo hauling brothers.....What ever happened to the good old days?!

We've grown in numbers since the last boom signal. We've hired a few more full-timers (total of 5) and more part-timers (total of 6), and we lost one person due to non-participation and our Active Duty Advisor (SMSgt Harry Allen) PCS'd to McConnell AFB. Not mention losing CMSgt Roy Schufft (who they never replaced) to Kadena. So here's the current list of booms in our unit.

MSgt Steve Cid

Steve is the PROGRAM MANAGER and KING. Steve is half way in completing his SNCO Academy by correspondence. He keeps us in touch and out of trouble.

MSgt Bill Montgomery

Bill moved from STAN/EVAL to TRAINING FLIGHT. He's much happier in training flight. Bill has started the Hawaii Chapter of the Boom Association which is coming along slowly.

TSgt Tony Fortney

Tony moved from SCHEDULING to STAN/EVAL. The new "hammer" has given a few checkrides and has been very gracious with results.

MSgt Gary Mau

Gary's one of newest full-timers that we hired. He works in CURRENT OPS as the money person. Gary deals with the Guards "dollars and days" budget.

SSgt Frank Santos	Frank gave up his heavy equipment operator job with the city to be one of us on a full time bases. Frank works in PLANS (DOX) doing mobility stuff.
SSgt Chris Killion	A temporary full-timer hoping to be hired on a permanent basis. Chris works in CURRENT OPS planning all our trips. He recently got married and will be going to CFIC real soon.
TSgt Kris Tisdale	Another temporary full-timer hoping to be hired permanently. Kris works in SCHEDULING. She's a former Aircrew Ops Technician who watched crews go TDY and wanted to do the same! She loves going TDY!
SSgt Greg Genenbacher	Our only true part-timer in the squadron. Greg's full time job is working in the accounting department of "Maui Divers Jewelry". He flies when he can.
SRA Mark Sindiong	Our newest part timer who recently came from CCTS. Mark is a very sharp motivated individual. He came to us from the fighter weapons shop. He wants to go on as many trips as he can.
SSgt Joaddie Gionson	Joaddie will finish CCTS when this goes to print. She came to us from Civil Engineering. She works for the Postal Service fulltime. We look forward to having her in the squadron.
SSgt Warren Faurot	Warren will be starting CCTS as this goes to print. Warren transferred from the Army Guard to aircraft maintenance in the Air Guard then to us. Warren works for the Fire department fulltime. We wish him good luck at Altus.

As you can see we have a great bunch of booms. With only 9 boom operators to do a squadrons worth of work, they have to be the best. With other booms to follow we should be at full strength by next summer.

Drop into the squadron and say "Howzit" when you get in town. We see a lot of tankers on the ramp but no one comes into see us!(We can't blame you, the sights downtown are better than on base). See you again in the next boom signal .....*Aloha!*

*Bill Montgomery*  
 BILL MONTGOMERY  
 Training Flight



# DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

319TH OPERATIONS GROUP (AMC)  
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA

15 Aug 95

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 319 OG/OGV

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

1. Greetings from the last northern tier base in the tanker world. It has been a busy year here at the "Forks". We successfully brought up four superb air refueling squadrons despite completing the busiest TDY schedule in the command. Our people quickly organized their units and prepared for a thorough AMC administered Quality inspection and 21 AF ASEV. The results were awesome. I give my sincere thanks to Chief Harris and AFMPC for sending such gifted boom operators to form this super tanker wing.

2. In addition to these challenges, the 319 ARW had the distinct pleasure to host and support the AMC KC-135 Evacuation Tests. Our boom operators were very lucky to experience and test evacuation procedures under extremely realistic conditions with a multitude of different scenarios. Those involved learned greatly from the experience, and can carry the pride of being involved with something that will greatly impact and benefit the passenger movement portion of our mission. A boom operator can directly affect the success of a possible evacuation by having a solid plan, discussing it thoroughly with the crew, and giving a good passenger briefing. He or she can enhance passenger safety by doing things like pulling up portions of the roller system when pallet positions are open. Many good things came out of these tests which will soon be shared with the rest of the tanker community, to include a video tape documenting the tests that occurred.

3. This letter has attached inputs from our four flying squadrons to update you on who showed up here during the reorganization, plus those that have homesteaded. Yes, there are people who love it here and want to stay. In addition, the following individuals fill our staff slots in the wing/group:

CMSgt Paul Christensen	Ops Group Stan/Eval
MSgt Jim Haskell	Ops Group Training
TSgt Mike Frovarp	Special Ops
SSgt Dan Smith	Tactics
SSgt Chris Hague	Wing XP

4. I hope this input will provide you all a little insight of our operation up here. If any of you are interested in the challenges and the rewards that only a northern tier assignment can give, please give me a call, this may be the place for you. Look us up if you are ever in the area. Take Care.

  
PAUL H. CHRISTENSEN, CMSgt, USAF  
319 OG, Standardization/Evaluation

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
905TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (AMC)  
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA


26 Jul 95

MEMORANDUM FOR All Boom Operators

FROM: 905 ARS/CCF

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL "95"

1. Greeting from the land up north, cold winters, nice summers and some real big misquotes. The squadron has been busy, then again who hasn't. Since the last signal the units seen the sand box, spent Xmas in France and Italy, done Quick Force, saw Panama, Alaska and now getting ready for another round of fun in the sand box in a couple of months. All this and the one week Business Efforts to go with it, talk about wearing out a suitcase.
2. As for myself, I've stepped into some really big shoes to fill when Nick decided it was time to retire. He left me with some really fantastic people to work with who are doing there best to keep me out of trouble. Some of these fine people are moving on to bigger and better things, Dave Cox listened to CMSgt Powers sell pitch and is on his way to Aluts. Jack Gates is on his way to Mildenhall, Bill Williams wanted to go to a TALCE job at McGuire, Jay Paulson is out there in the real world some place. And like I said earlier, Nick Tomaszewski has deiced to retire, this place is going to miss the old boy, GOOD LUCK with school.

  
ROGER D. THOMAS, MSgt, USAF  
Program Manager/First Sergeant

Msgt. Roger Thomas - A gift from the 912 ARS, Roger is our new program manager/first shirt. He still calls 'em like he sees 'em.

#### A FLIGHT

Msgt Pat Pruett - A Flt. Superintendent - Equally as passive as Roger, Pat is one of the true good old boys still left in the field. Currently on extended TDY in Panama.

SrA Brian Satterlee - CLT manager - Brian recently graduated from ALS. Plagued by unexplainable headcold while his wife was visiting him on Pisa TDY !

SrA Jack Gates - AKA Chia Pet, the black cloud has left us for Mildenhall with an upgrade slot enroute.

SrA Jeff Hy - "The Hedgehog" - Hybo has his own bachelor pad in East Grand Forks, complete with kennel services. Currently on long-term DNIF, hopes to return to status around September. (If the AZT works !)

#### B FLIGHT

Tsgt Ted Johnson - B Flt Superintendent - Last signal Ted was known as "The Cowboy" , referring to his bedding situation. Well I'm happy to report that Ted has since returned to his house in East Grand Forks, which not only includes his own bed but also a divert couch open to all in the command

SrA Stacy Brown - Stacy is a 905th repeat offender on her second tour without a PCS.

SrA Russ Gardener - Gumby is our most recent upgrade candidate. The man drives the best truck that \$75 can buy !

SrA Jay Paulson - "The Porcupine" has wandered on down to his hometown of Minneapolis in pursuit of an education. We wish Jay and Teresa all the best.

#### C FLIGHT

Msgt Don Frol - C Flt Superintendent - Don is the fastest scheduler in the west, just don't get too close.

Tsgt Bill Williams - Bill-Bill is giving up his side-job as duplex slumlord of Grand Forks for a new start with the TALCE at McGuire.

Tsgt Duane Woitas - Our resident ex-gunner (He won't let us forget) is soon to be taking over training flight.

SrA Clay Willoughby - Recently graduated from ALS with a DG. His reward was the often coveted job in Mobility.

SrA Pat Torres - Pat has just returned from CFIC and is Poised to become a fine instructor just as the pipeline has opened back.

#### STAFF

SMSGt Nick Tomaszewski - A consummate professional and extraordinary guy Nick has decided to move on. He is currently on terminal leave and preparing for the fall semester at UND. Nick has been hitting the weights pretty hard for a few years now and is going to try-out for the varsity football team ! Really, I'm not kidding. Good luck Nick.

SSgt Russ Carlson - Stan Eval - "Jobu" has gotten tired of those cold North Dakota nights so he bought himself a puppy ! Anybody got any peanut butter ?

SSgt Dan Smith - Tactics - Dan got burned out from the TDY pace so he moved on to tactics. Then again maybe he was just running from Carlson !

SSgt Dave Cox - Training Flight - Boom of the Year for the Wing, Dave has decided to channel his energy to the CCTS at Altus. Dave will be sorely missed.

Inbounds - Finally some fresh meat, and just in time for a trip to Saudi !

A1C Ryan Sherbondy

A1C Mike Usevich

A1C Charles Maxie

The bio-lines were brought to you by yours truly, Jeff Hy with some help from my "entertainment committee" co-chairman, Ted Johnson.



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**

906TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (AMC)  
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA

**MEMORANDUM FOR AMC/XOVK (CMSgt Harris)****FROM:** 906 ARS, Grand Forks AFB**SUBJECT:** Boom Signal Inputs

1. An "oh fer" and an "Oof Da" from the 906th ARS at Grand Forks. Although the year's been slow for us (Panama, Green Flag, Red Flag, etc.) so far, we're staring the Christmas 95 Riyadh Tour in the eye. We're a little short right now, so if anyone would like to tag along...
2. And now for your reading pleasure, here's a list of those folks currently assigned and recently departed:  
**MSgt Curt Umstead** - "Crusty" picked up a new nickname in Pisa. Some say it's because he looks his age, others say "Watch the Simpsons". Under a year to twenty, but he's never been very tall.  
**TSgt Mike Frovarp** - Formerly the Wing Cargo Guru, now works in Tactics as Secret Squirrel, so no one knows where he is or what he does.  
**TSgt Jeff Wright** - Flight Super. MSgt Select who says he's been too old for this for 7 - 8 years.  
**TSgt Joel Parker** - Flight Super and Ex-Marine. Saw the error of his ways, and now his hair is much longer. Currently on a Capstone mission, showing off for the new generals.  
**SSgt Dan Goewey** - Flight Super. Expecting a new arrival in October.  
**SSgt Harv Schneider** - Training flight guy, although no one can figure out what his real job is. Hee-hee.  
**SSgt Brian Thayer** - Came to us from the 905th in a trade for a SrA and a first round draft pick.  
**SSgt Mike Jennen** - Stan/Eval. Quiet guy. Doesn't give me much to say. (Could be a good thing, eh?)  
**Sgt Steve Mason** - First casualty of our last Saudi trip... Fell off the pax stand before he ever set foot on the ground.  
**SrA Chad Anderson** - Stan/Eval. Looks like he was born with that haircut. Engaged to be married in August of 96. No sense being in a big hurry.  
**SrA Michael (Shane) Brown** - Half of the Flying Brown Boom family. Those who know him know that he's not the better half.  
**SrA Garry Isbell** - Local Cargo Loading manager and computer designer. How can anybody who knows so little about computers be so good with them? New baby is just starting to sleep through the night.  
**SrA Kevin Mathews** - Resident cowboy who, at the time of this writing, is attending CFIC at Altus. Assistant Cargo Manager, spends lots of time at the computer (see Isbell above).  
**SrA Jody Riggs** - "Elvis has left the building."  
**SrA Andy Stutts** - Still looking for Aunt Bee. Actually, a bit more like Barney than Andy.  
**SrA Bud (A.J.) Verdi** - Loves Riyadh, especially the folks at the Fire Department during volleyball season. "Hey, leave my mom out of this."

A fond farewell goes out to **SSgt Eric Hudnall**, who left the boom field to fly helicopters. May his blades never fail to auto-rotate. "See-ya-'round-the-corner" go out to **SSgt Chris Hague** ("Huh?") and **SrA Stacy Brown**, who picked up jobs elsewhere in the wing.

CURTISS J. UMSTEAD, MSGT, USAF  
906 ARS, PROGRAM SUPERINTENDENT



1 Aug 95

**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS**

**FROM: 911 ARS, GRAND FORKS AFB, NORTH DAKOTA**

**SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL INPUT**

1. Greetings from the **BEST** squadron in the GREAT WHITE NORTH. It's been over a year now and we're finally settling in to the *NEW and IMPROVED* Air Force, an AMC style way of life. The RED EAGLE squadron has accomplished 110% of all assigned missions. Lived through another tour of the sandbox, battled through back to back QAFA and ASEV with flying colors, played war games in sunny California, Special Ops at Sammy's, and defended the island of Iceland from NORTHERN VIKING adversaries all in a single bound. We're on the road this fall to Mildenhall and Turkey. And now for the cast of stars that lead this magnificent squadron to world peace!!

MSGT DON WILSON: First Sergeant, Last Sergeant? (Chief Boom)

MSGT WALLY MORITA: (Flight Super) Slept in and missed a free trip home to his hoola girls in Hawaii. Instead he spent leave with some June polar bears in Canada.

TSGT JEFF POTTER: (Flight Super) North Carolina, North Dakota, They're pretty close if you look it up in the Atlas. The in-laws dragged him back through the ice and snow.

SSGT JEFF MURPHY: (Flight Super) "Boom Operator of the Year" at Grand Forks AFB. Life just doesn't get any better than this?

SSGT MIKE CASEY: The "Snake" still slithering his way though the promotion system: and by the way, urination and electric fences can be hazardous to your health.

SSGT TOM HEWITT: "Huey" Put speed dial on your phone to the roto rooter man. Thanks GFAPB CE. Oh yeah, another instructor, just what we need!!

SSGT KEVIN TAHA: "Stressed out" of service. Stressed into civilian life.

SSGT JASON SWANDAL: I've fallen and I can't fly.

SSGT JAY HEIMANN: "Buster" They'll make anyone a Staff these days, won't they.

SSGT MIKE STUKEL: Living among the university students, trying to put his future Attorney through school to handle his personal cases.

SRA MIKE MURRAY: Mike Who????? Someone get him a base map and point him towards the squadron.

SRA DAN TRAINER: "Mr. Goodwrench". Buy a car that runs dude so your new wife will have something to drive.

SRA BRIAN QUAM: A recent inductee into the SANCTITY of marriage. Mr. ASEV OP and Boom of the Quarter got his picture plastered on every wall, except the post office.

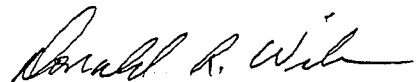
SRA MIKE DUNLAP: "That isn't my job." Get your own downlocks!!

SRA JOE CORDER: "Thumbs Corder" The newest instructor to hit the tundra running.

SRA JIM WOODWARD: "Woody" Just PCS to Minot, and get it over with, she's not going to move here just for you.

AMN JAMES LUDWIGS: Oh my GOD, a baby boom, he's almost potty trained.

So here's all of our ALL STAR operators. They all deserve an ACADEMY for there actions. Drop by and see us sometime or call DSN 362-6121. (RED EAGLES)



DONALD R. WILSON, MSGT, USAF  
Operations Superintendent

BOOM SIGNAL  
912 ARS GRAND FORKS AFB ND

Here we are reaching out to touch you from Mildenhall RAFB. We've seen a lot of you pass through here in the last three weeks or so, I guess if you want to see old friends RAF Mildenhall is the place to do it! Everyone is either on their way to or from somewhere (very occasionally we might run into each other at home station, but what are the chances of being home?). Heck, we see our "sister squadron" the 911th more on the road than we do at home! Well the 912th has been up and operating at the Forks for a year now and things are going real well. We've moved into a new squadron building, and I'm told by those at home that the finishing touches are being applied (bulletin boards, LAN system etc.), next time we pass through there we'll stop in and check it out! If you get the impression that we're gone a lot, we are, but not any more than the other "core tanker" units. Some of the booms enjoy the TDY a lot others would prefer to be home more, and a few old guys would like to go back on alert! Who ever thought they'd say that!? Well let me introduce you to the 912 ARS Boom Operators:

SMSgt Al King	Chief Boom, 1st Sgt, I've enjoyed myself more in the last year than I have in a long time. Even a bad day at the Forks is better than a good day at the HQ! There are a great bunch of booms here and a great boss, these two factors make it easy to keep things running smoothly.
TSgt Gary Davis	A flight Boom Super: Loves his work, his dog, his guitar, and his family, not necessarily in that order. Doing a super job, it's a new experience for all the flight booms to be writing EPRs and being responsible for four or five young peoples training, evaluations, and professional careers, but it's working out great!
TSgt Russ Snitker	B flight Boom Super: The old man of the dorm, he would however rather be TDY than at home, so his massive stereo and TV are still like new! Russ is doing a great job as flight boom, he's always got a project working to improve training, EPR completion, the HP200 usage or something. What a great asset to the 912th!
SSgt Guy King	C Flight Boom Super: Volunteered to head up the boom portion of our Stan Eval office. The other flight booms are evaluators, but Guy provides a central POC for booms in the Stan-Eval office and helps with all those great programs in there (trends, testing, etc).
SSgt Mark Adame	Training Flight/shop/office/ anyhow - he works in the room down the hall that holds training records, lesson plans, and other training related items. Mark is keeping all of us straight on the new rollers currency, and developed a super training program for the system.

Sgt (SSgt Select) Joe Wilkins	Running the Cargo Loading Shop: Joe has lots of great ideas on standardizing cargo loading around the wing, he has helped create a "standard" configuration and tiedown methods and is trying to get those working throughout the wing (whenever our airplanes and crews pass through on the way somewhere he checks them).
SrA Matt Arevalo	Also working in that training office down the hall. He just returned from Amn Leadership School - he enjoyed it and continues to be the kind of professional airman we all want more of. Matt has worked hard at keeping all our training up to date since his arrival, and continues to do so.
SrA Stacy Tansits	Working in the cargo shop with Joe, Stacy is always smiling, (you really begin to wonder what she's up to) a pleasure to have in the squadron. She is always ready and willing to help with any project, a professional I can always count on.
SrA Randy Schaub	Randy stays busy, he loves to go TDY, is always ready to fly as an IBO and is always ready to make an input, usually a constructive input. Glad to have him.
SrA Darrell Macomber	Our newest IBO, just returned from CFIC, had a good checkride, and is ready to work, very quiet and bears considerable watching.
SrA (SSgt Select) Cory Grape	Currently attending CFIC, Cory is making several lifestyle changes this summer - CFIC, marriage, it will be interesting to see the new Cory this fall.
SrA Jeff Porn	Jeff is another boom making the big plunge this summer. He'll be getting married this September somewhere in Indiana.
SrA Rob Hendrickson	Rob is, well, Rob. He is enjoying himself here at Mildenhall, if you need directions to the club just ask Rob, if you however need directions home from the club, well you may want to ask elsewhere.
AIC Elisabeth Puetz	Liz is a sharp boom operator, everyone who flies with her or has any contact with her has good things to say. She is always helping out in the squadron, and does a great job in the air, send me more boom operators like Liz!
AIC Juan Murillo	Juan is also a new boom who's doing a super job, Juan is a TDY volunteer - anytime, anywhere, keep these sharp airman coming.

Well that about covers the 912th ARS booms, they're having a great time, doing a super job. Give us a call, stop in for a drink or dinner. I'm sure we'll see you on the road. Take care, fly safe, keep the navs flying (in the KC-135!).

ALBIN R. KING, SMSGT  
IRPS



# DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE RESERVE



MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOV

24 Aug 95

FROM: 336 AREFS/DOB  
1351 Graeber Street, Suite 1A  
March AFB, CA 92518-1723

SUBJ: 1995 Boom Signal Input

Hello from the RRATS. We thought we'd have a quiet year after our ORI two years ago and the ASEV last year, but no such luck. When the C-141's joined us and we became the 452 AMW, we found out that we'd get the pleasure of participating in another ORI this August. We can't tell you how excited we all were to hear that bit of news.

On the positive side, we're anticipating our first R-models to arrive early next year. We'll regret losing the reverse thrusters but like the thought of the R-model APU. Momma always says that bigger is better. And Momma is always right.

We've had a couple of personnel changes since last year, most notably picking up Ron Herzer from the 79th AREFS (Reserve KC-10) and hiring our first Baby Boom in a long time in Patsy Evans, daughter of Lee (Retired - 22 AREFS) and Maggie (now with the 79th). Patsy should be back from Basic/CCTS around January and we are all looking forward to her return (none more so than Maggie who gives us updates everyday).

Here's our cast of characters:

CMSgt Bob Dunning

TSgt John Everette

SMSgt Curt Massey

TSgt Ken Horner

SMSgt Zen Olson

TSgt John Irish

SMSgt Steve Hamer

TSgt Nicole Canada

MSgt Deb McGuane

TSgt Erica (Almgren) Scott

MSgt Phil Stidham

TSgt Ron Herzer

MSgt Tina Skropos

SSgt Brent Johnson

MSgt Maurice Walker

SSgt Bobby Witt

MSgt Tony Wright

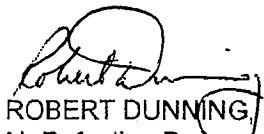
A1C Patsy Evans

We bid fond farewells to those who have left us this past year.

MSgt Maggie Evans - Went to the 79th AREFS (Could be coming back?)

TSgt Dan Quasius - Went to 940th ARW at McClellan (again).

Well that about covers it. If you can stand the heat, the smog, the earthquakes, the fires, the floods, the riots, the fruits, and the nuts, come on out and give us a holler. The party patio is in fine form and the beer machine's always full. DSN 947-2153. Adios.



ROBERT DUNNING, CMSgt, USAFR  
Air Refueling Program Manager

## 344 ARS

### McConnell AFB Ks

**Howdy Y'all!** OOPS, sorry, sometimes I forget I'm not in Texas any more and the Texan in me comes out before I can catch it. It doesn't seem possible that a year has gone by already. This time last year, we were trying to open a squadron, find office space, requalify in the R and T model from the Q model, get boom manning up to par, and cover TDY commitments that never seemed to end. This year we are trying to open our squadron, find office space, get boom manning up to par and cover TDY commitments that are heavier than ever. At least we are all R model qualified now. We sent our last Q-Model to Boeing for new engines in February of this year and are fully T-Model equipped now. The last year has seen us go from a bunch of people from different bases trying to get comfortable in a new environment to a team that can get any job done anytime it needs doing - almost (we still don't know how to cover 15 lines of TDY with 14 people). This year we watched Paul Lowe retire. He had one of the nicest retirement ceremonies I have ever seen. He flew his Fini flight on the Q-Model's fini flight, we got off of the airplane and conducted his ceremony in front of the airplane. We thought it only fitting that Paul retire with the Q, after all he brought it into the inventory... or maybe he just looked that old. He now lives in Scotland with a wife that he claims to have married years ago. We all wish Paul well. As for the rest of us, we put our heads down and run as fast as we can to try to keep up with the tempo. I just can't help but think that someday, somehow, we are going to have to get some relief in the near future. 150 to 200 days a year TDY is going to take a toll on our boom force. The good news is that the Boom Operator force is responding and getting the job done - Just like we always have!!! The future doesn't look much better either. Three man cockpits will be an interesting development. Isn't it odd that we just keep getting more responsibility and no more pay to go with it? If I remember right, the last flight pay raise was ten years ago. Oh well, I am still proud to work with the most professional group of people in the Air Force. Here is our current line up as well as those who have gone on to greener pastures:

MSgt Glenn Faught - Chief Boom and **FIRST SERGEANT** again! I cried the day maintenance left us. Finally got my Bachelors Degree! Only took me twenty years to get my four year degree.

MSgt Jim Norris - Flight Super and College graduate - he finished his degree at the same time as Glenn. New wife, new house, same old headaches (minus one)!

MSgt Jim Morman - Flight Super. New addition from Kadena. Distinguished Grad from NCO Academy! Don't ask Jim what he is thinking unless you really want to know!

TSgt Bob Yelverton - Recent upgrade and Mobility guru. Now he really does know everything.



SSgt Jerry (Spanky) Linscott - Tech selectee - just came over from the 349th. We can thank him for getting us out of ERCC's.

SSgt Rick Brack - Has more TDY days than all of TALCE combined. If he's not TDY, he's out riding his Harley.

SSgt Jimmy "Jaws" Bautista - Holding down Training Flight...or so he thinks. Pioneer of the Three man cockpit.

SSgt Tom Morrison - Look for his acting debut in the new passenger video. No autographs please (well maybe for \$1.00 each)

SSgt Paul Frownfelter - Going to Stan/Eval didn't get him out of any TDY's. He is everyone's favorite evaluator (He's the only evaluator). OP on his ASEV check.

SRA Bill King - TDY ~~DOG~~-GOD. Wants to go everywhere. When asked to sign up for TDY's. Bill puts his name on every one! "Mr. Mooch" We know how he affords his new Pathfinder, he never buys his own food.

SRA Travis Williams - He's got a fast car, fast shoes, fast women and a filthy room.

SRA Randy Kay - AKA Casper, Lost his wife then his hair - no the events were not related.

SRA Sandi Pehowic - Squadron celebrity - Air Force Times cover girl. Soon to be having another little boom operator.

A1C John Pickett - He was the model for the BIG BOY statue. We can't get him to hold a hamburger over his head but he has been seen frequenting the Shoney's parking lot.

TSgt Joe Halenka - Wing Training Flight. We know he's been busy, he only gets to go to the gym four times a week now.

### **GONE...**

SRA John King - We are always glad to see boom operators...some we're glad to see come, others we're glad to see go. Now he's a Mister and the one headache that has gone away for Jim Norris

### **...BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**

MSgt Paul Lowe - Retired and moved to Scotland to finally live with his wife.

SSgt Dan Rhodenbaugh - took the VSI. When asked why he was getting out, Dan just rubbed his belly and said "I like this".



Greetings from the 349th, the true lead squadron in the "land of six-month summers and people who hate hearing about Toto and that Dorothy person". Busy doesn't begin to describe the pace of events since the last Signal came out. Places like Sig, France, SWATTF and Kenya ring a bell? We had our first QAFA and ASEV with very favorable results. Needless to say we've been up to our derrieres in alligators, and it starts all over again in Oct. with our deployment to France. We'll also have 8 ARP trained boom operators by the time this Signal goes to print. Things have certainly changed in the boom field, but we're having a good time and I guess that's all that matters. Drop by the premier squadron for a cup of coffee on your next trip through McConnell.

#### **The line up:**

**SMSgt Scott (Swil) Swilling. (Chief Boom).** Fresh back from the Senior Joint, after eight weeks he finally learned how to run a computer. Took his newfound skills on a fact-finding tour of Panama. Thanks for the Cubans and Stolys.

#### **A-Flt**

**MSgt Tim (F. Lee) Bowser (A-Flt Chief).** Tim is our resident "Col. Flag"; one minute he's there, a second later 'gone like the wind'. Married again, new home owner in Haysville. He's been a big asset with the HP-200LXs. Tends to mumble in hexadecimal. Runs his debriefs like murder trials, hence the name "F. Lee". "Did you, or did you not, sir, sign off the FCIF prior to your mission?"

**SSgt Tony (Bob Vila) Panganiban.** In between a generous TDY schedule, he's doing home improvements to his new house. We've been advised that it's not quite up to Bob Vila's standards; more like Tim Allen's. Tony is our newest instructor in the squadron.

**SSgt Barry (Ce'dras) Mayhew.** After being gone 97 days for the first 4 months (volunteered for every day), was overheard telling his lovely bride Lisa, "But honest honey, they're making me go!". Barry is our new CLT Manager. Strap in if your overdue on phase 3's. Gen Ce'dras has been seen whittling a willow branch...

**SSgt Glen (I'll have to check with the fiancée) Stallard.** Thanks to Glen, booms get a 10% discount at the local jewelry store. Currently off to wow 'em down at Altus CFIC.

**SrA Bart (Set your phasers on 'stun') Jordan.** Bart has moved to Chief of Stan Eval; received outstanding performance from ASEV as well for the Stan Eval programs. He's playing the promotion game from two angles; sweating the staff list, and trying for a commission. Already thinking like a zero; took the cheap way out, planning so his son was born on X-mas so he only has to buy one present.

**SrA Mark (All women are evil) McIntosh.** Training Flight boom, proud papa and current stockholder in Ski's Halfway House for Wayward Boomers. Going through the big "D", and we don't mean Dallas. He lost the jeep and the palace.

**SrA Rick (Where's My White Cane?) Clark.** Had a nasty 'go-round' with the flight doc and base optometrist. Rick is calling it quits after 6 years, now pursuing a Bachelor's degree in engineering. During a recent START mission with the Russians, they thought he was some kind of secret weapon. 9 out of 10 passenger surveys pick Rick as AMC's best steward. Thanks for all the hard work Rick, good luck.

### **B-Flt**

**MSgt [select] Steve (Yaba-Daba-Dooski) Yavornitzki (B-Flt Chief)** Big Brother to more than just booms, owner and proprietor of "Ski's Halfway House for Wayward and Homeless Boom Operators". A master chef, he practices and refines his culinary arts on his unsuspecting tenants. Just check the "cheese" around their waistlines. New boat owner, which the tenants use to great advantage as well. They may be fat but they've got great tans. Our first "ARP" boom, he managed to get in 40 winks between EAR and the IAF, with a wakeup call from the DO. "Whaaaaaat? You gotta be baggin' me!"

**Sgt Steve (Nomad) Huggins** Steve has moved four times in the last year, finally made it to the promised land (base housing). Puts his 88-mph fastball to the test with the Wichita Wranglers (Texas League) each Sunday.

**SrA Christy (Energizer Bunny) Milligan** Our newest arrival, assigned as our squadron historian, moonlights as an East Coast TV star and working the airshow circuit.. Christy tackles the toughest jobs and lives to talk about them - and talk about them - and talk about them.....

**SrA Alex (Panama Jack) Smith.** Al will be a civilian next month, so for his last TDY we sent Big Al as staff boom to Panama. In 45 days ended up wrecking a car, telling off a Senior NCO, and being in charge of a SMSgt. Thanks for the hard work, and good luck.

**SrA John ("Do you know the bit code for an overheat on the APU?") Wanner** John is soon to be homeless thanks to big Al getting out. John found his newest love at a starving artist convention.

## C-Flight

(C-Flt. Chief) Lots of applications, hoping to fill the position within the month.

**SrA Moses (Where's the receptacle?) Menchaca.** Trades white canes with Slick Rick. Award winning grad of the ALS, Moses still holds the record for the most double and triple A/R tracks back to back in the 349th. Ce'dras' right hand man, enforcer for all his strong-arm CLT tactics.

**SrA Fred (Fast Fred) Ramey.** See last year's Signal.

**SrA Claire (I got a change for you) Larsen.** Claire took over pubs and did an outstanding job. Her and hubby are the proud parents of a receiver equipped baby boom.

**A1C Jason ("I own Fighters") Resler.** Bronzed god and Coppertone poster child (courtesy of the "Ski" boat), doing in-residence studies at Ski's Halfway House. May hold the record for first-term TDYs, the clock is still running...

## Attached

**TSgt Ray (Charts and Graphs) Frey.** Moved from scheduling to current Op's, counting the days until he's a mister. Planning on leaving the area and retiring to Pennsylvania

**MSgt [select] Mike ("x-4316 unsecure line") Sage.** Welcome to the "Don't call me, I'll call you" world of Special Ops. Mike's not only a member, he is the president of the "He-Man Women-Haters Club". Current stockholder in Ski's house for wayward boom operators and the Malibu "Ski" boat. Sports a perpetual sunburn, which contrasts nicely with his snow white ass.

**Sra Loren (Non current) Will.** Proud member of the "Pelican Flight"; i.e. he's full of \*&^%, protected by the government, and you have to throw a rock to get him to fly...

**MSgt Cleve (Too Tall) Filmore.** Cleve is still up in the wing, keeping outside agencies on their toes. First boom to kill a HP200LX, autopsy scheduled next month.

## Drafted to the secondary squadrons

**Sra Eddie Estagin**-Drafted to the 350th ARW, promised a future third pilot position and help on double C-5 and 141 tracks.

**SSgt Paul Frownfelter**-Drafted to the 344th ARS Stan Eval in return for HP-200's

**TSgt [select] Jerry (Spanky)Linscott**-Drafted to the 344 ARS. Proof positive that assets are still needed from the primary squadron to fill the needs of the secondary squadrons.

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC CMSgt Harris

FROM: 350 ARS, MCCONNELL AFB, KS

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Inputs

Employment opportunities available with the 350 ARS. Wanted male/female, experienced or inexperienced boom operators. Must be willing to travel to far away places around the planet Earth at a moments notice without regard to personal life and family concerns. In lieu of per diem we will pay incidental expenses of up to \$3.00 a day. If you are a CCTS graduate please contact us at DSN 743-4672. We do not discriminate against ex-gunners. For personal testimonies please contact anyone of the following people of the 350 ARS. There is only one number one and its the 350 ARS.

SMSgt Allen - Decided life with the Hawaii Guard was hard to beat so decided to pursue the next best thing. Retirement at Ft. Walton Beach.

Msgt Soumas - "B Flight Boom" He has found a way to get out of TDY's but won't tell anyone how. He says it's a "SECRET."

Msgt Keister - "A Flight Boom" Filling those new Msgt shoes. Volunteers for any and all TDY's where sun rays can be absorbed and is an AVPOL expert.

Tsgt Larry Hopkins - "C Flight Boom" Commonly referred to as "Harry Lopkins." Takes his smoking like the mail man carries mail. Come wind, rain, snow, sleet, or hail he can be found at the butt can.

Tsgt Klinkhammer - Stan Eval is what he does and a "Grumpy old man" is what he is. Doing well and enjoying life back at McConnell.

Ssgt Lawson - He's out, He's not, He's out, He's not, He's out and going to the reserves 10 Aug.

SSgt Lankes - Paul says he loves it here, but has been trying to leave from day one.

SSgt McKenna - Where to start. Rick is currently writing a novel on the Best Ways to Make Friends and Influence People. Sure to be a best seller. Should attend CFIC soon.

Sgt Austin - Has finally purchased property in Saudi after his 9th trip. Says he hates to go a year without getting there. Looking at separation next summer and becoming a FRG (Friendly Reserve Guy).

Sgt Jessee - When not chronically DNIF he is a part-time boom operator. Keeps himself busy while not flying by maintaining the squadron computers.

SrA Stiener - Taking care of the CLT. Is becoming a Boomigator.

SrA Farris - A TDY monster. When at McConnell, you can find Bill standing in line to get another trip.

SrA Estagin - Recently decided he wanted to come home from Saudi. So he picked a fight with a steel post. Ouch! One broken hand and 2 months of Duty Dog. Ed should be ready for Europe this fall.

SrA Horton - Arrived in January. Has spent 1.5 months on McConnell.

A1C Rodriguez - Hollywood wants Pete to star in the sequel to Fatal Attraction. They want someone with a real life experience.

## 384 ARS

Greetings from the 1994 Spaatz Trophy winners. During the last year, the 384th spent time in England, Southwest Asia, Panama, Africa, South America, Nevada, Georgia, Florida and a few places we're trying to forget about.

SrA Tony Aparicio	Getting ready to go to Airman Leadership school. When he's not at work, he's with his family, which is 90% of the time.
SSgt Joe Barry	Left scheduling and PCS'd to Boeing and is now doing less than he ever did.
SSgt Mark Batties	Now in charge of C- flight. Getting ready to take his family to see Mickey and Minnie in Florida. GAZER!!!
SSgt Nick Burney	Upgraded to instructor. Finally made staff so he PCS'd to Altus.
SSgt Milton Brewer	Getting ready to upgrade to instructor. Still single.
SrA Greg Carron	DNIF and working in scheduling
Amn John Carter	Fresh meat. Just arrived from Altus and already going TDY.
SrA Matt Courtney	Got married, had twin boys and is getting out. Enough said.
SrA Pat Denson	Wanted out but couldn't do it. Reenlisted. Now going to instructor school.
TSgt Larry Greenfield	Always on leave or TDY. Your guess is as good as mine.
SMSGT Gary Hall	Retiring the end of this year. We're all sad to see him go. We wish him the best of luck in the future. He's going to let his wife support him. Might join the Senior PGA tour.
SSgt Tom Hess	"Golden boy". PCA'd to wing Special Ops.
SrA Hannah Kahahawai	Married and had a baby girl. Back going TDY full swing. (Hi skippy)
Sgt Byron Larson	Has a new baby girl. Reached his high "ten year" and is now out of the Air Force.
TSgt Bricker Martin	THE ORIGINAL GAZER BOY!! Is a Master select!
SrA Jason Ryan	Newly married so we never see him. Not like we ever did.
SrA Dennis Struve	Wanted to palace chase, but was denied due to manning. Now he's bitter and giving check rides. Lucky us!
SrA Sean Swieringa	Just upgraded to instructor and is in love with his new truck..
SSgt Cynthia Tesser	Reenlisted and then took the early out and the money with it. Is currently a 911 controller so don't get in trouble in Wichita
SSgt Chris Zaher	TSgt select Zaher is a training fool in the training element.

This information, provided by SrA Hannah Kahahawai, SrA Dennis Struve, and SSgt Mark Batties, is for abuse only.

21 Jul 95

MEMORANDUM FOR: HQ AMC (CMSgt Harris)

FROM: 931 ARG/DOB  
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McCONNELL AFB KS, 67221-3612

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

Greetings from the land of OZ, that's HAY to all you North Carolina booms. The 931 ARG is the first KC-135 associate unit officially standing up the 18th ARS on 1 Oct 95 followed by the 44th ARS on 1 Oct 96. Thanks to the 22 ARW for their outstanding support. If your in town stop by and see us or give us a call at DSN: 743-5297 or COMM: (316) 652-5297. Here is the current line up for the 18th ARS.

SMSgt Don (FARMER) Askren: Former KC-10 guy from Seymour Johnson requaled thanks to the folks at 72nd ARS, Grissom. Program Manager, Chief Cook and Bottle Washer. Having a great time with the new unit.

MSgt Rand Sanders: Former KC-10 boom from Seymour Johnson, requaled thanks to the 465th ARS, Tinker. Works as a simulator instructor for Citations Air, pilot for civil air patrol and private pilot instructor for anyone who has the nerves.

SSgt Jack Norris: Former KC-10 boom from Seymour Johnson, (this could be a trend), just got back form Altus requal course, starts ART job 10 Sept.

SSgt Troy Lawson: Inbound ART from 350th ARS, volunteered for a 45 day tanker force with former squadron, (go figure)? Never been a KC-10 boom, probably a good guy to have around.

Sgt Charles Mix: Inbound from 93 ARS, Fairchild.

#### Prospective Booms Destined For Altus

SSgt David Moore: Civil Engineer troop from McConnell.  
SSgt Jeff Kilian: Civil Engineer troop from McConnell.  
SSgt Kenneth Girty: Former Flight Engineer lives in Helena, Oklahoma.  
SRA Tonya Halenka: Husband is an active duty boom at McConnell.  
SSgt John Santiago: Sky Cop from Bergstrom, Texas.  
TSgt William Stacey: B-1 crew chief from Jayhawks (busy man).  
TSgt Brad Beyer: Another Jayhawk crew chief.  
SSgt Doug Morgan: Keesler load master.

SIGNED

DONALD L. ASKREN JR., GS-10, USAFR  
AIR REFUELING PROGRAM MANAGER



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
**HEADQUARTERS 100 AIR REFUELING WING (USAFE)**

17 Jul 95

**MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION**

**FROM: 351 ARS/DOOB**

**SUBJ: BOOM SIGNAL**

It's that time of year again for our yearly input to the Boom Signal. The TDY and flying pace here at RAF Mildenhall is still the same, and we've been invited to participate in the concept of ITUD. So if you drop in on us and no ones around ( which is not unusual) try France or Turkey or Italy or Crete or Egypt or Spain, let's just say points east of Mildenhall. Although I'm most likely preaching to the choir on this subject ! As most of the booms know the flying over here is great! Its a real challenge at times with language barriers, and sometimes different refueling techniques from receiver pilots ("14,32, I think the refueling would be smoother if you weren't inverted?"). Which brings me at last to the point, most of the NATO countries use the refueling procedures in the NATO Allied Tactical Publication 56 Air to Air Refueling . This publication some what mirrors our -3 but, there are some differences worth reading about. Some of the differences without going into too much detail are the ECOM procedures named Alpha through Charlie, with Alpha being the most restrictive. Another difference is radio silent procedures which is almost completely different from USAF procedures. The people at the Task force or the 351st can get you a copy to read, take a few minutes to glance over it, before you go fly in this theater, it could clear up some confusion associated with refueling our NATO Allies. Some of you booms already know this but, the 351st has moved to building 1371. We're the first building on the right through gate one (that's the gate by the billeting office) you'll see a few trailers behind a fence that's us. Or just tell the bus driver "you want to go to shantytown " he'll know where we're located. If you 're in-country please come on by and see us. Here's USAFE's best tanker squadron line up!(So what ,if we are the only tanker squadron assigned to USAFE.)

**Superintendent**

SMSgt Mark (Biff) Gentry- "You gotta be kidding me!" Gentry is almost done with his house, should be working on his W.W.II H-D motorcycle but, he is to busy to finish these projects because he is always going over to see someone about making life easier for us booms.

**A Flight**

SSgt Mark Miller- Mark just arrived from castle , We got him doing that flight supervisor job and he doing quite well at this position. Still hasn't unpacked yet, So we don't know if he has decided to stay or not !

SSgt Cliff Bermodes - Training element for A- flight I haven't heard Cliff complain one time yet, he just gets the job done! Cliff the number to inflight is 2690, if you fly with the Wing Commander again !

Sgt. Beccard- B-flight SEFE- Where you going Kevin? To the club!

Sgt. (Railer)Cantrell- Railer is moving on to Robins soon, He's doing a super job for us as the cargo loading manager. He's always got a bag backed ready to go. He well be sorely missed indeed !

SrA Tim Blackburn- Tim just got back from CFIC and ready to spread the wealth of his knowledge to fellow booms. He's also helping the squadron in the cargo loading area and doing a fine job at that!

Sgt. Jack Gates - Arriving from Grand Forks via CFIC. New people usually bring new ideas and new ideas are always welcome.

### **B-Flight**

MSgt Terry Casey- B-flight supervisor I can't say enough good things about this guy. (That's because I'm writing this years input) He's always mumbling about having to wait to get his motorcycle from the military sales people.

Sgt. Robert (Pete) King- B- flight training element- Pete's working hard for us and on his spare time he is fighting the round table or sitting at the round table or doing something with medieval re-enactment's?

SSgt Bruce Zahn (Tech select) B-flight SEFE- We got Bruce back from the TTF where he was doing a super job! Now he is doing a super job in Stan/eval.

SSgt Larry Westwood- He is our squadron scheduler and computer guy and will normally volunteer for just about what needs doing! You couldn't ask anymore of the guy!

SSgt Shawn Miller- Our local computer guy (Says he's a volunteer for Grand Forks!) works hard on making these things (computers) do what I say do!

SSgt Greg (Smitty) Smith - Smitty just arrived at Mildenhall we've heard only good things about him and we expect to have him up and working anytime know.

### **100 OSS**

MSgt Robert (Red) Skelton- Red 's working at scheduling making it happen! He keeps telling me he wants to move from scheduling , but he's still there holding down the fort.

MSgt Clayton (Clay) Fox- He's working at scheduling too! We even see him sometimes around the base when scheduling lets him out of that cave.

MSgt David Williams- He has joined the scheduling team and doing a fine job!

### **100 OG**

#### **SEFE**

MSgt Stanley (Stan) Sears - Stan keeps saying he's going to retire next year! We'll believe it, when we see it.

### **TTF**

Tsgt Dennis O'Grady- Dennis is doing a fantastic job over at the TTF and he is also doing a super job as president of the squadron boom association. There is a rumor he will be getting married in the near future. We can only wish him the best of luck! When you pass through Mildenhall stop in and congratulate him.

Tsgt. Gary (star trek) Fredricks- Gary is helping Dennis O'Grady and doing a good job for all of the people passing through Mildenhall. One more thing concerning Gary that he most likely will fail to mention in passing ,because he's shy and modest. So I feel its my duty tell everyone, Gary is the New Women Magazines "Man of the Year", he was selected from numerous contestants. Gary expects to be very busy on the home front these next few months. If he is looking tired and run down that's the reason .

### **3rd AF**

SMSgt Troy Sinclair- Troy keeps walking around smiling since he made senior. Every once in a while we even see Troy over at the squadron, "just trying to help"!

### Departures

MSgt. Richard (SOP) Sopkowiak- Sop's on his way to Travis, to become a TALCE. That's good for rich because, I think he likes California. Best of luck!

SSgt. Shawn Lane left the squadron for Malmstrom with some smirk on his face about going to MacDill? So where ever he ends up, I'm sure he'll do just fine!



Terry L. Casey, Msgt, USAF  
B-Flight Supervisor

MEMORANDUM TO ALL OUR FELLOW BOOM OPERATORS!

22 AUG 95

FROM: 507 ARW "THE OKIES"

SUBJECT: 1995 BOOM SIGNAL

HOWDY YOU ALL!!!

Greetings and salutations from the OKIES!. We have come out of conversion and we are now full up and running! The people here have made this a successful conversion and we hope to fight off our next problem, conversion to an AWACS associate unit! Thanks to everyone that help us after the April 19th bombing in Oklahoma City. Many of you called and offered assistance, and we thank you. Many of our Okies were involved in the rescue and clean up and to them we send a special thanks. Well here is the line up for the 1995 "OKIES":

SMSgt John "B.J." (that stands for BIG JOHN) Beasley, Program Manager: John is still the chief boom without an office. This doesn't bother him, except he hates keeping his scuba gear in the D.O's office.

MSgt Jim "Gunny" Hackworth, Stan/Eval: Jim (don't hit him in the stomach) just got over a bad case of Kenny Roger chicken food poisoning, which turned into a porcelain gall bladder. Jim's optimistic, he said he could never hold his liquor anyhow. Our first Flight Engineer candidate and we haven't even been notified?? (Did I mention loyalty?)

MSgt Terry Barber, Active Duty Advisor: What more can I say, Terry is still screaming in the night (there trying to convert me) we think Terry still hasn't been able to grasp the reserve way of thinking.

MSgt Page "Pager" Lynn, Reservist: What can you say about a guy from Arkansas, except at his wedding both sides of the family sat on the same side, (coincidence I don't think so)!

MSgt Rick "Reborn" Erin, Reservist: New wife, new job, hence the nickname, a great guy just don't talk insurance to him.

MSgt Marty "Elvis" Lochman, Scheduling: I know why Elvis, word on the street is there are more sightings of Elvis than of Marty in scheduling. If you fly down to Oklahoma, land at Martyville (population 6).

Tsgt Lee "Macho Man" Lytle, CLT: We thought Lee wanted to be a professional wrestler, the truth is Lee and police are on a first name basis (never expect Lee to back down).

TSgt Steve "Bif" Robinson, Chief of Wing Scheduling: A great guy, well the truth is I'm writing this so what did you expect, currently trying to learn this job and I couldn't figure out why the squadron got so upset, all I did was buy an Iceland Alert over Christmas?

TSgt Lou "Lou BOB" Fournier, Chief of Training: Lou's done a great job, want him. If you ever need a party arranged ask Lou or if you need entertainment (like a table dance) see Lou.

TSgt Willie "Whisper" Coleman, Skamming Reservist: I'd like to write something about Willie, I have known him for over a year now and only seen him twice. Willie takes the term traditional reservist seriously, he in-processes every time he come to work.

TSgt Max "Mad Max" Staats, Mobility: The King of Ping, a great guy if you like repeating yourself, hasn't decided if we know what were doing yet.

TSgt Gary Bristol, OPS Planning: One of our elder reservist and a private flight instructor, Gary has the most patience, with all of us.

TSgt Steve "The Rat" Switzer, Long Range Scheduling: You may have heard about Steve, probably the only boom to call a "BREAKAWAY" with the Thunderbirds, and then offer them a suggestion on how to stay on the Boom. All this and 300 hrs flying time, we are truly blessed!!!

Tsgt John "Scooter" Wilson, Supply: Part Two of the "BLEACH BLONDE SCENE" our local supply guru, just ask scooter for something, and it appears, just don't ask where it came from.

SSgt Lee "Woody" Wood, CLT: Lee came to us highly recommended, course were still looking for the guy who recommended him. Another Arkansas wonder.

SSgt Carl "Blondie" Conrad, Reservist : Carl do I get a manday for going to breakfast? Carl started the Bleach Blonde Scene, and NO it's not natural.

SSgt Dan "Jobu" Chandler: More active duty than Reservist! We haven't quite figured out Dan, he's the only reservist I know who want's to go on Active Duty Permanently???

SSgt Gary "X-Man" Byrd, Reservist: Don't call him Larry, Gary failed us, he was a premier tougher who went out and got a real job. (Where's the loyalty)

SSgt Philip Brand, Reservist: Don't ask Phil if you can date his sister, this offends him. Other than that Phil's a traditional reservist who in real life rebuilds 747's. (if you have a need for JP-8 call Phil)

Special Note: SMSgt Ed Phillips sends his "Howdy". Ed is still at Barksdale, but will retire soon!

This was my first attempt at the Boom Signal I hope you all enjoyed it, I think I've learned from some of the best (Gunny, Cool J, Remo and all the other living legends). So if your here for a Depot In/Out or any other reason stop in and see us!!

STEVEN M. ROBINSON, TSgt, USAFR  
507 ARW, the "SHIT HOT OKIES"

# Kadena Kronicle

Issue 2

Boom Signal

August, 1995

Hello from Kadena. Rolled into Naha Airport 29 July on wonderful JAL, Japan's award winning airline (NOT) Bonzai Karasko met my wife and I at the airport and made sure all our arrival needs were taken care of, proving there are still some good guys left who know what being a sponsor is all about. Thanks to Bill and his better

down, they needed E-3 representation. So booms out, AWACers in (1A490- Air Surveillance Technician) The manning numbers justify the change ( 150 E-3 backenders vs.. 25 booms) but it doesn't help the booms in PACAF much.



half Partie. we're settling in nicely at Okinawa. Life's great, the COLA's great and the government pays for everything. What more could you ask for on a last tour.

The past year has held many changes. Who would have ever thought my four year tour at Hickam would only be 18 months, but what the hey. You gotta do what you gotta do. I know what you're saying, you poor thing, only 18 months in paradise. Not only did I move, but the boom position at HQ PACAF went away too. The powers in charge at PACAF (fighter guys) figured that as a result of the Blackhawk shoot

This organization definitely possesses the desire to be the leader in whatever is going on in the field. Presently, the cargo roller system is the hot topic with new and diverse ways of using it being thought up everyday. It seems we had a problem of getting vehicle support at such locations as Diego Garcia sooooo...we bought several small, white Japanese pick-up trucks to serve as ramp tramps. The plan is to outfit the vehicles with UHF/VHF radios and tool boxes to make the 909th truly autonomous. The trucks will be loaded onto a pallet and be the last thing on and the first thing off the aircraft at our deployed location. Now that is a REAL quality initiative!



In addition, we have convinced all of our customer units that it would be in their best interest to fund the conformal cargo bins from Air Cadillac. At the beginning of the new fiscal year, the wing will begin acquiring the bins and the ancillary equipment to go with them at a cost of nearly \$400,000. This will increase our ability to deploy while decreasing the number of airframes required.

The boom operator section recently went through a reorganization which took the best of both the flight and pool system. We have booms operating in capacities that just a few years ago were unthinkable. Booms supervising, organizing, and rating other booms. Who would have thought it? It was a long time in coming but our troops have stood up to the challenge in splendid style. Was there ever any doubt?

It's just this type of initiative that makes this unit great. It possesses some of the sharpest booms in the field, and as proof I offer our promotion rates. Our mission diversity demands excellence from our operators and they deliver on a daily basis. I'm proud to be associated with them and look forward to helping the 909th boom operators continue to achieve the outstanding results which they have become accustomed.

### **The Squadron Players:**

**CMSgt Roy Schufft:** New guy on the block. Came to us from a hardship tour in Hawaii. Has been TDY here so often he has been given a short tour ribbon. Wife Kathy is a southern sweetheart. Couldn't get a house on base so they're going to rent the "Joy House" (don't ask) downtown. Roy, find any snakes in your yard yet? Honestly, a great guy with a lovely wife. We welcome them both.

**SMSgt Billy "Bonzai" Karasko:** Runs our Training Flight and Cargo Operations Divisions. Spends countless hours thinking of new ways of

doing business...a true salesman...the reason our roller system program works...drafted a proposal for \$370,000 of equipment...got \$400,000...you explain it! Squadron SNCO of the Year...PACAF Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year...DG at SNCOA...second in class of 350...thinking about extending.

**MSgt Jerry Head:** Chief of our Stan/Eval...really cleaned up the programs...big picture kind of guy...also president of the squadron activities council...Jerry liked Okinawa so much he extended his tour.

**MSgt Dean Oulela:** Works as a planner at the OSS...really likes making those big decisions...he too has extended his tour.

**MSgt Cliff Pankonien:** Actually assigned to the PACAF ALCE but we consider him a true member of the squadron...always ready to help us when we were short of folks...lives our motto "Always There!"

**MSgt Bill "Shifty" Shippey:** Assigned to the AMC TALCE but flies with us...still working on getting fully qualified in his new job...Oh the stories he can tell..."Why I remember when I ....."

**MSgt Fuller:** Another member of the AMC TALCE team...always TDY...also working on his qualification training.

**TSgt Michael "Gator" Cordell:** One of our new flight supervisors...responsible for things he can't even pronounce...EPR's, awards, decorations...still working with the Japanese sword.

**TSgt Dave Pileski:** Also a planner at the OSS...always TDY...came home long enough to get his checkride then it was on the road again.

**TSgt Mike Steinkraus:** The third member of the AMC TALCE team...a honest to goodness professional...always looks to help us out...the kind of guy you would draft in the first round!

**TSgt Lloyd Rand:** Our newest TSgt...B-Flight Supervisor...recently got married to a lovely lady...looking to leave the unit in Dec 95.

**SSgt Phil Frank:** C-Flight Supervisor...hardest working guy in this unit...really works for his troops...losing more hair everyday...Couldn't give up the year round golf and softball...the wife will be joining the civilian ranks in the near future...definitely going to miss that extra paycheck and COLA...another first round draft choice for a dream team...just signed his IPCOT (In place consecutive overseas tour) paperwork putting him here until the turn of the century...we're glad he did!

**SSgt Nathan "Peachman" Peachey:** TSgt selectee...blew both tests away...came to us from Beale AFB where he was in Stan/Eval...drives a vintage Mustang...should be on the cover of GQ.

**SSgt Craig Evre:** Our #2 man in Stan/Eval...head of our Boom Operator Association...was due to leave in December 95...extended thru June 96...looking forward to being an instructor at lovely Altus...a real shining star.

**SSgt Rod Targos:** another super troop and a big picture kind of guy...definitely the tallest person in the squadron...doesn't need the use of the sextant stool when taking celestial shots.

**SSgt Tom McGuire:** Recently returned from the OSS where he was a scheduler...leaving us in December for an ALCE position at McGuire AFB.

**SSgt Shaun Lewis:** A scheduler/planner at the OSS...always on the go...18 Wing Junior Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year.

**SSgt Erick Turner:** A scheduler with the OSS...due to return to us in September...bought himself a Harley and some leather...another one who elected to IPCOT.

**gt Ed "ped" mith:** Fairly new SSgt...works real hard to make things happen...our awards and decorations guru...a confirmed resident of Alaska and has the subsidy checks to prove it.

**SSgt Rod Cline:** Came to us from Castle rather than go to Altus when the CCTS moved...has great experience and motivation...our new cargo training guy.

**SSgt Mike "the Taz" Rollins:** Mike is on his way to Robbins in December of this year...runs on nervous energy but gets things done...holds second place for the number of TDY days last year (141)

**SSgt Robert "Don't Call Be Bob" Jepson:** Came to us from the EC-135 at Offutt...just entered CFIC upgrade program...a real smart guy...Bob will do well here.

**SSgt (select) Tom Roetzler:** No surprise here...another star performer...new guy in squadron scheduling...works that dynamic environment to his advantage...if he had any hair he would be losing it... Sq/Group Airman of the Quarter.



**SSgt (select) Dan Phillips:** AKA "The Boom God"...another promotion we expected...a legend in his own mind and is not shy about displaying his confidence...the folks over at the Military Personnel Flight pulled some quick paperwork shuffling and Dan was tricked into an extra year...here until May of 96...thinking of going Gucci.

**SRA Bryan Sellman:** Our newest instructor...had to take his initial instructor checkride with CMS Dan Jones before he left for Altus...nothing like a little pressure to bring out the best...spent most of the year TDY...always looking for the perfect wave...one more year to go...looking for a new home in 1996.

**SRA Jennifer Sellman:** Jennifer is medically grounded for good...she is doing a super job in our scheduling office as our dedicated ground scheduler...looking to retrain into paralegal...we are really going to miss her but she will do well...a real survivor.

**SRA Mike "Max" Webster:** Max is currently at Altus by the Sea working at instructor upgrade...never saw anyone work as hard at getting ready for CFIC...dating a local girl for over a year...we're taking bets that wedding bells are in his future...decided to extend until 1998.

**SRA Joe Gellis:** Looking to be our next instructor candidate...came to us from Robbins...has a real wealth of knowledge and experience...we're looking for some big things from Joe.

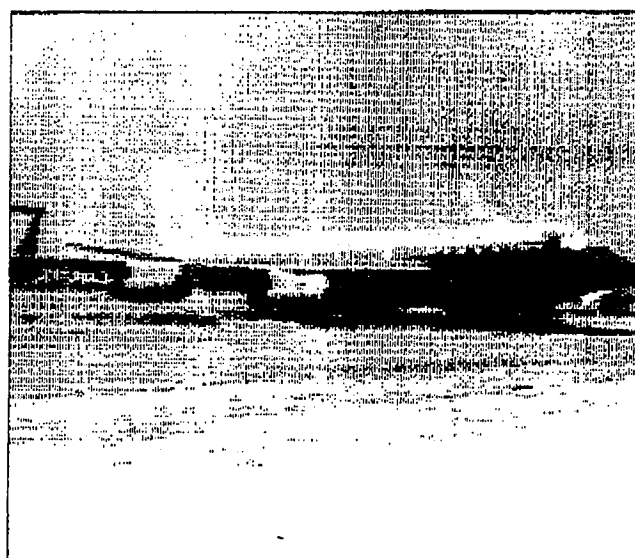
Well, there you have it...the players of the fighting 909 ARS. It appears that everyone who leaves here takes with them experience they just can't get anywhere else in the world. This environment is truly dynamic, demanding, and diverse and therefore not for everyone. The days

are long and time off is short but when you have only 15 tankers to cover a 35 million square mile theater of operations, you do what you have to do. The 909th is always looking for new professionals, so if you want to give us a try, update those dream sheets and give me a call. Look what your other choices are. Any questions!

*Roy Schufft*  
CMSGT ROY SCHUFFT

*"Always*

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GREETINGS FROM SLARCO.

SINCE YOU ALL HEARD FROM US LAST WE'VE HAD A FEW CHANGES. CHIEF DENNY DANIELS, THE MAN WHO CREATED SLARCO, JUST RETIRED. WE WISH HIM AND MILLIE THE BEST IN RETIREMENT AND WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM BOTH AT OUR ANNUAL POOL PARTY AND THE MONTHLY "OLD RETIRED GUYS BREAKFAST". WE ALSO LOST CHIEF MARVIN BOASE IN AUGUST. BEST OF LUCK TO HIM AND CAROL. THE REST OF THE SLARCO MACHINE JUST KEEPS HUMMING ALONG. SLARCO'S ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROJECT IS THIS SEPTEMBER. LAST YEAR WHILE WE WERE CLEANING UP THE HIGHWAY OUT THERE WE FOUND OVER \$800.00 IN CASH STREWN ALL OVER THE HIGHWAY. WE EVENTUALLY FOUND A MAN'S WALLET AND IDENTIFICATION THEN SENT IT ALL TO HIM, WHAT A BUNCH OF NICE GUYS AND GALS WE ARE. TURNS OUT THE GUY'S A RETIRED BOOM OPERATOR (, NA JUST KIDDING). HERE'S THE SLARCO LINE UP FOR THE 95-96 SEASON:

**CMS VAL PETERSEN** Val is our new "TOP BOOM" recently promoted to CMS. We'll be looking to him for leadership as we navigate the turbulent waters ahead.

**SMS MARTY NIELSEN** Marty is our Stan-Eval boom Affectionately known as "Santa Claus".

**SMS DOUG CLINE** Doug is in scheduling and loving every minute of it.

**MSG KEN HADLEY** Ken still has the best sense of humor in the section.

**MSG DENNIS GREEN** Dennis is still with the railroad. NO Dennis IS the railroad.

**MSG JIM ZAELIT** Jim recently opened a business so we don't see him that much anymore.

**MSG JOE MACE** Arguably the best boom in the section. I also write the BOOM SIGNAL article.

**TSG JARVIS BROWN** Jarvis got married since the last SIGNAL. He and "Sweet Julie" are happy as ever.

**TSG BRIAN STEENBLIK** Brian is Jimmy Z's business partner and was unavailable for comment.

**TSG BRIAN JENSEN** Brian is our newest instructor and has already trained two more of SLARCO'S finest.

**TSG SUZETTE KEMP** Suzanne recently finished some commercial pilot training and is now tutoring some of our pilots.

**TSG BEN WILLIAMS** Ben took another spill on the moto-cross track and is doing much better now. We've advised him to try BMX.

**TSG LORIN PRATT** Lorin revealed to us at the last party why they call him "SCORIN'LORIN".

**TSG ROBERT BEAN** Robert is still the Utah Highway Patrols favorite Guinea Pig.

**SSG ERIC HENDERSON** Eric used to be a KC-10 crew chief. Not a day goes by that he doesn't give thanks to be in the 135.

**SSG BRIAN LAWSON** Brian was a marine in his previous life so he is always a hit when he goes TDY.

**ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY**

TO: ALL BOOMS  
FROM: THE PHOENIX COPPERHEADS

Ola from the valley of the sun, home of the best NBA team and the not so good NFL team. Before we run down the current line up of the 161st, we would like to thank Salt Lake for the excellent barbecue lunch they served us for bailing them out of a mobility problem during their ORI.

Many things have happened this past year, Sharon Abraham married Scott Johnson, lots of luck in the future.

Congratulations to Master Sergeants Don Rogers and Ty Warren for long awaited promotions, also congratulations to our future Master Sergeants Buddy Waite and Tom Ellington.

Welcome to our new booms Dave Vasquez, Rob Groner, and baby boom Dave Hanson.

Adios to Gary Duncan who retired in June after a long and distinguished career. He will be missed greatly by DOV and Don and Carlos. Good luck SMS Dave Hetrick during your tour at Mcguire AFB, DOV. Don't let the door hit you in the rear as you leave.

Congratulations to the new proud fathers Bill Brady, Carlos Trujillo and Mike Cullum and future father to be Dave Vasquez, sleep well guys, no cancellations.

We would like to thank Selfridge for supporting us during our Deny Flight tour, everyone worked hard and had fun, last of the good deals.

Now for the line up:

CMS JUAN MESQUITA (Super Mex) IRPM	DSN 853-9031
SMS BURNIE BENBOW NCOIC	853-9012
MSG JOE YOUNG (Mr. Young)	853-9012
MSG SHARON JOHNSON (Mrs) DOV	853-9013
MSG DON ROGERS (Down Town) DOTS	853-9057
MSG TY WARREN DOTO	853-9265
MSG CARLOS TRUJILLO DOTB	853-9029
TSG TOM ELLINGTON CLM	853-9085
TSG MIKE CULLUM (Space A)	853-9162
TSG BUDDY WAITE T.O.'S	853-9012
TSG CRAIG BELL	" "
TSG BILL BRADY	" "
TSG STEVE HANSON	" "
SSG LORENA SULADIE (Tsg selectee)	" "
SSG DAVE VASQUEZ	" "
SSG DAVID HANSON	" "
SRA ROB GRONER	" "

Adios, God bless, and fly safely.

*Juan Mesquita*  
CMS JUAN MESQUITA IRPM

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