



Buckeye Wing Journal



Post-Reunion ~ Holiday 2012/13

~ Message from our new President ~

The 2012 Buckeye Wing Association Reunion of August 2nd thru 5th was well attended and enjoyed by all. Bill Witte and his wife Paula worked so very hard during his tenure to insure the reunion was a success and that all went well and it really did. Jacquie and I certainly enjoyed visiting with old friends and spending an evening of remembering past experiences all the fun times, the sad times and our friends that we lost along the way. We know that Bill and Paula will be a hard working couple to follow, but since the members who attended the meeting elected me president, we will certainly try hard to do the same. Again the Association thanks Bill Witte for his dedicated service as the 2010-2012 President.

Since no one volunteered to host Cincinnati, OH in 2014, I am president by default, as we offered to host the next reunion in Fort Myers, FL and we are more than happy to do so. It is a beautiful city and we hope that you will really enjoy it. I have done some preliminary in the trenches planning for the May 2014 gathering and will have more information for everyone as time passes and the plans are firm. It was such a pleasure to see our 302nd Wing friends again and we are looking forward to the next time.

From Our House To Yours

With the year 2012 fast coming to an end we reflect on the past. The reunion of 2012 was our opportunity to gather as a group to share and enjoy the camaraderie of our members. Our 2014 Reunion will be held in Fort Myers, Florida May 15th thru 17th. This will be a great opportunity to combine a vacation and a reunion.

Lance Fairchild served as Webmaster for many years. He turned those duties over to Tom McVey. Lance's devotion to the Buckeye Wing Association and his expertise was greatly appreciated.

Tom McVey brings the members his vast knowledge of conveying information so vital to the Association members.

We give thought to our members who passed away. Please pray for our men and women in uniform as they are sent into harms way.

Hope yours was a joyous Christmas and wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Best Regards,
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We're going to Ft. Myers, FL in 2014!

Be sure to check the web site or our Facebook page for periodic updates.

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My First Buckeye Wing Reunion



This was my first reunion with the Buckeye Wing. I met many comrades from my days while I was flying in the 355 TAS. I joined the 355th TAS in May 1974 and flew as a loadmaster on the C-123K until June 1982. I went to

OSU in and flew on the weekends on cross country missions. I dropped flares in Florida and went on many trips to Fort Benning to support the Airborne troop drops over Fryer drop zone. I went to Panama as part of an all college OSU crew in December 1975. Our crew ferried the last C-123K back to Rickenbacker. The 2012 reunion was a pleasant trip down memory lane for me. In the hospitality room, I looked through the scrapbooks that were on display. This is a great way to keep and display the history of the 302nd. I had set up a luncheon on Saturday at the Holiday Inn. Sixty-five members of the 40th, 76th, 906th and 907th Aerial Port Squadrons came to the Holiday Inn. A few 40th members came over to the hospitality room and two members joined the Buckeye Wing Association. I enjoyed the reunion and look forward to the next reunion in Florida.

I have volunteered to be the webmaster for the Buckeye Wing. I will be transiting the webmaster duties from Lance. Lance has been the 302nd webmaster for the past 15+ years. Lance has done an excellent job in setting up and maintaining the website. I plan to put more of the 302nd history on the website. I look forward to working with co-webmaster, Karyl Menchen. Please let me know what additional information or features you would like to see on our website.

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Final Flyovers in 2012



SMSgt Billy Ross, USAF, Retired,
October 24, 2012



Col Joe Bordman, USAF, Retired, WWII
October 3, 2012



CMSgt Robert A Wilkey, USAF, Retired,
September 21, 2012



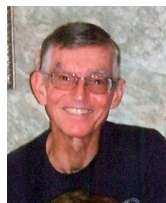
CMSGT Leonard R. Dougherty, USAF,
Retired, WWII
September 9, 2012



CMSgt Lawrence A Mitchell, USAF, Retired
August 9, 2012



Sgt Charles L. McKinnon, USAF, Retired
July 28, 2012



CMSgt Thomas Ludwig, USAF, Retired
June 16, 2012



Conley C. Matthews, USAF, Retired,
Korea
June 8, 2012



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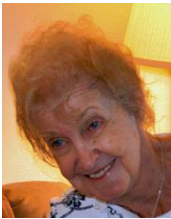
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Lt Col James K. Riddle, USAF, Retired
WWII
April 10, 2012



Connie A. Rowe,
February 1, 2012



Buckeye Wing Association Web Site

Information on the 2014 Reunion as well as past reunions can be found here in addition to announcements, photos, contact information for your comrades, wing history and the final fly-over.

Please send us your stories, announcements and photos to share. Also, be sure to update us with your new address, phone number or email address so we can stay in touch!

Go to: www.buckeyewing.org
Send questions to: buckeyewing@live.com or



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Announcements

Join us in 2013 for Breakfast with Friends held the second Saturday of May and November at Mac D's Pub, 1400 W Locust St., Wilmington, OH. We look forward to seeing you on 11 May, 2013!

Final Note from Joe Agnew

We cannot let time slide by without thanking Jerry Millhouse and Karyl Menchen for their past and continuing service to our Association.

We thank our past president of 2010-2012 Bill Witte for his dedication and for organizing another memorable reunion. Lance Fairchild has given so much time and energy over the years to our membership. Lance recently turned his Web Master duties over to Tom McVey. Lance, all of us thank you so much for your services over the years. We also thank our board members for their services.

