

**First, please PRINT THIS, then read & keep it.** This document includes LOTs of info & details about the Tucson Reunion & Tours as well as an explanation of how to REGISTER for them. **Some very important things are in red. When you REGISTER for the Reunion on-line through our Web-site, you can also register/pay for any of the tours. ALL Payment is via PayPal or Credit Card (Note: PayPal just processes your credit card payment for us – you do not need a PayPal account to use your credit card). If you absolutely get stymied registering or have a question you can't find the answer to (about the Tucson Reunion), contact Ev Sprous using his input form: Contact ES or call 520-979-1130**

**Here are the major event details.**

**Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** Hootch opens, with munchies & beverages. It is open throughout most of the Reunion & is a great place to gather, meet old friends, & make some new ones. Bring pictures, albums, or memorabilia you'd like to share!

**Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** Enjoy the local sights, the Hootch, old friends, & new friends!

**Friday, October 12, 2018 0830 – 1600 “BONEYARD” & Pima Air Museum TOUR**



The Pima Air & Space Museum is the exclusive operator of the "Boneyard" Tour of the 309th Aerospace Maintenance & Regeneration Group Facility on Davis-Monthan AFB. They offer climate-controlled motor coaches with an experienced, friendly docent on board to narrate a tour of 4,000+ aircraft from the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marines, Army, Coast Guard, & several federal agencies including NASA in varying degrees of storage, being regenerated, or recycled. This is one of the largest non-government funded aviation & space museums in the world, featuring over 300 historical aircraft, from a Wright Flyer to a B787 Dreamliner! Sitting on 80 acres the museum opened its doors to the public in May of 1976, & over the past 40 years, has grown immensely. Today it encompasses 5 indoor exhibit hangars (2 dedicated to WWII). Take a Docent-led walking tour or museum ground Tram tour; & the museum is also the exclusive offeror of bus tours of the 2,600-acre "Aircraft Boneyard"/U.S. military & government aircraft storage facility. There is a Café in the Museum.

**Tour Registration: everyone must pre-register & receive a security clearance in advance for this tour.** We will have two groups of 50 attendees each. Registration is limited to the first 100 people. The security clearance is issued by Davis-Monthan AFB from info on your online Registration. Given security issues with access to the base & our desire to make the access as smooth as possible, we hired ground transportation between the Double Tree Hotel & the Boneyard-Pima Museum. **Our bus is the “only” method to access the Boneyard. Even with a military ID, you cannot tour the Boneyard on your own. This can only be done through the Pima Air Museum & with advance security clearance. Also, you must have your driver’s license with you for access (your military ID will not be accepted).**

The Bus loads 0830 at the Doubletree Hotel & goes to the Boneyard then the Pima Air & Space Museum. At 1530, the bus picks up everyone from the Museum & delivers us back to the Hotel.

Price is \$45 per person, which includes round-trip Bus transportation to/from the Double Tree Hotel, Boneyard tour, & Pima Museum Admission.

**The cut-off date to Register for this Tour is Sept 9, 2018 to coordinate access to the base.**

**NOTE: we need your Driver’s License, Social Security, & birth date info to meet the security access requirements for this tour.** None of that info will be visible or accessible to anyone else except Ev Sprous, our Reunion Coordinator. We use your email info to send a confirmation of your place on a specific tour, & cell phone info to contact you as needed. Everett will send a confirmation after processing your registration & payment.

## **Friday, October 12, 2018 Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures TOUR**



The Mini Time Machine  
museum of miniatures

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The Mini Time Machine Museum tour is if you want to see a local attraction as an alternative to the "Boneyard" tour. The Museum's mission is to preserve & advance the art of miniatures, & the Chicago Tribune states: "The magic of this place cannot be overstated." They showcase more than 400 antique & contemporary dollhouses & roomboxes sure to delight all ages.

The HISTORY GALLERY is a window into the past, offering visitors a glimpse into daily life in the 18th, 19th, & 20th centuries, as well as insight into the use & production of miniatures & how that has changed with time.

The ENCHANTED REALM Gallery is filled with fantasy themed miniatures & collectibles. Folklore & fiction are brought to life with miniatures inhabited by dragons, fairies, mice, frogs & other imaginary creatures.

The EXPLORING THE WORLD Gallery showcases miniatures depicting life around the world. Visitors are amazed by the accuracy of scale & fine attention to detail achieved by the artists represented in this gallery.

More info is available at <https://theminitimemachine.org/>

**Final timing is yet to be determined but it will be completed in plenty of time to make the Meet & Greet.**

Price is \$35 per person which includes round-trip Bus & Museum admission.

**The cut-off date to register for this Tour is September 9, 2018.**

### **Friday Night, October 12, 2018 Meet & Greet Dinner** at Double Tree Hotel (Cash Bar)

This is the place to meet everyone, new & old. Menu includes Meatballs - Marinara, Swedish Style, or Spicy BBQ; Tri-Colored Tortilla Chips & Mini Chimichangas with House-made Salsa and Guacamole; Roasted Vegetable spread with Assorted Crackers; Cheese Pinwheels; & Taquitos

### **Saturday Night, October 13, 2018 Banquet** at Double Tree Hotel (Cash Bar)

Plated dinner includes choice of Grilled Salmon with Dill Lemon Cream Sauce - OR - Chicken Breast Dijon with Mushrooms, Tomatoes, Garlic & Dijon, & Beurre Blanc sauce - OR - Roast Prime Rib 8 oz Au-Jus, Horseradish - OR - Chef's Choice of Vegetarian Option; ALL with Garden Salad, Fresh Vegetables, & Chocolate Mousse Dessert (yum!). All are \$35. There is also a Kids Meal of Chicken Strips & Fries for \$15.

### **Sunday Morning, October 14, 2018 Golf**

Limited to 20 players & Greens fees are extra & will be paid at the course.

### **Sunday Afternoon, October 14, 2018 Sabino Canyon TOUR**



Experience the beauty of one of the most unique Southwestern desert canyons on a Sabino Canyon tram ride. Sabino Canyon is a natural desert oasis located in Tucson's Coronado National Forest & is home to spectacular desert landscapes & abundant wildlife. Sabino Canyon's history is as diverse as it is fascinating. The Santa Catalina mountain range began its formation over 12 million years ago, 7 million years before the earliest known human being walked the face of the earth. In around 5 million B.C., the mountains ceased formation around the Tucson area, setting the stage for future ecological action. Plant life first appeared between 6,000 & 8,000 years ago, & some of the earliest predominant human occupants of Sabino Canyon were the Hohokam people. An earthquake centered in northern Mexico in 1887 dislodged an array of massive boulders lining the canyon walls,

which crashed down & came to rest in the valley below. In 1905, the Forest Service was first created & began overseeing Sabino Canyon & during the Great Depression, the bridges over Sabino Creek & the Sabino Dam were constructed by the Works Progress Administration & Civilian Conservation Corp. The first trams in Sabino Canyon began operating in October, 1978. From that point on, access to cars was restricted to allow visitors to reach Upper Sabino Canyon by foot, bicycle or tram. Sabino Canyon Tours was founded in May, 1985 & provides young & older visitors alike with the opportunity to experience the exquisite beauty of Sabino Canyon. You can learn more at their web site: <http://www.sabinocanyon.com/> Reunion coordinator Ev Sprous visited the location & scoped-it-out for us. Beautiful pictures are posted on the Association's Facebook page. Price is \$30 per person for round-trip Bus transportation to/from the Double Tree Hotel & the Museum admission; **cut-off date to register for this Tour is September 9, 2018.**

**Final timing is yet to be determined but it will be a late morning/early afternoon tour.**

**NOTE: This tour is only about three hours long, including travel. Please consider having some lunch BEFORE the afternoon bus departure.**

### **Sunday Night, October 14, 2018 Farewell BBQ** at Double Tree Hotel (Cash Bar)

Enjoy a final meal together with old & new friends, and the brotherhood formed in AC-119s. Menu includes an All American BBQ Buffet dinner with BBQ Pork Ribs & Chicken Breast; Roast Potatoes, Ranch Beans; Corn on the Cob, Corn Bread; Garden Salad & Dressings; Cole Slaw; Potato Salad; & both Apple & Cherry Cobbler Desserts. Buffet includes Rolls & Butter, Freshly Brewed Coffee plus Decaf, Assorted Hot Teas & Iced Tea with Lemon. Price is \$35; there is also a Kids Meal of Chicken Strips & Fries for \$15.

**Registration & Payment:** when you're ready to Register & make your payment go to this page on our web please click on <https://www.ac119gunships.com/shop/reunion/reunion-2018-registration/> then fill-in or make your selections. **NOTE:** If you have more than one person, you will be prompted to, & must complete, a separate registration for each person in your group. AFTER you've completed the entries for each person in your group you'll see a registration summary & payment options via PayPal or Credit Card (Note: PayPal just processes your credit card payment for us – you do not need a PayPal account to use your credit card).

**NOTE: You'll be asked to provide lots of info to assure our Reunion Coordinator gets all the info he needs, and YES, there is a Reunion Fee for each person attending.**

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