

The Next Stage

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Interested in seeing HDAA members and other prior coworkers on a more regular basis? Check out some of the events you might want to attend, noted below.

Monthly:

1st Wed: Ladies lunch, 11:15. Call Joyce Royston/539-4338 for details.

2nd Tue: Breakfast at Mullins/Andrew Jackson Way, 07:30. Call Bill Russell at 650-5400 for details.

3rd Wed: Lunch at El Palacio, 12:00. Call Sam Zeman at 881-6099 for details.

3rd Sat: Breakfast at Victoria's cancelled due to lack of interest. Call Nita Boyd/726-0215 if you'd like to try IHOP or another.

Next Board Mtg:

Thurs, Jan 9, 2003,
(2nd Thurs each qtr.)
5:00 pm, Faith
Presbyterian Church,
SE corner of
Whitesburg/Airport.
**Welcome new Board
members!**

Christmas Gala Is December 5th

The **Redstone Arsenal Officers' and Civilians' Club** will provide the festive holiday spirit for our Christmas party on Thursday, December 5th, with the **social hour at 6 p.m. and buffet dinner starting at 7 p.m.**

The buffet will consist of a tossed green salad, 2 meat entrees, 3 vegetables, rolls, dessert, tea and coffee...all for the price of our party last year: **\$16/person**. Remember, since the HDAA subsidizes this party, only members who have paid their 2002 dues (and members' guests) are eligible to attend. We'd sure love to see you, so make sure those dues are paid!

The **Buddy Chambers Band**, of Athens, will provide music for our listening and dancing

enjoyment again this year; so limber up and show us your best ballroom steps.

Security will be tight this year; so ensure your vehicle has no firearms or knives with a blade 3" or more. Remember: picture ID (current driver's license) for all in vehicle, vehicle must have current tag (registration) and proof of vehicle insurance. All attendees' names (as on driver's license) will be submitted to the Provost Marshall, so ensure you have correct information for guests.

The following gates should be open for the event: **3** (Redstone Rd) until 6 p.m.; **10** (Patton Rd); **9** (Rideout Rd/Research Park Blvd). **Gate 1** (Martin Rd) will be open after 6 p.m. for

incoming RSA traffic. Call 876-4161 if you have questions.

Foots McCauley and Don Wilson have over \$1,200 worth of door prizes, so don't miss out!

Since this is such a beautiful event, why not consider dressing a little festive, too (tuxedo for the guys/glitter for the gals?).

Be bold...Just for fun!



Angele & Foots McCauley
Being Bold...Just for fun, 2001

REMINDER FOR 2003...

- Keep learning: more about computers, crafts, gardening...whatever. Never let the brain idle.
- Enjoy the simple things: when kids are young, that's all you can afford; when they're in college, that's all you can afford; when you're retired, that's all you can afford! So, relax and enjoy simplicity.
- Laugh often, laugh long, laugh loud. It's good for the soul.
- Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, friends, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies. Your home is your refuge, it should make you feel happy and secure.
- Don't take guilt trips; take trips that bring you joy.
- Cherish your health: if it's good, preserve it; if it's unstable, start improving it; if it's beyond what you can improve, get professional help to get you as healthy as you can possibly be.
- Remember that tears happen. Endure, grieve, move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves. Be alive while you are alive...and try to make every day something special just for you.
- Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.
- And, most importantly, remember.....Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. Seek as many of those as you possibly can, especially with those you love, who make you smile.





ANDY'S BOOK

Andy Karabinos has written an excellent book, entitled "The 11 Elements of Prudent Investing", that should be in EVERY investor's library. It is written in lay language, reads easily, and offers exceptional, sound investment guidelines, all with a touch of his wry humor.

The book is available at Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million, iUniverse.com (1-877-823-9235), and costs \$12.95 + tax. Andy may have a few available at the author's discount (\$11, including tax). Call him at 256/881-4064 and get several copies (Christmas gifts!).

VIDEO TAPES AVAILABLE

Jack Hagler and Fouts McCauley have copies of video tapes which were used for marketing purposes on certain programs at the Huntsville Tactical Division (Aegis ER Proposal, Castor family, Castor IVB Proposal, Castor IVB, etc.). If you think you might be interested in obtaining a copy of these tapes, please contact Jack at 256/881-3914. A nominal fee will be charged for the tape, and Jack will provide cost information and further details regarding acquisition of these tapes.

Get a tape of history to show your grandchildren and great grandchildren....a part of YOUR history.

SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD NOMINATED FOR 2003

(HIGHLIGHTED NAMES ONLY TO BE VOTED UPON)

President	Jerry Webb
Vice President	Ron Clements
Secretary	Sue Steuer
Treasurer	Jake Reep

Directors (03)	Billy East	Directors (04)	Barbara Atchley	Directors (05)	John DeHaye
	Billy Graham		Mahlon Harvey		John Grider
	Bob Lakebrink		Andy Karabinos		Jack Hagler (1 yr. only)
	Don Royston		Fouts McCauley		Gene King
	Bill Russell		Glenn Webb		Charles Moon
	Patti Wilson		Sam Zeman		Sharon Sears
Ex Officio:	Nita Boyd/Membership				
	Jim Lee/Historian				
	Cecil Stokes/WebMaster				
			<u>Retiring from Board: Helen Acuff, Calvin James, John Nelson, Harold Webb, Don Wilson. Thanks for a job well done!</u>		

The general membership shall vote on the above-nominated officers and board members (highlighted nominees only) at the Christmas Party on Thursday, December 5, 2002, as presented by current President Jack Hagler. If you do not plan to attend the Christmas Party and want to ensure your vote is counted on the above slate of officers and board members, please submit the below ballot to HDAA, P. O. Box 4185, Huntsville, AL, 35815-4185. Members attending the Christmas party will be asked to cast a vocal vote.

BALLOT FOR YEAR 2003 - NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS		
OFFICE	NOMINEE	WRITE-IN
President	Jerry Webb	_____
Vice President	Ron Clements	_____
Secretary	Sue Steuer	_____
Treasurer	Jake Reep	_____
'05 Directors:	John DeHaye / John Grider	_____
	Jack Hagler / Gene King	_____
	Charles Moon / Sharon Sears	_____

HDAA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS...

Carroll Bobb is now VP for Minuteman systems at UT, and is talking about working another year or so before retiring (perhaps in Alabama!).

David Booth and wife, Phyllis, are still loving S. California, exploring the LA basin at every opportunity. Dave is at Technanogy in Irvine, working with most contractors and labs to put nano aluminum into the nation's rockets. Daughter, Mary, is a school teacher in Garden Grove, CA...and her son has provided many hours of delight for the proud grandparents! Dave and Phyllis continue to play tennis with seniors, and manage to get back to Huntsville on occasional business trips. They've extended an invitation to call them if you're ever in their area...they'd love to meet you and show off their wonderful area!

Sheri Hepler has transferred to Elkton as Engineering Manager.

Dottie Dale Hughes and husband, Kenneth, are enjoying retired life in Fairhope, AL. Dottie plays a lot of bridge and works with AARP as a volunteer, helping the elderly with income tax. They both enjoy Mobile symphony concerts and the Fairhope Playhouse productions. Dottie says she's just "very happy."

Bart Fulmer has finally moved back to Huntsville, working for the government with RDEC. Wife, Brenda and son, will follow when their house is sold. *Welcome back!*

Mark Kirkham was married on July 27. *Congratulations* to Mark and wife, Tonya! Mark is working at the Propulsion Lab with Tom Turner, Bryce Brubaker, et al.



Left to right, above: Blanche Irby, Tom Irby, Nancy Webb, Jerry Webb, Barbara Sapp, and Jim Sapp.

The Sapps, Irbys and Webbs got together this summer to renew friendships formed forty or more years ago. Tom Irby worked in the Pilot Lines and Program Management from 1959 until 1964. Tom completed his career with NASA in Huntsville; he and Blanche now live in Madison, AL. Jim Sapp worked in the Pilot Lines from 1960 until 1964. Jim completed his career with McDonnell/Douglas in St. Louis, MO; he and Barbara currently live in western St. Louis County, but will soon relocate to Springfield, MO. Jerry and his pretty bride, Nancy, are enjoying retirement in Huntsville.

Jamie Neldert and wife, Brenda, are officially back in Huntsville...with ARC. They are very glad to be back, and look forward to seeing Thiokol friends around town. *Welcome back!*

Ed Schreck had a heart attack last February, followed by successful bypass surgery. He suffered two "scary" episodes with blood clots, but everything seems to be better now, and Ed is getting better daily. We certainly wish him well! Greg Spendlove is Director of Marketing (ATK Corporate) for Asia and the Pacific Rim. This job was originally to take him to Minneapolis, but he negotiated an office at the UT plant.

The following folks have been ill, and need to be kept in your thoughts and prayers: Bill Brant (UT contact, in early days, on BOMARC), Izzy Friedman, Anna Graham, Don Handley, Paulette Hamblin, Bert Mangum, Julius Nelson, Donnie Wilson (son of Ruthy Wilson).

Computer Corner...



Installing Windows

<http://www.windowsreinstall.com/> will show you how to install, upgrade, reinstall, repair, troubleshoot and fix Microsoft Windows XP, Windows 98, Windows ME, Windows 95, Windows 2000, Windows NT, OEM computers (Dell, Advent, Time, HP, and Compaq home PCs and Laptops). Also, the website provides tips, tricks, help, hints, how to build a computer, and much, much more.

Battery-Operated Wireless Mice. Tests show that a battery-operated wireless mouse (Logitech, Microsoft) will have a doubled battery life if used on a white mouse pad or other white surface...as opposed to a colored one.

Quickly add a web page to your Favorites folder in Internet Explorer, without using the Favorites menu command. Simply display the page and press [Ctrl][D]. The page is automatically added to your Favorites list for later viewing.

The above information provided by the HPCUG News, Volume 22, No. 11, November 2002. If you'd like to see a sample newsletter, link to: <http://www.HPCUG.com> and click on the "Sample Newsletter". GREAT information!

Did You Guess All the 8/20/02 Issue's "Guess Who"?

THANKS to Jerry Webb for submitting the most correct answers. Get your last newsletter to compare *your* answers.

Top row, left to right: Jim Berry, Joe Collier, Bill Cooley, Jim Gasaway, Jim Hughes, Jim Lee, Don Wilson.

Bottom, left to right: Fouts McCauley, Tom Owens, WC Smith, Cecil Stokes, Bobby Tanner, Billy Tidwell.

All were graduates from Auburn University in the late 1950s.

ENGINEERING CHRISTMAS LUNCH THURSDAY, 12/19/02

COME JOIN THEM AT **THE CORNER PUB**, SOUTH OF WEATHERLY RD. ON THE WEST SIDE OF BAILEY COVE, 11:00 A.M. PLEASE CALL NITA BOYD (HOME: 726-0215; OFFICE: 876-3110), OR EMAIL HER AT NITA.BOYD@RDEC.REDSTONE.ARMY.MIL, BY NOON FRIDAY ON DECEMBER 13

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND...THEY NEED A HEAD COUNT.

EVERYONE WELCOME...YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ENGINEER.

(THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY REMINDER...SO, PLEASE DON'T FORGET!)

Come enjoy the camaraderie...and relax from the rush of the season.

GOOD NEWS FOR WOMEN 40 AND OLDER!

A project of the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program provides a grant to provide FREE cancer screening in our community. The service is FREE if you are a woman:

- Age 40 or older
- Who doesn't have insurance
- Whose insurance doesn't cover pap smears, breast exams/mammograms (must be a suspicious clinical finding or age 50 or older for free mammogram)
- Who is at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines (\$23,880 for a family of 2).

For further information, call 1-877-252-3324, or your local health department.

DID YOU KNOW.....



- Alabama has a law to give a rebate on Vehicle Tag Tax if you sell your car during the tag year. You must apply at the Courthouse License Office within 60 days from the Bill of Sale date.
- If you plan to take a tax loss on "down" stocks this year, the tax loss rules differ for Federal and State income tax. The most loss you can take on Federal each year is \$3,000, and the unused part is carried forward until used. The State, however, allows the total tax loss each year, but does not allow a carry-forward. Overdoing your loss this year may cost you next year on your State taxes. Check with your tax accountant to ensure what's best for you.
- If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
- The most wasted day of all is one in which we haven't laughed!

MEMBER INFORMATION SOLICITED

COPIES OF PHOTOS RECEIVED WILL BE RETURNED, IF REQUIRED.
(Please copy/return to P.O.B. 4185, Huntsville, AL 35815-4185)

1. Names (member 1) _____ spouse (member 2) _____
2. Address Correction: _____
3. Work: full time _____, part time _____, retired _____, semi-retired _____, self-employed _____ unemployed _____
4. Place of Work: _____
5. Recent Activities/Accomplishments:(included photos will be returned) _____

6. Children: _____ sons & _____ daughters; best known for: _____
7. Grandchildren: _____; best known for: _____
8. Recent Travel of Interest: (included photos will be returned) _____

9. Other Info My Friends Might Like to Know: _____

10. If I slip away to the S. Pacific with lottery winnings, contact me through: _____
11. OK to include info in newsletter and/or directory: Yes _____, No _____, highlighted info only _____

HDAА TRAVEL SURVEY

Please complete each question as indicated, and return the form by December 31, 2002 (or with Christmas party reservation), to HDAA, P. O. Box 4185, Huntsville, AL 35815-4185.
 Since 2003 dues are also due by that time, why not submit them simultaneously?

1. Are you traveling as a couple or as a single?
(Singles paired with another, depending upon trip.)
 - Single
 - Double

2. How many trips a year would you prefer? (Circle preference)
 - 1 2 3 4

3. How many days per trip would you prefer? (Check all that apply)
 - Day Trip
 - 1 Night
 - 2-5 Nights
 - 6+ Nights

4. Mileage radius of travel you would prefer. (Check all that apply)
 - To 100 Miles
 - To 250 Miles
 - Anywhere USA
 - Overseas

5. Type of destination preferred.
(Check all that apply.)
 - Automotive Plants (Mercedes Benz, Saturn)
 - Jack Daniels Distillery
 - Historical Sites (Shiloh, Chickamauga Battlefields)
 - Riverboat trips (Southern Bell/Chattanooga)
 - Tennessee Aquarium/Chattanooga
 - Rock City Gardens
 - Russell Cave
 - Mentone, AL – Rhododendron festival in May
 - Local sports activity (seasonal)
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone / Email: _____

Comments: _____



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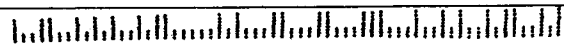
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\$12 DUES ARE DUE BY 12/31 ANNUALLY FOR THE *FOLLOWING* YEAR. AN EASY WAY TO KEEP DUES CURRENT IS TO PAY EACH DECEMBER WITH CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATIONS.

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Its address is POB 4185; Huntsville, AL; 35815-4185. The 2002 HDAA Board consists of President Jack Hagler, Vice President Jerry Webb, Secretary Sharon Sears, Treasurer Roy Willis, and Directors: Helen Acuff (02), Ron Clements (02), Calvin James (02), John Nelson (02), Harold Webb (02), Don Wilson (02), Billy East (03), Billy Graham (03), Bob Lakebrink (03), Don Royston (03), Bill Russell (03), Patti Wilson (03), Barbara Atchley (04), Mahlon Harvey (04), Andy Karabinos (04), Fouts McCauley (04), Glenn Webb (04), Sam Zeman (04). Ex-officio members of the Board are: Nita Boyd/ Membership, Jim Lee/Historian, and Cecil Stokes/WebMaster. For Internet information, see: <http://home.hiwaay.net/~hdaa/>

Hope we see you at the Christmas Party at the RSA Officers' and Civilians' Club, December 5th!

In Fond Memory...

We join the families in mourning the loss of dear friends and prior coworkers:

Morrace H. Bell: Worked in the Plastics Shop for many years.
John Lester Lemmons: Operator in Production.
Jimmy Ed McDonald: Worked in the Motor Pool.
Lloyd F. McMurtrie: Worked in Program Management, Contracts.
J. Whit Walker: Operator in Manufacturing, from 1954-1988.

Our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost loved ones, as well. If we have missed condolences, it's only because we were unaware.

They will be sorely missed by us all.

