

AHS63 February 2023 Newsletter

Brr Baby, Brr Edition

Northern Outpost, February 1st, 9° and heading for igloo territory. If you are a fan of weather apps, the funnest one shows a little igloo icon when it gets down to zero. And we're going "igloo" this Friday, all the way down to -17. That's *before* figuring in the wind chill. Brrr and bring it on. I can drip faucets and stay put in front of the stove like a Mainiac. Apparently there's also a winter storm going on in Texas this week. But most Texans are far less prepared—a 10-car pile-up in Austin? *Noooooo*. Y'all need to just stay *put*. Read a book. Take something out of the freezer and put it in the crockpot. Forget going to the store. This is not a toilet paper emergency. Have some bourbon instead. Besides, winter is so short down there you hardly have time to enjoy it. So why not cozy up on the couch and hold hands for a whole five minutes ... which is about how long it takes to get back to 80° and out on the golf course. Geez. At 77 life is both too long (middle of the night) and too short (what, maybe 5 years to go? Yikes. Ten? Who knows?). They say that living in-the-moment is the thing. Huh. Living from one minute to the next was exactly how we did it in '63. Which is to say, from one minute to the next, we were either terrified or feelin' fine, and often as not couldn't tell the difference. There's things I *don't* miss about being 17. But mostly I remember realizing I didn't know what was going to happen next ... whether it was the whole career question mark or was he going to ask me out Saturday night. And after 60 years of planning and working and "growing up" ... we still don't know what happens next. Turns out, that's the beauty of it. We all lived through good things and hard things that we would've never had the courage for if we'd known what was going to happen. So, 'looks

like what we learned in high school—that wasn't in the books—was what we needed to know: living moment to moment is all we've got. Okay. I can do that. And I'm in pre-igloo mode right this hot second, sitting on the floor with Ettadawg in front of the fire, writing up this newsletter in the middle of the night. After that, who knows? ... except fer damn sure I won't be going outside any time soon and breaking the *other* ankle. Ain't happenin. Right? *Knock on wood.* —T

BONNIE ISAAC The AHS63 Website Guru

Not everyone can keep up with technological wonders, but Bonnie can. And she very quietly does. Have you been to the website she maintains for us? Where you will find allllll of the newsletters safely stored? Where you can catch some fine photo shows? And also where you'll find the list of names she faithfully keeps of those of us who have "gone before" ... [*CLICK HERE.*](#)

Huge thanks, Bonnie—on behalf of all of us—for all you have done for this class over the years. You're doing that Loyal Forever thing in a beautiful way, girl.



Save the Date

*Our 60th Year Reunion
Sunday
April 30th, 2023*

*Invitations to arrive by email
some fine day ... soon.*



February Birthday Kids

01 Malone Hill (45)

01 Ben Bernal (45)

02 Beth Marsh Baldwin (45)

05 Jean Doremus Grubb (45)

06 Jimmy Moncivais Orona (44)

11 Richard (Bill) Engle (45)

12 Carol Edwards Shull (45)

16 Joanne Jennings Riley (46)

29 Marmaduke Hill (46)

Got a birthday? Don't see it? Just hit reply and send me your birthday/year and you'll make the big time right here. Guaranteed.



And hey!
While you're here
—literally—
take a look at this idea, willya?

Speaking of birthday people, Malone Hill had a great idea a couple weeks back.

How about each of us—on our birthday or during our birthday month—take a minute and reply to this newsletter with a thought or anecdote, or maybe a small thank you or some kind of appreciation for one or more classmates that, up til now, has gone unsaid. For example, one thing

Malone said was he missed Brian Newberry, and remembered some great moments that he wished he could tell about Brian to people who knew him ... and he thought maybe during his birthday month would be a good time to write it up and send it in.

What a great thing to do for someone—for all of us, actually.

The idea is, we need to speak up while we're still here, y'know?

Sending in a few words about a memory is a way of connecting that means something.





Actually, this kind of remembering is one of the best parts of getting together at reunions. But not everyone can come, and so we miss a voice and a connection. And now's the time to do this ...

...while we're all still here having birthdays.

Got it?

February Birthday people: Please tell me what you just remembered while you were reading all of this ... and then **send it**. Pretty please. Sugar on it. T

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Bob Bodoïn, Mary Williams, Kenny Roberts, Lulu Peal, Hank Hundley,
Meiling Lung, and Malone Hill

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