

# ICELAND RADAR SITES NEWSLETTER, DEC 2004

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN:** William Chick, H-2, 1959-60. [littlechick@msn.com](mailto:littlechick@msn.com)  
 Our next reunion is just around the corner – only 5 months away -- **12 to 15 May 2005.**

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

- May 11, Wednesday.** Early arrival – no planned activities.
- May 12, Thursday.** Registration. Hospitality room opens at noon.
- May 13, Friday.** Registration and hospitality room open. **6 PM:** The large dinner area will be open for our business meeting. The hotel will have dinner for us at \$12 per.
- May 14, Saturday.** Registration and hospitality room open. **10 AM:** Film and briefing about Cheyenne Mountain, at hotel. **3 PM:** Travel to Air & Space Museum (see next page.) \* Working on bus service to and from.
- May 15, Sunday.** Hospitality room closes at noon. Departure day.

**PLACES TO VISIT:** Below are some places to visit around Colorado Springs area. Each person is responsible for his or her arrangements to and from these sites.

- 1) **Air Force Academy.** Your Hotel is on the west side of Academy Blvd. Depart the Hotel Parking Lot, turn left and you are less than three blocks from the South Gate to the USAFA. Only members with a valid DOD, ID card (active or retired) may enter this gate. For others who wish to enter the USAFA, depart the Hotel Parking Lot, turn left on Academy Blvd, go one block and enter North Bound I-25 and exit the USAFA North Gate Visitors Center and enter the north gate to the Academy.
- 2) **Pikes Peak Tour.** You can drive to the top of Pikes Peak. However, you should consider taking the Manitou & Pikes Peak Railway. 1-719-685-5401
- 3) **Cripple Creek Ramblin Bus Tours.** 1-800-772-6254 or [www.RamblinExpress.com](http://www.RamblinExpress.com)
- 4) **Garden of the Gods.** Depart Hotel Parking Lot, turn left, one block and enter the South Bound I-25. Exit at the Garden of the Gods exit. Follow the signs.
- 5) **Shopping.** The Hotel is only three blocks from a major mall. Many restaurants are within walking distance of the hotel -- just 4 or 5 blocks away.



Air and Space Museum complex, Peterson AFB, CO.

**COSTS:** Several have asked for a breakdown of the reunion costs: For a 3-night stay, the cost would be about **\$325** for a couple. Here is how the expenses break down:

- Registration Fee.** \$15 per member, plus \$10 for each guest or spouse.
- Hotel.** \$74.80 per night (two free breakfast tickets come with each day's stay.)
- Friday night dinner.** The hotel will provide at \$12 per person (includes taxes and tip.)
- Saturday night Banquet and Dance.** \$25 per person (at the Air & Space Museum.)
- Freebies:** Name tag, One Reunion Coin, One Reunion wine glass (an extra one costs \$5 each.) In addition, free drinks and snacks will be provided in the hospitality room.

## HOTEL DATA:

**Radisson Inn North** (Host hotel.)  
 8110 North Academy Boulevard  
 Colorado Springs, CO 80920  
**Phone:** 1-719-598-5770, ext. 305  
 -- Also: 1-800-333-3333 Radisson Reservation Center  
**Identify as:** Iceland Reunion 2005  
**Rooms:** available from 9 May 2005 to 18 May 2005  
**Rates & Taxes :** Single/Double occupancy \$74.80 per night including taxes.  
 Triple occupancy \$85.64 per night including taxes.  
 Quadruple occupancy \$96.48 per night including taxes.  
**Children:** Under 18 yrs old stays free, but they are not entitled to a free breakfast.  
**Handicap:** Hotel is wheelchair accessible – you can ask for this type room.  
**Includes:** Full Hot breakfast Buffet each morning 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM.  
 (Breakfast must be consumed in the restaurant only.)  
**Friday:** Hotel will offer Special menu dinner for us at \$12.00 per person.  
**Hospitality:** Noon 12 May to Noon 15 May, 24 hours a day.  
**Registration:** 13 May, evening only. 14 May, all day.  
**Business Meeting:** -- exact time to be announced.  
**Parking:** Large parking area -- RV parking welcomed.

## BANQUET SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, 14 May 2005:

PETERSON AIR & SPACE MUSEUM FOUNDATION  
 150 East Ent Avenue, Peterson Air Force Base, CO 80914



## Proposed Iceland Radar Sites Display Mural for the Air and Space Museum

Time	Event	Remarks
1500 Hrs	Depart Hotel	Travel to Museum--30 Minute trips
1500-1700	Tour Museum	Docents will meet buses/cars -35 Minute Tours includes: --WWII Exhibit --Airpark --Interior of EC-121T --Cockpit of F-106A --Gift Shop (10% off all items --Cash, Checks or Traveler Checks)
1700-1720	Dedication of Iceland Radar Sites Mural and Paver	Inside "Old City Hangar" -Brig Gen Webber, 21st Space Wing Comdr accepts on behalf of the Museum. - Remarks

1720-1810 Reception Inside "Old City Hangar"  
Cash Bar Available until 1920

Buffet Line Available until 1830. Includes: --Heavy Hot & Cold Hors d'oeuvres ---Top Round of Beef ---Ham ---Meatballs ---Deep Fried Vegetables ---Assorted Cheese & Fruit Tray ---Assorted Dips & Chips --- Coffee & Tea. Dinner Tables Available.

Five Displays open inside Hangar: --Air Defense --Missile Warning & Space Surveillance --Cheyenne Mountain Ops Center --ICBM Exhibit --Space Ops (under construction.)

Band Plays during reception 1720-1810

1810-1850 Program Inside "Old City Hangar"  
-- Opening Remarks  
-- Guest Speaker  
-- Closing Remarks

1850-2000 Dance Band Big Band Sounds  
-- 14 Member Group

2000 Depart Museum Back to Hotel-- 30 Min Trip  
Hospitality Room Open

*Package cost to include Reception, Band and Gratuity: \$25.00 per person.  
(This will include a one dollar per person donation to the Museum)*

**HOW TO REGISTER:** If possible, please register in advance. The fee is \$15 per member and \$10 per spouse or guest. Make your check out to "Iceland Reunion" and mail it to our Treasurer, David Hawk, Rt 1, Box 233, Elmore City, Ok 73433.

**ICELAND RADAR HISTORY BOOKS.** In September 2004, William Chivalette, Curator of the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Hall, Maxwell/Gunter AFB, requested and received two copies of our Radar Sites of Iceland History Book. One will be for the museum and the other will be made available to the students at the USAF Senior NCO Academy at the Enlisted Heritage Research Institute. The efforts and accomplishments of the radar men and women of Iceland will be studied by some of our future leaders.



**Book Orders.** About 50 of the books are still available for sale (some 350 books have already been distributed.) They can be purchased for \$8 (our cost), including postage. Place an order by writing a check payable to "Iceland Reunion" and mail to:

William Chick  
104 Summit Point Court  
Chapin, SC 29036