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50 rooms are being held for us until September 28, so the sooner your reservation is made, the better.

KRISTEN HOLDEN TERRY is in charge of the reunion and can answer any questions you may have. Phone: 949-858-2252, e-mail: terrykh@aol.com.

The form for function reservations is included with this Bulletin. Please don't wait until a week before the reunion to send this in as we have to do a lot of paper work well before the reunion begins. Thanks.

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IN MEMORIAM

EVE MYERS died on June 14th at her home in Honolulu, her ashes were scattered at sea off Waikiki. Eve along with Sue established the CAT Association publishing the first CAT Association Bulletin May 1, 1975. She did the editing and printing work until She moved to California in 1985 and it became too difficult to work together long distance so LIL FINNERTY took over the job of Editor. EVE was the born party girl. She could tell jokes and stories that kept everyone in stitches. She preferred the company of men to that of women (she told us all that openly) and she loved the atmosphere of a bar that served good scotch, those who knew EVE will remember her one-of-a-kind personality. She was 95, which is very hard to believe as she was active until the end.

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JACK FOLTZ died June 26 after a long illness.

JACK joined CAT after 3 years with CNAC on the China mainland. He was Chief Inspector in Maintenance in Taiwan from 1949 to 1953.

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NEW MEMBER

JAMES KECK
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In his letter applying for membership in the Association, JAMES said he believed he should be classified as a second generation CAT person, Wrong.....he is definitely a first generation as he joined up on 1956 in Tokyo as a Navigator. He and "Pinky" Pinkava were the only navigators then. In 1975 he became Chief Navigator for CAT Inc. He sent us some very interesting tales which we will include in the bulletins - one in this issue.

A STORY FROM JAMES KECK

One more Doctor story. The Station Master at Tachikawa was "Doc." Lewis. He always did everything he could to smooth the operations with the military. He always lectured to us about doing the same.

The base had an auto racing club that would close the runway on Sunday afternoons and hold races. Doc. became interested and bought a brand new race car. It was very colorful and had CAT Inc. painted all over it. We were all "requested" to be there for the race and show interest in the club.

Lunch was held first. It was champagne and hot dogs! In came our fearless leader. His usual dress was somber and business-like. Today he had on metallic silver pants, a flashy jacket with "C.A.T. INC." across the back and an extra long billed silver baseball cap, covering up his balding head. He looked like he was going almost 100 knots, just standing there sipping champagne!

"Now to your cars!" blared a loud speaker. We all moved over to the race track and helped install "our" driver into the new race car. Giggles came out as the warm sun activated all that booze!

We climbed into the bleaches and gave our best cheers to Doc.

The racing signal was sounded and the large crowd became silent. All eyes were on the starting lights now!

"Amber----Amber"----and before the green light could flash, out flew our new shiny racing car! Laughter broke the silence!

Much laughing and mummering went on as our leader back into place, all the time waving toward us!

The signal once again sounded, "Amber----Amber----Green!" and nine racing cars burned rubber on the runway and screaming away from us!

Out of the bluish smoke came our entry! He also burned rubber but flew backwards about fifty feet, as we stood up and waving our arms frantically yelled, "Go man, go!" He had forgotten to shift from reverse into drive!

Champagne never tasted so good as we stood around and got Doc's signature, while he sat on the edge of his spanking new race car, some fifty feet behind the starting line.

HERE AND NOW

A recent letter from ANNA CHENNAULT advises that she hopes very much to be able to attend the reunion in October. In her letter she enclosed a report of the activities of her non-profit organization, Council for International Cooperation. In it are listed 12 different activities to which the Council contributes. Their interests, primarily in China, include programs in education and medicine. ANNA continues to travel to China 2 to 3 times a year and carries the responsibility for much of the Council's work herself.....The ROSBERTS are settled in their new home in Houston and recently had the joy of a visit from daughter, Marie along with her daughter, Kailani, along with her daughter. See photos of LIL, Marie, Kailani, and Serena (four generations) and JOE and LIL with their two great granddaughters.....DICK KALETA writes that on a 7 week vacation he went to Thailand where he had a great time seeing Air America colleagues and Thai and Malaysian friends. "Went through the Songkran Water Festival in Thailand which is always a wild and wooley time. Many of my Thai friends stated that I was a lucky person to be working at the age of 66, especially as a DC-3 pilot. One of our ex-Air

HERE AND NOW (cont'd)

America pilots, Bert Foote, is instructing German cadet pilots outside of Phoenix at age 74.".....The SHAVER family has been traveling too. JOANNE and PAT flew to France to spend time with MARY in her lovely home in Provence. In the meantime, BILL and MONSON flew down to LIN WILSON's resort in Belize where they enjoyed life snorkling and fishing.....The BIGONY family will have a really great family vacation in July, BIG, VICKY, BRUCE and MARY FRANCES and their daughter, and MARK and his 2 kids will all board a plane together in Los Angeles to fly to Germany where they will meet with 2 of Muschi's sisters in Munich. They will also visit a third sister in Mallorca - and they will be able to attend the famous passion plays which happen only every ten years. They will be gone a month and will be at the reunion to tell us about it.....ELLEN MARSH BECKER had another of her art exhibits in Sacramento in May ---wish we could have an exhibit at the reunion, ELLEN.....MARTHA CONRATH had to undergo gall bladder surgery in March but has recovered well and hopes to make the reunion.. ..SUSAN WALKER has moved from Minneapolis back to Fred's home in Maine, which must be exciting for you, SUSAN. Also a better location for your work with the land mines group. Hope you will give us an update on the progress being made in removing land mines from around the world at the reunion..... And the FINNERTY family has been doing a bit of traveling too. BOB and LIL on an Alaskan cruise (great food, LIL says) and Liann off to Shanghai and Hangchow - her mother's old home town.....

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Note: Sue Hacker has finally fallen into the hightech trap and has an IMAC computer. Her email address is:

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Try it and you may get me, but I am still in the idiot or dummy class when it comes to computers.

RETURNED BULLETIN

RANDALL RICHARDSON'S Bulletin came back from his Las Vegas address. Does anyone have a new one?





Great-grandparents, Joe & Lil Rosbert with great-granddaughter, Serena (on left) and great granddaughter, Averi (daughter of Chris and Bob's daughter, Amy).



Four generations of ladies, Serena, Kailani, Marie & Lil.

NOTES FROM McDERMOTT LIBRARY

Hints for Document Collectors: The HAC (History of Aviation Collection) receives many valuable aviation collections in the course of a year. One of the problems the volunteers and staff encounter is that many documents and photographs received have been held together for years with paper clips, staples or rubber bands. The clips and staples rust in time and the rubber bands break, often causing permanent damage to the materials. Photographs that have been attached with glued corners are often difficult to remove for copying. Documents that have been copied in the old thermofax paper are especially vulnerable to fading and cannot be reproduced by Xerox or similar types of copy machines.

CURRENT QUOTES FROM "WASHINGTON WHISPERS" (U.S. News & Report, July 3, 2000)

"Can you imagine having to introduce Monica Lewinsky to your family"? Monica Lewinsky, on her troubles meeting men.

JUST IN!!

ONE OF CAT'S SECOND GENERATION MICHAEL GLUSKIN

With sadness we announce that DAVE and NAOMI GLYSKIN's son Michael, born 46 years ago in Hong Kong, died in a crash on July 12th while driving north on highway 1 in Florida. A car, traveling in the opposite direction, turned into him.

Michael left Taiwan in 1975 to settle in Melbourne, Florida, where he became an engineer, a member of the Florida Professional Water Management Association, and an active leader in the Boy Scouts. He and his wife, Raye, raised two sons, David and Michael. We send our condolences to his entire extended family.

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