

8th Air Force Association Historical Society Oregon Chapter

November 4, 2006

Meeting Opening Don Bourgeois

Welcome to the August Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Don Bourgeois

Opening Prayer

Roland Stewart

Summary of losses over the past year.

BS= Bomb Squadron, BG= Bomb Group, FS= Fighter Squadron, FG= Fighter Group

- Robert Gilmon on December 8, 2005. Was in the 369 BS of the 306 BG and was an radio operator / gunner.
- Harold Longacre flew B-24 Liberators as part of the 392 BG in the 2nd Air Division (he donated his items to the 2nd ADFoundation in England, see <http://www.2ndair.org.uk/archives/392bgcat.html>)
- Bill Petrowitz was a co-pilot in the 352 BG who died on August 24 2006.
- Paul Pjeski was a M/SGT for the 355 F/G 355 HQ SQ and died on August 22, 2006.
- Peter Gunner flew B-24s in the 453rd BG. He is the person who built the Inn at Otter Crest, Spanish Head and other inns in Oregon.
- Newt Lamvik who originally came from Timjor Norway before flying missions over it in WW II.
- Virgil Spenser was an armorer in the 509 BG.
- Ripley Gage who worked his way up to being a command pilot in B-17s in 709 BS of the 447 BG.
- Russel Hines was a Colonel in charge of maintenace. He had been a member since August of 1994. He worked in the 2nd Air Division.

Announcements

Don Bourgeois, outgoing President, accepted a job in Guam and will be over there for a year. He stated he will belearning how to read Japanses as he explores the island.

Reports

Treasurer Report - Jerry Andrew

Dues letters will be going out for the annual renewal. Cost is \$10. Around 1/2 the membes have already renewed. There has been an extra \$150 donated this year to the chapter. Any money above \$10 is tax-

deductible since the chapter is a 508C Oregon registered non-profit.

Books are always available to be examined at the meeting. Expenses are up a little in support of the web site (www.8thafhsoregon.com) and increased postage / paper costs for the newsletter and announcements mailings.

Balance at end of October was \$3341.

Flight Line Editor - Jerry Ritter

As always stories, humor, and facts are always welcome into the newsletter.

Membership - Joe Conroy

103 veterans, non 8th AF vets, 66 non 8th AF veterans. 169 total members from Oregon and SW Washington.

Web Site, Publicity, and Historical Archive - Tom Philo

Scanning of the histories into PDF format and posting onto the web site is on-going. CD with all the PDFs on them in high resolution can be purchased for \$5.00 (cost of material and postage). A DVD of the videotape taken at past meetings is also available for \$5.

Web site is being updated with new information as time permits.

Poster

The poster is now on version 6 and was distributed to members at the meeting. Others have been mailed to distant members to put up. Thanks to Eldon Bevins who was able to put one up in the Evergreen Museum in McMinnville in front of the B-17.

National Convention - Virginia Knight

Treated royally at the Barksdale Air Base during that tour.

Name tags had red-white-blue stripes straps so it was easy to pick out who was there for the convention. However, the names printed on them was very small and no hometown information on them. So it made it difficult to know who was who and from where.

A new board was elected with two new members and an existing one re-elected.

Many new 2nd Generation people now getting involved in the national organization.

There are now many new committees (2 people each).

Special POW meeting (Virginia's husband a TT/ENG was a POW who also got a Purple Heart. His a/c crashed near Hannover after being shot down by a ME-262) saw a film called "*Behind the Wire*." This was followed by a tribute to POWs with candles.

Next National Convention is in Kalamazoo Michigan in July 2007.

A goal is to get the 2nd and 3rd generation people involved in the 8th nationally and locally.

Nominating Committee - Joe Conroy

Tom Davis is now President of the club. All other officers serving are still in place.

Officers and board members is shown on the printed (and PDF version) of the roster. Lawrence Fick was elected for the board.

through 12/31/2007	through 12/31/2008	through 12/31/2009
Elden Bevans	Virginia Knight	Lawrence Fick
Vaughn Erickson	Tom Davis	- open -
Don Millar	Charlie Gallagher	Don Bourgeois

Late (sad) news

Found out on November 22 that Eddie Linnum died.

General Information

McMinville Museum

Eldon Bevans related that two people from Denmark were at the museum and they were facinated with the a/c there. He spent a lot of time talking with them.

New broucheures for the museum.

An F14D is now there.

New building is going to be a duplciate of the existing one.

No date when IMAX will open.

England Visit

Don Bourgeois went to England and was able to visit Thurleigh.

Oregon Military Museum -Phil Prichards

Still working on the Japanese tank (1 restore - 1 for parts).

The Stuart Light tank will be in the Albany parade.

Collins Foundation

They sell nomax flight jackets now. Can be embroidered for \$200 each (not leather).

Next May 17-21 the EAA Aluminum Overcast will be in Eugene.

Picadilly Lilly

There were at least two (likely three) a/c named Picadilly Lilly (Picadilly Lilly II 351st 42-5864, Squadron / Call sign EP-A 100 BG). One of our members (did not see who stated it) was in the a B-17 named that when it was shot down.

Future Meetings

February 10 meeting at Elks Lodge and the May meeting is set to be at the Portland Air Base. With enough advanced notice to get all the info this should be doable.

Bomber Museum

Charlie Gallagher.

1st Friday of every month is a meeting at 10:00 to 12:00 PM. No set program, just a meeting get-together.

Guests

Scott Leoney of National Combat History Archive (out in Hillsboro).

Air Classics zine has articles on the 95th this issue.

Clint Gruber brought along Greg Jones as his guest.

Displays

Lots of original artwork, prints, books were on display from one of our members who was in the 4th FG.

Door Prize and Raffle - Jerry Andrews

Cold Cash Raffle Prizes - He gives money away too!

Raffle prizes: \$10, 15, 25.

Guests

Guests were introduced during the meal. Greg Jones and Don Koll - who is a cousin of Roland.

Books

Robert Dean donated books to the club to be auctioned off at the meeting.

Attendance

There were 48 people at the meeting.

Speaker Introductions - Tom Davis

123 Fighter Squadron of the Oregon Air National Guard "Red Hawks"

End of Meeting