

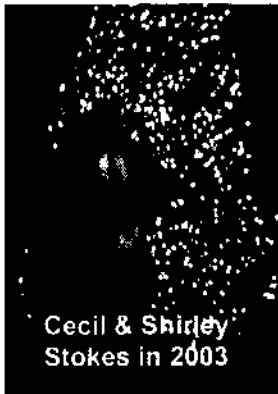
# The Next Stage

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Newsletter of The Huntsville Division Alumni Association

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## CATCH THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WITH GOOD FRIENDS ...THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2ND!



Cecil & Shirley  
Stokes in 2003

The annual Christmas party has been scheduled for **Thursday, December 2nd, at the Redstone Arsenal Officers and Civilians Club, social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m., and the buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m.** (same delicious fare as last year). Cash bar available as last year. Your committee (Don Wilson and Fools McCauley) were able to keep the price

at **\$16 per person** (same since 2001!).

Remember, since HDAA subsidizes this party, only members who are current with their '04 dues (and their guests) are eligible to attend, so make sure dues are current (call Nita: 726-0215).

**Paid reservations are required by noon Friday, November 26,** and may be submitted to HDAA P.O. Box 4185, Huntsville, AL 35815-4185.

The RSA Provost Marshall's Office requires all attendees (and guests) have their full names on a submitted list (as appear on drivers' licenses), so please submit that information with your reservation. Security will also be as in years past; so, ensure your vehicle is "weapon-free", and you have a current picture ID (driver's license) for all passengers, as well as current tag registration and proof of vehicle insurance. Entry to RSA should go smoothly.

The following gates should be open: **1/Martin Rd after 6 pm for incoming traffic; 3/Redstone Rd until 6 pm; 10/Patton Rd.; 9/Rideout Rd-Research Park Blvd.** Call 876-4195 if you have any questions regarding RSA entry.

Fools and Don have been shopping all year long again, so **Come have fun...and win some wonderful door prizes!**

(Duplicate Thiokol Archives photos will also be available for perusing and taking home! Help keep those memories alive...)

**Christmas Party: Thursday, Dec 2nd  
6 p.m. Social - 7 p.m. Buffet Dinner  
RSA Officers/Civilians' Club  
Cost is \$16 per person  
Reservations by Friday, 11/26  
(make reservations early if vacationing!)**

### ANNUAL ENGINEERING LUNCHEON

The annual luncheon will be held on Friday, December 17, in the BIG room of Green Hills Grille (off Wynn Drive/Holmes Avenue in Huntsville). Nita Boyd will post an email with further details as the date approaches, so keep a lookout for it...and spread the word to others you think might be interested in attending. **Come join the camaraderie!**

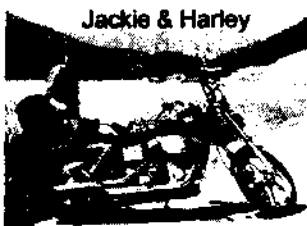
## TRAVELS WITH HARLY, HAROLD AND JACKIE... (Excerpted from Whitesides' writings)

Harold and Jacqueline Whitesides recently returned from a 4-week motorcycle tour of western Montana and parts of Idaho and Utah. They trucked "Harley" out to Ogden and worked at ATK Thiokol Plant to "buy some gas for the motorcycle", and rode the bike north through Utah and Idaho to Butte, MT, where they participated in the MT State Harley Rally. The Rally hosted Evel Knievel Days, with stunt riding and quick-draw gun exhibitions. They took several day rides out from Butte, then moved the truck to other locations where they could leave the truck at a motel and take more day trips of about 200 miles to scenic and historic points of interest.

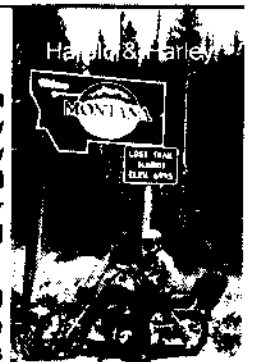
The weather was perfect, the scenery spectacular, and the historic points of interest, including abandoned mining ghost towns and Lewis and Clark expeditions, were fascinating and well preserved. They also rode the Harley over the "Going to the Sun" Highway through Logan Pass in Glacier National Park, as well as going to British Columbia, Alberta, and into Waterton Park north of Glacier Park...where they encountered a bear in the road! The bear started towards them, but traffic and the narrow road prohibited turning around. They pulled to the left

side of the road, giving the bear the right side, where he passed immediately beside them. They were afraid he would be able to smell the lunch they had packed and possibly become aggressive...but, later realized why he wasn't interested: it was a diet lunch! (Thanks for keeping things healthy, Jackie; you're a life saver.)

They returned to Huntsville via South Dakota, and got in on the last day of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally there. The Whitesides have made the same sort of trip before to Wyoming and Utah...and highly recommend trips to these northwestern states for folks who have a spirit for adventure and a love for viewing beautiful scenery...whether traveling by Harley or not. **Great trip!**



Jackie & Harley



Harold & Harley

*FRIENDS IN THE NEWS....*



Thanks to John DeHaye for his input. Above, standing, L-R: Don Nelson, Bill Cooley, Gene Thomas, Frank Weaver, Charlie Crawford, Bob Lyles, Don Wilson. Kneeling, L-R: John DeHaye, Larry Craig, Felton Norris, Barry Moore, Bobby Tanner, Garland Grace. John said, "The 2 'hot' players I remember best were Frank Weaver and Charlie Crawford. Frank would hit home run balls that landed half a field over the fence, and Charlie could rifle a ball from left field to home plate." Awesome, guys!

***Welcome new member: Clayton Kay!***

***Ron and Michelle Bliwernitz*** (Largo, FL) volunteered to help clean up the hurricane(s) aftermath in FL. While helping with the devastation found in many counties, they found that ***Bob and Inge Kruse*** had minimal damage to their home and boat, but landscaping was obliterated. They are all OK!

***Harold and Becky Carlisle*** (New Smyrna Beach, FL) suffered landscaping damage.

***Steve East*** and his family (Winter Springs, FL) suffered landscaping damage.

***Mark and Shannon Horton*** (Lakeland, FL) missed Charley by 15-20 miles, but also suffered landscaping damage.

***Billy and Catherine Hunter*** would love to hear from dear friends at their new location: 400 University Park Drive, Apt 185, Birmingham, AL 35209; phone: 205/870-8424.

Email: whuntersr@bellsouth.net. They said to stop by ANY time, they'd love to see you!

***Charlie Jones*** has been elected to a 2-year term on the National Society of Accountants Board of Governors, representing Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Charlie has operated a tax practice in Huntsville for 35 years, specializing in individuals and small businesses.

***Don Royston*** was recently awarded the Huntsville Golden K Kiwanis Club Archie Murchie Award, for his outstanding work in the community. *Congratulations, Don!*

***Bill Stephens*** will be making a presentation, "Tomb Raiders of Ancient Egypt", as part of the 2005 Hertha Heller Forum Series in the Auditorium of the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library on Sunday, January 23, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: **Chuck/Dorothy Babcock** (both ill), **Sue Ferrara**, **Don Handley**, **Oberlean Hill** (son seriously ill), **Faye/David Jones** (David's heart trouble), **Lucille Pockrus** (daughter/granddaughter/great-grandson in car accident), **Ron Pritts** (radiation treatments and possible heart problems), **Mary Vassar** (husband ill, but improving), **Millie Wallace** (recuperating from serious heart surgery), **Mary Ann Williams** (husband ill).



*HAVE A SAFE,  
FUN-FILLED HOLIDAY...  
AND REMEMBER TO COUNT ALL  
YOUR MANY BLESSINGS.*

**OUTSTANDING FALL DINNER!**

Lauds to Mark Locker and Don Wilson for a wonderful social event at the Barnhill's Grill in September. The food was delicious, the socializing abundant, and all enjoyed browsing through duplicate photos, etc. from the Thiokol Archives of the HSV Library (also available at the Christmas party).

Attendees at the dinner were: Helen Acuff, Barbara Atchley, Chuck/Dorothy Babcock, Nita Boyd, John D. Brown, Tom/Carole Bryant, Ron/Alice Clements, Jackie/Bernie Cobb, Billy/Evelyn East, Bill/Doris Fiser, John Grider, Jack/Helen Hagler, Jim/Cathy Hamner, Mahlon/Lula Harvey, Bob Johnson, Jimmy/Sue Johnson, Clayton Kay, Andy/Rosa Karabinos, Mark Locker, Rudd/Libby Loder, Footh/Angele McCauley, Helen Mitchell, Bob Overall, Barbara Plonka, W.T./Sue (Steuer) Powers, Jake/Betsy Reep, Bill Stogner, Bobby/Alice Taylor, Walt/Sue Terry, Charlie/Anna Thomas, Jerry/Nancy Webb, Roy/Betty Willis, Don/Patti Wilson, Sam/Nora Zeman.

Again, thanks to Mark and Don for hosting the wonderful evening...It'll be hard to top in 2005. Many positive comments were heard as we headed home...*Sometimes, change is a good thing!*

Check out some of the other regular events you might want to attend, below.

**Monthly:**

**1st Wed:** Ladies lunch, 11:15 am. 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:** This breakfast meeting has been temporarily postponed.

*Come Join Us!*

**Next Board Mtg:**

(2ndThurs each qtr)  
Jan 13  
5:00 pm, Faith Presbyterian Church, SE corner of Whitesburg/Airport. Come see what your Board does for you!  
**Contact a Board member if you're interested in serving on the Board, or have input.**

**Dates to Remember:**

**2004**  
12/2: Christmas Party (RSAOCC)

**2005**  
Spring Breakfast TBD  
6/11 Summer Picnic  
Fall Dinner TBD  
Christmas Party TBD

Plan NOW to attend!  
Details to follow...

### ...CASTOR IVA MAKING HISTORY...

Four ATK Thiokol Castor IVA strap-on solid rocket motors helped successfully launch a Lockheed Martin Atlas vehicle from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, FL, on September 1, 2004. The Atlas IAS carried a classified payload for the National Reconnaissance Office to orbit. ATK has produced Castor IVA strap-on boosters for the Atlas IAS since 1993 with 100% launch success rate. This launch marked the final milestone in Atlas IAS history, with Castor IVA motors being used for the last time after 30 missions in the past 11 years.

*Congratulations and thanks to Huntsville Division for the Castor IVA motor!*

## SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD NOMINATED FOR 2005

(Highlighted names only to be voted upon at the Christmas Party business meeting.)

	<b>President</b>		<b>Bill Barnes</b>	
	<b>Vice President</b>		<b>Tom Bryant</b>	
	<b>Secretary</b>		<b>Kathy Reynolds</b>	
	<b>Treasurer</b>		<b>Foote McCauley</b>	
Directors (05)	John Dehaye	Directors (06)	Deane Herbert	Directors (07)
	John Grider		Mark Locker	<b>Nita Boyd</b>
	Jack Hagler		Bobby Tanner	<b>John D. Brown</b>
	Gene King		Sharon Turner	<b>Ron Clements</b>
	Barbara Plonka		Jerry Webb	<b>Paul McFall</b>
	Sharon Sears		Harold Whitesides	<b>Cecil Stokes</b>
				<b>Don Wilson</b>
				<b>Write in:</b> _____
Ex Officio:	Nita Boyd/Membership			
	Jim Lee/Historian			
	Cecil Stokes/WebMaster			

*Retiring from the Board: Barbara Atchley, Mahlon Harvey, Andy Karabinos, Glenn Webb, Sam Zeman. Thanks for a good year!*

The general membership will vote on the above-nominated slate on Thursday, December 2, 2004, as presented by HDAA's current President, Ron Clements. If you can't make the party, but would like to cast your vote, you may submit your vote in writing to HDAA, P. O. Box 4185, Huntsville, Alabama 35815-4185. Write-in candidates will be considered at the meeting 12/2. The below-noted proposed changes to the HDAA Bylaws will also be voted upon, so please review them.

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO HDAA BYLAWS

By John Grider

Wording of the current bylaws pertaining to the reelection of officers has caused some confusion. The current wording has been interpreted to mean that once a person served in an office, he/she could never repeat in that office in the future. It is proposed that the wording be changed slightly to clarify the situation for future nominations.

The proposed change was approved by the Board of Directors at the quarterly meeting on October 14, 2004, and is noted below for general membership review. The proposed changes will be voted upon at the December 2 general membership dinner meeting.

The current wording of the Officers section of the Bylaws is as follows:

The Association shall have officers common to such organizations. These shall include a presiding officer known as the President, a designated successor known as the Vice President, an officer known as Secretary to maintain records, and an officer known as Treasurer to hold financial resources and maintain

suitable financial records. At the time of their election, officers shall be residents of Madison County, Alabama, or of an adjoining county in Alabama or Tennessee.

Terms of officer shall be one year, or less if elected after the beginning of a calendar year. An officer shall not be reelected to an office after completing a full term. An officer may be removed from office "for cause" by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

The first paragraph shall remain the same, and the second paragraph shall have the **proposed** wording as follows:

Terms of office shall be one year, or less if elected after the beginning of a calendar year. An officer shall not be reelected to the same office for at least one year after completing a full term in that office. An officer may be removed from office "for cause" by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

This minor change will be voted on at the 12/2 meeting.

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REMINDER: \$12 DUES FOR 2004 MUST BE CURRENT TO  
ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!  
WE DON'T WANT TO MISS YOU... OR YOUR GUESTS.  
DECEMBER IS ALSO A GOOD TIME TO PAY '05 DUES...

Cecil Stokes  
4022 Heatherhill Rd.  
Huntsville, AL 35802

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Its address is POB 4185; Huntsville, AL; 35815-4185. The 2004 HDAA Board consists of President Ron Clements, Vice President Bill Barnes, Secretary Helen Mitchell, Treasurer Charlie Thomas, and Directors: Barbara Atchley (04), Mahlon Harvey (04), Andy Karabinos (04), Fouts McCauley (04), Glenn Webb (04), Sam Zeman (04), John DeHaye (05), John Grider (05), Jack Hagler (05), Gene King (05), Barbara Plonka (05), Sharon Sears (05), Deane Herbert (06), Mark Locker (06), Bobby Tanner (06), Sharon Turner (06), Jerry Webb (06), Harold Whitesides. 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/>

See You at the RSA O/C Club 12/2!

## In Fond Memory...

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

**Hank Anderson:** Worked in the Quality Department.

**Tamara Bice:** Wife of David Bice, currently at SEHO Division on RSA.

**Harry Dukakis:** Worked at the Elkton Division, but known to many in HSV.

**Hoyt Hammond:** Father of Jason Hammond, who worked in Proposals Group.

**Thomas Rudd Loder:** Worked in the Programs Department.

**Ron Sisk:** Father of Taska Clark, who worked in the Engineering Department.

**Cecil Parker:** Worked in the Research Section in the '50/'60s; later in MIS.

**Morris Williams:** Worked in Human Resources in the 1970s.

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They will be sorely missed by us all.

Our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost other loved ones, as well.

If we have missed condolences, it's because we were unaware.

