

Class of 1972 Updates Archive

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05/31/09 Jeff Campbell Recovery Update: I got two or three different messages yesterday from Jeff on my Facebook page. He told me that he tried to get up on crutches too soon and suddenly discovered that he was not fourteen years old any more. The one badly sprained ankle was not enough to carry the other dislocated ankle and broken leg. Picture the outcome! At any rate, he is looking at about a three month recovery, so if you want to send him an eCard or an email, his address is catchall28@yahoo.com

05/17/09 Jeff Campbell Takes a Tumble: If you are on 'Facebook' you have probably already seen the photo today of Jeff Campbell all laid up and casted in a recliner. Apparently Jeff was out irrigating on his place before daylight and took a fall. The outcome is that he has a broken leg, a dislocated ankle, and a badly sprained ankle. He expects to be laid up for at least two weeks. He also told me he won't be irrigating before daylight anymore...To email Jeff get-well wishes catchall28@yahoo.com

05/12/09 Rumor Control Alert: There was a rumor circulating the other night at the Class BBQ that our classmate Ronnie Wesson is either seriously ill or has recently died. I have called the phone number I have for Ronnie's home in Rialto for the last three nights and the phone just rings endlessly, no answering machine and no answer. Is anyone in touch with Ronnie or his family so we can get an update on his health and welfare? Mail I've sent there in recent weeks does not return, so someone is picking it up. farrellneeley@aol.com if you can help us get the facts straight...

05/12/09 You Missed Your Chance: That is, you missed your chance to sit down with a bunch of your old classmates last Saturday afternoon and evening in Woody, CA. Folks started showing up around 1 p.m., even though 'Happy Hour' didn't officially start until 5 p.m. and dinner wasn't served until 6 p.m. We enjoyed the food, the drinks, and one another's company until about 11 p.m. By then we had the place cleaned up and we all headed for home. We spent hours talking about school, old friends gone, and life in general. I've posted some of the photos over on the [classmate photos](#) page. Rick LaJoie and his wife drove the farthest to attend, coming in from Ojai, CA.

Keep your eyes open for the mailings announcing it. We had people say they never got a letter; do we have your address? I mailed out 120+ three different times, if you didn't get one, drop me an email. Next year we'll be setting up shop in Bakersfield, CA. That should make it easier for some of you to attend. We are twisting Marlene 'Leary' Baughman's arm to let us all come over to her house. If that doesn't pan out, we've got a couple of other options up our sleeves. Details in the months ahead.

Special thanks go out to James Williams, John Culbertson, and Sherrie Culbertson for all their labor and donations in making this thing a success...

05/04/09 BBQ Location Is Set To Go: James Williams and I drove up to Woody, CA yesterday to see John Culbertson and look over the Class BBQ venue. John rented the Woody Community Hall for the event (it's about a block from John's house) and it's terrific! It's situated among oaks in a small grassy glen. It will seat 200 inside, with an ample patio area on the north side. It has all the modern amenities and gives us coverage come 'rain or shine'. We'll start setting

up about 3 p.m. and we'll plan to chow down about 6 p.m. We look forward to seeing those of you who reserved a seat there!

While we were up that way, James and I drove over to Glennville and stopped at Hassano's (Hassan's) restaurant and had lunch. I headed off for the bar to talk to the owner; like many of you, I've known Hassan for years. I wondered what was holding James up and came back to find him cornered by two big bikers. The biker in the corner said, "...hey man, do you know who I am?" He pulled off his bandana and once I got a look at his eyes, I knew it was Alan Norris (AHS Class of 71'). We all had a laugh and talked on for ten more minutes.

05/02/09 Alumni-Owned Businesses: If you are a business owner and want to be listed on the new SilverTips Alumni Network website, the listing is available 'free' to all AHS alumni and businesses supporting Arvin High School and/or alumni efforts from any of the various and sundry alumni groups, related to AHS, that are now active. The SilverTips appreciate the support of the alumni community and want to reciprocate by making folks aware of their goodness. Let your non-Class of 1972 friends and associates know about this opportunity. Send your information to webmaster@silvertips.org

05/01/09 New Silvertips Website: The new [SilverTips Alumni Network](http://www.silvertips.org) is up and running. I encourage you to click over and check it out. The content is sparse at the moment, but growing everyday. In time, the goal is to make it the most comprehensive assortment of Arvin High School Alumni information available. The links include a separate series of pages (e.g., updates, memorials, events, etc.) for each class year or a link to their existing website, a quarterly eNewsletter called *SilverTips Facts*, an alumni calendar of events, volunteer opportunities for alumni in support of the school and community, mentoring opportunities in support of existing AHS students and other alums, photos, local places of interest, and a place for alumni to feature their works of art, writing, and businesses. Please make other AHS alumni from all class years aware of this new resource. The address is simple to remember, www.silvertips.org