



# ON GLIDE PATH

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## THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy to all GCA/ATC'ers. What a time we had in San Antonio!! The weather was perfect, the turnout was more than adequate and we got reacquainted with old friends, and made new ones. Without a doubt, the most used space, was the hospitality room where there was always a gathering of folks to exchange greetings, and you know, tell some tales of bygone times and incidences. I won't use the "phrase" more commonly used to describe these stories, so

as to not offend the more sensitive among us.

At the association meeting, I, Kent Fairchild, was elected President, and Mike Butcher was elected Vice President, both of us with no opposition (Surprise!). Those officers remaining in their respective positions were: Secretary, Dutch Homan, Treasurer, Ed Brown, Chaplain, Tom McMahon, and Newsletter Editor, Anse Windham.

After a short discussion, it was resolved that the next reunion should remain centered in the country, and Branson, MO. was the selected site with the dates to be determined later, but most likely mid to late September. This seems to be the most acceptable, but, input is always welcome. So, with that knowledge, start your planning to attend our next get together in Twenty Twelve (2012).

A note about the golf tournament. There were 10 attendees of various handicaps, and me being the fair person I am, paired them up accordingly. Everyone placed, so there were no losers, only winners with larger portions of the prize money. 1st place - Kent Fairchild and Bob Phillips 2nd place - Dutch Homan and Ernie Connor 3rd place went to Jerry Snyder and Jim Brown 4th

place - Mike Butcher and Jimmy Brown And, last but not least, 5th place - Don Bondzio and Chuck Fleming. The event was held at Fort Sam Houston and included a nice lunch after the golf. I had a GREAT time, as I am sure the other participants did too. Well, they said they did.....

In closing, JOKE OF THE QUARTER: An old man decided his wife was getting hard of hearing, so he called his doctor or make an appointment. The Dr. replied it would be 2 weeks before he could see her, but there was a simple test he could do himself. "Here's what you do. Start at 40 feet and ask a simple question in a normal tone, and repeat at 10 foot intervals till she hears you."

So that evening he's in the living room "I'm about 40 feet away, lets see what happens"

"Honey, what's for supper?"  
No response. He moves to 30 feet "Honey, what's for supper?"  
No response.

He moves to 20 feet "Honey, what's for supper?" No response. He moves to 10 feet "Honey, what's for supper?" Still no response, so he moves right behind her and says "Honey, what's for supper?"

"For the fifth time, CHICKEN!!  
KENT

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**TREASURERS REPORT THRU 31 OCT 2010**

Our convention figures were:Expenses-  
Hospitality Room necessities` 1,408.00  
Lapel Pins for 2010            815.97  
Bartenders Fees                570.00  
Income-  
Sea Chest Sales                 313.00  
Dues received since convention 55.00  
Should receive a refund from AFR, to be reported later

Financial Condition:  
Checking Account               3175.03  
OGP                                1000.00  
Reserved Funds                 9887.63  
Total Assets                      12,062.66

**DEPARTED THE PATTERN**  
**To Re-enter Elsewhere**

**Joan King Upshaw**, 81, loving mother and social work entrepreneur, passed away Monday, June 7, 2010, at Providence Medical Center, surrounded by family members. Joan was born February 26, 1929, in Tulsa, Okla., to Pierre Esto King and Kathyryne Farmer King. She was preceded in her death by her parents and her sister Mary Jo Lyons. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Oda C. Upshaw (Sam), and her six children: daughter Melinda Gay Upshaw, daughter Melissa Jo Miller, daughter Pierrette King Upshaw (Suzy), daughter Kimberly Susan Adams and her husband Mark Adams, son Christopher King Upshaw, and daughter Marijo J. Upshaw and her husband Khaldoon Alaswad. She leaves a legacy of six grandchildren: Austin Adams, Ryne Posey, Kathyryne Wise, Julian Bailey, Elsa Alaswad, and Jamal Alaswad, and two great grandchildren, Tristan and Cameron Adams. Joan led a remarkable life. Her father died when she was 17 years old. Shortly after, she entered the University of Cincinnati, but had to leave due to health and financial hardships. She joined the Navy in 1949, where she worked as an air traffic controller and met her husband, Oda, who was also serving in the Navy. Joan and Oda married November 2, 1950, at the base chapel in Corpus Christi, Texas. Joan transitioned from naval services to motherhood. After starting her family, she went back to school to study education administration and graduated from Florida Junior College in Jacksonville, Fla., with an associate of arts degree in 1968. Joan then moved to Olathe, Kan., upon her husband's retirement from the Navy. Joan found her lifelong career and passion in social work.

**Ernest Gene "Moose" Bowman**, age 79, passed away September 6, 2010. Gene was born January 11, 1931 in Macomb, Illinois to Ernest E. and Effie Teel Bowman.

He joined the Navy in 1948 and spent 20 years in service to his country, attaining the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer, before retiring from the the service in 1968. He spent 4 tours of duty stationed mainly at NAS Chase Field in Beeville that also included 2 tours at McMurdo base in Antarctica.

The next years he spent working for Grelling Oil Company, before becoming a partner in a successful oil company of his own, retiring from private business in 1994. He then spent 5 years with TDCJ at the Garza Unit in Beeville before his final retirement in 1999.

Gene was an accomplished pilot and an avid golfer. He spent his retirement tending his garden and hosting friends with his wife at their lake house on Lake Corpus Christi in Mathis.

He is survived by his wife Teena Bowman of Mathis; two sons Steve Bowman of Beeville and Jackie Bowman and fiancée Amy Mifflin of Austin; two step-daughters, Terry Young of San Saba and Tamra Redmond of Austin; one granddaughter Kacey Bowman of Victoria, Texas.

. A military graveside service will be Thursday September 9, 2010 at 10:45 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

**JACK MERLE SENF**, 77, of Dallas City, Illinois passed away Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 5:02 A.M. at the Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa after a long battle with cancer. He was born January 21, 1932 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Oscar and Delilah Stewart Senf. On June 18, 1954 he married Betty Lou Peitz in Kingsville, Texas. Surviving are his wife, three children, Mike Senf of Burlington, Iowa, Cindy Peryam of Big Pine Key, Florida and Pat Senf of Flagstaff, Arizona. Also surviving are one brother Jim Senf of Naples, Florida and one sister, Shirley Boon of Fort Madison, Iowa, 15 nieces and nephews, 9 grand children and 6 great children. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, two sisters and one niece. In 1948 he enlisted in the US Navy where he served for 29 years. He retired in 1977 as a Senior Chief Air Traffic Controller. From 1977 - 1994 he worked for the Fort Madison Community School District as the Director of Maintenance. He was a life member of the VFW, American Legion, Fleet Reserve Association and the American Military Retirees Association. He enjoyed fishing, playing cribbage, watching westerns and listening to bluegrass and country music. Graveside services, with military rites, were held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, August 3, 2009 at the Keokuk National Cemetery, Keokuk, Iowa.

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**RADFORD, DAVID A.** May 27, 1933 to August 11, 2010 David A. Radford, Lieutenant Commander (Retired), US Navy was born in Portland, OR to Delo & Edgar Radford. He married his beloved wife, Lois, on 1/16/55 in Hutchinson, KS. Dave enjoyed 26 years in the US Navy and subsequent careers as a business owner, Winters & Radford, Inc. (San Diego, CA) & with the City Planning Depart in Boise, ID. He passed away at their current home in Mesquite, NV. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lois, sister, Dolly; daughter & son-in-law, Pamela & John; son, Steven; son & daughter-in-law, Jeffery & Sonja; grandchildren, Shane, Heather, Alec, Eric, Amanda (Ben), Jordon & Cindy; great-grandsons, Jake & Noah; along with many other dear relatives & friends. Funeral Services, Wednesday, September 1st, Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA followed by a memorial luncheon. Memorials to American Diabetes Association or Myelodysplastic Syndrome Foundation. He was diagnosed with Myodysplastic Syndrome in March of this year. It is a disease that typically has a slow progression of several years, yet it transpired rapidly for Dave. He had been quite ill and spent much of his time in the hospital since May.

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**Marion Eugene Rowland**, 72, of Bartlesville passed away Friday, July 3, 2009 in the Continuous Care Facility at Jane Phillips Medical Center following an extended illness. Services were at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Walker-Brown Chapel with Father Festus Maliwa officiating. Final committal rights will be accorded Mr. Rowland in Memorial Park Cemetery. Military honors were conducted by the American Legion Post 105 ceremonial detail. Marion was born August 3, 1936 in Lyons, KS to Estle William and Pauline Hazle (Kastl) Rowland. He was raised and received his primary education in Severy, Climax and Eureka, KS before moving to Bartlesville in 1951 and graduating from College High School in 1954. Senior Master Chief M.E. Rowland joined the US Navy in September 1954 serving on the USS Bennington, USS Wasp and the USS Hornet. During his career he was stationed at NAS Cecil Field, FL; NAS Meridian, MS; NATO Base Keflavik, Iceland then to Ames, IA as a recruiter and NAS Millington, TN as an ATC Instructor where he retired in 1980 after 26 1/2 years as an Air Traffic and Ground Controller. During his time served he was awarded six Good Conduct Awards; National Defense Service Medal, Armed Force Expeditionary (Cuban Crisis); Vietnam Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and was an Honorary SeaBee while stationed in Iceland. Marion and the former Jean Matthews were married December 28, 1956. Marion is survived by his wife Jean, two daughters; Sheryl Lynn Miracle, Edna, KS and Mishelle Paulette Councilman of Bartlesville.

Minutes of General Membership  
In San Antonio, TX

The meeting was called to order by President Gus Freeburg on Saturday 02 October 2010 at 0900; 46 members were in attendance.

The colors of the United States, the Department of the Navy, and US Navy GCA/ATC Association were posted.

President, Gus Freeburg, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain, Tom McMahon, delivered the Invocation.

The President recognized the Association Officers: Kent Fairchild, Vice-President; Ed Brown, Treasurer; Dutch Homan, Secretary.

Presidential appointees: Ed McMahon, Chaplain; Anse Windham, OGP Editor.

**Old Business**

The Secretary, Dutch Homan, read the minutes of the 2008 reunion which were accepted without amendments.

The Treasurer, Ed Brown, gave the treasurer's report. Ed said "that our net worth was in the high 14,000 range at the end of 2009, with a worth of three hundred and some dollars less at the end of September 2010."

**New Business**

President Freeburg made some brief comments about reunion site selections. Future reunion sites will remain in mid-America until changed by a majority vote of the assembled members.

The cost for the care, storing, and transporting of the Association's Historical items/photos was discussed. Items being: US/DoN flags, plaques, rating manuals and pubs. To help defer some of the cost, as well as, assisting in the preservation of the photos, Anse Windham has volunteered to electronically scan all of the available photos. So, at future reunions we'll be able to view all of the photos and associated material in a visual presentation.

The Association's dwindling membership and poor attendance at the reunions was discussed

There was much discussion about what we could do to reverse the existing downward trend in both attendance and/or active participation by our current membership. Many valid points were addressed: personal finances, family problems/issues, travel requirements. No course of action was formulated by the assembled members.

**Selection of 2012 Reunion Site**

After a brief discussion of reunion sites in general, two sites were discussed for the 2012 reunion. They were: 1) Branson, MO, and 2) Nashville, TN. The sites were accepted by the membership and a vote was taken. Branson, MO, was selected as the 2012 reunion site by a vote of 35 out of 46 members voting.

(Item from the floor: Bill Schultz made some brief comments that might aide or assist veterans on a local level. He stated that there is a County Veterans Benefit Officer in every state.)

**Bell Ceremony**

Chaplain Tom McMahon read the names of the departed association members and spouses since the last reunion. There were 40 members and spouses that passed since the last reunion. The bell was tolled at the beginning and at the end of the reading of the names.

**Golf Outing**

Kent Fairchild did his usual outstanding job of coordinating our bi-annual golf outing. Ken proceeded to give a brief presentation on how he, and Bob Phillips, "stole" the number one spot in the golf outing via a "trick shot" from Kent. Our small group really enjoyed the day on the links, in spite of the outcome. Most of us are already looking forward to a rematch. (continued next page)

### Election of Officers

An election for a new President and Vice President was conducted. (Current Treasurer, Secretary, and presidential appointees remain)

Officers:

New President	Kent Fairchild
New Vice-President	Mike Butcher
Treasurer	Ed Brown
Secretary	L.N. (Dutch) Homan
Appointed by the President:	
Chaplain	Tom McMahan
OGP Editor	Anse Windham
Historian	(Vacant)

### President's Award Ceremony

The President presented AC Rating Coins to some current officers and appointed position members; namely, Ed Brown— Treasurer, Dutch Homan-Secretary, Tom McMahan— Chaplain, and Anse Windham-OGP Editor. Well Done to all!

### Administrative/Fiscal Options Addressed

President Freeburg suggested the possibility of using a different reunion organizer. He mentioned that there are several organizers that could do just as well as the Armed Forces Reunion organization, and do so for appreciably less money.

### Benediction

Chaplain Tom McMahan gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 1045 CDT by President Freeburg.

Past President Gus Freeburg presented Challenge Coins, depicted at the right, to the elected officers and appointed members of his term.



## Many Thanks

To those members, spouses, and friends that participated in the reunions of 2008 and 2010, my heartfelt thanks. The weather cooperated, not only for the tours, but for our dedicated golfing members. The tour of Budweiser Busch plant in St. Louis, 2008 and the 2010 tour of Fredericksburg museum in Texas were the high light of the reunions. For the most part I received many favorable comments on the tours that were offered as well as the amenities that were provided. The time involved with phone calls, emails, and coordination, of various events and tours were exhausting at times and the end results were incredibly satisfying. Also, would like to take this time to thank those that stepped up to the plate, providing that little extra help and support. My "Congratulations" to the incoming President, Kent Fairchild and Vice President, Mike Butcher. As we all know behind every "Good Man" there is a "Good Woman": Thanks Joyce!!

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS ALWAYS.

GOD BLESS

Your past President

Gus Freeburg

**GCA- ATC Reunion  
Bell Ceremony – San Antonio, Texas  
Chaplain Tom McMahon**

During the Saturday morning and evening banquet, those of us who were fortunate enough to attend this year's reunion, we conducted the customary *bell ceremony* in recognition of the 40 GCA-ATC members and spouses who passed away since the last reunion. We named 38 individuals and later added one person, Jack Senf who it was learned had passed away in July of 2009. I have since learned that his beloved wife of 55 years, Betty Senf, passed away this year on 28 March and I have added her name to the list for a total of 40 of our family, friends or colleagues who have "slipped the surly bonds of earth" and we trust are abiding in eternal peace with our Lord and Creator.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Dorothy Rawling	Spouse	15 July 2008
2. Herman ("Gil") Walker	Controller	22 October 2008
3. Thomas Hanna	Controller	30 October 2008
4. Ray Burris	Controller	21 December 2008
5. James ("Jim") Lewis Rose	Controller	30 December 2008
6. Marvin ("Scotty") Nielsen	Controller	10 January 2009
7. Clifford Jones	Controller	22 February 2009
8. Charles ("Chuck") McCombs	Controller	01 March 2009
9. Donald L. McKinney	Controller	03 March 2009
10. Clifford VanDivner	Controller	17 June 2009
11. "Doc" Wright	Controller	25 June 2009
12. Ray C. Burgess	Controller	27 July 2009
13. Jack M. Senf	Controller	30 July 2009
14. Darwin Larson	Controller	01 August 2009
15. Don Clyncke	Controller	30 August 2009
16. C. Sam Virden	Controller	27 September 2009
17. John J. Falcone, Sr.	Controller	29 September 2009
18. James A. Vyskocil	Controller	02 October 2009
19. Carol Connor	Spouse	17 October 2009
20. Edward Mulligan	Controller	15 November 2009
21. Glenn Palmer	Controller	16 November 2009
22. John A. Crossley	Controller	23 November 2009
23. Amy Kluksdahl	Controller	09 December 2009
24. James Townsend	Technician	23 December 2009
25. Henry C. Nowakowski	Controller	12 January 2010
26. William ("Bill") Edwards	Controller	23 January 2010
27. Jay W. Butler	Controller	27 January 2010
28. Elmer Lee Baker	Controller	31 January 2010
29. Anthony ("Tony") C. Humprhrey	Controller	07 March 2010
30. Marianne Pistolessi	Spouse	08 March 2010
31. Betty L. Senf	Spouse	28 March 2010
32. Donald Strever	Controller	02 April 2010

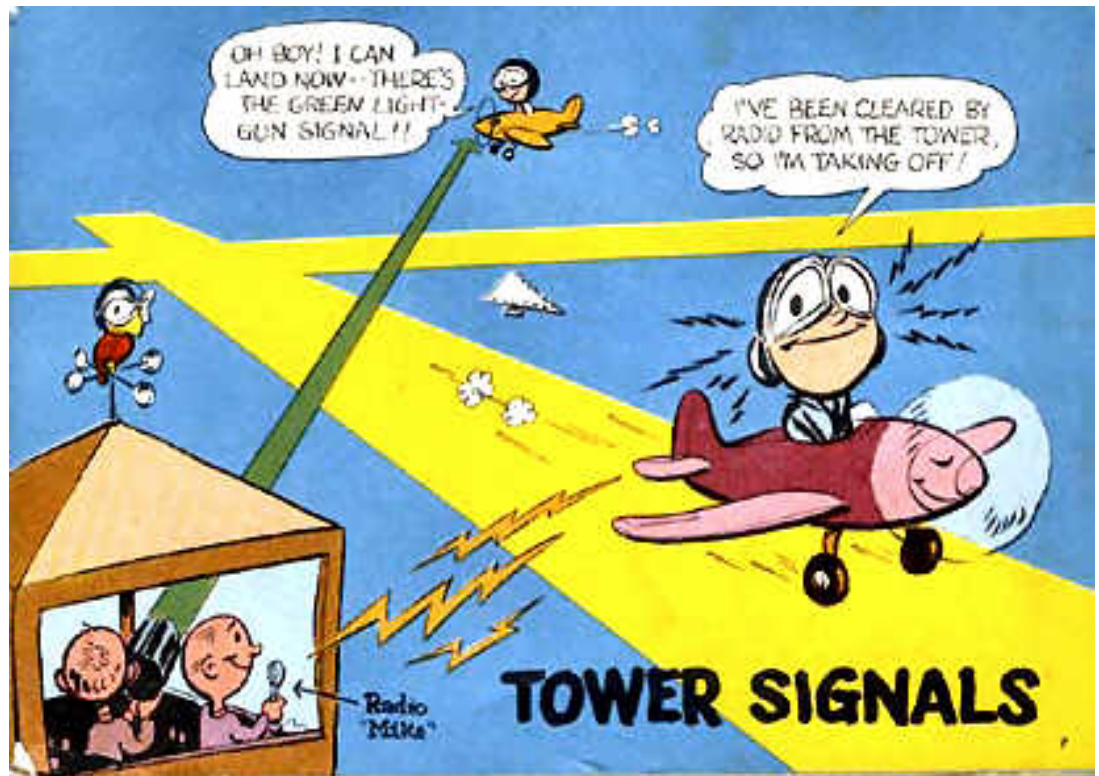
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33. Roy Ennis	Controller	10 April 2010
34. William E. ("Willy") Wentworth	Controller	05 May 2010
35. Leo J. Scruggs	Controller	07 June 2008
36. John King Upshaw	Controller/Spouse	07 June 2010
37. David Radford	Controller	11 August 2010
38. Gene ("Moose") Bowman	Controller	06 September 2010
39. Howard Dellinger	Controller	21 September 2010
40. Clifford Hathaway	Controller	27 September 2010

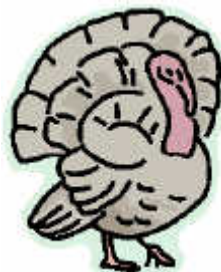
We will never forget those on this list who have touched our lives, but let us also not forget these words from The Letter of James in the New Testament, Chapter 1, verse 27: ***"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."*** Few survivors may need material help, but some do; all grieve and it is our responsibility to comfort them. Look at the list and call or drop a line to those who have survived *but are now grieving alone*. Render assistance to those who need more than words. Remember that we are God's hands, feet, and voice; He has delegated this responsibility to us and it makes Him smile when we help others.



New NAVY VETERAN emblem



Excerpt from U.S. Army Air Forces. Office of Flying Safety, 1940 pamphlet



Ol' Tom sez, *"Hope yall have a plentiful Thanksgiving with a fish as the main course at dinner."*