

Bushy Tales

Dedicated to all who attended London Central High School
at Bushy Park, London England from
1952 to 1962



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CLASS REPRESENTATIVES



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1954 – Betsy (Neff) Cote
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1955 – Volunteer Requested



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1961 – Betsy (Schley) Slepetz
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1962 – Dona (Hale) Ritchie
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A little reminder to all –if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening (58) Owen nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net or me know, if you want to continue to receive the newsletter. Too many times we only find out when you send us an email saying you haven't received the newsletter in few months. Thanks, guys.

Corrections to the Class of 1956 lists published last month:

Correction to Class of 1956 - Frank Kirby was accidently left off the roster. He has been found.



From: Tish deVaughn Floyd (56)

Saw my name listed as deceased. I am very much alive here in West Virginia. I am known more by my nickname "Tish".

My sister Barbara Leilani DeVaughn (54) is deceased I believe she was valedictorian of her class at Bushy Park.

If anyone has any information on those still missing, I'd love to have it. Parents names, names of siblings or any other information can be a clue to locating them.

Thanks,
Pat Terpening (58) Owen



**Classmates Who
Have Transferred to
the Eternal Duty
Station**

Hi Bill Rumble,

Richard was my cousin and I remembered that he went to Bushy Park HS in '53/'54, so here is a copy of his obituary.

A bit of side interest, I was in the Air Force '56 - '60 and was stationed in Bitburg, Germany '59 - '60. In the spring of '60 I got a three-day pass to London and flew over in a DC-3 to Bushy Park Air Base. Had a great time in London. Didn't even know at that time that Richard had lived there and had gone to HS there.

**Best regards,
Bill Terrell**



Richard M. Pfennighausen (60)
December 9, 1937 – October 7, 2020



Richard M. Pfennighausen, 82, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on October 7, 2020. He was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on December 9, 1937.

At the young age of 7, Richard lost his father and was shortly thereafter hospitalized with polio.

He attended high school at RAF Station Bushy Park, London, England, Central High School (freshman 1953 and sophomore 1954), where his stepfather Elgin "Boz" Stobaugh was stationed in the U.S. Air Force.

Upon returning to Tulsa, Richard attended Spartan School of Aeronautics, where he obtained his instructor and commercial licenses, instrument rating and aircraft mechanic certification.

He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force from 1956 to 1959. While in service in Midland, Texas he learned aircraft and jet mechanics.

While in Tulsa, Richard married the love of his life, Mary Lee Norvell, on December 19, 1960. They shared 59 years and 10 months of marriage together.

In 1962, Richard hired on as a pilot with Carlberg Aerial Patrol in Muskogee, Oklahoma patrolling electric transmission lines. He later purchased the company from the other partners and changed the name to Aerial Patrol and was president of the company until retiring in 2007 and selling the business.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Pfennighausen of Muskogee, Oklahoma; nephew, Charles Lynn Wilson and Tammy; great-nephew, Charles Lynn Wilson Jr. and Kim all of Claremore,

A celebration of Richard's life was October 12, 2020 at Christian Chapel with Pastor Cecil Guthrie and Pastor Charles Wilson officiating. Interment followed at Quinton City Cemetery, Haskell County, Oklahoma

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Memories of Bushy Park

Robert Harrold (60) maintains a Bushy Park website at BushyPark.org Among the things you can see at this website is a "Guestbook", in which many website visitors have left comments. There are many entries, dating back to April 2007.

Here is a direct link: [Bushy Park Guest Book](http://BushyPark.org)



From: Michael Hoyt (60)

I did not know what I was in for when we left Luke AFB, Glendale, Arizona, after my dad's F-86 training. We went to New York and left on the "USNS George Washington Goethals", a troop transport ship. Spent the first day in my bunk from sea sickness. You knew that it was going to be a rough night, when a special

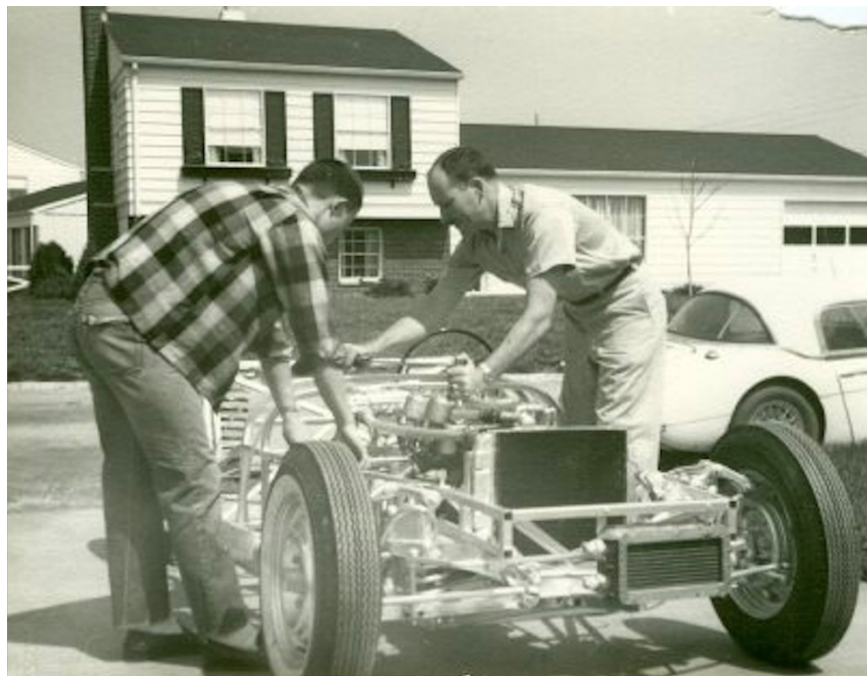
template was placed under the tablecloth. It was arranged with cut outs for the silverware, plate, bowls and glass. It worked, nothing slid off the table.

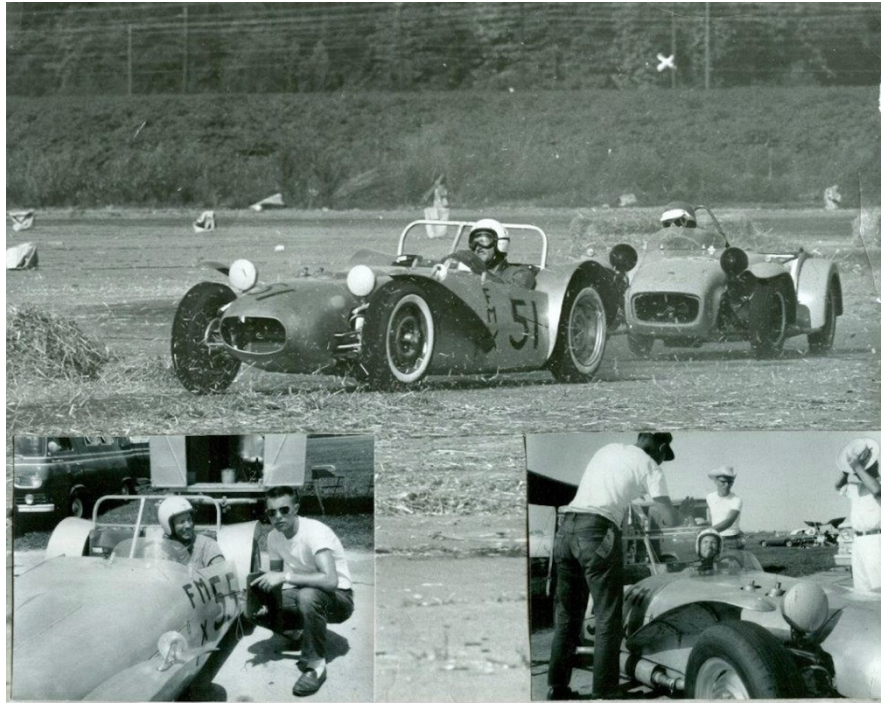
We arrived in Southampton, England, in 1956 and wound up at Wethersfield AFB in Essex County. My dad was assigned to the 55th Fighter Squadron of the 20th Fighter Wing and flew F-100's. I completed my freshman year at Wethersfield and attended Bushy Park High School from 1957 to my graduation in 1960. Like a lot of you, I was bused from our home base to the Bushy Park dorms for the week. Looking back at my four year stay in England and at Bushy Park, these were some of the best times of my life. My dad bought a used Lotus 7 sports car, and we went racing on the weekends at some of racetracks in England. I got to meet some of the early car designers of the time during those races. Unfortunately, all of our racing photos and other England photos of me, along with my '57 yearbook, were destroyed in a fire.

After graduation, I left England for Tempe, Arizona, for college at the University of Arizona. I really could not make up my mind as to the education I wanted and floundered for some time. I decided in 1962 to join the Air Force. My dad swore me in, along with a dozen or so other recruits. My scores on my aptitude tests got me assigned to the Minuteman missile training at Chanute AFB in Illinois. After the 26-week school, I was asked to stay on as an instructor, which I gladly accepted.

Because we had to leave the Lotus 7 in England, my dad and I designed and built our own car, the Hoyt Special, in Illinois just prior to me going into the service. While I was stationed in Illinois, I would come home on weekends, if we were going to a race. It is a tube framed car with Volvo salvaged parts (notice we even used the white walled tires from the Volvo). It was fun to build and drive.

Running car before we started body work





I found this composite photo of a race here in the States. A Lotus 7 is behind us in the first photo. We actually did better than him in this race, which my dad won.

Upon leaving service in 1966, I traveled to Apple Valley, California, where my parents were stationed at George AFB. I liked the area and have been here ever since. I went to work for Southern California Gas in 1975, retiring in 1992. I met my wife Kandia in the camera department at a Thrifty drug store in Victorville, where she worked in the latter part of 1976. I went into the store to buy a Polaroid camera and some film for my work and somehow got Kandia to pose for a photo with the new camera. I do not know how I got her to pose for this photo, but it was on the day I saw her for the first time. I actually have the original photo to this day on my desk, along with her name tag. She was 21 and I was 33 when this was taken. We were married on February 14th, 1977. We will be married 44 years this coming Valentine's Day in 2021.



We lived in Victorville, California, until 1979, when we bought a 5-acre parcel in Apple Valley and built our current home. Our daughter LeeAnn was born in 1984 on our 7th wedding anniversary. She was and still is, our special gift. Over these last years, we have added acreage to our estate and now have 12.5 acres. We are always building something and started adding dog kennels in 1999. From 1999 to 2019 we raised West Highland White Terriers. Our records show that between those years we had 112 litters. We retired from raising dogs in 2019 and now only have 3 Westies.

My hobby, when I am not building or repairing something for Kandia, is collecting old firearms. I even built myself an indoor firing range. Whenever I think I need another gun,

I just look at the list I made and decide I have enough, for now. And for now, I believe that is enough from an old Bushy Park student.

Michael Hoyt (60)

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From: Kathie de Russy (60)

Hi Bill, your last issue of the “Bushy Tales” has shaken some pictures loose from Lamar Parish Robitaille (60). This one is of Karen Cottingham Trouvat in 1957. Maybe she'll share the location. Karen was a day hop; we rode the same bus. I got off in Gerrards Cross, she went on to High Wycombe. She currently lives in France, where she has lived for many years. I don't know if Karen still subscribes to “Bushy Tales”. I have some other pictures that I'll send in a few minutes.

Kathie de Russy (60)



More From: Kathie de Russy (60)

Hello to all, as you read this. I hope your holidays were very happy. We all have to be inventive to make the holidays into meaningful celebrations. Then again, we are Bobcats and inventive we can do! How fabulous it is to have Bobcats who care about our memories to keep Bushy Tales continue in our lives. Thanks to all!

As I continue to downsize, I found the CHS patch carefully tucked away. When my family arrived in UK, our household goods had been "dropped" into Southampton harbor. All my former treasures were lost. Coming from Maxwell AFB, I thought I had no adventures ahead that could match. Little did I realize how important Bushy was to become in my life. I did indeed make lifelong friends. The patch is a symbol of all the crossovers my travels would present to me.



When I had returned to the USA after, Bushy, Wheelus High (Tripoli, Libya) and Torrejon (Spain) I did temporarily lose touch with many old friends. Fortunately, my family had long lines at West Point, and they afforded me the connection with several Bobcats who were Cadets: Mike Mooreman, Steve and Jeff Warner. Through the Warners, I touched back with Karen Cottingham Trouvat, Lamar Parish Robitaille, Chuck Stewart, Tony Taylor. It is always a happy time to remember old and new times with them. Steve Warner bailed me out when as a major dance planner in college I found myself without a date. Note to self that I had ignored: don't make a breakup with old boyfriend before a big dance!!! Steve was stationed not so far away and was kind enough to make a last-minute step up. It was great.



(Photo provide by Sally Lamar Parish (60) Robitaille)

Tony Taylor was good enough the share his two Vapor Trails with me ('57,'58) so I can see faces from all my high schools overseas, Great to see classmates!

The Christmas holidays in UK were a trip into the history of the Tudors. Our rented home (Conifers) was in Gerrards Cross and it was magical. The char and gardener made sure we found out what a British holiday included. They even invited us to their welfare funded row abode for Boxing Day. Lessons were learned by this USAF Brat! The memories are cherished treasures.

Currently, I'm happily living in a retirement community, The Chamberlin, on Fort Monroe, VA. It was an old station for my ancestors, so I guess I'm finally at a place of family dwelling. So, it's home for now.



Happy 2021 to all! Drop me an email if you have a word to share.

Cheers!

Kathie de Russy (60)
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More From: Kathie de Russy (60)

I don't know if Bushy Park had other siblings who attended USMA at the same time. I visited the brothers when they were there. Mike Moorman was at USMA at the same time. Col. Warner was also a USMA Grad. They lived in town; near the Columbia Club (TAC) I think. In picture, Steve Warner on Left, Jeff Warner on Right, Col. and Mrs. Warner seated, sister Randy seated, and of course Niko the dog!

FYI: Jeff passed last year? (Agent Orange long term effects), Steve currently unwell.

Merry Christmas!

Kathie de Russy (60)



From: Nancy Milburn (62)

Hi Pat-

I wondered if this might be of interest to those from Class '59.

In looking through old papers, I found this letter & school newspaper to Frederick Milburn, Class '59!

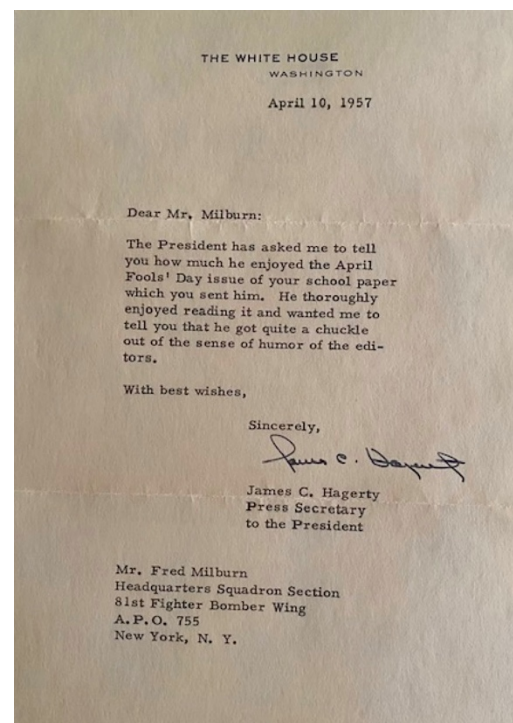
I have the complete newspaper but just scanned the part that the White House letter refers to!

Just to recall your memory, Fred was the class President Class '59 (brother to Barbara J Milburn, Class '60 and Nancy Milburn, Class '62).

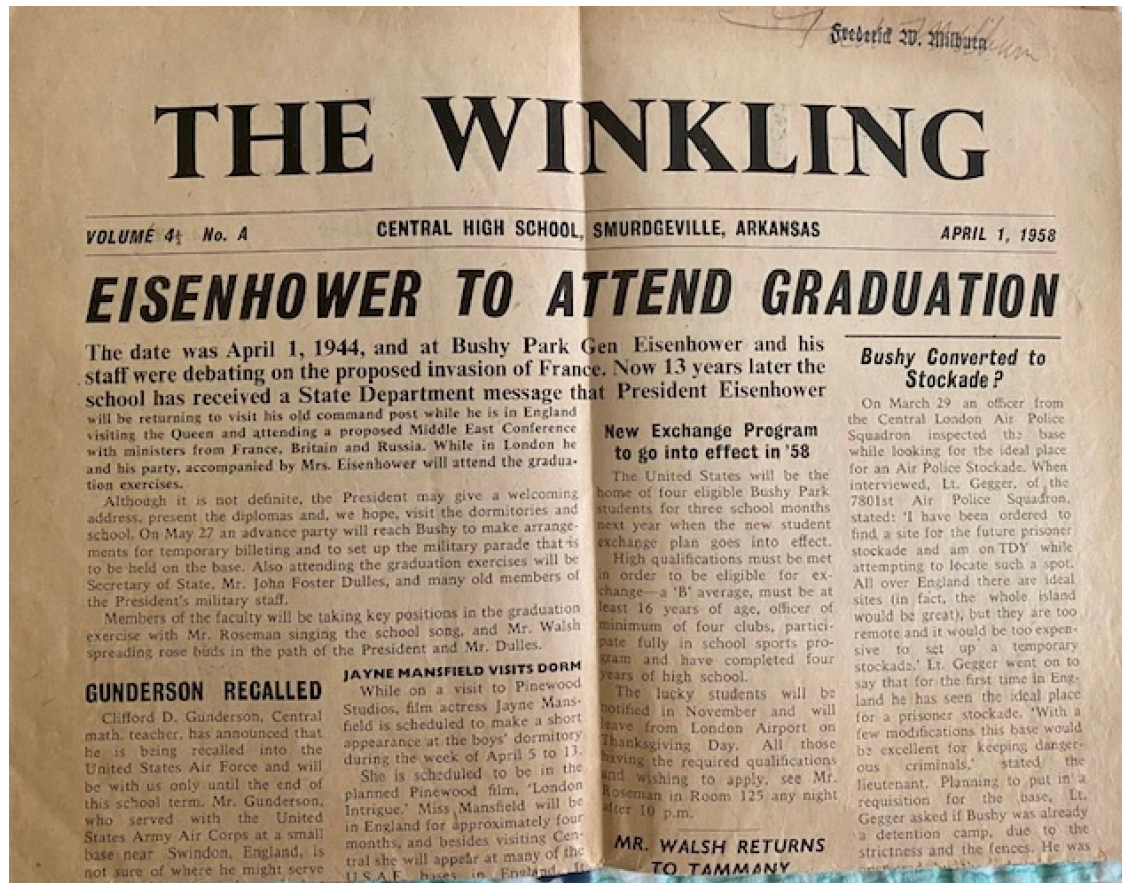
Happy to send more if there is any interest.

Fred, or 'Billy', as he was known until going to Bushy Park! You see he was named after our uncle, Frederick William Mayer, who passed away just before Fred was born and my Mom opted to just use the William or Bill.

After we moved to England and he started at Bushy Park (Jan 1956) he told us that he now had people call



him 'Fred'. Barb & I were told, in no uncertain terms, that we were never to call him 'Billy' in front of his new friends!! 😊



1955 - Billy polished the mirror himself for this telescope! He had formed an astronomy boys club on our street and we often went to Griffith Park Observatory for talks/shows.

Cowboy Billy with his sisters! 1948





9/1960 - This was the last time we saw him as he flew to Munich for his sophomore year.

Some great memories & I treasure all the old photos I have!

Happy Holidays,

Nancy Milburn (62)
Scottsdale, AZ

[Editor Note: Fred Milburn (59) was killed in the Munich plane crash in 1960 returning from University at Christmas that year.]

Letters to the Editor



From: Sally Lamar Parish (60) Robitaille

ARLINGTON CEMETERY

Jeopardy Question:

On "Jeopardy" the other night, the final question was:
"How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the Tomb of the Unknowns?"

All three contestants missed it!

The correct answer and many more details can be found at these links below:

<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Explore/Changing-of-the-Guard>

<https://tombguard.org/society/faq/>

<https://tombguard.org/tomb-of-the-unknown-soldier/the-tomb-guard/>



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While researching the Class of 1956, Pat Owen came across [this article](#) about Billie Moe (60) Crouse writing a book about her dad, Stanley Moe. The [book is available on Amazon](#).

An obituary for Stanley Moe is at the link below:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/latimes/obituary.aspx?n=stanley-allen-moe&pid=146088820>



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