

SPECTRE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 05 August, 2008, 1835 CST



Pat Carpenter, President
Dick Vancil, Vice President
Andy DeMeyer, Treasurer
Roger Betterilli
Norm Evans
Larry Hickey
P. J. Cook, Web Master, teleconference
Kim Coryat, teleconference
Chuck Kaczmarczyk, teleconference
MarthaAnn Kaczmarczyk, Recording Secretary, teleconference
Barry Gossman, teleconference at 1912L
Guests: Jerry Appleby
Otis Redding

CALL TO ORDER

President Pat Carpenter called the meeting to order with the above-listed Board Members present, either in person or via teleconference.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Andy DeMeyer reported the following funds on hand:

\$ 3,049.94 -- Checking Account
1,245.12 -- CD/Building Fund
10,000.00 -- CD from Gunner Jack
30,472.17 -- Vanguard Bank CD

\$44,767.23 -- TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

We currently have a Check Book balance of \$4,617.34.

Since our last Board Meeting on 8 July 2008, our receipts have totaled \$3,859.21 and are made up as follows:

\$1,291.61: Sale of Merchandise
1,807.40: Reunion Payments
75.00: Annual Dues
660.20: Mike Kercheval Memorial Donations

\$3,859.21: TOTAL RECEIPTS

Disbursements since our last Board Meeting (8 July 2008) for which Andy has written checks total \$734.00 and are made up as follows:

\$ 23.60: Postage
360.00: Bulk Rate Fees
63.28: Life Membership Cards
55.12: Floral Arrangement for Mike Kercheval Funeral
182.00: Visa Credit Card Services
50.00: Rental of the Hurlburt Picnic Area for Reunion

\$ 734.00: TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 07/11/08 thru 08/05/08

Several donations totaling \$660.20 have been given in Memory of Mike Kercheval, who died on July 20, 2008. We will wait to see if additional memorial donations are received before contacting his brothers to find out what charity they would prefer the funds to be donated to.

Andy and Pat visited Vanguard Bank during July to attend to the CD that is currently invested at that establishment. It was discovered that the CD will actually mature during January 2009. They will deal with the reinvestment of these funds at that time.

As reported last month, after Andy received our tax exemption from the IRS under section 501 (c), he filed the Florida DR-5, Application for Consumer's Certificate of Exemption from Florida Sales Tax and use Tax. Since our last Board meeting, Andy was contacted by the State of Florida asking for a copy of our Charter. Andy told the lady who contacted him that we have only By-Laws, and she requested a copy of them. Andy complied with her request.

Andy also received a letter from the IRS stating that they may request a Form 990, Income Tax for 2006. Andy has already contacted our Accountant, Mr. John Haynes and apprised him of this fact. Additionally, Andy is in the process of recreating our Checking Account records, CD records, and Accounting Books for 2006. This is all necessitated due to the fact that Andy received no prior financial records for the Spectre Association when he accepted the responsibility of being our Treasurer.

Andy was contacted by the Mary Esther Post Office and notified that the Spectre Association has been approved for and granted Nonprofit Permit No. 375. The Permit No. must be printed on any and all non-profit mailings that we do. The cost to process Postal Service Form 3624, Application to Mail at Nonprofit Mail Rates was \$180.00. The annual fee to keep the Nonprofit Permit is \$180.00. A bulk mailing must consist of 200 items, and the bulk postage cost will be \$0.16 for each piece of mail.

At last month's Board Meeting, Andy presented a very detailed budget that he has worked up using input from Pat & Dick plus other Board Members who have worked

on past reunions. Andy's budget is based on our having 100 paying members attend the reunion. Based on Andy's expert work, the Reunion should be able to stand on its own and pay for itself. A Profit & Loss Statement is being kept precisely on a daily basis. This budget can be adjusted if we receive more than or fewer than 100 reservations. To date, we have taken in \$1,791.00 in reunion funds less Pay Pal fees of \$33.10 for a current income of \$1,757.90. Our current expenses are \$500.00 down payment to the Sheraton 4-Points, and \$50.00 to reserve the Hurlburt Picnic Area for a total of \$550.00 in expenses. This *currently* gives us a 2008 Reunion net proceeds of \$1,207.90.

Along with the Reunion Applications and payments, two (2) members have paid their annual dues of \$25.00 each. We have also received an additional \$50.00 in donations.

Merchandise sold from the Spectre Web Store last month totaled: \$1,362.00. July 2008 was the best month ever in the history of the Web Store. William Fennell of Houston, TX, also purchased a Life Membership at a cost of \$200.00 via the web store site.

SPECTRE SPOTLIGHT

Spectre Spotlight from the 2007 Reunion got posted during the month of July. Many "Thank You's" to P. J. Cook, our Association Web Master.

Norm expressed his feeling that we put forth a concerted effort in the future to have the Spectre Spotlight posted no later than January following the Reunion. Most Board Members agreed with this.

REUNION 2008 INFO

Dick e-mailed a letter to each Board Member that he and Pat would like to use in order to solicit donations in an attempt to reduce some of the 2008 Reunion costs. Now that we are a Tax Exempt organization, this may help in receiving donations. It was agreed upon that the letter be used for its intended purpose. If anyone has the name of a company or individual that can be contacted, please let Pat or Dick know.

Printing costs – name badges, agendas, programs, etc. -- will be our responsibility this year unless we can get donations or a sponsor.

Roger talked to Seascape Golf Course, and they have suggested a possible greens fee of \$50 per person. However, they will only lock in a guaranteed cost about 30 days prior to the reunion. Roger will be calling them back around the first of September.

Roger also has been in contact with several Fishing Boats, but they are hesitant to lock in any rates prior to about 3-weeks before the Sunday of the reunion. Roger

intends to get brochures and information from these boats and make this available at the time of "check-in" to anyone desiring to go out on a fishing trip. Individual members will then have the responsibility of booking their own fishing trips.

As reported last month, arrangements have been made to purchase the annual reunion year bars from a local trophy shop. Because they require a \$125.00 set-up fee plus \$4.25 per bar, Pat is waiting until we have more registrations in hand before placing this order.

Denny Bivens has produced a beautiful drawing for the reunion T-shirt design. This is the 40th Anniversary of the AC-130 Fixed Wing Side-Firing Gunship and the 35th Reunion of the Spectre Association. The shirts will be black this year. Because there are so few shirts in sizes XXL and XXXL ordered each year by our membership, we will not charge a surcharge for these larger sizes. All shirts will sell for \$20.00 each.

Norm has booked the Hurlburt Picnic area at a cost of \$50.00 for our Thursday night "Ice Breaker". Because so many people got lost last year trying to find their way to the picnic area, additional signs will be posted this year. P.J. Cook immediately went onto the association web site and set up detailed directions along with pictures of the area to help our members find their way.

The "Country Store" is going to have extended hours at this year's reunion. It will be set up at the Ice Breaker on Thursday evening at the Hurlburt Picnic Ground with a nice selection of items for sale. Hours for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will be posted on the door of the designated room at the Four Points for the remainder of the reunion. A larger selection of Spectre merchandise will be available at the Four Points. Only Cash and Checks can be used to purchase merchandise. We will not have the capability to process Credit Card sales or Pay Pal transactions.

We have a scheduler from the 16th SOS who is working on a static display to be held on Saturday after the Memorial Service. However, due to the uncertainty of the "real world" deployments, there is no guarantee that an aircraft and crew will be available. As an alternative, the Association has access to "The First Lady", Aircraft #3129, which is located at the Eglin AFB Armament Museum.

Discussion was held concerning the seating for Saturday evening's banquet. We have room for 180 persons to be seated at the banquet tables. Any and all Spectre members, including Associate Members will be guaranteed seating along with their spouse or guest at the banquet as long as they make their reservations by September 5th. After that time, the seating will continue to be offered to Spectre members and will also be opened to members of the 16th SOS and 4th SOS. Many current aircrew members stationed at Hurlburt Field have voiced an interest in attending that banquet due to the historical significance of our 40th Anniversary. A lively discussion was held concerning the Registration Fee of \$40 per person. This will help cover:

- The cost of two bottles of wine per table – one red, one white -- that will be used for the toasts during the Saturday night banquet.
- \$125 per night – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday -- to set up the bar.
- Guest Speaker's travel, meal, and accommodation.
- \$250 for initial supplies for the Hospitality Room.
- \$200 for Business Meeting Refreshments.
- Reunion Bars.
- Printing Costs.

Jerry Appleby attended tonight's meeting in order to express his displeasure concerning the Reunion Registration Fee.

It was noted that Associate Members have all of the same rights as regular members except they are not allowed to vote.

Norm voiced that for a banquet speaker he would prefer to hear from one of our people from the 16th SOS, returning from Iraq or Afghanistan to tell us what Spectre is doing to defend our Country and keep us safe.

Kim spoke of Captain Black, the female navigator who was the banquet speaker several years ago, and what a fantastic talk she gave.

Consideration will be given to having "one of our own" as the banquet speaker in the future.

Barry Gossman announced that he has received a donation of a 105MM Shell which will be engraved with information about the 40th Anniversary of AC-130 Fixed Wing Side-Firing Gunship and the 35th Reunion of the Spectre Association. This has been donated for the raffle to raise funds for our scholarship fund.

OUT-OF-TOWN REUNION IN 2010

BILOXI, MS: Roger Betterelli has received information from two (2) hotels and is awaiting information from one more who has promised to get back with him.

BRANSON, MO: Norm Evans will be attending the AC-119 reunion there next month, and will report to us after that event.

We already have information from:

- Atlantic City, NJ
- Las Vegas, NV
- Nashville, TN
- St. Louis, MO

Once we get the remainder of the promised information, Pat will be putting together a spreadsheet of information to be passed out at the annual business meeting on

Saturday morning during this year's reunion. A city will be chosen at that time by the members present and voting.

MISCELLANEOUS

P.J. Cook was thanked once again for his expertise and the amount of work that he puts into the Spectre web site.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 2003L.