

NEWSLETTER



Aztec Calendar

AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL AZTECS
Kiowa Class of 1961

September/October 2008

General Information

Welcome to issue #10 of our newsletter. Again, thanks to everyone who provided alumni information and updates so that we would have something to write about. Keep those stories and information coming so we can continue to send out the newsletter on a timely basis. Be sure to email photos too..

If you have anything you'd like to include in the next newsletter, please email the info to me at rainymail@yahoo.com or mail to Cheryl Dillard, PO Box 2413, Lake Oswego, OR 97035. You may also phone me at 503-781-2658 or fax the info to 503-214-6316. You can view newsletters, bios, event information and photos at <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com>

If you have changed your address, phone number or email address, PLEASE let us know so we can update our list. **Janice Quick Ashborn** is the "point man" where all your contact information should be sent. Her email is okayjan@cox.net and her mailing address is 8670 Robles Dr., San Diego, CA 92119.

Kiowa Spotlight

Donald Foltz is featured this month.

Happenings

John Bauman and his wife, Nancy, are hosting an Indian Summer potluck dinner party on November 15 at their home in Dana Point—sort of an extended reunion. Call John at 949-291-3781 if you'd like to attend.

Richard McDowell and his wife, Barbara, of Carlsbad, California hosted a Kiowa Class of '61 golf tournament at Warner Springs Ranch on Monday, Sept. 29th. Most of the golfers and non-golfers arrived on Saturday so they could enjoy all the amenities of the ranch. **Rachel Pille** Taylor and her fiancé, Terry Roth, drove all the way from New Mexico to play in the tournament and **David Hartley** and **Barbara Hawley** Hartley made the 1,000 mile trip from Oregon. Everyone had a good time including those who didn't play golf. Over the 3-day weekend they relaxed in the mineral pools, ate lots of great food and caught up on alumni news. The non-golfers had fun browsing the quaint shops of nearby Julian.

Now for the important news; the results of the tournament are as follows:

- 1st place team: Fred Aguirre, Terry Roth, Richard Rubio and Sonny Rau
- 2nd place team: Jim Jernigan, David Hartley and Tom Roberts
- 3rd place team: Mike Rawlings, Frank Moreno and Richard McDowell
- 4th place team: Nita Matthews, Joe Martinez, Bob O'Connor, Bill Reeves
- 5th place team: Chuck Hardin, Rachel Pille Taylor, Roger Whiteley and Richard Montes

Terry Roth won an award for hitting a ball closest to the pin and Bob O'Connor, for hitting the longest drive.



Warner Springs Guest Ranch mineral pool



Nita Matthews Hardin teeing off



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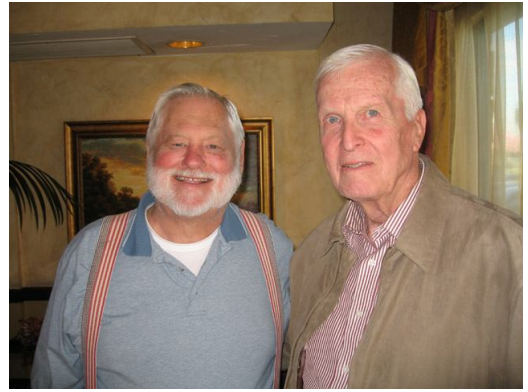


Warner Springs Ranch Golf Tournament Weekend – Class of 1961

From Azusa High

The **ALL CLASS REUNION (1959-1969)** took place on Saturday, October 18 at the Etiwanda Gardens in Etiwanda, California near Ontario. It was a huge success, thanks to the Reunion Committee's dedication and hard work (679 attended the fun event).

Friday afternoon a "Meet and Greet" reception started out in the lobby of the Ayres Hotel and later moved to one of the conference rooms where alumni could get to know each other again before the big event. We had a surprise visit from former 1958-1959 teacher and Cee football coach, **Darwin Waterman**, who now lives in Oklahoma and is a licensed psychologist. He enjoyed seeing his former students and reminiscing about his days at Azusa High. **Lee Larson**, class of '60, was a first-time reunion attendee and came all the way from Ohio to see his old friends. **CV Romero** and former childhood sweetheart/wife, **Pam Akin** Knofler, both class of '61, tearfully reconnected after 48 years.



CV Romero and Dr. Darwin Waterman

Adding to the Friday night fun, **John Bauman** and his wife, Nancy, took a group of us to dinner at Porter's, which was a short walk from the hotel. The filet mignon and seared ahi were delicious and the company, delightful. Tidbit: John likes to drink red wine from a glass filled with ice. Another tidbit: **CV Romero's** wife, Anita, is a diva. She is a talented Italian opera singer who trained in Rome and has performed in operas all over the world.

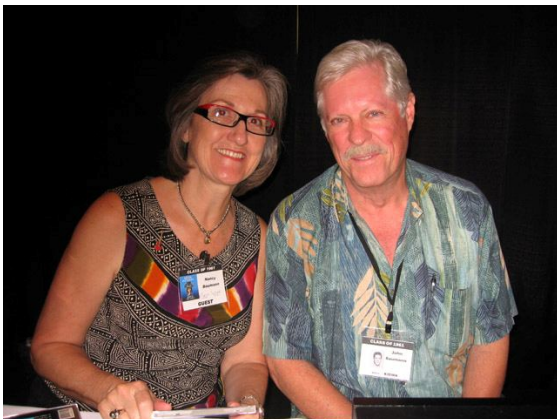


Vic '60, Mike '64, Pat '60 & Katina '60

Saturday morning small groups gathered in the hotel cafe for a late breakfast and coffee. On the patio **Katina Gaglias** '60 and Dr. Waterman had a lively and humorous discussion about an event that may or may not have happened in 1959—a supposed altercation between Coach Waterman and a certain disrespectful student. However, their recollections of the alleged event or nonevent were entirely different, in fact Dr. Waterman claims it never happened and Katina remembers it vividly—it reminded me of the 1950 Japanese film *Rashomon*. My conclusion: Whether or not it ever took place will forever remain a mystery.

Around 2 pm the hotel patio and lobby cleared out while many of us disappeared for afternoon naps, so we would be well rested for the big event (well, at least I took a nap—I'm not sure about the others).

At 5:30 pm alumni started heading to the Etiwanda Gardens, which was quite a drive from the hotel. Many signed up at the last minute, so an outdoor tent was erected to accommodate everybody. A few alumni displayed their classic cars in the parking lot (follow link to reunion photos). Our own **John Bauman** and his wife, Nancy, were the DJs for the event and did a fabulous job. Thank you both. Tables weren't reserved, so it was first come, first served. Our class ended up with a couple of primo tables next to the bar, thanks to **Corky Warfield** Justice. The live entertainment and food left something to be desired; there was a not-very-talented Elvis impersonator, and a not-so-great Mexican buffet, but we had a fun time anyway mingling with other classes and dancing to John and Nancy's spins. At one point **Vic Subia** '60 asked me to

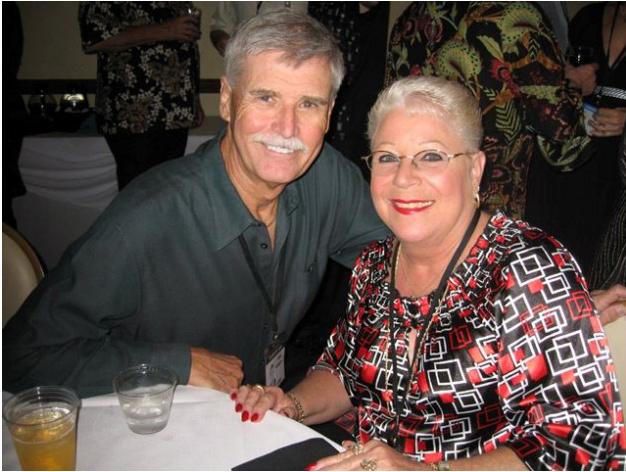


DJs Nancy and John Bauman '61

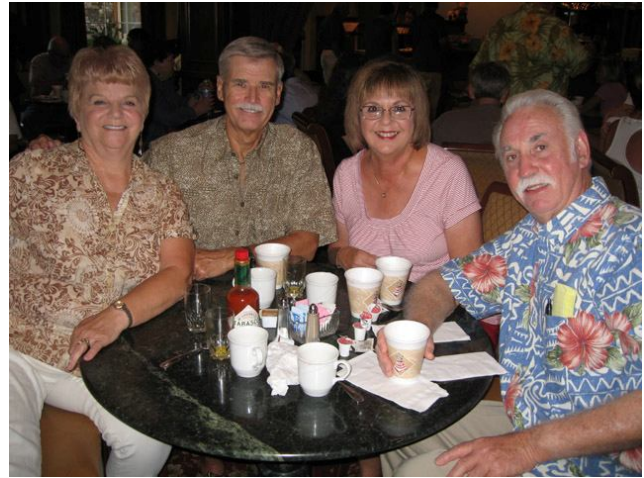


Bob Miller '61 and Cookie Fidak '61

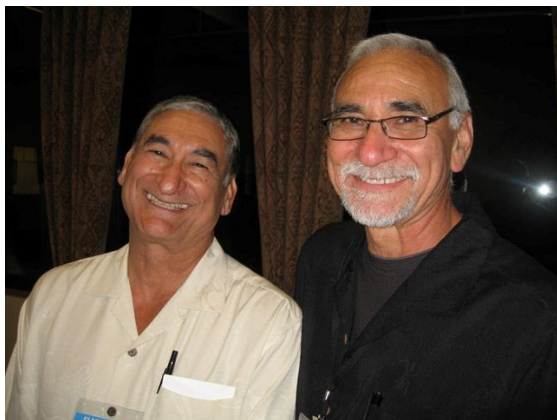
dance, but as we stepped onto the dance floor we couldn't hear the music at all (too many rock concerts), so we had to dance next to the speakers (it sucks getting old). I roomed with **Joan Zoda Cresci**, but we didn't get to talk as much as I wanted to because I was busy taking photos most of the time and she didn't arrive until late Saturday afternoon. I ran into **Carol Moss Denning '60**, whom I hadn't seen since Junior High, so that was a real treat. We used to camp out in each other's back yards when we were kids. I also saw another former neighbor of mine, **Jerry Holland '60**, who lived a few doors down the street. **Troy Kinsey '61** also attended the reunion— his first since our 20th and he had a lot of fun trying to guess who everybody was (thank goodness for our name tags with senior class photos).



Walt Ashborn '61 & Joan Zoda Cresci '61



Janice & Walt Ashborn '61, Carol & Burt Franks '61



Richard Avalos '62 & John Avalos '60

Several siblings attended the reunion including twin brothers **Jim** and **John Simola '59**, **Richard Avalos '62** and **John Avalos '60**, brothers **Jim Jernigan '61** and **Dewey Jernigan '59**, **Al Lepore '61** and **Dave Lepore '63**, and sisters **Norma Steeve Calvi '61** and **Barbara Steeve '62**, twins **Julie Larson Nazarian '64** and **Joan Larson Blalock '64** and brother **Lee Larson '60**, **Alta Church Skinner '62**, **Gail Church '65** and **Kris Church '63**, **Ray Sewell '64** and sister **Shirley Sewell '60**, **Pat Stafford '60** and her brother **Mike Stafford '64**, **Ralph Tonseth '60** and sister **Pat Tonseth '61**, **Pat Mancini '60** and his sister, **Audrey Mancini '63**, **Georgine White Baur '62** and brothers **Dan White '66** and **Ron White '63**. My sister **Diane Burlingame Howard '65** backed out at the last moment, but I got to say hello to a few of her fun-loving classmates including **Harrison and Jennie Roberts '65**, **Barry Frahm '65**, and **Sherry Messenger Benshoof '65**.

For those of you who didn't make it to the reunion—you missed a fun time. Here's a link to more photos: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/azusahighreunion2008/sets/> New photos are uploaded frequently, so check often.

For info on Azusa High School events and activities visit: <http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Pages/events.html>

Illnesses, etc...

Neal Sparks, is still courageously battling lung cancer, but is pretty weak from his medical treatments. You may contact him at mrnr@airmail.net To read Neal's bio click on the following link: http://www.azusahighschool1961.com/Bios/Neal_Sparks_bio.pdf

If someone knows of an alumnus who is very ill, please let me know.

Changes

If you change your address, phone number, email or even your name, please contact Janice Ashborn at okayjan@cox.net. She will let me know and I shall put the changes here.

Here are new email addresses for the following alumni:

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News Updates

John Bauman loves trains so much that he has made collecting model trains a serious hobby. Engineer John recently displayed his trains at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum—the world's largest operating model railroad museum.

The week following the reunion **Don Funk** met a few of us for lunch and gave us a tour of the resort he helped build and now manages with **Dick Bessire** on Lido Peninsula, Newport Beach. Thanks, Don. You're a great tour guide (and kisser).



John Bauman and his model train display in San Diego



Don Funk, Chuck Hardin and Troy Kinsey – Newport

Chuck Hardin and **Nita Matthews** Hardin recently chartered a sailboat and took four friends to Catalina for the weekend.
Rachel Pille Taylor and her fiancé, Terry Roth, of Los Alamos, NM, have moved to their home in Arizona for the winter.
Sandy Evans Smith and her Arizona cousin are leaving on a 6-week Mediterranean cruise in May.
Joan Zoda Cresci plans to spend Christmas in London, England.

In Memoriam

You, dear readers, have to be the ones to let me know about anyone who passes.
At the present time we are aware of the following alumni who are no longer with us:

Loree Hodge
Theresa Asbury Bence
Gary Pollard
Keith Hunt
Mary Arbuckle
Billy Estrada
Henry Pedroza
Mike Walters
Laurie Wittich Taft
Christine Kekos

Gary Bielke
Kenneth MacDermott
Kenneth White
Kenn Crafton
DonRay Logan
Joe Contreras
Ronald Dunkle
Mary Ann Connor
Oren Putnam

Ken Navarro
Ray Nakama
Geraldine Diaz Kinsey
Harry Kimura
Les Frieberg
Joseph Mora Jr.
Regina Johnson Nash
Darwyn Freed
Dennis Prober

Many of you have taken fun vacations that our alumni would enjoy reading about. If you would like your travel story and photos to be included in our next newsletter, please email them to me at rainymail@yahoo.com ASAP.

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheryl Dillard (Burlingame)

Spotlight on Donald “Don” Foltz

Life after Azusa High School

After serving as governor of our senior class and being an active member of the Azusa DeMolay, Don Foltz continued his service to others by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he spent most of his adult life. After choosing the military as a career, Don worked his way up the ranks from Private – gunnery sergeant, Warrant Officer 1 through Chief Warrant Officer 4, to 1st Lieutenant and retired as a Captain O-3E. During that time he managed to fit in time as a volunteer Scoutmaster for a group of boy scouts, get married (twice), and be blessed with five children and eight grandchildren.

Please note: I decided not to edit the following biography because Don's chronological accounting of his personal life was mentioned sequentially with his life in the military and I didn't want to change the order of things. So, without further ado, in Don's own words...



Don Foltz USMC 1982

Work and Family

The summer after graduation I obtained a job at Harding Military Academy in Glendora as a Camp Counselor and as a PE Supervisor during the school year, I enrolled at Citrus with a major in Forestry (Boy Scout and camping/backpacking background). Changed major twice in the next year and finally decided to join the military.



Paula & Don Foltz 1967

Enlisted in USMC (Aviation guarantee) March '63, attended aviation electronics training in Memphis, TN. I transferred to Marine Corps Air Facility Santa Ana, CA (blimp hangars) in May '64 to work on helicopters. This is when I met future wife through Jay Beard ('63) and Azusa DeMolay Chapter.

I deployed in February '66 with first CH-46 squadron into RVN (Marble Mountain/Danang). Returned to MCAF Santa Ana in March '67 and decided to reenlist. Married former Paula Fadely (Glendora '66) and transferred to Memphis, TN to teach electronics to new enlistees. Daughter Lisa Marie was born two weeks before *THE* Lisa Marie.

Transferred back to RVN in August '69 and joined a squadron operating on the USS Tripoli (LPH-10).

I returned to Memphis in September '70 to attend advanced electronics training. In June '71 we transferred to MCAF Santa Ana where I taught advanced electronics maintenance courses. Our son Brian was born February, 1972.

Transferred back to WestPac in February '75 and joined a helicopter squadron in Okinawa, and helped support the evacuation of Saigon. Selected for advancement to Warrant Officer and returned to the states in November. Attended Warrant Officer Course in Quantico, VA and was transferred to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro in May '76.

I served as the Avionics Officer for the largest Air Group in the USMC which consisted of four squadrons of F-4 Phantom aircraft. Wife of almost nine years decided she wanted a divorce.

I served in two fighter squadrons deploying to numerous forward operating bases in various locales. I met Marny Fricker (Anaheim '64) Irwin on a blind date one week prior to deploying overseas again.

This time it was with a squadron of F-4s aboard the USS Coral Sea (CV-43). We left out of NAS Alameda in November '79 and sailed for the Indian Ocean. We participated in the ill-fated Iranian hostage rescue attempt in April '80 and were relieved to sail home. On the way we were dispatched to South Korea where the Prime Minister had just been assassinated. Two weeks later we were again on the way home.



Don and Marny Fricker 1994

We arrived back at Alameda on June 12, 1980. I had received transfer orders to the Marine Aviation Detachment, Point Mugu, CA prior to returning to the states. Marny and I took all of our mixed families camping on the coast just south of



Foltz-Fricker Wedding Day 1980

the base and on July 4, I asked her to marry me. We were married on August 4th with our kids (all five) standing up with us. We promised each other that the only way one of us was going to leave our marriage would be "feet-first!"

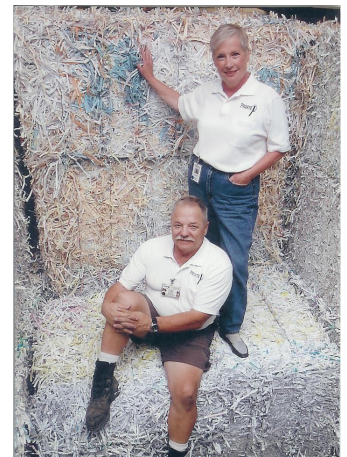
We lived on base and were active in the Base Chapel and I took over the base Boy Scout Troop, Marny had a Girl Scout Troop. It was great! We had my kids during the summers and every other weekend. We kept her son and two daughters very busy, which kept us very busy. At the end of my tour, I was slated to return to El Toro but we couldn't get housing for a couple of years and it would have been very difficult to live on the economy. I asked for and received assignment to the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, AZ.

It was June and when we transferred it was 108°. I had to keep a bottle of wine handy. I think Marny cried all the way! We had lived only ¾ mile from the ocean at Point Mugu. In Yuma, we bought a 4 bedroom home with a pool – so soon it was forgotten how hot it was. We also rediscovered that Karol Ruffing ('61) and husband Bill White ('60) had lived in Yuma since the late 60's!

I had interesting assignments for the next four years but did a lot of traveling (Logistics Support Team) for the AV-8B Harrier II. I was due for transfer back to El Toro and now had Marny's oldest kids in High School – it was time to bid farewell to the Marines...almost.

I was able to secure a position in the Marine Corps only adversary squadron and it was stationed at Yuma. Totally maintained by civilians, I served as Project Manager, Maintenance Manager, Night Shift Supervisor and Quality Assurance Manager/ISO Management Representative. Companies included General Dynamics, Lockheed-Martin, McDonnell-Douglas, Boeing and Sikorsky.

I left in 2003 to open a document destruction company. The company failed in December 2007. Fortunately I was able to secure a position with Northrop Grumman in their contract to maintain radar and aircraft tracking systems on the ranges at Yuma, El Centro and Miramar as a Quality Assurance / Safety Evaluator and ISO Auditor.



Don & Marny 2005

Places visited: Japan, Okinawa, Viet Nam, Hawaii, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Philippines, South Korea, Thailand and Singapore.

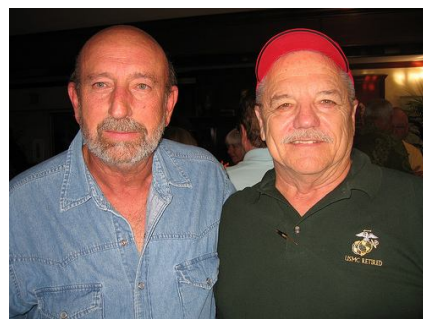
Greatest joys: Marny, our kids and grandkids, being able to care for our parents in the last years of their lives and being a Scoutmaster for 15 years.

Biggest disappointment: None

A personal note: All kids are grown and we have been blessed with eight grandchildren and have our oldest granddaughter, Madison (10 yrs old) living with us. We continue to count our blessings – as we are given every day



*Marny & Don 1986
Marine Corps Ball*



*Old Friend, Jay Beard '63 & Don
All Class Reunion - October 2008*

DO YOU KNOW WHERE ANY OF THESE ALUMNI ARE?

PLEASE INCLUDE ADDRESSES, EMAILS AND PHONE NUMBERS

THANK YOU FOR ANY ASSISTANCE.

THERE HAVE BEEN MORE ADDED SINCE LAST ISSUE!

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Roberta	Armstrong			Elvira	Lopez	
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