

The Next Stage

May 10 HDAA Picnic Set for Redstone Recreation Area

Jim Hamblin has firmed up arrangements for the annual HDAA picnic on Saturday, May 10, at the Redstone civilian recreation area down by the river. Bar-b-q will be served by Bob's of Arab at noon. Plan to come about 11:00 a.m. and eat and socialize for the rest of the afternoon. The cost for lunch will be \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

We expect arrangements much like those we had last June, but with more open space and less heat. The May date was selected to try to get ahead of the summer heat we faced last June. This will be an event for the entire family, including kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews.

Directions are included on page 4 and a map on page 3. There are ballfields and a nature trail in the area. Anyone wanting to promote use of the ballfield should probably come early to claim the space (not reservable). We are asked to limit vehicles on the grass to those engaged in unloading and loading. And, fishing and swimming are not allowed in this part of the river.

Prepaid reservations should be sent to PO Box 4185 (Huntsville 35815-4185) by Thursday, 8 May.

Huntsville Div. Plant Mostly Deserted; Portion Being Recycled by HD People

The Army showcased some of its favorite projects in a Modeling and Simulation Exposition at the Redstone Airfield hanger during the week of April 14. Those recognized as HD alumni were pointed to a display of the propellant recovery project. The project is using several buildings in the western end of the "old Thiokol plant."

The propellant recovery plant initially installed in the Hercules plant in Utah is being moved to Redstone for further work with old MLRS motors.

The functional supervisor for this effort is Roger Shippey, who was responsible for testing our GBI demonstration motor and other motors during his tenure at RTTC's Range 5. He said that HD people are key to the project. He said that they are depending on Jeff Jones, Sam Vance, Murray Carroll, and Bill Robinson for success of the project within a limited budget. (continued on page 4, see Plant Recycled)

Christmas Party Scheduled for December 11

The third annual HDAA Christmas party is scheduled for Thursday December 11, 1997, at the Madison Square Holiday Inn.

The annual business meeting will be conducted after dinner.

Arrangements are expected to follow the pattern of the past two years. Suggestions and volunteers are solicited.

Five Dozen Attend HDAA Dinner at Redstone OC

The arrangements made by John Marlin for the HDAA winter dinner meeting at the Redstone Officers' Club on Thursday, March 13, seemed to please the sixty or so attendees. Social hour (with cash bar) started at 6:00, and dinner was served at 7:00 pm. Breast of Chicken Supreme was served with a delicious vegetable, salad, and rolls.

Foots McCauley conducted a very brief meeting for announcements after dinner. As promised, there was no program.

Personal Notes:

Paul Williams and Margail Pierson married on April 5 at the University United Methodist Church. Margail works at UAH. Paul managed the Engineering programs in Continuing Education at UAH until very recently. Paul retired from the Army as a Lt. Colonel and was a Program Manager at HD from 1987 until 1992.

Nita Boyd is working for Nichols Research in the new Sparkman Center building. She reports that she is loving her new job. She was not big on retirement.

Faye Edmonds is working for Daniel and Yeager, healthcare staffing specialists.

Sharon Sears is working inside sales and order coordination for Sterling Plumbing, operators of the former Owens Corning plant.

Bertha Dickerson and Ab Longshore are working Human Resources for Amana in Fayetteville.

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In Memory:

Burl Galloway died suddenly in March. Burl joined HD in the mid-50s and left for the Georgia Plant in the late-60s. While at HD he served in many positions, including Falcon project engineer and Plant Manager. He then served as General Manager for the Georgia Division and for the textile operations acquired by Thiokol. He stayed with this operation when it was sold by Thiokol. He later worked for McDonnell Douglas in Florida before retiring to Auburn, where he died. Burl and wife Mary joined HDAA earlier this year. Burl reported at that time that Mary was recovering from surgery, but he was enjoying retirement and excellent health.

David Wells died recently. David, a Machinist, joined Thiokol in 1955 and retired in 1989. He was a leader for the bargaining unit and was instrumental in fabricating critical development items as well as production units.

Ty Samples died recently. Ty joined Thiokol in 1948 and retired in 1983. Ty was a Plant Operator, a noted athlete, and a mainstay of the Thiokol Golf League for several years. Ty's nephew who was named for him was also a noted athlete.

Note: We currently have no official source for this type of information. We depend primarily on information provided by fellow members.



Loyal Auburn fan Burl Galloway (left) was photographed with the editor last year in Tampa, where Auburn met Penn State in the rain.

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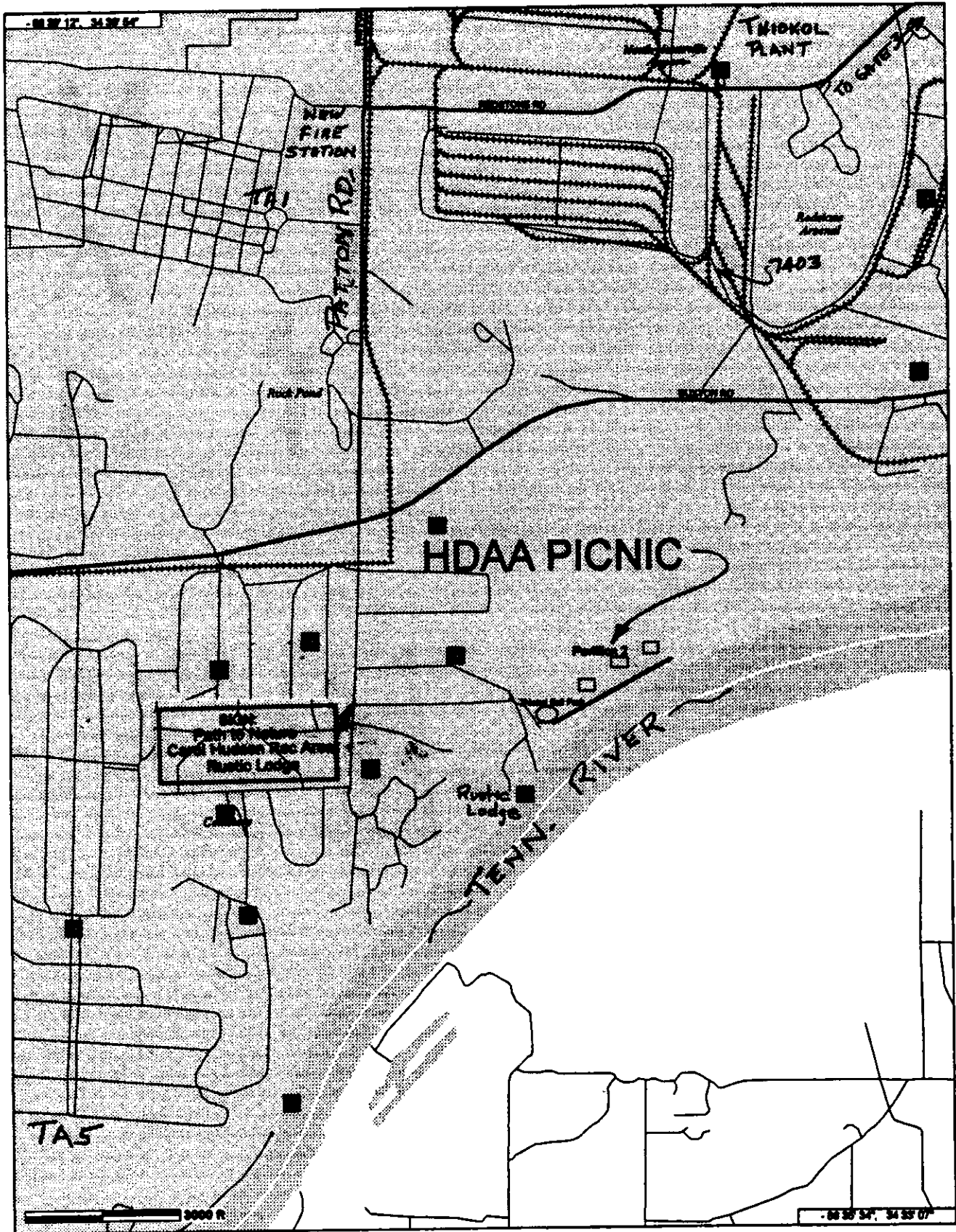
Welcome new members **Len and Joyce Caveny**. Their phone number is (301) 292-5319 in Ft. Washington, MD.

E.C. Wilbourne is recovering from bacterial pneumonia, which put him in the hospital for a week.

Mark Carlisle is a machinist with Nichols Research. **Harold Carlisle** took a spill while visiting recently, and he wound up with a broken rib and collapsed lung. Wife **Peggy** recently had a cancer removed from her forehead.

Stan Kilpatrick is working at Chrysler. He reports that other HD alumni working there include **Tim Ingram**, **Quinton King**, **Ricky King**, **Phil Worsham**, **Billy Tolton**, **Jerry Murphy**, **Dennis Vinson**, **Bob Cain**, **David McLemore**, **Marvin Barkley**, **Mike Lowery**, **Dennis Bishop**, **Melvin Owens**, **Charles Privett**, **Steve Smith**, **Rick Thompson**, **Roger Daniel**, and **Jack Kennedy**.

Tom and Shirley Owens have moved to Atlanta. They join son **Tommy**, daughter **Ann**, their spouses, and five grandchildren. Their new phone number is (770) 425-9159.



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Division History Work Continues

Several boxes of material have been collected for inclusion in the Heritage Room files at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. The task of organizing it is a challenge because of the need to recognize people in old photos, and the difficulty in putting them down. This material being compiled will be available to us and to future generations. Such items as publications, clippings, photographs, minutes of meetings, rosters, and correspondence of historic significance are sought for inclusion. Material can be given to Jim Lee.

Plant Recycled

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It has been reported that the new waste--water treatment system is in place and operating in the area of the old "snake pit."

The newly constructed Building 7631, replacing the old Building 7631, has now been occupied. This building, which Thiokol never occupied after its construction by Lee Builders (Jack Lee and sons), has been furnished and occupied by MICOM people. It is furnished about like we had planned to furnish it.

Except for these two areas, the plant seems deserted. There are no guards and no flowers, just the appearance of a ghost town.

Directions to HDAA Picnic

Redstone Road is no longer a straight shot from the Parkway into the Arsenal. And, Gate Three is no longer open around the clock or on weekends.

The best way to get to the picnic area is to come onto the arsenal at the Martin Road, Rideout Road, or Drake Avenue gates. These gates are usually manned now, but the guards are usually very helpful. All you need to do to get a temporary car pass is show the guard your driver's license and tell him where you are going (the Carroll Hudson Recreation Area).

Drive south on Patton Road as shown by the map on page 3.