

ML.55.The Great Moonlight Requisition Caper  
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Perpetrated by Crew E-14's Stenson and Schrecker and utilizing the DOR AF Pickup Truck (thanks to a discrete Lew Dickens), the midnight mission objective was to plant sod for the 82d SRS Building. This, of course, after the Squadron's new side walk had been installed (for the photo documentary see 'Kadena: Fun'). The sod was on pallets and not so easily hefted into the bed of the pickup truck. Two runs were made to complete the mission. The base theater, where the sod was lifted, let out during the second load. The truck was over-grossed and had a decidedly AFT CG. Remarkably, it behaved a lot like an RC-135M during air refueling with an AFT CG: a bit unstable and marginally controllable. The front steering was compromised by tires not fully engaging the frictional surface of the perimeter road. According to the first law of friction, the frictional force increases with the increasing normal force. In the case of kinetic friction, an object's weight plays an important role in the normal reaction. Luckily, even with the slow speed required to modulate the tendency to swerve, and being passed by a Base AP/SP/MP truck, we were not STOPPED! The last load was delivered, put in place, and watered without further incident, all proving once again the superior skill and cunning, intel capabilities and OPSEC of the 82nd SRS crew force. Stenson and Schrecker will forever be known as the 'Hoggie Sodomists.'