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Members Endure Harvey and Irma

Editor's note:

As my home was flooded in 1984 I felt much empathy with shipmates who lived in the Houston, Texas area as well as those in most of Florida.

I sent an e-mail to those folks asking about their experiences and got these replies:

From Dale Surber, EN2

Well I lacked 4 hours of being 7 days without power. My cousin was down from Kentucky so he got to enjoy some sitting under the shade tree. Really didn't get hit that hard here in St. Pete AKA God's waiting room; Just a lot of wind. The rain was just like normal. No damage, just branches down.

I know Bernie (Armstrong) was out of power 63 hours up in northern Georgia.

I always have a stock pile of canned beans and spam. I survived. Had a few cold showers (brought back Navy thoughts)

But all in all, fared pretty good.

From George Casebeer SM3

Paulette and I live on the east coast of Florida in Palm Bay a little south of Melbourne. We started to feel the effects of Irma Sunday morning with squalls and wind gusts. All day long we were getting tornado warning there was at least one that touched down in Palm Bay. Because of



Typical example of Hurricane Irma's Wrath

the high winds it was reported that some of these tornadoes were traveling about 90 miles per hour. Our home was built in 2005 and has withstood winds of 120 mph but not with us in it. As we were outside Irma cone we saw gusts of 95

mph but most winds were in the 70-80 mph range - a long scary night. Monday morning showed no wind damage to our home but we had plenty of limb damage. Properties closer to the Indian River Lagoon and the beach side did not fare as well. Hope this is the last one.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

I hope this message finds everybody doing well. Hurricane Harvey created a lot of havoc here in Texas, setting all kinds of records; not the good kinds.



Frank DiBello

I spent my 70th birthday, Aug. 28, watching lifelong friends and family being rescued from the effects of record setting rain that turned streets and highways into deep rivers as we received over 55 inches of rain in less than 4 days! I could not get out to help.

We were fortunate to have no flood water enter our home; except for a gash in my roof caused by a downed tree limb that poked through the ceiling right over my bathroom, causing a hole in the valley.

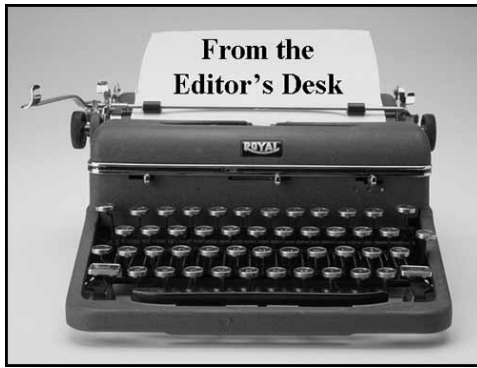
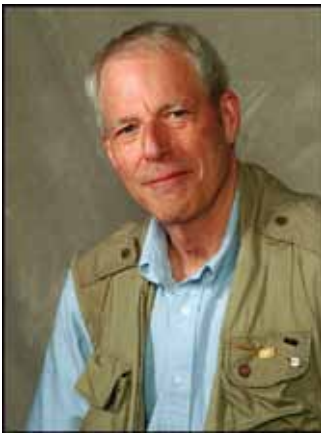
This allowed the rain to come through the ceiling and dripped on my head as I tried to shave.

I consider my problem to be nothing compared to friends and family that lost everything. I only lost a roof which needed replacing soon anyway. I just wasn't expecting the expensive birthday present! Ha ha!

I want to thank everyone for calling and checking on us and for all your prayers!

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By Don Hayden TM3 (1961-62)

The other day I was driving down a street where my first studio was located only to realize it wasn't there.

Now it is just a vacant lot.

And the lot looks a lot smaller than I remember. The studio was part of a large home which was rented by a publishing company and sublet to me.

My area consisted of a front room, a tiny office and another room I converted into a darkroom.

The front room was multi-purpose: for meeting with clients, photographing clients and booking jobs. It probably measured 10 feet wide by 14 feet long.

At the end of the long side I mounted a platform sort of like a card table with two front legs which, in the opened version was used to display albums



and in the closed version made room for the seamless paper backgrounds to hang.

The entrance was through two French doors which I had to open in order to shoot a full length (when it was warm enough outside).

The office measured the width of the overall area and four feet deep - just enough for a work table and a built-in place for typewriter (before computers).

When I move in the only window air-conditioner unit was in this office and put out a baby's breath of cool air. I soon replaced it with a "new" \$100 unit that blew air from the top.



Remembering my professor father telling about some Korean students who devised some cardboard duct work, I set about to do the same so clients wouldn't bake in the summer months.

It definitely qualified as a Rube Goldberg setup.

In the darkroom which probably measured 10 feet square, I had room for an enlarger, an Ectomatic processor (automated printing), a drum print washer and a really tiny bathroom - smaller than most airlines.

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Qtn.	Description	Price
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President

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I am also thankful that our shipmates in Florida came through Hurricane Irma without major problems.

The Reunion in Savannah is coming together. More information will be in our next newsletter, but you can reserve your rooms starting now. Special instructions for reservations will be on the web site shortly!

Hurricane

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From Ray Garcia, SN

There was no damage to my home in Tampa (just plenty of tree debris in the front yard and back yard) or to friends of mine thank goodness.

Most of the severe damage was done down in the Keys, Ft. Myers, most of the coastal cities by the high tides, the beaches and 50 plus miles east of Tampa.

The areas hit hardest will probably never come back.

There are sections in Homestead where Andrew hit that have still not been rebuilt and Irma was twice the size of Andrew. (Irma was 400 plus miles wide.)

However, in my old neighborhood of Tampa called Seminole Height there were very large oak trees that were up rooted with some knocking down electrical lines and telephone wires.

Some of them had to be at least 10 foot in diameter.

Most of them had to be over 70 years old and I even climbed some of them when I was a kid.

I saw a couple lying across the side streets I traveled near the old cement block home that my father built back in 1952.

(We lived there till I was 15 years old then moved into another subdivision of Tampa called West Tampa.)

My father was not a contractor but built the house above specs...instead of 3 blocks high, he built it 4 blocks high for the foundation.

At every corner of the house he poured concrete reinforcing it with rebar.

The lintels (they were 4 foot u-shaped solid blocks of cement) over the doorways which he also reinforced with placing rebar inside the u and poured cement into the u-shape.

To this day I can see no stress cracks anywhere around the house from it settling.

The same goes for the double car garage in the back yard.

I remember my father telling me that the city housing inspector was out every other day.

The inspector told my father he didn't know why he was checking on the house.

He remarked that he thought it could stand up to an atomic bomb.

It is too bad I didn't learn nor was I taught how to build like that although I have a good idea how to do it.

New shipping charges associated with ship's store purchases

Up to \$10.....	\$ 4.00
\$10.01 to \$25.00.....	\$ 7.00
\$25.01 to \$50.00.....	\$ 8.00
\$50.01 to \$75.00.....	\$10.00
\$75.01 to \$100.00.....	\$12.00
\$100.01 to \$200.00.....	\$14.00
\$200.01 to \$300.00.....	\$16.00
\$300.00 and over	\$20.00

Checks made payable to Summer Reunion Association.

October marks the 25th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Blockade in which the editor participated.

Others on the ship at the time were Joe Gall, Bill Juzwiakowski, Bruce Fullbright and Bobby Moore.



Limited on interior space I did a lot of on-location shooting.

Then the publishing company folded, I took over more of the house which more than doubled the studio size with a pretty decent camera room, changing area and work room - and even a backyard for environmental portraits.

I forgot to mention that the darkroom had a roof leak and I had to use sheet metal and PVC pipe to channel water into a sink.

While visiting the studios of some of my peers I became really envious. I stayed in that first studio for about 3½ years before moving into what has become a trendy location (I probably couldn't afford the rent these days).

There were two other moves after that before deciding to move home and become semi-retired.

The home office originally was a screened-in porch which became a darkroom which became a storage area.

Who knows? Someday it too may become a vacant lot.

Next Issue: Deals with the current day "Studio."

We welcome stories about shipmates did in civilian life.

Seventy-Four Attend Reunion

The 50th anniversary of the USS Allen M. Sumner, DD-692's deployment to Vietnam was celebrated at the 29th reunion of the ship association by 74 attendees of which 39 were actual shipmates

The 2017 Mayport, Fla. sailing List (in order of making reunion registration) is: Gerald Williamson (FN 69-71) with guest Brian Williamson, Bruce and Earlean Fulbright (TM3 62-64), Hank and Julie Pelz (BTC 62-67), Dean and Sharon Price (RD2 66-69), Frank and Connie DiBello (RM3 66-68), Dave and Sue Robson (SHL3 66-70), John and Pat Hruska (MR3 68-71), Aleta Walters (wife of Charles MM2 61-62), Pete and Gail Dromms (FTG2 66-67), Joe and Millie Drabick (BT3 65-68), Robert and Gloria Kelly (EM3 68-71), Bill and Joan Wunderlin (EM2 52-55), AJ and Betty DeJongh (BT3 65-69), Francis Embrey (RM2 64-68), Clifford Selig (SN 66-68), Bob and Karen Haderer (BT2 63-68), Jon and Marie Randall (RDSN 66-69), Clyde Hightower (GMG1 64-65), Scott and Linda Kopfstein (SK3 66-69), Gary and Barbara Whitehead (YN3 66-69), Don Hayden (TM3 61-62), Paul and Lee Roskamp (BT3 68-71), Bobby and Mary Moore (MMC 61-69) with Louise Jasch, John and Judy Barry (DC2 65-69), Ken Merryman (STG3 66-70), Ron and Ricki Jovanovich (AN 68-69), Pete and Rita Hart (BT3 65-67), Michael and Ethel Backer (RD2 66-69), Terry and Kiyoko Conaway (BT1 65-70), Walter and Jane Spillman (SFP3 65-68), Colin Benporath (SAC2 67), James and Karen Frederickson (ETN2 66-67), Paul Stebbins (SFP2 68-71), Ray and Liz Hedenberg (EM1 68-71), Gary and Ann Mayfield (SK2 66-69), Bernie and Vickie Armstrong (FN 68-70), Philip and Deborah Maxwell (ICFN 52-53), Jose and Faith Garcia (BT2 65-68), Joe and Susan Gall (EM3 61-63), Dan and Lynette Barrs (QM2 63-68) and Fred Willshaw (SK1 67-69).

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