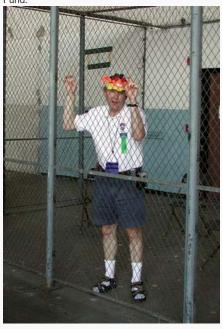
American Yankee Association's 2005 Convention at McClellan Airpark, California

IN THE JAILHOUSE, FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

July 14th, 2005

Part of this year's fund raising efforts was the JailHouse. The following are just a few of the good sports that helped this fund raising effort to bring in over \$800 for the Scholarship



President Steve "imPeached"





Krio.



Adam



Co-conspirators Ethan and Devin with Bart Prieve lending a lifting hand



ESD 'sticky fingers' Greg



The lovely and talented Kim, Mrs 'sticky fingers'



Sheriff Guy finally comes to justice

AYA MEMBERS CONTINUE A TRADITION

July 14th, 2005





Image Details: An age old AYA tradition, ice cream!

NETWORKING ISSUES PLAGUE AYA2005

July 14th, 2005

Just a quick one to let you know that your AYA2005 DailyCoverage team isn't neglecting you on purpose. The LionsGate's internet connectivity is brand new this week and has all the issues you would expect due to that. It is up now and I will try to get as much posted as possible before tonight's closing event.

I just posted a ton of pictures from Tuesday afternoon through this morning. Take a look at the galleries.

GK

FLOUR BOMBING

July 14th, 2005

Despite the heat the flour bombing event was a great success. Many bombs were dropped. A few even got close to the target.



Look closely and you will see the bomb in descent.

GKetell

FUND RAISING THE AYA WAY

July 12th 2005

Leave it to our "creative geniouses" to come up with interesting ways to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. This year we have two new ways to make money: the JailHouse and Roscoe's \$300 "Traveling Companion" Challenge.

The JailHouse is a jail of ill-repute. le you can bribe your way in or out or you can bribe others' way in. For \$1 donated to the "Sheriff" Guy Warner you can have any one you want tossed into jail for any reason and they are guaranteed a sentence of 10-minutes to Life. For \$2 you don't have to have a reason. Once in jail you get your "one phone call" and you can have someone come and bail you out for \$5. Or you can bribe your way out immediately for \$10. Lastly there is the "Roscoe" way out: for \$20 you can purchase a "Get out of Jail" card so anytime someone tries to have you arrested the Sheriff will happily take their bribe and send you on your way. ((Well, mostly. Some got their "Get Out of Jail Card" bribed over.



Poor Nigel:

The Roscoe Challenge. If and only if he can raise at least \$300 by the end of the Banquet on Thursday will he get his new flying companion. He may not donate any money himself and no one person or company may donate more than \$20 for him. So if you see Roscoe running around with a hat in his hands, feel free to help him out. More details on "his companion" soon.

Greg Ketell

MONDAY FROM A AYA DIRECTOR AND CONVENTION FIRST TIMERS POINT OF VIEW

July 12th, 2005

Today was a full day for many of your AYA officers. First there was the Board of Directors' meeting that went from 8:30am to 1:30pm. Then we all tried to attend the seminars. Then you had the first timers introduction run by Roscoe Rosché and finally the Welcome Reception.

You will hear more about the BoD meeting later in the week. But I would like to remind you that they meetings are open to all AYA members who have interest in attending. This year we had only one non-BoD attend.

My family and I were able to attend two of the seminars. The first was Irene Arnold's presentation on Aircraft Survival. You can find a copy at Cross Country Survival. Let me know if there are any difficulties since this was my first time hacking a PowerPoint presentation into a web page.

The second seminar we attended was Yolanda Aro's awesome Southwestern Cooking. She cooked up some fabulous salsa that was later served at the Welcome Reception. She also whipped up some tastey Chicken Mole. If you aren't familiar with Mexican Mole (pronounced Mole-ay) it is a pepper/chocolate sauce that is just heavenly when done right. All of Yolanda's recipes will be posted to the AYA2005 web page just as soon as I receive them (and get back to a functional network).

Greg Ketell

Your Electronic Services Director and first-convention attendee

PRE-ARRIVAL DAY (SUNDAY)

July 10th. 2005

Our fleet of 17 Grummans grew to 41 (+ one Mooney) by the end of the day. In the morning things were quiet out on the ramp, then suddenly folks started to arrive en mass. Many showed the AYA Spirit and helped out the arriving pilots by helping to park airplanes, assisting with tie downs and baggage, and bringing bottled water to new arrivals. Parking crews were busy, vans were used to shuttle folks to where they needed to get, all done by AYA volunteers. Thanks to all that helped out! Folks sat out of the sun in the huge ex KC-135 maintenance hangar, drinking water and sodas. Temperatures today were a few degrees more then yesterday, but still comfortable. Karen Wilson and Kris Britting ran the registrations back at the Lions Gate Hotel. All told we had a great day as we get ready to start this year's convention.

Rich Harrison

JULY 9TH, PRE-PRE-ARRIVAL DAY

July 9th, 2005

This morning as I have been doing all week, I left Livermore, CA for the 40 min flight to MCC. Working with NorCal Approach, they made the comment that I was the first Grumman to

fly into the Convention they had been told about. I told them I would be the first of many. I met Tom Britting at the Convention site and our work began. Final preparations were done around our convention hangar, and out on the ramp. This week while Tom and I set up the ramp and the parking, the temperatures have ranged from 68 degrees in the mornings to highs in the low 90's. Today, it only got to about 88 or so. By early next week, afternoon highs are forecast to the low 100's, but we hope the mornings will remain cool as we do our



flying and ramp activitie

At the end of the day we had 18 aircraft parked on the line.

Many folks are arriving early, as they had added a day or two for weather they did not run into. But we heard about the headwinds some ran into. When trucks start passing up Tigers, that is some headwind!

Rich Harrison Convention Co-Chair

WELCOME TO MCCLELLAN PARK, SACRAMENTO

July 6th, 2005

Welcome to the AYA 2005 International Convention in Sacramento, California, July 10th - 15th!

I'm Greg Ketell, your AYA Electronic Services Director. I'll be administering this daily coverage along with our esteemed Editor Don Metz.

If all goes well, on this page, you'll find daily coverage of the convention as it happens— contributed by AYA members at the convention themselves.