

U.S. RADAR SITES of ICELAND NEWSLETTER, JUNE 2004,

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN. William Chick, H-2, 1959-60.

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The Next Reunion: May 12-15, 2005. The dates for our next reunion are set for May 12-15, 2005, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. After visiting several sites, the committee selected a hotel based on the data Reed and I collected during our visit in April. We will be headquartered at the Radisson North Hotel. It is conveniently situated on Interstate 25 and the major highway leading to the Air Force Academy (see Reed Thomas' input on the back page



for the details.) We have been in contact with Dr. Ruwell, curator of the *Peterson Air and Space Museum* (pictured at left) at Peterson AFB, CO. They have graciously agreed to plan both our Saturday night dinner and program. The museum is new and the displays are about 50% up and running at the present time. The night of our dinner they

plan to declare all displays ready and open to the public – to include the one we will officially present on behalf of The Radar Sites of Iceland Association. So now we have a purpose for our gathering. In addition, we can celebrate and fellowship with other radar vets as we enjoy re-living our days in Iceland. If you want to view more of the Museum, log on to their Website at: <http://www.petemuseum.org>.

\$ FROM THE TREASURER \$. David Hawk, H-1, 1985- 86.

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Dues. Our voluntary dues of \$15 a year are due this month! We thank all those who donated last year. As you all know, it takes a few dollars to fund each 1,000+ newsletter, plus the reunion site preparation. This year we plan to present the Air & Space Museum a painting or display honoring the Radar Sites of Iceland. We have estimated the cost to be at about \$600, so extra donations will be appreciated. For dues and donations, make your check payable to "Iceland Reunion" and mail it to me at my address as shown above.

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Scrapbooks. You can still send pictures and other memorabilia to me for the Iceland Radar Site scrapbooks. If you e-mail them to me, I ask that you not send a large file -- I have one of those slow, dialup modems which takes a long time to download large files. If you choose to snail-mail them, use the address above. Please annotate -- print if possible -- all photos when you label them. In addition, any papers, orders, clippings, etc, will also be put in the books.

FROM THE HISTORIAN. Jerry Tonnell, H-2, 1959.

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History. We just received delivery of the third printing of the Radar Sites of Iceland History. The first two printings sold out. The 64-page booklet gives a

history of what we did in Iceland as well as anecdotes and data about Iceland radar from 1941 through 2003. It deals mostly with the four Cold War Era radar sites of H-1, H-2, H-3, and H-4. A copy of this History was sent to the Command Historian of both the Air Mobility Command (successor to MATS) and Air Combat



Command (which took over from ADC in 1979.) The Peterson Air and Space Museum received the History in February 2004, and the USAF Museum was presented their copy last year during our 50th Reunion. Therefore, you can now be assured that your contribution to the defense of America has been officially recorded in several official repositories.

Orders. The price (our cost) of the book remains at \$8, including postage.

Place an order by writing a check payable to "Iceland Reunion" and mail to:

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR. Reed Thomas, H-4, 1958-59.

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2005 Reunion. We have a great package for our stay at the 2005 reunion. Our hotel, The Radisson North, has been remodeled, and is located just north of Colorado Springs on Interstate 25. It is 4 blocks from a large shopping mall and within easy distance of many fine dining places. The hotel also has a full service restaurant. The Hotel Address is: 8110 N Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80920, phone 719-598-5770. If calling, tell them you are with the 2005 Iceland Radar Reunion to get our discount rate.

Costs. The room fee of **\$74.79** covers taxes and 2 breakfast tickets for each day of stay. Enterprise Travel car rental has an office in the hotel and they are working toward a fee of \$30 per day -- unlimited miles. The hotel has a large parking area and welcomes RV parking. They have high speed internet and a large indoor pool. The hotel will put on a feed for us on Friday night for about \$12 each. They are also providing us a large area for our hospitably room and free meeting space.



Banquet and Tour. Our Saturday night banquet and program will be at Peterson AFB at the Air and Space Museum (at left.) They are excited and are planning a meal and museum tour -- pricing and details for that will be in our December 2004 newsletter. Dr. Mary Ruwell, the curator of the museum,

may not hail from the south, but her message to us is "Ya'll come and enjoy."

Registration. We will have some expenses; therefore, we have set a registration fee of \$10 per member and \$5 per spouse/guest. We can start registering everyone right away. Make your check out to "Iceland Reunion" and send it to our Treasurer, David Hawk. His address is elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you have questions you can call me at 516-799-4271 or William Chick at 803-932-9596.

ICELAND RADAR SITES NEWSLETTER, DEC 2004

FROM THE CHAIRMAN: William Chick, H-2, 1959-60. littlechick@msn.com

Our next reunion is just around the corner – only 5 months away -- **12 to 15 May 2005.**

SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

May 11, Wednesday. Early arrival – no planned activities.

May 12, Thursday. Registration. Hospitality room opens at noon.

May 13, Friday. Registration and hospitality room open. **6 PM:** The large dinner area will be open for our business meeting. The hotel will have dinner for us at \$12 per.

May 14, Saturday. Registration and hospitality room open. **10 AM:** Film and briefing about Cheyenne Mountain, at hotel. **3 PM:** Travel to Air & Space Museum (see next page.) * Working on bus service to and from.

May 15, Sunday. Hospitality room closes at noon. Departure day.

PLACES TO VISIT: Below are some places to visit around Colorado Springs area. Each person is responsible for his or her arrangements to and from these sites.

1) Air Force Academy. Your Hotel is on the west side of Academy Blvd. Depart the Hotel Parking Lot, turn left and you are less than three blocks from the South Gate to the USAFA. Only members with a valid DOD, ID card (active or retired) may enter this gate. For others who wish to enter the USAFA, depart the Hotel Parking Lot, turn left on Academy Blvd, go one block and enter North Bound I-25 and exit the USAFA North Gate Visitors Center and enter the north gate to the Academy.

2) Pikes Peak Tour. You can drive to the top of Pikes Peak. However, you should consider taking the Manitou & Pikes Peak Railway. 1-719-685-5401

3) Cripple Creek Ramblin Bus Tours. 1-800-772-6254 or www.RamblinExpress.com

4) Garden of the Gods. Depart Hotel Parking Lot, turn left, one block and enter the South Bound I-25. Exit at the Garden of the Gods exit. Follow the signs.

5) Shopping. The Hotel is only three blocks from a major mall. Many restaurants are within walking distance of the hotel -- just 4 or 5 blocks away.



Air and Space Museum complex, Peterson AFB, CO.

COSTS: Several have asked for a breakdown of the reunion costs: For a 3-night stay, the cost would be about **\$325** for a couple. Here is how the expenses break down:

Registration Fee. \$15 per member, plus \$10 for each guest or spouse.

Hotel. \$74.80 per night (two free breakfast tickets come with each day's stay.)

Friday night dinner. The hotel will provide at \$12 per person (includes taxes and tip.)

Saturday night Banquet and Dance. \$25 per person (at the Air & Space Museum.)

Freebies: Name tag, One Reunion Coin, One Reunion wine glass (an extra one costs \$5 each.) In addition, free drinks and snacks will be provided in the hospitality room.

HOTEL DATA:

Radisson Inn North (Host hotel.)

8110 North Academy Boulevard

Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Phone: 1-719-598-5770, ext. 305

-- **Also:** 1-800-333-3333 Radisson Reservation Center

Identify as: Iceland Reunion 2005

Rooms: available from 9 May 2005 to 18 May 2005

Rates & Taxes : Single/Double occupancy \$74.80 per night including taxes.

Triple occupancy \$85.64 per night including taxes.

Quadruple occupancy \$96.48 per night including taxes.

Children: Under 18 yrs old stays free, but they are not entitled to a free breakfast.

Handicap: Hotel is wheelchair accessible – you can ask for this type room.

Includes: Full Hot breakfast Buffet each morning 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM.

(Breakfast must be consumed in the restaurant only.)

Friday: Hotel will offer Special menu dinner for us at \$12.00 per person.

Hospitality: Noon 12 May to Noon 15 May, 24 hours a day.

Registration: 13 May, evening only. 14 May, all day.

Business Meeting: -- exact time to be announced.

Parking: Large parking area -- RV parking welcomed.

BANQUET SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, 14 May 2005:

PETERSON AIR & SPACE MUSEUM FOUNDATION

150 East Ent Avenue, Peterson Air Force Base, CO 80914



Proposed Iceland Radar Sites Display Mural for the Air and Space Museum

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1500 Hrs	Depart Hotel	Travel to Museum--30 Minute trips
1500-1700	Tour Museum	Docents will meet buses/cars -35 Minute Tours includes: --WWII Exhibit --Airpark --Interior of EC-121T --Cockpit of F-106A --Gift Shop (10% off all items --Cash, Checks or Traveler Checks)
1700-1720	Dedication of Iceland Radar Sites Mural and Paver	Inside "Old City Hangar" -Brig Gen Webber, 21st Space Wing Comdr accepts on behalf of the Museum. - Remarks

1720-1810 Reception Inside "Old City Hangar"
Cash Bar Available until 1920

Buffet Line Available until 1830. Includes: --Heavy Hot & Cold Hors d'oeuvres ---Top Round of Beef ---Ham ---Meatballs ---Deep Fried Vegetables ---Assorted Cheese & Fruit Tray ---Assorted Dips & Chips --- Coffee & Tea. Dinner Tables Available.
Five Displays open inside Hangar: --Air Defense --Missile Warning & Space Surveillance --Cheyenne Mountain Ops Center --ICBM Exhibit --Space Ops (under construction.)

Band Plays during reception 1720-1810

1810-1850 Program Inside "Old City Hangar"
-- Opening Remarks
-- Guest Speaker
-- Closing Remarks

1850-2000 Dance Band Big Band Sounds
-- 14 Member Group

2000 Depart Museum Back to Hotel-- 30 Min Trip
Hospitality Room Open

*Package cost to include Reception, Band and Gratuity: \$25.00 per person.
(This will included a one dollar per person donation to the Museum)*

HOW TO REGISTER: If possible, please register in advance. The fee is \$15 per member and \$10 per spouse or guest. Make your check out to "Iceland Reunion" and mail it to our Treasurer, David Hawk, Rt 1, Box 233, Elmore City, Ok 73433.

ICELAND RADAR HISTORY BOOKS. In September 2004, William Chivalette, Curator of the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Hall, Maxwell/Gunter AFB, requested and received two copies of our Radar Sites of Iceland History Book. One will be for the museum and the other will be made available to the students at the USAF Senior NCO Academy at the Enlisted Heritage Research Institute. The efforts and accomplishments of the radar men and women of Iceland will be studied by some our future leaders.



Book Orders. About 50 of the books are still available for sale (some 350 books have already been distributed.) They can be purchased for \$8 (our cost), including postage. Place an order by writing a check payable to "Iceland Reunion" and mail to:

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