

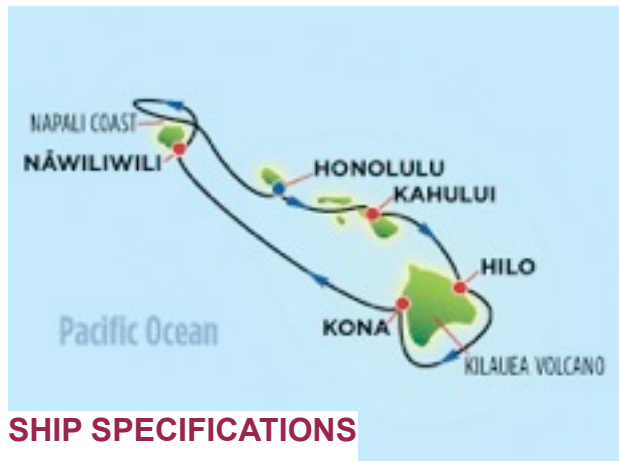
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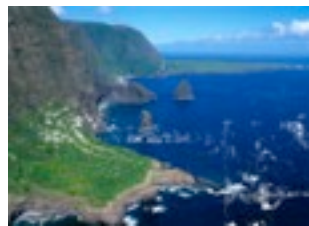


You can obtain all the details on this wonderful cruise that will depart from Honolulu on Dec. 10, 2011 and visit Maui, Hilo, Kona and Kauai. A block of staterooms have been reserved for Washington High School Alumni and their friends. If after checking all of the information on this cruise on NCL's web site you can call NCL at 866-234-7350 for any additional information you might need. Our **GROUP NUMBER IS #2099307**. A \$250.00 per person deposit per person needs to be paid to NCL by August 12, 2011. The balance of your fare must be paid by Sept. 26, 2011. If you have any questions I might be able to answer please feel free to call me at 702-735-4111. Please see stateroom rates and more on the next page of this O&B issue. I am working to put together a pre cruise itinerary for those of you that would like to visit Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7th, the 70th anniversary of the Japanese bombing. It will be special commemoration! Jack Phillips '54



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Augustana soccer field named after alumni donors



Kent Morstad '54
WHS 1954
Yearbook Photo.

Augustana College officials announced on June 7, 2011 that the school's soccer facility will be named Morstad Soccer Field, recognizing a recent gift from alumni Kent (WHS '54), and Judy Morstad. The Augustana soccer field was opened in September 2009 with no namesake. The facility allowed Augustana to move Viking soccer on campus for the first time in the program's history.

After graduating from Augustana in 1958, Kent Morstad, a Sioux Falls native and a graduate of Washington High School in 1954, attended the University of Minnesota for graduate work in mortuary science. He joined Miller Funeral Home in Sioux Falls in 1968 and was named partner in 1972. He currently serves the firm as partner and funeral director.



Judy & Kent Morstad
at the 2005
WHS All School Reunion

Judy (Lindekugel) Morstad, Augie class of 1961, is a native of Spencer. She is an active community volunteer and has served as president of the Parent Teacher Association and president of the Shrine Auxiliary.

Celebration of the Morstad Soccer Field naming will take place this fall. The amount of the Morstads' donation isn't being released.

Editor's note: Dear Kent and Judy, on behalf of all of us who will always have an especially warm and affectionate spot in our hearts for Augie, thank you for your extreme generosity.

Thanks to Denny York '55, for sending this interesting bit of info.

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South Dakota state legislators



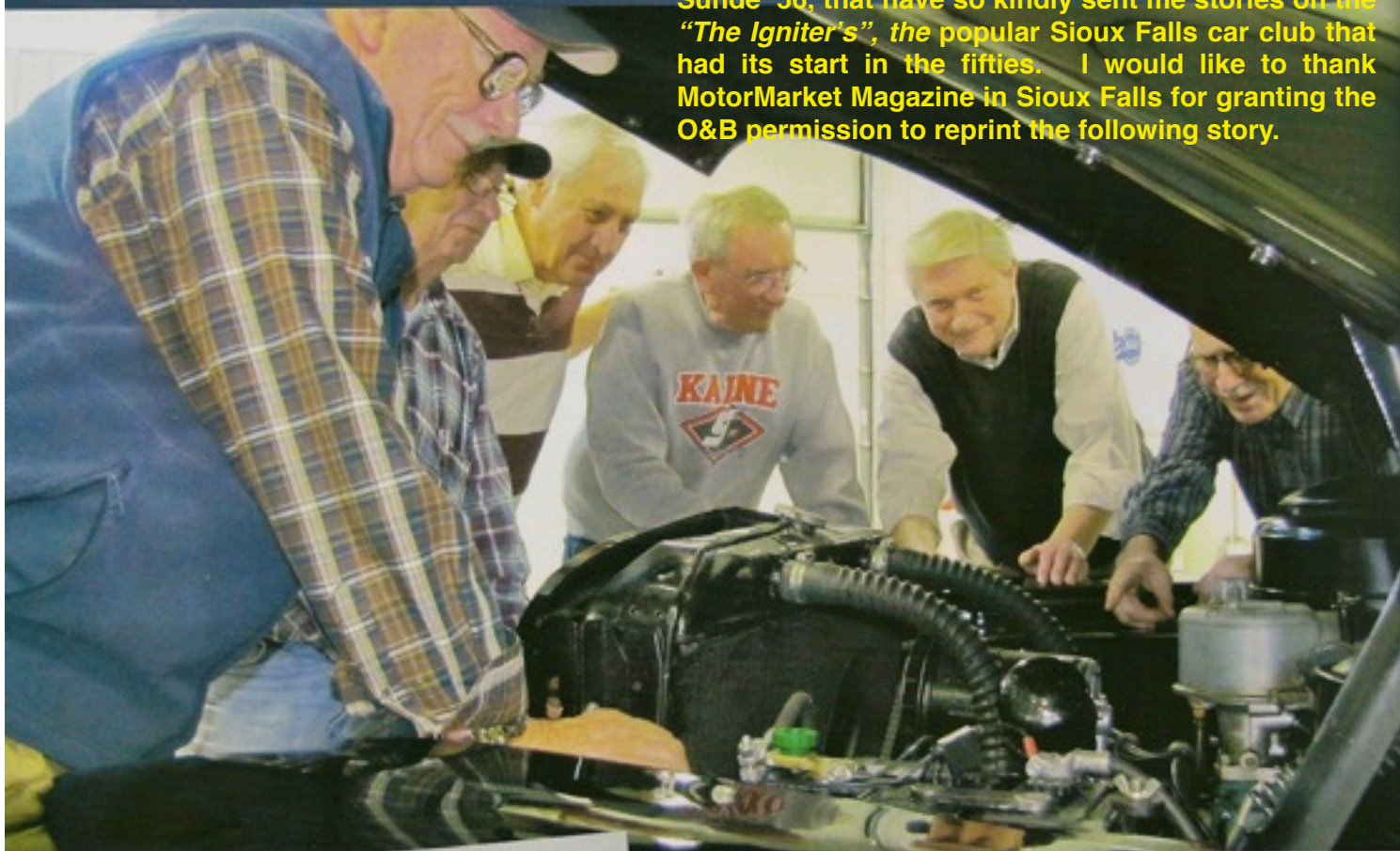
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Denny York '55
WHS 1955 Yearbook

COVER STORY

Many thanks to the several WHS classmates, some which are Gary Hartenhoff '53, Don Brown '53 & Jon Sunde '56, that have so kindly sent me stories on the "The Igniter's", the popular Sioux Falls car club that had its start in the fifties. I would like to thank MotorMarket Magazine in Sioux Falls for granting the O&B permission to reprint the following story.



Under the hood of a 1950 Mercury. L-R: Joe, Rod, Gary, Pete, Bill, Pierre



Bottom Row, L-R: Jerry Thomas, Gene Abdallah, Jack McDonald, Garry LaFranz

Center Row, L-R: Daryl Winters (policeman), Gary Hartenhoff, Joe Floyd Jr., Pierre Forette, Bud Adams, Dale (Pete) Page, Jerry Murray, Bob Schriever, Wayne Roberts (Ford Service Mgr.), Maynard Gudahl (Highway Patrolman)

Back Row, L-R: Roger Malcomb, Dick Stratmeyer, Ricky Harms, Carl Dickey, Harten Terwee, Zel DePriest, Dave Green, Gene Bullis

Once an Igniter... Always an Igniter

It all started as an effort to organize a group of high school kids who had one thing in common...a love of cars. Drag racing was common in 1953 on north Minnesota Avenue. The area was more rural than today. A group of high school hot rodders would meet to challenge their friends to a quarter mile drag race. The Sioux Falls Igniters were born out of the want to organize this group of young hot rodders into an organized group of hot rodders. Most of the members went to Washington High School while others graduated from Cathedral High School. The idea for the

club was actually the SD Highway Patrol's idea so they could keep kids from drag racing everywhere. "The club was started to help protect us," says original member Gary Hartenhoff when asked about the original members. "We knew if we included the cops, it would protect us." Highway Patrol Officer Maynard Gudahl was influential in starting the local hot rod club. "We were all drag racing all over town and someone wanted to bring order to the chaos," says another original member Joe Floyd. "We wanted a place to drag race. The police knew we were going to find a place to race and felt if they were involved with the club they would be able to 'control' the racing we were doing more than if they were not involved."



Igniter Reunion: Back L-R: Joe Floyd, Pierre Forette, Roger Malcomb, Bud Adams, Pete Page, Carl Dickey, Jerry Murray, Bob Schriver. Front L-R: Jerry Thomas, Gene Abdallah, Ron Smout, Gary LaFranz

"We had about six original members of the club," says another original member Pierre Forette. It quickly grew to almost a couple dozen members in the first year. The goal of the club was to "promote safety in organized hot rodding". In 1959, they incorporated under the laws of South Dakota and received their charter from the National Hot Rod Association in 1960. They sponsored a drag race at the Sioux Falls airport in 1955 along with helping with various community drives and citywide

safety checks. The club continued to grow with membership topping out in the 40-50 range in the early sixties. As the club grew, so did their involvement in local car activities. The club acted as the official Soap Box Derby inspection team and assisted with running

the local Derby races held at what is now I-29 and Highway 38 (the original hill just North of the Ramkota Inn).

The Igniters first clubhouse was a little wooden building on north Main. The

for over 20 years until a freak flash flood in Colorado flooded his basement and ruined the records." Every Igniter member paid a \$15 initiation fee and received an Igniter plaque.

The plaque was designed by Hartenhoff and cost about \$12. Igniter members would proudly show their plaque somewhere on their hot rod. Normally they were bolted to the bumper or license plate with a pair of chains so they would not break off when the car hit bumps.

Bill Kullander, who joined the club in 1955, says, "We never did mean

things but we did get into trouble for racing occasionally. At the time, people looked at us as a group of rowdy kids that were destined to get into trouble. I'm sure they thought most of us would end up in the 'Big House' on the

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clubhouse later moved out to the airbase barracks north of Russell Street. "We had meetings because we had to be legitimate," recalls another original member Pete Page. "We even took meeting minutes. Our Secretary, Jerry Murray, kept those records



Gary holding original Igniter plaque



1938 Ford

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Hill. Ironically, many of the club members went on to be successful professionals and business people. The members never lost their love for cars and with their financial success were able to build street rods and car collections they could only dream of when they were kids.

Page remembers, "The police were always stopping us to check the loudness of our pipes. One particular officer named Smitty was always chasing us. He wrote us up many times for numerous petty offenses. One day we had an idea to 'repay' him. We pulled the spark plug wire off his Harley motorcycle between shifts and put it under the seat. When the new shift policeman went to kick start the bike it shocked him in the butt. The 'shocked' officer got mad at Smitty and we felt we got some sort of payback."

A popular spot to race was Highway 38 north of the airport. "We raced between the bridges," recalls Page. It was brand new concrete. We would be downtown cruising and the talk would escalate about who's car was faster and before you knew it we were out there ready to race. The talk would be 'we have a car that can beat you.' It worked pretty well until the police came."

Floyd smiles and said, "This was the best collection of rowdy misfits. We grew up in the

best times and the best place. We grew up in times just like American Graffiti. The Barrel Drive-Inn was a hopping place at the time. It was at the South end of town at that time. Ricky's and Cutler's on East 10th were the East side hangouts. Phillips and Main were new one-way streets back then. That was the loop. We would get bored and get three cars side by side and drive 5 MPH and make all the other traffic really mad. It did not harm anyone, it was clean fun."

"The cops knew us well. We knew all of the police officers at that time. We had cars in high school; there was no parking lot for us so we parked our cars on the streets. Dave Green (an expert pin stripper) later became Chief of Police, Gene Abdullah, (an original member) was a former US Marshal, and Sheriff Les Hawkey (member of the Roadmasters) were all friends of ours who went on to careers in law enforcement. All of the igniters were successful in life in spite of being hot rodders."

Igniter members did many community minded deeds. One of them was to push installation of seat belts. From 1955-60 there was a push for safety belts in cars. Seat belts were not standard on cars at the time. Bill said, "We would go around with a highway patrolman or police officer and we would help install seat belts into people's

cars. We worked with law enforcement to tell the public the proper way to install seat belts." Public service was an important part of Igniter membership.

Joe's first car was a '38 Dodge sedan. The first month he had it he was heading south on Cliff Avenue at 12th Street. "This kid came down the sidewalk on a bicycle and hit my car in the front fender at the intersection. He was hurt so I picked him up and hauled him to McKennan Hospital. The cops came to the hospital and told me I left the scene of an accident. However, when I explained the situation they decided to not give me a ticket." Pete drove a 1928 Model A Roadster (with no windshield or roof) year round. The car held four people-two in front and two in back. He lived on the east side of town and always had to park it on top of the hill on 8th Street by his house because the car never started. They would start the car by pushing it down the hill and popping the clutch.

Gary adds, "We grew up in the best of times for hot rodders. Car manufacturers did not build cars during the war. After the war there was plenty of demand for new cars so you could get these used cars for a great price because everyone was buying new ones. You started to think cars at an early age and you learned to drive at an early age. You

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Photographs



Pierre and his
1949 Olds



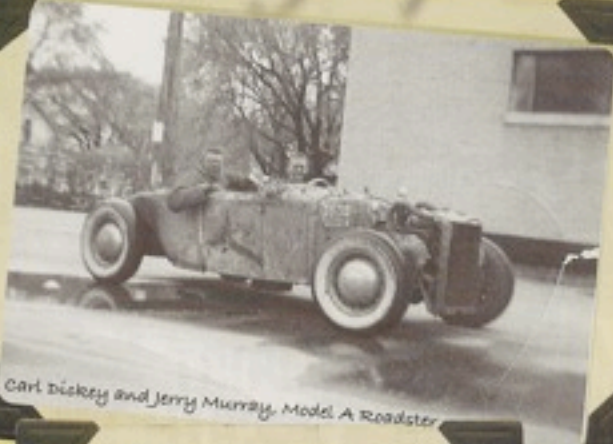
Pierre and his 1940 Chevy



Pierre and his 1940 Chevy



Pete Page and his 1941 Chevy



Carl Dickey and Jerry Murray, Model A Roadster



Pete Page and his 1940 Ford Coup, chopped &
sectioned at Sioux City Drag Races



Hot rod built by Pierre & Pete



Bill Kullander and his 1951 Mercury



The California Crew



Bill Kullander's 1954 Chevy, holding Igniter jacket



Don Brown and his 1940 Graham

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did not even have driver's licenses back in those days. It was like the Wild West for hot rodders."

Page adds, "Sioux Falls back then was different. The cars were cheap and so were the parts. In those days, when you had problems with a car, you just pulled over to the side of the road, took a spare part out of the trunk and fixed it".

Gary recalls, "Times were exciting. We never paid attention to the young ladies. They were not important to us. It was all about cars when we were young. The gals would come over to the garage when we would work on the cars but we never picked them up at their house. They thought we were kings because we had cars."

According to Bill Kullander, "Back in the 50's on the corner of 10th and Cliff was the original Sioux Falls Children's Home managed by Elmer Garness and his wife. Their son, Jan, had a 1937 Ford Slantback Sedan with dual straight pipes (which were illegal). His folks had a room that was designed as his hobby room and we would build model cars in there. One day we hopped in his '37 and headed to Zesto. Along the way we noticed two little old ladies with an old Ford with a flat tire. We pulled in to help them out. Being

an Igniter came with a responsibility to help others. We used to carry Igniter cards that said 'you were just helped by a member of the SF Igniters Club'. When we pulled in, Jan made sure everyone could hear his car. We didn't see a police officer in the parking lot. He just sat there watching us help the two old ladies. After we changed their tire and drove off, the officer followed and gave us a ticket. At the time you could get out of paying for the ticket if you went down to the police station and showed them that you fixed the pipes. There was a technique that we would use that included sticking a can of soup in the muffler to silence them enough to pass the inspection. This time, however, we didn't fool the officer."

Bill remembers, "All Igniter members had jackets with their name or nickname on them. Jan's nickname was Mapo because he loved Mapo Cereal. (For those of you who are too young to know, there was a famous commercial for the cereal with the tag line 'I want my Mapo'. One day we went down to KELO TV to help with the Jerry Lewis Telethon. (We would go collect the checks from people after they pledged a donation and bring them back to the station.) KELO TV legend, Dave Dedrick, would interview us on TV and when he came to Jan all he said was,

"I want my Mapo". So Jan had the name Mapo on his jacket. We would go to Kirk's Drive Inn on 12th and Kiwanis on Saturday mornings for breakfast. The restaurant did not serve Mapo cereal. When Jan came in he would yell out 'I want my Mapo'. Finally after a few months of listening to him, the waitress purchased a box of Mapo cereal for him."

The club fell apart and splintered off into other hot rod clubs in town in the middle sixties. Decades passed but 'once an Igniter, always an Igniter' slogan was made a reality when Bill organized a reunion in 2007. "We had a reunion that Bill put together in 2007," recalls Floyd. Joe, Bill, and Pierre talked about the reunion and figured out that there were four groups of Igniters throughout the years. Bill adds, "We wanted to get everyone together to reminisce. We were all getting older and we wanted to get together one more time. I worked for Xcel Energy in Community Relations so I had experience with setting up these types of meetings. We mailed out postcards and had people from California, Colorado, Minnesota, Illinois, Texas, and of course South Dakota. It amazed me that these guys would come all this way to make this meeting. We even had people show up that I didn't have an address for but they heard about it and came. We had 53

attendees (including spouses). Out of the 53, 29 of them were Igniters."

"What fascinated me was how many Igniter members we did not know. We knew the original members but did not know the newer guys. The club didn't exist after 1964. It did have a good run for 10 years however," said Gary Hartenhof. The Igniters were the first and probably most famous of all the local clubs. Their spirit and passion for hot rodding lives on. "Once an Igniter, always an Igniter." THM

Sioux Falls Igniters Hot Rod Club Roster 1952 thru 1962

Cene Abdallah	Bud Adams
Jerry Anderson	Lonnie Anderson*
Ed Benson	Gene Bullis*
Zel DePriest	Lyle DeVries
Carl Dicky	Chas Eisenbraun
Arden Fjellenger	Joe Floyd
Pierre Forette	Rob Foss
Lloyd France	Jan Garness*
Dave Green*	Mayard Guhdahl*
Gunderson	Harms
Gary Hartenhof	Dennis Heidebrink
Danny Hines*	Lyle Huls
Ron Jellis	Vern Jensen
Paul Jorenson	Bill Kultander
Gary LaFrance	Bernie Larson
Chuck Larson	Tom Mahl
Roger Malcomb*	Charles Malone
Jack McDonald	Wayne Moe*
Jerry Murray	Herman Nelsen
Pete Page	Merle Plucker
Jerry Potter	Wayne Roberts*
Newell Qualseth	Mike Savold
Bob Schriever*	Francis Serios
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I. to r. Rod Smart, Pete Page '54, Joe Floyd '54, Pierre Forette, Bill Kullander '59, Gary Hartenhoff '53

*Debra Davey and I were married in
Las Vegas, NV
on June 3, 2011.*



*Because it was
such a beautiful
wedding I just had
to share a tiny bit of
it with all of you.
Only immediate
family and a few
very close and dear
friends made up
the 70 guests in
attendance. I was
so appreciative
that some of my
very best friends
from WHS could
join us. See their
photo below.*



Debra looked so beautiful as she came down the aisle to me. I thank God daily for all of my blessings.



Debra loves butterflies and one from our butterfly release landed on Debra's bouquet.



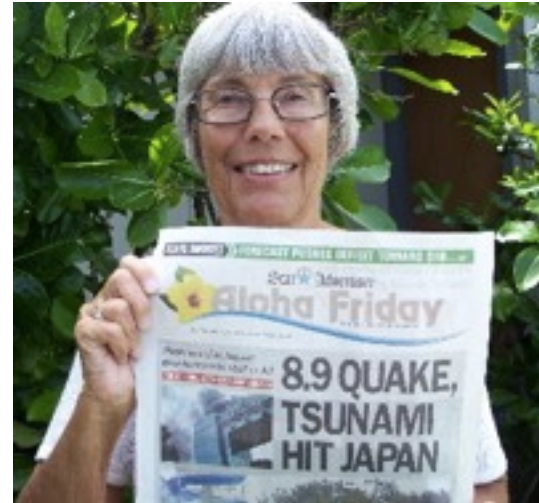
Left: June & Bud '54 Olson, Scottsdale, AZ; Warner Brown '54 and Karen Gurley Brown, '54, Mesa, AZ; Judy and Kent Morstad '54, Sioux Falls, SD; The Groom; Beverly Kaiser, Phoenix & Wayne Gustafson '54, Rapid City, SD & Mesa, AZ; Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54 & Bob Zimmerman '54, Mesa, AZ

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Mar 28, 2011, at 10:53 AM,
D37carlson@aol.com wrote:

Dear Jack,
Gary and I were in Hawaii during the recent tsunami. We go to Hawaii every year during March to get away from the Northeast. Our daughter lived there for ten years, so we went each year to visit her because we are good parents! When she moved back to the mainland, we continued to go there anyway. We stay at a B&B in Kailua on Oahu. We like it because it is an easy walk down to the beach. On Thursday, March 10, we had already fallen asleep when the owner of the B&B woke us up with the news that Japan had been hard hit with an earthquake and that the tsunami would reach Hawaii at 3 a.m. She said we were in the evacuation zone and needed to

leave. We were a little fuzzy headed, but started to put some things together. She came by again and said we should take enough for five days. That was when reality set in. We packed everything and closed the place up. She had two other couples staying there so we made a four car convoy and headed up the hills to the Kailua High School where we sat in our cars from 10 p.m. until 8 a.m. Fortunately they opened the restrooms for us. The warning sirens sounded every hour until 3 a.m. and then we didn't hear it again. We decided to return to the B&B and no one stopped us. The house was safe and so were we. On Oahu the damage was primarily to small boat marinas--one near Koneohe and the other on the North Shore near Haliewa.



**Dorothy Langley Carlson '54
shows the headlines**

**Gary Carlson '50 and
Dorothy Langley Carlson '54
survived the tsunami!**

On May 17, 2011, at 3:54 PM, Joyce Teters wrote:

Thanks for all you do and for including me on your emailing list as requested by my brother Jervin Wait...What an awesome human being he is and how lucky I am to have him as a brother.

LtCol (retired) Dr Joyce Teters
1460 Marshall St Apt #2
Redlands, CA 92374
HP 909-793-0995

Currently the Director of Safety for Regimental sized United States Marine Corps Command at 29 Palms, CA with three battalions and 5000 Marines, Retired from United States Air Force where I flew with the F-15 fighter squadrons and trained pilots and flight crews for 20 years.

Now teaching my Marines the skills to stay alive in Afghanistan.

Please keep me posted on my highschool friends and those who still reside in Sioux Falls.

Gods Speed Dr Joyce

Editors Note: Joyce was Joyce Wait, class of '57. Her brother, Jervin Wait was in the class of '55. Jervin, married Carol Tague, also in the class of '55.

On May 26, 2011, at 5:06 AM, Patti O'Neal wrote:

Jill Callison from the Argus Leader did an article on Greetings From Sioux Falls that appears in today's paper. Check it out!

Link www.greetingsfromsiouxfalls.com

Editors note: Patti O'Neal's maiden name was Fitzgerald. She was in the class of '57.

This same website was also sent to me by Gary Hartenhoff '53.



**Patti Fitzgerald '57
WHS 1957 Yearbook photo.**

On May 28, 2011, at 2:46 PM, JSunde@aol.com wrote:

Jack: Thank you for Rose Ann connection ...she was so gracious to get right back to me and resolved our missing person.. and additionally I am attaching a blurb about our reunion in July if you would be so kind to include sometime would be much appreciated....Regards, Jon Sunde. **Note: Jon Sunde was in the class of '56.**

May 1, 2011

Classmate,

We have finalized plans for our 55th Class Reunion the weekend of July 29, 30 and 31, 2011. The itinerary is as follows:

Friday evening 7:00 PM, no host cocktails at Holiday Inn Terrace for those arriving early and anyone else who would like to get together and say "Hi".

Saturday morning 8:00 AM tee off time for golf at Northern Links Golf Course, 7701 N. Cliff (2 miles N of I-90 on Cliff). The cost for 18 holes with a cart is \$34.00 and without a cart is \$22.00 which is payable that morning at the course. Further information or questions can be directed to Floyd Prouty email: fcprouty@sio.midco.net or phone 605-332-1808.

We have arranged for a tour of the Washington Pavillion, (old WHS) at 2:00 PM followed by no host coffee at Leonardo's Café which is in the Pavillion where the cafeteria used to be. There is free parking in the ramp across Main at the corner of 12th Street. The Pavillion would like a head count in order to provide an adequate number of tour guides.

Saturday evening 5:00 PM is registration for dinner at Chef Dominique's, which is in the lower level of the Shriver Bldg. (11th and Phillips). There will be a cash beer and wine bar. There is free parking in the ramp to the east of the building and access via a sky walk from the second level which takes you to the second level of the Shriver Bldg and the elevators. Parking is also free on the street on weekends.

Sunday morning we will have a catered breakfast at Falls Park at 8:30 AM.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn downtown for Friday and Saturday nights, July 29 and 30 at a cost of \$94.00 per night. Reservations must be made by July 7 at Holiday Inn, 605-339-2000. Reference WHS Class of 1956 when making reservations

The cost for dinner and breakfast is \$50.00 per person payable by July 1. Questions should be directed to Georgia Johnson, 605-338-7060 or email gjtn7odsf@aol.com or Marsha Millage, 605-332-7638 or email mam717rd@aol.com. Checks should be made payable to WHS Class of 1956 and mailed to Georgia Johnson, WHS Class of 1956, 4009 S. Glenview Rd, Sioux Falls, SD 57103-4541

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On Jun 8, 2011, at 1:21 PM, Harry Hoiland wrote:

Jack, You have done a fantastic job for all of our class. There is one of our classmates that deserves special mention as he had the honor of being in the first class to graduate from the Air Force Academy. I was an airman at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver in Jan.-July 1955 going to radar school for the SD Air National Guard when these first cadets came in and we had to share our barracks with them for a short while which meant that we had to put up with the same BS that the cadets got. Just Google Whitey Axlund and you will get this article. I could not get the page to copy but it is from page 120 from the 1959 Air Force Academy Polaris Yearbook! I think that is a very special honor to be in the first class ever to graduate from the Air Force Academy. Thanks for the great job/service you are doing! Harry Hoiland

Editors note: Thanks to Harry Hoiland '54 of Gig Harbor, WA for sending this on Roger "Whitey" Axlund '55. I only knew Whitey slightly from WHS football, but I always knew him as such a class guy. We need to always remember Whitey as a brave young man who gave his life for his country.



Roger Axlund '55
WHS 1955
Yearbook Photo.



Keith Morrill '54
WHS 1954 Yearbook

On Jun 13, 2011, at 1:34 PM, Keith Morrill wrote:

Jack, It's always sad to receive the news that another classmate has passed away, especially since it is now happening more frequently. News that Dick is now gone really affected me. Your remarks about Dick were truly touching and I thank you for them. I am thankful I had the opportunity of being friends with him over the years, even though I did not see him very often after retiring and moving to Custer. I consider Dick the nicest guy I ever knew during my years at WHS and beyond.

In spite of the sorrow that often accompanies your class updates I want you to know that I very much appreciate the time and effort you make to keep the rest of us informed.

Thanks again, Keith

On Jun 16, 2011, at 12:44 PM, Ole Bjerk wrote:

Jack: Your pictorial of the latest Sioux Falls Park is a far cry from the days when us East Siders, Dick Mriden, Don Jensen and others used to swim and catch minnows for fishing, swimming in the cory across the road was a cool experience in the hot summer. Great to hear from you. I applaud your efforts to keep the O & B alive and well.
Orlo



Orlo Bjerk '53
WHS 1953 Yearbook



Paul Winden '54
WHS 1954 Yearbook

On Jun 8, 2011, at 7:38 AM, pwinden@cox.net wrote about Dick Ronken

Jack, I am deeply grateful for your sharing information of great importance about classmates, schoolmates etc. Death notices about Dick and others, though not shocking at our time in life, are still emotionally charged with feelings of grief and loss as precious memories and feelings are recalled.

You are a blessing to many!!

Paul Winden

An elderly man is stopped by the police around 1 a. m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night. The man replies, "I am going to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?" The man replies, "That would be my wife."



Marcia Jones '54
WHS 1954 Yearbook

On Jun 5, 2011, at 3:46 PM, Marciamljh@aol.com wrote:
Congratulations on your wedding! Much happiness! I enjoy receiving the Orange and Blacks and thank you again! I returned from the Balkans a week ago. The highpoint for me was the unluted tomb of Philip II of Macedon, Alexander's father. This is a year for much travel for me. I had planned and looked forward to a trip to Egypt in March, transiting the Suez Canal, visiting Petra and Syria but I figured they didn't need an elderly foreign woman in their revolution so I transferred to Japan instead and was there for the earthquake! We were in Kyoto at the time so weren't personally affected. Next month I'm going to Istanbul for a trip around the Black Sea. Have a lovely summer!
Marcia Jones Hartshorn

Editors note: Marcia was in the class of 1954.



Royce Adams '58
WHS 1958 Yearbook

On Feb 14, 2011, at 12:53 PM, Litljump@aol.com wrote:
Thank you for including me with your publications. I will give you the information you requested now also.
Royce (WHS 58) and Deanna (WHS 61) Adams - Dee's maiden name was Frerk
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Sioux Falls, SD 57104
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Deanna Frerk Adams '61
Dee's Junior year photo
WHS 1960 Yearbook

50 years of information would fill many pages but perhaps a consolidation will be sufficient. 1958, after graduation, I found myself at the Recruit Depot, U.S. Marine Corps, San Diego, Calif.

3 years later, after serving in the Third Marine Air Wing, I was back home to do a summer of fishing and relaxation. I got so relaxed I never went back to California as I had planned. I attended SDSU, Brookings, ran out of funds, was hired by Swift Brothers Construction, then Northwest Bell Telephone Co. and then went into the family business, Adams Advertising and Printing. During that time I was also a member of the South Dakota Air National Guard, attended Augustana College, sold the business and went to work as a Behavior Specialist with the Sioux Falls School District. The wife and I both, as employees of that school district, retired on May 18, 2009.

Dee, a grad of WHS (61) married me in 1963, one son joined us in 1967 and the second son in 1970. Both sons are still single so don't worry about seeing any pictures of grand kids.

We both still substitute teach when we wish to. We enjoy our home and our perennial garden with the swimming pool in the middle of it all. We have traveled to Europe many times and tracked down a great number of relatives there. I will attempt to attach a picture with this E-mail.

Thanks again,
Royce and Deanna Adams

Editors note: Dee, I apologize for having to use your junior year photo but I only have 1950 to 1960 yearbooks. Would any one like to donate any other yearbooks?



Ardeen Rich Foss '58
WHS 1958 Yearbook

On Jan 21, 2011, at 6:13 PM, Richard Foss wrote:
Hello Jack, My name is Ardeen Richard Foss, WHS 1958, living in Bali, Indonesia. We really enjoy the O & B Alumni newsletter. So interesting to see the SFHS t-shirts and sweat shirts on the Indonesian folks. What brings you to Jakarta?
What great memories of Warren and Sonya Oyan Gedstad and all the other musicians of that time. It seems to be true that there was a lot more to "band" than just the music. Sonya was a big idol of mine back then. I guess I had a sub-teen crush way back at Mark Twain, but never told her so.
Rich Foss



Vicky Brubaker '59
WHS 1959 Yearbook

On Jan 21, 2011, at 2:18 PM, Vicki Brubaker wrote:

JACK: ONCE AGAIN I MUST PRAISE YOUR WORK WITH THIS O&B NEWS LETTER...IT SEEMS IT'S CONSTANTLY FULL OF WONDERFUL NEWS, REPORTS, HEARING FROM OLD FRIENDS AND SOMETIMES EVEN HEARING ABOUT OLD ONES THAT PROBABLY DON'T REMEMBER ME,, BUT I REMEMBER THEM!

NEXT MONTH, DONNA MARY HECKER AND SHIRLEY KITTELSON (BOTH 1959 CHEERLEADERS WITH ME) ARE VISITING ME HERE IN FLORIDA FOR A WEEK! SIOUX FALLS PROBABLY STILL ISN'T OVER OUR 50TH CLASS REUNION 2009....BUT JUST WAIT TIL THE 3 OF US FINISH HERE IN NAPLES, FL. HA....ISN'T IT TREATING! THE WEATHER HAS BEEN SO COLD UP YOUR WAY THAT POOR

SHIRLEY WAS JUST DYING TO GET OUT -- AND DONNA MARY WAS ABLE TO JOIN US AT MY LITTLE VILLA HERE; ALTHOUGH TEXAS, WHERE DONNA LIVES, ISN'T AS BAD AS SIOUX FALLS IS FOR SHIRLEY. WE ARE ALL VERY EXCITED ABOUT THEIR VISIT!

I'LL SEND YOU PICTURES JACK.

IT WAS INTERESTING READING ABOUT RON VEENKER, AS HIS BROTHER STEVE AND I E-MAIL EACH OTHER ON A REGULAR BASIS. STEVE AND I WERE VOTED THE WITTIEST IN OUR CLASS AND HE STILL IS A SCREAM! LOVE TO HEAR FROM HIM.

I KNOW THAT SOME OF YOUR NEWS ISN'T ALWAYS ABOUT HAPPY EVENTS, I.E. OBITS, BUT IF WE CAN BELIEVE AS I DO, THAT WE WILL BE WITH THEM ALL AGAIN, IT'S JUST ANOTHER PART OF OUR JOURNEY. LIFE IS SO GOOD.

THANKS AGAIN JACK. YOU REALLY DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB PUTTING THE O&B TOGETHER.

JUDI MCDUGAL, SEND ME AN E-MAIL HONEY SO I CAN WRITE YOU A NOTE NOW AND THEN TOO!

VICKI BRUBAKER 1959

Editors note: Sorry Vicki, but Judi McDougal is not an O&B subscriber.

This, in a small way, will put into perspective what we have in our world today.

"Warshing Clothes Recipe" -- imagine having a recipe for this ! ! ! Years ago an Alabama grandmother gave the new bride the following recipe: This is an exact copy as written and found in an old scrapbook -spelling errors and all.

WARSHING CLOTHES Build fire in backyard to heat kettle of rain water. Set tubs so smoke wont blow in eyes if wind is pert. Shave one hole cake of lie soap in boilin water. Sort things, make 3 piles 1 pile white, 1 pile colored, 1 pile work britches and rags. To make starch, stir flour in cool water to smooth, then thin down with boiling water. Take white things, rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, and boil, then rub colored don't boil just wrench and starch. Take things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then wrench, and starch. Hang old rags on fence. Spread tea towels on grass. Pore wrench water in flower bed. Scrub porch with hot soapy water. Turn tubs upside down. Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with hair combs.. Brew cup of tea, sit and rock a spell and count your blessings.

Paste this over your washer and dryer and the next time you think things are bleak, read it again and then kiss your washer and dryer, and give thanks. For you non-southerners, "wrench" means, rinse