

Patrol Squadron Five, Reunion Association

December 10, 2009

Dear Mad Foxes,

The 2010 reunion will be from **April 21 thru 25, 2010** in Jacksonville Florida, at the **Holiday Inn, 6802 Commonwealth Ave & I-295**. The room rates are **\$65.00 outside & 89.00 inside** plus tax/per night w/Full Breakfast from 06:00-10:00. Hotel room reservation **800-HOLIDAY** or **904 781-6000**, also online. Please use the Registration Code **PMJ**. to ensure that you are getting the discounted room rate. No RV parking is also available at Hotel.

The cost for attending is, **\$80.00 for single and \$150.00 for couple**. Send checks to **VP-5 Reunion Association, PO Box 7121, Jacksonville, FL 32238** with attached reservations and roster information forms. Registrations and meal fees must be paid prior to **March 15, 2010** in order to allow enough lead-time to order t-shirts. There will be a non-refundable registration fee of **\$20 per/person** in advance or **\$30.00 per/person** at the door. If cancellation is required before T-shirts are ordered, the entire fees will be refunded.

As usual, we will have festivities on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. All attendees will get a T-Shirts and a name tag especially made for the reunion. P2 and P3 caps will be available for sale along with extra T-shirts. If anyone has an idea for a design on the shirts, please send it to me before March 1, 2010.

There will be door prizes for the following: 1) First registration and meals paid, 2) Longest distance traveled, 3) Oldest attendee, 4) Youngest attendee, 5) Longest tour, 6) Shortest tour, 7) Most crewmembers from same crew, 8) Most ground pounder/Staff members from same shop/office.

A brief, tentative schedule of events:

Wednesday April 20, 19:00, the Hospitality Room will be opened for early arrivals.

Thursday, April 21, 12:00, check in and registration, **19:00**: Poker and Pizza for the players.

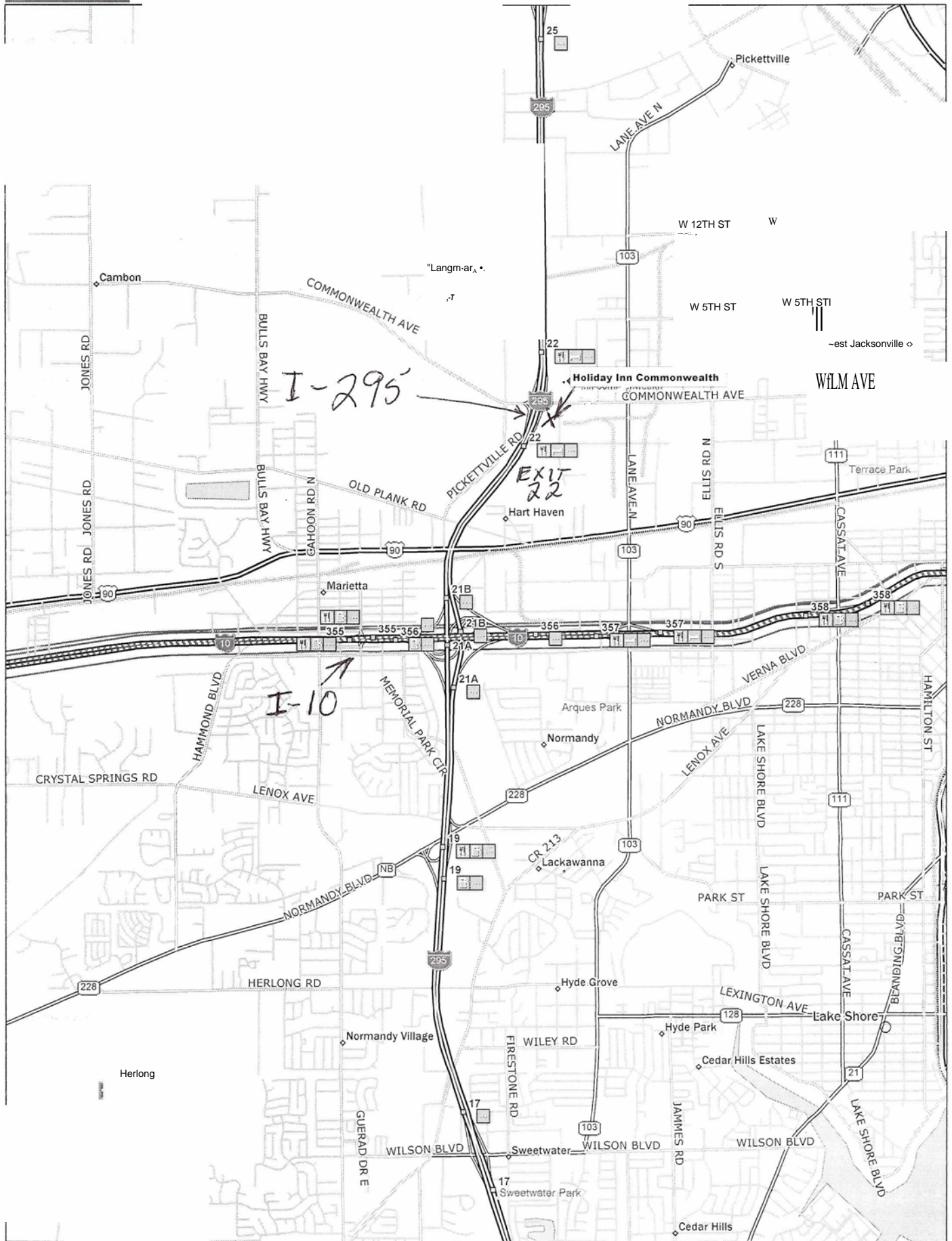
Friday, April 22, 9:00 Hospitality Room will be opened..**11:30** lunch at NAS Galley, **13:00** scheduled tour of VP-5 spaces, aircraft and trainers. **18:30** we'll have a Light Finger Foods and conversation and the usual beverages. **Check in and registration all day as needed.**

Saturday April 23, 18:30 banquet dinner featuring: Fried Chicken and Baked Pork Chops, house Salad and Vegetable Medley, Coffee, Tea and Desert. Wine will be available to those that want it. If enough are interested, I will set up a tour of St. Augustine on Saturday, late morning - early afternoon.

Sunday April 24 06:00-10:00 Breakfast for all at the hotel restaurant and farewells till next time.

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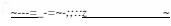
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2010 REGISTRATION FORM, VP-5 REUNION

The information on this form will be used for nametags, please add guest hometown with name. If guest wants any other info please write it on this form. Member nametag will have full name, nickname, home city and state, rank or rate while in the squadron and rank or rate at retirement or departure of service. **Please fill out roster information on back of this form.** Ignore form if your information has not changed and you have previously submitted the roster form..

1)NAME _____ Fri. ___ Sat. ___
2)SPOUSE _____ Fri. ___ Sat. ___
3)GUEST _____ Fri. ___ Sat. ___
4)GUEST _____ Fri. ___ Sat. ___
5)GUEST _____ Fri. ___ Sat. ___
6)GUEST _____ Fri. ___ Sat. ___
Total number attending _____

Caps # P2 ___ # P3 ___

T-Shirt sizes XXL #___ XL #___ L #___ M #___ S #___
Extra T-Shirts and caps will be available, cost is unknown at this time.

Association fee, ----- \$10.00 = \$ 10.00
Registration fee, total # "X" \$20.00 = \$ _____
Friday, meals total # "X" \$20.00 = \$ _____
Saturday, meals total # "X" \$30.00 = \$ _____
Total amount = \$ _____

Send checks to **VP-5 Reunion Association, PO Box 7121, Jacksonville, FL 32238**

Any request or special information on name tags:
Member: _____
Spouse: _____
Guest: _____

For the golfers, let me know and I will get T-times for you at NAS JAX on Friday morning.

Thur. Poker #[] Fri. Golf #[] Sat. Interested in tour of St Augustine #[]

VP-5 ROSTER INFORMATION FORM

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUESTED SO WE CAN KEEP A CURRENT LIST OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE REUNION ASSOCIATION.

Send to, VP-5 Reunion Association, PO Box 7121 Jacksonville, FL 32238

NAME _____ TITLE _____
LAST, FIRST MIDDLE ex CO/XO

NICKNAME _____

SPOUSE NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS 2 _____

CITY _____, STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (_____) _____ - _____ CELL PHONE(_____) _____ - _____

FAX (_____) _____ - _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____
IF NO EMAIL ADDRESS, FAMILY MEMBER/FRIENDS EMAIL ADDRESS

TOUR DATES IN SQD _____ RANK or RATE DURING THE TOURS _____
ex 66-67

RETIRED MILITARY, YES () NO ()
RANK or RATE WHEN RELEASED/RETIRED _____

CREW# / SHOP _____ POSITION _____

DEPLOYMENTS/DATES _____

HELP US FIND AS MANY OF YOUR OLD SHIPMATES AS POSSIBLE, IF YOU KNOW THE ADDRESS OF SOMEONE NOT ON OUR LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN MAIL THEM THIS ROSTER INFORMATION FORM.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION

🎪 ABOUT OUR HOLIDAY INN 🎪

As you look around our Hotel, you will probably wonder why we have adopted an “Aviation” theme throughout our Holidome. Well, here’s a little history for you to take back home with you about our Hotel:

This Hotel is built on the site of the former private airfield, Hart Field, which served commercial and civilian aviation needs during and shortly after World War II (1942 - 1946).

Hart Field belonged to a banker who used it to grow grass seed. He had it mowed twice a year to harvest the seeds. There was no pavement, not even a paved parking lot. Surprisingly, one of the original hangers is still standing. It is located at the corner of Lane and Commonwealth Avenue now being used as a moving and storage warehouse.

The airfield was also used as a Flight School operated by pioneer Jacksonville Aviator, Laurie Yonge, during the postwar years of 1945 - 1947. Many men had been discharged from the Air Corps and needed further training for commercial and civilian pilot licenses. Many of the pilots who trained here at Hart Airfield return once a year for a convention.

If you walk into the Holidome and look above you, suspended from the ceiling is an authentic two-seat 1946 Ercoupe - the kind of airplane that once took off and landed at Hart Field.

1946 Ercoupe

The Ercoupe contained controls for only two of three axes, pitch and roll. The single pedal on the floor activated the brakes; the nosewheel received steering commands from the yoke. Freed from the difficulties of mastering the tailwheel, not to mention rudder control, Ercoupe students commonly soloed in five hours. The two small rudders were interconnected with the ailerons to help coordinate turns. The rudder’s placement at the ends of the horizontal stabilizer helped offset p-factor during the climb, and the engine was canted in mounts for the same reason.

Flying the Ercoupe was an exercise in “grin control.” In pleasant weather, it proved astonishingly easy to fly. Control response was light and coordinated turns were as simple as cranking on the yoke. Fast it wasn’t - running between 85 and 100 knots, depending on vintage and horsepower. Climb performance was also marginal - especially in warm weather and heavily loaded.

Thanks to almost 2 feet of stroke in the trailing-link gear, virtually every landing was a squeaker. You got the impression that if you brought the airplane down somewhere in the vicinity of a runway, it would do the rest.

Experienced Ercoupe pilots made it look easy although those trained in conventional aircraft tended to break a sweat the first few tries. The Ercoupe was designed to rest at a negative angle of attack on the ground so that the gear remained planted and the airplane would not want to fly until rotated. Often dismissed as “not a real plane”, Fred Weick’s sportster outlasted many of its detractors.

After your meal, browse around the Holidome and look at the Ercoupe as well as the many aviaional pictures displayed along the walls.

We hope you enjoy your stay at the Holiday Inn Commonwealth. Please feel free to tell us how we can make your stay more enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you again on your next trip through Jacksonville, Florida.