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The Airlifter is the quarterly newsletter of the Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association, a Texas-based non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation of troop carrier/tactical airlift history and to promoting camaraderie among troop carrier/tactical airlift veterans. The name is borrowed from the newspaper published by Pacific Air Force's 315th Air Division in the 1950s and 1960s. Reader contributions are not only welcome, but we would love to have them. Please send articles by Email to SEMCGowanJr@aol.com or by mail to *The Airlifter*, 3727 Hill Family Ln, Missouri City, TX 77459.

Editorial Comment

I hope everyone enjoys the second issue of the TCTAA newsletter. Our organization is growing and some members have upgraded their status to 5 year or Life Membership. As of this writing, we have 78 members, including one Associate. Association officers and board members are currently planning the 2007 Members Meeting. Look for a calendar of events in the September issue.

As stated above, contributions from members are more than welcome. We are happy to present in this issue an article written by Col. Bob Wright and submitted by member John Limbach about a test mission using a C-130A at Yuma, Arizona.

Note – the more contributions from members, the less BS from the editor!

Financial Report

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| Funds in checking acct - April 30 | \$5,963.00 |
| Expenditures | |
| Printing | - 123.65 |
| Postage | - 45.99 |
| IRS Processing Fee | - 300.00 |
| Total Expenditure | \$- 469.64 |
| Membership Dues | \$ 225.00 |
| Funds on hand June 30 | \$5248.72 |
| Reunion Funds | \$ 250.00 |
| Total on Hand | \$5498.72 |

Note – total does not include funds left over from previous Troop Carrier Homecomings.

Officers and Board Members

President – Jim Lopez
Vice President – Bob Ruffin
Secretary/Interim Editor – Sam McGowan
Treasurer – Ralph Bemis
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Bobby Gassiott
Chick Anderson
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Tony Kelley
Jim Esbeck
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Meeting Update

Plans for our first annual members meeting are being finalized and registrations are starting to come in. Loadmaster Sherman "Gomer" Pyle is the first to register for the meeting, which will be held November 9-12 at the Casa Del Mar Condos in Galveston, Texas. We'll have a lot of business to discuss and are looking for as many of our members as possible to turn out for a weekend of fun and reminiscing about the old days. See you there!

