

BFEC Retiree Meeting / Lunch

Titusville, FL June 8, 2000

Thanks to all of you, this meeting/lunch was a booming success! By my count, 43 people were present.

After a good lunch, a touch of spirits and a lot of camaraderie, the group managed to establish itself as a Retiree Club. We actually haven't come up with a name yet but suggestions are welcome.

Toast Master Bill Underwood welcomed the retirees and guest and then turned it over to me (Glenn Smith) to put suggestions before the group to vote on frequency of meetings, planned activities and location. A majority of those present voted for:

Quarterly Meetings

Next Meeting 6 PM, September 21, 00, at the Renaissance Grille, Titusville, FL

Activity Interest: Golf, Fishing and Billiards (Planning for future meetings)

Don Zanders suggested a picnic for one of our meetings. It was discussed further that KARS (Kennedy Area Recreation Services) Park might be a possible location for the picnic and it was suggested that it be held during cooler weather. John Randle made a suggestion that we have the fall picnic catered (gives us more time to party).

On behalf of The Club, I wish to thank Bill and Marian Underwood for coming prepared. Marian saw to it that everyone was greeted at the door and got a name tag.

"Thinking of You" cards were signed by all present and will be sent to those who were not able to join us because of health problems. And all of us were reminded to get in touch with those retirees living near us and tell them to put September 21 on their calendars. Spread the word and at our next reunion, bring a friend!

It was also noted that 98% of the retirees have an email address making it easy to communicate and share information and ideas. From this message you will be able to get the addresses of most that attended today's meeting. Many old BFEC'rs have added their email address to the "Unofficial BFEC" site that Gary Schulz maintains. This is a good source for locating some of our old co-workers that we have lost touch with. For your convenience, I am including the URL for Gary's site.

<http://www.atlantic.net/~gschulz/bfec.htm>. Please check it out. For those who don't have email, I will attempt to mail them a copy of this message and any future correspondence.

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I'm happy to report that on Thursday night, September 21st, 38 retirees, their wives and guests met at the Renaissance Grille, Titusville, FL to celebrate their good fortune of retirement.

On behalf of all us retirees, I wish to thank the wives and guests for coming out and making this a reputable evening out. Thank you.

Among those in attendance were: John and Monica Best, Hugh and Sarah Boutwell, Vince Comella, Bill Edge, Paul and Alice Glenn, Ted and Priscilla Helm, Chuck and Lucinda Hepp, Terry and Betty Heybruch, Bill and Flo Lins, Tom and Deanne McWilliams, Frank and Ruth Mlodzianowski, Ralph and Stella Page, Sr., Ralph and Cassandra Page, Jr., Sky Ken and Doctor Darlene Slattery, Glenn and Kathie Smith, Bill and Marian Underwood, Harold and Jeanette Underwood, Ray and Glenna Walden, Whit and Dorothy Wash, George Wischmeyer and his guest Eddie.

Alice Glenn did her usual outstanding job of documenting our aging process. Thanks very much Alice for being thoughtful to bring your camera and for taking the time to capture us in all our beauty. I don't own a digital camera but when I do buy one, I would like it if you would give me some pointers. You do a very good job with your camera. Thank you again.

During desserts, we BFEC'Rs (Bendix Field Engineering Corporation Retirees) discussed the inputs from the June 8th luncheon and entertained nominations on selecting Chair and Co-chair persons to keep the organization functional. By unanimous vote (and from being absent) Bill Underwood (sorry Bill) was voted the Chairman and Bill (Coach) Turner the Co-Chair. Ted Helm volunteered to take the lead on planning the next gathering with a focus on a picnic (Don Zander's suggestion), golf, tennis, etc., to make the next meeting a family outing.

Bill Underwood suggested the Great Outdoors as the next meeting place. The Great Outdoors offers picnic grounds, fishing, swimming pool, golf, tennis, etc. He had information on cost of catered meals and other activities and Jim McDonald, owner of the Renaissance Grille, said he would be glad to assist the group since he knows the lady who does the catering and said she owes him a lot of favors. Jim said he would call in some of those favors and save us some money. That's a lead that Bill(s) and Ted may wish to follow up on.

We hope that Ernie's mother and Pat Liefert are both mending with good prognosis. Bernie Martin, we missed you but we speculated that the bad T-storms in your area may have persuaded you to stay home and off the road.

By way of this message I will ask Gary if he wishes to post these photos on his BFEC web site. If he doesn't have storage space, we will find a way to enable everyone to get a peek at them.

Until our next meeting, this is Glenn Smith signing off.



Bob Thiem & Hector Cleaves



Vince Comella Dean Primavere



Clyde & Donna Maggard



Dean Primavere & Frank Mlodzianowski



Don & Anna Maria Zander, Art Zippler, Ted Helm,
John Best



Virginia and Arnold Dwork



Bill Edge

Leslie Norris

Bill Worlow



Keith Hawkins

Keith Goodwin

Don Mason



Ted Helm

John Best

Art Zippler



Faith and John Randle



Jim Lifsey Keith Hawkins Keith Goodwin Don Mason



Bill Lins Chuck Hepp - Back: John & Faith Randle,
Bill Turner



Marvin McClain



Warren & Pat Lamons



Paul Glenn



Ray & Glenna Walden



Bill Turner

Glenn Smith



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Artie Furtick, Terry Heybruch, Ken Slattery, Bill Worlow
Leslie Norris, Bill Edge



Thomas McWilliams, Ernie Schoenfeld
John and Faith Randle



Bernie Martin



Warren Lamons



Bill & Marian Underwood