

## Class of 1972 Updates Archive June 2009

06/28/09 **Jeff Campbell Continues His Recovery:** If you are not on Facebook, you haven't been following Jeff's recuperation from a broken, leg, sprained ankle, and dislocated ankle. Jeff had the accident back in early May and he tells us that he is about four more weeks from being able to get out of the cast and walk normally again. I mentioned to him that we all healed quicker when we were kids and at times we forget that we are not kids. In either case, if you want to touch base with Jeff, he's at [catchall28@yahoo.com](mailto:catchall28@yahoo.com)

06/28/09 **Distribution of Class of 1972 Author's Work Expands:** As we noted near the start of this year, our classmate, Wendy 'Reiswig' Bailey, has published her first book on Japanese Ball-Jointed Dolls. At the time we first made note of the publication, you either had to buy it at Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble. The other option was to order it directly from Wendy. We are pleased to report that Wendy's book is now available in wide distribution at all the major book stores and most of the larger independents.

06/24/09 **Out and About in Bakersfield:** I ran into Becky 'Harp' Gehlert at Costco on Tuesday. I made a point of going back and stopping her after I figured out why I thought I recognized 'that woman'. As I promised myself two years ago, if I think I know you I am going to speak to you so I don't only see you at your funeral. Becky said she and Chuck are doing well and are both healthy. Like others among us, she has had 'parent care issues' and has recently had to place her mom in a care facility. She said that she and Chuck are getting ready to go on a cruise in the next couple of weeks. Take time to stop and speak to your old classmates while there is still time...

06/22/09 **Ronnie Wesson Is Alive & Well:** I believe it was Mark Twain who said, "the rumors of my death have been greatly exaggerated". In line with that thought, I had a great twenty minutes of conversation this morning with Ronnie Wesson. At first I thought someone was pulling my leg, but after a minute or so it was obvious it was Ronnie. The confusion about his death stems from the death of Ronnie's older brother, Jimmy. Jimmy Wesson was a member of the AHS Class of 1968. Ronnie is retired now, but he still lives in Rialto, CA. If you want to get in touch, the address is: Ron Wesson, 834 East Home Street, Rialto, CA 92376. His phone is 909-873-8768. He doesn't do the Internet yet, but promised he'd check out the websites. If you were sad when you thought he was dead, here's your second chance to get in touch...

06/18/09 **James 'Weasel' Williams Back In Town:** Most of you know that Weasel is a drilling consultant and has literally worked all over the world (ask him about New Guinea sometime). For the past couple of years he's been up in Colorado. He keeps a home here in Bakersfield but it's been about 35 days since he was in town last. Since he is the only one who'll golf with me (yes I am that bad), my game has suffered for the layoff. If you want to contact James while he's home, his email is [jwilliams42@bak.rr.com](mailto:jwilliams42@bak.rr.com)

06/18/09 **Lynda 'Denny' Del Rio In Town:** Lynda has traveled from her home in Idaho this week to welcome the latest addition to her family, a new grandbaby. I'll get details and post them back up here when I can get them from Lynda. In the mean time, she has assured all on her Facebook page that this is the perfect baby. Grandma claims she is here to help with the baby. But the truth is that every proud grandparent wants to see their offspring as soon as possible...Congratulations Lynda! To get in touch with Lynda while she's in town is [lyndadelrio@yahoo.com](mailto:lyndadelrio@yahoo.com)

06/18/09 **Jeff Campbell Continues To Recover:** You may recall that Jeff Campbell took a bad fall last month and broke a leg, dislocated one ankle, and sprained the other. The good news is that the Docs are letting him walk a little bit with a boot. The bad news is that Jeff overdoes things like the rest of us and has to 'ice 'er down' once in a while. Jeff can be contacted at [catchall28@yahoo.com](mailto:catchall28@yahoo.com) or on his Facebook page.

06/04/09 **Elena 'Flores' Alvarez:** I received an email late last night that our classmate Elena 'Flores' Alvarez had died on May 28th while vacationing in Bakersfield. Elena had come here to visit her family. She has been living in Ohio for many years. I have no other details at this time, but will post more information if it comes my way. If you ever got to know her while we were in high school, she was sweet and soft-spoken. I am sorry to hear of her death and echo some of you who emailed me today saying that she died way too young...RIP