

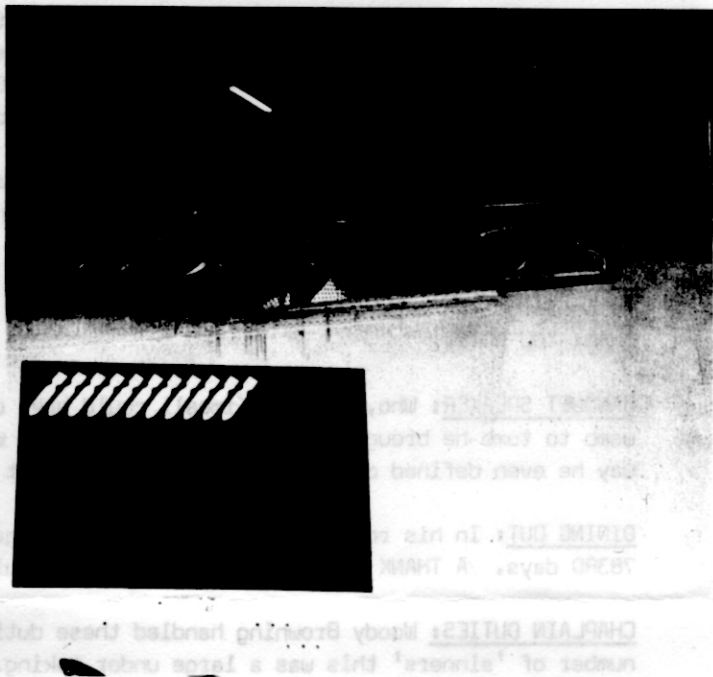
783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

SEPTEMBER 1985

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

YOU ASKED FOR IT! PUT ON YOUR HIP BOOTS; FASTEN YOUR SAFETY BELTS; PLACE A CLAMP ON YOUR NOSE; AND HANG ON. HERE COMES ANOTHER LOAD FROM THE TEXAS BULL SHIPPER! *****

DAYTON 85' REUNION NEWS



REUNION TROOPS LINE UP FOR ONE MORE MISSION. LOOK WHO WAS DRIVING. ALL OF THIS PROVES IT MUST HAVE BEEN & R&R RUN!

STOOD WHEN THE BUGLE BLEW:

HARRY & RICK GREENE; JIM & PEG MC CLOSKEY; BOB WILLS; GEORGE & DORIS JOSTEN; GEORGE & PHYLLIS BEVINGTON; WOODY & CATHY BROWNING; BEN & ANNA DUBOSE; JIM & NOLA MAY; BILL & KATE IRICK; ORBIN & ELBA RUTLEDGE; ALEXANDER BARONOSKI; DICK & LILLIAN SNOW; NICK & JEAN RODAK; AL & ANNA MARIE HONEY; HARVEY ANDRESON; DICK & JEAN MARSH; BURT & KAY ANDRUS; HEINIE & RUTH HEINOLD; BO & ANN BOLINSKI; KEN & PHYLLIS RUSSELL; BOB & VIRGINIA FERRELL; BOB & JOSEPHINE WILLEKE; JOHN & FAY KNOUS; CHIEF & HAZEL ELLIOTT; RALPH MC ELYEA; WARD DANIELS; BOB & BETTY SPELLBRINK; JOHN & DORIS MARSHALL; DON & DORIS KAY; LEONARD CLUTTS; PAUL ROBERTS; FRANK & MILDRED MAYALL; NYME & JUNE FARAGE; MITCH & EVELYN GUZIEZKA; JACK & RUTH MEYER; JIM TUCCIO; FLOYD & BARABARA COFFIELD; SARKIS & MARY SAMARGIAN; JOE & GLADYS MONTGOMERY; JOHN & TRUDY STEWART; JAMES & DOLLIE SNYDER; NORMAN & JOANNE BUTTS; JIM & SYLVIA DULITZ; TOM & JEAN FITZPATRICK; ED & JEAN PEREIRA; SAM & BEA CINTOLO; ROBERT & FLORINE LAWSON; BILL & HELEN BOLIN; CHARLES & EVELYN ELLIS; JOHN U. WALKER; JOHN CUNLIFFE; WARREN & LORAIN POLSON; EDDIE & ELENOR BATES; AL & GENEVA WYLIE; GOLDEN & MARTHA JONES; JOE CASADEVALL; CLARENCE & KATHY OWENS; TOM & ANN TENNILLE; HARRIET COHEN; JOHN & EVELYN MC NAMEE; JIM & DOT STEEN; FLOYD & JEAN GREGORY; CHARLIE & EVELYN PAYNE; JOHN & ESTHER PLARR; MICKIE & ANNE DUCKWORTH; CHARLES & KIT CARSON; LANSING JONES; HAROLD & ADA WALTON; RALPH SMITH; MILTON & SARAH ROUSH; JAMES & AGNES ALTHOFF; HARRY OGDEN; WALTER & GINNY WILSON; CLIFF & JANET RACHFORD; LOUIS & MARTHA REBOTTARO; SOL & JEANNE LITMON; LINFORD & MAXINE LAVRACK; WILLIAM & FLORENCE FISK; VIRGINIA & PAM BILHARZ; SANDY & IRIS DE LUCIA & SONS; JAKE PUTNAM; DICK & JEAN ROUNDHOUSE; BILL TEDDER; ISIDORE ERSTNER; JIM KYES; JOE & DOT HOFFMAN; PAUL & ELANOR CELLA; CLAYTON & VIRGINIA VAN DYKE; PIERCE & DIONE SILER; LYLE & MARYSE LONG; EMERY & ANITA SCHWARTZ; EUGENE & MARY KULCZYK; DWIGHT PERKINS; CHARLES & CHELLA KUHN; NORM & BETTY LUND; JACK & RITA BROGAN; DICK & MAGGIE ROGERS; STAN & ELAINE PACE; JOE & PHYL BASTIN; BILL & SHIRLEY RUTAN; MIKE & SARAH MAGGAGINE; NEIL & MARJORIE BROWN; BILL & AUDREY BITTERMAN; FRANK & EDIE GOPLEN; BOB & ROSEY ANDERSON; BURKE & HELEN HUBER; SAM & LYNNE MARIE; LEE & TEENY GILLESPIE; ALVIN MURPHY; KENNY & DB LINDOW; TOM & CATHY BELL; JOE & DORIS EINECKER; HARRY & LOLA FIKE; DOYLE & VERNA MAYO; BILL & NORMA POWELL; FRED & MARGY JOHNSON; HUB JOHNSON

NOTE: TO THE MANY OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE BUT NAMES NOT SHOWN--OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES. IT SHOULD BE KNOWN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DAYTONIAN HILTON WERE MOST PROFESSIONAL AT MAKING PROMISES TO SECURE THE 783RD REUNION. ONE OF MANY BEING TO COMPILE AND KEEP A ACCURATE LIST OF ALL ATTENDING. A MENTALLY RETARDED INMATE OF AN ASYLUM COULD HAVE COMPILED A MORE ACCURATE LIST THEN THE ONE THEY FURNISHED. FROM MEMORY WE DID OUR BEST TO COMPLETE. SPEAKING FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE I'VE STAYED IN BACK WOODS OIL FIELD BOARDING HOUSES MORE COMPETENTLY MANAGED. SUBSTANTIATING THE ABOVE OBSERVATIONS THE FACT THAT IF THEY HAD A GENERAL MANAGER HE NEVER MADE HIS PRESCENCE KNOWN DURING THE ENTIRE REUNION. NOR, HAS ANY MEMBER OF THE REUNION COMMITTEE RECEIVED A WORD OF THANKS FROM THE DAYTONIAN HILTON FOR HAVING DROPPED SOME GOOD BUSINESS IN THEIR LAPS. IN THEIR DEFENSE IT CAN BE SAID WITHOUT RESERVATION THEY EXCELLED IN 'SOCKING' EXHORBITANT ADD ON PRICES AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY CAUSING YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SPEND UNNECESSARY TIME ARGUING FOR READJUSTMENT. WE DID OUR BEST--LIVE & LEARN. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO AVOID A REPETITION AT INDIANAPOLIS 87'.

ATTENDANCE RECORD SET: When the bugle blew over 150 former 783RDRS answered the call. Counting wives, family members of KIAs & deceased there were over 250 in attendance. Dayton is the focal point for numerous Air Force Unit Reunions. The large number attending the 783RD 'ROUND UP' left all city convention officials 'SLACK JAWED'. Never before had a single squadron experienced such a large turn out. This record proves there is only one 783RD--THE CAN DO; WILL DO; AND HAVE DONE OUTFIT!

REUNION MEMORIES: Dayton 85' for the 783RD Bomb Squadron Gang in attendance is now but memories--BUT GREAT MEMORIES! No price tag can be placed on the renewal of friendships that occurred. These friendships were made at a time when our nation was at war. Those in attendance had been participants doing their jobs above and beyond. With the passage of 40 years the opportunity to once again see and visit with old comrades and relive those days gone by was a priceless experience. The Reunion can best be compared to the old days when we returned from a 3 day pass to Bari or Naples. We would be hung over; RE MORSE would have a grip on us; and there wouldn't be a lira left in ourpockets. We would console ourselves by saying, "IT WAS ONE HELLUVA PARTY".

MASTER HOST & HOSTESS: All in attendance had nothing but praise for every phase of the Reunion. Our Master Host & Hostess Harry & Rick Greene had left no stone unturned in planning every detail to insure the reunion would be a never to be forgotten memorable experience and time for all. From early in the morning till late each evening their suite was similar to a command post with a continual flow of decisions being made and a flow of orders going out that kept things rolling. Each and everyone in attendance should take time to drop this great & devoted 783RD couple a THANK YOU NOTE. All the 783RD owe them a BIG THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

VOLUNTEER HOST & HOSTESSES: George & Doris Josten; Nyme & June Farage; Pops & Betty Spellbrink; Jim & Peg McCloskey; Al & Geneva Wylie; George & Phyllis Bevington; Cliff & Janet Rachford; Bill & Audrey Bitterman; Charlie & Evelyn Payne; Lee & Teeny Gillespie; Woody & Cathy Browning; Harold & Ada Walton; Orbin & Elba Rutledge; Ben & Anna DuBose; Edie Goplen; Bo Bolinski; Woody & Cathy Browning and many others pitched in doing a SUPERIOR JOB to insure the registration and various events went off in a great manner. At some point or time one of the above had to make an impression on each in attendance while making your reunion memorable--take time to drop them a THANK YOU NOTE. ALL THE 783RD OWES EACH A BIG THANK YOU!

KEEPER OF THE COINS: Bob Wills arrived on Sunday before the reunion and worked tirelessly in preparations plus doing an outstanding job thru out keeping all the ticket money accounted for and paying the bills. His efforts in arranging for the Video Tape should not be forgotten. all the 783RD OWES HIM A BIG THANK YOU! DROP HIM A NOTE TODAY!

LIFE SAVER: Floyd Coffield turned out to be just that. When the Reunion commenced the Video Cameraman experienced technical difficulties with his equipment. Floyd stepped in with his bridging the gap until the Cameraman could get his functioning and saved the day. A BIG THANK YOU IS OWED FLOYD for being a LIFE SAVER! After viewing this great tape why not take time to drop a THANK YOU NOTE to Floyd and express your feelings for his contribution?

GOLF TOURNAMENT & FAREWELL DINNER: Nyme & June Farage did an outstanding job ramrodding these events and helping with Registration. Another GREAT 783RD COUPLE deserving a THANK YOU NOTE! Do so today.

BANQUET MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Burt Andrus did his usual great job in making this event and the Dining Out a never to be forgotten experience. No one attending can question his love for the old outfit. Another deserving a BIG THANK YOU NOTE.

BANQUET SPEAKER: Who, but Doc Kimball could have delivered such a sterling address? Being with the Squadron from womb to tomb he brought back a flood of memories with his review of events and deeds. In his usual indomitable way he even defined our Quid Fit slogan known but to a limited few. Don't you think a BIG THANK YOU NOTE is in order?

DINING OUT: In his role as Mr Vice Frank Goplen gave a noble performance as he always did on 'The Hill' during his 783RD days. A THANK YOU NOTE TO Zumbrot, MN would be appreciated and in order.

CHAPLAIN DUTIES: Woody Browning handled these duties in his usual sincere manner. With the gathering of such a large number of 'sinners' this was a large under taking.

COLOR GUARD: Bo Bolinski & Woody Browning handled the job of posting the colors. No two more dedicated and outstanding individuals could have been chosen for this assignment. Both having enlisted in 1936; both POWs; and both being retired from BIG BLUE. Two great and devoted 783RDRERS.

PX SALES: Al Honey as useless as he might be is owed a BIG THANK YOU for handling these duties. He has volunteered to operate one out of his residence for those wishing to order various items. Once he has obtained his stock and forwarded his price list details and instructions for ordering will be printed in a later LOG.

REGISTRATION BUFFET: Harry Greene prepared and donated the beautiful and delicious buffet spread that was served. Jack & Ruth Meyer contributed the hams that went into the various servings. To those 'Belly Aching' because they didn't get second & third servings or arrived too late--all was prepared and brought over from Indianapolis in Harry's auto. Considering this was a donation and the Greens' were limited in what they could bring you 'complainers' must realize hauling space was limited. Although we didn't have the opportunity to sample the 'goodies'--they had to be excellent judging from the way they disappeared. THE 783RD THANKS HARRY, RICK, JACK & RUTH for this donation!

NOTE: Being a brain damaged 'Ole F/O' if any making other contributions were over looked please accept our sincere apologies. It is certainly not our intent. The above is the best our recall can do.

WEDNESDAY REUNION OBSERVATIONS: On our arrival at the hotel at noon for a Pre-Reunion meeting with the Hotel Staff we bumped into June & Nyme Farage reporting in early for Volunteer Duty. Entering the lobby there was Woody & Cathy Browning raring to go. Attending the Pre-Reunion meeting were Harry Greene, George Josten, Bob Wills and George Bevington. Following this meeting we ran into Jim & Peg McCloskey chomping at the bit to get the show on the road. Before we could reach our room Jake Putnam came roaring in. As the lites of Dayton came on 'The Baron' Baronoski, Al Honey and Colonel Andrus had checked in with all fans turning wanting to get things rolling.

THURSDAY REUNION OBSERVATIONS: When we returned to the hotel at noon from a trip to WPAFB registration was in full swing with Harry & Rick; George & Doris Josten; Cathy Browning; Nyme & June Farage and George Bevington, who furnished the name tags, doing a great job. It was great to see 'Pops' & Betty Spellbrink upon registering sit down and pitch in with a helping hand. 'Pops' at 75 is our oldest 50 mission gunner. 'Old Folks' Al Honey had set up his PX and doing a fast and furious business.

By mid afternoon there was a long line of arrivals waiting at the Hotel Registration counter. Standing patiently awaiting his turn was Stan Pace the new CEO & Board Chairman of General Dynamics who had taken time off from his demanding new undertaking to join with us. He and Elaine could only join with us thru the Friday morning activities before having to jet out. In the line was John 'Flash Lite' Walker raring to get signed up so he could get on with his

'Jaw Boning'. Behind him were Ward 'Super Mouse' Daniels at 74 years being our second oldest 50 mission gunner and Ralph McElyea both of whom had jetted in from California. Chief Elliott; Bo Bolinski; Norm Lund; Al Wylie; John Stewart and numerous others were anxiously awaiting to get signed up and on to their hand shaking. During most of this time 'The Baron' Baronoski had positioned himself in an easy chair in the lobby observing the arrivals looking like 'King Tut' sitting on his throne. Doc Kimball jetted in from CT just in time to make the Ice Breaker. Even after the Ice Breaker at midnite Bob & Rosy Anderson; Hub Johnson; Alvin & Barbara Murphy; Jack & Rita Brogan and Jim & Dottie Spradley arrived after being delayed in St Louis. Bill & Audrey Bitterman came rolling in at 2:30 in the morning after being delayed for 10 hours in St Louis because of a TWA SNAFU.

The Thursday nite Ice Breaker was something else and will always be remembered where so many friendships were renewed. Hey! Ole Buddy! rang out constantly as old friends spotted each other. Many missions were reflight. Many tales of remembrances retold. And--experiences and hardships of life in POWville were heard over & over. The high lite of the reunion had to be when the Silver Star was awarded post humously to Eddie Bates the brother of our Cecil Bates who gave his life over Blechammer. Another moving experience was when all the POWs were called up and presented. Not to be forgotten was when the families of KIAs and deceased presented were called up and presented proving their loved ones and our comrades had not been forgotten. Another memorable occassion was when all the GIs who contributed so greatly to the squadrons efforts came forward and introduced and recognized for their great efforts. We feel all in attendance will agree it was an evening filled with many moving experiences that are priceless. From our position we had the opportunity to witness a continuous flood of laughter as well as many tears.



FAMILY MEMBERS OF KIAs & DECEASED WHO STOOD IN THEIR LOVED ONES PLACES ARE INTRODUCED



FORMER POWs WERE RECOGNIZED AND RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION



'THE BARON' BARONOSKI RECOVERS 'PARACHUTE' LEFT HANGING ON BED POST FOLLOWING CSs REUNION. A PAIR OF LADIES UNMENTIONABLES LARGE ENOUGH TO FIT THE CIRCUS FAT LADY



HARRY GREENE DELIVERS REUNION BRIEFING AT ICE BREAKER

FRIDAY REUNION OBSERVATIONS: Was a day that will long be remembered. Everyone was up early for the bus trip to the AF Museum. Special arrangements had been made and the 'STRAWBERRY BITCH' B-24 was opened for the 783RDEERS to board for one last trip down memory lane.

That afternoon many friendships were renewed and many tales told while enjoying the beer & snacks in the Hospitality Room and while enjoying the comfortable seating provided out on the roof garden. Many spent hours viewing the Video Tape made following CSs that was run continuously.

Friday nite was a time where old crew mates and members of the line had the opportunity to visit and share with old friends.

SATURDAY REUNION OBSERVATIONS: On Saturday morning the Business Meeting was held with the election of officers; committee appointments; and other business decisions made that was reported in the September Special Bulletin.

That afternoon a fruitfull 'Hanger Flying' session was held. Much time was used in expressing ideas for the Squadron History that is to be prepared by Flyod Gregory.

The Saturday evening Banquet & Dining Out turned out to be another great event. Many souls were roasted and made unexpected trips to the Grog Bowl attempting to explain or alibi for past indiscretions they thought long ago forgotten. Frank Copien acting as Mr Vice did a good job of maintaining order and the troops under control.



RALPH MC ELYEA AT THE GROG BOWL ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN WHY A BOTTLE OF VIND AND A ITALIAN SIGNORINA KEPT HIM FROM FLYING HIS 50TH MISSION WITH HIS CREW FROM WHICH THEY RETURNED & WHAT HAPPENED WHEN HE FLEW HIS 50TH & WAS 'SCRAGGED' OVER MUNICH. A VERY EXPENSIVE ROMANCE

Burt Andrus once again excelled in the role of President of the Mess and chairing this event keeping things rolling at a lively pace. His every remark an action left no doubt of his love and pride in the old outfit.



ANNA MARIE HONEY THE BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER OF OUR AL HONEY PRESENTS THE SQUADRON INSIGNIA BEAUTIFULLY EMBROIDERED. DOC KIMBALL WAS CHOSEN AS RECEPIENT.

Doc Kimball's 'thumb nail' sketch of the Squadron was outstanding. It brought back a flood of memories and events that induced both laughter & tears. Many were delighted he did not reveal a certain list known only to him.

Following an excellent Prime Rib Dinner Burt Andrus, John Walker, Dwight Reid, Jim McCloskey, Bob Wills, Harry & Rick Greene and Lynne Marie recieved President's Awards for their support and contributions to the Squadron.

John Walker presented awards to Burt Andrus, Harry Greene & the 'Ole F/O' for contributions to the Squadron. They were great reproductions of the squadron insignia showing the various campaigns participated in and nicely framed.

To everyones surprise the Dance Band opened with Dixie with Harry Greene & the 'Ole F/O' unfurling a large Confederate flag to let all the Yankees in attendance know the South shall rise again.

The Video Tape best portrays the enjoyment of the 'Ole Has Beens' trying to recapture their youth while dancing following the Banquet.

SUNDAY REUNION OBSERVATIONS: The Golf Tournament won by the team composed of Colonel Boergert our WPAFB host, Nyme & June Farage and Bob Wills was a huge sucess enjoyed by all the participants.

At the Farewell Dinner which followed there was much great fellowship in evidence. The only sour note of the evening was the realizations that in a matter of hours all would soon be to an end for another 2 years.

MONDAY REUNION OBSERVATIONS: Departures were made with mixed emotions. Happy to have seen old friends once again but faced with the reality that some will pass on before the next reunion.

SO ENDS THE SAGA OF DAYTON 85'. LIKE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE 3 DAY PASS DESCRIBED AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 1--WE DEPARTED WITH OUR SQUADRON TREASURY FLATTER THAN A TORTILLA--BUT IT WAS WORTH IT! IT WAS ONE HELLUVA PARTY!

DUES PAYABLE & NEEDED: As reported in the September Special Bulletin 150 members unanimously voted \$25 Annual Dues payable on or before November 15, 1985 with the provision those not payaing would be removed from the Mailing List for future LOGs. We have no other alternative other than to follow the mandate of the members vote. Consequently, this will be your last LOG unless you mail your check in the amount of \$25 payable to the 783RD BOMB SQUADRON ASS; \$BOB WILLS; 8380 THENDARA, CLARKSTON, MI 48016. PLEASE! SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION! THE 80, WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES, CANNOT PICK UP THE TAB FOR THE 251 ON THE MAILING ROSTER THAT HAVEN'T PAID.

VIDEO TAPES AVAILABLE: A great Video Tape of Dayton 85' is available that will provide 3 hours and 40 minutes of memorable viewing pleasure. Send your checks in the amount of \$30 payable to OST STUDIOS; 3801 VINEYARD AVENUE; KETTERING, OH 45429. It is recommended you order now. This being a professional studio you can't expect them to hold this offer for an unlimited time. YOU WILL BE SORRY IF YOU FAIL TO GET YOUR COPY. For those not having a VCR set--HELL! we don't have one either. We just take our copy an go to a friends home who have one and say,"sorry Ole Buddy your poor friends are going to use yours". It always turns out our friends enjoy the viewing more than us.

GOALS OF YOUR ASSOCIATION:

1. CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALL 783RDRS
2. CONTINUE THE LOST SOUL SEARCH BY PROVIDING A NEW SEARCH LIST
3. DISTRIBUTE A COMPLETE MAILING ROSTER WITH EACH MEMBERS ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER
4. KEEP THE MEMBERS INFORMED
5. PLAN FOR NEXT REUNION--INDIANAPOLIS 87'

The above are but a few of the goals of YOUR ASSOCIATION. If you have others you feel important please send them. As the majority of you recognize and know the LOG is intended to be the voice of the majority and serve your wishes. These objectives can only be accomplished with the SUPPORT OF EACH OF YOU--NOT JUST A FEW.

LADIES CORNER: When the 783RD finally found us through a friend's Air Force publication, my husband said,"Now you may not want to go to the reunion- there will be many war stories and 'man talk' and you'll probably be bored". Since we've only been married 29 years, I didn't know my husband during WW II. My brother was in the European Theatre during WW II. And my father served under General Mc Arthur in the Rainbow Division during WW I. During WW II Dad was Block Captain and the American Flag flown in the front window every day.

Of course, as many of you, I had heard some of the stories of my husband and his Buddies, but there was nothing like meeting them and their wives at Dayton. We also met some widows and families' of those who were not as fortunate to make it home . It was touching to find how much they wanted to learn of their loved ones. We made many new friends.

The leaders of the 783RD are doing everything possible to make the wives a much needed part of the Association. This was certainly proven by the Historical Home Tour that was supported by the Association Treasury in the amount of \$150, the gift of the beautiful pin which is an exact replica of a B-24 at a cost of \$450, and a lovely red, white and blue corsage at a cost of \$350 given each of us at the banquet. The accomodations and food were excellent. Our visit to the AF Museum with the privilege of going thru the B-24 was a memorable occasion.

From the first minute of Dayton 85' in the hospitality room to the last goodbyes as our cars drove off in different directions, we had such a great time that we can hardly wait until Indianapolis 87'.

THE ABOVE WRITTEN AND CONTRIBUTED BY Evelyn Ellis, WIFE OF CHARLIE ELLIS, EXPRESSES THE THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS OF YOUR OFFICERS. YOU LADIES ARE A VITAL & IMPORTANT PART OF THE ASSOCIATION. IT IS SINCERELY HOPED MORE OF YOU WILL TAKE PEN IN HAND AND WRITE SIMILAR ARTICLES ENCOURAGING MORE TO DO SO. NOTHING WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN TO HAVE A REGULAR LADIES CORNER FOR EACH & EVERY LOG. THANK YOU! EVELYN! FOR THE KICK OFF!

WORD OF THANKS FROM THE 'OLE F/O': The beautiful Bolo with the raised map of Italy with a small diamond in the position of Pantanella recieved at Dayton will always be treasured. Likewise, the honor of serving the 783RD then and now has to be our proudest achievement. If we had but one wish that could be fulfilled--it would be for each and everyone recieving this bulletin to join in and support your Association to continue it's efforts.

QUID FIT!

BE A PROUD 783RDR YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW--SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION!

PLEASE SEND NEWS ITEMS FOR XMAS ISSUE OF THE LOG!