

*The Association of Old Crows
Billy Mitchell Chapter*



**El Grito Del Cuervo
The Cry of The Crow**



**St Patrick's Day Party
and SA River tour**

St. Patrick's Day Party

When: Saturday, March 19, 2005

Where: La Villita at the Cos House

Time: 7PM to ??

Food: Traditional Irish Meal

Drink: Margaritas, Irish Coffee, Beer, Soda
and Water

Music, Dancing and Annual River Barge
Ride at 9 PM

Green Balloons and Green Hats for all
participants.

Reservations are limited to the first 100 who
call the AOC Office at 732-7697.



2005 BMC – AOC Events

- 19 March – St. Patty's day party
- April – Fiesta Crow
- 23 Oct 41st AOC Convention VA Beach
- Oct – 563 FTS Halloween Party
- Dec – BMC Christmas Party

- AOC Conferences and classes
- Brown Bag Lunch Program
- Game nights

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**PRESIDENT'S
CORNER**



It is the nature of an organization as active and large as the Billy Mitchell Chapter that we have many activities that affect our members all the time. With the passing of Bob Frodge, one of the pioneers of BMC AOC and FiestaCrow, we are reminded of the many changes that happen to our members as time passes and all crows get a little older. Two of our finest crows are taking a big step in transition after many faithful years serving the BMC community.

On January 31st, Milton Driggers retired from SRC after a very distinguished second career serving our nation and this community as a leader in the defense contracting community. After many years on the BMC BoD and as President, he is probably best known as Chairman of the FiestaCrow Committee which he generously led for many years. Milt and Rita Kay have been such a stalwart part of FiestaCrow that I could not imagine anyone more vital to these efforts and again this year Milt is making a big impact on FC 05 and Rita Kay will bring her grace and charm to the event as she always has. Thanks Milt and Rita Kay for all you have done and we all hope that you will enjoy your well deserved retirement.

Just a few days later, we will be celebrating the retirement of the BMC's only AOC Gold Medal Award winner. Bill Swart has been one of a small handful of folks who have influenced the EW and IO communities from a senior leadership position and have been instrumental for many years in saving lives through better defense equipment and policy. Bill and Carole have also been ardent BMC and FiestaCrow supporters. Bill's biggest contribution likely came as the Technical Program Chairman for FiestaCrow and Carole has helped out with her volunteer work during FiestaCrow too. I know that he will be sorely missed at the JIOC and that he too deserves a rest after so many years of service to this country. We look forward to many years more having Bill and Carole in the BMC family although their commute from Kerrville will be a little bit of a trip

At the last BoD meeting, I was extremely pleased to accept Greg Radabaugh as the new Membership Chairman for the BMC. He is ready to plow forward with a more active recruitment and retention program and I'm sure with his leadership, that the results will be impressive. If any of you have any ideas how we can better support the membership and increase the numbers please send them to mail@bmcaoc.org or president@bmcaoc.org and we will make sure that Greg gets them.

BMC – AOC President
Mark Ashton

GAMES NIGHT STATUS REPORT FOR 8 JANUARY 2005

“Games Night” for the new year 2005, started off with a bang with over 70 players arriving for bridge, dominoes (“Chickenfoot”) and pinochle, most of whom came early for optional social hour and optional dinner.

The Lackland AFB Consolidated Club kitchen staff prepared an outstanding Italian Buffet for us to enjoy before games started. An abundant table of brownies, cakes, candies, cookies and other desserts were provided by: **Molly Cavanaugh, Joe London, Mary Hintz, Shirley Price, Mary Ann Proctor, Sherry Scheurich, Mary Sfair** and **Cliff Turner** for us to munch on during games play..

BRIDGE (by **Fred Aldrich**). Wow, another very large group of enthusiastic bridge players turned out this month. I don't know how **Mary Ann** and “**Dak**” do it, but despite last minute cancellations, they work bridge, pinochle, and chickenfoot players around so that they have even numbers, and all parties are happy. Again this month, there were no contenders for the grand slam pot, but I think everybody is waiting for it to build up to a nice amount, and then watch out.

The winners for the evening were: **Madelyn Seelig** (6240), **Jose Rodriguez** (5720), **Marie Snocker** (5560), **Teri Rodriguez** (5390), **Betty Maldonado** (5370), and **Jim Scheurich** (5070). The battle for low score was a tight one, but the winner was **Barbara Boyle** (1030). We all had a great time and look forward to next month's competition.

CHICKENFOOT Dominoes (by **Anon Y Mous**). The score sheets turned show that **Mike Cosgrove** (who normally plays pinochle) won a close game with a low of 138 points, with **Mary Ann Proctor** coming in second with 158 points. In the second games **Karen Cosgrove** was easily the winner with a low of 112 point; **Emma Wright** had 196 points for second place. The order of an incomplete third games showed the following standings: **Karen** (29), **Kay Weaver** (30), **Mike** (46), **Jesse Tatro** (54), **Mary Ann** (91) and **Emma** (93).

PINOCHLE (by **Steve Bepko & Anon Y Mous**). It was **Shirley & Bob Price** versus **Jane & Steve Bepko** at the pinochle corral (Table #1) shootout. In the first game, **Shirley** had a hand that included a rare “Thousand Aces” and a Double Pinochle for a combined meld, with **Bob**, of 145. They won the first game easily. Not to be outdone, in the second game, **Jane Bepko** came back with a hand that also had the rare “Double Aces” and, with **Steve**, had a combined meld of 118, leading their team to victory in that games. Indeed, it was a very rare and unusual pinochle night at the “corral.”

At Table #2, team **Joe London & Ron Weaver** took 2-out-of-3 games from team **Audrey Trautman & “Dak” Proctor** by scores of 559-106, 224-507 and 493-211. In the first game, the “big hand” was held by **Joe** who had a Double Run and 156 in meld. In the third game, **Ron** had “40 Jacks.”



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9 March 2005

Sign-in 1100L
Program 11300L
Speaker 1200L

Kelly Field Club

Menu

Alamo Grilled Chicken or Pasta Lover's Treat

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Lackland historian adds photos to basic training collection

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Hundreds of Air Force retired members have taken a stroll down memory lane while responding to a request to submit photographs of their basic training flights to the historian at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

A web-site that shows BMT flight photos from the '40s to '04. <http://www.lackland.af.mil/info/photos.asp>
Some flight photos are not available yet ..but hopefully yours is. If your BMT photo is not available at the site and you'd like to add it, you can send a copy to TSgt Tracy English at 37TRW.HO@lackland.af.mil or call DSN 473-2211.

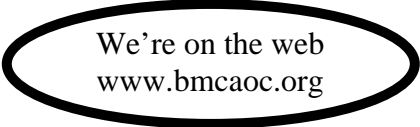
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