February 15th – The Rear View Mirror Band

President’s Message – Virginia Cobb
We must have had a good time during the year-end holidays, because my weight went up and my bank account went down. I am just receiving the last of the bills from holiday spending. Our bills for our holiday are paid and we cannot thank all of you enough for your attendance but our January attendance was less than the 100 we need to maintain to retain our venue. With that said, Larry, our Bali Hai owner and benefactor, did say we should be good for another year, I hope so; I want to see all of us return next year.

Although January’s meeting attendance was only 81, there was a sweet atmosphere of friendship and laughter in the air. We had a new musical group called the Blue Zone play for us, which was well received by those in attendance.

We extended an invitation to George Haloulakos, MNA, CFA the author of Call to Glory. This book told the story of the B-58 and the importance of its role in the cold war. He acknowledged and recognized the aerospace talent that is San Diego. The B-58 was another aircraft designed and engineered in San Diego by our visionary coworkers that was taken to Ft. Worth, Texas for production. He came bearing a gift of timeline bookmarks and spoke about 10 minutes, then stayed to answer questions and mingle with our members.

At our executive board, we discussed activities and finances for 2016. With careful planning, our treasury should keep us sound for at least another year. Again, the newsletter printing and mailing is our single largest expense and we appreciate all of the 143 members who contacted Dick Gilbert and elected to receive the newsletter electronically. This saves us money to be spent on programs, etc.

This leads to the issue of annual membership dues renewal. Okay, it’s not a fun subject but it is time to renew. Some of you did not renew until September of last year. So for you, it will appear that it came around pretty fast. Our dues have remained at $8.00 per year, not per month. We discussed raising the dues and decided to try it this way: plead to you to renew your membership and if you could add a few extra dollars as a donation to the CAA it will be accepted with our gratitude. Oh, and if you are not sure if your dues are paid to date…that’s okay, when in doubt send a check!

Our February 16 meeting is just after Valentine’s day, but we shall wear our hearts and red outfits anyway. We thought about President’s Day, but dressing like Lincoln or Washington did not sound appealing. I have reached the stage of life that I am seriously thinking about what I’ll be when I come back.

See you at the February luncheon.

February Meeting – Russ Hessler
Our entertainment at the February meeting will be Lynn Christian’s “Rear View Mirror Band.” Hope to see you all there for another enjoyable luncheon.

To report a retirement change or view your personal data, contact the General Dynamics Service Center at:
1-888-432-3633
www.gdbenefits.com
For ex-GDE, call 1-866-321-6633
Election Time – Jack Moreno
It’s that time of year again. We are required to hold an election for the expiring terms of eight of our ten elected positions on the CAA Board of Directors. The following are the positions and the incumbent officers:

PRESIDENT                                 Virginia Cobb
1st VICE PRESIDENT                   Jack Moreno
2nd VICE PRESIDENT                   Kathy Weathers
RECORDING SECRETARY        <vacant>
TREASURER                               Mike Dutcher
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY      Dick Gilbert
HISTORIAN                                 <vacant>
DIRECTOR (3 yr term)                 Russ Hessler

If you are interested or know anyone you think would be interested in running for one of these offices, please e-mail the name of the nominee and contact info to jackwmoreno@aol.com. The nominee must be able to be reached or be present at the meeting to accept. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the February 16th meeting at the Bali-Hai.

Installation of officers will be at the March 15th meeting. Since implementation of the 2013 revision of the CAA By-Laws, remember that Associate members now have unrestricted voting privilege and are welcome to serve in any elected or appointed office or position.

The officers and the board thank you all for your support and participation in making this past year a success, and we look forward to an equally successful 2016.

January Meeting – Jack Moreno
The meeting went well, and the entertainment was a smash hit. I was stormed by folks asking about having this group for this year’s Christmas party. I said we would discuss the possibility. The menu today was spectacular: sliced roast pork that melted in your mouth, a vegetable medley, great salad selections, and garlic mashed potatoes.

January Drawing – Bill and Doris Harger
Thanks to Virginia Cobb, Kathy Weathers, Tabby Tabadisto, and Leo Lipec for helping with the drawing. We had 11 winners.

   Yoko Snider (2)       Chet Young
   Leslie Atkins         Sally Claytor
   Don Seggie            Carl Cobb
   Gus Gagliardo         Margie Snyder(2)
   Fredi Martinez

Membership – Dick Gilbert (619) 223-8848
OOPS
It seems I made a boo-boo. The “CAA 4/15” on the renewal form in the January Bulletin should have been “CAA 4/17”. If you saw that and decided you did not owe dues, please reconsider.

Your current membership may expire on April 1, 2016. I say “may” because many members have renewed for multiple years in the past. If you get the CAA Bulletin by USPS, you can determine your dues status on the second line of your address. If it is CAA 4/17 or more you are paid up for at least the coming fiscal year. If you get the Bulletin by e-mail, I hope Jim Arnot sent you a notice if you paid up or not. I plan to do it again in April or May. If you are in doubt, you can give me a call. We had one very late renewal, two new members, and three deletions this past month, so our membership remains at 634.

We welcome our new members, Chloe and Robert Bradshaw, and hope they will join in our activities.

Treasurer’s Summary – Mike Dutcher
Fiscal activity for the month of December 2015:

   November Balance           $11,788
   Income                                        $1,436
   Expenses                                $(5,029)
   December Net                            $(3,593)
   December Balance                      $8,195

   Less Future Years Dues         $6,040
   Less Reserves                       $2,636
   Funds Avail 3 mo’s    $(481)

Mail Room – Dick Gilbert (619) 223-8848
We had a good crew for our November Bulletin mail preparation, so we finished up a little before 9:00 a.m. If you would like to help with any part of our mail preparation, I would be glad to hear from you. Give me a call.

The mail-prep day is the Friday 11 days before our meeting date, which is on the third Tuesday of each month. The scheduled time is 8:00 a.m., but several folks come early. We usually wrap it up by about 9:00 a.m.

We do the mail preparation at the Air & Space Museum facility at Gillespie Field Airport in Santee. It’s on Kenny Street, on the north side of the airport. We have coffee and donuts, and I hope it is a pleasant and sociable time.
Remembering our Friends – Leo Lipec  
(619) 464-4920

We need your help. If you know of a member who is ill or recovering from surgery, please call Leo so that he may send them a Get Well card.

Also, if you know of the recent death of an ex-Convairite, call Leo with his/her name, job description, years with the company, surviving spouse’s name, number of surviving daughters and sons. If you can’t fill all the squares, just tell him what you can. Do not call Membership or the Bulletin editor – call Leo!

CAA Members/Friends Reported Ill

Jim Boggus, in convalescent home after fall
Joann Moore, recovering at home

Condolences to Families of CAA Members

Dan Chiarappa, 86, Engineering Control, wife Joan, daughter
Lois R. Imbimbo, 89, Director of aircraft product line, wife Arleen, 2 daughters, son
Mary V. Pearce, 91, 40 yr, daughter
Clyde Stroburg, 94, Electrical Engineer, wife Marylin

Condolences to Families of our Non-member Friends Reported Deceased

Charline C. Day, 78, Convair, husband Charles, 3 daughters
Denise H. Gomez, 96, Aircraft Assembly, daughter, 2 sons
Lupe G. Ramirez, 94, Rosie the Riveter, husband Albert, 4 daughters
Florence M. Russel, 89, Aircraft Assembly, 2 daughters, 4 sons
Michael A. Schmidt, 86, Bid for Lunar Excursion Module, wife Nancy, 2 daughters, son
Robert Sweig, 88, Quality Engineering

Scholarships – Dr. Marilyn Kistler (619) 447-4204
Dick Gilbert (619) 223-8848, Bob Johnston (619) 465-1367

Now is the time to apply for CAA scholarships. Who is eligible and how do you apply? Only direct descendants, natural or adopted, of persons employed by Consolidated Aircraft Corporation (1935-1943), Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation (1943-1954), or General Dynamics Corporation (1954-1997) and who worked in the San Diego area.

Applicants must:
1. Be a direct descendant of the sponsoring Consolidated, Convair, or General Dynamics employee.
2. Be a high school senior graduating from a San Diego County accredited high school, including home schools, in the year of 2016.
3. Have applied for admission to college or university.
4. Submit an application for a scholarship no later than April 1, 2016.
5. Submit with the application:
   a. 1-page, double spaced essay on his/her career aspirations.
   b. Three or more teacher evaluation forms (supplied with the application form).
   c. Proof of the sponsor’s employment: copy of ID card, retirement letter, pay stub, etc.

For a written application: write after January 1 to:
Education Department  
CAA Scholarship Fund  
San Diego Air and Space Museum  
Balboa Park  
San Diego, CA 92101-1636
Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. An application will be sent to you after January 1, 2016.

or

Download an application from the San Diego Air and Space Museum Website. Go to: http://www.sandiegoairandspace.org/, then click on Education. In the box on the right, click on Scholarships and scroll to Convair Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, then click on Download pdf.

Mail the completed application to:
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CAA Scholarship Fund  
San Diego Air and Space Museum  
Balboa Park  
San Diego, CA 92101-1636
All current or former Consolidated Aircraft Corp. (1935-1943), Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. (1943-1945), and GD (1954-1997) employees who worked in the San Diego area and who are intending to sponsor a scholarship applicant, please give a copy of this Bulletin page to your intended applicant, together with your proof of employment.
Please Renew Your Membership for Multiple Years

2016 CAA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Last Name:_________________________________First Name:_________________________Middle Initial:_________
Street Address:_________________________________________________Spouse First Name___________________
City:______________________________________State:________________Zip + 4: ___________________________
Phone Number: (____)______________________ e-mail address: __________________________________________

Please Print Clearly

Make $8 per year ($9 after April 1) check payable to C.A.A.   For Membership Sec
Bring to a meeting or mail to: Richard W. Gilbert     Mail Update _____________ Chk No. __________
3694 Leland St
San Diego, CA 92106-1003.       Mem Update ____________ Amount __________

Note: If the second line of your address is CAA 4/17 or more, you are paid up for at least the next fiscal year.

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Durable Medical Equipment (DME) – Bill Harger
(619)-659-8961
Member Elaine Kennedy has a knee walker she will loan us if anyone needs one.

Thanks to Jack and Carolyn Moreno for the two 2-wheel walkers and shower stool.

2016 China Trip Scheduled – Carl Cobb
Our China trip is scheduled to leave on May 13, 2016. So start your 2016 vacation planning now and consider traveling with us. This is a 16 day all-inclusive group tour. It is a big value for the price and it is the best price you can find for all you receive, which includes round trip airfare to and from China and the airfare within China, cruise ship passage, admissions to dinner shows, parks and historical sites. China continues to remain the best tour bargain for your travel dollars. Because of our successful trip this year, we have received reservations for next year and decided to go one more time.

We will stay at four and five star hotels, and your daily meals are included. You will visit the Great Wall of China, enter the Forbidden City, see the Terra Cotta Soldiers, Yangtze River Three Gorges and more during our visit. A National Guide and a Local Guide will be provided. For further information, reservation forms, and details call Carl Cobb at (619) 203-2062 (cell) or (619) 0222-5015 (home).
BALI HAI
on Shelter Island
Tuesday, February 15th
Come & visit 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Buffet Lunch at 12:00 noon
Program at 12:30 p.m.
Drawing about 1:15 p.m.