

Greetings, Illustrious Class of 1973!

First up, in the “Best Way to Spend a Vacation” category, Dave **Barcus** (CS-09) sent in pix from Skip **Smith’s** (CS-09) annual scuba trip. This June Skip took 18 friends halfway around the world to Palau for some world-class diving: wreck dives, cave dives, drift and hook dives along with attendant shark/barracuda and other incredible sea life. Way to go, Skipper!



Skip **Smith** and Pam Deberghes diving off Palau



Dave and Maria **Barcus** about to tour the Na Pali Coast.



Skip **Smith** checking out dive equipment on board the dive boat.

Steve and Kim **Dalrymple** (CS-02) reported that John and Suzy **Wigington** (CS-14) RON'd at their home in O'Fallon, IL this summer as they were returning from CSprings to their home in Crossville, TN, "golfing" their way across the country. That prompted John to report that they had also RON'd with Bill and Pam **Diffley** (CS-11) in the Springs and paid a visit to Nancy **Stewart** (Clay, CS-02) in Leadville, CO. John noted Bill is recovering well from his hip surgery.

Rich and Teresa **Fazio** (CS-16) have been very busy setting up activities for classmates who live along the Front Range. There were 15 at the first lunch, held in Palmer Lake. In May, 32 of us turned out to hear Larry and Carol **Faber** (CS-05) recount the story—from both their perspectives—of the day Larry earned the Silver Star for bringing home an engine-out U-2. Riveting. On 23 Jun, the 46th anniversary of our arrival at the Aluminum Womb, Rich set up a tour of the new Center for Character and Leadership Development with its iconic Polaris Tower. As a cap to the day's festivities, 23 of us had dinner at a local brewpub to celebrate the anniversary. The next week, Pris and I (CS-09) joined Rich and Teresa as they

checked out Edelweiss, a locally renowned German restaurant. We'll be having our class Christmas dinner there on 16 Dec. While we expect most attendees of these events to be Colorado residents who will be getting announcements, if you live out of the area and might like to attend, please let me know and I'll add you to the distro list.

Rich also sent in a personal update. Since moving back to the Springs 1 Dec, he and Teresa have endured more snowstorms, starting earlier and ending later, than he thought they would. Welcome to Colorado, guys. And last week (week of 11 July), he crawled in, under, over, and through the Collings Foundation's B-17 and B-24 at the COS airport and attended the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo. No moss growing under their wheels.

Bill **McKenzie** (CS-02) (Right, at the halfway to Canada marker on the Pacific Coast Trail) is hiking the 2659-mile Pacific Crest Trail, the West Coast analog of the Appalachian Trail. He started, beardless, on 3 May 16 and is halfway already as of this writing (18 July). As you can see in the picture, he's considerably more hirsute and lean. Though he may be done by the time this is published, you can catch the journal of his hike at www.facebook.com/bill.mckenzie.52056.



Denny **Clark** (CS-09) reports he's playing a lot of golf and catching up on some projects, and has found out, as so many of us have, that he's so busy he doesn't know how he ever had time to work. Golf has had to take a back seat for a few months, though, as he is recovering from a total knee replacement on April 20th. Ed and Pam **Hageman** (CS-09) have bought a house five doors down from Denny in the Orlando, FL area and will be moving in Feb 2017.

Stalker **Reed** (CS-07) sent updates on a couple of Seagrams Seven guys who didn't make it to graduation.

"Bill **Hanlon** was my roommate separated after sophomore year (Walker is his son) - he was 1 second short in making a 500 PFT because he dropped back to encourage others. Incredible athlete whose GPA was 3.9. Became a lawyer -- county district attorney in Oregon to pay for high adventure trips. He made a National Geographic level climb of a peak on the Canada-Alaska border in winter; kayaked uncharted river in Nepal; and then bought a schooner to sail around the world (after his wife left him after 5 years for the white picket fence dream and took Walker with her). He has been sailing ever since—15 years, now. He's currently in the Maldives. Future plans include running the pirate-infested Gulf of Sudan in the next year and hanging out in the Mediterranean for a few years before going to the Panama Canal and home to Bend, OR where he still has a condo. Web site: <http://www.seawanhaka.com/> (not updated since his mother died 6 years ago). "



Bill **Hanlon** (L) and Stalker **Reed** on a rented sailboat in San Diego harbor.

Stalker continued: "Gary **Pakele** flunked out Christmas of soph year and is currently a successful lawyer in Tahoe. His claim to fame was that he was the ONLY total resister in SERE - had most of his arm pit hair pulled, water boarded, and put in the solitary box for most of the prison camp. Good lucking party man who provided many dates for us in CS-07. He was roommates with Tom Grayson for 2 of his 3 semesters who could tell you more."

In the last column, I noted several classmates who had become clergymen sometime after graduation and asked if there were others. Charles **Stewart** (CS-28) reported he was ordained a Southern Baptist minister in 1995 in Tucson, AZ. After retirement from the Air Force at the end of 1995, he went to Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Tx and earned a Master of Divinity degree in 2001. Even so, he remained a practicing orthodontist and now has a ministry for seminary students. He says, "In the Book of James it says take your hands and do a good work so you will have something to share with those in need." Good on ya for sharing, Charles!

Bob **Ticknor** (CS-27) reported that he retired for the second time (first was from active duty) on 30 Jun after teaching AFJROTC for the last 18 years. He and wife Jenny are looking forward to doing more traveling and visiting their grandson.

As we age, we continue to lose more of our classmates to the enemy that none can defeat. Gary **Wigle** (CS-25) did not recover from the heart attack he suffered on 16 April, and passed away on 23 April. The memorial service was held 1 May in Auburn, WA. (Left: Gary and Linda **Wigle** at Monument Valley, Summer 2015.)



A few days later, we lost Clay **Stewart** (CS-02), the number one graduate in our class, to a stroke on 5 May at



his home in Leadville, CO. His memorial service and inurnment were at the Academy 13 May. About 30 classmates were there to support Nancy. She continues to remain involved in class activities on the Front Range. Please keep Linda Wigle and Nancy in your thoughts and prayers. I will post a picture and names of classmate attendees at Clay's service gathered on the Chapel steps to the class website.

Left: Clay and Nancy Stewart at the 2014 NCLS.

Ivan **Karnezis** (CS-10) writes that he retired 2011 and he and his wife, Terry, are cruising the USA in their motorhome. They're looking to visit any classmates who are interested in catching up, especially Tiger 10. If you'd like to see if they will be in your neck of the woods, let me know and I'll send you his contact info.

Bob Munson passed on a report about Rowe Stayton in May. In February, Rowe's house in Prescott, Arkansas burned to the ground. See pix on the website. Thanks to USAA, he's now in a new house and moving on with life. Rowe also reported his oldest son graduated med school last year and is doing his residency in California.

Prescott Arkansas News (HopePrescott.com)



Fire destroys attorney's home

By John Miller, 02/11/16 9:47 AM

PRESCOTT – Fire destroyed the home of local attorney Rowe Stayton Wednesday evening.

The call came in around 4:30 p.m. with deputies with the Nevada County Sheriff's Office arriving before the first crews from the different fire departments. The fire reportedly started in a back room on the east side of the house and was possibly caused by a short.

Crews from the Prescott Fire Department, Nevada County Rescue Unit, Emmet Volunteer Fire Department, Fair Hills Volunteer Fire Department and Laneburg Volunteer Fire Department all came to fight the fire.

While no one was injured, Stayton said he wasn't sure his pet cat made it out of the fire. At 8 p.m. flames flared up resulting in area firefighters being called to fight it again. However, the rest of the structure was destroyed by the fire



If you don't get emails from me, you may have missed that the AOG alerted us in late July to a 73 class ring that was for sale on Ebay. We publicized it via several email blasts, and I got responses from a couple of classmates who seemed quite interested. It eventually sold for \$2701.00, but do not know to whom. The bits of the inscription we could see and the information the seller gave us led us to believe the ring was probably Cary **Klovicko's** (CS-14) but we can't confirm that.



Ted Kammire has been posting a bunch of pictures on Facebook as he and Beulah have been taking advantage of his last summer as an airline pilot. Looks like he found some long-lost relative (left) in the Paris catacombs!

Finally, Ken **Vargas** (CS-27) reported in from Calgary, Alberta. Things in the oil business have still not picked up and he continues to look for any kind of petroleum engineering work, anywhere. From Ken:

“What makes us different from the pack:

- We have performed multiple international projects in Latin America (Mexico, Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia) and have bi-lingual engineers on staff to manage projects in country).
- Licensed (PENG/PE): in several western Canadian provinces, All US by PE examination, qualify for South and Central America reciprocity.
- 15+ Pipelines designed and installed. Expert Witness on 2-3 pipeline failures.
- 22 Years of Falcon EDF in the Oil & Gas industry plus my 42 years of experience in the petrochemical sector.
- All specialty's covered: Electrical, Instrumentation, Process, Civil, Mechanical, environmental.

Thank you for your consideration, cheers.”

Until next time, “Here’s a toast...to the host...of the men we boast...the U.S. Air Force!”

Mike Arnett