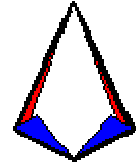


Pioneers of Stealth



NEWSLETTER

November 2010

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Social Committee

Tim Sweeney (Chair)

Jack Twigg (2011 Reunion)

REMINDER

All 2010 and 2011 dues (\$25/year or \$45 for both) are payable to the Treasurer *immediately*. **Please make checks payable to John B. Nix, Jr. and mail to 10423 Stallworth Ct, Fairfax, Virginia 22032.** See additional discussion of dues below

A Note from the POS President:

Well another year, another newsletter. Frankly we were supposed to do better than that. I take the blame here. Ralph even sent out a call for topics to the members last March. It's amazing how busy we get when we retire (or in my case, partially retire). That being said, you should have received the minutes from the 2009 reunion in Colorado Springs (e-mailed in January 2010) and the notices from Jack Twigg about the reunion next year in Northeast Harbor Maine. If you didn't, please let Ralph know, and he will get you the minutes. The details on the reunion can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Speaking of reunions, we had a great time in Colorado Springs October 2009 thanks to Jerry Vanden Bosch. The weather was sensational (not always a guarantee for that time of the year in Colorado). We enjoyed the AFA victory over Wyoming, a great Friday evening social and dinner, and a relatively lively business meeting (considering the age and previous night's drinking of the attendees). At the business meeting, Jack Twigg made an impassioned pitch for holding the **next reunion** in beautiful Maine in the early Fall. So we are off to Maine, **September 7-10, 2011**, just 10 months from now. Jack has made arrangements with the **Kimball Terrace Inn, Northeast Harbor, Maine**, so make your reservations as soon as possible. Many of us already have. All the details can be found at the end of this newsletter. As part of the reunion we will hold our usual business meeting. If you have any topics you would like to discuss or have discussed at the business meeting, please send them to either me at rbbongiovi@aol.com or Pete Knauth at pgknauth@verizon.net. We will need your input by 30 Jun 2011. I urge all members to attend this great reunion.

Per the charter, at *each* reunion we are supposed to install **new officers**. Because it took us awhile to get established, I recommended that we defer this until 2011. Frankly, I think we should consider modifying the charter to make the change every other reunion, but we will discuss that in Maine. We are planning to hold an election prior to the 2011 meeting for all of the officer positions. We will also be looking for new Committee chairs. I am looking for volunteer candidates from both the government and industry members. We are especially interested in more candidates from the industry community since this was a concern expressed by some members in the past. **If you would like to either volunteer yourself or nominate someone else to be a candidate for any of the POS officer positions** please contact either me at rbbongiovi@aol.com or Pete Knauth at pgknauth@verizon.net as soon as possible. I am shooting to mail the ballots by 1 June 2011.

A subject we will discuss at the next reunion is **dues**. I fully anticipate we will make some sort of a change. One of the reasons for the delay in getting this newsletter out was the need to find a new Treasurer. I am sure some of you are thinking "well, it's about time!" but Rick Abell was doing a great job as Treasurer. Unfortunately for personal reasons, Rick asked that we not extend his tenure when we extended the terms of the officers from 2009 to 2011. After a lot of agony and arm twisting, I was able to convince Tack Nix to take on the Treasurer duties. THANK YOU, Tack! As you would expect the transition involved closing/opening accounts, and Tack has many personal and professional responsibilities. But, **I am happy to announce that John B. Nix, Jr is now fully certified as our Treasurer**. This brings me back to dues! I want to be sure all members have fully paid their dues thru 2011 so that we are all at a common starting point for whatever we decide to do at the reunion. So **please pay your dues for 2010 and 2011 (and whatever past years (2008, 2009) you may owe) ASAP**. Contact Tack Nix

LTNix46@aol.com or Ralph Grimm grimmre@msn.com if you are unsure of what you may owe. See the payment instructions at the top of this newsletter.

We will also need to discuss and select the location of the next reunion. To do this we will be looking volunteers to host. If you are interested in offering up your location and a little of your time for the next reunion, please contact Tim Sweeney (Social Committee) at tims23@mac.com. Dave Lynch, Jerry Vanden Bosch, and Jack Twigg have done excellent jobs. However, the Social Committee was created and stands ready to assist any volunteer who would like to host a reunion. Tim needs to know if you want to volunteer to host the next reunion by 31 August.

A quick update on membership: at last count we exceeded 125 dues-paying members. I think we can comfortably say we are healthy as an organization. However, I still believe we all need to keep our eyes on the ball. We are more than happy to welcome new members.

Thanks to Ralph Grimm and the Communications Committee for putting this newsletter together. If you have any suggestions, please contact Ralph at grimmre@msn.com.

I am looking forward to seeing ALL of you at the reunion in September 2011. If you are still on the fence, it's time to jump in. Once again we are opening this reunion to all stealth alumni – even if they are not POS members – as part of our membership drive. If you have friends or associates who worked the stealth programs, please invite them to attend. *Increasing our membership is every member's responsibility.* Thanks.

Vice President Report – Pete Knauth

In preparation for the upcoming elections, we would like to refresh you on the Pioneer of Stealth organization. The officer's positions are the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Current terms expire at the 2011 reunion.

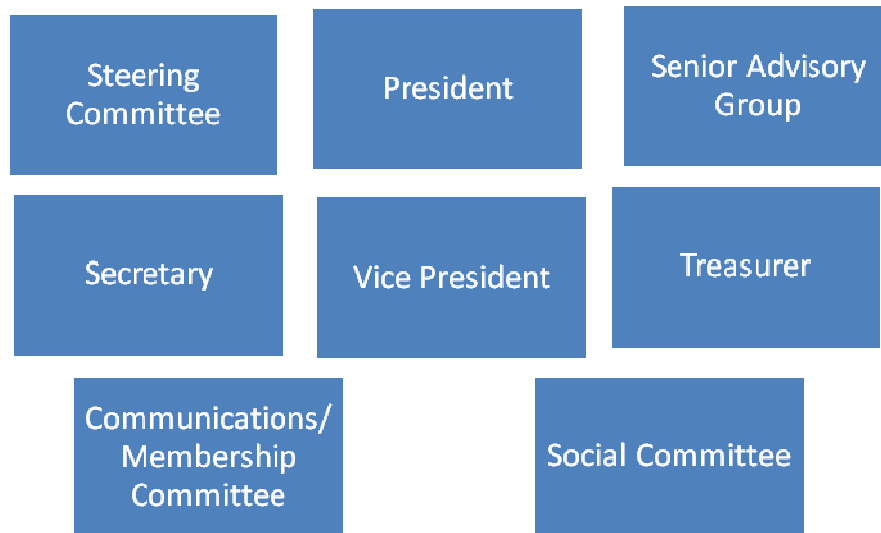
The Senior Advisory Group provides advice to the officers and committees. The current group includes Dick Scofield, Jack Twigg, and Jim Kinnu.

The Steering Committee maintains the provisions of the POS charter, sets dues, nominates officer candidates, schedules reunions, establishes special recognition, and any special events. The committee currently includes the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Communications-Membership Committee maintains the membership roster, sends out newsletters and provides communications for current and potential members. The committee

includes individuals from industry and government to maintain contact with as many members as possible.

The Social Committee schedules, plans and oversees the planning and execution of the POS reunions.



Secretary Report – Denny Jarvi

The POS Secretary is responsible for POS records and correspondence. The Secretary has custody of the POS Charter, Constitution, and Bylaws and all other records and documents. The secretary keeps accurate records of the meetings and activities of the POS and of the Executive Committee. The secretary collects, catalogs, maintains, and stores significant documents and photographs of POS activities the members wish to be saved.

- **Archive Pioneer of Stealth meetings.** I have talked with the National Museum of the Air Force about archiving the materials we have gathered over the years during our many reunions. They said they would be willing to accept the documents, photos, and memorabilia but these would only be accessible to researchers, those writing books, etc and not accessible to POS members who would simply wish to review them and perhaps copy a picture or two. I spoke to the National Aviation Hall of Fame about these documents. They cannot accept them due to both mission and physical space limitations. I found that Wright State University Library has an archive that will fill the bill. They have a staff that can perform research for you and anyone has access to the files. The documents can be reproduced but will be maintained as long as the archives

exist. The next step is to identify people in the photos so we have a record of them and turn the package over to WSU.

- **Milton Caniff Spirit of Flight Award.** A draft application for the National Aviation Hall of Fame Spirit of Flight Award is under review by the officers. We hope the Pioneers of Stealth will win this prestigious award at some point in the future. The Milton Caniff Spirit of Flight is an award presented annually by the National Aviation Hall of Fame to a group or organization that has made a significant contribution to America's aviation heritage.

Previous winners have included:

APOLLO Crews – 2009

X PRIZE Foundation – 2008

Flying Physicians Association (FPA) – 2007

American Society of Aviation Artists (ASAA) – 2006

Whirly-Girls – 2005

Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) – 2004

State of Ohio – 2003

American Eagle Squadrons – 2002

Society of Experiment Test Pilots – 2001

National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) – 2000

USAF Thunderbirds – 1981

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Communications and Membership – Ralph Grimm

The communications and membership committee is responsible for publishing newsletters and keeping the membership apprised of developments within the Pioneer of Stealth Community.

The Communications Committee includes a group of eleven members that have been requested to serve as ambassadors for the Pioneers of Stealth. The team members include both industry and government representation. These individuals are the direct ties to the organizations they represented ten to thirty years ago and are some of the key developers of Stealth vehicles. They may be contacting both present and future members to keep them apprised of developments within the Pioneers of Stealth community. Our membership is core to having a strong organization. Participation and attendance at reunions can make the organization stronger and more viable.

Please feel free to contact any of these team members at any time. Our website is also a good place for information. It includes the forms for membership application, words from the President, and reunion news. The website is found at <http://www.pioneersofstealth.org/>

The membership and communications committee will be selecting a new chairperson during the 2011 year, taking over the committee during the reunion of 2011. All members of the Communications and Membership committee are candidates for this position. If you would like to be a member of this committee, please contact Ralph Grimm. grimmre@msn.com

Comments/Suggestions from Members:

From Jim Uphold:

“One of the former presidents of Hughes Aircraft Company, when there still was a Hughes Aircraft Company, is writing a history of the Company from its founding in 1932 by Howard Hughes until it was sold off in parts in 1997-2000. Dave Lynch and I have been helping him a little so we have an idea of what his book contains. It has a sub-chapter devoted to LO aircraft in which Hughes Aircraft systems, mostly radars, were installed. It turns out this history is a fairly comprehensive but unclassified summary of LO aircraft development, at least some of them since it is unclassified. It is not clear when this thing will be published since it is still a work in progress at present. The relevant text might be of use in what you we're doing. I will keep you advised of the progress of this work.”

From Paul Martin:

“I do think there are a number of articles in existing small publications that would be of great interest to all. The SR-71 community has a newsletter with some great U2 and SR stories. The Flight Test Historical Society has a great newsletter as well. Possibly we can all keep our eyes peeled on stories "of our time", within the other groups that we belong to. One prolific writer is Sherm Mullin, so I can recruit him and put him to work. Sherm and Judea would love this group. I also have talked to Paul Meyer and Gary Ervin at Northrop. Gary now runs all of their Aircraft and Space Division - could be the CEO one day. We could some good Northrop history from them.

After I left Skunk Works I went to Sikorsky where they had a kind of imitation stealth Comanche (IR was awesome however), I can provide some articles on that aircraft. We purchased Schweitzer when I was there - remember the "Dog Star"? Paul, Les and Stu Schweitzer would be pleased to help.

At any rate, I would be happy to forward to you anything I see, and maybe get POS on the distribution list for some of these companies.”

Pioneer Losses: We are sad to report the loss of the following pioneers. Please keep these men and women and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Moe Star, May 24, 2010

Dick Cosgrove, 31 May 2010

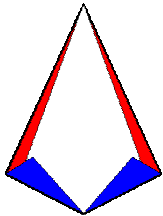
Sue Hoag, February 16, 2010

Sue was one of the very early Pioneer of Stealth members and was instrumental in organizing some of our first reunion meetings.

Allen Koester, Col (Ret), USAF, June 28, 2010

Don Cornell, 27 August 2008

2011 Reunion – Jack Twigg



Pioneers of Stealth 2011 Reunion

Arrive Sept 7, 2011

Depart Sept 11, 2011

Kimball Terrace Inn

Northeast Harbor, Acadia National Park, Maine

Hello Stealth Pioneers,

It is time for a report to you on the status of planning for the Stealth Pioneers Reunion next Fall in beautiful Northeast Harbor, Maine. This will be a marvelous affair! It is a great time of year in Maine, cooled down a lot and usually otherwise super weather! Mary Lou and I just had our 50th wedding anniversary where we are staying, at the Kimball Terrace Inn at the seaport of Northeast Harbor. We had a great family time - there is so much to do and see in nearby Acadia National Park. Be sure to bring your camera for some wonderful pictures.

We have 42 of the best ocean/harbor view rooms reserved for us. Please go on-line and look up www.kimballterraceinn.com to view the hotel and harbor setting. I am very pleased to report that we currently have reserved 21 of the 42 rooms reserved. (The names of those currently signed up are listed below). I am strongly encouraging those that are also considering signing up to do so, soon. Remember you can cancel your reservation at no charge if it is done at least 1 week prior to the Reunion start date. *(1 October update: 27 rooms reserved)*

I will be forwarding information soon for your consideration on travel directions and transportation. A summary for now is: you will need a rental car for this remote location and the nearest large airport is Bangor (BGR) Maine. Portland, Maine (PWM), Manchester, NH (MHT), and Boston, Mass (BOS) are also popular enroute options. Best driving route to Northeast Harbor thru Maine is via the Maine Turnpike (Rte 95).

We will have a fine hotel Hospitality Room reserved where most of us will meet each afternoon around 5PM following our visits to the local attractions. We'll team up and ride together to enjoy this forested, mountainous, and oceanside area.

A summary of the informal POS Reunion agenda during our Maine visit is as follows:

Wed 7 Sept 2011	5 PM	Welcoming cocktail party, Hospitality suite
Thur 8 Sept 2011	AM	Explore the island, mountains, and coastal areas
	5 PM	Hospitality suite
Fri 9 Sept 2011	AM	Explore the local area, shops, boating, hiking, etc
	9 AM	Golf tournament by 'wicked bad' (Maine -speak) golfing displays
	5 PM	Hospitality suite
	6:30 PM	Lobster Bake at the hotel restaurant
Sat 10 Sept 2011	9 AM	Business Meeting
	PM	Finish exploring Acadia National Park, hiking, coastal attractions and scenes

Hospitality suite and/or dine out on the local economy

Sun 11 Sept 2011 7 AM Breakfast together in the Main Sail Restaurant; depart

Please call if we can help with your planning questions.

Warmest wishes,

Jack Twigg

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PS The following individuals have made reservations: As of Sep 2010

- Ronald Bell
- Jack Twigg
- Herbert Hickey
- Stephen Smith
- Stephen Bepko
- Robert Bongiovi
- Ron Rodenroth
- Gerald Vanden Bosch
- Dick Scofield
- James Hogarty
- Robert Loschke
- James DeStout
- David Lynch
- Mark Wilson
- Larry Simcox
- John Griffin
- George Zieldorff
- Peter Knauth
- Steve Zakanyycz
- Bob Wulf
- Ralph Grimm

