

Entry forms due Monday for '79 Desert Empire Fair parade

Entry forms are due Monday for the big parade which each year is one of the major attractions of the Desert Empire Fair.

The gala procession will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29, starting at 10 a.m.

The parade chairman, Roberta Leighton, said the committee in charge of this event is anxious to receive the completed entry forms in order that the work which goes into deciding upon the order of march can begin.

Parade entry forms can be mailed to the Desert Empire Fair, P.O. Box 1178, Ridgecrest, or delivered in person to the DEF office on the fairgrounds in Ridgecrest.

Although about 130 entries are expected only 40 entries had been received by mid-week, Mrs. Leighton reported, and she and her committee are bracing themselves for the volume of last-minute applications that is expected.

"When the West Was Fun" is the theme of the 1979 DEF parade, and a change has been made in the parade route. Customarily the parade begins at the triangle on N. China Lake Blvd., but this year it will begin at the intersection of French St., and N. China Lake Blvd.

The assembly point will be in the Kern County Regional Park with the procession proceeding northward to the triangle near China Lake Blvd. and Inyokern Rd., where it will disband.

The reason for the change in the direction of the march was to leave access through Ridgecrest for people just passing through in their vehicles during the event.

The Naval Weapons Center will be represented in the parade by the Sidewinder drill team and color guard. Also back for a

return appearance will be a mounted color guard from the Marine Corps Logistics Support Base, Pacific, at Barstow.

The parade is to be divided into five divisions, each headed by a banner bearer selected from among local Boy Scout and 4-H Club units, as well as a division marshal to be selected from among nominations made by local clubs and organizations.

A 10-unit prologue of dignitaries, including the grand marshal, the mayor, the NWC Commander, Little Miss Desert Empire Fair and the Pioneer Days queen, will lead procession.

Among the novel entries in the parade will be a wizard and troll from Magic Mountain and an Arabian costumed lady. Also returning will be tricycle rider Harold Hamby, who rode his tricycle across Death Valley and has his feat listed in the Guinness Book of Records.

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each of the various categories of parade competition. The plaques are made in the shape of Kern County with a star to mark the location of Ridgecrest.



A WACOM WELCOME — The Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) held its annual membership coffee, poolside at the Commissioned Officers' Mess on Tuesday. Among the new members being welcomed were (l.-r.) Mrs. Jean Fish, wife of Howard Fish, head of the Parachute Systems Department, and Susan Aldana, wife of Capt. Louis P. Aldana, the new NWC Vice Commander. They are shown here with Mrs. Sharon Zabel (2nd from right), president of WACOM, and Mrs. Lou Hillyer, WACOM Thrift Shop supervisor.

Maturango Museum to sponsor field trip to Talc City, Darwin area on Sat., Sept. 22

A good chance to learn more about the geology and natural history of the high desert will be offered to Maturango Museum members and other interested persons on Saturday, Sept. 22, when museum members Ken Pringle and Janet Westbrook will lead a field trip to the Talc City and Darwin area.

Both trip leaders are specialists in these areas. They will share their knowledge during the course of the trip, Pringle in geology and Mrs. Westbrook in natural history.

The trip will begin at 8 a.m. at the NWC main gate parking lot. A car caravan will proceed up Highway 395 and across Highway 190 to Dirty Sox Pool, then on to Talc City and Darwin, with stops along the way to look at old mines.

Lunchtime will find the group at Darwin

Disco dance planned to welcome students

A disco music dance, planned as a welcome to all new students at Cerro Coso Community College, will be held this evening, from 8:30 to 12:30, in the student center at the local college.

Special guests of honor for the affair will be members of the 1979-80 Coyote basketball team.

Bill "Blue Jeans" Coy will be the disc jockey for this event. Tickets are priced at \$1 for holders of associated student body cards, and \$2 each for non-students.

A variety of refreshments will be available.



AT CPO CLUB — "Sounds of Country," a popular musical group, will be here for a return engagement tonight and tomorrow night at the Chief Petty Officers' Club. The trio has played numerous engagements at military clubs and at night spots in the Southern California area.

Calendar

Sept. 21 — Burroughs High School sophomore and varsity football games, 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Sept. 21 — COMO Membership Night, dinner 6:30 p.m., dancing at 8 p.m. at Sounds of Country.



MEET SOCIALLY — A Welcome Aboard was held last week for Parachute Systems Department personnel from El Centro at the Commissioned Officers' Mess by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The event was attended by about 130 people. Among the attendees were (l.-r.) Capt. William B. Haff, NWC Commander; Bob Hillyer, NWC Technical Director; Mrs. Lou Hillyer, Mrs. Jean Fish; and Howard C. Fish, head of the Parachute Systems Department. — Photo by Ron Allen



Commissioned Officers' Mess

Reservations are continuing to be taken for the next gala Membership Night fete at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, which will be held on Friday, Sept. 21.

Featured on the menu for this occasion will be a prime rib of beef dinner served from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The evening's entertainment will be provided by the "Sounds of Country," a versatile group that plays everything from rock to country-style music.

The "Sounds of Country" will be coming here direct from a recent engagement in Las Vegas.

The price for this evening of dining and dancing is \$4 for COM members and their spouses, and \$5 for guests. Reservations can be made by calling the COM office, phone 446-2549.

Tonight a seafood entree will be the special of the evening for diners from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the COM.

During the coming week, two other special dinners are planned. On Tuesday there will be a steak cookout on the lanai. Patrons are invited to barbecue their own steaks and enjoy other food from the salad bar and buffet.

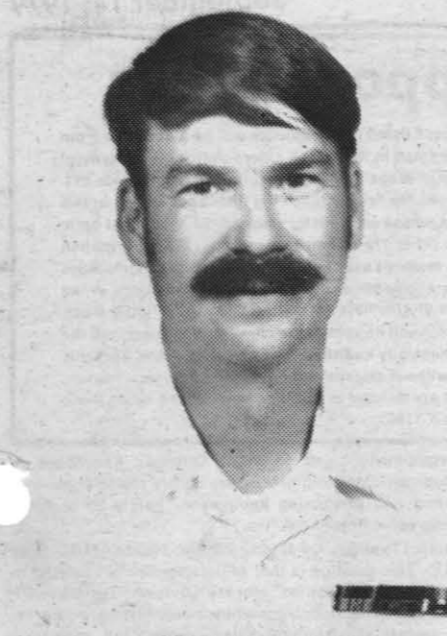
Next Thursday, Sept. 20, will be International night at the COM dining room. Featured on the menu will be grand mariner Cornish game hen, teriyaki steak and New York pepper steak.

On Tuesday and Thursday nights, dinner will be served from 6 to 9 o'clock.

Enlisted Mess

"Archer," a dynamite 4-piece rock band from the Los Angeles area, will be appearing for the listening and dancing pleasure of Enlisted Mess patrons tonight and tomorrow night from 9 to 1:30 a.m.

On the menu this evening at the EM will be surf n' turf, which will be served from 9 to 9 o'clock.



ABH1 John Kennard

Kennard chosen as Bluejacket of Month by NWC

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (H) First Class John Kennard has won the coveted Naval Weapons Center's Bluejacket of the Month Award for August.

ABH1 Kennard directs and supervises the daily activities of the 17 men in the Flight Support Branch of the Base Operations Division in NWC's Aircraft Department.

His recommendation for the award noted that Petty Officer Kennard has the capabilities to do an outstanding job in any task assigned and that he has willingly volunteered for additional duties and responsibilities in order to further his professional background.

In addition to his regular duties, ABH1 Kennard is also the Code 61 transportation representative, aviation fuels' coordinator, energy conservation petty officer for the airfield, and is on the NWC Athletic Committee.

A 14-year career Navyman, he has served with Helicopter Training Squadron Eight at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.; Naval Air Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico; Naval Missile Center, Point Mugu;

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Burkey gets Tech. Director Award for work on ARBS

The Technical Director's Award in recognition of his work on the Angle Rate Bombing System (ARBS) was presented to Carl Burkey, a system design engineer in the System Development Department's A-4M/AV-8 Project Office.

The presentation was made by B. W. Hays, Deputy Technical Director, on behalf of Bob Hillyer, NWC Technical Director, on Monday morning during the weekly Commander's meeting held in the Management Center of Michelson Laboratory.

Burkey was commended not only for his key role in the exploratory development phase of ARBS, but also for his efforts to improve the system as it moved into the advanced development phase.

In the letter of commendation from Hillyer which accompanied the Technical Director Award, it was noted that Burkey's "dedicated and excellent service to the ARBS program have been directly responsible for the successful development of a new and highly effective tactical avionics system."

In addition to the letter of commendation, Burkey also received an engraved paperweight and a \$200 stipend.

Burkey, who has been employed at China Lake for the past 24½ years was graduated in 1957 from California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo with a bachelor's degree in electronics engineering. Since that time, he has worked on the development of aircraft weapon systems avionics.

Prior to coming here, Burkey served a five year hitch in the Navy (October 1946 to October 1951), and had worked briefly in Civil Service as an electronics mechanic at Pearl Harbor.

He first came to China Lake while on



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HONORED BY NWC — Six men, one of whom was unable to be present for the ceremony, were honored Wednesday afternoon for their part in the effort made to save the life of Lcdr. Theodore (Ted) Faller, a naval aviator assigned to the Naval Weapons Center, who was the victim of a fatal airplane crash. Letters of

commendation and NWC plaques were presented by Capt. W. B. Haff (at right), NWC Commander, to (l.-r.) Jammie W. Adams, John T. Cunningham, Michael F. Higgins, Peter E. Brown, and John G. Wardell, III. Steven L. Printy, another of those who had an active role in the rescue attempt, was unable to attend.

Six men honored for attempts to save life of Navy pilot killed in plane crash

During a solemn, dignified ceremony held Wednesday afternoon, Capt. W. B. Haff, NWC Commander, honored six men who directly assisted in efforts to save the life of Lcdr. Theodore (Ted) Faller, who died on Aug. 13 in the crash of a QF-86F Sabrejet aircraft while on a routine training mission and aircraft familiarization flight.

The crash occurred in Ridgecrest, near the Ridgecrest Heights School — recently renamed the Theodore H. Faller

Elementary School in honor of the Navy pilot, who made sure his flaming aircraft would avoid striking the school or nearby homes when he made the crash landing that claimed his life.

Among those present for the ceremony Wednesday afternoon was Mrs. Betty Faller, whose husband was the pilot of the ill-fated aircraft that crashed shortly after takeoff from Armitage Airfield on the morning of Aug. 13.

Singled out to receive letters of commendation and NWC plaques that were presented by Capt. Haff were Peter E. Brown, Steven L. Printy, Jammie W. Adams, John G. Wardell, III, John F. Cunningham, and Michael F. Higgins.

Brown, 19, is a self-employed landscaper who lives at 1209 St. George St. in Ridgecrest Heights. He was one of the first two persons to arrive at the aircraft crash site, and (using a small pocket knife) attempted to extricate Lcdr. Faller from the burning aircraft by trying to cut through the shoulder straps that held him in the cockpit.

Brown had been driving in the vicinity of the airplane crash site when he first noticed that the Navy aircraft piloted by Lcdr. Faller was in difficulty. Upon reaching the downed plane, he jumped up on a wing and succeeded in unbuckling one of the pilot's shoulder straps and, using fire extinguishers provided by others, tried to put out the flames.

Brown worked closely with Printy, 20 of Ridgecrest, a contractor whose work is setting up and servicing mobile homes, as the two men tried unsuccessfully to free the

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Capt. Haff to serve for full term as NWC Commander

Capt. W. B. Haff has been singled out for the distinction of serving a full term (approximately two years) as Commander of the Naval Weapons Center.

The Center's former Deputy Laboratory Director and Technical Officer, Capt. Haff was the interim choice to succeed Rear Admiral William L. Harris when the latter terminated his Navy career during change of command ceremonies held on June 29.

Announcement of Capt. Haff's appointment to the post of NWC Commander was made by the Chief of Naval Material, and the information was received here last week.

The news was greeted with enthusiasm by Center management, civilian employees and military personnel.



EQUIPMENT CHECKED PRIOR TO TEST — Carl Burkey inspects Angle Rate Bombing System (ARBS) equipment in the nose section of an A-4M Skyhawk aircraft prior to a test. Burkey, who is a system design engineer in the Systems Development Department's A-4M/AV-8 Project Office, this week received the Technical Director's Award in recognition of his key role in the development of ARBS. — Photo by Ron Allen

MOVIES

REGULAR STARTING TIME — 7:30 p.m.
For synopsis information call
Code O-Phone 939-2411

FRIDAY SEPT. 14
"QUINTET"
Starring
Paul Newman and Vittorio Gassman
(Fantasy drama, rated R, 119 min.)

SATURDAY, MONDAY SEPT. 15, 17
"MURDER BY DECREE"
Starring
Christopher Plummer and James Mason
Mystery, rated PG, 124 min.)

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 19
"THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY"
Starring
Sean Connery and Donald Sutherland
(Adventure, rated PG, 111 min.)

FRIDAY, SATURDAY SEPT. 21, 22
"PSYCHIC"
Starring
Jennifer O'Neill and Marc Porel
(Drama, rated R, 97 min.)

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