

(target) a ten-year Reunion coordinator. A couple of names have come up, but I'll save those proposals for Dempsey's space. Another idea for the near term is to put on coastal lieutenant commander wetting-down picnics sometime in June or July. Just another excuse for the Class to get together. We'll work on some sites and dates, and let you know next issue.

On with the word. **Cal Bagby** reports success in capturing the Canadian Fincastle Trophy for 1985, marking Antisubmarine Warfare excellence and supremacy. While serving in the Canadian exchange program, Cal commanded a CP-140 AURORA whose crew was of international composition. In order to make the final Fincastle competition, staged out of RAF Kinloss, Scotland, they had to compete in several local and regional competitions. Cal sent along a full page newspaper article detailing the events. A week later, Cal was out of the Navy and starting his second career of flying for the air operations branch of the U.S. Customs at Tucson, Arizona. This time he's flying P-3's in an airborne surveillance role (searching for the drug runners). He keeps his hand on the Navy stick by flying for the Reserve out of Point Magu. Next in line is news from **Bob Dawson** who reports from his new job as Assistant Ops Admin in NIMITZ that he, his wife Marcie and two sons, John, 4 1/4 and Jason, 8 months, are living in Virginia Beach (Albright Drive). Bob mentions in his letter that **Rob Prodehl** has recently transferred from USNA to the ASW module in KENNEDY and just happens to live up the street. Hmmm, maybe we found ourselves an East Coast wetting down location — there's a park not far from their location! Others he commented on were **Steve Harper** and **Tom Hutchinson** who have both departed duty from USNA for civilian careers. Well done, Bob . . . should see you soon.

News comes from **Jim Bethmann** who did such a great job writing that I'll print it in its entirety. Jim and Lynny are living in Dallas, Texas. Jim is the Western Region and International Marketing Representative for a division of Recognition Equipment (REI). Jim ran in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. finishing in 3:31:00. The Bethmanns have a 23-month-old-son, Spencer. Jim and Lynny would like to hear from all Classmates in the area or passing through at 817-540-4404. **Gary Gambarani** and **Janet** are in Annapolis. (Annapolis! Slowly I turned. Step by step, inch by inch . . . target number one for the ten-year Reunion!) Gary is a defense consultant for Arinc in Annapolis. The Gambaranis have a 26-month-old son, Gary Paul II. **Skip Wagner** and **Leo Latonick** are neighbors at Shipley's Choice in Severna Park (Targets #2 and #3). Skip is working as a Defense Marketing Representative for Westinghouse in Crystal City. Cheryl and Skip have two children, David, 3 3/4, and Kara, 1. Leo obtained his MBA from Maryland (Terp) and is working for IBM in Bethesda as a financial analyst. Suzy and Leo also have two children, Michael, 3 and Matthew, 11 months. **Keith Tibbitts** and wife **Karen** are at USNA (Target #4) where he's a Leadership and Law Instructor . . . maybe we should shift priorities to Keith! What do you say Dempsey? Keith, Karen and their daughter Ashley, 3 3/4, completed a graduate tour at NPS, Monterey. Karen is expecting number two this summer. **Roger Sheppard** and **Jo** are living in Virginia Beach, or should I say, Jo is living there while Roger is flying for Eastern Airlines out of Washington National. He commutes from his northern Virginia apartment when not flying. The Sheppards have a son Ben, 3. **Mark Fisher** and wife **Dena** are living in Irving, Texas, where Mark is a manager for Abbot Laboratories. **Van Davis** and **Laurie** are liv-

ing in Allen, Texas. Van is a Safety Director for Weir Brothers of Dallas. The Davis's have 3 boys, Jeremy 12, Joshua 23 months and Jordan 5 months. **Ben Garcia** is in Dallas and is attending Law School at SMU. Ben and **Jim Bethmann** can be seen once a month terrorizing the neighborhood surrounding the Dallas Naval Air Station during their Reserve duty weekends. Thanks Jim for all the news, especially for those names around the Annapolis area. Maybe we can arrange some free tickets for you and Lynny for the tenth! (smile).

My final entry, before turning matters over to Dempsey, is from **Fred Vogt**, wife Donna, and daughter Emy who wish to announce the arrival of son Matthew Crinklaw on Friday the 13 December 1985 weighing in at 11 lbs 10 oz. and length 22 in. Best of luck Matthew! Keep the cards and letters coming . . . happy trails, **Bill**.

#### West Coast

The Holidays out here were rather cold and dreary, but that gave most of us the excuse to either stay indoors with the warm fires or race around Lake Tahoe on waxed skis. I opted for choice two . . . hitting both the Tahoe area and Big Bear Valley near L.A. While having all this fun I heard from or ran into a few Classmates I had not seen since June 1977.

I'm dating a Navy Nurse whose previous tour was in the Philippines. When she mentioned one of her buddies there was a COD pilot named **Paul Hollich**, I just about died. She said Grapes was in the Moffett area flying P-3s, so we called him and went to a Christmas/New Year's party he held in Sunnyvale on 28 December. While there I also saw **Chuck August** and **Mark Piscioneri**. Chuck is in the last six months of a tour at Naval Weapons, Dahlgren, Virginia, still awaiting orders. By the time you read this Mark will have transferred from VP-9, at Moffett, to staff duty with ComFAirMed. Grapes will roll shortly from his first P-3 tour to hardship duty as a pilot for the Naval Research Laboratory in D.C. I believe he will be with **Dave Gates** at NRL. I just wonder if ol' Gator had anything to do with Grapes . . . nah! (Others to consider for the Reunion committee).

I also received a nice letter from **Tom Arminio**. Tom, his wife Jan and son John have been roughing it at Moffett since Tom got his wings. While Tom has gone from his first P-3 tour in VP-47 to a great shore tour as Pilot/FE NaTops Officer and then QAO of the West Coast P-3 RAG, Jan has continued work as the associate director of student activities at the University of Santa Clara. Tom has orders to report aboard **CARL VINSON** as the Assistant Navigator in November. Bring your mat for those steel beach picnics, Tom.

Tom also filled me in on the exploits of other ne'er-do-wells. **Dave Bentley** will be departing VP-31 for **VINSON's** Weapons Department (another!!). **John Feiler** left VP-31 to become the Navigator on Moffett's VIP P-3. **Pete Finley** is a civilian and in his first year at Harvard Business School (Juno, can you believe it?!). Likewise, **John Herr** is completing his MBA at Stanford and **Dan Jerebek** is out getting his MBA at the University of the Bears (Chicago). **John Kellog** is still in VP-31 and I've no word on his plans. Finally, **Rich O'Sullivan** has seen the light and departed the East Coast (VP-30) for the Commo job in MIDWAY.

And . . . two other guys are now in the Bay Area. Recently **Fred Elliot** came west to join ENTERPRISE as Assistant Air Ops and **Dean Podracky** took over as Reactor Controls Assistant in, you guessed it, **CARL VINSON**. Regarding my long lost roommate, **Frank Cerabino**, the last I heard he had finished graduate school at Northwestern and went south with his wife Jo to work

for the *Miami Herald*. If you're still out there Bino, please write.

In closing I'd like to let all the guys from the 36th Co. Rat Pack know that I'm trying to get a Company newsletter started. I'd like anyone with names and addresses to contact me on board the **VINSON** so I can start the ball rolling. **Dempsey**

On a final note, the Alumni Association is looking for the following missing life members who have moved and not kept their address changes up to date. As a result *Shipmate* is being returned to the Association. If you are one of these individuals or know of their whereabouts, please let the Association know so you can once again start receiving your very own copy of *Shipmate* (sounds like a memo from the XO). Edagar A. Ballesteros, David A. Brady, Michael R. Brunskill, Neil T. Gillespie, William C. Hartman, Mark E. Lamb, Michael P. Laviano, Steven G. Olmstead, Jr., Raymond P. Ragusky, Larry B. Royalty, Collin W. Sargent, and Martin B. Sattison.

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#### Northeast

In school again and in the Dark Ages. I thought that the Dark Ages was a phenomenon unique to the Naval Academy, but that's not so. The question is, "Is there an equivalent of the Dark Ages to our Classmates out in PG School in sunny California?" Perhaps for them the Dark Ages consists of a passing cloud or an afternoon of poor surf conditions. Anyway . . . In talking with **Scott Snook**, Fifth Company's WOOP exchange student, I heard an interesting story. It seems that during the Grenada invasion, he was part of the first wave to hit the island. After some heavy fighting he ended up in a battlefield hospital (I could have sworn he said he was shot in the back!) While he was lying there on his stomach, the hospital was bombed by a US plane, resulting in the loss of some lives. Scott survived the attack, though his first thought (since he had known it was an American plane) was that the pilot had to be Fifth Company's **Wayne Reif**. I didn't realize the rivalry went that deep! Wayne, Scott would like you to get in touch with him. You can reach him through me.