



THE ROADRUNNER NEWSLETTER

Roadrunner Reunion... 2016

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Reunion At A Glance:

- **DATES:** 7- 12 Nov 2016
- **WHERE:** Gold Coast Hotel and Casino
- **ROOM RATE:** \$33.00

Reunion Day-by-Day:

Sun - 6 Nov: Arrival

Mon - 7 Nov: Free Day

Tue - 8 Nov: Free Day

Wed - 9 Nov

- Registration
(1200hrs)

- Welcome Reception

- Buffet dinner

Thurs - 10 Nov

- Champagne Brunch

- Business Meeting

- Free Day

Fri - 11 Nov

- Nellis AFB : Aviation

Nation Air Show

- Farewell Dinner

Sat - 12 Nov

- Departure... have a safe trip home

NOTE: The Hospitality Suite will be open daily, 7 Nov thru mid-day 12 Nov.



"We need More Free Time..." That was the clear consensus from the business meeting of the 2014 reunion. So... the committee is happy to comply. This year you will find much more 'free time' to visit old friends in the local area, or see the new attractions that makes Las Vegas the international tourist destination that it is. For those more adventurous there is opportunity 'to get out and about' in the Southern Nevada area or even a quick trip to see or do something interesting in CA, UT or AZ perhaps. To help those of you who arrive by air, we are negotiating with a world wide auto rental agency to get you a good deal on a rental car if you desire one. And to peak your interest, we will even have a few 'folders' and website listings of interesting things to do in the metro and Southern Nevada area...

'Day - trips' if you chose... to some of the unique and beautiful state and national parks, or to one of Nevada's many old ghost towns. Or take a 'spin' on the 'High Roller' - The world's Tallest 'Observation Wheel'. In the metro area, you can also visit the National 'Mob' Museum, The National Atomic Testing Museum, or the Springs Preserve and Nevada State Museum, all are very interesting and a good value. Or you can visit a Chocolate factory that has an expansive and beautiful botanical cactus garden. The more curious can travel to Death Valley National Park and back easily in a day. So... bring your portable GPS, your camera and a comfortable pair of walking shoes and your friends **WILL** have a great time.

Las Vegas is changing... and better you hear it from your committee than finding out after you arrive. As the world-wide economy continues to struggle, casino revenues have like wise fallen off so new sources of revenue are being considered, and in some case implemented. For example, this month (June 2016), for the first time in history, locally, MGM Resorts has initiated charging for resort parking. Currently they charge \$7.00 for 1- 4 hrs and \$10.00 for 4-24 hrs. at all strip properties: these include the Aria, Bellagio, Delano, Excalibur, Luxor, Monte Carlo, Mirage, MGM Grand and New York-New York. Do largely to a ground swell of local resident opposition the MGM has recently modified its position to permit Nevada residents possessing a valid drivers license to enter an MGM resort for the 1- 4 hr period free. There your committee recommends you 'invite' a local Roadrunner to join you when you visit the strip during the forthcoming reunion.

Those of you who frequently travel are very familiar with 'resort fees'... a practice that began in world-wide upscale resorts nearly 3 decades ago. A resort fee is a daily charge above the advertised room price and collected separately from the room price. At inception the fee was charged as a way of covering 'incidental' customer service costs... such as a morning newspaper, free local telephone calls, etc. The current Gold Coast Hotel Casino resort fee is \$15.99 a day.

Registering for ROADRUNNER – 2016

TO REDUCE MAILING COSTS AND PAPERWORK WE WANT TO DISTRIBUTE AS MANY REGISTRATION PACKETS AS POSSIBLE VIA THE INTERNET... We currently have email addresses for more than 200 of our members. However, we believe there may be many more of you with internet capability. If that is so, please provide Greg Ellis (gregellis@att.net) your contact information and you will be added to our "electronic" list. All other members will receive a copy of the registration packet to be mailed by mid-July.

START PLANNING NOW TO ATTEND YOUR ROADRUNNER REUNION AT THE GOLD COAST HOTEL and CASINO, NOV 7-12 1016

Nellis AFB - “Aviation Nation”

Aviation Nation is the annual Nellis AFB Open House and the largest free public event in Nevada. This year Aviation Nation celebrate 76 years of airpower in Las Vegas and the Air Forces accomplishments in the air, space and cyberspace. Several military air Demonstration teams, including the USAF “THUNDERBIRDS”, will perform with other military and civilian sponsored aerial acts. The three day event depicts the history of American aviation and will salute the recent accomplishments of America’s military in operations around the globe through numerous military and civilian ground displays.

This award winning air show features war planes from all eras and includes several civilian sponsored events. Several of the planes on display even allow guests too board and view first hand. For all, the best part of the day is the viewing of the daring aerial exhibitions that “WOWS” spectators of all ages. Aviation Nation is arguably the best air show held in the United States on an annual basis.

Dave Broxterman, our transportation coordinator, is Hard at work defining the details of our transportation plan... arranging for rental cars for those who need them and for bus transport to the Aviation Nation event. Lunch at Nellis will be arranged by your Committee and will be hosted on flight line at the 422 Sqdn flightline pavilion .



Your Roadrunner Reunion Committee:

Committee Co-Chairs: Dick Browning, dickpegb@cox.net (702) 207-0486

Bill Shunney, bshunney@cox.net (702) 896-3400

Membership: Greg Ellis, gregellis@att.net (405) 732-7211

Historian: Rick Sine, fsine@aol.com (206) 855-1300

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Finance: Harry Richard, richardharryj@aol.com (702) 375-7599

Transportation: Dave Broxterman, broxtdc@cox.net (702) 361-6264

Your 2016 Business Meeting:

Do you have an item(s) for the memberships consideration? If so, please forward to Dick Browning. As soon as possible. Current items for discussion and action include:

- USAF Academy’s Heritage Trail, Southeast Asia Memorial Pavilion. (Presenter/discussion leader: Rick Sine)
- Future Roadrunner Reunions: (Presenter/discussion leader: A reunion committee member)
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The Roadrunner Missing List... (as of 29 May 2016)

Anderson, Bruce W.	Johnson, Wayne A.	Simmons, Thomas W.
Anderson, Milton W.	Jones, Robert "Honez"	Smith, Mickey
Arnet, David L.	Kalinauskas, John J.	Stewart, Joseph
Ashley, Bruce H., USN	Kazilek, Charles J.	Strickland, C. C. "Chan"
Austin, Howard C.	Kemp, Tom	Swain, James M.
Autry, Robert	Kennedy, Patrick V.	Taylor, James G. "Jim"
Bietschel, Phil	Lewis, Brian W.	Thomas, William L.
Billingslea, William	LeVan, Jay	Tinkler, Steven B.
Bowman, Robert G. "Bob"	Locher, Clara M. "Patty"	Van Etten, Chester L.
Boyd, J. T.	Lu, Jimmy	Walker, Ronald M.
Brewer, Richard R.	Luke, John A.	Warman, David K.
Brown, Gene D.	McClelland, James N.	Weavil, N. R.
Brown II, Guy E.	McKeller, Milton L.	Williams, Perry
Caskey, Dave	McKelvey, Robert	Williams, W. Jr
Charters, Thomas R.	Mickelson, Robert B.	Youngblood, James H.
Christie, Vern	Miller, Robert	
Clark, Howard	Morgan, Steven N.	
Cooney, James M. "Jim"	Morrissey, Ann	
Cooper, Kelly S.	Myers, Ronald F "Ron"	
Creamer, David A.	Narsavage, Joseph M.	
Davis, Michael R.	Neilands, Harry D.	
Denton, John R.	Nichols, Jimmy L.	
Donahoe, Jeffrey E.	Nishimuta, Michael P. "Mike"	
Dorch, Harold	Nunemaker, Roger P.	
Evans, Clive, RAF	Oakden, Donald, RAF	
Everman, Russ	Parks, Al	
Field, James L.	Peschiet, Willard	
Fierman, Paul	Phillips, David	
Fowler, Ivan H.	Phillips, John D.	
Fritz, Kenneth	Pobre, Melvin	
Gardner, Larry	Powers, William R.	
Gibbs, Rick	Randall, James E.	
Gregory, Bill	Ray, James	
Griffin, Marge, Black	Rivers, Henry A. "Al"	
Hall, Donald M.	Roberts, William R.	
Hand, P. D.	Robinson, Larry A.	
Hanford, John O.	Rogers, Timothy A.	
Heagle, John M.	Rosenthal, Edward P. "Rosy"	
Holman, Merle	Secker, William S.	
Hornberger, Rick	Schmit, Edward P. "Ed"	
Huff, Stephen A.	Schneider, Carl M.	

HELP...

These Roadrunners have dropped "off the radar". If you have any information that may help us contact them, please contact Greg Ellis at gregellis@att.net or 405-732-7211

Roadrunner TAPS (* Unknown Date)

MSGT James R. Cain*
Calvin T. Broadway*
Craig M Campbell*
Charles F. Christenson*
Lt Col Fred H. De Jong*
Leslie R. "Les" Holland*
Lt Col Donald J. Rowley*
Donald Waltman*
Paul James Wright Jr. (Feb 1992)
Col Claude Hill (1994)
Major Alan L. "Al" Gasho (8 Aug 1996)
Col Bobby J. Mead (27 Mar 1998)
Maj Dana M Dieckman (31 Mar 1999)
Lt Col Andrew J. "Andy" Peloquin (5 Jun 1999)
Lt Col Grover C. Poole (7 Jan 2000)
Lt Col Steve Huisenfeldt (15 Jul 2000)
Col Roger Mathiasen (16 Sep 2000)
Charles J. Phippen (Jan 2001)
Col Robert D. Balph (Jan 2001)
Gen James V. Hartinger (2002)
Capt Robert M. "Bob" Lathrop Jr (May 2002)
Col Mike Same (July 2002)
Homer D. Boswell (18 Jul 2002)
Col William W. "Bill" Hopkins (2003)
Maj Fred A. Guillot (1 Feb 2003)
Col Robert G. "Bob" Morrison (25 Mar 2003)
Maj Joseph G. Parker (1 Jan 2004)
Brig Gen Thomas E. "Griz" Wolters (Feb 2004)
Col Robert E. "Bob" Irwin (3 Dec 2004)
Lt Col Victor L. Hackman (14 Dec 2004)
Robert T. "Bob" Saffel (2005)
Col Robert K. "Bob" Crouch (2005)
Capt Lee Bafalon (18 Mar 2005)
Col Ivan "Ike" H. Dethman (24 Mar 2005)
Col William S. "Will" Turner (9 May 2005)
Neil Pollock, RAAF (24 Jun 2005)
Maj Mortimer J. "Mort" Hall (Jul 2005)
Maj Marius F. "Fred" Kempf (16 Aug 2005)
Col Lynn Lovegren (Sep 2005)
Col Lawrence C. Pearce (30 Oct 2005)
Kirby F. Ludwick (22 Nov 2005)
Maj William "Bill" Hamilton (31 Mar 2006)
Col Dean Salmeier (12 May 2006)
Col James C. "Jim" Sharp (23 May 2006)
Lt Col Robert "Bob" McClure (5 Aug 2006)
Lt Col Alexander A. "Sandy" Marquardt (22 Aug 2006)
Lt Col Edward A. "Ed" Kowalczyk (7 Sep 2006)
Kalman E. "Kal" Reistetter Jr ((Sep 2006)
Col James R. "Slip" Arthur (4 Dec 2006)
Lt Col Norman J. Thouvenelle (Feb 2007)
Lt Col Adrain E. "Jack" Geraghty (5 Jul 2007)
Col Lloyd Houchin (18 Jul 2007)
Stephen J. "Steve" Feaster (22 Aug 2007)
Lt Col Fredrick R. "Fred" Fine (Nov 2007)
Allan R. Earls (Dec 2007)
Lt Col John E. Malone Jr (28 May 2008)
Col Robert D. "Bob" Anderson (9 Sep 2008)
Lt Gen William R. "Dick" Nelson (3 Oct 2008)
Bob McWhorter (2009)
Lt Col Donald L. Hutchinson (25 Jan 2009)
Maj Don Primas (6 Feb 2009)
Capt George G. Benson (11 Feb 2009)
Col Joe G. Cabuk Jr (12 Apr 2009)
Lt Col Robinson W, Van Sicikle (16 Apr 2009)
Maj Gen Herbert J. Gavun (27 Jun 2009)
Col Charles E. "Chuck" Van Drill (22 Jul 2009)
Capt Chessman Kittredge III (4 Oct 2009)
Maj Thomas "Wayne" Sharp (20 Nov 2009)
Phillip "Phil" Straley (Dec 2009)
Lt Col Jack D. M. Dale (18 Jan 2010)
Gary J Morehead (15 May 2010)
Col Ronald D. "Doug" Tingley (8 Oct 2010)
Brig Gen Thomas E. Lacy (15 Oct 2010)
MSGT Oliver C. Bell (15 Oct 2010)
Col Donald E. "Don" Langwell (6 Nov 2010)
Col James H. Caldwell (27 Nov 2010)
Lt Col Robert J. Leland "Bob" Tidwell (6 Jan 2911)
Lt Col Richard A. "Dick" Fleitz (16 Jan2011)
George W. Kronsblen (28 Jan 2011)
Lt Col Larry H. "Larry" Colliflower (27 Feb 2011)
Maj Carl s, Hicks Jr (23 mar 2011)
Lt Col Robert O, "Bob" Balance (1 May 2011)
Maj Charles R. "Chuck" Stoltz (8 May 2011)
Thomas "Tom" Fisher (Jun 2011)
Maj Francsco P. "Frank" Frulio (23 Jul 2011)
Herbert T. "Tom" Pickering (23 Oct 2011)
Wg Cmdr Alan R. Lockett, RAAF (25 Oct 2011)
Col Dave Hubbard (1 Nov 2011)
John E. Owens (18 Nov 2011)
Col Nick Muralt (24 Feb 2012)
Gerald D. "Jerry" Robinson (10 Mar 2012)
Maj William C. "Bill" Erickson (20 Apr 2012)
Frank App (19 May 2012)
Maj Robert R. "Bob, OB" Oberg (6 Jul 2012)
Lt Col Albert E. Hanneman (20 Jul 2012)
Maj Aarron O Philibert Jr (19 Aug 2012)
Lt Col Edwin P. "Ed" Whitfield Jr (1Oct 2012)
Maj Gen Frederick C. "Boots" Blesse (31 Oct 2012)
Maj H Phillip "Phil" Brandt II (3 Nov 2012)
Lt Col Lothar A. "Andy" Olman (13 Jan 2013)
Lt Col Thomas Jerod "Tommy" Taylor (9 Feb 2013)
Maj Cyril James "Jim" King (12 Feb 2013)
Col James E. McQueen (2Mqy 2013)
Col Danny L. "Dan" Eckles (20 Jun 2013)
Lt Col Kenneth S. "Ken" Law (7 Jul 2013)
Lt Col John Dejardine (23 Sep 2013)
Lt Col Ralph C. "Chris" Kellum (26 Sep 2013)
Lt Col Thomas "Tom" Murch (11 Nov 2013)
Col Robert L. "Bob" Bobbett (2 Jan 2014)
Col Robert P. "Slick" Andrews (2 Jan 2014)
Lt Col William E. "Bill" Brummett (16 Jan 2014)
Col Gabriel P. "Bart" Bartholomew (30 Jan 2014)
Lt Col William G. "Bill" Meyer (5 Mar 2014)
Col William F. "Bill" Palmer (8 Mar 2014)
Maj Gen Kenneth P. "Ken" Miles (27 Apr (2014)
John D. Palm Jr. (18 May 2014)
Maj Glenn J. "Andy" Anderson (23 Jun 2014)
Lt Col Wallace A. "Mike" Kulczyk (27 Jun 2014)
Harris, J. Taylor (10 Oct 2013)
Col Troy J. Dent (12Jan 2015)
Lt Col Cael B. Hanby (6 Mq4 2015)
Major Jack E. "Jackie" Crouch (8 Mar 2015)
Lt Col Robert D. "Bob" Eve (30 Mar 2015)
Maj Quinan H "Quinn" Born (4 Jun 2015)
Ian "Westy" Westmore, RAAF/Ret (5 Sep 2015)
Col Frederick R. "Fred" Darling (17 Dec 2015)
Col Richard L. "Rick" Ruddel (2 Jan 2016)
Capt Donald W. "Don" McComb (29 Apr 2016)

... Every Roadrunner listed here, was above all, a great airman, a brother in arms, a patriot and a national hero. Most were the best of husbands and fathers as well as leaders in their communities. In every case they left this world too soon, but they clearly left it a better place for having been. Please continue to honor them and their families in your prayers.