

Former NANA News Editor Sends . . .

When I opened the Mar-Apr 97 issue, I was blinded by the color spreads throughout. I have thoroughly enjoyed the issues lately, and this one had a lot of interesting articles. I also appreciated the previous issue's coverage of future carrier designs. I covered operations aboard carriers many times during my stint in the Navy and 20 years with Chance Vought Aircraft, and I spent a week on board *Boxer* (CVS 21) off Korea during the war.

Congratulations on putting out such an attractive magazine. It has come a long way from the old paste-up days. I like the way you put color overlays on black-and-white photos to continue the color splash you now achieve. Compliments also to your staff for the content and presentations. I don't know how you do it with such a small staff, but keep it up. This nonagenarian is proud to have been connected with *Naval Aviation News*.

Joy Bright Hancock, who started it as a mimeographed newsletter, would be proud, too. P.S. I note the subscription cost is \$12 now. The magazine format began at \$2!

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Ed's note: Art Schoeni was on the staff during WW II and Korea and was Editor from 1946 to 1953. We really appreciate his words of praise. It means a lot to hear from someone who has been there!

Blue Angels Fan Club

The Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1996, and as a way for the public to show its appreciation for U.S. military personnel, a *Blue Angels* fan club was started. The club has also become a way to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation for terminally ill children. For membership information, contact the Blue Angels Fan Club Ltd., Rt. 2,



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Reunions

HMX-1 50th anniversary, 14-17 AUG, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA. POC: Maj. Ben Mathews or Maj. Mark Peters at 703-784-3117 or Mr. Albert Paul at 201-445-0882.

Curtiss (AV 4), 3-7 SEP, San Diego, CA. POC: Francis Pavlu, 9255-293 N. Magnolia Ave., Santee, CA 92071-3168; 619-448-3685.

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Enterprise (CVAN/CVA 65),

7-11 SEP, Reno, NV. POC: Joe Gomez, 2611 Dorine Way, Sacramento, CA 95833-2033; 916-927-3727.

Attu (CVE 102), 9-14 SEP, Mackinaw City, MI. POC: Jack Moore, 286 Moore Rd., Hackberry, LA 70645; 318-762-4656.

VC/VAW-35, 10-13 SEP, Seattle, WA. POC: Leonard Johnson, 26 Wapping Wood Rd., Ellington, CT 06029.

Salisbury Sound (AV 13), 11-13 SEP, St. Louis, MO. POC: Marian Bruce, 813 Branding Iron SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

Forrestal (CVA/CV/AVT 59), 16-21 SEP, Hyannis, MA. POC: Jim Stewart, 21 Viburnum Ln., Levittown, PA 19054; 215-943-7626.

AROUs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 140, 18-20 SEP, San Diego, CA. POC: Tom Thomason, 3552 Armstrong St., San Diego, CA 92111; 619-277-0841.

VR-24, 18-21 SEP, Virginia Beach, VA. POC: Pete Owen, 24633 Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas, CA 91302; 818-222-6936.

VA/VFA-82, 19-21 SEP, Jacksonville,

FL. POC: Ens. Jim Norris, VFA-81, Unit 60150, FPO AA 34099-6217; 904-778-5327.

Wasp (CV/CVA/CVS 18), 21-25 SEP, Las Vegas, NV. POC: Richard VanOver, 6584 Bunting Rd., Orchard Park, NY 14127; 716-649-9052.

McCoy Reynolds (DE 440) reunion with crew of PBM 6-R-401 rescued 22-23 July 1944 in Caribbean, 24-27 SEP, Nashville, TN. POC: Walt Goolsby, 541 Ridge Trail Rd., Kingston, TN 37763; 423-376-6094.

Nassau (CVE 16), 24-27 SEP, Chicago, IL. POC: Sam Moore, 10320 Calimesa Blvd., Sp. 221, Calimesa, CA 92320; 909-795-6070.

Carrier Air Group 153-15, 24-28 SEP, Seattle, WA. POC: Dave Boxwell, 309 Eunice St., Sequim, WA 98382; 360-683-9388.

Marine Corps Aviation Assoc., 25-28 SEP, New Bern, NC. POC: MCAA-97, POB 1091, Havelock, NC 28532-1091; 919-466-3736.