

THE CREW DOG GAZETTE

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SAC DROPS FINAL BARRIER TO WOMEN PILOTS FLYING U-2s

SAC headquarters' Strategic Reconnaissance Center proudly announced final approval for women wanting to fly U-2s and TR-1s. The lack of a bathroom was the only stumbling block. Since the standard relief equipment for men was obviously unsuitable, new technology was required. The staff finally settled on a super absorbant diaper. That's the truth, but now we'd like to offer you "the rest of the story."

First, CDG thinks diapers would have been appropriate for U-2 drivers from the very start. Still, it's a great empire to build, and the SRC weenies have risen to the occasion. Code named Senior Pampers, the design and material is so secret that only a few high fliers know much about it (or anything else for that matter). Project officer Major Jack Carson said engineers even designed a special device to prevent a U-2 pilot from putting it on the wrong part of his or her body and smothering to death. The entire garment will be done in a shade of orange called International Ugly to match the U-bird drivers' flight suits.

RAVENS SWEEP COLONELS' BOARD

Ravens swept the colonel's promotion board in the 55th - sort of. Lt Col Mark Smith, former 343rd commander and Ball crow, was the only selectee among Offutt's four first-time eligibles, the rest of whom were pilots or shoe clerks.

Other recon selectees who are no longer with the wing included Leo Cutcliff and Jim "Strike" Thomas. Reliable sources say the waiters at Mark's promotion party will be Daedelians. It looks like there is some justice after all.

MILDENHALL DOR CONTINUES TO DODGE T. BOOONE PICKETT OF RECON

News from the front - The 306th DOR bunch continues to fight a takeover bid by Lt Col Steve "Yer'mine, dammit" Popelka, the 2nd Strategic Squadron takeover wizard and former resident of the land of nude beaches, warm sun, and baked brains. Steve's latest bid for DOR was baited with offers of firewalled "promote" OPRs, new office space far from the action in the 306th's vault, and complete control over the intelligence division (which Steve doesn't own yet). Control of the intelligence division did not include Chrome Dome Frank, who's threatened suicide with a grease pencil if banished to either DOR or the squadron. During a recent "running" interview with Major Tom Peterson on the green grasses of sunny England (running shoes don't wear out on grass), Terrific Tom told our reporter on the move, "Over my dead body! No - make that over Rich Holsinger's dead body. It's bigger." Nonetheless, an unidentified but reliable source told the crew dogs, "It's going to happen. You know what I mean?"

RECON STAFFERS AND FORMER CREW DOGS MAKE THEIR MOVES.

Several Recon staff weenies and one alumnus are on the move this month. Lt Col Fred Schapker, the wing's IN and long-time recon raven, is retiring. He's being replaced by Lt Col Jim Miller, who comes to us from Mildenhall's 306 SW/IN and was a personal friend of Denny Drayer and Jon Wilson. Maj Jim "Burning Okie" Keaton is shipping out to Shemya to be one of the ops officers at the Rock.

Former 38th IP Maj Rich "Little Loose" Wilson busted out of B-1s and slipped quietly into a school slot at ACSC. Baskin Robins franchises and owners of lonely sheep throughout Montgomery Alabama are preparing for the worst.

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This year's Airshow and its 380,000 visitors was as entertaining for the crewdogs as the civilians and shoe clerks. As the B-1 did a flyby, the announcer told the crowd the B-1 pilot had the option of making his landing with or without the landing gear. A 2nd ACCS airshow staffer radioed Lt Col Jeff "CINCAIRSHOW" Hutchinson that he needed to hustle over to the C-47 with a fire bottle for engine start. Jeff waited at the Gooney Bird for 20 minutes before finding out the guy meant the CH-47 Chinook helicopter. Sort of explains why the Glass crowd keeps looking for their AEAO on the RC-135 side of the ramp, huh? Lt Col Doug Gustin struck back at the Airshow staff by moving aircraft from their parking spots after signs identifying the planes had gone up. The result was some interesting confusion for the visitors and a crabby Reggie Stewart who had to stand by an RC-135 whose sign said, "EC-135 Looking Glass." When several visitors asked if that was really an EC, the irritable Head Hog replied, "No. It's that piece of crap next to the B-52." A CDG reporter actually witnessed an exasperated Airshow staffer tape a "Gustin Line of Death" across the entrance to the Airshow office. The hit of the Warbird party, however, came Saturday night when the SAC band "Nightsoil" played Jimmy Buffet's hit "Cheeseburger In Paradise" and dedicated it to Doug Gustin, who'd earlier filched cheeseburgers for his base ops staff from the Airshow chow line. If you don't care for airplanes, you can always have a good time watching the staff.

ASK MONGO Advice To The Lovelorn

Dear Mongo,

Why is the staff making us ravens fly on Bomb Comp trainers?

Concerned Crow

Dear CC,

Because it's nearly impossible to hold a constant heading with the cargo door open.

Dear Mongo,

I'll bet you didn't know I was voted the second most popular guy at the Airshow. Pretty good, huh?

Doug Gustin

Dear DG,

Not too bad, considering everybody else in the crowd of 380,000 was tied for first place.

Dear Mongo,

Why do the guys at SRC call Lt Col Kessel "Kelvin?" I thought his name was Roy.

Inquiring Mind

Dear IM,

It's scientifically more accurate. Have you ever heard of Absolute Zero?

38th Hail & Farewell

This month the 38th bid farewell to Capt Mike Paul. Mike PCA'd to the 1st ACCS where he mans the navigational afterthought position on the E-4. Our newcomers are 2Lts Steve Werner and Ron Ryder, both fresh from Castle. Don't worry, guys. It doesn't take long to get rid of that KC-135 training, but the nightmares about alert may last a while longer.

343rd Hail & Farewell

Like the 38th, the 343rd's had a fairly quiet month for personnel changes. In fact, there were no losses, unless you count Lt Col George White, who was in the squadron for less than two weeks. There were five additions to the kennel. Dewey Hurt, an original member of the

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Larry Mitchell Cobra Ball Mafia, arrived from DIA. Welcome back to the kennel, Dewey! Another DIA escapee and 343rd alumnus, Tex McWright, came in from the cold. Bill Bierbaum transferred in from the Ball and is still wondering why there aren't any plug-ins for his car's engine block heater. Another Ball raven, Ralph Ah Sam, checked in. Any crew dog who'll change his first name to Okole is invited to visit Ralph's family ranch on the island of Hawaii. George Ream, fresh from EWO school at Mather, also signed in.

GEORGE WHITE SHATTERS RECORD

Lt Col George White, whose last assignment was an NSA tour, made recon history. Assigned to the 343rd for less than two weeks, George PCA'd to SAC headquarters. Rumor first had it that George was allergic to high concentrations of Lt colonels, but his PCA to SAC cleared all that up. George was only allergic to high concentrations of nonpromotable lieutenant colonels.

"PYRO" HUFTLES STRIKES AGAIN!

Tony "Hot Shoe" Huftles recently won Smokey the Bear's "Why Me, God?" Award for excellence in pyrotechnical absurdity. When Tony attempted to stomp out a Coleman fuel fire, his shoe caught on fire. Sensing a possible deficit in his education as a petroleum engineer, he tried to run away - up a wooden stairway, leaving an interesting trail of flaming footprints. Bill Parks finally came to the rescue and beat the fire out with a garden hose.

JOHN CABAN TAKES CONTROL OF AOC

343rd SRS Heir Apparent, Lt Col Yansan Cabanichi (AKA Big Toe), was elected to the coveted office of President in the SAC Roost of the Association of Old Crows during their free-for-\$15

luncheon last month. Running unopposed, John soundly defeated ex-raven Fred Roebke by winning 56% of the votes. He also swung several votes his way by promising new members a free lunch. Lt Col Al Feldkamp and Capt Wayne Gerrish were elected to the Board of Directors.

Sources reasonably close to Stan/Eval say John earned his Big Toe nickname during a particularly intense HHQ mission as Raven 3 when the rest of the crew wrote his name on his forehead in grease pencil while John was checking his eyelids for cracks.

POPS HONOR RETIRES

Recon lost a friend and a fixture last month. LtCol Pops Honor retired after serving over 22 years. He started life as a B-52 nav but soon moved on to UPT. He's flown EC-135's and RC-135's. His staff tours included a stint at SAC where he helped create the RC-135 training platforms we depend on so much today and a tour in Korea where he added some sorely needed common sense to Pacific PARPRO. We'll remember Pops as one of the finest IP's in the 38th. Pops is going back to school in the Omaha area for a few years before moving on to a teaching and coaching job. Good luck, Pops. We'll miss you.



SI NON ES CANINUM MEMBRUM,
NON ES EXCREMENTUM!

RUMORS FROM OUR READERS

1. Steve Visco will create an innovative going away present for the outgoing 14th Air Division commander. Although Steve's refuses to say exactly what the present is, the hospital recently left word with the 343rd that the plaster cast of Steve's nose is ready for pick-up.
2. INV will finally get a coffee urn that pours straight, but the crew dogs will continue to spill coffee on themselves and the carpet.
3. Squadron Officer School will be renamed Red Flag For Shoe Clerks.
4. A Crew Dog Gazette Poll will reveal that AWACS crews' favorite television game show is "Queen For A Day."
5. After getting fed up with generals on the Glass who constantly complain about aircrew training and rough landings, Colonel Peterson will give them what they deserve - a flight with pilots who are grossly non-current for takeoffs and landings.
6. Colonel Betz will point out the cholesterol-loaded menu at the alert chow hall. Chow hall NCOIC, Sgt Minderbinder, will burn his entire supply of Purina Gerbil Chow and serve maggot sandwiches - with a surcharge.
7. When Col Kirschbaum retires there will be a KC-10 hydraulic-out fly by.
8. With the advent of the X-model, the 24th SRS will have to change their squadron stickers to read, "The 24th SRS. The only unit in SAC that does it with both Balls and one Eye."

MITCHELL PINS ON FIRST STAR

Former crew dog, ops officer, ADO, DO, Vice, and Wing Commander in the 55th, Colonel Larry Mitchell pinned on brigadier general's stars this month. To ice the cake, Larry will take command of 14th Air Division. We'll be seeing him on a regular basis again for inspections and Glass flights. Welcome home, General Mitchell.

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"ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN, ONE GIANT LEAP...."

At a press conference in The SAC Underground Command Center and Warrior Mushroom Ranch, SAC planners announced a new pilots-only aerobics program. Officially known as the 5-meter chock jumping event, it will be open to all staff pilots older than 40 and in the grade of O-5 or above. This year's winner was Lt Col John Trumble who made his winning leap at Nellis during the Green Flag exercise.

John gave credit for his stunning victory to navigator and fellow staffer Dave Burroughs. Although some of TAC's finest had chocked the nose wheel with a truck chock, Dave was in the copilot's seat for the engine run. According to John, if Dave had known the difference between a main gear truck and the copilot's seat, he'd have been where he belonged, and the incident never would have happened in the first place.

PACER LINK DEPARTS OFFUTT Thousands of Cheering Crew Dogs Present

On August 11th, HQ SAC spokesperson Major Delbert Sputum announced that the PACER LINK prototype EC-135 had successfully completed its test program at Offutt and would return to Chrysler Technologies at Waco for "minor adjustments" covered under the 7-70 warranty. Notable achievements for aircraft -048 during its stay at Offutt included:

1. The highest number of successful comm-out recoveries by any -135 aircraft.
2. Award of the Milo Minderbinder Medal for Creative Aircraft Wiring after it was discovered that the secure comm capability was linked to the light switch in the battle staff area.
3. First successful airdrop of a TF-33

fan section. Maj Sputum hotly denied earlier CDG reports that the demonstration had failed when the crew missed both the primary target (Bldg 500) and the alternate (E. Bergquist Alternative Life Style Hospice).

SAC staffers plan a triumphant return to Offutt for -048 later this fall after an additional 5,000 pounds of bells and whistles are added. On a related issue, there appears to be no correlation between the anticipated return of PACER LINK and near record profits for the life insurance division of Bellevue's USPA and IRA office.

TRUE POSTSCRIPT: THE PACER LINK TEST DIRECTOR, 1LT BUELL, WAS ALSO THE DIRECTOR FOR PREVIOUS TESTS OF THE -135 DIGITAL AUTOPILOT AND THE B-1B ECM SYSTEM. NO PROBLEM.

ADO'S OPEN DOOR POLICY TAKES OFF

Just after takeoff on a routine -129 sortie, Bill Maisey discovered that his cargo door had come open and moved to the full up position. After an uneventful landing, Bill realized more than several crew dogs had heard him tell Collin Flynn, "I don't need any navigators for a pattern ride. We can close the door by ourselves." Bill was right, too. What he really needed was a raven who knew what he was doing.

A roll of insulation, similar to that lost during the flight mysteriously appeared the next day in Bill's office. Nobody has claimed responsibility, but OSI is investigating the black feathers, corn kernels, and xeroxed pages of section four of the dash one left behind by the culprits.

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