

Just a few notes before I get into the good news.

1. Still need more MONEY for the “WSMR Kids” brick at the missile park. Please send a contribution to my address made out to "White Sands Missile Range Historical Foundation" and I will put them all together to buy what ever we can buy. This is a tax-deductible donation. Our goal is to have the 24” x 24” brick, but we are way short. Please reconsider sending in a contribution. I would think that out of hundreds of people we would have had what we needed by now. Let’s Make OUR Mark.....
2. Last chance to purchase a book – I am told it will be about 24 pages and in color – this time. That is 1.5 to 2 times as large as previous books that were in black and white. I wanted this book to be dedicated to the committee. Please see the web page to order your book for the 2004 reunion. John will take orders until around the 15th of November.
3. I am still looking for more pictures. Luncheon pictures, White Sands monument pictures, dance and gatherings pictures taken at the 2004 reunion.
4. You might want to consider purchasing the pictures from the photographer taken the night of the dance. If you do not like them, I think you can get your money back. OR, if you want, email Jack Diven and ask him for a sample picture. (JDIVENPHOTO@aol.com) He will email you a sample, you may then decide to purchase some keepsake pictures based on the sample for kids and grandkids.
5. There are many new kids coming on the list. If you know the whereabouts of other kids, encourage them to sign up to get on the list via “The List” page on the web site. (Over 2,600 names on the list and growing.)
6. This letter is also going to Shawn Ticho – at the Youth Center, which happens to have been a WSMR Kid as well. Hopefully he will be able to get the word out to the - younger – kids to go to the web page and sign up to join the group. (I am in hopes that the Youth Center still has contact with kids that have come and gone.)
7. As you may know, we have a section on the web page for “Letter to the Founder”. Letters are always welcomed. I really like letters referring to “Life at WSPG/WSMR” and “about the WSMR Kids group and what it has done for you”. We are going to add a section for “Letters from the Founder”. I will try to find past letters and get them to Jim.
8. Almost last but not least – as people retire – their email (work) address becomes invalid. Please send me a backup email address if you have one. Also, please check the attached listing for all of your email addresses. I need to know (for those not highlighted) that you are receiving my messages. Please do a purposeful reply if your email address is not highlighted. (The ones highlighted have either sent me recent messages or their email system has sent me an automatic reply.)
9. Do you know of someone that is on Classmates.com but not on our list? A lot of people on Classmates.com will not reply to my messages because they do not know who I am. But if you them, maybe they will respond to you. Get them on board.

10. Now – Last but not least – we still could use more people for the reunion committee. Especially local Las Cruces people. HHHEEELLLLPPPP

Now the GOOD NEWS: Last week I received the message below from WSMR

Hello Mr. Adler,

I am Rick Shea, the Registrar here at the WSMR Museum. I had the privilege of accompanying your WSMR Kids tour of Hembrillo this past Labor Day weekend. And what a tour it was, the stories that were told to me as I drove one of the vans are unforgettable! I can only imagine what a spectacular time it was growing-up on America's leading space-technology installation and all the testing that was going on at that time!

During our Indian Rock Art lunch stopover COL Don Gentry, WSMR's Garrison Cmdr, asked that I consider creating an exhibit dedicated to the WSMR Kids. Since that time, I have been consumed with looking over maps of WSPG/WSMR, perusing the "letters to the founder" portion of your website and collecting what photos I can, trying to recreate/imagine in my mind just exactly what the post would have looked like through the decade of the 50s & early 60s. Like yourself, I feel the human side of the post needs to be preserved just as much as the technological, research and developmental sides are. After all, there was more to life than testing rockets and missiles!

I've now reached the point where I need further assistance; the type of assistance that can only come from people who lived the life that was the WSPG/WSMR community. If you or anyone you know of may be interested in donating photos, stories or memorabilia that would be useful in creating an exhibit please pass along my name and email address! My phone number is (505) 678-3358 and I can be reached weekdays from 7:00am - 4:15pm MST.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you and enjoy the rest of your day!

Cordially,
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White Sands Missile Range

(If you have pictures for Rick, you might want to get a copy to our webmaster as well.– Jim Fulp will also post them on the web site. www.wsmrkids.com)

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