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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates for the corresponding offices of LMMAR commencing July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

President – Ken Koga  
Vice President – Hal Boddy  
Secretary – open (Ralph Tamm acting)  
Assistant Secretary – Carl Roberts  
Treasurer – Jerry Vaughan  
Assistant Treasurer – Bill Hammerlund

If there are no objections from the membership the foregoing nominees will take office on July 1, 2007 for a two year term.

We still have a need to fill the office of Secretary and several activity coordinators. If there are any members interested in filling any of these positions, please contact me.

I would like to thank the membership and the Governing Body of LMMAR for the support and assistance provided to me during my tenure as President of LMMAR for the past two years.

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**THE STEARMAN**

Harry Cuzner's article on his flight experiences caused me to reflect on my own. I became a Naval Aviation cadet during WWII. Flying the sturdy open cockpit Stearman biplane (N2S) at a flight school in Otumwa, Iowa was the most fun filled experience of my life. This approached the seat-of-the-pants flying practiced in WW I. The base was dreary and the food was horrible –

greasy and tasteless – but who cared? They called this period of our training the “elimination phase” with good cause. Quite a few cadets washed out of flight school in this phase of training. The airplane was easy to ground loop and many couldn't stand the violent acrobatics we were expected to learn and endure. One guy with a froze throttle chose to bail out instead of cutting the engine and making a dead stick landing. They washed him out the next day. He went to the most hated place on earth – Great Lakes Naval Training Station in or near Chicago where all washed out cadets were sent.

My instructor was a Marine Corps Captain by the name of Don Congdon. I do believe he was crazy and fearless but he was a great instructor. I heard that he touched the top of a Chicago bound train with the wheels of his plane just for the fun of it. He taught me to use the edge of the landing mat (a large paved circle

rather than a runway) when returning to home base. The reason was to avoid about twenty other cadets in a hurry to return home. One time we got lost and had to land in a farmer's field to ask directions back to home base. The farmer and people from miles around came out to see the downed airmen. Another time during the rainy season at an auxiliary field, we had to dig our plane out of the mud with barrel staves.

My best friend at this field, a Donald D. Moore, was what we would term a hot pilot. He seldom missed the spot (a ten foot circle) slipping or S turning to a landing. He developed several dog fight maneuvers that were hard to figure out. He always managed to end up on my tail even though I never considered my self to be an easy target. He was so sure of graduating (gaining his wings) he bought his uniforms about six months early. However, in the last stage of training he was killed due to an air-

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craft mechanical failure. He was strafing a target in an SNJ (an AT 6 Texan for you Army jocks) when wind shears caused him to make a slight correction. From what I heard, the empenage control surfaces failed causing him to plough into the target.

Night flying was the most dangerous phase of our training. About twelve cadets were in the air at the same time each trying to figure out where they were in relation to the other planes. The wing tip lights were of little help. I remember one time looking up and seeing wheels about a foot or two above my top wing. Even today it amazes me that we didn't lose more than a couple cadets while I was there. One of my friends, a guy by the name of Hedden, was one of those killed.

The mechanics were at our mercy since they had to get a given number of hours in each month to get flight pay. So, a few of us developed a series (fifteen minutes) of acrobatic maneuvers designed to get our passenger sick - payback time. Snap rolls, right and left, loops, immelmann, falling leafs, slow rolls and inverted spins were the available choices. However, I never got the courage to do an outside loop.

By Ralph Tamm, 5/07

**MEMBERSHIP COLUMN  
MONTHLY WINNERS:**

- Larry G. Chidester
- Mary O. Rodriguez

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**DECEASED**

Richard F. Locke

It is getting time for renewal of membership dues. I have already received 3 dues.

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Norm Dhom, Membership Chairman

**MEMBER LETTERS**

Dear Norm,

Greetings from Florida. Thanks to you and LMMAR for the \$50 check! I plan to donate the money to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (MS). I have a California friend who has a son with MS. It is this time of year that he solicits donations as part of the Walk to Cure MS. He will be pleasantly surprised to see that my annual donation has increased by \$50.

As a side note, my next door neighbors, Doug Sargent and Gen Pettee Sargent, also long time LMMAR members, and I, enjoy reading the newsletter and periodically talk about whether our names would ever be drawn for the \$50. It gave me great pleasure to show them the money!

Thanks again!  
Ed Adamek

Dear LMMAR

What a most pleasant surprise it was to receive your check for \$50. We have been members of LMMAR for the past 15 years and have so greatly appreciated all that this great club has to offer. And now to be the recipient of a February award is like icing on the cake.

It was an easy decision on where to make our donation of the \$50, we decided to divide it between two of our worthy charities, The Eastfield Ming Quong, and the San Francisco SPCA.

Thanks again,

Kirby and Mary Jane Hollis

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Travel for 2007 and 2008

October 4—17, 2007, Budapest to Prague aboard the MS Poetry. Arriving in Budapest we will spend two days exploring Budapest. During our stay our sightseeing will include the Buda Castle, Matthias Church, the Royal Palace and much more. We will have free time for shopping in Budapest before boarding the Poetry. Our ports of call on the river are Durnstein-Melk, Vienna, Linz-Passau, Austria, Regensburg-Danube Gorge, Nuremburg and two nights in Prague. This one thousand year old City has been preserved in time. This trip starts at \$3960 per person. and includes round trip air,

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November 2 – 18, 2007Cruise New York to New Orleans SOLD OUT

(WAIT LIST IS AVAILABLE)

Dec. 30, 2007 – Jan. 3, 2008 San Antonio New Years Eve. Enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing, followed by a New Years Day Brunch. Tour the Alamo, King William Historic District, LBJ Ranch, Nimitz Museum and much more. \$1395.00 per person dbl occ. \$1720 Single supplement. This includes all taxes, Resort Fees and Gratuities plus much more. A presentation will be held soon. Brochures are available

April 24 – May 10, 2008 The Panama Canal Trip aboard the Coral Princess. Ft. Lauderdale to San Francisco includes a one-night stay in Ft. Lauderdale. Inside II Cabin - \$2585.00, Outside F Cabin - \$2885.00, Balcony BC - \$3175 00, Outside cabin BD- \$3230.00 All prices quoted Double occupancy, Include Shuttle service to Bay area airports and shuttle service from docking terminal in San Francisco. Brochures are available

**IN PROGRESS FOR 2008**

June 20 – 29, 2008. Lisbon to Porto, Portugal. Spend Two Nights in Lisbon before you head to Porto to board the riverboat through the Duoro River. Over the Centuries, the Duoro River has carved a spectacular and scenic valley endowed with panoramas stretching from stately Porto, in Portugal's center of port wine production, to

Spain. And it is the Douro that has been the lifeblood of the region, providing a rich abundance of fruits, olives and grapes, as well as serving as a highway for travelers and for transporting casks of Portugal's most famous export, Port wine. The Duoro Queen will be your home for the next few days while you enjoy the food, wine and spectacular views. All State-rooms are outside facing for your personal viewing of this magnificent countryside. **THE DUORO QUEEN IS THE NEWEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS SHIP ON THE DUORO RIVER.** All state-rooms have private bath and shower, ample closet space, hotel type beds, TV and individual air conditioning...More information next newsletter.

ITALY October 1—13, 2008 3 nights Lago Maggioire, 4 nights Tuscany (Florence), 4 nights Sorrento. Arriving in Milan we start our venture into the Lake District renown for its spectacular lakes. Arriving at the hotel in the hillside village of Oggebbio for a magical three nights, touring by day, Stressa, Verbania, Lugano and the Borromean Islands. From here to Florence where our hotel is set in a 15<sup>th</sup> Century Hilltop Villa overlooking the magnificent city of Florence. For four days and nights we be visiting, touring and sightseeing the surrounding areas. We will tour the Medival City of Siena and enjoy a delicious lunch followed by a winery tour and wine tasting. We do have to continue on to Sorrento with three days left on our adventure where we will enjoy the touring of the Amalfi coast, Capri Island,

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Pompei, finally on to Naples for our return home. For those who wish to extend their trip to Rome a three-day option is available. A presentation for our trips will be forthcoming  
Vern

**BRIDGE**

**May 3 Pairs Duplicate:** 1. Ted Hinshaw & Cecil Naar; 2. Ceasar Grolemond & Bob Vigeant; Ken Krug & Angie Schynert.

**May 8 Individual Duplicate:** 1 Alex Fucile; 2. Ken Krug; 3 (tied) Ted Hinshaw and Angie Schynert.

**May 10 Pairs:** 1. Jerry Vaughan & Adrienne Hom; 2. Chet Hayes & Ted Hinshaw tied with Ken Krug & Angie Schynert; 3. Dick Schlink & Julie Joyce

**May 15 Individual Duplicate:** 1. Chet Hayes 2. Ted Hinshaw 3. Alex Fucile 4. Dick Yeast

**May 17 Pairs:** 1. Jerry Vaughan & Adrienne Hom; 2. Ken Krug & Angie Schynert tied with Chet Hayes & Ted Hinshaw; 3. Dick Schlink & Julie Joyce

**May 22 Pairs:** 1. Chet Hayes & Kon Kies; 2. Roger Abegg & Jorge Rodrigues; 3. Alex Fucile & Wilma Tringaly; 4. Caesar Grolemond & Bob Bigeant

**May 24 Pairs:** 1. Chet Hayes & Ted Hinshaw; 2. Don Kies & Cecile Naar 3. Roger Abegg & Jorge Rodrigues

**May 29 Pairs:** 1. Ken Krug & Angie Schynert; 2. Ken Christie & George Knapp; 3.

**May 31 Pairs:** 1. Chet Hayes & Ted Hinshaw; 2. Ken Krug & Angie Schynert; 3. Ken Christie Dick Pollak; 4. Bernie Hoyt & Julie Joyce

**CELIBACY**

Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by environmental encounters. While attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend, Bob and his wife, Sharon, listened to the instructor declare: "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other." He addressed the men; "Can you name and describe your wife's favorite flower?" Bob leaned over, touched Sharon's arm gently and whispered, "Pillsbury all-purpose, isn't it?" And thus began Bob's life of celibacy.

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we

went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

The executive committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m., in the litrium of bldg 157, Lockheed Martin. If the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting will take place on the second Monday.  
  
A second meeting takes place at 9:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month for mailing of the newsletter.  
  
Members are welcome at each of the meetings.

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