

# The DASH POT

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### NEWSLETTER BLUES, PAYING YOUR DUES, AND HISTORY BOOK HISTORY

The headline says it all. It seems like one thing after another has cropped up to interfere with our getting a newsletter out to you. Since I am back in the job market again, the volunteer hours have been precious few. Hence, necessary revision to the ol' priority list. I am having a hard time getting to do the things I *want* to do. I have had an offer of help from John Loonam on newsletter publishing, but haven't even had time to get up to ol' Virginia to see if we can get his computer in sync with ours here in Charleston.

The history book is another story altogether, what with one delay after another. I would like to tell you that we met the deadlines I imposed as of my briefing to the MOMAG CO/XO conference last Fall, but it just didn't happen!!! You can blame it on me, if you want, but I made the decision that we were not going to cut corners leading to reduced quality and quantity. Several of us have spent long, tedious hours in researching mine warfare history, categorizing information, coordinating cut/paste text operations, selecting photos and drawings for inclusion, and working with the publisher on processing and editing galley sheets. Since we have been *significantly* lacking in volunteers for this project, we have hired a ghost writer to compile the text and prepare it for type-setting. I

*saw no other way!!!* We would otherwise have been two more years getting the project finished. I want to reiterate what I have said previously, that this is going to be a first-class book you will be proud to have and display for others to see and read - something that is a part of you and your professional heritage. So *please, please* have a little more of the patience you have had with us so far. The history book *will* be published just as soon as humanly possible. This will be directly proportional to the amount of volunteer time devoted to the project, so sign up!!!

Our Association dues-date is in August, as voted on at our 1992 meeting and stated in subsequent newsletters. This is our first year in making dues payable concurrent with our typical reunion date. A one-time dues of \$15.00 will be payable in August to offset the six extra months we have had since the last dues-date of January 1993. All future dues will be paid in the month of August at our \$10.00 rate. Some folks who forgot this and paid regular dues in January will be required to cough up another \$5.00. We'll obviously have some mix-ups over this change, but I am confident that everything will work out in the long run. The idea was to make it easier for most people to settle both reunion payments and dues payment all at the same time. We'll see how it works out???

Everyone, please mark your calendars **NOW** for the reunion dates here in Charleston - August 19 thru 21. The years are rolling on, folks, and our older ranks are thinning a little each year. Plan to come to Charleston this year and catch up with your ol' shipmates. We are going to have a great time.

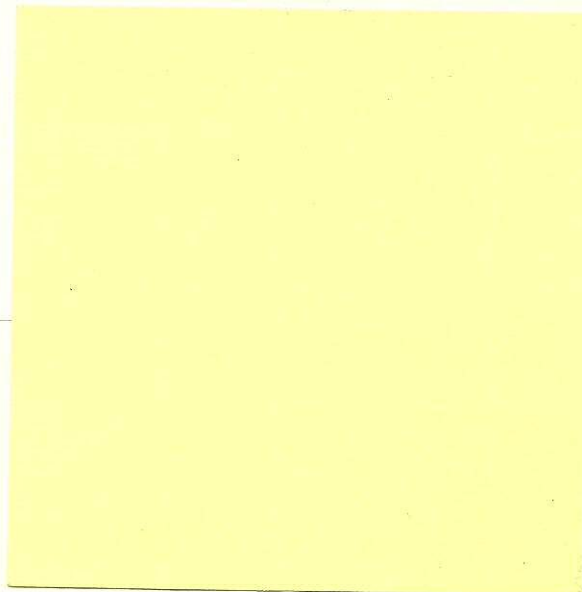
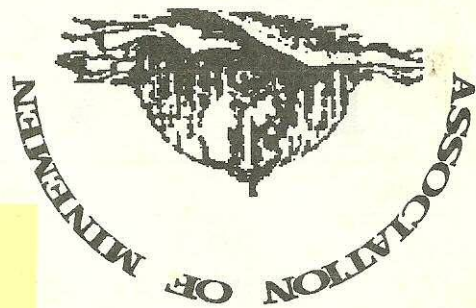
Our host hotel is the Northwoods Atrium Inn, a Best Western establishment located just off of Ashley River Road. A block of rooms has been

reserved for us at a flat rate of \$55.00 per day for 1 - 4 persons, with your choice of two double, a queen or king bed selection. Price includes a Continental breakfast, or an all-you-can eat breakfast buffet is available for \$4.95. The atrium lobby is spacious, with a cozy bar and nice lounging chairs. We will have our Early Bird there (in the Beauregard Room) on Friday evening, and our business meeting there on Saturday afternoon (2:00PM) *You must make your hotel reservations by August 5th* by calling direct to 803-572-2200 (sorry, no 800 #)

Our dinner get-together will be at a great little place in downtown Charleston called "Squeekies" - an affiliate of the original Jimmy Dengate speak-easy dating back to Prohibition days. They are closing the place just for us. Your food choices are a mixed grill (shrimp, chicken breast, 8oz ribeye) for \$12.50; a low-country special Shrimp & Grits for \$9.50; or Dengates Fried Chicken (best you have ever eaten) for \$7.95. There will be a Cash Bar, with prices at a slightly reduced rate. We are planning a unique speaker combination of "Old and the New" that should both delight and inform everyone, and a little combo band that can play anything you want for entertainment.

Our Picnic will again be at Short Stay Rec Center. Please, all you photo bugs, check your cameras to make sure they are working, and plan to use 400 speed film. I was not able to use any of the photos (too dark) taken at Reno last year which some of you faithful sent me. I would have loved to use the one of our newest and youngest horse-shoe champion, Michael Epps, who beat the tar out of everyone. Also, don't forget the golf match on Saturday morning, alligators and all. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON YOUR RESERVATION FORM** and get it back to us as soon as possible so we can plan with hotel, dinner, golf and picnic personnel. *Toby Horn*



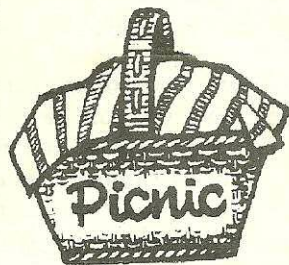


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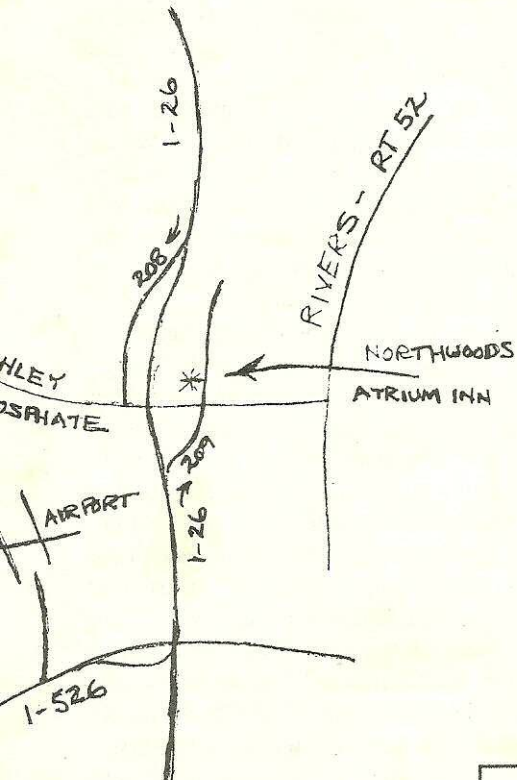
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FROM I-95 (I-26 EAST): Exit 208 Ashley Phosphate Road. go to stop sign. Turn left to traffic light. Turn left to next traffic light. Turn left. See Northwoods Atrium Inn on left behind Taco Bell and Hot n Now.



FROM-AIRPORT: From terminal, proceed on International Blvd to I-526 to Exit for Columbia/Mount Pleasant (this will be third traffic light from terminal). On I-526 take Exit for Columbia (I-26 West) and proceed to Exit 209 Ashley Phosphate Road. Go across intersection at the traffic light. Northwoods Atrium Inn is on the left behind Taco Bell and Hot n Now.

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**CHARLESTON, SC - AUGUST 19 - 21**  
**Plan Now !!!**