



# USS Noxubee AOG 56

## Shipmates Association Newsletter

December 2007

### Reunion News

We have now returned from the sixth Noxubee Reunion. Chattanooga was all it was written up to be and we had a really great time. Dick and GiGi Peaslee were fantastic hosts. They did not tell us they were getting ready to do a walk through and close on a new home as well as move during the reunion. I volunteered all attendees to go to their old house and carry at least one box or piece of furniture to the new one, they graciously declined the offer. With attendees arriving Sunday most of the activities centered around the Choo Choo Hotel. The hospitality room was well stocked with beverages and light snacks. The evening found us at the Welcome Buffet. An excellent meal was enjoyed by all. After the meal, some small talk, door prizes were given out to lucky ticket holders.

#### Monday

Found a large group on a bus for a city tour. We Started at Ruby Falls in Lookout Mountain. I say in Lookout Mountain because we ended up (or should I say down) 1120 feet underground. The views were

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### Shipmate News

#### NEWLY LOCATED SHIPMATES

- Anthony Tony Tucker ENFN 1974-75
- Daniel Hardel SN 1967-69
- Robert Bob Mumford EM3 1968-70
- Dave Malette HT2 1971-74
- Jerome L Jenkins BM3 1967-68
- Richard Dick Blake BM3 1967-70
- Robert Pauli HTFN 1973-75

#### EMAIL CHANGES

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#### OTHER NEWS

- Congratulations to former Noxubee Commanding Officer Michael Mullen on his assuming the position Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff which became effective 1 October 2007.
- A note from Cindy Loney, Greg continues to go through various tests and treatments; he has good and bad days. A prayer from all for him and his family would be appreciated.
- Marilyn Andress was going in for knee surgery this month, please wish her well.

I have not been notified but I'm sure we have other shipmates and family out there that could use a helpful prayer now and then so please add them also.



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spectacular. Ruby Falls is the tallest and deepest underground waterfall open to the public. From Ruby Falls we proceeded on to Point Park a Civil War site known as the "Battle Above the Clouds". There was an exceptional view of the Tennessee River and parts of Chattanooga from there. On to Rock City where most scattered in different directions to see the sites, gift shops and food venues. Some of the sites included Needles Eye, Goblins Underpass, Swing Along Bridge, Fat Man's Squeeze, (You might ask some of the more portly of this one, even some skinny ones). Lovers Leap one can see (or so it is said) seven states; Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. After about two and a half hours we found ourselves en-route to the Battlefields of Chickamauga. After a tour of the museum and then the battlefields we found ourselves back at the hotel to search the city for various restaurants for dinner.

### **Tuesday**

We took off in different directions in search of the Towing Museum, The Aquarium, Model Rail Road Museum, and other sites. The evening found us climbing on WW II Amphibious Ducks for transport to the Southern Belle for a dinner cruise. An Excellent Bar-B-Que dinner and some fine entertainment by the band "In Cahoots". We had a guest singer who joined the band towards the end of the night, none other than our Classic Buena Park Actor "Moose" Haviland. His singing surprised me and many others for which he received a standing ovation." He continues to amaze us with his talents.

### **Wednesday**

Free day until the Banquet in the evening. During the day folks again went off in different directions to see the sights of Chattanooga. An excellent meal was served at the Banquet; afterwards a few more door prizes were given out. With Dick and GiGi in the process of moving a few items that may not have seen the light of day for several years were included in the door prizes received.

We can't wait to see what next year brings. And speaking of which...

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## Reunion 2008

Don and Marilyn Address have announced that they will host the 2008 Noxubee Reunion in the Quad Cities.

Some points to note, The Stoney Creek Inn in Moline, IL has been selected as the Host Hotel. It sits on the banks of the Mississippi River. The hotel is located near several restaurants, the Rock Island Arsenal and a couple blocks from the John Deere Commons. The stay at Stoney Creek Inn includes a complimentary Breakfast. Some items may include Waffles, Bacon, Biscuits and Gravy as well as the normal breakfast. The rate should be \$89.00 per day. More information can be found at their website,

[www.stoneycreekinn.com](http://www.stoneycreekinn.com)

## Calendar of Events

We've got many events ideas being thrown around. The John Deere Pavilion, possibly the John Deere Harvester Works. The Deere, Butterworth, and Deere-Wiman homes. How about a trip to the Rock Island Arsenal on an Island in the Mississippi river, history goes back to 1804.

An outdoor adventure is also being planned for a trip to "The Prairie Rose Farm" where you will see a Tallgrass restoration project, woodland trails, horses, miniature donkeys and other critters. Perhaps a hay ride drawn by a team of Clydesdales or by Don's antique John Deere "B" tractor. How about a trip to the "Field of Dreams" in Dyersville as a side trip? More information will be coming out as plans are finalized.

There is a booklet on the Noxubee web site under reunion that gives a multitude of information on the Quad Cities. If you do not have a computer you can request a copy:

**Quad Cities Visitor's and Convention Bureau  
102 S Harrison Street, Suite 203  
Davenport IA 52801**



*"Moose" continues to amaze us with his talents!*



**Jim Bermingham, 1950. Jim left Noxubee in 1951 and went into the SeaBees where he continued his Navy Career.**

## HONORING OUR SHIPMATES

### THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES HAVE CROSSED THE QUARTER-DECK

Richard McCarraher S1c	1945-1946	03-21-1981
Bobby B Brooks BM2	1949-1952	11-06-1980
Robert Wagner GMSN	1951-1952	01-28-1994
Jim Bermingham SN	1950-1951	10-31-2006

You will note some of the dates are old but we have just received information from families that found us through the Noxubee website.

Richard McCarraher was a Plank Owner; his daughter Barbara Pavelik's would like to hear from anyone that served with her Father. E-mail [redheaded@yahoo.com](mailto:redheaded@yahoo.com)

Bobby Brooks Grandson sent information on his crossing.

Robert Wagner's son and family would like to hear from anyone that has information or photos from his time aboard Noxubee. E-mail [rwagner@ncis.navy.mil](mailto:rwagner@ncis.navy.mil)



**Point Park, 2007**

## This Just In

I expect to have three Noxubee Golf Shirts.

- One Large and two X-Large Blue w/ pocket, cost \$15.10 each plus shipping
- Eight Blue hats, cost \$10.60 plus shipping.

The shirts have USS Noxubee AOG56 in gold embroidery over the pocket. The hats are the same but include the ships silhouette.

## Dues

Just a reminder association dues \$20.00 covers the calendar year January thru December. It helps cover the cost of mailing out newsletters and the Noxubee web site. Please forward dues on to:

### Treasurer USS Noxubee Association

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*The year has rapidly slipped by, 2008 is just around the corner. On behalf of the Officers and Board Members of the USS Noxubee Association Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, & May it be a Safe, Healthy, Prosperous New Year for All*

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**Bob Wagner, 1951-52**



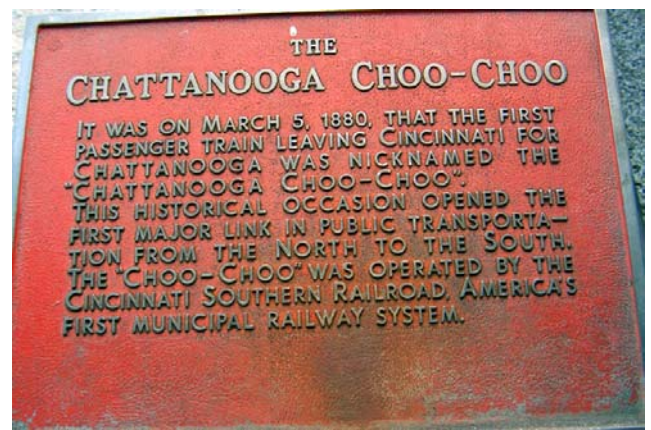
*Doug dressed for the occasion, Adm. Mullen could not attend*



*Entertainment provided by the band "In Cahoots"*



*Heading to the Chattanooga Aquarium*



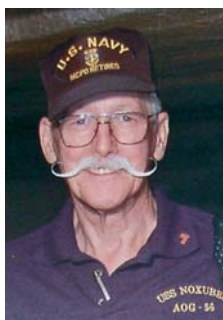
*The Chattanooga Choo-Choo Sign*



*"Fat Man's Squeeze", but even I had trouble getting through!*



*Our Hosts, Dick and GiGi, bringing door prizes.*



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