



ALAMO LIAISON SQUADRON NEWSLETTER

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for our organization and a special way to give back to the community. One-hundred three dollars was collected in the donation wing tank! Great Job!

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Fall unto the clouds of the blue skies beneath you...

ALS Participates in Airfest 2006

Saturday, November 4th turned out a record breaking crowd at Lackland's Airfest 2006. Richard Roberts along with Ryan Short and his family set up the squadron's static display of the L-2M at mid ramp. A mid - level overcast prevailed but temperatures were perfect for curious visitors who stopped by to look at the L-Bird. Lots of questions about its role were asked of our crew. Richard provided information about how the plane was manufactured by Taylorcraft, and Ryan in his authentic 2nd Lt. WWII Class A's, informed visitors about the planes role during the war. Many asked to be photographed with Ryan near the plane to remember the day. A table with squadron brochures as well as complimentary copies of "The League of Grateful Sons"; provided by the company the Ryan works for, added to the display. Special thanks go out to the entire Short family who got involved and took some awesome pictures of the airshow. Special thanks to Richard Roberts for designing and making the display sign for the L-2M. This was great publicity



Quartet Performs for Guests at ALS Fall Dinner

Guests at the ALS Annual Fall Dinner on November 3rd were treated to the sounds of the Barbershop Quartet "Un-Called Four". Member Stan Pennington led the group through several old time songs as they sang for their dinners. The group of four who broke a previous engagement to sing at the New Braunfels Wurstfest did a spectacular job. New members, Bill Horton and his wife Sylvia were introduced by Tommie Thompson. Sam Beckham and his Fiancé Amy were introduced as well. Everyone enjoyed a great evening and had a great time catching up with



one another. Special thanks to Dale McCarty, Gary Bergman, and George Fuqua. Thanks also to Stan for arranging the entertainment. We didn't know you could sing so well! Ha!

New Members

It is our pleasure to welcome the following new members to the Alamo Liaison Squadron. William (Bill) Horton and his wife Sylvia. Colonel (retired) Horton is a former Air Force U-2 pilot and has recently moved from Florida to Air Force II Village in San Antonio. Bill tells of flying in the pressurized flight suit which Henry Whitmore helped design. According to him, he vowed to pass on some re-design suggestions to the designer(s) if he ever met them. When he and Henry met the first time, guess what? He did! That spurred some ribbing at the annual dinner by the two. Good laughs were had by both. – Welcome to Navy Chief (retired) Gume Serna and his wife Carolyn. Gume who was deployed in Iraq prior to retiring has been getting involved with squadron activities since the annual ALS picnic in May. He and his wife have recently built a new home close by to Cannon Field and enjoy the quietness of the area. Gume was a flight crewman in the Navy and is currently pursuing his pilots license. He is quite a "Worker Bee" too. Look out Tommie; I think you have some competition for the field tractor driver's position. Ha!

New Aircraft for ALS

About a month ago I received a call from Ellen Kenne who made the squadron an extremely generous offer we couldn't refuse. Alton Kenne as many of you know passed away back in July which was a shock to us all. We all loved him like a brother and father. Alton had taken delivery of his factory new Legend Combat Cub back in June and Ellen proposed that it be moved to

Cannon Field for the squadron to use as its own. She said that this is what Alton would have wanted and that he would be proud to know that it was flying in the squadron that he thought so much of. It wasn't hard to twist our arms. The plane is a joy to fly and we want to thank Ellen and Alton Jr. tremendously for thinking so highly of the squadron and its members. Your contributions are much appreciated!

Also recognized is Polly Anderson. Polly offered Wally's L-2M to the squadron after he also passed away this summer. Wally was a founding member of the Alamo Liaison Squadron and will be dearly missed. We are planning on getting his plane back to flying and participating in squadron flyovers. We would like to thank you Polly for your contribution to the squadron aircraft fleet which now stands at five squadron owned aircraft.

We know that Wally and Alton are sitting on that silver cloud watching us fly!

Old Stinson L-5 Project has New Home in England

If you've been a member of the ALS for a while, you will remember about three years ago when we entertained Michael Nice and Paul Bennett both from England. The two were on a mission to find and revive a Stinson L-5 for their museum in England. Paul and Michael contacted the ALS about a project L-5 that we had sitting in one of our hangars. Since we had just acquired our flying L-5, we decided to let it go to England for a new home. Well, what a surprise I got the other day when I was reading my e-mail. Mike sent me a nice note and several pictures of the fully restored L-5. What an excellent job they did! Take a look for yourself in the next column. They have even invited us to England to get a first hand look and flight.



Around Cannon Field

ANNUAL ELECTIONS – DECEMBER 9th, 2006

Elections will be conducted on December 9th at 10:00 AM in the ALS briefing room at Cannon Field during our Annual Membership Meeting. Remember, your vote is important and we hope each member will consider taking a position on the board of directors. Please contact our secretary David Koehler or Baylor Randle who will head this years election committee if you are interested in running for the board or have nominations.

ANNUAL DUES

A reminder that annual membership dues need to be mailed for the upcoming year in January.

NEW COMPUTER FOR BRIEFING ROOM

Special thanks to Tommie Thompson for donating his old computer for use in the Cannon Field briefing room. Thanks to Baylor Randle for the printer.

Keep Em Flying! Ron Dennis
ALS Leader