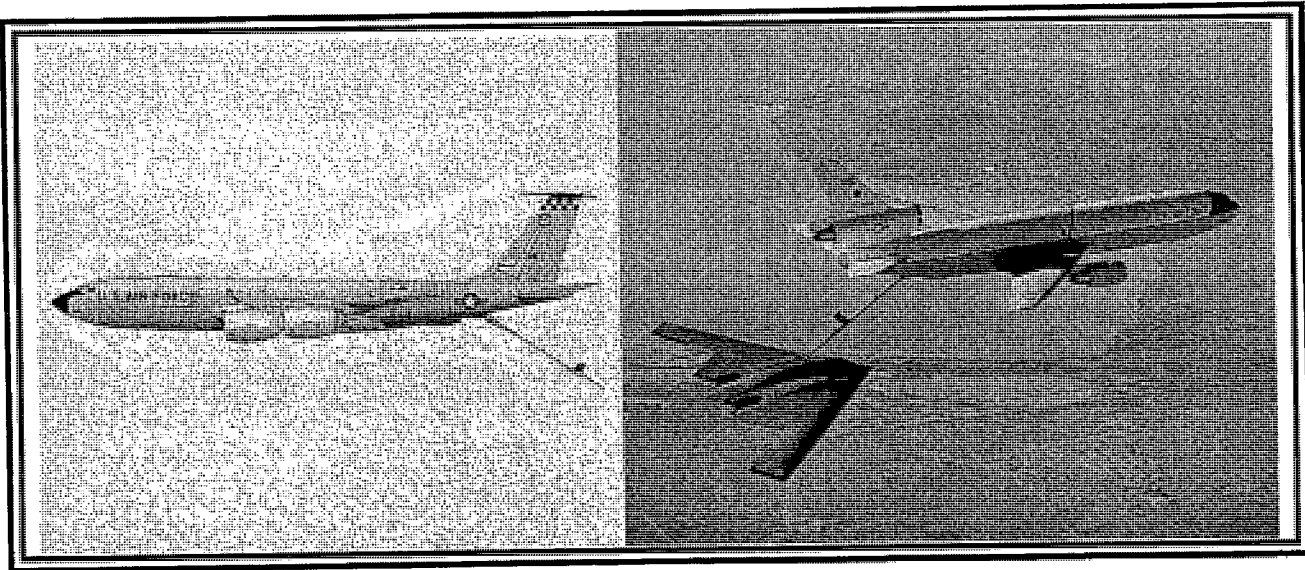




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Global Reach...Tanker Style **HQ AMC**

GREETINGS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS

As I was reading this (last years letter) the similarities jumped out. The next several sentences are from that letter. **"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."** Now back to the new news! We are going to "REORGANIZE" again. This time we will be splitting DOT into two divisions; you guessed it! DOT and DOV. The plan is not finalized yet so I will not speculate on the end result. I hope to be able to provide information at the Work Shop. Here's who left over the last year; the roster on page 3 lists everyone else including their phone numbers and E-mail address.

CMSgt Scott Harris called it quits this year. He got the operators dream retirement job. He now has 20 maintainers working for him!! I don't know about you but I would jump at a job like that. He is enjoying the new job and checks in with us once in a while. He still lives in the same house. He did offer me one bit of advice the last week. When you do retire don't take a job where you have to get up every morning a 5 a.m. Thanks for all the support CHIEF!!!

SMSgt John Buckland decided he had enough of Illinois. He has moved on to another staff job at HQ ACC. He has two jobs; he is the C-130 JA/ATT Manager and the Boom Operator Functional Manager. He has a letter attached.

MSgt Doug Hershey got lucky and finally made up his mind. He has returned to a real job flying EC's at the OLD SAC Headquarters, Offutt AFB, NB. Doug, stay warm and take care of all the boom operators at Offutt.

MSgt Roger Smith has also passed into the retired Air Force. He worked in DOX the same office where John, and Doug worked.

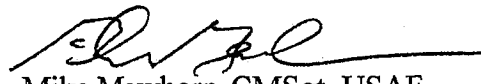
TSgt Jay Warren was another casualty of DOX. Since these two left we have converted their positions from boom operator positions; one to a computer specialist and one to a loadmaster position.

As we said in the opening paragraph, change is still the order of the day. Things are happening fast as the command and the airplanes evolve. This continues to call for us to be flexible. Not unsafe, not complacent, not careless -- flexible. We need to not be bound by old paradigms (don't you just LOVE that word?), but be ready to try new ideas; if they work, we've gained. If they don't, we toss them out and start over. As we change, be careful of rumors. Check out the facts before calling HQ AMC to raise Cain -- it'll save us all some heartburn. We want to hear your concerns, but we want them to be based on accurate information.

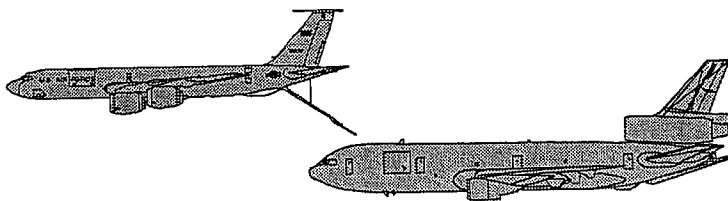
Most of the inputs in this Signal end with something like "If you're ever in the area, stop by for a". We'll continue with that tradition and set out the welcome mat here at Scott. If you're in the area, either officially or unofficially, give us a call. We're confident in saying no one in this building 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
Command, KC-10 Boom Operator



Mike Mawhorr, CMSgt, USAF
Command, Chief Boom Operator



HQ AMC/TACC BOOM OPERATOR DIRECTORY

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SMSgt Jim Eden	Standards	DOTK	5553	Inbound
SMSgt Jake Benscoter/ CMSgt Hubbard (Inbound)	Standards/Training KC-10 Functional Mgr	DOTK	5924/5	bensctrj
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SMSgt Gene Hagge	Inspections	IGIO	4307	haggeer
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MSgt Tina Wallace	Conus Scheduling	XOOTK	1617	wallacet
MSgt Mike Trace	Conus Scheduling	XOOTK	1617	tracem
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To: SMSgt Jake Benscoter

From: XOOK Tanker Branch

Subj.: Boom Signal

Greetings from all of us here at the TACC. It's been a very busy year for everyone in AMC, of course we all know that. The Tanker Section has reorganized since the last Boom Signal. We no longer have the COUS, European, Pacific and Quarterly Section. We now have the Tanker Barrel that does Short Notice Tasking, the East and West Branch and the Long Range Scheduling Branch. Right now the common saying around here is "Where do I work today" and "Oh no another three day weekend. What part of the world will act up today"? Now it's time for the list of Who's Who's up here:

Msgt Jeff Boutwell Working in the East Branch. At one time I thought he was going to lose it. He was working 10 Coronet missions trying to move 100 + fighters in and out of Europe and Southwest Asia and planes were breaking right and left on him. The end result was a few slips and every thing got moved. He was also seen some time ago out in the woods with a chain saw and a hockey mask? He said something the other day about retiring.

Msgt Mike Trace Working in the Barrel Branch doing SAAM's, DV and what ever else comes up. He has a real talent for pulling the fat out of the fire. We've lost count of all the missions he has had a hand in saving. He said something the other day about retiring.

Msgt Tina Wallace Working in the Barrel Branch also. When we need a tanker to refuel something I think she goes out and has one built. I just wonder where she gets the crew and how does she find anything on her desk? By noon it looks like all the paper in the world is on it. But she knows where everything is and by the close of the day you can see the top of it. She said something the other day about retiring.

Msgt Tim Bowser Working in Long Range Scheduling and the resident computer genius. I don't think there is anything he can't do with one. (If there is I don't want to know). Has done a great job working with and setting up the new systems for doing the Horse Blanket. I think he said something about retiring to.

Msgt Jim Staup Working in Long Range Scheduling also. I handle the Mandays for the Guard and Reserves. I know where Jeff, Mike, and Tina get some of the tankers and crews because I'm paying them. With over 50 percent of the tanker fleet in the Guard and Reserve we ask for and get a lot of support from them. But my time up here and for wearing the blue suit is getting short. I know I said something about retiring. It's time to stop moving around and go back home to one place and watch the trees grow. After the first of the year I'll be putting in my papers.

Well it's time to close and get back to work. Working up here at the HQ is not bad at all. We have a lot of good and talented people up here on both the enlisted and officer side, and sooner or later we all need someone to take over and carry on in our place. So until the next time FLY SAFE and remember NKAWTG.....NOBODY !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Msgt Jim Staup

TACC/XOP

SMSgt Cleveland Filmore (Mutt)/Superintendent West Cell TALCE

Operation/Deployments - Since his arrival from McConnell, Cleve has been the biggest knucklehead in TACC. His first words were what is a TALCE and what do they actually do. The more he went on with the frivolous questions, he finally said, how does this job pertain to a Boom Operator. We simply replied, it doesn't!!!! In all actuality, Cleve is like a gland without a purpose or during the grueling contingencies he looks like someone who had a vaccination mark on his face. Just kidding, he's okay for a stillborn adult. Seriously, Cleve is jumping in with sincerity and making a name for himself within the XOP West Cell and TACC.

TSgt Scott Stern (Hard Charger) Functional Manager West Division TALCE

Operation/Deployments - Scott arrived from Altus in April and has successfully surpassed all expectations of the Talce environment. He is truly an outstanding individual to work with and the prime candidate to always bailout the east during a major contingency, and hates it too. Can't wait to jump to the AMC side of the house.

TSgt Ken Strother (Stro Man) Functional Manager East Division TALCE

Operation/Deployments- Ken arrived from the AMOG at McGuire in August and is happy not to be deployed 200+ days a year. Ken's priorities are to stay home and to work on his bachelor degree. Where it takes two booms to handle the west portion of the world, Ken is capable of handling the east by himself, after all he is a KC-10 Boom Operator. Can't wait to jump to the AMC side of the house TOO!

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To: SMSgt Jake Benscoter <bensctrj@HQAMC.SAFB.AF.MIL>
Date: 3 Dec 1996 8:51am
Subject: Boom Signal input

27 November, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR DOTK

FROM: DET 1, AMCAOS (CMSGT HUBBARD, 1-800-753-7181, EXT 7195)
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SUBJ: BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

The KC-10 Aircrew Training System is continuing to plug along. I did a database review up at Montreal last week on the new BOT computer models. The models have real potential. We had quite a few write-ups on a couple of them, but three of them were very good. If they improve everything to the level of the F-16, the system will work well. Currently it is running late due to CAE's late delivery of the image generator. Expect Travis up in May, 1997, and McGuire about two Months later.

As most of you know, I'm leaving beautiful downtown Irving, TX to go up to Scott AFB and become the KC-10 Boom Operator functional manager. (Report NLT 28 Feb) TSgt (MSgt selectee) Cody Crowder will be replacing me here. It's been a fun a challenging job, I'm going to miss it. I'm probably going to have plenty of challenges up at AMC Headquarters though.

I'm working on a new MCI, 10-202, Vol 10. It is basically an updated SACP 51-11, the old training syllabus. Copies are out there for review.

The new Hazardous Cargo CBT program is out at the training sites. I've had some pretty good reviews of it so far. It was mostly written by Joel Montgomery, I think he did a real fine job.

The rest of the Boom Initial Qual CBT programs are slowly coming to me for on line review. They're looking pretty good as well, Tom Williams and the rest of the crew are doing a fine job with them.

Speaking of crews, I'll cover the instructors at the sites.

McGuire:

Frank Junge
Andy Miller
John Synove
Leroy Sweeney
Lynn Stoddard
Chuck Gherkin
Greg Heffron
Joel Montgomery (TDY to the MSC)
Steve Fromm

Travis:

Cory Miller
Lee Evans
Tim Holt

Jim Gaddy
Ralph Rogers
George Hawkins
Steve Oothoudt
John Bond (Part timer)

The original contract with Huges (Link) expired in October. We gave Hughes an extension for two years. Not much else going on around here, call me at the HQ when I get there.

CARY L. HUBBARD, CMSgt, USAF
KC-10 Boom Operator QAR

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: HQ AETC & 19 AF

SUBJECT: 1996 BOOM SIGNAL

1. Howdy! It's that time of year again when we all sit down to think about what we have done over the past year. A lot of things have happened in AETC, but first let me say thanks to the folks at HQ AMC for taking the lead on the boom signal again this year. How they manage to get all of us to send in inputs (mine is late) is truly amazing.

2. Now for the latest from TEXAS. Ted and I have been busy with several projects over the past year. Ted's biggest headache has been the CCAF accreditation with the school houses, not just boom school but all enlisted aircrew schools, within AETC. His tireless efforts will ensure that everyone who attends a formal school for qualification training will get CCAF credit for their accomplishments. When you see Ted you need to buy him a drink and say thanks. We've also been working on the Cargo Loading Training (CLT) program for CCTS. We have broken ground on a new 1.5 MILLION dollar CLT facility at Altus AFB OK. This facility is designed for boom operators, by boom operators and its sole purpose is to house our new cargo loading trainer. Chief Mawhor, SMSgt Reuter, TSgt Diaz and I went to Davis-Monthan AFB last month and picked out a fuselage for conversion to a trainer. We should see completion of the trainer around Mar 97 and completion of the new facility late 97 early 98. This has been an ongoing program since my arrival in Oct 93 and I will be extremely glad when it is done. We have also been working several issues with the enlisted aircrew pipeline within AETC. We created a MSgt position (**filled by an engineer, since no boom operators applied**) to manage this process. He works all aspects of training flow for all enlisted aircrew within AETC and is critical to enlisted aircrew training here in AETC.

3. Now for the really important stuff! Altus is a good place to raise a family or it has a great personality. Seriously, CCTS is a good experience, you have the opportunity to pursue your education (100% TA towards CCAF), or spend quality time with your family. Career wise there are numerous options available after you spend your time on the flight line as an instructor. In addition to the normal stan/eval, flight super and training flight jobs, there is CFIC, QAR, DOU, and even the opportunity to fill a Headquarters position while at Altus. Call me at DSN 487-4463 for details.

4. Out of paper so time to go. Look us up if you ever get down this way!

Tom Minton
SMSgt, HQ AETC

Ted Carrier
SMSgt, 19 AF



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR COMBAT COMMAND
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA

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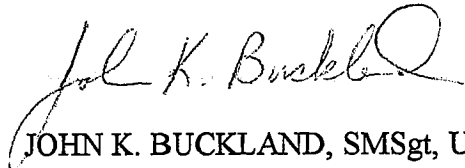
MEMORANDUM FOR HQ ACC/DOTK
ATTENTION: SMSgt Benscoter

FROM: HQ ACC/DOOM
205 Dodd Blvd Suite 101
Langley AFB VA 23665-2789

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL 96

1. Greetings from Hampton Roads and home of Air Combat Command Headquarters. As many of you know, CMSgt Steve Smith retired this year after 30 years of dedicated service to pursue a new and exciting career with Flight Safety. I want to start off by expressing my sincere thanks to all of you who were involved with his grand sendoff at Altus. It was an other demonstration of the professionalism and camaraderie we enjoy in this field. Special thanks to all the folks at Altus for putting on a great event and to Chief Harris and SMSgt Benscoter for setting it up.
2. I also want to take some time and thank the enlisted men and women at HQ AMC and TACC/XOOT for all your help during my four years at Scott. Especially to MSgt's Mike Trace and Tina Wallace for saving my butt several times and taking over when I departed.
3. I came on board here at Langley in March and had a significant learning curve to deal with as I am not only the Command Boom Operator but also run the C-130 Joint Airborne/Air Transportability Training Program. It is a unique position that allows me the opportunity to see how other enlisted aircrew members do things. We have 42 boomers assigned to ACC billets with most at Mountain Home AFB (22 ARS) and Offutt AFB (7 ACCS). CMSgt John Randall will be PCSing from Malmstrom AFB to the 22nd ARS in January 97 to assume duties as their Program Manager. SMSgt Eddie Masten is moving to the wing. MSgt Doug Hershey arrived at the 7th ACCS in Sept to pick up where MSgt Dave Ballard (Ret) left off as their Program Manager. MSgt Pete Hiracheta is running the enlisted aircrew training section at Offutt and doing a great job with the EC/KC-135 Difference Training Program. MSgt Terry Ross is also at Offutt working in Airspace Management. MSgt Mike Bauer is our 12AF Stan/Eval Boomer at Davis-Monthan AFB and was an umpire at Rodeo 96 to keep AMC honest. TSgt Don Hess is at Dyess with the 7th ALCS.

4. I was able to visit both the 22nd and 7th during my first four months on the job and was very impressed with their operations. They have an extremely difficult and diverse job to do and accomplish it in an outstanding manner. It was really great to spend time with some fine boomers. In the near future, ACC will be training up to fly channels and other cargo events not currently being supported from this command. ACC is also looking for a few good men and women to PCS to both Mountain Home and Offutt. If you have the time on station, tired of the excessive TDY rates and a desire to do something different, let your program manager know or call me for more information.
5. Lastly I want to thank SMSgt Jimmy Quagliana, CMSgt Bob Brown and the rest of the folks at the 134th Tennessee Guard for taking care of me on my recent excursion in search of flight time and a checkride. If your in a staff flying billet and looking for a great place to fly, try these guys out. They treat ya right.
6. Well if your ever in my neck of the woods, stop in and have a couple cold ones. My number is DSN 574-8107. The office is easy to find. Just look for the B-52 on a stick. We're next door. Fly Safe.



JOHN K. BUCKLAND, SMSgt, USAF
Command, IFR Program Manager

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4731

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOOM SIGNAL

30 October 1996

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPAAD4
550 C Street West Ste 29
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4731

SUBJECT: 1996 Boom Signal

1. Hello from the puzzle palace at Randolph. I've been here for over a year now, and have a lot less hair. Seriously, it is a demanding job. Learning the ins and outs of the personnel world is the toughest part. It's a different world, but I'm trying to learn as much as I can about the personnel process to do a better job for you. I'm enjoying working with the boom operator career field. You are a unique, close-knit career field.

2. In the past year we've moved most of the folks from Malmstrom to Macdill. We kept the instructors at Altus busy training a bunch of new boomers to fill positions around the world. Due to the force structure moves over the past couple of years we've worked a lot of time on station waivers. We should be getting near the end, and can return to the normal assignment process. The key to conus to conus assignments is three years on station, and overseas requires a minimum of two years on station. There will continue to be a few openings in the overseas areas. If you're interested keep your dream sheet updated with your preferences. Boom Operators received a Zone A , .5 Selective Reenlistment Bonus this year to hopefully help in the retention rates. It has been a busy year with some positive trends. Overall, active duty worldwide Boom Operator manning is 660 authorized with 668 assigned for 101%.

3. We're going to have a new addition to the assignment team here at the center. SrA Brian D. Kraus will be assuming duties as the assignments NCO for the boom operators when he returns from Leadership School. SrA Kraus has been working in the aircrew assignment section as the training manager for over a year now. Brian is a personnel specialist, and after months of extensive training, grooming, and mental preparation we feel he is ready to take over the assignments for the boom operator career field. Keep in mind he'll be under my watchful eye, and I'll remain your functional representative. He'll be attending the program managers work shop, and he's looking forward to meeting some real boom operators.

4. TDY funds are extremely limited, but I did manage to make it to the Program Managers Conference, and the boom operator Utilization and Training Workshop at Altus in 95/96. I would like to get out to meet more of you. If you find yourself in the area, give me a call. I'm always glad to see some fellow crewdaws. If you have any questions we can help with, please feel free to give SrA Kraus or myself a call at DSN 487-5462, FAX DSN 487-4315 or our e-mail addresses are warnerg@hq.afpc.af.mil , krausb@hq.afpc.af.mil . Fly safe.

Gary L. Warner

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Airman Assignments Division



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HQ AIR MOBILITY WARFARE CENTER (AMC)

7 Nov 96

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: HQ AMWC/WCOX

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

1. Greetings from Fort Dix, New Jersey, home of HQ Air Mobility Warfare Center. The Warfare Center is a synergistic grouping of units from throughout the Air Force assembled primarily to educate and train more than 6,000 students yearly in the arts and skills of the Air Mobility process. The Tactics Branch educates primarily AMC operators and intelligence folks in aircrew tactics. SMSgt Craig Blessing and myself are part of the Tactics Branch. We're the only enlisted tanker tacticians for the Command. We're not full time platform instructors though. We both cover a broad range of various AMWC management challenges, development, testing, validation, exercises, evaluations, and training. We spend time in such hardship places as Las Vegas (nearly live there), Colorado Springs, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, and Tahiti. Our time in Vegas usually centers around Red Flag, some kind of "Secret Squirrel" thing, or Mission Employment exercise (ME). You can usually find one of us there (by the pool).
2. The Tactics branch runs the tanker side of ME which is the Fighter Weapons School's graduation exercise. Crews get to come to Vegas for two weeks, stay in great local accommodations, partake in the local festivities, and operate with the fighter folks as part of a total package. It's some great flying. We've been used as decoys, cover, and camouflage. Once in a while we've been known to get killed (back to the pool for a frosty!). If your unit might like this kind of thing, give us a call for more details (\$2.99 per minute average call 12 minutes). OK, we've never really been to Bermuda or Tahiti.
3. If you haven't been here, you need to. Besides the Combat Aircrew Tactics course, the Warfare Center offers Cargo Affiliation Training, Automated Cargo Loading, Stage Manager's course, and 28 others. These are excellent courses for Boom Operators looking to broaden their horizons.
4. What's a HQ AMC unit doing on an Army installation you ask? Fort Dix is co-located with McGuire AFB and offered us a prime facility (the old induction center) with room to expand. We share a common fence with McGuire and use their support facilities. Fort Dix/McGuire are nestled in the quiet pines and farmlands of Central New Jersey. All the big attractions, the culture of Broadway, the history of Philadelphia, the lights of Atlantic City, and the beaches of the Jersey Shore are just a short drive away.

4. If you ever find yourself out Joisey way, look us up. There's a little place just around the corner called TI's (Terrace Inn). Its got *the coldest* frosted barley nectars east of Crazy Horse II and we'd be glad to join you for one or more. We'll buy the first round. We're in the big building on Texas Avenue (Burger King Road) which parallels McGuire. DSN 944-1157 Comm (609) 562-1157.

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TO: HQ AMC/XOVK

FROM: FlightSafety Services Instructor Boom Operators

SUBJ: Boom Signal

DATE: October 28, 1996

Greetings from your partners in training! As we finish our second year here at Altus we're pleased and excited about what is happening in the world of Boom Operator Training. The new Cargo Loading syllabus is approved and being taught to the qualification level. This is a complete course of academics that includes: Hazardous Material Handling, Floor Loading Procedures (Qualification Check administered on these procedures), Palletized Loading Procedures, Passenger Handling to include a Passenger Briefing, AMC Channel Operations and Border Clearance Procedures. The 10 days of training include two days on the flight line for actual hands-on training using palletized and floor loading equipment. To keep abreast of the ever changing cargo world, you'll see FlightSafety personnel flying AMC channel operations. Once every 45 days a cargo loading instructor travels with an AMC crew on the Flight Orders to observe cargo operations. The Air Force is looking at a new boom operator air refueling trainer. FlightSafety responded with a proposal to build a BOSS (Boom Operator System Simulator) Trainer. The BOSS will have 6 degrees of motion with day and night capability, high resolution, receiver qualification/evaluation capabilities and an electronic link to the pilot's simulator. If all goes well, we hope to see the BOSS at the School House within the not to distant future. With all the changes and syllabi getting a new face lift, we're confident the Air Force will be extremely pleased as the new Booms arrive at their home units.

Our new Academic/Simulator Training Center is starting to take shape. We are scheduled to move in and be completely operational on 1 January 98. All simulators and BOPTTs will be housed within this 64,000 square foot facility. The Cargo Loading Center should be completed late 1997 (November) which will house the Full Size Trainer currently being procured from Davis Monthan. This will put all full size Cargo Loading training under one roof. There's a proposal to name the new center after some past Boom Operator who greatly contributed to the advancement of our career field. AETC Boom Operator leadership should have more details later. There should be little or no reduction in training during this transition period and we're looking forward to all these enhancements to our training program.

Let me take this opportunity to introduce our civilian Boom Operator Instructors here at FlightSafety.

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Mr. Bill Baker	AF Reservist	18ARS (McConnell)
Mr. Terry Daffern	AF Retiree	93ARS (Castle)
Mr. George Dion	AF Retiree	93BMW (Castle)
Mr. "Chico" Gallegos	AF Retiree	398OPG (Castle)
Mr. Roger Gossett	AF Retiree	Boeing Test Boom
Mr. Harvey Price	AF Retiree	HQ SAC (Offutt)
Mr. Rick Raprager	AF Retiree	9ACCS (Hickam)
Mr. Jim Reese	AF Retiree	1CEVG (Barksdale)
Mr. Marty Sabourin	AF Retiree	9ACCS (Hickam)
Mr. Steve Smith	AF Retiree	HQ ACC (Langley)
Mr. Chuck Stewart	AF Retiree	340ARW (Altus)
Mr. Gene Thomason	AF Retiree	9ARS (March)
Mr. Lew Timbrook	AF Retiree	22ARS (Mountain Home)
Mr. Greg Wheeler	AF Retiree	93BMW (Castle)
Mr. Sam Wilson	AF Retiree	93BMW (Castle)
Mr. Phil Zamagne	AF Retiree	453OPG (Fairchild)

We represent over 280 years of flying experience including 83,500 flying hours and over 30,000 instructor hours.

FlightSafety and the Air Force are joined together to make the Boom Operators trained at Altus the best trained crew members in the Air Force. The FY96 numbers are impressive. We trained 160 BIQs (Boom Initial Qualification Course), two BRQs (Boom Re-Qualification Course), 41 CFIC candidates (Instructor Upgrade Course), 13 GSCBs (Guard Short Course Instructor Upgrade), and 10 FTCBs (Faculty Training Course). Our total involvement ranges from interfacing with the Air Force's monthly Instructor meeting, participating in the "WINGS" Pin On ceremony and planning for the 1997 BOOM Symposium to be held here at Altus. Our second annual Civilian Boom Operator sponsored golf tournament was held in July. It proved to be an outstanding success and could easily turn into the most desired event to attend in Oklahoma. Watch for details in the near future.

Well, to keep this brief, I'll close for now. When in Altus, stop by the school house "Boom Shop" and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee. We enjoy being part of the training team and sharing in the continuing heritage of the Boom Operator.

H. Price
Harvey Price

Chief Boom Operator
FlightSafety Services Corporation



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



20 Nov 96

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOMS
FROM: 15 AF/DOVK
SUBJECT: 1996 Boom Signal

Greetings again from your friendly NAF Stan/Eval Booms here at Travis AFB, CA. It's been pretty busy for us over the last year and many of you 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), but only for a little while longer. Jim is on his way to Scott AFB to help out Mike Mawhorr in the big puzzle palace. Michael Wetzel (KC-135 ARC), and Mike Paynter (KC-10 active) are staying in place.

On the KC-135 side we have seen many changes taking place. 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 aerial port for insuring all restrictions are met. Don't hesitate to ask questions about what is being put on your aircraft. This year's rodeo was a real eye opening experience for some units. It was apparent that some units are not familiar with handling palletized cargo or HAZ MAT. We are going to start taking a harder look at the units we fly with when cargo is onboard.

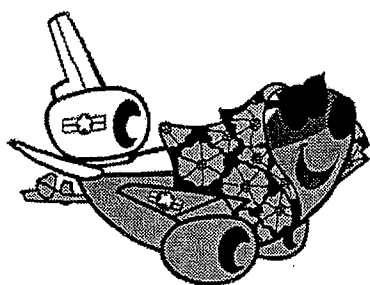
Jim still has the bulletin board up and running (DSN 837-0373), a lot of our information for distribution is posted there. Just call Jim Eden if you need help getting registered.

On the KC-10 side, get to know your **NEW-9** coming out soon. It will be a complete revision, no pulling and inserting pages! It should be an improvement over the older, heavier version. Speaking of improvements, how about those new passenger guides? Thanks to all of those involved in writing them and to Jake and Joel for making them happen. A lot of manning and training issues are being scrutinized to try to solve Ops Tempo problems for booms. Hopefully all of the changes will be safe and sane. Help make sure by giving your ideas to your senior booms.

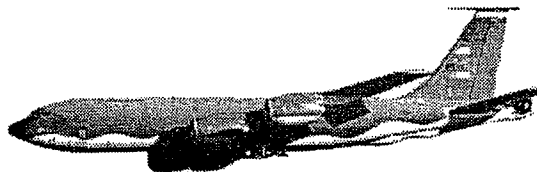
We would like to pass on our thanks to CMSgt Scott Harris (retiree) and SMSgt Jake Benscoter (future retiree) for all the support and direction they have given during their tenure at HQ AMC. It's not an easy job and we appreciate the way you've done it for so long. You both have our best wishes for success and the happiest of retirements. To CMSgt Mike Mawhorr, CMSgt Cary Hubbard, and soon to join them, SMSgt Jim Eden, the best of luck. We can certainly appreciate what you are going to encounter. Don't worry, we'll be here to make sure you get a real world input.

On the whole things are going pretty good. When in town on a channel mission or any other reason, stop by and see us on the fifth floor of the old David Grant Medical Center, now officially known as Erwin Hall.

Spring is going to be a busy time for us at 15th. We'll be starting off the Travis ASEV the last week of February and first week of March. Although there is no 135's assigned here, all us 135 guys will be handling the executive duties. March ANG ASEV is scheduled to start 30 Apr 97, followed by helping 21 AF at Grand Forks on 12 May. July we head to McConnell for a combined active/reserve ASEV and then knocking out McCellan AFRES 1 Aug. We really do look forward to the visits, it allows us one on one interface with our fellow booms.



Mike Paynter, CMSgt
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 (AMC)

3 Dec 96

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 21 AF/DOV
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SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

1. "Yo" to all from the folks at 21AF/DOV. Life at McGuire has somewhat stabilized since the last input to this fine publication. McGuire continues with our tremendous (much needed) face lift and some of the new facilities should be completed soon. We are now referred to as the new landlords by our "T-Tail" buddies, yet they are also benefiting from these changes. Operations here for the KC-10s have become routine, yet the operational pace continues to out pace the operators. Our office is still operated by the same three guys, and we are as follows:

SMSgt Lee Winter Lee is our active duty KC-135 boomer. He is one of the folks that is seen roaming the halls of the Dover AFB Base Operations awaiting the next victims' boomers on the Atlantic Express missions. Lee works hard to make the cargo operations for the KC-135 run smoother on these channel missions. This new role for the 135 and our ASEV schedule keeps Lee out of the office most of the time, however he can be reached eventually at DSN 440-2229.

SMSgt Dave (N/A ANG) Hetrick Dave is our Guard guy. He and Lee complete our KC-135 staff. Dave is off to the Senior NCO Academy this spring...that should be interesting. He seems to be looking west (Phoenix?) more and more these days, could be some changes in the future. Direct any AF Form 847 questions you have to Dave, he's your man. Dave's also kept busy evaluating channel missions and with the ASEV schedule. He can be reached at DSN 440-3452.

SMSgt Al Miller I'm the KC-10 staff. Been here for three years now, and don't want to leave...yet. I've seen some of you on the road, and it's been fun. I'll see more of you soon! I have been very busy here trying to figure out AFI 11-408, administering ASEVs, and trying to keep current. Our ASEV schedule will expand soon with the C-130 aircraft coming back to our command. Give me a call at DSN 440-6628 or eMail at: 21dova7.mcguire1@smtp-gw1.mcguire.af.mil

2. All three of us enjoy seeing you on the road. Cargo missions continue to challenge us in unique ways. Continue to be aware of the hazardous cargo situations you face. Know when to ask the proper questions, and do not load any questionable cargo until you get the proper answers. We have had a few scares with hazardous cargo this last year, situations that could have caused serious problems. Do everything you can to control the situation. Give us feedback on what you encounter on the road, we have means to fix most of the problems you may encounter. Lastly, please "Fly Safe" and keep in touch.

AL MILLER, SMSGT, USAF
CHIEF EVALUATOR BOOM OPERATOR

PACAF Airlift Control Flight
"Black Crows"

Fellow Booms,

Greetings from the PACAF ALCF (the ***OTHER*** ALCE at Kadena)! As I approach two years here at Kadena, we're finally starting to get some work. It seems PACAF created us without really knowing what was involved, or even what an ALCE does. It's been a long, laborious and difficult process and we've had to fight for just about everything, but we're finally making headway. (I also know far more than I ever wanted to know about the budget and other bean-count issues, but that's another story...) We're here specifically to work PACAF C-130 dirt-strip, tactical operations, but we gladly work AMC aircraft too, whenever necessary.

We now have two booms in the flight, Dave Pileski (MSgt selectee) moved over from the tanker plans shop when I became the superintendent. Dave has really taken to this business and is just about fully qualified now, especially after his last exercise in Thailand. Apparently it was a giant cluster (what a surprise)!

I've been flying with the 909th whenever I can, it's nice not having to drive nine hours to stay current. Thanks to Chief Schufft for allowing that to happen, the 909th guys have been great in fitting me into the schedule when I have time to fly.

I'll be here at Kadena until at least April 97 (hopefully Nov 97), so if you ever come through, give me a call, beers are on me!

Clifford C. Pankonien, Msgt, USAF
Superintendent

"Tacticus Ad Nauseum"



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03 Dec 96

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOOM SIGNAL

FROM: 55 ARS/DOB

SUBJECT: 1996 Boom Signal Inputs

1. Greetings from your schoolhouse, the 97th AMW here at Altus AFB, Oklahoma (where the wind comes sweeping down the plain). After standing up in 94' and continuing in 95', 1996 was another year of change. Consolidation is probably a good word for what we accomplished this year. Our training program has become "business as usual" after working out some kinks from 1995. Our instructor force has matured, and although we have our key processes worked out, continuous improvement is the watchword; we are constantly trying to upgrade the training. Thanks for all the input, phone calls and EMAIL on students we have sent into the operational field.
2. Training: a.) Cargo training came into force this year. The program initiated at Castle came to fruition in 96' and we now graduate students qualified in cargo operations. Hopefully, by early 1997 we will have a dedicated cargo trainer on the ramp to increase their level of proficiency. b.) Manual moments is still the preferred method of "F" completion, but we try to familiarize the active duty booms with the HP200. Manual accomplishment works every time!
3. In May we retired CMSgt Tim Powers. Then in July our wing boom, CMSgt Dan Jones, hung up his wings. Both are sorely missed for their leadership and crap-deflection abilities. The retirements were done in high style and considered by the base populace to be extremely professional affairs. Some of our other losses include Rip Adcock, Eddie Cole, Merv Arthurton, Rick Hackett and Patty Brown-Davis. We were sorry to see them retire or PCS.
4. Our goal is still to train your booms right every time. We think our program does a good job of it, but there is always room for improvement. Please don't hesitate to call, fax, or EMAIL your suggestions or concerns. We can't fix it if we don't know it's broke. Call 866-7940 for the boom shop, or 866-6079 for the Ops Super. Oh, by the way, we are always looking for the best of the best to be Altus instructors.

DANIEL L. MONGEON, SMSgt, USAF
Operations Superintendent, 55th ARS

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MEMORANDUM FOR 1997 BOOM SIGNAL

FROM: CFIC BOOM OPERATORS

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

1. Greetings to all boom operators worldwide from the CFIC Oklahoma Outlaws. Many new and different things are in the works here at Altus AFB and in CFIC.
2. Some changes have been implemented to improve the quality of instructors we produce. First, as most of you should know we now give active duty initial instructor checkrides. This reduces the time of upgrading an instructor with the ever changing demands of AMC, ACC, PACAF, and USAFE. We also cater to ANG and Reserve forces demands, providing initial instructor checkrides at their request with command approval. The Central Flight Instructor Course has not been lengthened, but compressed to meet our customer demands. The normal course flow consists of four sorties and the fifth being an initial instructor check. The feedback we've received has been very positive. Second, CFIC will expand its scope of operations beginning 1 April 97. The squadron will grow by an estimated 16 crews. We will take on the additional duty of conducting Initial Qualification Training. There will still be two tanker squadrons, one doing initial qualification only (55 ARS) and one doing instructor upgrade and initial qualification training (CFIC).
3. Tradition. We the boom operators of Altus are continuing to uphold the tradition of our career field by hosting the next Boom Operator's Symposium. We are going to bring the Symposium back to the schoolhouse this year. The tentative dates are the 11th, 12th, and 13th of April. We have some new ideas for the symposium as well as keeping some of the old ones. Some projects we have considered are as follows. Conducting a Chief's panel consisting of past Command, Numbered Air Force, and Chief Boom Operators who made significant contributions to our career field. We will have current issues briefings from each command representative, and simulator/aircraft displays. We've also asked Boeing, McDonnell Douglas, and other contractors to attend and explain new aircraft concepts. This symposium will be the best to date. It will provide more information, bringing crewmembers more up to date with today's issues and technology. Expect to hear more information soon on the upcoming 1997 Boom Operator's Symposium.
4. We would like to conclude with a message to all boom operators. Our door is always open to entertain any ideas or questions. Feel free to give us a call at DSN 866-5646. Until we meet again, be safe and **FLY THE AIRCRAFT!!!**

GREGORY M. DURAND, SMSgt, USAF
Operations Superintendent, CFIC

CFIC BOOM OPERATORS

Operations Superintendent

SMSgt Greg Durand (1st Shirt) - Took over the helm from SMSgt Dan Mongeon in June and serves as the First Sergeant of the squadron. He's our big toe for now, however BT is hoping he finds the assignment he is looking for. He is preparing plans for the build up of the squadron (or is that the 54 ARS).

Program Manager

MSgt John Harris (BT, Big Talk) - BT holds down the fort while the boss is away, if you can find him. He's usually busy doing additional duties... political advisor, world issues problem solver, and fantasy football commissioner. He just signed up for another two years at Altus to help his wife Dawn get through Nursing School. That will make a mere seven years in the big school house.

A Flight - Support

TSgt Fred Malone (Hammer) - Fred just completed his bachelors. He was the magna cum alatta...whatever that means. He is currently at the NCOA trying to duplicate the last three squadron performances of DG or John Levitow. Good Luck Fred you'll need it.

SSgt Frank Acosta (Franco, Jacke) - Frank is our resident king creator of hot wings. Loves to make frequent visits to BDT's (Baby Dolls Tonight). He just offloaded his second pallet of cargo (it was a beautiful girl). Qiuvole Way!

SSgt Dave Robinson (Smokey) - Dave had a bad and good year. His house burnt down and of course you know who had to rebuild it...the boom association. Where's the KEG you owe us. Believe it or not Dave is now a newlywed with Dave junior on the way. Congratulations Smokey!

SSgt Dean Pickering (Pickled Herring, Dutch) - Dean is our resident hero. He landed in the tanker with the left gear missing...what a trooper, even while egressing he managed to save his HP and paperwork from a sure demise. He's the recent winner of the Dutch Huyser Award. What a guy! He is also the only instructor to be hired at CFIC that wasn't in CCTS at Castle. You know what would be beautiful?

SSgt Ken Crowe (Peeper) - Our newest FNG. Peeper just put another one in the hangar (a boy). I think he's trying to start his own Braves farm team to replace those World Series LOSERS! He is the first CFIC instructor to go DNIF during his checkout process.

B Flight - Scheduling

TSgt Jaime Recuero (Jimmy) - Jim just graduated from the NCOA in fine fashion, if I may say so...DG. He is also the proud Daddy of a new baby girl...better invest in that shotgun Jimmy. Jim is looking for an assignment to Fairchild...Yeah Right!!!

SSgt Tony Nicholson (T-Nick, Nick at Night) - Go Packers!!! Also the proud parent of a new baby boy! He's big enough to play for the Packers. Tony carries most of the weight in the squadron pulling double duty as a ground and flight scheduler. The co-commissioner of the Fantasy Football.

SSgt Joe Reed (Big Joe) - Joe spent half the year TDY to CFIC away from his home station in Turkey. If there's a good deal to be had, Big Joe is there. We wonder if he even works here. He sometimes doubles as a scheduler. He's still the Lady's man, however there is a young lady about to take him off the market...maybe.

C Flight - Stan/Eval

TSgt Mike Adams - Mike is our Stan/Eval Flight Superintendent. He just graduated from the NCOA earning the distinguished title of John Levitow. He is also our walking book of knowledge, got a question, ask Mike. Did we say Mike was also selected as the Air Force recipient of the Henry "Red" Erwin award.

SSgt George Tobola (Tebo) - George has been our Stan/Eval guru since we opened up shop at Altus. He was recently selected to return to the CCTS side of the house as Chief of Training Flight. George watch those CCTS students. The boys say Tebo should come out on top of the next hiring process.

SSgt Bobby Chambers (Double Vision) - Stan/Eval newby. Bobby was off status for a while, he kept seeing two receivers when he was only scheduled for one. Bobby also recently attained a new AFSC in computer programming, the boy wired the whole Alert Facility!

D Flight - Training Flight

SSgt Gordo Ringler - God! What he says, goes! Gordo is trying to give up the dip, he substitutes donuts and nicorette gum! Who says nicotine is addictive.

SSgt James Hill - God's brother. James and Gordo share the training flight duty. When not at work James is hard at work in his second AFSC, Cook! If there's a function, James is cooking the brisket.

97 OSS - Attached Personnel for Flying

SMSgt Jeff Reuter - Jeff just finished the illustrious job of writing CDCs for the Boom Operator Career Field. Excellent job, just wish you would have taken a little longer, like ten years! The SKT test should be easier to study for when they are finally released....yeah right!

MSgt Mark Sletten - Mark is our Wing DOV hammer. If you can't find him at work his office will tell you he is signed out to the gym and lunch between 1100 hours and 1430 hours. Every MSgt, SMSgt, and LTC wants his job.

MSgt Steve Tuttle - Steve is back for his second CCTS tour and is the Superintendent of Students. His duties include babysitting, room inspections, and ruler-to-hand punishment. Keep up the good work Steve!

SSgt Ron Strobach - The AETC/DOU Pitbull! Ron keeps a watchful eye on FlightSafety, ever vigilant in his duties. Ron is really the go-between, contract guru, and mediator for AETC and FlightSafety. Ron is the first boom ever checked out to teach students and run the Air Refueling demos that actually doesn't work here!

The Dearly Departed

SMSgt Dan Mongeon (Old Wood) - Went to the Monkey Town (55 ARS, CCTS) to be the Monkey Chief, (When the 55th stood up there was a contest to choose a call sign that would suit CCTS. The commander, Lt Col John Butcher's, choice was Gibbon. Little did he know, but Gibbon in Webster's dictionary is the name of a monkey).

MSgt Beve Katus - The Big Kat traveled up the road to Tinker to be a test boom. He is the first sergeant up there and is reunited with Quinn Janke God help him. Good Luck Beve. Beve got promoted to MSgt through a timely (awarded two years late) medal out of Malmstrom.

TSgt Scott Stern (Hard-Charger) - Figured he would try his hand at Headquarters AMC, since he never fit in here at CFIC. Oh, he was one of the boys but he won the awards of Dart Narc and the man least likely to be seen in the squadron! How about those AMC office hours Scotty, we love you man!!! Keep your blues pressed!!!

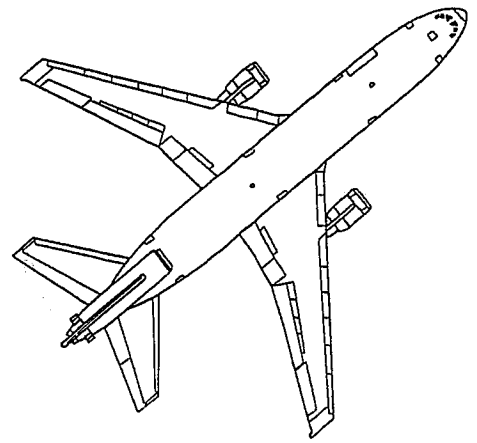
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL STATIONS

FROM: 2nd ARS/ SMSGT J. R. PAGE

SUBJECT: 1996 BOOM SIGNAL



Hello Booms...

I've sat myself down on three different occasions to put thoughts to paper for this edition. If you've been like us, the last year has gone by so very quickly and there's hardly time to catch one's breath. But this may be my perfect time to do so; we've just been through a demanding ORI, the results of which will be released in one day. I can tell you this much - the booms at McGuire did a job everyone can be proud of. And that's a perfect segue for the theme I wanted to leave with you this year. A note of finality is in this because I suspect this will be my last entry in the Boom Signal as I plan to retire to the hills of Tennessee late next summer.

The rapid drawdown of Air Force personnel has been praised by many as a smart thing to do; that is, get to our baseline numbers and press on while the other services struggle to get down to their required levels. I understand our approach but it has been extremely hard on all booms, be it in a KC-135 or KC-10. More and more we have been recognized as a great source of talent and ability, but we often get overlooked while the "venerable" C-141s and C-5s carry the AMC banner. And the fair haired C-17, tomorrow's airlifter, meets sets new standards (at .74 mach, by the way). Meanwhile, the tanker community provides the wherewithal (gas) for their missions, and KC-135s regularly take full loads of cargo because they're not restricted and are always there for Mother AMC. The KC-10s regularly carry a mix of pax and cargo that, in the most restrictive configuration, matches C-5 pax numbers and exceeds a C-141's max pallet load. And when government high rollers need a fast ride somewhere, we're called to show up with the Silver Bullet (ask us about this one sometime).

At times I think we are our worst enemies. Let's not dump on one another, folks. If someone is happy to be in the KC-135, and there's no reason you shouldn't be, say so...stand tall and do your very best every time. But carry no hard feelings for or make bad stories about your neighbors in the KC-10s. Similarly, KC-10 folks need to remember the heritage they're carrying on and be strong advocates of the entire tanker program. Could I set a few things straight about KC-10 boom duties? We regularly refuel because our requirements aren't much different than the KC-135 boom operator's. We don't sit idly and wait to get coffee for the flight engineers. Flight engineers may write our EPRs if they're the Flight Chief (and even then the Chief Boom [me] gets a final cut on the product). Boom operators write EPRs on flight engineers. The enlisted side of the KC-10 house is actually a pretty amiable lot. We haul lots of cargo and it's fun. We serve a lot of pax which is the expected AMC standard. Our jets are a little bigger and newer than the KC-135, but we're all boom operators, folks. If you're interested in coming to our program, we'd welcome your call and inquiry. And we have folks who are excited about

returning to the KC-135, too. The opportunity for that exists and a crossflow is probably a good idea. The idea is to challenge all booms to new heights. Snatching a statement from some years back in an entirely different setting, "Can't we all just get along?" I am casting my vote that we be the unified specialty that we really are, deep inside. What a great job for the enlisted person!

The following is a review of our personnel as of 5 August 1996.

Superintendent:

SMSgt John R. Page - 5,750 hours of fun and a few touch 'n go's. Still atop the best KC-10 unit. Next summer will bring the end of 24 1/2 years' service. It all began with a smart remark to the recruiter, followed by a stint in food service, but, hey, the stories I could tell you about snowmobile streaking at Loring, keeping a body in my meat locker in Alaska, playing copilot for an alert exercise at Plattsburgh, etc. Old acquaintances, gimme a call. I'm looking for a KC-135 load adjuster (slip stick). Can anyone help me? I have money.

Stan/Eval looks like this:

MSgt Jackie Hale - Chief evaluator, highlights the month of December on every 1997 calendar...could she be planning for a second career?

SSgt Doug Garrett - Hard working success-oriented guy. One of our experts.

SSgt Doug Bloom - Rodeo '96 winner, so you know he does it right. Always a willing worker.

SSgt Tom Ecker - Learned from the best, now sets high standards for all. Having folks like these in Stan/Eval makes things easy.

Training Flight:

TSgt Scott Hicking - Recently given the reins to Training and we have new "baby booms" enroute, so we're back in the business of in-depth training.

TSgt J. C. Coleman - Newest addition to Training; conscientious, hard worker.

TSgt John Brannen - Recently broke a foot at the pool while in the desert...tough work.

SSgt Tony Taylor - Recently returned to status after a diabetes scare.

Flight Chiefs: Cranking out EPRs and being my hands-on daily flight managers and am I ever glad to have these people.

MSgt Rich Lusk - He's had a busy year here. Desert duty guru, point man for a strong "B" Flight.

MSgt Terry Dover - "C" Flight honcho. Goes to NC often and brings back BBQ for the Super. Smart guy, isn't he?

Squadron Safety: SSgt David "Stu" Decou runs the place, but he let's an officer sit in the chair... what a generous guy. The 2nd ARS recently took kudos for an outstanding safety program and Stu is one of the key reasons why.

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Squadron Schedulers: Day to day magic makers, getting everyone to the right place. If you've ever done this job, you know how essential it is to get the right people into this position. Here are my life savers...

MSgt Derek Suficiencia - "Suf" takes copious notes and won't let me get turned around. He, like the others, runs a two week stint on the desk, and he does it good.

TSgt Al Kaczor - Swapped Seymour Scheduling desk for ours and does us a first rate job. Life is good. Recently completed desert staff duty.

SSgt Rich Anderson - Rich shows up with a ready attitude every day, and when he's TDY I get to wash his Lumina. Gees, I can't lose.

SrA Chuck Fernandez - Chuck just did some desert duty and wrote a computer program for the flight planning over there in his spare time. Next rotation he asked for regular sleep intervals in his schedule.

Squadron Ops Center: Our 24 hour desk makes this place run even better than before. We have two booms working with two engineers as our base force. We augment it with others but our key players are:

TSgt Shawn Lamb - This guy doesn't even put down his bags before he asks where he's needed. Can we please clone this guy?

TSgt Pete Abrales - Neck and neck with Shawn in the enthusiasm department. He and Shawn will be instructors soon.

Line Boom Operators: The last section in the squadron to be covered but certainly not the least. This is the pool of expertise needed for daily mission success and because of these people, we are successful.

MSgt Mike Barnes - Returning from a tour at Wing Plans, helped get us through our ORI. Mike will be a leader in the squadron; he's that kind of person.

TSgt Phil Deal - On loan to go into Mike's slot at Wing. Phil stepped up to the plate for a demanding job. Show them what we're all about like Mike did.

MSgt Glenn Barclay - In place at Wing Special Airlift. We have some interesting ongoing missions, and Glenn is there to induce logic to that office. He may actually be assigned to OSS, but he hovers at our scheduler's shoulder so much I figure he's still ours.

SSgt Tom Campbell - Squadron computer geek who's looking to put this skill to use in the great beyond. Mr. On-Line, we need this man's skills big time.

SrA Bonnie Campbell - Until recently, the latest fully checked out member of the 2nd. Now she's on speed deploying and helping with the squadron newspaper, too.

SSgt Mike Cahill - Workhorse. Over 190 days TDY in 1996 and it's only August. Hoping for CCTS at Altus soon.

SrA Bob Culbertson - The quiet one, always available for missions. One of our steady guys we can always count on. Keeps eyeing the door, though.

TSgt Ric Kempfer - My Master Sergeant select who just returned from desert staff duty. Ric's an upgrade candidate this fall who'll be going places in this program.

SSgt Joe Duarte - Recently upgraded to instructor. Happy to be on east coast, happy to have him.

SSgt Jim Dudgeon - Jim has been a road warrior for us. Keeps busy with off-duty business as well.
SSgt Keith Van Camp - "Ankle Buster" has a dubious reputation of being the only reported person to fall out the cargo door of a KC-10. PLF procedures failed.
SSgt Reggie Hammond - Looking to upgrade this fiscal year. Absolutely dependable. Another guy with a bag packed in the foyer ready to help us.
SSgt Derek Cantre - Going through instructor upgrade as we speak. Yet another asset.
SSgt Chris Edmonds - One of the last to come up from KGSB. A new Daddy this spring and staying busy for us.
SSgt Brian New - In instructor upgrade, just returned from desert duty. A favorite phrase of his, "Whatya need me to do?"

New Hires: We have four fresh new faces with us. They are -
A1C Chad Eccles - Straight to us from Altus CCTS. Took a few weeks' breather and is now waist deep in school for the three holer.
SrA (soon to sew on SSgt) Dan Phillips - From Kadena, ready to try something different and get away from the evil influence of Dave Pileski. Currently in school at Travis.
SSgt Phil Blaisse - Already through school and in AR training, Phil comes to us from Altus CCTS. Got any more hard workers you guys want to exchange? This could be a good thing for all of us.
SSgt Stacey Tansits - Starts school in three weeks. Not completely over the need to lean way forward when walking to defeat strong Grand Forks winds. Currently in mortal combat with contractor to replace her mud driveway.

Attached Personnel:

SMSgt Al Miller - 21 AF evaluator. Al's always looking for project to excel at, and he's coming up on three years on station. Glance over your shoulder now and then, Travis.
MSgt Steve "Slobo" Slobodnjak - Dutch KDC-10 program. Returns to USA in 1997, whoever gets this guy wins.
MSgt Mike Trace - AMC/TACC. Only AMC guy to come here often for training.
MSgt Mark Esty - TALCE. Retires December 1996.
MSgt Ken Holman - TALCE. Been here at KWRI a year, undecided on TALCE thing.
TSgt C. D. Franklin - OSS. Returns to squadron this October.
TSgt Ken Strother - TALCE. Soon to PCS to Scott. Now we'll get things right.
TSgt Tony Ceraolo - TALCE in Germany. See him every 6 months or so for currency.
TSgt Danny Mendonsa - Also about a year in TALCE. Flies with us regularly.
TSgt Tim McDermott - OSS current operations. A key player in our many trips.
SSgt Tim Fowler - CCTS. Must be a good job. Never see this guy anymore.
SSgt Isaac McMillan - TALCE guy, too. Always a ready smile, helps with our flying lines.
SSgt Jeff Sidles - TALCE. Desperately wants back at the 2nd ARS.

This completes our 1996 entry for the Boom Signal. There's not enough time or space to adequately fill you in on all our adventures here at Cornfield County Airport. Remember, from our traffic pattern altitude you can see civilization. Like all tanker squadrons, we're

busy. For the most part, we're a pretty happy bunch and we invite you to call and/or stop by if you spend a night here. Ours is a cozy little building (the largest hangar in base) and once you're here, anyone can direct you to the 2nd ARS.

Warmest regards to all in the finest specialty in today's Air Force. I salute you.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'John R. Page'.

JOHN R. PAGE, SMSGT, USAF

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6th A.R.S. BOOM SIGNAL INPUTS

(Additional Responsibility Squadron)

Hello from the trailer park trash booms of the 6 ARS at Travis. First of all I'd like to apologize for not submitting a input last year. We had this small problem called base closure to deal with, I know been there, done that. We had a Third of the Sq at March, a third here at Travis, and a third spread out over I-5 in U-haul vans. We were scheduled to move it our new building in Oct, but word has it that the completion date is on indefinite hold.

This year marked the return of "Animals in the Woods". The 6ARS Boom's and FE's put on a camp-out of epic proportions. We had a turn out of between 35-45 enlisted flyers, one cord of wood was burned, many a beer was put away, and way to many brain cells were killed. The 9th tried and failed in their attempt continue the "Animals in the Woods" tradition. The Event that the 9th sponsored had 2 kegs of beer and one 9ARS boom. This event will go down in history as "Animal in the Woods". Here is a list of all our assigned attached criminals.

A Flight Roster

Ted Whorley, Boom Super Newly wed, I got the next round, what do you mean it's 7 AM.
MSgt Chris Burkhardt, Flt Super Bought a new Ford Truck, Why? Still fighting Billy for the 1st shirt job.
TSgt Chris Powell, Asst Flt Super Recently promoted Chief Tech sergeant of the Air Force
SSgt Gerry Slusher, Sched (TSgt Select) Knows the odds to every sports, event held.
TSgt Josh Bracht, Chief Boom Sched New instructor, Reported dangling EB's out open Billeting second story windows. Josh is the president of the Captain Morgans booster club. I joined!
SSgt Jack (F-4 canopy) Fortner, Msn Ctrl Computer game master and golf pro.
SSgt Greg (Hairy Palms) Atkins, Sched The E-Mail bandit, don't leave your E-Mail open around this clown, turned it down to manage a comic book store.
SSgt Abel Saenz, Safety New instructor ,right and monkeys fly.
SrA Grant Hortin, Mob/Con Ops(SSgt Select) Picked up some extra points on a lost medal and made Staff on appeal.
SSgt David Arendse, Sched New instructor, Meat did some special favors and got an OP. Also new home owner, a tent in the UAE.
SrA Mark Storrey, Sched(SSgt Select) New Instructor to be/maybe. Happy new father , Roman was TDY.

B Flight Roster

MSgt Ed Mang, ? , Knee blew-out and had bionic one installed. Spend most of time at car shows with his Cobra. Has held and been fired from almost every job in the Sq.

TSgt Larry Hudnut, Asst Flt Super Rodeo boom , Hey Larry were do you put a deuce and half?
Got 11 months tax free and never pulled a UAE tour.

SSgt Greg (Whorf)Warren, Training (TSgt Select) The fish killer, recently caught a four foot long something at Diego(with his bare hands). The crewchiefs loved it, turns out to be poisonous.

SSgt Sterling (Way) Keller, Evaluator(TSgt Select) Ways having a bad year, laid down his bike and crashed his Corsair. Hey Way, love that new Jimmy Johnson hair style.

SSgt Yvonne (Bonzi) Wherry, Pubs(TSgt Select) Hey, who do I talk to about Pubs? Has to have her own baggage pallet.

SSgt Rob (Vodka Shooter) Tabor, Training New instructor, orders oysters vodka shooters as a main course. Lost part of his leg moutain bike riding.(sewed himself up) A mans, man.

SSgt Roman (She's got to be older than my mom)Munoz, Supply LA Dodger Boy is still cruising old folks homes in search of love. Flash Roman getting married! Maybe, possibly a social security problem.

SrA Lucy Molina, Recognition(SSgt Select) ALS grad DG(done graduated)

SrA Juan (Stool Sample) Hermosillo, Supply(SSgt Select) Cowboys fan club president, submitted urine and stool for Canadian Armed Forces research project. Jay is also a newlywed, something about 9 month or something like that.

C Flight Roster

TSgt Billie Black, Chief Dov (MSGT Select) Recently nominated to be the squadrons new 1st shirt. Keeps sending me TDY, and I wonder why my son calls him dad. Drives a Chevy.

MSGT Robert (Don't call me Bob) Morales, Quality? Sq expert on loading magnetized material, yeah right.

TSgt Judy Burr, OSS No confirmed sightings this year.

TSgt Lou Drummond, Evaluator Recent NCOA Grad, DG(done graduated barely). Your ID please and turn around and place your hand on the wall.

SSgt Kendal (Lawnmower Boy)Risselada, DOV/Computer God (TSgt Select) Riz is the only guy in the Sq that knows anything about computers, new homeowner.

SSgt Lynn Thatcher, Sched New instructor, Banzai is trying to corner the Starting Line-Up market. Currently gallantly fighting off Jack Lemon disease(rapid receding forehead) need to give it up and just shave his head.

SSgt Dan (Night Duty Desk) Elam, Mobility/Con Ops Dan life is like a country song. Broke my leg playing with the kid, got my truck stolen at the mall, DNIF for months at a time so I can't fly, but I still got my Jet-Ski.

SrA Curtis Harke, Haz Mat Rep (SSgt Select) Stealth boom, every Sq has one and Curtis is our man(trying to be like Ed).

SrA Albert Ashby, Recognition AJ has a problem differentiating HYD spray can from bug spray. Recent ALS grad, DG(done graduated). Wants to be a leader, has applied to OTS. He's got the slopping forehead , he just might make it.

CCTS

SSgt Jacky Lemons, (TSgt Select) Larry's twin brother, Jacks not only the president of the Hair Club for men he's a member. Jack went a whole year without buying or selling a car.

TSgt Ricky (Do you want to buy computer) Harris, (MSgt Select) Ricky had \$25,000 worth of computers stolen from his office. Spent some time talking to guys in suits.

Other Assigned Booms

MSgt Marco Defelice, AMOG Still trying get back to the Sq. Marshalls Big Brother.

SSgt David York, AMOG Worlds #1 NASCAR fan ,still mad about Ford losing to Chevy. New home owner has a 4 bedroom house and 30 renters. Slumlord.

SSgt Rick Marshall, AMOG Hey can me and Marco go on trip together? Hey Rick what's ERD stand for?

Recent Departures

TSgt Barry Hayes(Ret) Barry went back to Texas and works in a pipe factory.

SSgt Rick Anton(OTS) Rick left us to pursue a career as a navigator.

Good luck to both of them



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

10th FLIGHT TEST SQUADRON (AFMC)
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA



MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 10 FLTS
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SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

1. Howdy from the 10th Flight Test Squadron, home of the two knuckleheads who are still flying KC-135As out of Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ. During this past year the 10th FLTS has been really busy, but we still manage to make our morning boom call at Denny's for breakfast. Tuesdays and Thursdays a run to the officers BX is always on the schedule. After many years of long CCTS training sorties at Castle and Altus, Quinn and I fight over these 0.5-1.5 hour FCF missions. I hold the record for the longest flight: 2.5 hrs, Quinn holds the record for the shortest flight: 0.4.
2. If you did not know retired KC-135A airframes are being removed from the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center (AMARC) at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, restored to flying condition, and modified to the KC-135R configuration. This modification includes new engines (CFM-56/F108) and a complement of airframe and electrical updates. Prior to delivery, the aircraft undergo Programmed Depot Maintenance (PDM) at Tinker. Currently, two Foreign Military Sales (FMS) cases are under way, seven KC-135R tankers are being furnished to Turkey and five to France. In addition to the two existing FMS programs, Price and Availability (P&A) data has recently been prepared for several foreign governments expressing an interest in acquisition of KC-135R aircraft.
3. The shop here is now manned by two ex Castle/Altus CCTS/CFIC instructors. Quinn Janke was hired to help Bud Naylor out, but after a few months of Quinn's pleasant personality Bud decided retirement would be better. In June Bud went back to his old stomping grounds in Michigan. One week later he called back and wanted to know when the hell they closed Wurthsmith, poor Bud he always was the last one to find out about anything. Mr. Naylor's new address is 3010 Oakridge Dr. Green Bush MI 48738 just in case he owe's anyone some money.
4. Finally, if you have any questions or boom problems after a PDM returns, let us know we do not get any feedback. If you're ever come to Tinker AFB (Oklahoma City) to pickup a jet give us a call or stop on in, we will even let you buy us a beer or two. (405)736-7719 or DSN:336-7719 or E-Mail:hkatus/jaquinn@PO15.Tinker.AF.Mil

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BEVE KATUS, MSGT, USAF
10 FLTS PROGRAM MANAGER

1 Dec 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR: BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 18 ARS/DOB (DSN 743-3389)

SUBJECT: 1996 BOOM SIGNAL

Air Reserve Technicians

1. It's been quite a year for us at the 931st ARG. Not unlike everyone we've seen out on the road, we've been quite busy starting from one boom operator in May 1995 up to a full crew of 26 missions ready. Here is the current line up.

CMSgt Don (**Farmer**) Askren: Air refueling program manager, finally got a breather from starting up the new unit, sacrificed to the Pacer Crag test program, should be snails pace, lots of pre-flights and no flying. Better than PAT teams.

TSgt Jack (**Chops**) Norris: ART in charge of scheduling. Spends most of the time attending meetings so Farmer can fly Pacer Crag. Looking for a rubber hammer, hard hat w/face mask i.e.: carpenters starter kit.

TSgt Troy (**Gums**) Lawson: ART in charge of training. Plans on going to auctioneer school. Figures as much as he runs his mouth, just as well get paid for it. Has new baby son, can you say goo, goo?

MSgt Monsa (**Brow**) Dugger: ART in charge of stan/eval. Monsa is our resident temp hire (Kelly Girl). Been here for eight months and worked in Scheduling, Training, Mission Development, Quality and soon to be Stan/Eval. Trust me Monsa, it will make you marketable.

TSgt J.B. (**Tex**) Austin: ART in charge of mission development. Tex came to us from the 22 ARW. Is doing an excellent job in current ops. Loves to hunt. Seems like most of our charts take us over prospective hunting areas.

TROUGHERS

SSgt Tonya (**Bashful**) Halenka: Came back from Altus for cross training and hit the ground running. Was here for six months before someone told her she needed to sign in for UTA weekend. Currently helping out in scheduling and spends a lot of the off time getting husband Joe qualified on the AM-135 roller system.

TSgt Tatia (**Sneezy**) Krueger: Pronounced Tasha. Previous F-16 crew chief at Bergstrom AFB. Has taken to boom operator like a fish to water. Works in mobility section.

SSgt Paul Douglas Foster (**Grumpy**) Morgan Jr: Doug's been a chopper pilot in the U.S Army, jumped out of good planes, flew on C-130s through hurricanes and decided he was ready for some excitement. Getting ready to head off to Saudi. We're trying to get him out of here before Beyer gets back and notifies everyone, it is not a great deal.

SSgt John (**Sleepy**) Wallman: John comes to us from the Lincoln ANG unit as a previous KC-135 crew chief. He finally figured it is warmer in the plane as apposed to standing in front of it. Has a built in squat switch which allows him to fall asleep as soon as he's out of the upright position.

SrA Jim (**Dopey**) Yokom: Jim used to work in transportation "Bus Driver" and is our resident connection to the internet.com.who.cares. A very hard worker who sometimes forgets where things are. Said he recognized the symptoms of hypoxia very quickly at the altitude chamber from driving around his land cruiser with no muffler.

SSgt Mark (**Doc**) McIntosh: Another former McConnel active duty partner, who is willing to go anywhere, anytime, except the desert. (We keep him away from the new guys who haven't been yet.) Mac has more time working inflight emergencies than most people have flying time.

SrA Christine (**Happy**) Lewis: Our most rescent arrival back from CCTS. Christine's husband is a boom operator at Altus. A former supply troop who we hope makes our procurement procedures a snap. Chris is doing an outstanding job and heading off to Fairchild in January. Thanks Troy!

MSgt Brad (**Retread**) Beyer: Came to us from the KANG where he worked on B-1s. Works for us in mission development and as of this writing is doing the SWATTF. He'd never been there and wasn't sure if he wanted to go, we did the honorable thing and told him it would be the best TDY he'd ever go on. Hope Morgan and Wallman get gone before he gets back to compare notes.

Traditional Reservist

SSgt Jody (**Ping**) Sutton: Jody came from Fairchild and is our resident awards and decs person. Has been known to drink an entire 12 pack of Mountain Dew in one work day. We're encouraging him to go into a 12 step program.

TSgt Bill (**Rock**) Stacey: Former B-1 crew chief. Decided to buy his own dump truck and haul gravel. Still trying to convince him as a boom operator you only need to keep one log book.

TSgt Mark (**Cable Guy**) McGougan: Mark lives and works for the cable company in Oklahoma City, and form some reason keeps offering free cable to all the stan/eval booms! Mark spends a lot of time explaining to the Highway Patrol that he was speeding because of the nations existence depends on him getting up here to fly a dual!!

SSgt Deb (**Red Neck**) Lee: Deb is a former Navy person who wants to know if the Admiral needs to sign any of her paperwork. Lives and works in Augusta for a paint company, shouldn't leave the lids off the cans all day.

MSgt Daryl (**Shirt**) Pettis: Daryl, for some reason volunteered to be the squadron 1st seargent. Comes to us from the Northeast (Pease ANG) and hasn't gotten used to the winds down here yet.

MSgt Rand (**I'm Just A Reservist**) Sanders: Rand comes in every now and again to say hello and keep current. He's living in Ohio and flying for Executive Jet, wants to be a shuttle commander someday.

TSgt Lisa (**Hop A Long**) Wasierski: Let's see that egress tape one more time. Another defector from the KANG, recently promoted and headed for survival school in December. Thanks again Troy. When we get her back and thaw her out she'll be starting her world tour.

TSgt Bill (**Teach**) Baker: Bill is our local spy, teaching academics down at Altus for flight safety.

SSgt Rick (**Carrot Top**) Clark: Rick also came over from active duty and trouped for a while but is now going to college full time. I once thought I saw Rick get excited but it turned out to be gas, we burped him and everything was back to normal.

TSgt Gary (**Cookie**) Cook: Came to us from Robbins AFB after his wife got an assignment to Vance. Our newest evaluator boom ready to take on the world.

SSgt Ken (**Tigger**) Girty: Use to be a C-141 flight engineer and now works as a mechanic on T-37s at Vance AFB.

SrA Dennis (**Stru**) Struve: Will be our Christmas present from active duty.

SrA Richard Costafelis: Another convert from KANG starts boom school soon.

2. Best wishes to SSgt Dan Chandler and SSgt Carl Conrad. Dan decided to work full time for a cable company in Oklahoma City and Carl is probably out fishing some where. They both did an outstanding job for us.

3. We plan on starting up the 44th ARS provisionally in April, 1997. Any one interested in a part time job with a great unit, please drop us a line or give us a call. Wishing everyone a Great New Year.

DONALD L. ASKREN JR., CMSgt, USAFR
Air Refueling Pgm Manager

22 Air Refueling Squadron



Mt. Home AFB

Greetings and salutations from the world of ACC. Last year we made our first input to the Boom Signal, this year we hope we are continuing what will become a long and time honored tradition for the 22 ARS. We fly in the support of the 366th Air Intervention Composite Wing out of Mt. Home AFB, Id.

The base is nestled in a high desert surrounded by the Owyhee and Sawtooth mountain. The scenery around here hasn't changed since the early 1800's, when there was a huge drive of domestic cattle and sheep that lasted for decades. Over grazing destroyed what use to be grasslands (similar to the great planes) and left us with our current topography, miles and miles of sagebrush. The mountains are an hour and a half away by car, and when you get into them it's "Gods Country".

The role of the 22 ARS is ever evolving. With the continuous change, there are three things that you can bank on. First, we invent exercises just to show how great the composite wing is. Second, tankers are the end of the whip in the Gunfighter community. Third, all the booms hold a second rating as a flight attendant (this rating is required to meet the demanding role of ACC Airline missions). We have just completed our first OPC rotation and the wing is tagged for a follow on to the "Sandbox". The one good deal we had, playing all "Home Games", is over. With the influx of new crewmembers, some of them from AMC and PACAF, it appears as if the grass isn't greener, it's just a different blend.

The 22 ARS has been in operation since October 1992. Since that time we've put to rest two Boom Mafia Godfathers and are working on a hat trick. MSgt Lew Timbrook was the first to fall, the rival mob erected a brickwall (fighter mentality), that got the best of him. Lew made Senior and opted for the greener grass of Texas and retirement. In came a hard nosed, ex-law enforcement pitbull with both barrels blazing, MSgt Brad Arnsperger. Brad tore a majority of the wall down, during the process, he ran out of ammo and threw in the towel. Latest sightings have placed Brad in a law enforcement uniform impersonating "Baywatch" on the lakes of the U.P..

The current Godfather, SMSgt Eddie Masten, has realized that the real enemy isn't the rival mob. The enemy is within the walls of the 22nd. Because the majority of job knowledge, experience, and work ethic lies with the boom operators, we have proven ourselves to the rival mob (fighter guys). Eddie leads the daily struggle to garner the deserved respect from our own people, that has been a time honored tradition since the first tanker flight. The current *Mafia* is as follows:

SMSgt Eddie "Flash" Masten: Eddie still wonders why we wear a "*Jack Ass*" but realizes that it fits some that wear it. The story coming back from Milwaukee is Eddie needs remedial training in telling the difference between a TV and a toilet. Rumor has it Eddie took up TV repair, unbenounced to his suite mate. He noticed Eddie's special screen cleaning technique in the middle of the night by stepping in a puddle of residual "homemade" solution. Eddie has moved to the wing to make room for the incoming Chief.

TSgt Rodney "JYD" Derringer: Rodney works in wing Stan/Eval, which is probably a good thing. Recently he had the opportunity to refuel the wing commander, who was enroute to meet with the Secretary of the Air Force. On the first contact they had a delayed disconnect. Rod promptly stowed the boom under a heavy verbal barrage and demand to continue from the wing commander. JYD stood his ground, the wing commander had to quick turn at Offutt and missed the meeting. Rod was also involved in the Hooters incident with Huey. Rodney just out-processed on his way to Altus.

TSgt Pat "Chip" Stevens: Pat was assigned to training flight but got kicked out by Doug. Chip has orders to Kadena and promptly went into stealth mode. Went on a vision quest in the Sawtooth mountains. Claims he saw the Dali Lama and found answers to the riddle of life. Unfortunately, during a recent boy scouting expedition he fell out of a tree and landed on his head, causing amnesia. Pat no longer has the answers. Pat has PCS'd to Kadena.

TSgt Steven "Gunney" Myrick: From the day he arrived, Gunney has been wondering if this is just a bad nightmare. Scheduled to fly with the Wing Commander, Gunney canceled the sortie because of moderate mountain wave turbulence. The pilots didn't see a problem with flying, the Ops O started pushing and then backed down when Gunney produced a message that happened to be the latest FCIF. The pilots and Ops O claimed ignorance. Needless to say, the Wing Commander was not impressed, he commented on how it appeared a boom operator was running the crew. Gunney has recently taken over the squadron keeping the seat warm for the Chief.

SSgt Brian Thayer: Brian is from Red River and a day doesn't go by that we are not reminded. I can feel the nickname Back At coming on. If you want to get him spun up all you have to do is tell him to throw away all his AMC regs because we don't use them in ACC. He has quickly become the resident expert on everything, assuming Red River is the model society for the universe.

SSgt Steven "Opie" Flax: Currently employed by squadron Stan/Eval. Opie is recently married and has gotten a crash course on parenting because Tracy (his wife), went remote. Bought a dog so he wouldn't take out his frustrations on the kids. Always has new toys, but claims they are for the kids. The local fishing expert, rumor has it Fish Fishburn is really Steve Flax.

SSgt Shawn "Huey" Hughes: Employed with Current Operations (Dono). While TDY to Langley, in Hooters enjoying hot wings and beverages, "pantsexed" Chief Smith leaving him standing in the middle of the bar with only his boxers and a smile. Also managed to cuss out the squadron commander during a heated discussion on unsafe airmanship practices performed routinely by the senior leadership and instructor pilots.

SSgt Mike Morris: Mike's former occupation was POL, one of many to join the boom field. He has adapted quickly to the boom way of life. When he isn't flying he's hunting, when he isn't hunting he's flying.

Sgt Tony "The Tiger" Dettore: Scheduler. Tony is moving to the greener pastures of civilian life. He is recently married and they have a new addition to the family. Tony just finished his active duty commitment and is on the road to Michigan and the world of "Part Time Boomin".

Sra Kerry "The Healer" Montgomery: Kerry has recently taken up the art of faith healing. Pat hurt his neck in a Boy Scouting expedition, Kerry tried to drive out the demons that were inflicting pain, apparently Kerry doesn't quite have the touch. Next he tried a homemade herbal tea concoction on the squadron commander who was suffering from flu like symptoms. This apparently may have some promise, within days the commanders condition improved. Kerry has taken to the bricks, having completed his active duty commitment.

Sra Chris "Target" Hargett: Scheduler. Chris has come out of his shell. Probably caused by scheduling, although, some believe Chuck Millers spirit has taken over his body. At a recent boom social gathering, he gave a very touching speech about how the booms need to stick together and support each other. How we need to integrated our loved ones to build a social network for the times when we are deployed. It was a moving gesture only to be tarnished by losing his lunch all over the driveway.

Sra Doug "D-Money" Meyer: D has taken over training flight. He recently moved to Boise with a couple of ATC roommates. We think he may actually be getting some on a regular basis because he isn't as tense. More flights in the back seat the F-16 than all the booms put together, a fighter pilot trapped in a boom operators body.

A1C Brad "Worm" Worman: Worm has met an unfortunate demise. He is no longer in the service and has migrated back to Texas.

A1C Scott Hoke: Scott is a native Idahoan right out of the pipeline. He's a good young kid who fits in well. He recently spent a week in Mildenhall with Gunney and we are waiting for the stories to unfold.

A1C Jesse Talamantes: Jesse is another pipeliner. He's been here about two months and is knee deep into mission qualification.

AMN Jeremy Koon: Jeremy has been here for roughly 5 months and has run head on into a hornets nest. He is learning about the real Air Force and what it takes to maintain the Air Force way of life.

GUEST SUPPORT: (Designated Hitter)

MSgt Guy "Radar" Raynor: Radar's a TALCE from Travis that occasionally flies with us for currency. Never ending stories, most of them don't seem to go anywhere but every once in a while one will actually have a point.

INBOUNDS: CMSgt John Randall, TSgt Glenn Harris (cross-trainee), SSgt Tim Tuttle (cross-trainee), A1C Todd Lupo, A1C Brian Johnson

RETIREEES:

SMSgt Lew Timbrook: Running loose in the greater Texas area last we've heard.

MSgt Brad Arnsparger: Peace Officer with Marquette County Sheriffs Department in Michigan.

MSgt Mark Graham: Moved to Utah and never looked back.

TSgt Chuck Miller: Moved back to Michigan and bought a Semi, on the road most of the time, which is probably good because his oldest daughter just gave birth to a girl. That ups the Miller women under one roof to 7.

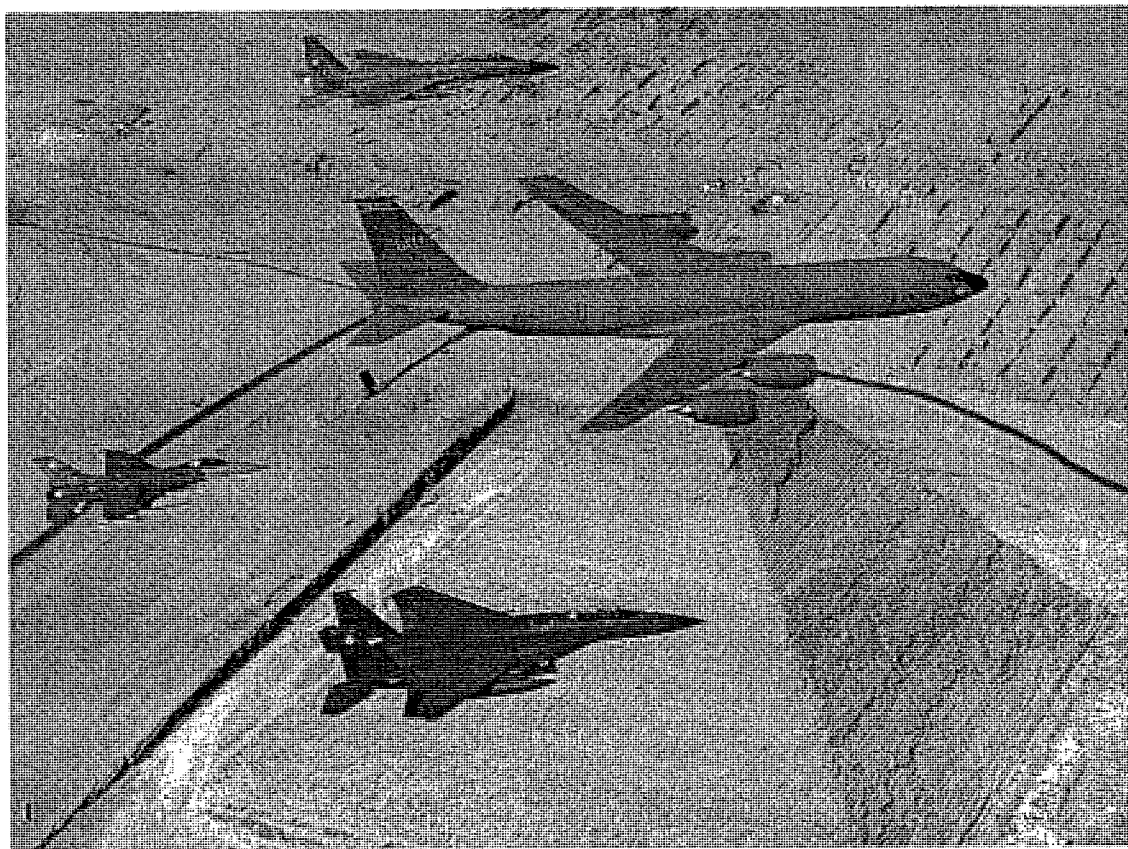
TSgt Lenny Beck: Still in the local area, started his own computer troubleshooting business, also a locksmith in the neighboring town.

HONORARY BOOMS: Occasionally We run across individuals that go out of their way, above and beyond the call of duty, and well past the point of "just doing their job", to make our lives as boom operators better. They make the Air Force a better place. They have earned our respect, in turn, we induct them into the Honorary Boom Operator Hall of Fame.

SSgt Paul Smith, Sra Donnie Lambert and A1C Kevin Cotter, they are 22 ARS life support technicians. It may have something to do with the fact that they are the equipment custodians, but I don't think so.

In closing we would like to bid farewell to our "ACC Dad", Chief "I promise, I'm coming to see you guys" Smith. Well, we're still waiting. A sincere Thanks. Thanks SMSgt Buckland, our new "ACC Padre". Thank you Chief Harris, for lending your guidance and support to the ACC "Red-headed Step Children". To all Boom Operators, past, present and future, **FLY SAFE!!!**

Questions, comments or getting in touch with friends can be accomplished by dialing DSN 728-2104.



63 ARS SELFRIIDGE ANGB, MI

What a year! Is it ever going to slow down? With all the missions, deployments, the RAV, the SIOP generation, and of course the ORI behind us we thought we could take a breather. Well the tempo is still high (as it is with all the tankers) and there is no end in sight. Next year looks busy as ever, but we got some relief in the pipeline at Altus (finally).

Here is the current hit list.

Technicians:

MSgt Reg Nolte
SMSgt Bill Shaw
MSgt Frank De Jauregui
MSgt Greg Ringel
MSgt Larry Wyland
MSgt Niki Zachary
SSgt Mike Weir

Reservists:

SMSgt Jeff Rooding
MSgt Fred Goettsche
MSgt Joe Bozzo
MSgt Rick Morrow
TSgt Bennie Lance
SSgt Michele Keller
SSgt Tom Polk
SSgt John English
SrA John Fill

When Frank Labutte, Maurice Marshall and Ray Lyons retired this year, the average age of the boom shop dropped 22 years! They will be missed as we continue to evolve. There's a lot of new faces coming in, as it should be, and life goes on. 'till next year,

Reg Nolte
Infliight Refueling Manager

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR FORCE RESERVE

7 Nov 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR All Booms Everywhere in the World!!

FROM: 70 ARS/DOB
485 Broadway St.
Travis AFB, CA 94535-2029

SUBJECT: 1996 Boom Signal

HELLO!! Greetings from the ORCA's. You might have seen our new patch popping up throughout the world. If you see it in Mildenhall don't buy it, it's fake. It has been a busy year for a reserve squadron. From JTE's, to the Rodeo 96', to Pitch Black, and an Around the World Trip or two, we've been there and done that in our short two years. But we are still waiting to move into our NEW squadron building. Maybe Santa Clause will give us the keys!! DOT has been busy with training some more of our new members and working with our three new "baby" booms for the KC-10 program, another first. So here's what's happen' to the crew.

- **CMSgt Rich Olshefski (ART)-** (Oski) Made it to Chief. Who would have thunk. Just got a B.S. degree in B.S.'ing. Leader of the Winters Pack!
- **SMSgt Mike Boozer (ART)-** Wing Stan/Eval. 349th Wing terrorist. Making his own home brew called Boozer Brewski. Hops and Barley will get you an automatic Q-1!
- **SMSgt Tim Holt-** Tim is still training boomers at Hughes, and despite all his worst efforts the Wing still won numerous awards at Rodeo 96'.
- **MSgt Bob Jensen-** (Uncle Bob) Has pasted the 10,000 hour mark. Pops in now and then. Flying for Gemini as a loadmaster.
- **MSgt Joe (Gimpy) Lambertus (ART)-** Busy training everyone. Currently not flying due to his operation on both legs. Lookin' sexy now! Winters is seeing a decrease in the worm population. Can still be seen every Wednesday and Saturday night singing karaoke in Winters.
- **MSgt Terry (Hue) Monges-** Our new squadron Stan/Eval. Terry still finds time between his new baby boy and work to come out and give us checkrides while wearing his "No Santa Clause" patch.
- **MSgt Celeste (Rodeo) Barcelo-** Recently completed which Masters degree? Currently looking for employment, but is a trougher now. Carried Hue Monges through Rodeo 96' while doing an outstanding job!
- **MSgt Steve Cooper-** (Coke Bottle) Don't get to see Steve but on the UTA's it seems. Still lives in So. Cal. learning how to smash fellow workers with heavy equipment. Still uses the bi-focals.
- **MSgt Keith Stephens (New ART)-** (Still Clutch Cargo) Demands a retraction from last years Signal. Claims that it was only one antenna. New IBO. Gave up on the trougher slot and moved into the scheduler ART slot. Moving to a town near you!

- **TSgt Dave (Babs) Bablo-** Just moved in with his girlfriend?!? Currently crying over the loss of Baby Ruth in the Deployment Office. Dave is finally a new instructor, and is teaching crew dogs how to get off of crew buses! Also, check the NOTAMs if coming to SUU, for Dave is a student pilot.
- **TSgt Chad Courtney-** (Comic Relief) Where you see Chad, you see Jeff. Both are new to the tanker world. Have been together since birth. Came over from the defunct C-141 Squadron (708 AS). As a probation officer, Chad spends quality time with Sacramento's finest youth.
- **TSgt Dave Donaldson-** (Warden) Recently finished the NCO Academy. Became an eagle with his wings clipped when asked to trim his eyebrows. After all, long eyebrows are a sign of intelligence? Just ask Dave.
- **TSgt Barry Green-** (Hit-Man) His handprints were recently seen on Dave Bablo's back while yelling "More Man-Days for everyone." Still working on his first million and doing fine.
- **TSgt Bret Sherlock-** A licensed attorney in the State of Insanity and also in Pennsylvania, Bret recently moved to Bend, Oregon where he intends to devote the majority of his time alpine skiing. If successful on the Oregon Bar, Bret hopes to establish a solo practice with an emphasis in door law (Whatever case walks through the door, he'll take).
- **TSgt Erik Sandvik-** (Piano Man) Has a job, but works with the unit like a trougher. Always looking the TDY's with a good golf course.
- **TSgt Chris Youngblood-** After receiving his Masters Degree from Embry-Riddle, Chris has decided to embark upon a career in international sales with the Amway Corporation. Hoping to caddy for Sandvik on the tour.
- **SSgt Jeff Odell -** (Casper) A recent acquisition from the recently deactivated 708th AS, Jeff spends his spare time trading securities and hanging out with Chad Courtney. Smokin' through the program!
- **SSgt Todd (Baby) Ruth-** (Plus 20 more!) Just got a job back at old Mather AFB. Finally received his basket weaving degree from Embry-Riddle. Seeking position in the right seat! Now, what plane??
- **SSgt Steve Sila-** (Power Ranger) Came from the C-5 side of the house. Always asked if Tom is his brother. Recently inducted into the Desert Rat Assoc. Will accept any letter of appreciation.

Breakaways-

SMSgt Virgil Anderson- Now Chief Boom of the Big Dogs (79 ARS). We will miss his terrorist Stan/Eval acts on the 70th!! Good luck Andy.

TSgt Carlton Vaughn- Now living in Las Vegas. Still with Southwest Airlines. Quit the reserves to spend more time with the family and gamble! We will miss him

Contacts-

SrA Corbet Cadwell- New "Baby" boom. Has a great auto for the lunch run!

SrA Doanld Mora- Another new "Baby" boom. We'll get more on him!

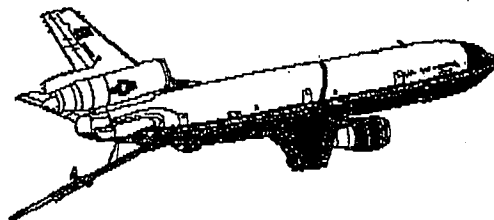
A1C Matt Fisher- Right of the street! The real BABY Boom!

So, if you ever find yourself in town, give us a call and we'll have a cold one waiting for you at the Blow Hole!

70 ARS - DSN 837-7013 or 7010.

TODD RUTH, SSG, USAFR
Boom Operator

KEITH STEPHENS, MSG, USAFR
Boom Operator



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 premier flying squadron at Grissom Air Reserve Base. The following list of airman have managed to stay out of jail and in the spotlight while at the squadron. Here is complete unedited list as compiled by Msgt Jeff (Remo) Williams.

CMSGT. Melvin Wiemer; (Worm) 72 ARS Chief Boom Mel has been a busy camper this year. Mel has built a new home, gotten married, (with children) and bought a new truck. Mel has been enjoying his new hot tub just a little too much lately. He has been showing up more wrinkled than ever.

SMSGT. Tony Fansler; (Fans) Stan Eval Chief Boom Good old bust em' all, let god sort em' out Fansler! Tony recently sold the farm and moved up to the lake by Mel. Come to think of it, Tony has been looking fairly wrinkled too!

SMSGT. Lawrence Bartel, (Uncle Larry) Larry is in the middle of a mid life crisis and career change. Larry has given up his job as a respiratory therapist and is going to school to become a Physicians Assistant. Larry has been in the shop lately offering free exams, yikes!

MSGT. Ron Johnston, (Shark) Ron is still a state trooper (in spite of his obsession with detaching appendages). Ron's poor wife was the first victim, now it has come back to haunt him. If your in town, stop by and Ron will give you a few tips. Just don't ask about his skin graph.

MSGT James Seidle, (Souie Seidle) Jimmy just moved to current operations. He has a new office with a window and an automatic wake up calls. Jimmy is still trying to get his pole barn built so he can store cars at home, avoid those embarrassing base parking tickets.

MSGT Paul Houser, (Doogie) Office manager, Shop Foreman, Union Steward, Weekly Scheduler, Lunch Room Monitor, Cross Country Coordinator, and Intel Office Relations Manager. We recently rescued Doogie from the 74th ARS, he has since became much more user friendly. He still uses us, he's just more friendly about it.

MSGT Jeff Williams, (Remo) Remo is still a Firefighter/EMT, Union President, and Political Hack. He currently has several applications pending as he is looking for more work. He still resides with his wife and many, many kids. Remo recently completed hooked on phonics and is now working on his organizational and people skills.

MSGT Larry Page, Larry recently recovered from an extended coma and gave up his A.R.T position. Larry now works for Inland Container and seems to be functioning properly. Larry has caught on to this straight reserve business. We don't see him much these days, that is probably a quality thing.

TSGT Scott Ward (Carl), Scott has moved into Larry Pages A.R.T slot. The therapy seems to be helping. Scotty is always very busy and has succeeded in winning the VICtorious Award for this year. Way to go Carl, keep up the good work.

TSGT Jeffrey Maier (Mr. Malloy), Jeff was once known as Heffe in his younger days. Jeff is currently at CFI Care. He is reported to be engaged to Marry Pat Malloy (Snowflake) and is a new art. We are all looking forward to working him over upon his return.

TSGT Chris Hermon (Hermonator), Chris recently got married and is selling insurance. He has a new house and a new dog. This is all a big surprise considering his bachelor party exploits.

TSGT Jeff Withrow (Killer), Jeff has recently moved to a new home and seems to be doing well. Jeff is enjoying being an A.R.T and is doing a good job at it. Jeff has perfected the 2000 yard stare, this comes from years of staring at his neighbors cats. Jeff currently has four kills to his credit.

TSGT Lisa Polston, Lisa is keeping busy with flying, alert, mandays, and TDY's. Lisa has been talking about taking an extended vacation. We don't think it's because of us, we think she probably just needs a break.

SSGT Doug Preece, Doug recently graduated from college and got a job that had nothing to do with his major. After just a few short days, we are proud to announce that Doug is once again unemployed. Doug's future is uncertain at this point as is his social life. Doug can be reached at the local mission.

SSGT James Maxwell (Booger), We're not sure where Jim came from, he just kind of showed up one day. We call him booger because we can, but the real reason is that his finger spends more time in his nose than out. We think he has a civilian job, but we're not sure about that either. Seems like a nice enough guy, we'll probably keep him.

SRA Gloria Jones (Mrs. Stibbe), Gloria is rumored to be spending way too much time with a 74th boom, Tim Stibbe. The only thing we can figure is that she must have a soft spot for big dumb animals. Gloria is talking about going to law school, she plans to help the animal rights cause.

SRA Michael Morgan (Leonard), Leonard is currently learning to be functional. We're not sure where he came from either, however we have made the mistake of feeding him and we are more than likely stuck with him. Leonard is currently taking classes at Indiana University at Kokomo, and hoping to some day make a life for himself.

4 November 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 74 ARS (DSN 928-3886)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

Here is the line-up of Grissom's first team:

SMSgt Kim "don't forget your 1522" Ayers (Chief Boom /IBO/ART): Kim still keeps plenty busy looking after her little one and supremely busy looking after all of her big ones at the squadron. According to her, being Chief Boom has been good training for motherhood. We don't know how we should take that.

SSgt James "Dusty" Baker (Old new guy Reservist): Dusty is one of our new "baby booms" who just happens to have 5,000 flying hours already. No Dusty we refuel things that come up behind us now, not shoot them. At least now Roger Drumm has someone to share barfing on low-level stories with now. Dusty should be heading out to beautiful Altus soon to begin CCTS.

MSgt Jenny "Barnette Fife" Carmichael (Reservist): Newly promoted to MSgt, Jenny is still the boom shop's connection to the DOD cop shop. The only problem is that it seems the only people getting tickets on base are booms and their families. So if you are looking for a break on this base keep your Boom Association card safely tucked away, it won't work here. Naturally Jenny gets first choice on airshows and cross countries.

SMSgt Billy "one full year of flying" Carter (Wing Program Manager/IBO/ART): Billy stepped right up to become one of our roller mission gurus. We think he volunteered to relive his loadmaster days on the Gooney Bird when he worked the Berlin Airlift. If Billy doesn't slow down he is going to need a bigger AMC patch to hold all of his hours up.

TSgt Shad "Toolman" Culp (Cargo/IBO/ART): We called Shad up to the bigs from our farm team, the 72nd, recently. Shad has had an eventful year; he "jumped the broom" again after a short stint on bachelor status, and while trying to do his best Tim Allen impression managed to hit a gas line and give himself Gulf War syndrome with his homemade mustard gas that doubles as pool cleaner. Pretty much our designated ground safety briefer since the incidents are mostly his anyway.

SMSgt Roger "crawl space" Drumm (Assistant Chief Boom/IBO/Reservist): Roger was also recently called up to the show from our farm team. Seems he progressed as far as he could with them so we brought him on board and promptly gave him Mike Murphy's vacated SMSgt slot. Roger still fixes lonely housewives' furnaces or is crawling around in their basements when he isn't flying with us. Also, recently welcomed a future boom or ex-gunner to the family.

SSgt David "Ritalin" French (Reservist): Now that Dave has landed a civilian job at Isuzu we don't see him around as much as we used to, which has resulted in mama Ayers only needing *monthly* sessions with her therapist now.

MSgt Jeff "Buck" Henry (Flight Commander/Flight Scheduler /EB/ART): Buck wanted to make sure no one would mistake his car for Kim's again so he sold both ART-mobiles for a sport utility vehicle and a convertible. We can't figure out how he keeps his hair from moving with the top down though. Remember Bucks rules of the road: when riding with Buck if you get a ticket the driver pays for it.

U.S.

TSgt Bryan "your logo here" Hettinghouse (Reservist): Bryan still keeps the skies friendly over Grissom in his other job as our resident flight dispatcher. He is also keeping all of the booms in style with his new line of designer boom gear. Look for the Hettingdork line of boom paraphernalia coming to a base near you.

TSgt John "Cool J" Ley (IBO/Reservist): Well getting his degree and working with computers all day at Macmillan Publishing hasn't taught John a thing about e-mail apparently. Seems he had a little trouble remembering who's name went in the "To:" portion of the address. We still don't think Kim has forgiven him. We plan on seeing a lot more of John as he attempts to pay off the rock he recently gave his all too patient girlfriend.

SSgt Mike "the silver fox" McGowan (Reservist): Mike is another one of our new old new guys in the squadron. Mike came across the street from maintenance where he was one of our crew chiefs. Some of our baby booms go to CCTS to learn to be crew dogs but Mike went to find a wife. All we really expected him to get was a few patches and maybe a hat, Jeez! The scary part is he is already asking about when he can go back out CFIC and he is still working on a few cat quals!

MSgt Kym "Homey" Orange (IBO/Reservist): Kym is our newest instructor, having just returned from CFIC. We have really noticed how it has increased his availability, he is up to three days a month now. Kym's state trooper job has taken on a nautical theme recently. Somehow he conned someone up there to put him on one of the floating casinos to "keep an eye on things". Can you say fox in the hen house?

TSgt Larry "Salt" Santine (Chief Duty Boom/IBO/ART): "Gosh darn it!" ding, ding, ding... "I'm going truckin' *dag-on-it!*" ding, ding, ding... "I hate this *shtuff!*" ding, ding, ding... "What a stupid fellow!" ding, ding, ding (Larry gets most of his military pay converted to quarters so he can put them in the profanity kitty). You know we are a kinder gentler AFRES now.

MSgt Jerry "Shoe" Schumacher (Flight Commander/Ground Scheduler/EB/ART): Well its a new year so Shoe must be a new dad! Yep! The new proud papa has made sure that we won't be repeating this message next year, he went out and got himself an "air gun". Shoe is back in the squadron again just when he had that scheduling thing all figured out. Sorry Shoe can't have things running too smoothly over there!

MSgt Tim "Stib" Stibbe (Wing Scheduler/IBO/ART): Stib's hairy neaderthal-like shoulders are sloping more than usual with the increased weight and responsibility of his new rank. Newly promoted MSgt "Scoobie" has been sent to scheduling for more seasoning but he still gets to fly with us and we even talk to him occasionally on UTAs. Stib has bought a new house and is settling into the domestic role again, it is reported that he even has toilet doilies in his bathroom.

SSgt Darren "Z-man" Zollman (Reservist): Darren is another one of our cross trainee baby booms who comes to us from Dover AFB where he was a flight engineer on C-5's. Before that he was an AGE troop so we tend to talk a little slower for him and Mike McGowan. Darren is just back from CCTS, he didn't get a wife there, and is in the process of getting all cat-qualed for us.

Departures

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TSgt Don "Seymour Johnson" Templeton (IBO/Reservist): Don left us this year to pursue an ART job at Seymour Johnson AFB. He had just finished his degree at Purdue and was serving as a cargo evaluator prior to his departure. We wish him luck at his new base and with his new position.

TSgt Chris Hughes (Reservist): Chris also left us this year to go the air medivac unit at McGuire AFB. Chris had been working as a nurse in Wabash when she wasn't flying for us. We wish Chris well at her new assignment.

Retired

MSgt Jerry Hostetler (Reservist): Jerry retired from military duty earlier this year and we wish him luck now that he is a "real civilian" again. Knowing Jerry, his cars and home projects are keeping him plenty busy.

SMSgt Mike "Murph" Murphy (IBO/Reservist): The 74th said goodbye to a good friend and a even better dancer this year when ol "Sgt. Murph" hung up his flight boots. In a year that saw him buy a new van and have his first child, Murph has had quite the farewell tour. Did we mention the full nudity at the dining room table? Mike is busy at Caterpillar building things that blow up so he can't miss us too much but the 434th isn't the same without him. We miss ya dork!

Sent down to the 72nd

MSgt Paul "Doogie" Houser (Tactics/EB/ART): Paul was sent down to the minors because he was really starting to dig that tactics stuff and we were worried about him. He thought he was so tough he opted to tackle the first class V rapid without the raft on his first white-water rafting trip. Doogies expertise and great veal shanks he would bring to the squadron pitch-ins will be greatly missed.

TSgt Jeff "M squared" Maier (IBO/ART): Mr. Moloy got his CFIC slot and subsequent ART slot out of us and then for selling his soul was sent to purgatory (72nd). Jeffery just returned from CFIC and is currently serving the first of consecutive sentences as a baby ART for Mel. In a quest to return to the poor days of trougherhood, Jeff bought a big old ring for his sometime companion and bowling partner, got her a car and then realized they needed a garage for it so had them just go ahead and throw in the house too for grins. We even get to see him when she comes in.

23 Oct 96

MEMORANDUM TO HQ AMC/ (ATTN: SMSgt BENSCOTER)

FROM: 76 ARS/DOB
3542 Lancaster Ave.
McGuire AFB, NJ

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

Greetings from the 76ARS and the Garden State. It seems hard to believe that it's time for the Boom Signal to go out again. For those of us stationed here at Disneyland East, it seems that we've spent the majority of the past year on the road.

We finally got a REAL squadron patch and are no longer known as "that squadron with the borrowed patch". However, rumor has it that the material for the patches came from a nuclear waste dump because they will glow in the dark on a moonless night. We should also be moving into our new BRAC funded squadron building around Christmas. Hope that we don't have to move in during a snow storm. We were told that it didn't snow very much here, however all the snow from last years blizzard finally melted by the Memorial Day weekend.

We've gained lots of new talent this year that should hopefully offset our losses in the near future. Our prospects for the future look bright with the ever increasing pool of talent that we have to draw from.

Here is the list of the booms in the 76ARS: FREEDOM'S SPIRIT

ARTS:

CMSgt Ron Jackson - EB - Ron runs the train, clangs the bell, and even blows off steam every now and then. Everyone always looks forward to his cookouts. Best food north of the Mason/ Dixon Line.

SMSgt Charles Younce - EB - Charlie still lives in his motor home behind the squadron. Travel pay is still confused as to how to pay the 50 feet that he claims for POC mileage on his per diem voucher.

MSgt Donna Dobbins - IB - Donna is rumored to have been a 4 star General in a past life. She commands and controls the scheduling desk. Can tell you where any of the 76th booms are at any given time. Should be a consultant to the psychic network.

TRADITIONAL RESERVISTS

SMSgt Joel Montgomery - EB - Joel moved to Texas this year. Still works for Hughe's, only in a different location. He can usually be found at the VFW when on station and not flying. Says that he has more silver bullets than the Lone Ranger.

MSgt Dave Brock - IB - Dave still commutes from Atlanta.. He's also the official venison supplier for the squadron. Dave won't say how much of last year's harvest was road kill. He usually spends most his free time looking for another new cave to explore.

MSgt Dan Ciambone - IB - Dan upgraded to instructor this year and put on Master effective 1 Oct. Thought that he could afford to go fishing more until his girl friend found out about his promotion and raised the price of a kitchen pass.

TSgt Bruce Hewlett - MB - Bruce Came to us from the C-141 side of McGuire where he was a loadmaster. The squadrons only house husband and full time student. Still has to salute his wife.

TSgt Greg Jones - MB - Greg also came to us from the 141 side of the house and our squadron income tax expert. He always gives the C-141's a sentimental look when he passes by one. Does he still miss air drop?

TSgt Glenn Kotch - MB - Glenn got promoted to Tech and is a postal employee. Everyone always looks to see if he's armed when he comes into the squadron. Glenn is another in our long list of C-141 acquisitions.

TSgt Gene Lorandean - MB - Gene followed his 141 brethren to a better life here in the KC-10 world. Gene has become a common sight around the boom shop since getting qualified. Can always be seen scanning the schedule for a mission.

TSgt Tony Pierce - MB - Tony made Tech this fall. Tony keeps the heat going on Ft. Dix during the winter. Tony, what do you guys do with all that steam in the summer?

TSgt Luis Perez - MB - Luis still lives in San Antonio, works at Kelly AFB, and commutes here to Disney Land East on a regular basis. Luis is back on flying status after donating a kidney to his wife.

TSgt Jack Reffner - UB - Jack is new to the unit, awaiting a school date, and comes to us by way of Little Rock where he works for the power company. Jack, since you work with electricity, can you teach us how to install flashlight batteries?

TSgt Dwayne Ruffin - MB - Dwayne is our resident flight records expert. Also a C-141 converttee. Can usually be seen reminiscing with Greg about the good old days on C-141's.

TSgt Steve Weigert - MB - Steve is the squadron's handy man and fixer upper. Always says that there's room for one more thing in his van. Steve, you loaded WHAT in your van?

SSgt Jim Carden - FB - Jim is completing upgrade training and should be an MB in the near future. Part of our growing T-tail Mafia. Loves the billeting at Moron'.

SSgt Paul Carter - FB - Paul came to us from the 130 unit at Dobbins. He is completing upgrade training. Paul lives in the Atlanta area, keeps Dave company, and helps him in spotting road kills when commuting.

SSgt Anthony "Taco" Cleaver - MB - Taco is a true work of art but can't find an artist to paint him. Checks in with military pay twice a day to see if he's been paid yet.

SSgt Jim Polhemos - UB - Jim has just come onboard has started to school at Hughe's. Three guesses as to what he flew prior to coming to the 10. Yeah it had a T-tail.

SSgt John Mercer - MB - John is our billeting expert. Can recite the minimum adequacy standards for any rank by memory. John lives in Cincinnati where he's trying to complete his degree. When asked what he was going to be when he graduated he replied, "about 65".

SSgt Sean "Popeye" Swieringa - FB - Sean came to us from McConnell where he was a 135 boom. He got promoted to Staff and upgraded to FB. He's on the fast track to getting qualified. Still trying to adjust to all the creature comforts on the 10.

SSgt Gary Towles - MB - Gary lives in Baltimore. We see his smiling face about every 44 1/2 days. However, he never misses one of Ron's cook outs. If Ron had more cook outs we would probably see lots more of Gary.

SSgt Martin Vinson - MB - Martin is also a member of our T-tail mafia. Flies every chance he gets. Martin is working on becoming the squadron historian. Should be an easy job; he'll have lots of relics to work with.

SRA Jim Shulack - UB - Jim has just come on board. Jim is awaiting a school date. He was a former Fire Protection Specialist here at McGuire and holds a commercial pilots license and is an active member of the Civil Air Patrol.

AIC John Soltysik - UB - John is our first "off the street" hire. He is presently attending basic training. He holds an Aeronautical Engineering Degree and has ambitions of acquiring a UPT slot.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

MSgt Dave Fruge' - Dave departed the fix for a new home at Tinker. Good luck Dave!

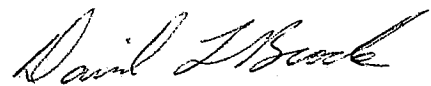
TSgt Paul Mozur - Paul went on vacation this summer and never returned. If anybody knows his whereabouts, PLEASE let us know!

TSgt Scott Roberts - Scott got a new job, new girl friend and is going to school full time. Just couldn't squeeze 26 hours into a day so he had to give up flying for a while. Says he'll be back one day. Good Luck Scott!

TSgt Dan Ursettie - Dan resigned and is now 100% civilian.

SSgt Duhamel Cassell - Dewy departed the fix to become a stock broker somewhere in Arizona. When he left everyone checked their portfolio's very closely. Good Luck Dewy!

Well, this just about covers our guys and gals in the 76th who make everything happen. If you're ever in the area please stop in and say hello.



DAVID L. BROCK, MSGT, USAFR
76 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ/DOVK
ATTENTION: SMSGT Jake Benscoter

31 Oct 1996

FROM:

78 ARS/DOB
3542 LANCASTER AVE
MCGUIRE AFB, NJ



SUBJECT: 1996 BOOM SIGNAL

GREETINGS FROM FORT DIX AAF

1. Hello from the mountains of the Garden State. We would like to say hello to our fellow boom operators: KC135 and KC10. Its been a tough two and a half years, but we think the T Tail has finally been skin grafted onto the #2 engine and it ain't going away.

ARTS

CMSGT Steve Reeff - Chief Reeff finally bought a home over in Quaker country. As soon as he All the walls are knocked out and the ENTIRE front yard is dug up, everyone is invited over for the housewarming. Bring your shovel and wallpaper skills. And buy your own beer.

SMSGT Dirk Olsen - Dirk is our Group White Scarf dude.

MSGT Mike Kibler - Mike is our scheduling dude.

TSGT John Paul "da Pope" Mozur - John is our disappearing dude.

TSGT Robert Wolfe - Bob is our training/billeting/fill in dude.

RESERVISTS

SMSGT Bobby Drinnen - After over thirty years of service to his country, Bobby will retire in December. We will miss Bobby. Bobby leaves a big hole in the experience level of the squadron. No one here can remember ever seeing a dollar bill handled quite like Bobby can.

MSGT Rodney Sanders - Rodney has retired from the Fire Department in Little Rock to work for the fire department in Little Rock. Huh?, that's right, civil service could learn a few things from this old boy about double dipping.

MSGT Dennis Smith - Dennis has been surgically removed from the left arm of Rodney and now has been seen up at McGuire with his other better half, his wife. Still wonders what keeps everyone down South when there's so much of Jersey to enjoy.

MSGT Lynn Stoddard - Lynn remains adamant about moving "these shoot dang" airplanes somewhere else. Lynn works at Hughes Aviation and instructs the active duty booms on the right way to do things.

TSGT Bobby Duckworth - Bobby grew to love the billeting here at McGuire so much his last stay that he's given up the thought of installing a new hot water heater at his home. Why have hot water at home when he never has it at McGuire?

TSGT Marty Johnson - Marty is still around, he loves to call and tell everyone the current temperature in Texas.

TSGT Freddy Alonso - Freddy is the "mojo" for Gemini Air Cargo. The "weasel" for the 78th. Freddy has more miles in the DC/KC-10 than TJ Hooker in a squad car.

TSGT Ken Manely - If it weren't for Ken, the 78th would probably fly half its missions without boom operators, not that half the 141 pilots and engineers would notice we fly with boom operators. Ken fills in at every level of the squadron except "who gets to watch Ken this TDY?".

TSGT Andy Sylvain - Andy is our newest cinematographer. Ask for the wide screen version of the Toronto Airshow. You may need to step back a little. Andy is one of our new TSgt's so he owes you one if you see him.

TSGT Henry Grill - Thanks to the Philadelphia Transit System for loaning us Henry. Henry is one righteous dude and one of our best. Henry will also buy you a brew if you ask where he got that extra stripe.

TSGT Charles Watson - Charlie keeps busy when the fish ain't biting by flying his butt off for us. Charlie has what Ciambrone calls the "FY" money.

TSGT Felicia Anderson - Felicia has decided to become a professional reservist. We think.

SSGT Ramon Cruz III - Ramon was on the fast track in the squadron and ran right into the brick wall called "a Real Job". Emery Air Cargo keeps Ramon busy around the world, many of us see him out on the road. No, Ramon you can't come over and download our cargo and log a ground TP.

SSGT Lonnie Lisser - Go ahead, ask Lonnie. Ask him him what?

SSGT Anthony Bartolomeo - Tony is the resident music maker for all your dining and dancing pleasure. One of the gentlemen of the 78th, Tony has the house at the Shore where he's always glad summer is over.

SSGT David Glacken - Dave came back from oblivion, is almost checked out, and will soon be moving to Florida awaiting our arrival at McDill.

SRA Rick Boettinger - Rick has resurfaced and is now as near to becoming mission ready as he was this time last year. His sortie count is fast approaching the sortie count for the Fiji Island Air Force.

2. That's the way its been this year. Keep those rumors flying about moving the 10's to Florida, someone might just believe them enough to make it happen.

Bob Wolfe
Boom Operator

19 NOV 96

The following is a list of Boom Operators assigned to MacDill AFB, FL, and the jobs they are filling.

Ssgt Patricia A. Brown-Davis	Wing Scheduling
TSgt Ryan W. Cermak	Squadron Stan Eval
MSgt Ricky W. Geiger	Squadron Program Manager
A1C Daniel C. Gibson	Line Boom
A1C Jorge L. Gonzalez	Line Boom
SMSgt Rick L. Hackett	Wing Stan Eval
SSgt Shawn D. Lane	Cargo Loading
SrA Nicole R. Moats	Cargo Loading
SSgt Phillip G. Money	POL Representative
SrA Chris A. Ochoa	Squadron Scheduling
MSgt Tim C. Sawyers	B Flight Superintendent
A1C Chris E. Sprague	Line Boom
A1C Scott A. Teague	Line Boom
MSgt Jacob Vogt III	A Flight Superintendent
TSgt Daniel O. Wells	OSS Tactics
TSgt Steve A. Zoller	Squadron Stan Eval

It's all fun in the sun here at MacDill. We are finally getting settled in our new home in building 54.

SSgt Pat Brown-Davis is new from Altus, glad to have her aboard.

TSgt Ryan Cermak FINALLY made Tech after years of hard studying. Congratulations!

MSgt Ricky Geiger is doing a stupendous job as our chief boom! Little Hitler we call him.

SrA Danny Gibson made SrA below-the-zone! Can you believe it? He is currently he is working on his masters and trying to become a "zero". Congratulations Danny Boy!

A1C Jorge "Call Me Luis" Gonzalez is doing fine, even though he reaked his car twice. Oh well, he'll learn to drive sooner or later.

SMSgt Rick Hackett is our Wing Boom and he's loving it. Especially all the pattern rides with the General that comes with the job.

SSgt Shawn Lane is our Cargo Load trainer and doing a excellant job on keeping us current and qualified. He really loves to going TDY too!

SrA Nicole Moats is finally going through ALS and can't wait to come back and implant the tools she has learned in class.

SSgt Phil Money is still alive, even after all the leg and kncc problems. We are now pushing him around in a wheel chair.

SrA Chris Ochoa finally got himself a real job.....Ground Scheduling! Fun in the sun!

MSgt Tim Sawyers is still around. As a flight boom, he is now living up to the term OFO! Really though super guy, super job!

A1C Chris Sprague and his wife Patzy just had a baby boy a couple of months ago. Congradultions to both of them. Enjoy the late night bottle feedings.

A1C Scott Teague shows up to work every now and then. We call him the SHAWDOW.

MSgt Jake "Huge" Vogt is offically enrolled in the ROAD program. He is our A Flight boom Superintendent and has a great influence on all our up and coming boom operators! BIG DADDY!!!!

TSgt Danny Wells is loving the secret world of tactics! He loves driving up to Robins to give us our recurring tactics training. Dan and his wife Pam had a new baby girl. They also enjoy the late night feedings.

TSgt Steve Zoller is also new to the 91st. He is still getting settled, so by next year I'll be able to give you the scoop on all his endeavors.

92 ARW

Fairchild AFB, Washington

92 OG 92 OSS 92 ARS 93 ARS 96 ARS 97 ARS 98 ARS

Greetings from Fairchild. As is the case with everyone, we have been very busy since the last Boom Signal. As I write this article we have crews scattered to several US bases and overseas bases. We have also had a large turnover of booms. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the booms who retired this past year for there service.

CMSgt Dave Crowder - Spokane WA - Manager of Insurance Auto Auction

MSgt Mike Cooley - Medical Lake WA

MSgt Robin Hendrickson - Spokane WA

MSgt Don Rundle - Salem OR

MSgt Jack Sprague - Medical Lake WA

MSgt Jon Bibler - Ohio - Hazardous Materials Instructor for Airborne Express

MSgt Eric Hass - Spokane WA - Terminal Leave

Attached is a complete list of all booms here at Fairchild. If your travels bring you to Fairchild, please call. The coffee is always on.

JACK M. PATTON, CMSgt, USAF
Chief Boom Operator

92 ARW BOOM OPERATOR LIST

92 ARS SUPERINTENDENT	93 ARS SUPERINTENDENT	96 ARS SUPERINTENDENT	97 ARS SUPERINTENDENT	98 ARS SUPERINTENDENT	92 OG OGV
MSgt Hammond Work: 657-4691	SMS Zarkos Work: 657-4950	MSgt Bein Work: 657-4163	SMS Bacon Work: 657-3088	MSgt Harvey Work: 657-5480	CMS Patton Work: 657-2013 TSgt Lively
<u>A Flight</u> MSgt Hass - Ret Jan 97 SSgt Ballentine - TSgt Sel SSgt Micklich SrA Smith AIC Pfeifer	<u>A Flight</u> TSgt Choker SSgt Lewis SrA Kilmer AIC Tarango AIC Abbot	<u>A Flight</u> SSgt Corey SSgt Walker SrA Wagner SrA Davis	<u>A Flight</u> TSgt Kozak SrA Moser SrA Villacis - SSgt Sel SrA Shaffer	<u>A Flight</u> SSgt Riener SSgt McPhee SSgt Padilla AIC Winks AIC Olson	<u>OGT</u> MSgt McElroy MSgt Murman <u>CCX</u> SMS Perry 92 OSS <u>UDM</u>
<u>B Flight</u> MSgt Forward SSgt Reuter AIC Larson - SrA Sel AIC Sapp AIC Bishop	<u>B Flight</u> SSgt Boettcher SSgt Armstrong Sgt Mix AIC Malone AIC Lampel	<u>B Flight</u> SSgt Swanson SSgt Peterson SrA Beauchamp-DOSApr SrA Hinton AIC Crosby	<u>B Flight</u> MSgt Battaglia SSgt Clark - TSgt Sel SrA Recaido SrA Judd	<u>B Flight</u> SSgt Crittendon-TSgt Sel SrA Buit AIC Rindal AIC Burianek	TSgt Handy <u>SCHEDULING</u> SrA Dickson 92 ARW <u>XPL</u> SSgt Whetzel <u>QI</u>
<u>C Flight</u> TSgt Miller SSgt Rushano SSgt Stiles	<u>C Flight</u> SSgt Rollins SrA Dalrymple SrA Wilkins SrA Fried - DOS Dec	<u>C Flight</u> TSgt Tennyson-MSgt Sel SSgt Schofield SrA Cathey SrA Chabrouillaud	<u>C Flight</u> SSgt Curry SSgt McPeak Amn Neal	<u>C Flight</u> TSgt Crews - MSgt Sel SSgt Potter SrA Locascio AIC McIntosh AIC Ireland	TSgt Watton - MSgt Sel
<u>INBOUND</u> Amn Fristad - Jan 97 AIC Lancaster - Feb 97 AIC Hockett - Mar 97 SSgt Armstrong - May 97	<u>INBOUND</u> SSgt Bennett - Feb 97 AIC Lavin - Feb 97 AIC Hackney - Mar 97	<u>INBOUND</u> AIC Smith - Mar 97 SSgt Westwood - Jul 97	<u>INBOUND</u> Amn Olhiser - Nov 96 AIC Chatham - Nov 96 SrA Tickle - Sep 97	<u>INBOUND</u> SSgt Geraci - Jun 97 SSgt Pohl - Jun 97 SrA Perkins - Jul 97 SSgt Ingram - Aug 97	CMS 1 SMS 3 MSgt 8 TSgt 8 SSgt 24 Sgt 1 SrA 19 AIC 15 Amn 0 Authorized: 77 Assigned: 79 Inbound: 16 Outbound: 6

4 Nov 96

MEMORADUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS - ACTIVE OR RETIRED

FROM: 93d Air Refueling Squadron (Formerly the 43d), Chief Boom, SMSgt Jim Zarkos

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input for 1996

1. Hello again from the 93d ARS, Fairchild AFB, WA. It's been a busy year. Lots of time away from home and the promise of more to come. For those of you that know me...yes I'm still here, I haven't retired or moved. I just re-upped for two more to go to HYT. That's if I can get by the Chiefs list. I just know I'll be packing my bags if I'm on the list. Does it sound like I want to stay here?
2. The 93d has survived the many changes in the last few years and is doing quite well, although we haven't been home much. Three major trips in '96; ETTF, SWA, and Turkey (Dec 96 - Jan 97). The SWA trip required us to borrow some booms (4) from the other squadrons. Who says the enlisted career fields are stable? Half of my squadron will be manned with booms with less than three years. I know I'm preaching to the choir, but when is someone up at HQ going to wake up. It's only going to get worse. I hope we can come up with a united stand when we convene the manager's conference.
3. Enough whining. Here's who makes up the top air refueling squadron at Fairchild (I know I'm biased, but so what)

A Flight

Flight Supervisor - TSgt Eric Choker - Brewmaster extroinaire. Finally got him to go to CFIC, doing a good job now as an evaluator. Leaning towards retirement in '98. He would have written about his flight but he's at Tactics School.

SrA Christy Kilmer - Working in training flight. Can't make up her mind to stay or go. Isn't there a song like that. Recent ALS graduate. Took the Academic Achievement Award and the John Levitow Honor Graduate award. Surprised herself and us. Super Job!!

A1C Ken Abbott - New guy, less than a year and already moving up. Working hard as one of our ground training schedulers. Doing a good job of it too!

SSgt Larry Lewis - Newer guy. Came to us as a cross-trainee from the Air Freight world. Just got him fully mission ready (fighters were a pain to get scheduled). Really working to do good. Just got the bad news though...forgot to change his dreamsheets from his last career field, has orders overseas to Kadena for July 97. Sorry Larry.

SSgt Chuck Armstrong - Another newer guy. Came from Nellis. Cross-trained from AGE. Glad to be back home (grew up here). Also just completed qual training.

B Flight

Flight Supervisor - SSgt Bob Boettcher - New SSGT/Instructor. Bought a new truck, looking for a snowmobile. Moving off base finally. Needs to find a wife, he's getting old. We call him Grandpa.

Sgt Charles Mix - Jurassic Boom - The last of his kind. If you need a computer, stereo, or television he will tell what you need or don't need. He now works in ground scheduling permanently due to medical grounding. He hasn't changed.

A1C Jesus Tarango - Newlywed. One of the hardest working airmen I've ever seen. Volunteers for every TDY he can get. Did I say he's a newlywed? Going to school. We're looking for a waiver so he can go to CFIC early.

A1C Jake Malone - Another new guy (same time as Abbott). Was going to try and sleep his way through the SWA deployment. We interrupted that with flying. Volunteered to work in ground scheduling. Said dorm life is too boring and wanted something to do. There's life in the dorms? Just got his first no-notice check. Scared the ____ out of him. He survived though.

C Flight

Flight Supervisor - SSgt Rocky Rollins - If you can believe this... someone married him! He's in shock, she's in shock, we're all in shock. He says the only bad thing is he's from Nebraska and she's an Ohio State fan. Moved full time into Stan/Eval. Tries to keep everyone in line. He's been tagged as Santa Claus, he can't figure out why.

SrA Chris Wilkins - He's pulling out his hair with all the new people coming in. He's our head trainer. New regs, new faces, new regs, keeps him busy. Chris is getting married in November. Another one bites the dust. There must be something in the water. Almost done with his B.S. degree, deciding if he wants to become an officer or not.

SrA Phil Dalrymple - Trying hard to get orders to Florida, but it's not happening. He tries to hunt but we've seen him shoot. Oh, I'm sorry, I've never seen him shoot. But I hear the deer are still laughing. He's working hard at doing good.

SrA Rick Fried - Enough is enough. Getting out and going to school in December. Gonna become a _____ (fill in the blank)? He doesn't know what he wants to be when he grows up. Dependable, won't know what to do without him around. Willing to take the good deals.

A1C Brad Lampel - Just walked into the squadron last week. Looks new, acts new, is new. Can't decide where he's from. Born in Las Vegas, raised in Florida, rough life. Another wanna-be pilot, good luck. Looking for a good used car.

Those are the current booms (for now) in the 93d. We had some losses over the last year I need to mention

MSgt Mike Cooley - Retired, hanging out. Just walked in my office today to say he's moving back to DFW. Good luck Mike, we'll miss you at the lake.

MSgt Robin Hendrickson - Retired. Another brewmaster extroinaire. Heard he's delivering drugs (legally). Miss having him around. He was my sanity check.

MSgt Jack Sprague - Missed senior by that much. HYT, but glad to be out. My buddies got a great mustache now. No body, but nobody will ever give him a bad time about it again. He's found out that working for a living is pretty tough. His son is a boom and stationed at McDill. He made Jack a grandpa recently. Congratulations.

SrA Charles Dalton - "Chaz" got out to go to school in Illinois for free. Took his girlfriend Amy with him. They also got engaged. Good luck you two.

4. Well, there you have it. Come on by if you are in town. Hope to see all the managers at the conference. Should be a good one.

JAMES D. ZARKOS, SMSgt, USAF
93D ARS, Chief Boom

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
99th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (AMC)
102 MITCHELL DRIVE
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, GEORGIA 31098-2700

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOTK

9 Nov 96

FROM: 99 ARS/DO

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

1. **HELLO** from the boomers of the 19th Air Refueling Group. During the past year we have been quite busy. We have had our hands full trying to get 12 new booms mission ready, 8 of these in minimum time before our ORI. They did an outstanding job! In addition to the ITUD deployments, channel missions, and numerous short-notice taskings; we deactivated the 712th Air Refueling Squadron and the 19th ARW and then stood up the 19th ARG. Before deactivating the Wing; we received an overall "excellent" rating during our ORI and brought home several trophies during the 96 "Rodeo". We are especially proud of SrA Dickey Hunt and SrA Dan Hunter for their outstanding performance in winning the Best Tanker Cargo Loading Team trophy.

2. Here is our line up as of this week

CMSgt Ron Livingston (retires Jun 97)
SMSgt Chris Sadler
MSgt Milt Barnwell (retires Jul 97)
MSgt John Beringer
TSgt Mikey Barnes
TSgt Scotty Bradshaw
TSgt Don Weller (retires Jan 97)
TSgt Pat D'Augustino
SSgt Steve Johnson (PCS McGuire Jan 97)
SSgt Kevin Cantrell
SSgt Mike Rollins
SrA Randy Bishop (SSgt select)
SrA John Reed
SrA Chris Meinken
SrA Dan Hunter
SrA Derrick Grant
SrA Bill Fejeran
SrA Dan Brown
SrA Tony Knowlton

Group Stan/Eval
Squadron Superintendent
Group Current Operations
"A" Flight Supervisor
Group Plans & Programs
Group Training
CENTCOM
"B" Flight Supervisor
Sq Stan/Eval
Sq Stan/Eval
Sq Training
"C" Flight Supervisor
Group Scheduling
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A1C Joel Jones (SrA BTZ select)
A1C Hector Trinidad
A1C Dorian Williams
A1C Steve Spalding
A1C Chris Huelsenbeck
A1C Nate Christall
A1C Eric Hicks
A1C Eric Arcara
A1C John Phillips

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2. That's all for now. To all boom operators "GOOD LUCK" in the coming year.

CHRISTOPHER D. SADLER, SMSgt, USAF
99th ARS Squadron Superintendent



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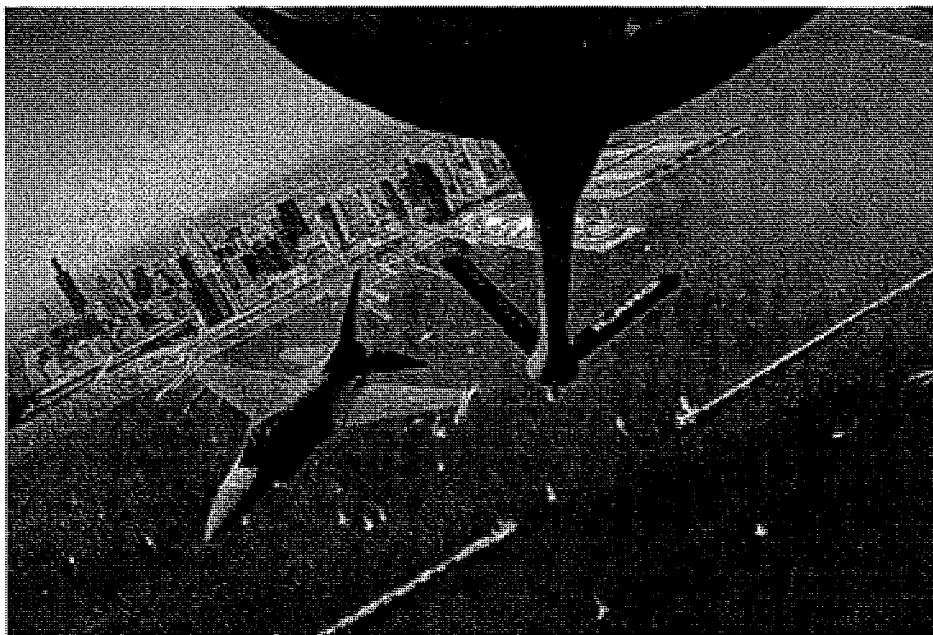
MEMORANDUM FOR BOOMS EVERYWHERE

FROM: 126 ARW

SUBJ: BOOM SIGNAL

1. Hello once again from the fighting 126th. Life here in the windy city is just fine for all of our folks. We are preparing to move down to Scott in 1999. The proposal from the city of Chicago was approved by the Secretary of the Air Force, so once the city puts down some cash construction will begin. We will probably lose many old friends as we move, but we should meet many new ones as we prepare for the move.
2. We have been very busy in the Guard, lots of TDY and tons and tons of ground training. The best part of that has to be the CRM sim. For E models we've been going down to American Airlines in Dallas.
3. Our ORI is just around the corner in April and we're getting ready for that with plenty of exercises and good old fashion ping. The wing king is shooting for an outstanding so we'll see how things go.
4. We'll see you out on the road or in the channel, or at Deny Flight, Southern Watch, Joint Endeavor, "African relief"???

126 ARW Boom Operators



CHICAGO BOOM LINEUP

Brian Allendorfer, SSGT: Brian is a new hire from the maintenance side of the house. He will be going to Altus in January. He's already taught us a few things, like how to say, "I don't know, I'm not the regular Boom." He should make an excellent addition to our part time force.

Roy Balsamo, CMSGT: Roy is our weekender cheif and when he's not over at Northwest unclogging problems, he keeps those young lieutenants on their toes.

Sam Gerros, MSGT: When Sam's not TDY, or accepting awards he's holding down the fort as a technician in Stan Eval. Sam's wife just ran her first marathon. Her only complaint was that Sam was driving the pace car a little too fast.

Matt Glover, SSGT: That's right folks, Matt is another refugee from active duty. He couldn't handle the stress of that TALCE out at Travis, so he came on board here as a Technician this year. He's already giving us some great advice on flightline driving procedures, and he wants to know the meaning of Guard N/A.

Jeff Groch, MSGT: The silver fox finally got onto the day shift at United. He came upon a guy in the midst of a grabber a few months back, he doesn't like to brag but he came through with CPR and saved his life. Way to go Jeff, but please if you can return the watch and wallet no questions will be asked.

Dom Guerrieri, TSGT: Dom has been Chicagoland's top wine salesman for a couple of years now. Not to worry though, he doesn't get within 50 feet of an aircraft with any vino.

Scott Heim, SSGT: What can you say about Scott that the experts haven't said already? He just got on with a Suburban police department. He just got issued his gun and in six months he'll get his first bullet.

Faruza Kalaba, MSGT: Faruza joined the ranks of the top three this year so we've taken all of her real responsibilities away from her. She still enjoys life as a guard bum (PC translation Totally Available Person).

Joe Kolb, SSGT: Joe's wife had a baby girl this past year. So when he's not changing dirty diapers or doing that engineering stuff, he finds his way out to fly now and then.

Pete Lagioia, MSGT: Uncle Pete is one of our newest instructors. He's a hammer, if your 781 isn't typed you'll have some 'splainin' to do. Stop by and see him and don't forget to ask about his cards, you'll never be the same.

Joe Long, TSGT: If Joe isn't blowing up his hand or cutting his face, he's making babies with his wife and running training flight. Joe is one of our most underpaid technicians. author unknown.

Susan Luciani, SSGT: Susan is one of our most productive AGR's. She's our newest Vehicle Control Officer, this really helped when she ran the SOF truck into a wall. She's also our passenger control NCO.

Pat McCauley, SSGT: Pat is down at Altus right now. In his civilian life Pat is a Chicago Fireman. You would have seen him in Backdraft, if his fart lighting scene didn't end up on the cutting room floor. Now he has two jobs that require very little work.

Sherry McNamara, SSGT: Sherry just returned from Altus, her home station training ran into a snag when the military docs wanted to remove her internal organs. She was going into the Operating Room when someone accidentally pulled her finger, suddenly the pain was gone.

James "Rock" Miranda, TSGT: Rock is our most recent CFIC grad. His instructor technique is quite unique. He makes Hitler look like a pussy cat. After an upcoming code red the fellas have scheduled for him he should lighten up.

Ken Phillips, SMSGT: Ken is our program manager. Hey Ken, if you trip when walking from the cockpit to the galley, perhaps it's time to review the steps in your checklist. "Leave me in once shame on me, leave me in twice....." quote from the book of downlocks. He still cringes when he hears, "Gear up."

Pat Quaid, MSGT: As one of Chicago's finest Pat is one of the most caring sensitive men I know. He was a little disappointed with the lack of action at the Democratic convention. Apparently the protesters from a few years back realized the peace craze was blowing over so they jumped on board for the big win.

Robert Rizzo, SSGT: Riz is a TSGT selectee. He is courting one of our female crew chiefs. The word on the street is that he played a key role in getting the bunks moved aft.

Rick Spejewski, TSGT: Spooge is our resident alien expert, and we're not talking about folks from south of the border. He's had many sightings and claims to have been probed more than once. His wife is pregnant with "their" first baby? Live long and prosper Spooge.

Keith Wagner, MSGT: As our scheduling boom Keith has had plenty of time to develop his personality, all of them. He's the only guy I know that can play good boom, bad boom by himself. He is single handedly responsible for the hole in the ozone over Chicago. "Hair today gone tomorrow" quote from hair in the can article from the Chicago Tribune.

John Weber, TSGT: John has been filling in for our AFORMS office the past few months. His name may seem familiar to some of you, see your job application files for details.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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

17 OCT 96

MEMORANDUM FOR SMSGT BENSCOTER/ALL BOOM OPERATORS WORLDWIDE

FROM: TSG SCHWEISS/128 ARW

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

1. Greetings and salutations from Packerland, USA. Yes, this is the home of the world famous Green Bay Packers; soon to be Super Bowl XXXI champs. You can't blame us for bragging. Especially when you consider that these guys are really "America's Team" (the Dallas Who???). We'd invite all of you to come to a game, but tickets are sold out through the year 2029. Instead, I'll try to tell you some of the things happening here in the "North".

2. Let's face it for those of us in the Guard and Reserve, the good times are truly over. It's amazing how those of us who used to complain about SAC are now wishing that the EWO mission was still priority #1. Instead, mother (aka. Tanker Airlift Control Center - TACC) wants to know exactly where you are and what you're doing every second of the day. Ask to take a "mission enhancement delay", and you'd think you asked to rewrite history. Hey, we're not complaining. Hauling the worlds "garbage" around is just the reason they made the KC-135, isn't it? Seriously, the mission of AMC has presented us all with new challenges. Just like the MAC (you remember, Mobility Air Command or something like that) crews of days gone by, I've had to learn how to fit a spoon in the pencil holder pocket of my flight suit. Okay, so I'm being a little sarcastic.

3. We seem to find more missions to fly each and every day. Unfortunately, our aircraft seem to be showing their age. Currently, our 9 PAA unit has only 3 flyable aircraft. When you fly 4 local sorties a day and have at least one aircraft deployed at any given time (sometimes 2), maintenance has to come up with some interesting ways of keeping up with the schedule. Fortunately, we'll have that new tanker in only 30 - 40 more years. We're still trying to decide if Pisa AB, Italy is better than Istres AB, France. The per diem is definitely on a higher scale. Also, a channel mission to Mildenhall has a lot more selling points than one to Yokota. That is, unless you're looking for airline pilot hours. It's too bad the C-17s and you active guys took away the Lajes run from the Guard. I have to admit though, that the pallets have given us some new ideas as far as moving our own cargo. How many of your units put out money for the Cadillac Bins? Our guys thought they were really hot (gotta be politically correct) stuff.

4. Here's a quick listing of our booms:

CMSgt Richard (Call me retired) Harvey - 29 Dec 96.....See Ya!

SMSgt Roger "Rosco" Steckhan - All hail the chief elect.

SMSgt John "The Familiar Guy" Famularo - New full-time Program Manager.

MSgt Ray Fasset - Attached to Chief Harvey's hip. Also, out on 29 Dec. Any of you guys been in since January 1962. Ray was a boom before I was a twinkle in Dad's eye.

MSgt Cliff "The Terminator" Klingbeil - Really "nice" evaluator.

MSgt Terry Sands - Drives a crewbus with the best of them.

MSgt Robert Derrick - Running Stan Eval with an iron fist; well iron something.

TSgt Steve "Woody" Schweiss - A gambler.....NOT!!!

TSgt George "The Man" Snamiske - Would have been a great alert facility manager.

TSgt Dean Dachenbach - Still making more money each year as an airline pilot than I'll make in a lifetime.

TSgt Dave Eddy - Brand new instructor, brand new ideas.

TSgt Jerry "Ice Man" Schiessl - Does anything get this guy excited.

TSgt Mark "Marty" Lipinski - Political Correctness monitor.

TSgt Don Harvey - Ready, willing, and on a good day able.

TSgt Teckla Thorn - Works as a full-time airport firefighter. She really drives the "big rigs".

SSgt John Magnus - Aspires to be just like his hero.....me.

SSgt Dan "Don't Look At Her!" Schmidt - Dan's ready to teach the pilots how to fly.

SSgt Brian "Quality Dude" Baltz - Soon to be CEO for a Fortune 500 corporation.

SSgt Mike "Trip Hog" Weimer - Always TDY. I think he's just a name on a roster.

SSgt Jenny Wieland - She's a new mom and wants to become a cop. WOW.

SSgt Marlin Mosley - The new gun in town. Should be back from Altus by December.

See you on the beach somewhere.....out in the world of AMC.

Steve Schweiss, TSG
128 ARW Current Operations

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Greetings to all from the MAINEiacs! The summer has been pretty good for us in Bangor. Bangor is looking forward to the Boom Conference and seeing old friends! We have had some changes at Bangor, recently we've hired eight new boom operators (or boomlets as Stan likes to call them) and we've got five new candidates for future changes. If you stop at Bangor, make sure you drop by the boom office and say hi!

SSGT Ed "SPED" Seymour

CMSGT STANTON W. HUNTER ("STAN" "C-DON")
TECHNICIAN - PROGRAM MANAGER

The countdown is on! Stan and his wife Cathy are getting ready to set sail for retirement. He is using the cargo loading trainer to see how much Dinty Moore he can load on his boat.

CMSGT GLENN M. PREWITT ("SPIDER" "OLD CHIEF")
RETIRED TECHNICIAN CHIEF

After Glenn's sailboat sank in his backyard, he bought a pick-up and fifth wheel. I guess he's going to try something new. He has still been hanging on scamming days and the good TDY's. I think Glenn and Sped are planning on buying a house in Mildenhall with all the Atlantic Express missions they do.

SMSGT MYRON E. REYNOLDS ("SONNY")
TECHNICIAN - STAN/EVAL

Bangor's computer whiz is still keeping us out of trouble, especially with ASAV and QAFA. His golf school and driving range is still very successful and keeping him very busy, but he still has time to go on TDY's.

SMSGT EDWARD J. ST. HEART ("STREET HEART")
TRADITIONAL GUARDSMAN

Our outspoken traditional guardsman evaluator boom is still running his own electrical contractor business and also is the president of our local country club (has anybody seen the movie Caddyshack?)

MSG THOMAS M. JONES ("BEACON")
AGR - CURRENT OPS/TTF

Tom has been working as the NCOIC of the Northeast Tanker Task Force. If you're in Bangor and need anything, check with BEACON and he'll be able to help you out. Tom is also on the countdown to retirement (20 days less than Stan).

MSG CHARLES F. HALSTED ("CHUC")
TECHNICIAN - INSTRUCTOR

Chuc is our newest graduate from Altus instructor school. He is already at it with two new students fresh back from Altus themselves. He's doing a great job keeping the chief very happy. Chuc has a lot of thrust, but sometimes requires vectoring.

MSG JAMES M. PURCELL ("MIKE")
AGR - SCHEDULING

Mike has been real busy in scheduling, especially with all the new booms getting back from Altus. We try to keep Mike behind the scheduling desk but he'll sneak a TDY every once in awhile.

MSG JOSEPH F. GIFFORD ("JOE-FRED")

Since last time you've heard from us, Joe-Fred has grown. He's now a whopping 4'10". Joe-Fred is still working for the University and is still a flight instructor.

MSG PETER LERETTE ("PETE")

Since Pete retired from the State Police, it seems that OPS is getting into more and more trouble on Maine's highways. During the winter months, Pete has been picking up the slack.

MSG ARTHUR M. STEVENS ("ART")

Art's been doing a lot of night flying and also been busy with his civilian job. It's been a busy fall for his son Mike (former boom operator) who accepted a pilot slot at Seymour-Johnson Reserve unit. Art has taken on a new challenge to stress test the stitches in a flight suit.

TSG ROBERT A. PHAIR ("SLICK")
TECHNICIAN - INSTRUCTOR/TRAINING FLIGHT MANAGER

Bob has taken the reins of training flight from Stan and is doing a great job. He's been given an assistant because of the workload. If you haven't seen Bob on the road, it's because he has been taking care of his son (a little Slick, watch out).

TSG JAY E. ELLINGSEN ("TATOO")
AGR - INSTRUCTOR/CARGO LOADING TRAINER

Jay has switched from current ops/TTF to be our Cargo Loading Man. One accomplishment Jay has made this fall was bagging a large Maine moose.

TSG BRUCE GEROUX ("BRUCE")
TECHNICIAN - INSTRUCTOR/TRAINING FLIGHT

Bruce has taken a new role as one of our training flight booms. He just came back from a well deserved vacation. He flew a Cessna from Bangor to the Caribbean.

TSG CARLA L. CYR ("CARLA")

Another night flyer, Carla is still working at the big, red, give-away house (Department of Human Services). She is also still flying her won Cessna 140. Carla is our recent instructor school selectee. God Help Altus.

TSG SCOTT M. HESSELTINE ("HYDRO")

Scott is working for a local power company where he works with high voltage power cables. He has also started his very own electrical contracting company. Scott still finds time to do some night flying.

TSG JAMES A. SIMMONS ("SWIMMY")

Jim, our Alaskan transplant, is doing well. In order to get two airplanes from Alaska, we had to take Jim. It ended up as a pretty good deal. Jim finally got a real downtown job working for an eye doctor. This is great news for the chief because this means Jim won't be writing anymore letters from the Boom Shop.

SSG EDWARD J. SEYMOUR ("SPED")
TECHNICIAN BOOM OPERATOR

The newest technician boom. He's been hitting the road hard since he's been back from Castle (the last of Bangor's Castle booms). It seems LWOP and Ed go together, but he is still smiling. Hopefully, we'll be sending him to CFIC soon (cold day in hell).

SSG WAYNE T. VINCENT ("BANJO")
AGR - NORTHEAST TANKER TASK FORCE BOOM

Well, what can we say, Banjo is Banjo. When you guys come through Bangor you'll probably meet Banjo and you will have to see him to believe him, but he's doing a good job getting TDY crews whatever they need.

AND INTRODUCING THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR UNIT...
ALTUS BOOM OPERATORS

SSG Chris Boucher
SSG Laurie Clark
SSG Susan Flagg
SSG Fergus Kenny
SSG Cheryl Martin
SSG Gerry Martin ("LORD HELMET")
SSG Ray Rauscher ("SEVEN")
SRA Jason Dupuy ("ZIPPY")

FORMER BOOM OPERATORS DOING US PROUD

CPT Tim Marquis - Navigator
1LT Andy Shuman - Pilot
2LT Rick Thompson - Pilot
2LT Mike Stevens - Pilot Training (Seymour-Johnson reserve unit). In tradition of the pilot career field, Mike was married and divorced all before going to pilot training.

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

3 December, 1996

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. JA & 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.

TSG Jerry Levato - Fired from scheduling and training, now in stan eval. Why won't they let him unload his cardboard 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".

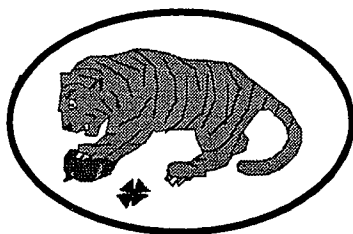
TSG Mike Sabatasse - Mike goes to the prison everyday. It is unconfirmed as to whether he is employed there or is on the work release program.

TSG Ron Gutowski - He works for a moving company. Ron and his wife, Linda, play house all the time, she ev 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



141 ARS “FLY’N TIGERS”

TSgt Bobby “Vette” Buccino- Bob is our only part time evaluator. In real life, he is a Chemical Engineer for a major corporation. He can regularly be seen terrorizing the roads of New Jersey in his new Corvette.

TSgt John “PSI” Connors- John is our newest technician instructor. (Altus will never be the same) He is also working on his Masters Degree and has finally learned how to keep his blood pressure below 250PSI.

TSgt Stephen “Stinky” DeSanto- Steve is not a person to upset as he is employed by the Post Office. He can frequently be seen pulling his pants down while TDY. Some say this is how he relieves stress. We don’t question him.

SMSgt Richard “Dawg Balls” Emley- is frequently heard saying “dat aint goin nowhere” or “I haven’t met a cargo loading manual I haven’t violated yet”. Cargo Management is now Cargo Mis-Management.

MSgt Steve “The Grumpster” Gonzalez- Steve is glad to be working here as one of our schedulers. He has been accused of being a seagull- you have to throw rocks at him to get him to fly. He is often heard saying “I’m tired of this S%#T!!!”

SSgt Carl “Jughead” Heinert- Carl was recently hired as a technician and is just happy to be here. We guess it beats watching the drive shaft of a ship 12hrs a day. Welcome aboard Carl.

SSgt John Holland- John is traditional guardsman who prefers vacation to Disneyland over mandatory drill weekends. For a full time job, John is the Deputy Chief of Police for the town of Nutley, N.J. We do enjoy the mans perks of free bagels and PBA cards.

TSgt Brian “Killer” Kilpatrick- Likes the buzz cut. His hair is as tight as his wallet. He is also our resident expert on the government American Express Card. All kidding aside, he is just a cheap F#@%!!

TSgt Joe "Lamchop" Lamantia- Joe is our resident scheduler/trip hog; imagine that! He also likes OCONUS trips. However, there aren't many more countries that will allow him entry. Joe also likes to build, fly and crash R/C aircraft. He is convinced there is still only one throttle setting--full open. (Bury me at wounded knee)

TSgt Ed "S1" Leary- Ed is a traditional guardsman who excels in getting rid of baskets, booms and any other boom operator paraphernalia.

MSgt Paul "Joker" Matlack- Technician working in wing scheduling and is hoping the current checkride profile as we know it will disappear. Or checkrides period for that matter.

TSgt Tom "Cpt Belligerent" Miller- Telephone man who has had a birds eye view of the rivets on the tail of a KC-10. Once went looking for his parachute during the squadron commanders take off in Iceland.

CMSgt Jim "CHIEF" Monaco- But don't call him Chief... Besides keeping all the 141st booms in check, he is also the resident chef, brew master and dishwasher.

MSgt Ken "Dutch" Schultz- Traditional guardsman who spends more time on his boat and in the weight room than he does at the UTA'S. Ken is currently studying for his industrial waste license. "Anybody want a piece of this."

TSgt Mike Sylvester- Mike has just become a part timer with us. He left the C-141 as a plumber to become the few, the proud, the guy in the back. He also tried inertial nav, comm/nav, ecm and couldn't hack any of them so now he is trying this.

MSgt Mark Kaminski- Mark was our RAFSOB who brought all of the 141st booms up to speed. We think we might be the reason for his retirement. Thanks for all of the hard work and effort and good luck in your future endeavors.

Gains: Brute Force II--Brute is a boomakeet and is the 141st boom mascot. He can regularly be heard and seen flying through the ops building leaving little presents to be had by all. Welcome aboard Brute

Sra George Swales- George has just joined us and is awaiting his Altus dates. He is a former Air Traffic Controller who is currently working in an auto body shop as a painter. He is a welcome addition to the unit.

Sra David George- Dave is also waiting for his Altus dates. Do we call him Dave or George? Can we trust him? He does have two first names you know. He is also a welcome addition to the unit.



150th ARS "BET ON US"

CMSgt Marvin "Da Udder Boom" Nichols. Our program manager, M&M monitor, and the person who can communicate with computers. Marv left the friendly confines of Stan/Eval to try and manage all of our multiple personalities, that would be about 67 at last check.

Msgt Rob "Stem" Edelschein. Stem works for the US Post Office, and as of right now, shows no signs of going postal. For quiet time, Bob plants, grows, and sells all types of greenaries. He just purchased a small greenhouse to keep these plants green all year round.

Msgt Glenn "Hoot" Houthuysen. Hoot just bought his first house and got married all this year. No money, no time, no %#\$*. He also runs the NYC marathon every year; must be that inner feel good about yourself stuff.

Msgt Scott Brown. The resident hammer in Stan/Eval. Scott was blessed with daughter #2 and a lot of gray or grey hair. His ultimate dream is to keep them inside the house until they're 35. Does he have another thing coming or what? Don't answer that.

Tsgt George Grand. George is the resident audio/stereo component expert. If you have speakers to get rid of, see him. The money you make may be enough to finance a college education. He also moonlights as a DJ at a local radio station, 640 on your AM dial, quality sounds and colorful commentary.

Tsgt Jim "Billy Amich" Amrich. Jim is one of our schedulers and tries to keep everyone happy. He's involved in remodeling his home by the shore, so, when you come here bring a hammer and a saw and Jim will give you room and board (2x4, 2x6, get the picture?)

Tsgt Ray "Otto" Petersen. Works for his local school district and moonlights as the King of Rotisserie, up to 200 lbs. of pork at a whack. Otto is also the master of the "Catskill Holler", if you've ever heard it, you know why. If the word "crank" ever comes up in conversation with Otto, run away very fast.

Tsgt Tony SMA "Knuckles" Procopio. Tony is a new hire into the technician force and an exchange from our sister squadron. He is our other, but just as efficient scheduler. He also works for a commuter airlines in Atlantic City as a maintenance mechanic. He's always talking about broken legs and cement. This is not good, as he is not in med school nor does he drive a cement truck.

Tsgt Jose' Rodriguez. Jose' works for the Garden State Welfare Dept. The great thing about working for the state is a wad of military leave days. The bad thing, well... working for the state. Jose' is a recent graduate of the NCO Academy here at McGuire. Congratulations.

Tsgt Frank McCarthy. Frank works with Jose' for the state. Same great wad of military days, same state. Always looking for free ice time for hockey (if he only had free time). Where is your Chevette?

Ssgt Wayne "Bubba" Davis. Bubba is a brand new police officer. He even has a shiny badge and a gun, so it must be true. Rumor has it, he set a new "moving violations" record quota for his town. Regretfully, he has had to use his weapon once, poor groundhog didn't stand a chance. Dunkin Donuts stock reported, up 7/8 for last quarter.

Ssgt Darrell "D-Man" Delle(enter space here) Site. Darrell is a former, not ex Marine, "OOHRAH". He used to work on the EA-sitsB Prowler, that would explain his hairline. He is now working the training shop doing training stuff. NEXT PLEASE.

Ssgt Brian "PITA" McBride. Brian kind of looks like Shawn Bradley of the NBA, only 16" shorter, but Brian can hit the foul shot. He's a new technician hire and might be looking for a Nav slot. Can you say Pacer Crag?

LOSSES:

Colin Hibberd and Brian O'Connell have transferred to our local Det 2.

Rob "Beans" Baxter is now part of the RRATS in sunny California. Beans," remember to use a SPF 15 or greater." Good Luck to you!

John Donohue kinda - sorta retired with 14 years as a boom this past spring.

Bill Jones has left us to go back to supply.

GAINS:

Stephen Falker, came from the SP's and is currently at Altus.

Larry Hoffman, coming from the jet engine shop and awaiting a school date.

Marcie Holston, coming from intel (there's that contradiction again) also awaiting a school date.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS, 161 AIR REFUELING WING (ANG)
3200 EAST OLD TOWER ROAD
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85034-6098

3 October 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOVK

FROM: The Phoenix Copperheads

SUBJECT: 1996 Boom Signal Input

Ola from the Valley of the Sun, home of the ASU Sun Devils. Before we run down the current line up for the 161st, we would like to express our appreciation to SMS Burney Benbow for 37 years of faithful service. Burnie joined in March of 1959 and will be retiring in January of 1997. Thanks Burnie for all your help! Remember us when we're in the pattern at Luke flying over your ranch. In addition, we would like to welcome John Bonnett and William Garrett as new boom operators, good luck guys.

Fulltimers

IRPM	CMS	JUAN MESQUITA	853-9031
DOV	MSG	SHARON JOHNSON	853-9014
DOTS	MSG	DON ROGERS	853-9162
DOTO	MSG	TY WARREN	853-9265
DOTB	MSG	CARLOS TRUJILLO	853-9367
CLTM	MSG	TOM ELLINGTON	853-9085
T.O.'S	MSG	BUDDY WAITE	853-9012
	TSG	MIKE CULLUM	853-9085

Traditional Guardsman

NCOIC	MSG	JOE YOUNG	853-9012
	TSG	CRAIG BELL	
	TSG	BILL BRADY	
	TSG	STEVE HANSON	
	TSG	LORENA SULADIE	
	TSG	DAVE VASQUEZ	
	SSG	DAVID HANSON	
	SGT	JOHN BONNETT	
	SGT	WILLIAM GARRETT	
	SRA	ROB GRONER	

Adios, God bless, and fly safely.

JUAN MESQUITA, CMSgt, Az ANG
Inflight Refueling Program Manager



GRIZZLYS

163 AIR REFUELING WING MARCH ARB, CA.

E Mail
NPERRY@CARIV.ANG.AF.MIL

Yet another year has passed. Our "R-Model" conversion is complete, and we are actively supporting worldwide operations. We made it through the base closure, now only half the size. At least we still have a runway. We have just recently implemented an internal cross-flow training program. Our NCOIC of Training has moved to Scheduling, Scheduling to Current Ops, and Current Ops to Training. This will provide us with the most versatile full-time staff possible. Most of our original booms have accrued over 1000 flying hours in the past 3 years.

Here is our current line-up:

AGR/Technicians

CMSgt Norm Perry "The Silver Fox" Chief Boom. Yeah, he's still around. Well, we hear he's still around. The Chief is now a married man.

SMSgt Bruce Garcia "Riddler" IB, Cargo Load Training Manager. Currently working on the computer automation of training programs and forms. Bruce is a Dad to be.....again.

SMSgt John Walund "Waldo" IB, NCOIC Training. "Hey Waldo, can you give me a hand ? Uh, no, I'm working on timecards. Yeah, that's it, timecards.

MSgt Mike Dunn "Uncle Mikey" EB, IB, NCOIC Scheduling.

TSgt Jim Blucher "Jimbo" EB, IB, Current Ops. You need to stop by and tour the Blucher Mansion.

TSgt Gary Howard "Duck" IB Candidate, Current Ops. "Where do you want to go today ?" Microsoft stole that phrase from the Duck!

TSgt Keith LeQuire "Lineman" IB Candidate, Resident computer guru. Working on the installation and set-up of new systems throughout the Wing.

TSgt Jamie McMath "McFly" aka "McStrap" Scheduling. (when it fits his D J schedule)

TSgt Julie Tregillis "Jewels" EB, IB, Stan-Eval. Disney store SUPER SHOPPER!

Traditional Guardsmen

MSgt David Navarro "CHiP" California Highway Patrol, Lt.

MSgt James West "Psycho"

LAPD, Sgt. The name says it all.

TSgt John Bradbury "Cool Running" Running the MD-80 line at McDonnell Douglas.

TSgt Aaron Scott "Bear"

US Border Patrol. One of our newest Agents.

SSgt Steve Barcza "Barstool"

Soon to graduate from the California Highway Patrol Academy.

SSgt Justin Ciasullo "\$ammy"

US Border Patrol. Saving up for his next Iceland TDY. "That can't be a whole weeks perdiem, it only lasted one night".

New Booms

MSgt David Basinger "Kim"

The newest new guy. Crane operator, Boom operator, what's the difference?.

TSgt John Haus "....."

LAPD, Sgt.

SSgt Lisa Piccolo "Brian"

Hoping for a full-time boom position. Some day.

SrA Angel Gomez "....."

Soon to disappear and become a secret agent man.....(FBI).

Moving on

MSgt Tamela James "T J"

Has moved on to pursue higher education.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS, 186TH AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

23 October 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOOM SIGNAL

FROM: 186 ARW

SUBJECT: 1996 Boom Signal

1. Greetings from the most "Outstanding" tanker unit in Mississippi. This has been a challenging year with many unique events. Such as..... serving on the Enlisted Aircrew Council (EAC) at the Air National Guard Bureau. This council has a representative from each enlisted flying specialty, its job is to suggest solutions on enlisted aircrew issues and provide expertise to the ANG staff. The senior ANG staff has provided outstanding support to the council and has been pro-active on enlisted flyer concerns. The most important issues that needed prompt attention were boom manning, grade leveling, ops tempo and K-loader availability. These issues were then elevated to the KC-135 Integrated Process Team (IPT). This group puts the fire to the smoke. Fortunately, the tanker IPT team is extremely knowledgeable, diligent, and aggressive. Another positive factor we have going for us is CMSgt Allan Williams. He is the new ANG Enlisted Aircrew Career Field Manager, replacing CMSgt Woodhall. This guy is aggressive, knowledgeable and a scratch golfer. He has already been a key player in several of our concerns and has represented us well.

2. Now for the Unit level info. Hunting season has started, so turkey calling is now a ground training event and we are trying to get a firearms safety course on the CBT. We have enjoyed a great in-between year on the inspection circuit and we can smell the sweet Magnolias from the Ops building. If you get close, come by and experience real Southern hospitality.

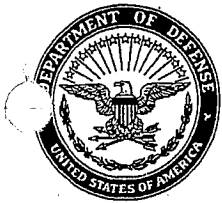
3. Finally, its with mixed emotions that we bid CMSgt Stan Hunter from Bangor good-bye. Stan is a "leader of great men" and we will reap the benefits of his hard work and efforts for years to come. We all hope your blessings are multiplied and you enjoy your retirement.

4. This is the current 186th ARW line up:

J.R. Benson
Glen Hancock
Rick Robinson
Lee Martin
Gerald Harper
Tom Stamper
Chuck Smith
Ned McCormick
Robbie Knight
Ronnie Blackwell

Sonny McCarra
John Massey
Lane Meadows
Mike Powell
Blake Stanley
Al Rigdon
Tony Rigdon
Steve Lewis
Ross Goodin
Jay Ziller


EDWARD L. MIKELL, MSgt, MS ANG
Inflight Refueling Supt.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

319TH OPERATIONS GROUP (AMC)
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA



15 Nov 96

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 319 OG/OGV

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

1. Greetings from the best northern tier base in the Air Force. It has been a busy year here at the "Forks". Our four flying squadrons have done an outstanding job, successfully completing each assigned tasking with utmost professionalism.

2. The heavy TDY commitment has started to take it's toll on our retainability, as it has at most other TDY bases. The CCTS is doing an remarkable job training new boom operators for us, but there is a problem with the valuable experience that is leaving the career field. If anyone is interested in an assignment to an area where the hunting and fishing are good, the cost of living is low, and the people are the friendliest you could find, you need to join the ranks of over 500,000 that call North Dakota their home. Give me a call if your interested. Thats it for my recruiting speech.

3. This letter has attached inputs from our four flying squadrons to update you on who showed up here 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
Tsgt Gary Davis	Ops Group Training
TSgt Mike Frovarp	Special Ops
SSgt Dan Smith	Tactics
SSgt Dan Goewey	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

AIR FORCE RESERVE



3 Sep 96

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

FROM: 336 ARS/DOB
1250 Y STREET
MARCH FIELD, CA 92518-2630

SUBJECT: 1996 BOOM SIGNAL

Greetings from the RRATS! We've finally started getting our "big-engine" airplanes and 'R' difference training is going fast and furious. One giant leap toward taking us out of the Stone Age. There are mixed emotions from the pilots about losing the thrust reversers but the overall opinion from the booms is that it's a good thing. Now Tina doesn't have to take a running start before starting the APU! The Active Duty guys all left by the end of March of this year and it's been interesting doing things for ourselves that we'd always taken for granted. Now the booms are in charge of the "flight kitchen," a freezer filled with 'Healthy Choice' meals and pizzas. We're using 6 pax vehicles to shuttle crews to and from the flight line, and there's even been talk of a duty boom, affectionately dubbed the RRAT-CO. We don't mind because that means MORE MANDAYS! (To truly understand this phenomenon you must be a Reservist...)

This past year has seen the RRATS in Pisa, Italy, for Decisive Endeavor (Deny Flight); RAF Fairford, UK, for Air Tattoo; RAF Mildenhall for ETTF; pulling USACOM Tanker alert at Keflavik, Iceland; Yakota, Japan, for Pacific Express; as part of Joint Endeavor; and contributing to innumerable Business Efforts, exercises, and local training missions. (Again, with pay in mind, this is a GOOD thing!) If you can stomach the natural disasters, intense heat, and eau de smog, this is a great place to work.

Here's a quick run-down on our cast of characters:

CMSgt Robert Dunning (Program Manager)--When not teaching his 16-year-old step-son how to drive, the Chief spends his time being father, mentor, and inspiration to us all. Gosh, we're so lucky to work for him!

SMSgt Curtis Massey (Stan/Eval)--Favorite quotes from Mr. Stan Evil: "I've paid my dues...I deserve the good deals." and "What? No, you can't go to (insert name of great TDY location)! You have to be (location) qualified to go to there!" You wouldn't think this Stan/Eval boom could let his hair down (that is, if he had any), but Curt throws the best rip-roaring parties Moreno Valley has ever seen. Isn't it about time for another one?

SMSgt Zendal Olson (Supply)--Happy to be out of the scheduling business, he's started turning his arts and crafts projects into profit. It's amazing what this man can do with wood. We don't have to worry about Zen reaching the age when he'll go through a second childhood because he never got out of his first one. Zendal is still as into Harleys and skin mags as he was when he was a teenager and if you need directions to a red light district, just ask this man. He probably has an address AND a phone number to give you.

SMSgt Steve Hamer--The numero uno Stealth Boom. "Hey, you look pretty good for your age, Steve!" So busy being a pot-hole engineer that he barely has time for us. Likes to drive his red-hot Trans AM and fly and build airplanes.

MSgt Deborah (Piranha Mama) McGuane (Scheduling, Alt. Pay, Alt Time-keeper)--Move over Susan Powter--make way for Deb McGuane! This poster girl for physical fitness is the squadron conscience for fat intake. If you want to go from bountiful to beautiful, and sweat your butt off while doing it, this is the woman to talk to. Also keeps herself busy overhauling the boom scheduling process and playing with her new computer toys.

MSgt Phil Stidham (Training Flight/Pubs Custodian)--Proud new papa of baby #2 (a girl named Erin). Very busy with 'R' difference training. Phil is our resident photographer and he's got some really good shots of our women booms and an airplane boom. "Don't ask, don't tell."

MSgt John Everette (Mission Development)--Busier than a one-legged man in a butt kicking contest (or so he says...) Also a new daddy (with baby #4), a son named Ryan. Recently left the squadron and headed for the Wing to add some much-needed enlisted blood to the mission development section.

MSgt Tina Skropos--Recently started working on her college degree. (We like college educated booms here!) Still racing around town in her fiery-red camaro. "Are you with me so far?" It's a good thing her husband's a police officer.

MSgt Maurice Walker--Still very busy as our resident CHP and trying to keep our freeways (and himself) safe. Mo is often seen by the side of the road with a poor, unsuspecting speed demon caught in his web. If you're going to come to March on TDY, make sure you obey the speed signs 'cause he'll be out there waiting for you!

MSgt Tony Wright--Married just over a year and expecting a new baby late in '96, Tony is busy working on his Master's degree in Public Administration so we rarely see him. He signs up for plenty of Alert tours (can you say 2 for 1?) but we have to keep telling him that Alert isn't a currency item.

TSgt Ken Horner (Pay/Vehicle Ops/Computer Mgr)--Our newest ART--just recently left for CFIC in August. Ken has been busy updating the squadron's computers and bringing us (finally!) out of the Stone Age. Now if we could just get the LAN hooked up.

TSgt Nicole Canada (Career Advisor)--Completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and contemplating letting the Air Force send her to law school. Another happy graduate of 'Altus-by-the-Sea,'--just returned from CFIC in Aug '96.

TSgt Erica Almgren Scott (Squadron Historian & Alt. Pubs Custodian)--Completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. Begins working on her teaching credential in Fall '96. Took the AFOQT in July and actually thinking about becoming an officer. Doesn't understand why she can't be a Lieutenant and still be a Boom Operator.

TSgt John Irish--John gives new meaning to the phrase, "Stealth Boom." After he bought his corvette we thought we'd finally get some availability out of him, but as one of Riverside County's finest, John is so busy flying the friendly skies for the Sheriff's Department that we rarely ever see him.

TSgt Ron Herzer--Another one of our MIA booms, this is Ron's first stint as a -135 boom. Acquired him from the 79th (KC-10's) when they moved up to Travis. We all like him 'cause he rarely wants to pull alert and leaves the money-making for the rest of us!

TSgt Rob (Beans) Baxter (Disaster Preparedness)--Newest acquisition from the New Jersey Guard--went from being a technician to being a trouger. Needless to say, we see a lot of him. Jumped right in here to take over Disaster Prep and also as somewhat of a 'fix-it man.' We're still trying to figure out what 'Beans' means... but we think he'll fit in fine here.

SSgt Brent Johnson (Alt. Pay)--Had a baby(# 3) not quite a year ago and the wife is already expecting their fourth. <I think it's the water, knock-on-wood> Busy building up his Amway business and always looking for folks who'd be interested in joining him. You can e-mail him at: 104156,1443@compuserve.com

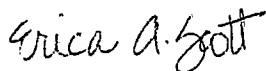
SSgt Bobby Witt--Our die-hard trougher--Will Fly For Food--the last of our TDY ladies' men. He left the maintenance side of the house over a year ago and we think we've finally got him around to the "Crew Dog" way of thinking. Always willing to take any TDY or come in to work Mandays.

SSgt Yvonne Sell--Got this one from the -141's. Going from crew chief to crew dog. Still waiting on a school date for her.

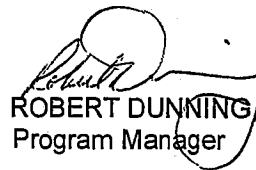
RECENT DEPARTURES

Jan '96--Maggie Evans--We lost her, Travis (KC-10's) got her. Travis lost her, we got her back. We lost her again, McClellan got her. Still haven't given her locker away though--the way things have been going, we might see her back here yet. Can't wait to call her Grandma!

Mar '96--Patsy Evans--(Now Patsy Sprague)--Left us to go to Malmstrom to marry a boom operator and give birth (in Nov '96) to the 3rd generation of boom operators in BOTH families. Way to carry on the tradition. By the time this is published the Sprague family should be residing at McDill AFB, Florida. We miss you, Patsy, and wish you all the best!



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Program Manager

Greetings and from the 349th, the "Backbone of the 22 ARW" in the land of OZ. To quote a former boom operator, "On the road again, just can't wait to get on the road again" accurately depicts our present and probably permanent situation. To us old heads though is just business as usual. The Altus "Pipeline" sent us so many baby booms training flight looks like Romper Room. I see Cecil and Bird Chest and Stevie and Neil. SIOP Alert to the babies means staying awake in the vault. Most of the babies know what the business end of a mobility line looks like though. TDY's such as France, England, Turkey, Panama, Saudi Arabia, JRXs, and numerous other short or no-notice taskings are proof they are needed. And they are a highly motivated sharp bunch of boom operators. Thanks Altus! We had our first ORI with very favorable results. We love camping out in our chem gear. As we write this, our chief boom is living large at "Al's Garage" doing home (correction tent) improvement projects. Well that's the update from OZ. If you're ever diverting for maintenance, the weather, or you just happen to be in the area, stop by for a cup of java and a little 349th hospitality.

The line up:

SMSgt Scott (Lance Ito) Swilling. (Chief Boom) - Currently, Swil is on an all expense paid trip to Saudi at Al's garage where 11 of the 15 boom operators he deployed with have less than 130 hours. We hear the kids are doing a great job though. At home Swil's been to the legal office so many times they gave him his own reserved parking space. He's gotten so good at the inner workings of the military justice system, not even the dream team could get our criminals off.

A-Flt

SSgt Barry (Mussolini) Mayhew (A-Flt Chief) - Barry hounded Swil so much about getting supply privileges, he was appointed "Chief of Procurement" and is personally stocking McQueen's Military Surplus Store. He's been spending your money like Trump.

A1C Carroll (Do you know what it feels like to have your eyes pressed against your brain) Lewis - A new arrival to the squadron, doesn't have alot to say but he preflights real fast. Carroll almost got married but after one trip to the Galaxy Club he changed his mind.

A1C Neal (Hopsing) Husong - Neal was well on his way to getting the "Big Chicken Dinner" (Bad Conduct Discharge) but has since been born again hard. He's been working so hard and doing a good job lately, he was selected as the squadron boom operator of the quarter. Keep it up Neal!

A1C Chad (Bubba) Eason - Another new arrival here in the land of OZ. Volunteer at the local fire department; has garnered 6 treed cat rescues and feeds the department dog. Bubba decided he really didn't like flying too much and has been sending resumes to the services and transportation squadrons. Good Luck, Chad.

B-Flt

MSgt Steve (Nothing you can say will spool me) Yavornitzki (B-Flt Chief) - Finally found and married the woman of his dreams. A banker living in Kansas City. She's made the Yav very thrifty. He cuts dryer sheets in half so they stretch twice as far. Spends more time on the Kansas Turnpike than the Kansas Highway Patrol deploying to see his lovely bride in KC every Friday. Often seen "hitting the slopes" (skiing out) early on Fridays. Had to buy Sage's half of the boat and is currently trying to figure out how to tow it with Mr. Vette. Still claims he can't have anything nice. "Whaaaaaat? You gotta be baggin' me!"

TSgt M.D.(Don't call me Marvin) Taylor - Yet another new arrival in the squadron, can be seen posing in muscle magazines. Watch for him on the cover of "Muscle and Fitness" coming soon to a news stand near you. M.D. is also Wells's personal trainer. One half of the Griggs and Taylor ground scheduling team.

TSgt Milton (Greedy) Griggs - Brand new retread and former SP. Has adapted to boom life very well. Likes to pinch fighter sorties from the babies. Can be found roaming around the squadron waiting for TDY's to come down so he can pinch those too. The other half of the Griggs and Taylor ground scheduling combo.

SSgt [select] Bart (Where does a guy get a tie like that ?) Jordan - Currently in the bootstrap program (graduates in December)and applying to OTS. He just won't give up the dream. Comes in on Fridays to teach us computer courses and to fix what we messed up on the computer that week. Speaks fluent Klingon and is teaching his son Taylor as well.

SrA Christy (Gadget) Milligan - Took the Stan Eval reigns from Mac and has been very busy in the equestrian show circuit. Christy and her horse Mr. Ed have been racking up the wins. A recent graduate and Commandant's Award winner from Airman Leadership School. Congratulations Christy! For some reason she's always wanted to fly upside down and finally got to when she got an orientation ride on an F-16 while deployed to Saudi.

SrA John (Bondo) Wanner - John took an auto body class to fix up the rental car he bought (guess he never heard the phrase nothing corners or accelerates like a rental). John is kinda quiet; looking like a lost puppy without Al (the airman's pal) Smith, but frequent TDY's keep him distracted.

C-Flight

MSgt Mike (Bob Vila) Sage. (C-Flt. Chief) - Mike went down the aisle in record time for a second time. He went to Fast Fong's Fast Nuptials in Miami Ok.. You'll be married in 10 minutes or you don't pay. Guaranteed. Bought a house and gutted it just in time to start packing to go to Ramstein in USAFE/DOV. You guys in USAFE look out. He will be sorely missed. Good luck to Mike and his family.

SSgt Glen (I better Check with my wife on that) Stallard - Took over the Romper Room, I mean training flight and is doing an outstanding job creating little Stallys. He does all the boom flight scheduling and gets the babies mission ready in 90 days or he deploys. We know Tanya won't let that happen.

SrA Jason (Poster Child) Resler - Congratulations are due to the AMC Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year. Jason is currently going thru the big "D" and we don't mean Dallas, but good news, he gets to keep the jeep and the palace.

A1C Bill (Can You Spare a Flight Suit) McQueen - Ol' Stevie got a no-notice check ride from wing DOV after being here just 2 1/2 months and he did great. He is also collecting flight gear so he can open McQueen's Family Military Surplus Store. Bought a '75 Ford Maverick and wants to soup it up. He just doesn't understand no matter what he does, it will still be a Maverick.

A1C Greg (Bird Chest) Wells - Another new arrival to the squadron has his GNC gold club card maxed out on weight gain products. He's been seen at the gym a lot lately working on his "guns". His arms are getting huge but he still has a bird chest.

A1C Cecil (Nolan Ryan) Little - Throwing 97 mph fastballs isn't his only claim to fame. He's also known for going home at 2 with a 10, then waking up at 10 with a 2 and proud of it! Cecil also buys alot of "Nair" stock but won't say why.

Attached or Guys Who Fly For Cash

MSgt Randy Seip (AMOS)

MSgt Tim (Herman Munster no where to be found) Bowser (TACC)

MSgt Greg Conrad (TACC)

Inbound

A1C Brian Kincaid NOV 96

A1C Rafeal Cruzoyola FEB 97

Drafted to the Secondary Squadrons or Separated

MSgt Tim Bowser - TACC

TSgt(select) Tony Panganiban - PCS Kadena

Sgt Steve Huggins - Separated

SSgt Mark (I Finally Got Promoted) McIntosh - Reserves at McConnell

SrA Fred Ramey - PCS Kadena

SrA Rick Clark - Reserves at McConnell

SSgt (select) Moses Menchaca - Guard at San Antonio

SrA Claire Larsen - Separated

350 ARS

RED FALCONS

Howdy from the land of too many Pilots and not enough Boomers. It seems like every time we get close to getting up to speed someone puts in their papers, something about 100 plus days TDY and home life just don't mix. So we're right back where we started. However, the young guys that we are getting in are doing a super job. Our hats are off to the guys at Altus, keep them coming and keep up the good work. If any of you are ever down our way look us up for a free cup of Jo and a lot of lies. Here's the All Star line up.

MSgt Jim Morman (Tight Wad) Been TDY twice this year and I don't want to go again. Went to France and spent less than \$100 dollars, I needed another shotgun.

MSgt Clyde Soumas (Glide) B Flt Super, Pacer Craig boom. My right hand man, always willing to go TDY.

TSgt Larry Hopkins (Grumpy) C Flt Super, If you know Larry then you know where the nickname comes from. If it needs to be done tell Larry and he'll find someone to do it.

TSgt Steve Klinkhammer (Klink) A Flt Super, Pacer Craig boom. The quietest guy I have ever seen and we heard rumors that he can actually talk.

SrA Kathy Steiner (Dude Magnet) Stan-Eval, Rodeo Boom and can be seen on M TV 'S unfiltered. Still breaking hearts and taking names.

SSgt Paul Lankes (Super Boom) Training Flt. Wanted to go to Altus but didn't have the time on station and couldn't get a waiver. Hard worker and nice guy , Altus's loss, our Gain.

SSgt Rick McKenna (SGT Mckenna) OOPS I mean SSGT McKenna, Flight Scheduling Upgraded to IBO and is doing a super job, Rick gets it done no matter who's toes get in the way.

SSgt Mike Cordell (Gator) CLT, New from Kadena, great guy and super professional, we need more like him. Rumor has it that he'll soon have something back that was taken away from him.

SrA Bill Farris (Starbird) Getting out in March and we sure will miss him. The only guy I know that sat in the same place for 54 days, there's a permanent impression of Bill's Butt in the lobby chair in the hotel Mercure.

SrA Darren Horton (Don't call me Roger) College Graduate, getting out in April, another super guy that gets the job done. All Darren want's is to be left alone.

SrA Eddie Estagin (Married Eddie) Married 4 Oct 96 departs the Air Force in June. Finally met some who could afford his habits. I will really miss Ed, he always did what was asked of him.

SrA Scott ONeil (Downlock) New Guy from POL across the street. Got here got qualified and is gone to Saudia.

SrA Pete Rodriguez (The Natural) Pacer Craig Boom, Recently married and loving it. If not the sharpest young boom in the command, he's one of them.

A1C Brian Buss (left at the Curb) You'll have to ask Brian about that one. Super young troop, wants to go to the Academy and become an "O". I guess it's in the blood, both Mom and Dad are Col's.

A1C Drew Sottovia (Chunks) Anytime Anywhere he's ready to go as long as he doesn't have to drive(no car). Another New super troop.

A1C Shane Haney (Hollywood, Trigger, Cable) Can be seen in all the newspapers and on CNN, NBC and ABC. Super Troop, who has more days TDY then he's been here. Only one problem he needs to get a quick disconnect phone system.

A1C Cole Brantley (Trickle) This guy has more toys than the law allows. He had a rough start but has settled down and doing a super job. If you need to know something just ask Cole, he knows it all.

Amn Frank Esposito (Lashes) Brand new, seems like a good troop, trying to get night fighters so he can go to Saudia.

A1C Pete Davis (JEB) Just got here. "Wait minute I'm an Altus grad, I know how to build baggage bins" Yeah right..... He found out real fast that he didn't. He's doing fine and is ready to go

Gone but not forgotten

SGT John Austin (Tex) HYT Now working at the 18th ARS as a SSgt. Tex is one of a kind we just haven't figured out what kind he is.

Sgt Troy Jessee (DNIF) HYT working at Boeing, So there's hope for all of us.

A1C Mathew Wheeler Got here and was gone in less than month. What else can I say!

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 351 ARS/DOOB

SUBJ: BOOM SIGNAL

Greetings from Scotland. Before you start scrambling to change your dream sheets, just kidding. Cool thought though, huh? Our TDY and flying tempo is quite a roller coaster ride. Currently, we're at a low. We've been taken out of the ITUD game. We were in Africa earlier this year, and France just before that (our final ITUD for now). We've just finished augmenting Mountain Home in Turkey. Lately it's just been short hops here and there. Bravo Alert still rears its ugly head from time to time as the TDY crews can attest to. Our much heralded increase in PAA, who knows? It'll happen if and when it happens. We do have two new authorized spots in scheduling, so if you're looking to come over... scheduling run by booms, it doesn't get much better than that. We've moved into our new "temporary" building, and it's a nice one at that. At least it has a foundation instead of removable wheels. We're a bit out of the way though, so if you want to come pay us a visit, just get directions from the TTF. The 351st is now taking all channel missions that originate on this end, it's one of the only ways we can log our P 300's. Here's our current lineup of people along with our e-mail addresses. Look forward to hearing from everyone.

THE OLD GUARD

SMSgt Troy Sinclair - (sinclait@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Was recruited (drafted) from 3rd AF to take the reins for the 351st booms. He tried to avoid coming back to the squadron, but failed miserably. Now he gets to play "dad" at home and at the office. Organized our new building, and found himself a space as far from the command section as possible.

MSgt Clayton Fox - (foxcc@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Currently in OSS Scheduling, is soon to be Florida bound. The slot machines at the Galaxy Club are going to miss him.

MSgt Red Skelton - (skeltonr@100arw.mildnenhall.af.mil) - The current hammer at Group Stan/Eval. Maintains a very low profile around the squadron, and an even lower one in his office.

MSgt Terry Casey - (caseyt@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Clay's partner in crime over at OSS scheduling. *Life is like a box of chocolates.*

TSgt Gary Frederick - (frederig@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Cosmo is coming out of the TTF to join the 351st Stan/Eval corps. During leave in the Czech Republic, he gave chase to some criminals. The catch, they had his wallet and his camera bag.

TSgt Bruce Zahn - (zahnb@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Evaluator turned Flight Boom. A welcome relief for Bruce. Just completed the NCO Academy, and his hair still hasn't grown back.

SSgt Kevin Beccard - (beccardk@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Kevin is leaving us very soon to join the cadre at Altus (RIP). He takes with him a great deal of experience, a wealth of knowledge, and about a quarter of all phone calls received by the boom office.

SSgt Cliff Bermodes - (bermodecc@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - The current "king" of the TTF. Cliff's world is about to be invaded by an old nemesis. When passing through, enter the office

at your own risk. Cliff's enjoying life in England, and life as daddy, but has had his fill of his fine British automobile, so he's sent for his truck.

SSgt Mark Miller - (millermw@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - The old man of Training Flight. Mark's been working his backside off training an influx of new guys.

SSgt Greg Smith - (smithgg@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Smitty has been "broke" for a good part of 96. Seems he broke his leg playing volleyball (jungle rules). He's been wandering the halls of the Ops Group, quite slowly, looking for work.

SSgt Larry Westwood - (westwool@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Our *OLDEST* head here, on-stationwise, since about 86'ish. He's working over in the Nav Shop. He's got orders to Fairchild in the spring, but may be working a deal to Scott instead.

SrA Jack Gates - (gatesj@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Into antique furniture in a big way. If he's not in the squadron, you can try Long Melford (major antique market).

THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

MSgt Bobby Skaggs - (skaggsb@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Just arrived from Tinker. Went to Turkey soon after he got here to shake the rust off. For those of you that know him, he's not getting any younger.

TSgt Jim Sugden - (sugdenj@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Just arrived from Fairchild. The heel marks are still visible on the sidewalk. Here only 4 months, he's moving over to work in the TTF. He's going through dog, Spokane, and hydroplane withdrawal in a big way.

SSgt Frank Antonsen - (antonsef@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Bordering between new kid and old head, Frank arrived in December 95 from Altus. He's our newest evaluator. Zahn left him plenty of work that should keep him busy into the next millennium. Thanks Bruce.

SSgt Melton Brewer - (brewerm@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Arrived in the spring from McConnell. The quiet one. Has been doing a fabulous job for us. A top candidate for Training Flight.

SSgt Dave Stadnicki - (stadnicd@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Another new arrival from Fairchild. If you need to find him, just look at the community center, if he's not scheduled to fly. Otherwise, try the squadron from 0005 to 0030 GMT.

SrA (SSgt Sel) Jeff Hy - (hyj@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Came to us in May. Found out he made Staff while TDY to Turkey. He's completing ALS as we write so he can put the stripe on.

AIC Patrick Elliot - (elliotp@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - He's doing quite well, but feels he got screwed because he didn't get to go to Grand Forks and see the world with his friends. For swaps, you can e-mail him.

AMN William Perdew - (perdeww@100arw.mildenhall.af.mil) - Yes folks, that's right. AIC and AMN, two baby booms with their first assignment at an overseas location. Will is soooooo young that he doesn't even have a civilian driver's license.

THE DEARLY (AND NOT SO DEARLY) DEPARTED

SMSgt Mark Gentry - Retired in the local area. Doing construction work for his father-in-law. Now sporting a beard and spends his spare time riding his WWII H-D motorcycle.

MSgt Stan Sears - Kept saying he was going to retire, well he finally did it. He settled in Colorado with his pocket protector, and is immersing himself in the growing world of computers.

MSgt Dave Williams - Dave, do you have your official passport back yet? Dave's in Saudi training their booms now. Damn shame all the eligible women were evacuated after the latest bombing.

TSgt Dennis O'Grady - Took his new bride to Offutt. He's relishing life in the EC-135 world, but desperately missing The Plough. When's the last time Spanky's been over for dinner?

SSgt Shawn Miller - Volunteered for Grand Forks. And who says you don't get your first choice? Hey Shawn, how do you preflight the APU?

Sgt Robert (Pete) King - Moved to McGuire to join the TALCE. We're sure he's found an SCA organization (that's Dungeons and Dragons, but with real weapons and armor) to keep him busy. Good luck squire.

SrA Tim Blackburn - Another transfer to Offutt. Should be the proud father of a new Cornhusker. Hope you're getting along with your neighbors there.

TO THE TDY FOLKS

Just a short note to say thanks for all the hard work and putting up with all the unpredictability over here. Just remember, you live it for 45 days, we just live it. We want to start having a get together at least once every rotation, BBQ or something, to show you our corner of the base, and just shoot the breeze. Give us a holler when you pass through.

James R. Sugden Jr, TSgt, USAF
B-Flt Sup (soon to be ETTF)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOMS

FROM: 434 OSF/DOTB (DSN: 928-3941)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

Greetings from the land of corn.

This year has been busy for us. We thought that once the Active Duty left Grissom that we would just be forgotten. Little did we know. As several units have found out this must be a great place to do ORIs and OREs. I can't figure out why none of those units have sent us a card saying they really had fun.

We had the opportunity to spend some time in Pisa, Italy in Apr. Those deployments are fun because the Boom Operators get to figure out just how much marble tile can be put on a 4X4 wood pallet without exceeding the limits of the cargo floor.

Spent some time in the "system" carrying parts for the C-17, newspapers, and people.

As you can tell by the next couple of pages of pages we have had some changes in our Boom line-up. Some retired, some moved away, some new faces (I don't know what we are going to do with all these ex-gunners and ex-flight engineers).

For those of you that used to be stationed here the base housing has been sold to a private company, and they are starting to rent out the houses. I think you can even buy one if you desire.

Right now we are looking forward to 21AF (we're here to help) Stand/Eval coming to visit us. They are supposed to be here on 18 Nov, right after Global Guardian. So we are just going to have a real ball this month. Oh well, I guess that is what we get paid for.

If you find yourselves on Grissom for some reason stop in and we'll buy you a beer or cup of coffee.

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

MEMORANDUM TO ALL OUR FELLOW BOOM OPERATORS!

1 Dec 96

FROM: 507 WING, 465 ARS "THE OKIES"
TINKER AFB, OKLAHOMA

SUBJECT: 1996 BOOM SIGNAL

HOWDY YOU ALL!!!

Greetings and salutations from the OKIES! It's been a pretty busy year for all of us! Red Flag, Christmas in Iceland, Joint Endeavor, PAC Express, ORE, etc.... We have also gone down from 10 to 8 PAA so we lost two of our full time ART positions. This is tuff, but that's the civil service life! Well here is the line up for the 1996 "OKIES":

CMSgt John "B.J." (that stands for BIG JOHN) Beasley, Program Manager: John is still the chief boom, and this year he has an office!! John is no longer waiting for his PEP to Chief. Hey John, good looking has never been a factor in PEP, so thank God for UV's!!!

SMSgt Terry Barber, Ex-Active Duty Advisor: What more can I say, Terry is over across base doing that AFLC thing, he replaced Bobby Skaggs who is now at RAF Mildenhall. We have heard that Terry has stopped having nightmares about the OKIES now!

SMSgt Jim "Gunny" Hackworth, Stan/Eval: Still trying to find a boom, any boom, at HQ AFRES to talk to! With Jim's recent promotion we now are required, by him, to be referred to as "TOP". Beasley is still checking for tent pegs in his back yard.

MSgt Page "Pager" Lynn, Reservist: What can you say about a guy from Arkansas, still working on that degree, we were told that he is being considered for a advanced degree at the University of Arkansas, come to find out having 12 toes is a requirement! Page is working the "AT HOME" manday idea!

MSgt Rick "Reborn" Erwin, Reservist: Rick is a happy man now that he has full use of right hand. All is well for Rick. Be afraid, be very afraid!! Qual level 3 for bicycle operations at March!! Next year Tour de France is a real possibility.

MSgt Marty "Elvis" Lochman, Boom Scheduler/ASS. NCOIC: Marty now works with John in the Boom shop.

MSgt Steve "Bif" Robinson, Chief of Wing Scheduling: Half of our infamous Rodeo Team! Bif's famous quote during rodeo was "as long as we beat GRISSOM"! Bif's a master woodworker now pens, pencils and decks. Watch out Norm!

MSgt Max "Mad Max" Staats: Max couldn't take it anymore and is now a traditional reservist. Unfortunately after about 2 weeks of working across base Max developed a Tinker Tumor, we hope for a speedy recovery.

MSgt Dave Fruge: Fruge is going through de-programming and will soon be back "in the groove" as a full up REAL Boomer! Actually, he is part of our initial cadre to convert the unit to KC-10s. I think were getting them from McGuire!

2LT Lou "FIRE FIRE" Fournier, Ex-Chief of Training: Lou has done an outstanding job for us and will be missed. He is now working in the back of an E-3 over in the 513ACG. Remember Lou, we're the Friendlies!!!

MSgt Willie "Whisper" Coleman, Skamming Reservist: When you look up the term traditional reservist you will see Willie. It's like a family reunion when Willie comes to town, cause it seems like I just saw him last year! Willie will be leaving us shortly he's going to: A. Become a Lawyer. B. Going to Pilot Training. C. Working for AWACS, or D. Staying in school for another couple of years. Saying "I'm just a Freshman, MOM!"

TSgt Gary Bristol, "Mobility Guy": Gary instructed Lou in getting his private pilots ticket, so if he can do that, we think he's ready to RUN Altus! Also, the other half of our Rodeo Team. Gary's latest saying is "Any Time, Any Place, for Per Diem. His kids have already started calling him Uncle Gary. Got to get him off the road.

TSgt Kathy Lowman: Kathy is out at Altus-by-the-sea getting trained. She is our newest boom and will give Scooter his first real student! Payback is hell, Scooter!

TSgt Steve "The Rat" Switzer, Short Range Scheduling: Just when you think he's ready to jump ship, he stays! By the time this gets printed Steve will a seasoned instructor and J.B. will be in REHAB..

TSgt John "Scooter" Wilson, Chief of Training: Our first instructor upgrade from that outstanding pool of highly motivated aviators that retrained from the old fighter unit here!(paid for politically correct statement). Got his checkride at Altus, surely you think he would have gotten a fair evaluation from Hack!!!

TSgt Lee "Woody" Wood, CLT: Lee works hard and has gotten our CLT moving. Other hobbies of his is waiting for John or I to die so he can get a full time job and chasing big girls T.D.Y!!

TSgt 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: Dan Chandler and Carl Conrad are out in the real world now and we wish them the best of luck!! Also, best of luck to Gary Byrd in his future endeavors where ever he is.

So if your here for a Depot In/Out or any other reason stop in and see us!!

507 WING, the "OKIES"

905 ARS BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

Here is the current line up for the 905 ARS:

MSgt Roger Thomas- Chief boom in the 905th. Keeps trying to quit, but he must do too good a job because the commander won't let him.

MSgt Pat Pruett- A Flight Super. Father time. Has less than a year to go and he cant wait. An official member of the SAC Hall of fame.

MSgt Don Frol- Only has a few months left and he's always has a smile. 'I've got to leave, my kid has a hockey game'.

TSgt Ted Johnson- Another short timer. The COWBOY is ready to call it quits next August. We'll miss him but he's remaining in the area.

TSgt Shawn Miller- A recent arrival from RAF Mildenhall, has his hands full as the new A flight superintendent.

SSgt Russ "ROC" Carlson-Russ has been here for over three years and is ready to leave. He's ready for a warmer climate.

SSgt Dan Smith- Attached to us for flying, currently doing outstanding work in the tactics office. Dan became the proud father of a new baby recently. Has not interfered with his hockey however.

SSgt (select) Brian Satterlee- Recently Moved to Stan Eval and doing a super job. Still trying to finish his degree.

SSgt (select) Russ "GUMBY" Gardner- Recent addition to our instructor force and doing an outstanding job. Looking for orders to Altus, as long as it doesn't interfere with his hunting.

SrA Stacy Brown- Stacy finished CFIC about ten months ago and has become one of our better and most reliable instructors.

SrA Ryan Sherbondy- Recently made SrA below the zone. One of our sharper young airman. Probably our next instructor candidate.

SrA Pat "THE ELF" Torres- Pat will be leaving us in December and we'll miss him. He's a good instructor and a good person. Has been working in the mobility office.

A1C Charles Maxie- We broke him in in Saudi last October and he's been doing a great job since.

A1C Steve "OZZY" Gelling- I went TDY with the boy. We talked him in to getting up to sing, and I feared that he might embarrass himself. He got up and sang WAR PIGS and sounded just like OZZY.

A1C Chad Gilberts- Went TDY to Qatar with Chad. Most of us waited until the sun was going down before we would run. It didn't bother Chad to run in the heat of the 130 degree noon time heat.

A1C Ken Wygant- His first TDY ever was to Qatar Africa. Now I'm not saying that the kid is young, but this past spring he asked for time off to take his girlfriend to the prom.

A1C Nathan Cates- Seeing him in his wardrobe makes me think that he dreams of living in Cuba. Became a skilled bochy ball player in Qatar.

Amn Jamie Lamont-Finally able to move close to home after spending many months at Altus. Coming into the boom field with a lot of motivation.

Amn Jason Hall- Couldn't say no to the military that his family has always been a part of. His dad's retired Navy and his sister is going into the Army. Jason chose to aim high.

A1C Rich Potts- This job gave him too many flashbacks of UPS so he is reaching for higher ground. Choosing to fly in a front seat at much greater speeds.

Recent losses- Since the last boom signal we lost some good folks. TSgt Duane Woitas retired and moved to Minnesota in August. We'll really miss him, even though he used to be a gunner. SSgt Dave Cox left us for Altus and we wish him the best. SSgt (select) Jeff Hy PCS'ED to RAF Mildenhall this past spring, and SrA Jay (the porcupine) Paulson left us for civilian life and is currently living in Minneapolis. Once again we'll really miss these folks and wish them nothing but the best. hopefully we'll run into all of them in the near future. If any one is in the area or just feels like calling to talk, the number for the 905th boom pod is DSN 362-5789. Best wishes for the coming year from the 905th Tigers of the North.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

906th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (AMC)
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA

MEMORANDUM FOR: AMC/XOVK

14 NOV 96

FROM: 906th ARS, Grand Forks AFB, ND (701) 747-6426

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Inputs for 1996

1. I'm sure you've heard or read all of the various welcomes from the land of the Frozen Chosen, so I won't bore you with this one. Just like us, I'm sure you've all been humping it this year - SWATTF, OREs, ORIs, ETTFs, HTTFs, Channels, etc., etc.. We are just up to full strength now with the recent arrivals from Altus (by-the-Sea).

2. We have 17 booms assigned:

Program Manager

MSgt Jeff Wright - Moved up to be 'the Boss' and loves it. At least he says he loves it (the boom operator part of the job, anyway). The 'shirt-ty' part of the job has been just that, lately - a bit shirt-ty!

'A' Flight

TSgt Joel Parker - 'A Flight Super. He and the wife bought a spread out by Northwood. Wasn't the happiest camper in Qatar this summer.

SSgt Jody Riggs - "Elvis might leave the building." Making pretty good \$\$ delivering for Domino's, and keeps talking about getting out.

SrA Andy Stutts - 'MOOSE' - Became a Daddy again this year. Working in the squadron cargo office. Re-upped for another hitch (Too bad the bonus wasn't retroactive a couple of months - sorry MOOSE)

A1C Mike Usevich - 'USELESS' got his nickname from the ORE. Had a ear block on the way to a ORE, and another on the way to Mildenhall this summer, but that one cleared up when he got hit in the ear playing racquetball and it perforated his eardrum. Flew there - flew home. Still trying to get a slot to the KC-10 to McGuire. He has his time on station - AFPC - ARE YOU LISTENING??

Amn Jennifer Little - Jenny came in from Altus (b-t-S) and is doing a super job. (This will start to sound like a broken record.)

A1C Frank Sabalauskas - 'Snuffaluffagus' - Another one just in from Altus (b-t-S) and doing a super job.

'B' Flight

MSgt Terry Klementz - 'B' Flight Super. Showed up one day like a stray dog. He may be moving over to the 911th ARS.

SrA Andrew Verdi - 'Bud' divorced and remarried (the same woman). Works in the squadron cargo office.

SrA Garry Isbell - Another one who re-upped. Just became a new daddy again in October. Working in the squadron training section when he isn't doing something with a computer someplace. Possible candidate for the schoolhouse.

SSgt Chris Campbell - Chris comes to us compliments of the cops. (Cross-trainee) We'll try to beat it out of him, though. Even when he was on leave, he managed to snag a trip to Hickam!

Amn Brian Wright - Another one just in from Altus (b-t-S) and doing a super job.

'C' Flight

SSgt Harvey Schneider - 'C' Flight Super. A.K.A. Pumpkinhead, etc. (Go ahead and laugh - I've heard them all) Just about tagged for the non-volunteer to the KC-10, and, yes, fellow booms, I DO want to stay in Grand Forks.

SSgt Steve Mason - Of all things, they made him the building custodian! Hope nothing goes wrong when he is TDY. Another possible candidate for the schoolhouse.

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SrA Kevin Mathews - Kevin got married to a real nice ND gal in September. I still don't believe he'd never seen anything like a bachelor party before, but he had a good time at his (what he remembers of it, anyway!) Working in the squadron training section. Another possible candidate for the schoolhouse.

Amn Brad Pittman - Another one just in from Altus (b-t-S) and doing a super job.

Amn Ryan Dobos - Another one just in from Altus (b-t-S) and doing a super job.

3. We had 6 booms separate in the last year:

MSgt Curt Umstead - Curt retired to Marquette Michigan. Says he is happily retired but keeps calling the squadron!

SSgt Mike Jennen - Mike decided he had had enough and got out. Last we heard from him, he was living in Nebraska, going to school, and playing Daddy. Good luck in the future, Mike.

SrA Chad Anderson - No bachelor party virgin, this one! A recent newlywed (May), he found out he can make more \$\$ selling insurance, so he PALACE CHASE'd to the Fargo ANG (IM troop in their recruiting office). Pretty good salesman, too. Quite a few people have changed insurance companies.

SSgt Brian Thayer - Figured 6+ years in The Forks warranted a VECAP assignment. Put in for Offutt, and they talked him into Mt. Home. Hey, Brian - don't let ACC get to you!

A1C Shane Brown - Shane came to the realization that the military wasn't for him, anymore. Found out he wasn't cut out for marriage/fatherhood, anymore, either. Still in the area, though.

Amn Adam Berry - Adam wasn't with us very long. Now, when anybody gets in trouble, their name goes in the Scheduling office's 'Berry-box'.

4. We have 1 boom inbound:

A1C Daniel Beecher - Due in shortly.

5. We have 2 booms attached:

TSgt Mike Frovarp - Mr. BILAT. Still working down the road in SPECOPS. If they can find a replacement for him, he may come back to the squadron to take over a flight.

SSgt Dan Goewey - Reverend Dan is working down in the vault and preaching in a (local) (MN) church on the side.

6. The way things change, we may or may not be here when & if you stop by, but stop by anyway. There may be someone of legal age here to buy the first round!! Guess this will stow the boom for this year. **FLY SAFE!!**

Harvey Schneider, SSgt, USAF
'C' Flight Super



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

911TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (AMC)
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA



14 NOV 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 911 ARS, GRAND FORKS AFB, NORTH DAKOTA

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

Greeting from the 911th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON "Warriors of the North" home of the "RED EAGLES". It's been another full year and a lot has happened. From Turkey, England, Panama, Practice ORIs to the real thing. France, Al Kharj AB Saudi (not for the weak at heart), from here to hell and back we have all survived, so they say.

The squadron "makeup" is changing rapidly here is the latest :

MSgt DON WILSON: (Chief Boom) FIRST SHIRT, NO SHIRT. Mister DEL-BERT himself , Doing the big "R" thing, Finally go to Retire in Jun of '97

MSgt WALLY MORITA: (Flight Super) The "WALLYGATOR" Also doing the "R" thing. He leaves us in Aug of '97

TSgt JEFF POTTER: (Flight Super, for now that is, future shirt). "The LOVE DOCTOR" also gives a good haircut, need a good cut call Jeff . Is going to be "FIRED" from his position as A flight super and will be taking over for MSgt Wilson, after his long awaited for (by the rest of us) retirement.

SSgt JEFF MURPHY: (Flight Super) "Nuff said"

SSgt MIKE CASEY: (Training Flight / CLM) The "SNAKE" The man, the myth ,with over 4,000 hours and 16 years in both the KC-135 A & R , has been " SELECTED " as a NON-VOLUNTEER cross trainee to the KC-10. \$&@*!%\$?>~# He's trying to slither away from it. They got him with less than 4 years left. They'll take one look at him and will want to return him back to to where they found him.

SSgt TOM HEWITT: "HUEYCOPTER" Got a Humanitarian assignment back into his "OLD" career field and is currently somewhere in Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

SSgt JAY HEIMANN: (Training Section) "BUSTER " is trying to wiggle free from Grand Forks and spend some time with the "PIPELINE" at Altus. Little Buster's running around.....
Lord Help us all.

SSgt MIKE STUKEL: After working as CLM and Training Section, got hit for that ever fearing, self critiquing job of "GROUND SCHEDULER". Has decided not to re-enlist next time round and will be separating Jul '97 .

"Golden Legacy, Boundless Future"

SrA MIKE MURRAY: Also got tagged to help out in Ground Scheduling

SrA DAN TRAINER: "MAD DOG" Left us for the civilian world., somewhere in South Dakota, working for the Iowa guard.

SrA BRAIN QUAM: The "Red headed step-child" is still saying "BUT HONEY!! I was only out with the guy's" Also working as a assistant in the world of Training.

SrA MIKE DUNLAP: Left us for the Goochie world of the KC-10s at McGuire AFB, NJ.

SrA JOE CORDER: " JOE THUMBS " Our resident "computer" expert. has his very own BBS and working on a "web site" while at Al Kharj fell in love with a country and hope's to return someday.

AMN JAMES LUDWIGS: Has been working as a "ground Scheduler" Turned down a slot to CFIC and will be returning to the civilian world in about 14 months and counting.

The lineup of our "FIVE" new BABY BOOMS, still a little wet behind the ears are:

A1C AMANDA PEARSON: "POKA DOTS" named for those *FUNKY PANTS* she likes to wear, is currently our only female boom. Just got back from France and the land of Sun and Sand Saudi Arabia and thought..... GEE..... that was fun !!! can we do that again ? (still some hope for her.)

A1C MANUEL SANDAVAL: "MANNY" Has figured out which end the boom does what, Has been moving rather quickly and is turning into a "good" boomer.

A1C STEVE GASPER: "BLACK CLOUD" Has had a rough start here, the black cloud syndrome has hit him hard, he tries hard but sometimes falls on his sword. Has found him self grounded for now with a bad ear.

A1C JAMES FITCH: Another one who is turning out to be a fairly good boomer. As of yet, still working on a nickname for him.

and last but not least is our BRAND NEW, STILL WET BEHIND THE EARS, BABY, BABY BOOM

SSgt RAYMOND OUELLETTE: Cross -trainee from the world of fuels, thought he try out the "other way" of giving the jets some fuel. Still to new to come up with a good nickname for him.

There's the "New" line up of our guys and gals, Drop by and see us sometime or call DSN 362-6121

DON WILSON, MSGT, USAF
CHIEF BOOM

The RED EAGLES, WARRIORS of the NORTH COUNTRY"

BOOM SIGNAL
912 ARS GRAND FORKS AFB ND

It's been quite a year for the 912th. We've been all over the world, move desert operations to a new location, and replaced the whole squadron senior staff. First, our commander Lt Col Bill Baxley left for HQ AMC, he was replaced by Lt Col Randy Fullhart (a T-tailer). He stayed only a year and moved to our deputy ops group commander position. Lt Col Bill Kunzweiler took over on 2 Oct. He's an old tanker guy from way back. Next, our ops officer Lt Col Paul Hudson received a short notice 90-day TDY to Panama. When he came back, he took over XP. Lt Col select Barb Faulkenberry now holds the reins as ops officer. And finally our beloved Chief Boom, SMSgt Al King retired in Sep after, get this, volunteering for Saudi with less than 60 days left. he was replaced by MSgt Jim Haskell who came to us from Ops Group Training. Here's our current line-up. As you can see we're one big happy family.

Farewells

SMSgt Al King	Retired 26 Sep (effective 1 Nov). Now works for "Quality is Job #1" company in Michigan. Ford stock plummets!
TSgt Gary Davis	Move to 319 OG/OGT (Ops Group Training Boom). That job gives him more time to practice his guitar (Lord knows he needs it).
TSgt Russ Snitker	Retired 16 Mar (effective 1 Apr). Now uses all the money he saved up being single and living in the dorm to move back home and live with his Mom.
SSgt Guy King	Moved to 319OSS/OSOS as a flight scheduler. Now suddenly he's getting all the good missions.
SrA Stacy Tansits	PCSed to McGuire AFB to fly KC-10s. Thinks things are better in a jet that's quieter, cleaner, newer, bigger, has electric floor, in a better location...etc. Some people are so easily fooled!
SrA Jeff Porn	Separated in bigger pants. (No kidding!) Now makes more money in computers than most bonus pilots.
SrA Rob Henrikson	Got out in October to go to Texas. Some say that's the only state his mouth would fit in. Heard in passing: "What, he left? I never knew he was here!"

Regulars

(T)Sgt Mark Adame C Flt Boom. Spending all his soon to have TSgt pay coming up with the ultimate fajita receipe.

SSgt Joe Wilkins B Flt Boom. The only boom with less responsibility than his subordinates. Likes to tell us how great things were at Loring.

SSgt Cory Grape A Flt Boom. Chics dig 'im, guys hate 'im, dogs want 'im for their owner. Holy Schniky's! Believes maple syrup is the cure for cancer.

(SSgt) Matt Arevalo Stan/Eval. The greatest evaluator in the world. (yah right) Usually goes to the gym while everyone else is working.

SrA Randy Schaub Cargo Load Manager. "What do you mean I have a @!!*\$ attitude?" Met, married, and divorced on the same night. Lost the rest of his money on a wild Las Vegas trip.

(SSgt) Darrell Macomber Training Boom. Was asked what he thought of the bars here. He didn't know there was any.

SrA Elisabeth Puetz She's too good for us enlisted types! BTZ, bootstrap, OTS, whatever. F-15s here we go!! Engaged indefinitely.

A1C Juan Murillo Juan? Hey, Juan? Has anyone seen Juan? Call his girl friend at command post and see where he's at.

New Kids on the Block

MSgt Jim Haskell New Chief Boom, 1st Sgt. Just came over from Ops Group Training. Jumped into the thick off things by being the Chief Boom for the 912s desert deployment where we moved from Riyadh to Al Kharj. New nickname 'Stoney'. Seems he was a little lax in his water intake and passed a kidney stone while at Al Kharj. Ask him what an "ATH" is.

A1C Matt Hartman Ole three fingers. Tried rearranging his hand playing flag football. Now holds the boom three degrees to the right.

A1C Kelly Mueller Been on base for 4 months before we finally got to meet him . Seems we left for Saudi without him and when he finally arrived (with the 911) we were heading back to the states.

Amn Johnny White	"Hey look, that guy's girl friend looks exactly like my girl friend!" Does anyone have a school yearbook he can borrow to find a new one?
Amn Jason Larimore	A little short on money due the speeding tickets on his way to Winnepeg. Sure hope it was worth it!
A1C Tom Conley	Too tall Tom Sch....no that's the weather guy on TV. Noone had anything to say about him. Must be doin' things right!
A1C Richard Kelsey	Not much to say about Richard. We think he's still stunned about being in Grand Forks. It really is a numbing experience. Was in the first class of cargo qualified booms. It's about time!!
A1C Jeremy Morris	Mothers, lock up your daughters! This here's a hot one from Georgia. Saw the plugs hanging off the vehicles and thought everyone owned an electric car.

97 ARS
Fairchild AFB WA

Here is my attempt at the boom signal for this year. It has been a busy one for us as I am sure it has for everyone else. We had our share of deployments, exercises, alerts and short notice taskings and the booms in the 97th were up to each and every one. We were pretty lucky the last two years in that we had a full complement of booms, however the month of August saw several changes. Like we always say we must support and promote our people and that is exactly what we did. The following is a list of booms who are or were in the 97th :

MSgt Mike Hammond: Quiet Mike went off to be the program manager in the 92nd and will try to make them the second best squadron on base (you can't be the best as long as we are here Mike). I am sure he will do well and will be missed in the 97th. We can always count on Mike.

MSgt Bob Battaglia: Flight supervisor. Battle is still hanging in and trying to keep me out of trouble. Currently deployed to Panama and trying hard to get rid of his account responsibilities.

TSgt Rich Kozak: Rich is off for a channel mission today. Hope he can handle the trip. They can be very tough. Rich is one of the flight supervisors and just loves paperwork. (NOT)

SSgt (TSgt select) Timmy Clark: New flight supervisor. Real quiet but hard working. Congrats on the promotion and looking for great things from him. Tim is still trying to grow the best pumpkin so the Great Pumpkin will visit him.

SSgt (TSgt select) Tim Ballentine: Always steady. Need something done right the first time Tim is your man. We lost him to the 92nd so he could help Mike. Tim had a big year, 15th AF Sijon Award winner and nominee to AMC as well as several other awards.

SSgt Todd Cole: Todd finally got his assignment to Edwards. God only knows why he wanted to go work with that bunch but we can only support and promote right? We already miss Todd and wish him well.

SSgt Todd McPeak: Todd recently put on Staff and is our new training section boom. Looking for him to help Mark get us going with our baby booms.

SrA (SSgt select) Mark Villacis: Mark will be joining Todd in the training section and if we can keep him from p-----ing of all the pilots we can expect fine work from him. Maybe that is fine work!

SrA Alecia Judd: Alecia had a bigger year than all the rest of us, she had a baby boy. She says in time he will be a boom also. Alecia will be working in scheduling when she gets back from England.

SrA Rick Recaido: We thought Tim Clark was quiet till we met Rick. Rick is doing well and will be doing time in the mobility section when he gets back from England.

SSgt John Curry: Currently in Panama with Mark and Bob. He can't wait to move out of the dorm and draw BAQ finally. John is in Stan/Eval and gives Kozak his annual OP.

SSgt Tim Gemshiem: Tim couldn't take anymore of this new AMC stuff. Can't say as I blame him on some days. He was stolen by the Guard at Niagara. Good luck Tim, we all miss your ability to stir things up. Hope the folks at Niagara are up to the task. Thanks for all you did for us.

SSgt Erik Prince: Erik(the dark Prince) had other things he wanted to do, like get his life organized. He didn't feel he was getting that done in the Air Force what with a few hundred days TDY, night flights and all the other things we go through so he got out. He is living back in Virginia now and says that having your wife support you isn't so bad.

SrA Matt Shaffer: Matt is the resident guitarist and headed up the squadron band while we were in Saudi. As he said " we ain't good, but we are all you got". When he isn't playing guitar he keeps all the squadron computers running.

SrA Steve Moser: Some of you may remember Steve's dad, Ron. Ron provided us with a excellent replacement. We can always count on Steve to be there when we need him. If you get the chance to fly with him don't plan on getting the jump seat. The only people I have known to get it are either very attractive or O6 or higher.

TSgt (MSgt select) Kevin Watton; Kevin is the most soft spoken person I have met in a long time. You do have to listen close to hear him, either that or I should have been wearing my ear plugs more around the jet. Kevin is assigned to us but does his time in the wing Quality office.

AMN Ben Neal: Our newest boom. Don't have much dirt on him yet but give us time. We haven't had a baby boom for two years and our otherwise all instructor force can't wait to put their skills to work. Don't fall for the radar alignment trick Ben.

AMN Jason Chatham: Jason is currently away doing his recruiter assistance duty and should be back late this month.

AMN Jesse Olheiser: Jesse is also away doing the recruiter thing and will be back in late Nov. What is it with this recruiter thing? The last thing I every wanted to do was help my recruiter . They must really want that two week break.

To all of you who have left us; It was a pleasure serving with you and we look forward too working with you again or getting a call when you have made your first million.

To all who are coming in; Welcome and we are expecting great things from you.

To all who are still here: We had a good year and have a better one ahead.

As for me, I just sit back and let the folks do the job they are trained to do and play s-----t filter. They let me fly some (some say too much, I say not enough) go TDY some and generally take it easy. Working in this squadron is one of the best situations I have had. The leadership is tremendous and the crew dogs are the best. If you are out this way stop and say Hi. Keep in mind that we need to keep our union strong so let's not snub each other wherever we may meet. FLY SAFE.

Steve Bacon

Kadena Kronicle

Issue 3

Boom Signal

November 23, 1996

Hello from the land of the rising sun and very low yen rates. Like most of you, our year has been extremely busy, without any real order and structure. Since the demise of SAC (a moment of silence please) and our assimilation into PACAF, scheduling seems to be a very



unfamiliar term. Most of the troops have been on the road at least 125 days with many well over that. And while it's true some want the TDY, it's not the rate as much as the lack of any type of long range schedule (more than 12 hours would be an improvement) that causes dissension among the warriors. As we cover the entire 35 million square miles that they call Pacific theater of operations, there isn't a country we haven't been to.

The efforts have been many...from COPE THUNDER to DESERT STRIKE our folks have played in all the big games. The experience gained in this theater is unlike you are likely to see anywhere else in the world. I firmly believe this area of operations produces some of the most well rounded boom operators

in the world. As proof, I offer our two latest additions...Amn Damlen Ash and A1C Zack Hughes. Both are baby booms straight out of Altus. They constitute the first baby booms this unit has had in many a year. Their baptism has been under fire but they were up to the challenge. Both are mission ready and unleashed on the world. Honestly, both have done well and if they are any indication of the quality of booms the folks at Altus are putting out, my only comment is to keep up the good work. We may even try a few more on the next go around.

This year was most definitely the year of the typhoon. All of last year (1995) we evacuated three times. This year we tripled that and would have done more but there was nothing here to evacuate. No problem getting our cargo loading currency out of the way during



the typhoon season. Seems we are the best at leaving town when there is trouble brewing in the area.

Misawa AB, in northern Japan was again our "black hole". Once in, there was no telling how long you would be gone. We had to issue TDY orders for some of the folks to come home to visit their families. Coronets seem to be the single most responsible culprit although the RC-135 community also helped. And while we have been everywhere, Misawa and Diego Garcia have been the two longest deployments.

The E-mail we received about having to turn boom training slots back was very disturbing. Never before have we had a lack of interest in the career field and I don't believe that is the case now. A little more aggressive recruiting and advertising may be the cure to this ill.

Our major concern at present is the inconsistency of the instructions, regulations, and manuals from which we operate. A resolution must be reached as to what we (the entire KC-135 community) are going to follow. Once that is established, there needs to be a moratorium from revising/rewriting them for a period of several years. Right now, by the time we learn to operate from one, somebody goes and changes it, and it's not always for the better either!

Our booms have been doing very well at promotions this past year and it is definitely attributed to our operations. No need to search for good bullet statements here. We are tasked with many new and novel operations, it's hard not to get noticed. It was nice to see the percentages rise a little bit as it gives the younger folks a morale boost to know their chances are improving.

As we said, this theater produces some of the best booms around. Our mission is as diverse as the people in the theater and it requires excellence in all we do. We believe we have the people to make it happen.

The players:

CMSgt Roy Schufft: Wing boom...Chief cook and bottle washer. Can't seem to stay at Kadena for any length of time. Obviously he is following our motto, "Always There...Never Here!". TDY to Alaska for a PACAF Stan/Eval visit. Called and said it was cold in Alaska in November...Imagine that! The Commander is issuing TDY orders for him to come home...If we knew where he was!

CMSgt (select) Billy "Bonzai" Karasko: Our Program Manager. Was sick most of the year with sinus troubles. Took two surgeries to correct the problem. Had to be medivaced from Diego Garcia for a kidney stone. They did some unspeakable things to fix him. Doing much better. Says his goal is to see the Flight Surgeon once a year and no more. Made Chief on his first try. Already hearing rumblings about having to leave. Learning from Chief Schufft how to do those "chiefly" things.

MSgt Jerry Head: Went to the OSS as a planner. Seems to enjoy it although it's hard to say because we never see him. Extended his tour.

MSgt Dave Pileski: Moved from the OSS to PACAF ALCE. Don't have any idea how he is doing. Haven't heard from him since he moved. Hope all is well. Dave, drop us a line when you have time.

MSgt Cliff Pankonien: Still with the PACAF ALCE...looking to retire in the not too distant future...works with the local internet company.

MSgt Bill Shippey: Superintendent at AMC ALCE...flies with us when he can...recently married...doing well.

MSgt Dean Fuller: AMC ALCE member...heads up their Affiliation Course...soon to have his Masters Degree...undecided about staying in.

TSgt Mike Steinkraus: Third and final member of the AMC ALCE team...flies with us quite often...always seems to get the "good" trips...we really need to look into that!

TSgt Lloyd Rand: Non-flyer at the moment...working on a solution...heads up our self-help program (It's not a renovation but more of a complete reconstruction)...maybe with us until he retires in '98.

TSgt Tony Panganiban (TonyP): Came to us from McConnell and we're glad he did...Flight Supervisor for four booms...doing a super job...over 125 days TDY this year.

TSgt Nathan "Peachman" Peachey: Flight Supervisor...doing a great job...looking to move on to Stan/Eval in the future...1995 PACAF Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Member, NCO category.

TSgt Shaun Lewis: Still working as a planner at OSS...seems to really enjoy it...has a cellular phone constantly pressed to his ear...always on the road.

TSgt Patrick "Chip" Stevens: Training Flight boom...came to us from Mountain Home AFB...brought good ideas with him...have plans to move him to Flight Supervisor next.

SSgt Phil Frank: Our #1 man in Stan/Eval...always busy...IPCOT approved...here to stay for another three years...has designs on going to the OSS for some career broadening.

SSgt Rod Targos: Flight Supervisor...had two folks go to CFIC back to back...had over 125 days TDY this year...doing a good job.

SSgt Rod Cline: Flight Supervisor...constantly in need of a shave...the only guy we know with a 0900 shadow...bought a Harley and tore it apart to fix it...haven't seen it since...doing well.

SSgt Erick Turner: Down for the count...has a bad disk in his back...working at the OSS for the present time...looking for surgery to correct the problem.

SSgt Ed Smith: Presently at CFIC...worked hard to prepare...well over 125 days TDY but loves it...hopes to marry in the near future...doing well.

SSgt Robert Jepson: Relatively new CFIC graduate..."Outstanding Performance" on his initial instructor check...working hard to prepare others who are headed to Altus.

SSgt Tom Roetzler: #2 man in Stan/Eval...1995 PACAF Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Member, Airman category...a true superstar...big picture type of guy.

SRA Bryan Sellman: A real surfing bum...looking forward to PCS (permanent civilian status)...wants to be a full time student and family man.

SRA Michael "Max" Webster: Max really tied the knot with a local lass...still finds time to go fishing in between TDY's and being a married guy.

SSgt (select) Tony Aparicio: SSgt selectee and proud of it...recent CFIC graduate...another "Outstanding Performance" on his Initial Instructor check...been TDY ever since.

SRA Joe "Let's pierce something" Gellis: Another recent CFIC graduate...didn't have another student so the instructors ganged up on him (his story)...not sure but he thinks he has an ulcer from it.

SRA Fred Ramey: Beth just got a job at the vet clinic so Fred gets right in for medical appointments...Fred spent quite some time at Diego Garcia...enough to run for public office.

SRA Wayne Kelser: Came to us from the ECs at Offutt...just completed Airman Leadership School...says he enjoyed himself and actually learned alot...he could apply it if he ever came to work.

A1C Zack Hughes: Was going to be a Combat Controller...changed his mind...came to us straight from Altus...mission ready in minimum time...good troop.

Amn Damien Ash: Wasn't sure they still made one stripers...another baby boom direct

from Altus...doing well and eager to please...he will succeed here.

Those that have moved on:

SSgt Dan Phillips: Dan took a KC-10 to McGuire of all places...hasn't called home so we don't know how he's doing.

SSgt Mike Rollins: Taz moved on to lovely Robins, Georgia...last words we heard...he's having a great time.

SSgt Craig Eyre: Left us for Altus by the sea...Dan Jones says he was doing fine.

SSgt Tom McGuire: Tom left the career field for medical reasons...seemed he lost most of his hearing...went to the Intell shop.

SRA Jennifer Sellman: Jen moved on to the education counselor career field...really enjoys working with people and being a mom...she is doing well.

Well, that's the line up for the fighting 909th. This unit has a tremendous history within the air refueling story. Everyone should attempt to become a member of the unit just so they can say they were truly a "Young Tiger".

Fly Safe

CMSgt Roy Schufft