

12/31/08 Happy Birthday Gary Lockett: This past Monday, James Williams was in town and he and I got in a round of golf out at Sycamore Canyon. We also managed to share a birthday lunch with Gary Lockett. Gary's birthday is always on New Year's Eve, and usually I try to call and wake him up at midnight just to let him know that I care. This time, since we are all aging and I rarely stay up that late on any night, I asked Gary to come meet James and I for lunch. We had a great time and the short meal we planned went on for an hour and a half as we tried to catch up on jobs, kids, and how much 54-55 year old bodies can break down.

12/17/08 Home For The Holidays: If any of you are in town for the holidays and want to get together, drop me an email at farrellneeley@aol.com or phone me at 661-845-2634 and we'll do a lunch or share a 'libation' (that's called a drink out here in Lamont). If you buy, I will promise to say nice things about you here on this page! If I have to pay for my own, I would of course have to remain neutral as to the content of your character. If I am forced to cover your ticket as well, I would no doubt become surly.

12/07/08 Wendy Reiswig's New Book: In my ongoing dialogue with classmates, I learned that our own Wendy Reiswig has a new book that is just hitting the shelves at Amazon.com this month. Many of you will remember that Wendy was always a talented artist, and she's parlayed that into a career (wood block print and photography among other art forms) all these years since she left Arvin. Her latest work is a book on Asian Ball-Jointed Dolls. I found the topic fascinating and I plan to buy a copy just as soon as they are back in stock. To learn more about her book and what she's up to, here are some links to click on. Congratulations Wendy!!!

http://www.amazon.com/Resin-Life-Snapshots-Asian-Ball-Jointed/dp/0615252087/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1228496246&sr=1-1

www.junkyspot.com, or Wendy's own website, www.resin-life.com.

12/07/08 Bad Mailing Addresses or No Mailing Addresses: On the 29th of October I sent out 130 letters to those of you for whom I thought I had a good mailing address; there were 380 others I have no address for at all. It turns out that I was wrong on 22 of them. They came back with notes that said things like, "Moved, left no address"; "Return to sender"; "Not at this address for the past 10 years"; and "No such number". I need your help so I am going to list the names and see if you know where they are. If they are in prison, witness protection, or hiding from a stalker, let those go. Otherwise, email me (farrellneeley@aol.com) a good mailing address. Here is the revised list (12/07/08) in no particular order: Patricia Duffel Jeffers, Dennis Mikles, Bill Owens, Carl Jeffries, Nancy Velasco Raymond, Rebecca Mize Beck, Thomas Dickey, Dwight Denney, James Bean, Gary Eden, Barbara Wilson Harl, Mary Espinoza Mendez, Barbara Tison Winklepeck, Brenda Ray Toler, Nedra Adams Marks, Cheryl David Cole, Richard Houston, Norma Navarro, Judy Black Ryan, Jana Montgomery Tingle, Kenneth Gather, and Johnnie King. Thank you for the two addresses that were updated.

12/03/08 Adding a Guest Book: I added on a 'Guest Book' page the other day, and true to form, the 'spammers' hit it with about 175 links the first day. As always, they offered everything from Cialis, to multiple wives, to potions guaranteed to 'enlarge your member'. I killed them all the last two days and I hope that keeps the page usable. If not, I can always drop it again. In any case, drop by and leave a comment if you want [guestbook](#)

12/01/08 The Numbers Truly Stun Me: I was ill over the holidays and stuck at home from Tuesday through Sunday while my kids and grandkids hung out at Pismo Beach. When I finally felt like getting out of bed, I was too weak to go outside for long, so I worked on the seven websites I now routinely try to keep sorted out. Most of that time I spent on the alumni website or here on our class site.

I was working through all the lists I have, trying to improve the mailing list that I have for the class when I decided that I should try to get a tally of the number of students who were ever a part of the Arvin High School Class of 1972. Even though I'd typed it once, I had this number of 330 in my head since I vaguely recall a number somewhere in that range for graduation. I was shocked when I totaled all the numbers.

Between September 1968 and June of 1972, there were 'at least' 510 students who were part of the class cohort. Even removing the names of those who are deceased, still leaves me with over 475 that are presumably among the living. I have about 120 good addresses at this point. That leaves us with about 355 or about 75% for which we have no address. Any address help would be appreciated!

